

Bloomfield Highlands
FOR SALE
10-room house, brick veneer. Price \$25,000. Terms, \$5,000 down. Property located at corner of Square Lake Road and Woodward Ave. See Supt. at property or
W. L. HENDERSON,
408 Detroit Savings Bank Bldg.
DETROIT, MICH.
Cadillac 6250

PUBLIC LETTER
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We will do everything we can to get things in shape promptly. The shop work is already going ahead as usual. I may take this occasion to publicly answer some of the questions which have been so frequently asked. As to the insurance, I feel that the building is fully covered. As to the stock, there may arise some technicalities, and results can only be determined when final adjustments are made.
The fire has demonstrated in no uncertain way the utter lack of protection afforded by this village against destruction of property. Had the fire department been equipped with only a few simple devices, and these devices used, it is the consensus of opinion that the fire might have been put out within a very few minutes' time after the alarm was put

in. The fire department should be provided with at least two army type gas masks and with a floor nozzle. Either or both of these items, if properly used, might have made it possible to stop the fire within ten or fifteen minutes after the alarm was sounded. There has been discussion for the past three or four years as to the need of a portable pump. If the Birmingham Fire Department had been equipped with such an outfit as that used by Pontiac and Royal Oak fire departments last Saturday, the fire could have been easily checked, even after it had a good headway. This was fully demonstrated by the complete check which started only when the Pontiac fire department pump was put into action some two hours after the fire started.

It seems to be the irony of fate that one who has tored early and hard during the past three or four years for better fire protection and better water supply should be the one to suffer.

The President and Commissioners of this village were elected by the people to direct the affairs of the village, and they in turn have employed a competent Village manager who has made recommendations for improved protection, but because of certain opposition which has been very consistent although in my judgment misdirected, the village still is without proper protection.

It is time for a change in the conduct of affairs in this village if it is to uphold its fair name as a progressive suburban city. The President of the Village has now appointed a committee to report at the next meeting with reference to the purchase of the pump. The Commission has authorized the Village Manager at the last meeting, to purchase an additional hose, and other minor equipment. It is now to be hoped that there will be no future opposition to the completion of the plans.

Before we have a repetition of this disaster in which case I might not be the unfortunate victim to let us unite in a concerted effort for immediate action for improvement of the existing conditions. Let action rather than procrastination be our slogan.

A committee was recently appointed to arrange to advertise Birmingham. We have had very unfortunate advertising in this fire and it will be necessary in order to counteract the effect to be able to announce that Birmingham has redeemed herself and has provided ample water supply and fire protection. Let's go! H. George Field.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Symons of Purdy street, and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Symons of Brown street, motored Friday to Cadillac and Leroy, Mich., where they will visit friends and relatives. They will return in two weeks.

CLASSIFIED ADS

UNDER THIS HEADING—"For Sale," "For Rent," etc., per word 14c; for each consecutive insertion of same ad, 1c per word—minimum charge 35c. CASH must accompany each ad—absolutely no ad. charged.

MISCELLANEOUS

CERTAINLY we are still trying. Cleaning and Dyeing for particular people. Graving and Engraving. **HOUSECLEANING!** Let us help you. We clean, wash, wax, polish, woodwork and walls, ceilings, wall paper, wallpaper, and more. **WANTED—FEMALE HELP** for a household. **WANTED—FEMALE HELP** for a household. **WANTED—FEMALE HELP** for a household.

GREAT FUTURE AHEAD

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This is of great significance to Birmingham.

Home Community Best
No man without coercion establishes a home in any land except the one he considers the best on God's green footstool. Those who are transients in our land, live at rent, and return to their native land when they have amassed what to them represents a fortune. They are a negligible element when it comes to good citizenship. Any one who in turn selects Birmingham of all the communities in this country, as his home, and who believes it is the best among all those communities, or he would not stay here.
There is a large percentage of home-owners, as there is the community spirit is as strong as the combined "house" spirit in the breasts of its respective citizens. The pride they take in their homes is only a part of the pride they take in the city. When laws are justly kept and houses well painted, there you will find good streets, corner lights, fire protection and honest officials. The presence of women and children spells schools and churches, libraries and clubs. The man who has a town can have—his is never sick of his bargain, and he is a living argument why a man should lose no time in acquiring a home of his own. The home-owner and the home merchant are the hope of Birmingham. As long as both remain with this village, we continue to prosper. The one will assure it of a sound social and civic existence, while the other will assure it of the financial soundness which will keep business active and attract to its bounds new enterprises. These two are interdependent.

Making Good Citizenship
If we want Birmingham to be a city of homes, owned by those occupying them, we must provide the magnet to attract this class of citizen. The presence of a tax which is largely self-sufficing, that patronizes the home merchants and that owns no divisive allegiance to distant metropolises, is just what provides this attraction. A man who builds a home of his own is a "bird of passage," for if he did not expect to remain permanently he would defer building until he reached some place he liked better. He sets his lot for life with this community, and it is not unlikely that the generation following him will become a fixture, because the planning of such a city is certain to build up a community that can hold its own with any in this part of the state.
Birmingham faces a glorious future. It is in the midst of no less glorious present. The way is plain, so that all who have the welfare of Birmingham at heart may do their "bit" in making this period of reconstruction a permanent step forward in the upbuilding of Birmingham.

BIDS WANTED
For installing a Steam Heating System in the Library Building, Birmingham, Michigan.
The Commission of the Village of Birmingham will receive sealed bids up to 4:00 o'clock P. M., on Monday August 6th, 1923, for installing a steam heating system complete in the Village Library Building, on the corner of Woodward and Maple Avenues.

The specification under which the work is to be done may be secured at the office of the Village Clerk.
The Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept any bid that may appear to be the best interest of the Village.
HAZEL E. CLARK,
Village Clerk.

Lytle Groves of Wallace street, was operated on at the Pontiac City Hospital Tuesday morning of this week, several days with Miss Maxine Phillips Standard of West Maple avenue.

FIRE!

The Field Construction Co. burned Saturday with an almost total loss of both building and contents. The fire started unexpectedly, as it always does. The combined fire departments of Birmingham, Pontiac, Royal Oak and Ferndale, couldn't save the property, due to lack of sufficient water pressure.

YOU are subject to the same danger every day. Have you adequate fire insurance? Are your house and furniture FULLY insured? If you burn out will you lose \$1,000, \$5,000, perhaps \$10,000?

Has your insurance RUN OUT or is it ABOUT TO RUN OUT? Have you ADEQUATE INSURANCE in a GOOD COMPANY represented by a CAPABLE AGENT who knows the business and will look after your interests?

Look over your insurance policies. Values have advanced rapidly in the last two years and what was adequate coverage when the policy was written may not be enough to fully protect you now. Drop in at our office over McBride's Hardware Store or phone 278-W and let us insure your property RIGHT.

Very truly yours,
LOUIS HASCALL



Building Talks
By Those Who Know
"Is this the time to build?"
It's one of the most frequently asked questions. And in all sincerity can we now answer—
"Yes—it is."
The present offers no indication of reduction in prices. The demand for building materials is general. Added to this is the recent increase in freight rates. All tending to increase, rather than decrease the cost of materials.
One condition we must never lose sight of. While there may still be years of cutting in some of our timbered sections, that same timber is becoming more difficult to reach each year, and is being brought into the markets at an ever-increasing cost.
These sections are, in most cases, remote from the better transportation facilities, which again tends to increase the cost. Labor, generally, has not reverted to the prices of pre-war days—not can we expect it to.
The present offers the greatest opportunity for economical building. If you're planning to build or repair—do it
Now—If You Would Save.

R.C. Moulthrop Lumber Co.
LUMBER COAL AND BUILDERS SUPPLIES
BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

C. FLOYD SMITH
PAINTING, DECORATING, PAPERHANGING
306 Oakland Ave.
PHONE 604
Birmingham Mich.

TWO NECESSITIES FOR HOT WEATHER COMFORT. A FAN AND ICE CREAM
FROM
The Gray Sweet Shop
Everyday we are doing our bit to add to your comfort during the hot weather months. We don't sell fans—but we do sell the best of Ice Cream and Ices.
And say, when you want a real cold, refreshing drink, don't fail to stop in at our fountain and cool off.
Let us deliver Ice Cream or Ices to your home at any time—day or night. Just call us on the phone (32-J is our number) and we'll be at your door in a few minutes.
Special—Ice Orange Jellies - 35c
The Gray Sweet Shop
128 N. Woodward Ave.
PHONE 32-J

Theatres
At the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 2 and 3
A "steam screen," declared to be not only the best work but the last syllable in photographic effects, is a feature in a big scene in "Your Friend and Mine" with Willard Mack, a Metro-SL (Sawyer-Lubin) production directed by Clarence G. Badger, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak, next week, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 2-3.
An occasion in the picture was furnished by an entertainment in an artist's studio, showing Eastern Indian magic, classical and allegorical costumes dancing, tableaux vivants, and other novelties. A fire screen closed a devil dance given by Fred Ko'Vert, as the scene of flame covering the entire stage in the studio as Mr. Ko'Vert ended his weird performance.
Then came the steam screen. The number was "A Dance of the Wims," interpreted by three of Mr. Ko'Vert's fair pupils. The velvet curtains were drawn apart, showing the audience a wall of steam emanating from the floor immediately behind the footlights, and prevent a view of the rear of the stage. Then slowly, as if it were drawn up by invisible cords, the curtain of steam rose evenly toward the ceiling and evaporated, revealing the dancers. As they went through their spirited movements, it seemed as if the dance of the winds spelled the clouds.
"Your Friend and Mine" was adapted for the screen by Winifred Dunn. Included in the cast are Enid Bennett, Willard Mack, Rosemary Theby, J. Herbert Frank and Aileen Ray.
"The Bird of Paradise" At the Garrick, Detroit
"The Bird of Paradise," the play of a woman's soul, by Richard Walton Tully, and which for several seasons was a reigning success, will be the offering of the Bonora Company at the Garrick Theatre, Detroit, this week.
Be It Resolved by the District Board of School Directors, No. 1, Fractional, Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan, that sealed bids be received by said District Board at its office in the Baldwin High School building, Birmingham, Mich., on July 29, 1923, for the purchase of the following bonds: Five Hundred Dollars, \$97,500.00; Baldwin High School addition bonds, dated Sept. 1, 1923, bearing interest at the rate of six and one-half percent per annum, payable semi-annually, both principal and interest to be made payable to the First National Bank, Birmingham, Mich., said bonds to mature as follows: 1924-\$3000; 1925-\$3000; 1926-\$2000; 1927-\$3000; 1928-\$6000; 1929-\$16000; 1930-\$16000; 1931-\$16000; 1932-\$16000; 1933-\$16000; said bonds to be numbered from 1 to 98 both consecutively and inclusively and to be in the denomination of \$1000 each except bond number 98 which shall be \$500. Each bid shall be accompanied with a certified check for \$1000 (One Thousand Dollars). The legality of these bonds is to be approved by Messrs. Wood & Oakley, Chicago, Ill. The District Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
H. B. CLEMENT, President.
R. A. CORTELL, Secretary.

Village Tax Notice
NOTICE is hereby given to all taxpayers in the Village of Birmingham that their annual Village tax will be due and collectible beginning July 1, 1923.
During July there will be no penalty affixed but between August 1 and August 31 one (1) per cent penalty will be imposed on all taxes collected from September 1 to October 31 (two (2) per cent penalty will be imposed on all taxes collected; the tax roll will be returned to the County Treasurer at Pontiac November 1, after which all taxes will be paid there and an additional 4 per cent penalty will be imposed for each month or fraction thereof that taxes remain unpaid.
Up to November 1 Village taxes will be collected in the office of the Village Clerk of Birmingham (Signed)
CHARLES PLUMSTEAD,
Village Treasurer.