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OUR SCHOOLS RANK WITH STATE'S BEST

Report Given Out By U. Of M. Director Woody Places Birmingham In Honor List

That the educational system employed in the Birmingham schools ranks among the highest in Michigan, and therefore should receive the unstinted support of taxpayers of this school district, is shown in a compilation of relative tests on file in the office of Clarence Vliet, superintendent of our schools. This report was made by the Bureau of Educational Reference and Research of the University of Michigan under the supervision of Clifford Woody, director.

The report concerns the grade and high school tests and measurements given in October, 1922, and participated in by Adrian, Allegan, Ann Arbor, Bellevue, Berlamont, Berrien Springs, Big Rapids, Birmingham, Bogen City, Cadillac, Coldwater, Dowagiac, East Lansing, Farmington, Greenville, Hastings, Highland Park, Holly, Hudson, Iron River, Ironwood, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Manistee, Mt. Clemens, Mt. Pleasant, Vickburg, Ypsilanti, Public Schools and Zeeland. Each city participating was given a number; Birmingham 37, and the cities are so designated in all the reports made.

The grade testing program included Grades 4 to 8 inclusive, and used Courtis Supervisory Tests in Arithmetic, Woody-McCall Tests in Arithmetic and Monroe Silent Reading.

The Courtis Arithmetic point scores attained by grades in Birmingham were as follows, the standard score for all cities being placed after:

Grade 4 Birmingham	243
All cities	224
Grade 5 Birmingham	633
All cities	451
Grade 6 Birmingham	424
All cities	407
Grade 7 Birmingham	492
All cities	468
Grade 8 Birmingham	563
All cities	483

The Director comments on the reports and says "Cities No. 4, 37 (Birmingham), 47 and 51 have pretty high scores in all grades."

The Woody-McCall tests in Arithmetic gave the following scores:

Grade 3 Birmingham	9.6
All cities	6.2
Grade 4 Birmingham	16.3
All cities	12.3
Grade 5 Birmingham	20.4
All cities	17.2
Grade 6 Birmingham	25.2
All cities	21.7
Grade 7 Birmingham	28.1
All cities	25.9
Grade 8 Birmingham	29.9
All cities	27.6

In Grade 3, 81% of the pupils scored higher than the standard score; in Grade 4, 79%; in Grade 6, 78%; in Grade 7, 70%, and in Grade 8, 68%. The average was 71% above the standard which was the best record made by a school having tests in all the grades.

The Monroe Silent Reading tests gave the following results as to Rate and Comprehension.

	Rate	Com'sion
Grade 3 Birmingham	78.3	4.7
All cities	73.2	3.9
Grade 4 Birmingham	117.1	8.3
All cities	112.5	7.7
Grade 5 Birmingham	124.4	9.6
All cities	135.	9.9
Grade 6 Birmingham	166.	13.4
All cities	150.0	11.6
Grade 7 Birmingham	157.1	14.
All cities	156.6	12.5
Grade 8 Birmingham	185.	14.6
All cities	168.5	14.

In the high school the Kirby Grammar Test, the Van Wagenen Reading Test, the Carr English Vocabulary Test, the Godsey Latin Test and the Ulman-Kirby Latin Test were given. The scores were as follows:

Kirby Grammar Test—

	Sentences	Principles
Birmingham	33.4	23.8
All cities	32.8	23.

Van Wagenen Reading Test—

Birmingham	85.
All cities	79.

Carr Eng. Vocabulary Test—

Birmingham	22.2
All cities	15.4

The Birmingham score in this test was the highest in the state.

Godsey Latin Test—

	Sentences	Rules
Three Semesters:		
Birmingham	18.	22.7
All cities	12.7	17.
Four Semesters—		
Birmingham	13.5	15.5
All cities	17.2	23.2
Ulman-Kirby—		
Three Semesters:		
Birmingham Median	13.2	
All cities Median	11.3	
Four Semesters:		
Birmingham Median	14.8	
All cities Median	15.8	

These tests show that very good records were made in all the English tests and in second year Latin, three semesters. In the second year Latin, four semesters, test the averages are not so good and show the effect of the interruption of work due to the long summer vacation, upon the seven pupils who took the same.

The results obtained in these tests are summations of the natural ability and general intelligence of the children of Birmingham, and the specific instruction given by the teachers in the Birmingham schools. Many of the cities named as participating in the tests compare favorably with Birmingham with regard to the first two factors, and hence the general marked superiority of the Birmingham scores is a true measure of the excellence of the teaching done in the local schools.

Careful reflection on the above report should satisfy local taxpayers that Birmingham's schools are worthy of their continued support and that, at the annual meeting on July 9, ought to bring out an overwhelming majority of "Yes" votes for the bond issue asked to build an addition to the Baldwin high school.

CHURCHES

Southfield United Presbyterian

Rev. W. T. Armstrong, minister. Hours of service, July 1: Sunday school, 2 p.m.; preaching 3 p.m. by Dr. W. J. Grimes of New Concord, O.

Birmingham United Presbyterian Incorporated

Rev. D. H. Curry, pastor. Following is the schedule for this congregation, which will meet temporarily at 211 Bennaville avenue, Eco City: Bible school, 10:30 a.m., C. C. Hoffman, superintendent, R. D. Tucker, chorister; 11:15 preaching service. No evening service until we are in our new building.

Christian Science Society

Services at Church Building, Woodward avenue, south of the D. U. R. waiting room.

Sunday, 11 a.m. Sunday school, same hour.

Wednesday evenings 8 o'clock.

All are invited.

Free Reading Room, open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Wed. from 7 to 8 p.m.

First Baptist

Corner Bates and Willetts streets. Morning worship at 10 o'clock. The pastor will speak on "Progressive Christianity." The Bible school will follow at 11 o'clock. The church will unite in the service of the Presbyterian church at 8 o'clock.

United Presbyterian

Corner of Woodward and Forest. Morning worship, 10:30, sermon theme, "The Good Deposit"; Sabbath school, 11:45 a.m., S. M. Hoeting, superintendent. Evening worship, 7:30 p.m., Union service, at the Presbyterian church, Rev. C. M. Thompson will speak. Meeting for prayer, Wednesday at 7:45 p.m., in the church.

First Methodist Episcopal

Sunday, July 1—10:30, morning worship, sermon, "National Defence"; 12 noon, Sabbath school, "John the Baptist"; 6:30, Epworth League, a patriotic service, Milton Mallendier, leader.

Monday evening the Fourth Quarterly Conference will be held at the church, Dr. E. J. Warren presiding. Annual reports will be given from all the departments of the church. Every official member should be present. The time, 8 o'clock sharp.

Beginning with Sunday, July 8, the pastor will give a series of sermons on "The Seven Letters of Jesus." We are sure that these discourses will be of great interest and spiritual profit.

Birmingham Gospel Tabernacle of the Christian and Missionary Alliance

Corner Bates and Merrill streets. Saturday night street meeting on the corner of Pierce and Maple streets at 8:15 p.m., Rev. Edward Leslie.

Sunday morning at 10:30, Communion service, "The Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ." Sunday school at 11:45; Junior Young People's meeting at 6:30. Sunday evening at 7:30, "The Second Coming of Christ." Tuesday evening at 7:30, the fourth of a series of sermons from the Book of Jonah.

The First Presbyterian

There is just a hearty welcome for all who attend this church. Visitors and strangers cordially invited. Sunday morning at 10:30 the pastor will speak. Subject, "On Going Fishing." Sunday school at noon. The Union Service in the evening at 8:00 o'clock. Please note the change of hour from 7:30 to 8:00 o'clock. The Rev. C. M. Thompson will be the speaker at this service. May we also call the attention of our people to a change in time which will be made beginning Sunday, July 8th. Sunday school will begin at 10:00 A. M. instead of at noon. And the morning service will begin at 10:45. This is for the greater comfort and convenience of all concerned.

ADVERTISERS, PLEASE NOTICE!

The Eccentric office will be closed all day next Wednesday, the Fourth of July. Therefore, in order to get the paper out on time next week, it is asked that all "copy" be in our office not later than Tuesday afternoon before six o'clock.

PARENT-TEACHERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

At the meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association Council of Birmingham held last Thursday evening, T. B. McCutcheon was elected president; Mrs. John H. Marlotte, first vice-president; J. F. Wenzl, second vice-president; Mabel Brown, third vice-president; Mrs. James L. White, recording secretary; Mrs. Clinton Sears, corresponding secretary; Miss Chloe Hayes, treasurer. A constitution was also adopted at the meeting.

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RESTRICTIONS ON WATER REFUSED

Village Commission Fails To Pass Ordinance Asked For By Village Manager Starr

After a "somewhat" stormy session of the Village Commission Monday night, during which time a lively discussion relative to the local water situation was held, it was decided to allow—for a while, at least—the people of Birmingham to use water for sprinkling purposes at any time of the day or night they choose. This decision was made in the face of a water curtailment resolution asked for by Manager Starr.

Refusal to grant Starr's request was the subject of one of the most lively discussions this reporter has heard at the Commission chambers; although nothing was said that contained any element of bitterness, nevertheless each of the Commissioners spoke his mind" on the matter. After it was all over President McBride and Commissioners Bell and Bingham each agreed "that we had a good discussion—and we ought to have more of them on other matters."

"For a long time we have talked about a water shortage in Birmingham," declared Commissioner Bingham, "and I am firmly convinced that there are still a number of people here who believe that water curtailment is unnecessary. To prove to these people that Birmingham does need additional water facilities, I am willing to oppose the Village Manager's request for a water restricting ordinance—at least for the present.

"When we restrict the use of water for sprinkling purposes to certain districts at certain times of the day we are only 'kidding' ourselves into the belief that we have plenty of water. During the hours that sprinkling is allowed, it is necessary to pump water out of the 300,000 gallon storage tank; we have been told by Manager Starr that about ten feet of water is taken from the tank each day and that it is almost impossible under existing conditions to replace this water during the night. As I see it, the only thing to do is to allow all the people all the water they can get from our present supply and believe in the term that those who contend we have plenty of water are mistaken."

Commissioner Bell, after listening to Bingham's remarks, soon concurred with the latter's notion of refusing to pass a water curtailment ordinance. President McBride was a bit reluctant to view the matter in the same light as his fellow-officials, but finally agreed that the matter ought to be allowed to rest for a while, at least.

Manager Starr had asked the Village be divided into two districts, the dividing line being Woodward avenue. "We can allow each district a set number of water for sprinkling between the hours of 8 and 9 a.m. and 7 to 8 p.m., on alternate days, with both districts free to use water on Sundays," he said.

The final edict of the Commission was to direct Manager Starr to notify Chief Engineer Purvis, of the waterworks station, to pump no more than nine feet out of the tank daily, thus retaining at all times 25 or more feet of water in reserve for fire purposes.

It will thus be seen that, until the new pumping unit is installed, Birmingham citizens will be threatened by a lack of water during the dry weather this summer.

SWIMMING RACES ARE HELD AT QUARTON LAKE

Several hundred interested spectators last Saturday afternoon witnessed the swimming races staged at Quarton Lake under the direction of Guy Lyman, a local resident. Mr. Lyman was also responsible for the skating races held there last winter.

The first event was a 100 yard match race between Mr. Lyman and W. C. Martin of Idaho. Lyman won easily.

The 100 yard free style for boys under 16 years of age was won by Glen Day of Royal Oak, with David Wendt and Earl Schultz of Birmingham, second and third, respectively.

Alice Vliet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vliet of Brown street, was the feature of the afternoon, winning two races—the 100 yard for girls and the open race for women. In the first mentioned race Helen Savage of Birmingham was second and in the race for women Florence McKinney, a local girl, was second. Prizes were given to winners in each event.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Emma R. Brooks

Mrs. Emma R. Brooks of Southfield, died at Harper Hospital Tuesday of this week at the age of sixty-eight years, after a lingering illness caused by a complication following an operation.

The deceased is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Vaney S. Miller of Oxford, and Mrs. Bert D. Wood of Franklin; three sisters, Mrs. Fannie G. Sly of Wenatchee, Wash., Mrs. Augusta Brooks of Detroit, and Mrs. Herbert Broughton of Birmingham, and eight grandchildren. Her husband died about eight years ago.

Funeral services will be held today at 4 o'clock from her old home, where she came as a bride over fifty years ago. Interment will be in Franklin Cemetery. Rev. W. T. Armstrong of Southfield, and Rev. Ira Carley of Franklin, will officiate.

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--And Now Clizbe Comes Forth With Plan For A New Well Site

W. D. Clizbe, of West Maple avenue, several times a member of the Village Commission of Birmingham, appeared before the present Village officials at their meeting Monday night with a plan to acquire land upon which to locate the new well and pumping unit.

Following is every word of the unsigned letter which he had read to the Village Commission, outlining his plan to make every garden hose in Birmingham wiggle and squirm in the hands of those who desire to point a nozzle in the general direction of Nature's famished offerings:

Birmingham, Mich., June 25, 1923.
The Honorable Commission of Birmingham:
Gentlemen:

In common with practically all of the people of Birmingham I am deeply interested in securing for the town an abundant supply of good water.

I have noticed the difficulties you have been working under during the last two years and especially the difficulty you have encountered very recently.

I think it is quite unfair to undertake to browbeat any citizen or mistreatment him in any way because he owns land upon which he does not agree with you or any other committee that may be in power, and land which the Village wishes to appropriate for its use. If Mr. Walton has formulated other plans for use of his land, which makes the land more valuable to him than it would seem to be to others, we may not rightfully ridicule him.

Mr. Walton claimed that his land was worth $1,500 per acre and he was awarded by a jury $50. per foot. He does not think he has received anything like the value of his land in this award and he assures me that he expects to appeal the case to the Circuit Court.

If this case is carried on in court to a finish, all hope of getting a quart of water from anywhere this Summer has gone glimmering. This is the second season this Commission has been in power and it would seem that some workable scheme ought to be developed.

It would seem to have been a mistake not to have had these lands under option before boring the test well, but this may be passed by now.

I come here you at this time having in mind the interests of the Village and I think we should all as far as we have any power to do so, help to make Birmingham what it ought to be. To do this and make it possible to go ahead with our increase in the water supply, I am going to propose to practically give you a site for a well within a few feet of the test hole you have there. This site is to be used and already deeded to the Village for a pumping station. It is to be 25 feet square or thereabouts and it will cost you $150. Some may tell me/is less than the land where the pumping station is, which it has been reported cost you $216.

If this site is 100 feet north of the test hole, and if you will have to put in 100 feet more of pipe, the cost of this site compared with what you would have to pay Mr. Walton for one, would not be over one-third of what you are willing to pay Mr. Walton.

As an owner of several hundred feet frontage on Lincoln Ave., I may tell you that we do not want the well on our own frontage on Lincoln Ave. There is no necessity for it and a pumping station such as this would be a damage to the property for a block away.

I feel that if you are in real earnest about wanting to get more water at once, that you will drop this fight against Mr. Walton and your money for water instead. The people are tired of Law Suits. The request payment of $6,000. for water is based on the claim and the fact that two suits are now pending, one in the Circuit Court of Pontiac and the other in the United States Court at Detroit, if the people with ear that a whole set of suits are being strewn about at the behests of the Attorneys who do not live in our community, and who care little or nothing about our finances and where the money goes to.

The costs of this condemnation suit are to be added to the others. This expense is to be added to your expenses for water, and to get this thing settled and get a well site at $50 and get the water, would seem to be reasonable in the eyes of the common people. The people want to know why they can't have water after spending the money to get it. Some of them would even like very well to know why you let the contract of furnishing the well to the highest responsible bidder instead of the lowest responsible bidder, if it possible now to take the $1,000. you paid to the highest bidder more than it would have cost by the lowest bidder and pay this money to Mr. Walton or take this $1,000. which the highest bidder is going to enjoy and put some mains in the ground that will take the water from this well and carry it up to the middle of the town? I understand you will not have money to put in these mains because the money has been spent on the water and machinery via the highest bidder.

Would it be possible for your Honorable Body to pass an Ordinance dividing the whole Village into at least 200 districts so that the use of water can be curtailed and yet give every section the supply that is necessary to keep the grass and away from the universal use of water by everybody in a single hour during which time it is practically impossible for anybody on the higher ground to get any water at all. A special effort might be made to give those people on the high ground a special hour to put the pressure on so that they will get water and limit the number and the time so that the pressure would not be spoiled.

In the meantime it is not unfair to say the outside territories which are not entitled legally to water from the Village, should not have any privileges extended to them by the citizens who pay the taxes have to pick and skimp. Those who live outside of Birmingham and are pleased to do so, and constantly have all of avoiding all taxes in the Village, should furnish their own water. If "Echo" can do this, then other sections of outside territory can also do it. People in Birmingham are getting tired of furnishing water for others, and some time of life while they themselves are limited.

In reply to Mr. Clizbe's generous offer, the Village Commission yesterday answered as follows:

June 28, 1923.

Mr. W. D. Clizbe,
West Maple Ave.,
Birmingham, Mich.

Dear Sir:—Your communication of June 25th presented to the Commission of the Village of Birmingham, Mich., under date you failed to sign your name, has been given due consideration.

Some figures quoted in said communication were erroneous, and should you wish enlightment on the correct figures are on record at the Village Office. Also your comment on other matters relative to the conducting of the Village business, seems to be a matter of personal opinion, and is impertinent to the question of relieving the present and ever vital situation of obtaining an abundant supply of water for the residents of this Village.

You offer of 25 ft. by 25 ft. of land located in the alley west of Woodward and north of Lincoln avenue next to the sewer pumping station for the sum of $150.00, not acceptable to the Village Commission for various reasons, which we mention.

The location you offered is 125 ft. northerly from the test hole, and according to the water bearing strata dips rapidly to the south. It also is not desirable to locate the water pumping station next to the sewer pumping station, and in an alley. We have already refused to consider other locations north of Lincoln and facing the alley.

Contractors guaranteeing the water supply to be produced from this well when developed, have placed their guarantee on the well being located as closely as possible to the present test well. The location on Mr. Walton's property has been accepted satisfactory by the contractors.

You will recall that several weeks ago, you were approached by a member of the Commission with reference to a location for a well on property owned by you, which time you stated: "I have no property to sell or to trade to the Village."

We are glad to note that apparently you have changed your mind in the matter, but had reckoning that such change was not made previous to the recent condemnation proceedings so that the attendant expense and worry have been possibly avoided.

Your letter, however, as a public spirited citizen to render a service to the residents of this Village, in connection with the well and pumping station, we call your attention is called to the fact that a portion of the property owned by you, which is adjoining directly west of the Walton property and test hole, would in all probability be acceptable, and would afford a good a location for the well.

The Village Commission feel that in the event of your offering this site, we would be justified in paying the same amount for the equivalent area, as was awarded to Mr. Walton by the Jury in the recent condemnation proceedings, which was $1,500 per acre, and accept it, said amount being $1250.00.

As you so kindly pointed out, this would eliminate the further expenditure of money in litigation, expedite the development of the well and relieve the water shortage.

We would ask, therefore, that you give this matter serious consideration, and advise us of your decision at the earliest possible date.

Yours very truly,
VILLAGE COMMISSION.
By J. H. McBride, President.

WOODWARD TO BE WIDENED, IS SAID

Some day—perhaps sooner than we expect—"America's Most Dangerous Highway," commonly known to us as Woodward avenue between Detroit and Pontiac, may receive the euphonious cognomen of "The World's Most Beautiful and Safe Boulevard."... At least an interview with Governor Groesbeck printed in last Sunday's Detroit Free Press regarding the widening of Woodward avenue would so indicate. Following is part of the article referred to:

There will be no delay in the widening of Woodward avenue from the Eight Mile road to Pontiac because of insufficient funds to carry out the project, Governor Alex J. Groesbeck said Saturday. When the survey which is being made at the present time is completed and the right-of-way obtained from the land owners and municipalities along the highway the work of completing a paved street, 106 feet wide, from the Detroit river 25 miles northward will be started immediately according to an official statement.

CRANBROOK TO BE SCENE OF WOMEN'S MEET SATURDAY

"The fete planned by the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs to be held at Cranbrook tomorrow (Saturday) is promising to be well attended, judging from the advance sale of tickets," according to Mrs. J. H. Marlotte. "A further attraction has been added to the program to be given at Cranbrook at the Greek Theatre in the evening. Besides the play, "Fine Arts," to be presented by the Twentieth Century Club of Detroit, Mr. Zarsina, a Russian Armenian actor of renown, has promised to present one scene from "As You Like It." Mr. Zarsina is to be starred in Belasco's play and leaves for New York July 6. Bridge will be played in the afternoon, supper to be served between five and seven o'clock. Tickets may be secured from Mrs. Marlotte.

Garage for Rent. 237 N. Woodward Ave. Telephone 316-R. adv10

HOLD FOURTH OF JULY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Birmingham Tennis Club, Lincoln and Pierce streets, will hold a club tournament for members only on July 4th. Senior and Junior singles and doubles will be played, beginning at 9:30 in the morning and there will be prizes donated by Birmingham merchants.

This promises to be a very interesting event, as it will be the first match play since the completion of the three clay courts and most of the men here have had enough practice to be in good form.

The club is now completely equipped and the grounds all fenced in. There are 25 Senior and 6 Junior members eligible for play.

It is hoped that enough women members will turn out to warrant special events for the ladies—also mixed doubles if time permits.

Plenty of parking space, and the club extends an invitation to all Birmingham residents who would care to watch these matches.

NO OFFICIAL CELEBRATION OF FOURTH HERE

Aside from the display of "Old Glory" from the public flagstaff and from local buildings and homes, there will be no official recreation made on the Fourth of July in Birmingham this year. Because most of the local population wanders forth to nearby lakes and other recreational spots, a rather poor attendance has been made in late years when parades and various sports have been staged here in commemoration of America's anniversary of Independence.

Practically all local stores will be closed next Wednesday. Some few have stated they would be open in the early morning for accommodation of late shoppers, but would close at about 10 o'clock. Drug stores will remain open all day.

NOTICE

J. R. Hughes is not responsible for any bills contracted by his wife from this date on. adv10*

For the benefit of our customers we will be open Monday and Tuesday evenings, July 2nd and 3rd. Birmingham Dept. Stors. adv10

The Citizens' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. in their 24th year have over $900,000 in policies in Oakland, Macomb and Lapeer counties. Dwellings only insured. Rates per thousand for last seven years $1.25. See P. T. Foote, agent for Birmingham, if you want to make a change in your company. adv8-9-10-11

WALTON SAYS HE'LL APPEAL WELL CASE TO COMMONWEALTH

Will Not Accept $50 Per Foot Allowed By Jury In Condemnation Trial Friday

Unless Eugene Walton of North Woodward avenue, owner of the piece of land wanted for a water site on Lincoln avenue, appeals his case to the Pontiac Circuit Court by next Monday, the Village of Birmingham will become the owner of the land at a price of $50 per foot, or $1,250 for the desired 25 feet. This is the price set by the jury that heard the condemnation proceeding in the local Justice Court last Friday afternoon, and is just half of the amount asked by Mr. Walton. It is also less than the amount the Village Commission agreed to pay Mr. Walton for the land when they sought him out Friday noon and offered $1,500 if he would withdraw the condemnation proceedings. Refusing to accept these terms, Mr. Walton allowed the case to go before the jury.

However, in an interview with Mr. Walton Wednesday morning of this week, it was learned that he would probably appeal the case to the circuit court, thus assuring an indefinite delay to hinder the Village from finally acquiring the land and sinking a well. He declared, also, that he was open to an immediate settlement with the Village officials if they would accept 15 or less feet fronting on Lincoln avenue, near Woodward avenue, at a price higher than the fifty dollars per foot allowed by the jury. This offer was refused by the Commission.

"Justice Buck's courtroom was crowded last Friday morning when the condemnation case of the Village of Birmingham vs. Eugene Walton was called. Frank L. Doty represented the Village and E. C. Easy of Harmon street, defended Mr. Walton. At 11 o'clock the case was adjourned until two hours later, at which time the lawyers began their examinations.

"Three hours later the jury went into deliberation. A few minutes after they went into the jury room they had decided that a personal visit to the site proposed for the well was necessary, and they were accordingly granted permission by Justice Buck to make the trip. Upon their return to the jury room they soon agreed that $50 a foot was enough money to pay for the land owned by Walton. They therewith handed in their verdict to this effect.

"Mr. Walton Wednesday morning if he would consider allowing the Village to go ahead with their drilling operations on the condemned land pending the appeal to be appealed to the Pontiac Circuit Court, Mr. Walton replied that he would not do this. "I do not think I have been treated fairly in this matter and I stand on my rights," he affirmed. "I am positive that, if the Village Commission would summon a representative body of Birmingham business men together and allow us all to talk this matter over, we could arrive at some amicable compromise."

Raise Funds To Advertise Town

Before a number of members of the Birmingham Real Estate Board last Friday night at the Masonic Temple, Al. W. Reynolds, in charge of the Classified Advertising Department of the Detroit Times, gave an interesting and educational talk on "The Value of Consistently Advertising." His talk followed a dinner on the occasion of the third annual banquet of the Real Estate Board.

Mr. Reynolds declared that the printed word was the most forceful and powerful sales weapon that modern civilization had yet fashioned. He said that all successful advertisers needed an abundance of courage to get the full value of advertising.

"The merchant who advertises in a hit-or-miss fashion will never get a real return on the money he spends for advertising," he repeated several times. "It is continuity of advertising that gets results. Anyone who inserts an 'ad' in a newspaper or other periodical for the first time, expecting to have to call out the police reserves the next day to keep away the crowds, is mightily mistaken. But constant hammering away to induce the public to buy at your store will surely get the desired results. Newspaper advertising is the best and cheapest insurance against bankruptcy that any businessman can invest in."

Following Mr. Reynold's talk a resolution was passed by the Board to authorize the appointment of a committee to advertise Birmingham in Detroit. J. H. Sheridan was appointed chairman. Subscriptions will be made among local businessmen to raise $500.00 or $1,000.00 to be spent in the columns of Detroit newspapers in a campaign to bring new residents here.

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What do you owe your home town? Whatever the bill is, none will be presented to you for payment. The debt is an intangible one, no matter how large it is. If you do not realize the size of it, nobody will try to tell you. You know what the town has done for you. You know better than anybody else what you ought to do for the town.

Two questions may serve to bring the issue home to you:

When your wife and children were critically ill, was it the doctor from the city who pulled them through?

You didn't even think of calling him. Your first thought was of the home town doctor, and he saved the lives of your dear ones.

When you lost your job, who gave you credit and tided you over the winter?

It certainly wasn't the store in the city that advertises "bargains" for the country shopper. The merchant on "Front Street" or "Main Street" stood by you then, as he has for others, and as he will again some time when the emergency arises.

If these things have not happened to you, they have happened to your neighbors, and you know about them. More money cannot pay for disinterested service such as the doctor and the merchant render under the circumstances. And they are not cited with the idea of wakening a feeling of obligation toward those individuals who render the service given on extraordinary occasions. They are brought up, rather, with the view to making every man, woman and child realize the partnership of the community and his responsibility in that partnership which means so much to him.

The cure effected by the doctor and the credit extended by the merchant are two specific instances of benefits coming to the resident of the small town. In good times as well as hard times they come, because they are not restricted by the season of the year or limited to periods of necessity.

For instance, there are the schools: Everybody pays toward their support in proportion to his ability to pay. They are open to all children and by their present and exemplary lives are helping your boys and girls to their place "in the sun." Schools bring to the young a bigger share of life, and set before them the high ideals of our democracy. They show the way to a rail-splitter the road to the president's chair.

The church is another institution that molds community life and ideals for every member of the family. It stands for a better community all around. As the word is used here it refers to all churches, and by no sense to be considered in its sectarian or denominational significance. Pastors are leaders in all good causes, and they rally their congregations to civic wholesomeness in the life of the community.

The stronger the community spirit the more good things there are. The taxes you pay are the price of the things already acquired; the weight of your co-operation with the progressive movers assures others in the future. Be a boosting town man, all along the line—patronize home-town merchants exclusively.

CAMP BOYVILLE TO OPEN ON JULY 5

The third season for Camp Boyville, Oakland County's Y. M. C. A. camp, will open on July 5th for the summer. The camp schedule is as follows:

Boys' Section—July 5 to 15, Junior Boys; Aug. 5 to 14, Farm Boys; Aug. 14 to 24, Junior Boys; Aug. 24 to 31, Hi-Y Boys.

Girls' Section—July 16 to 26, Girls; July 26 to Aug. 2, Farm Girls; Aug. 2 to 12, Senior Girls.

Those who may attend include any boy in Oakland county over twelve years of age and any girl in Oakland county. All camp activities will be under the supervision of the county secretaries assisted by camp directors and volunteer leaders.

The Camp Council, made up of a boy from each town with Camp Director as chairman, will have general charge of the discipline of the camp.

This camp is one of the best county Y. M. C. A. camps in the state of Michigan, bar none. It is in such a place as this that a boy learns true democracy, and it is necessary that a lad should have just such an experience to make him a four-square man.

Additional information and the camp booklet may be had by writing Mr. Robert Lund, Box 162, Pontiac, Mich.

Fireworks will not be sold from local stores until toward evening, June 30, according to a resolution passed by the Village Commission Monday night. Police have been instructed to arrest all citizens who set off any fireworks in Birmingham before next Wednesday, July 4th.

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