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PLANNING SYSTEM TO BE ORDERED HERE

Village Commission Agreed To Contract For 10 Modern Boulevard Lights

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A Dissertation On "Hot Dogs"

Allegations that the canine population of Birmingham has been increasing since the opening of the boilers at the water works station as a crematorium were severely criticized at the Commission meeting Monday night.

At all came about when President McBride declared that Scott Hervey told him that several neighbors told him that they had been told that the farmer in the water works boilers were being used as a last resort place for lonely canines cast up by Birmingham.

Manager Starr emphatically stated that the engineer at the water works has a reliable system of supplying water to the town without going into the undertaking business.

"The water works boiler is a burning dog at the water works," admitted Starr, "but that idea was put to rest a long time ago. We try to keep the boiler hot by burning water works boilers hot by burning coal, not dogs."

And in fact that the only way to completely annihilate a hot dog is to place it between two pieces of bread, and a hot dog is a mustard or breadstuff," the Manager facetiously ended.

I.O.O.F. CARNIVAL A HUGE SUCCESS

CLOSED SATURDAY NIGHT AFTER 15,000 PEOPLE HAD ATTENDED

Tired and worn out with six days of devotion to their O. E. F. local members of the I. O. O. F. Lodge closed their first Carnival here last Saturday night after catering to approximately 15,000 people who attended the festivities.

Although the amount of money raised for the benefit of the local hospital is not known, C. C. Hoover, treasurer, said this week that several thousand dollars had been raised.

It is planned to install the new lights on Maple avenue, the entire length of both sides of Woodward avenue, taking in all territory between Adams avenue and the water works station.

After present it is costing Birmingham about \$4,500 for its street lighting each year," said Commissioner Bingham this week in commenting on the proposed new lighting system.

"and nobody can say that the Village is even fairly illuminated at night. If we install 100 new lights, as planned, it will cost us approximately \$10,000 annually to increase in cost a negligible factor when the safety and comfort of the people is considered."

Ever since they have been in office I have been asked to do something to make the streets of Birmingham look as though they were lived here after the sun goes down. That's why I introduced the resolution to the Commission some weeks ago."

According to Manager Starr, if the Commission enters into a contract with the Edison Co. next Monday night, work will be started at once installing the new lights on East and West Maple avenue. The installation of the 100 lights will eliminate about 26 incandescent lights now used, which cost the Village \$4.00 per month each.

Local Women Will Be At Convention

Mrs. Frank Miller, of Birmingham, will have charge of the convention committee at the twentieth-ninth annual convention of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, to be held at Detroit, October 16-19.

The importance of this committee can be best appreciated by a delegate to a convention as large as this, to have an intelligent person with whom to register and from whom to get directions, in one of the most important features in the success of a convention.

Birmingham women who will assist Mrs. Miller are Mrs. C. C. Ross, Mrs. W. D. Clabe, Mrs. Fred Ross, Mrs. John Marlette, Mrs. Harold Barr, Miss Mary Utter, Mrs. Retta M. Salisbury, and Mrs. Newton Whittemore.

Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Marlette and Mrs. Salisbury attended the Press luncheon, and Mrs. Clabe and Mrs. Brown attended the Fine Arts meeting.

Mrs. Leroy Pelletier, State Chairman of the National Woman's Club, will be a part in the program Tuesday night, with all the Club presidents and chairmen.

Mrs. Mary Ross, Secretary of the Women's Library Society of Birmingham, and Mrs. Chas. Shinn, were delegates.

ADAMS ROAD OPEN TO PUBLIC NOV. 1

NEW PAVEMENT WILL BE READY FOR TRAFFIC; TO DECREASE WOODWARD CONGESTION

On November 1, according to Village Manager Starr, the new pavement being laid on Adams avenue, the east boundary line of Birmingham, will be opened to public travel.

The last of the concrete will be poured this week and the work of October will be required to allow it to set.

This news will be welcomed by motorists who are now compelled to make a long detour in order to proceed north of Birmingham on the Dodge Road. When completed, traffic may go through Birmingham by striking the Adams avenue pavement on Woodward avenue just south of Lincoln avenue.

Dr. Newitt's Offer Accepted By P-T-A.

LOCAL PHYSICIAN TO GIVE SERVICES FREE TO SCHOOLS FOR A YEAR

On Wednesday evening of last week, a special meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was called to decide the question of whether there should be a school doctor this year or not.

After Dr. Newitt gave a very interesting talk in which he pointed out the facts that in public schools many minor diseases are overlooked.

Dr. Newitt gave an offer of his services as school doctor free of charge for one year.

The offer was accepted by a unanimous vote of the P-T-A. A letter was written to the Board of Education asking them to accept the offer.

Fire Chief Asks Home Prevention

Fall of Year Is Time When Fire Hazards Are Most Prevalent, Declares Chief Olsen

"Please tell the people of Birmingham and nearby that this is the best time to get their homes ready for the winter," Chief Olsen declared today.

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Variety Shop to Open Its Doors Here on Saturday

On Saturday of this week the Variety Shop, located in the new building to be occupied by the Birmingham postoffice, will throw its doors open to the public.

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Age Men Meet to Talk Right-of-Way

McBride and Bingham in Conference With Thad Seelye Monday

PLANS STILL UNKNOWN Grand Trunk Right-of-Way Through Hart's to Become a Boulevard

A meeting between Village President McBride, Commissioner Hing, and Thad Seelye, of Pontiac, to discuss the status in the proposed widening of Woodward avenue, took place Monday noon at the Pontiac Board of Commerce.

The local officials, through Village Attorney Frank J. Doty, arranged the meeting to learn exactly what McBride and Groesbeck had in mind as to that part of Woodward avenue which is bounded with Birmingham's corporate limits and to assist in carrying it out.

"We have no definite plan mapped out at Birmingham as yet," declared Mr. Seelye, who is chairman of a committee appointed by Groesbeck to study the right-of-way along the route.

"Governor Groesbeck had in mind Woodward avenue to be 200 feet wide where it is possible. Of course, it is not so easy to obtain territory along most of the route, Woodward avenue in Birmingham presents a different situation.

In this latter place it is greatly fronted with stores and office buildings. It is not so easy to obtain its present width as is most impossible.

"The Governor will meet with Royal Oak officials on October 24 to outline to them his plan for wider Woodward avenue through Royal Oak. After that is settled he will not doubt be glad to come to Birmingham to confer finally with Birmingham officials."

It is rumored that the present Grand Trunk right-of-way, when extended to the city limits, will be a public boulevard to relieve traffic congestion in the city.

This will be a great benefit to the community, and will help to solve the traffic problem in Birmingham.

Knights Defeat Ferndale, 19-13

Victorious in Ball Game Sunday; to Play Franklin on Adams Field

In a game which was marked by heavy hitting and excellent fielding by the Birmingham boys, the strong Ferndale team with McGillia on the mound went down to a 19-13 defeat by the Berkley grounds last Sunday.

Much credit for the victory belongs to M. Clement, who worked the field and at bat was the outstanding feature of the game.

Next Sunday, October 21st, Birmingham will play a game with Franklin, in Adams field.

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First Dance For Married People To Be Announced

On Or About October 30 Is Date Set For Opening Of Winter Dance Series

ALL COUPLES INVITED

The Dancing Club for Married people which has held dances each winter for the last five years, will give a series of dances with the first one on about the thirtieth of October.

The exact date will be given in the next issue of the Eccentric. The Odd Fellows Hall has been engaged and the Oakland Hills Orchestra will play.

Notice of the dances will be mailed to about 150 couples. It is of course, impossible to reach all the young people who give to dance in Birmingham.

Anyone who cares to dance is welcome. The dances will be given in a community affair where new people may come to get acquainted.

The committee in charge is headed by Mrs. Charles Shain, Mrs. Fred Farrar and Mrs. Shilling Ragmond, and Groesbeck will be devoted to the Birmingham Scholarship Fund.

The Scholarship Association is now supporting the young graduates of the Baldwin high school in various colleges.

Yours truly, J. C. Strabing

Rouge Sewer Almost Half Finished Now

SUPPOSED TO BE COMPLETED BY NOV. 30, BUT MAY BE DELAYED TILL SPRING

The Rouge Saniitary Trunk Sewer, started several weeks ago, and which when completed, will care for the sewage now emptying into the River Rouge in Birmingham, is about half finished, according to Manager Starr.

"This sewer, under the terms of the contract with the City of Pontiac, was to be completed by November 30th," said Manager Starr, "but it probably won't be because the contractor has been laid up two weeks and a half of creek and hill. However, if the weather is favorable, the work will be pushed as long as possible for meeting the deadline."

"If the weather is unfavorable, the sewer will be completed next spring."

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More Praise For Our Fire Laddies

Members of the local Fire Department, who rest assured they will have a great many "boosters" Birmingham. This following letter was received at the Eccentric office this week and attests to the good work of Chief O'Brien and his "boys."

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NEED CLOTHING

Attorney Doty Submits Opinion That Library Building "Can Be Sold" TO CLEAR UP TITLE

Commission Will Ask Plans And Estimates For New Municipal Hall

If the opinion which Village Attorney Frank L. Doty handed into the Commission meeting Monday night is legally supported by the Courts, citizens of Birmingham next spring will have a chance to vote for the sale of the present Baldwin Public Library Building and to express themselves regarding the erection of a modern Municipal Building.

Mr. Doty, after a lengthy search into the title of the property left by the late Baldwin, told the Commission that he was sure the Village of Birmingham could dispose of the library building by clearing up the title through Chancery action. The Commission thereupon instructed Mr. Doty to take all necessary action to clear the title.

President McBride and Commissioners Bingham and Bell, together with Manager Starr, discussed the matter of later asking local citizens to sell the property, with the ultimate plan of erecting a new Municipal Building. If Mr. Doty reports Monday night that he has succeeded in clearing up the title, the Commission will ask that they would have direct Manager Starr to prepare plans and estimates of a new Municipal Building.

The matter will be submitted to the voters in the spring. They will be asked to sell the present property and to vote bonds for the amount of the new building. The exact location of the new Municipal Building has not been decided upon, although the Commission has been advised by the city engineer as being in favor of a site off Woodward avenue, and got on its way.

Following is Attorney Doty's opinion: October 16th, 1923. Village Commission, Birmingham, Alabama: Greeting:

I have examined abstract of title covering property on which the Baldwin library, so-called, is located, and also point in front of said building adjacent thereto and have found the same in the chain of title of the City of Birmingham by virtue of a quit claim deed from the Birmingham Association of Merchants, dated June 18th, 1907.

There are several breaks in chain of title covering the property which are shown at the time of this deed, but which are serious enough to make an action to clear title necessary.

The title as it now stands, is not what is known as merchantable and good title in a position to sell should you so desire, as no one would buy it as the title now stands. The chain of title of the City of Birmingham cannot be straightened out other than by an action in chancery for the purpose of clearing title. It is the duty of the City of Birmingham to clear up the title at this time, and to do so by the sale of the property, and to do so by the sale of the property, and to do so by the sale of the property.

Respectfully submitted, Frank L. Doty.

NEED CLOTHING

The school nurse reports that she can use good second-hand clothes and shoes for the boys of the school, and for girls 8 and 6. The items most desired are corduroy trousers, good blouses, good winter dresses, stockings and shoes. Please send any contributions to the Baldwin High School.

PERSONAL NEWS

Eccentric readers are urged to send in, by letter or telephone, news of persons of local social nature.

There was a time when everyone could tell his or her own mind, but now it is necessary to attend to the things that are going on in the world, and to be able to do so.

The newspaper today serves as a common meeting ground where our minds meet, and our friends and our friends that the newspaper with them, but could not tell them of, individually.

The Birmingham Eccentric "You-House-News" Paper, Telephone 11 and 12.

FOR SALE—Readers of this paper will find a classified column for the convenience of many of our readers. It is located on page seven each week.

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