

...are in need of GOOD PRINTING... THE BIRMINGHAM ECENTRIC... FORTY-SEVENTH YEAR—NO. 19.

ROADS TO BE OPENED RAPIDLY
Two Miles of Highway Will Be Ready For Use In Almost a Month
16 MILES IN LENGTH
Groesbeck Says Project Will Be Finished Within Three Years

Ten thousand square feet of concrete is being laid every day by the R. D. Baker company, paving contractors, on Widar Woodward. The first two miles will be completed and opened for traffic within six weeks.

The public is witnessing in Widar Woodward a demonstration of how super-highways eventually will be built throughout the Metropolitan area. This summer a stretch of about 16 miles will be 204 feet wide.

When rapid transit comes the 204 feet will be used by six lanes of traffic. The first two miles will be completed and opened for traffic within six weeks.

The 204 feet will be proportioned as follows: To the car tracks, 84 feet in the center; to the fast motor cars, 48 feet, divided 24 feet on the east side adjacent to the tracks and 24 feet on the west side adjacent to the tracks.

The 16-mile stretch has been divided into four construction sections, A, B, C, D. The section between Detroit—D—is being built first.

With the actual laying of the concrete started, and almost the right of way in the state's possession, few difficulties remain in the realization of the plan.

75 PER CENT OF 1924 VILLAGE TAXES PAID
About 75 per cent of the total of 1924 village taxes were collected up to August 15, according to information this week from village treasurer Charles Plumsted. Up to August 15 the sum of \$69,715.00 had been paid in.

"This is the best year for tax collection in many years," said Mr. Plumsted. "For the first time in many years the taxes are very good at least for the residents of Birmingham."

From August 15 to September 15 a penalty of one per cent is assessed all unpaid taxes.

DEFENSE TEST DAY TO BE HELD ON SEPT. 12
National Observance Of Peace Demonstration Asked All Over U. S. A.
OPPOSED TO WARFARE

Washington is anxious to have the public know just what the defense test is being held. The following is a statement this week by the newspapers of Oakland County.

"Oakland County has a splendid system of highways, but rapidly growing needs are making it necessary to increase the number of roads. The county is just entering an era of unprecedented growth. Most of Oakland County's population has come within recent years, and many of our roads that we formerly considered adequate to meet the demands of traffic."

"What are roads for, anyway? is a question which has been asked of me. And I answer, 'to transport vehicles that carry passengers or freight to their proper destinations from one place to another.' Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the necessity of building good roads—good roads that will last."

"Wherever there exist good means of transportation, wherever there is one will find a prosperous community. I am in favor of building roads wherever the demand for them is a necessity; and in defense of the taxpayers' pocketbooks, I pledge my vote to the building of the best kind of roads as economically as possible."

Mr. Allen is supervisor of Bloomfield township and also chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors. He is especially fitted for the important position of Oakland County Road Commissioner.

FRANK AND PIERCE PROJECTS PUSHED
Work of installing curb and gutter on Frank street is nearing completion, and village manager Star yesterday. Starr said that the south side of the street has been finished and part of the north side. As soon as the curb and gutter is laid on Frank street, the equipment will be moved to Pierce street and similar work done there.

Following the completion of curb and gutter on both streets, work in both streets will start, after which an eight-inch thickness of gravel will be laid. Starr said that the work will be completed on both streets by the middle of October.

FOOTBALL TEAMS HURED
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Football Team To Start Next Week Under Coach Van Winkle

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There are seven new teachers on the instruction staff, which this year totals 58. They are: In the high school, Mrs. H. H. Harkness, principal; Mrs. H. H. Harkness, principal; Mrs. H. H. Harkness, principal.

At the meeting next Tuesday it is planned to have Thad Seeley, former mayor of Birmingham, appear before the club and set forth the state's plans for widening Woodward avenue through Birmingham.

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ADAMS TRIED TO SELL COUNTY A GRAVE PIT
Local Man Raises Question Relative To Record Of Road Commissioner
DECLARED ILLEGAL

The Eccentric this week is in receipt of the following letter, asking for information relative to one of the candidates for the office of Republican ticket to the office of Oakland County Road Commissioner.

"I have seen your newspaper carried a political announcement from John A. Adams, one of the candidates for the office of Oakland County Road Commissioner, who is seeking re-election to that office on the Republican ticket at the September 9 primaries. In his announcement Mr. Adams asks that he be re-elected on the grounds that he has served for eleven years as a Road Commissioner, and he states that he will continue to render to the taxpayers the same kind of service that he has rendered in the past."

"This brings me to the point that I read not so very long ago in your issue regarding a grave pit that Mr. Adams was selling to Oakland County. According to the newspaper account, Mr. Adams tried to sell his grave to the other two members of the Road Commission, who were also candidates for the office of Road Commissioner."

"I have known Mr. Adams for some time, and for 14 years of that time he was my neighbor on the farm. During that 30 years I have been connected with him in many business enterprises. His honesty and ability are absolute beyond question. The element of honesty is an attribute which is absolutely necessary for a public official. We elect public officials to carry out a public trust, and we are entitled to know that they will do so."

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BALLOTS NOT IN CONFORMITY WITH STATE ELECTION LAWS
ECCENTRIC DISCOVERS IRREGULARITY
County Clerk Admits Error In Printer's Copy And Will Have Ballots Re-printed At Once At His Own Expense

At a special investigation held in Pontiac Thursday morning The Birmingham Eccentric set forth claims of irregularity in the printing of the Republican ballots for the September 9 primaries, and was sustained by an opinion from Floyd Blackless, county prosecuting attorney, who was present at the investigation. At the close of the investigation W. Harry Cryderman, county clerk, admitted that an error existed and that he would, at his own personal expense, have the ballots re-printed.

Although many ballots had been taken out of the county clerk's office to various townships in Oakland County, the entire amount of them, excepting the absent voters' ballots used, will be recalled and reprinted with the new ones, it was said. This will be done early next week, according to Mr. Cryderman.

The investigation Thursday followed when the Eccentric learned the day before that the first one hundred absent voters' ballots in Bloomfield township precinct No. 1, revealed the startling fact that certain candidates had been favored by having their names at the top of the division in which they are classified. The count showed that, in the first one hundred ballots, the top position in the offices of county clerk, county treasurer, and road commissioner were as follows:

County Clerk, W. Harry Cryderman; Treasurer, Floyd L. Ladd; Road Commissioner, John A. Adams; Supervisor, L. D. Allen; School Board, Fred Bernberger, 1st; Fred Bernberger, 2d; Fred Bernberger, 3d; Fred Bernberger, 4th; Fred Bernberger, 5th; Fred Bernberger, 6th; Fred Bernberger, 7th; Fred Bernberger, 8th; Fred Bernberger, 9th; Fred Bernberger, 10th.

At the meeting in Pontiac Thursday morning a count of 245 ballots in one of Royal Oak Township precincts was made, and showed the following names were favored with first position: County Clerk, W. Harry Cryderman; Treasurer, Floyd L. Ladd; Road Commissioner, John A. Adams; Supervisor, L. D. Allen; School Board, Fred Bernberger, 1st; Fred Bernberger, 2d; Fred Bernberger, 3d; Fred Bernberger, 4th; Fred Bernberger, 5th; Fred Bernberger, 6th; Fred Bernberger, 7th; Fred Bernberger, 8th; Fred Bernberger, 9th; Fred Bernberger, 10th.

A comparison of the figures above given with those given in the Eccentric above has been illegally favored, with top position on the ballots for the names of the candidates whose names had the division in which they seek office reprinted by the county clerk.

According to Mr. Ladd, who, together with Ross Snow and W. Harry Cryderman, comprise the board of election commissioners, the printing of the ballots for the September 9 primaries is entirely in the hands of Mr. Cryderman. Mr. Ladd said that the following provisions are made for the printing of official ballots: "The ballots shall be printed in the following order: County clerk, county treasurer, road commissioner, school board, supervisor, and then the candidates for each office in the order in which they appear on the ballot."

"The terms shall be set up with the names of the candidates in alphabetical order according to surnames. In printing each set of ballots for a division the names of the candidates shall be printed in the following order: County clerk, county treasurer, road commissioner, school board, supervisor, and then the candidates for each office in the order in which they appear on the ballot."