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PIERCE ST. SCHOOL BONDS HOLD STAGE AT BOARD MEETING

Representatives of Firms Were Present To Discuss Bids Which They Submitted

BOARD CHOSE FINN OFFER

Plans And Specifications For Taking Bids Ready In July

The bonding of the new Pierce street school held the center of interest at the meeting of the School Board last Monday night. Representatives of the different bonding companies which had submitted bonds were present for their reading and discussion. The firms from which bids on the new $270,000 Pierce street school were received follows: E. E. MacCrone & Company; Otis & Company jointly with Whittlesey, McLean & Company; Detroit Trust Company; First National Company with Harris, Small & Company and H. D. Tellows & Company; Prudden & Company; Matthew Finn; Keane, Higbie & Company with Livingston, Higbie & Company.

After some deliberation between the offers of Prudden & Company and Matthew Finn, the Board finally chose that of Finn which is a bid for $150,000 serial bonds at 4¾ per cent and for $120,000, 15-year bonds at 4½ per cent, par and premium of $85.00.

Frederick Madison, architect, from Royal Oak, submitted plans for the new school building; these were left for further examination and discussion by the Board. From all indications it is expected that specifications and plans for taking bids will be ready early in July. Prior to his departure Mr. Madison was instructed to draw up plans and specifications for a new heating and ventilating system in the Barnum school.

Before taking up other matters of change and improvement in school affairs, some discussion of the Sunday night Baccalaureate program was in order. Although the subject of their resignation from the board by some of the board members was considered, there was no definite action effected.

Fred Quarton submitted an option on a strip of land 7.35 acres in length, bounded by Elm street, Oak street, Fairfax and Hawthorne avenues. This being considered longer than necessary for school purposes, R. J. Taylor was detailed to confer with Mr. Trowbridge in an effort to secure an option extending to July 21 on a somewhat smaller tract of land.

Also a motion was made and carried that L. M. Randall, engineer of Birmingham schools, secure a survey of Barnum field prior to the relocation of the football and baseball fields and the installation of tennis courts and a cinder track.

The next meeting of the School Board will be on Monday, June 30.

SUPREME COURT DECIDES ACTION LEGAL

Decision Is Result Of Appeal Of Liquor Case Of Sam And Henry Schorr

WILL HELP LOCAL POLICE

In a decision recently handed down by the state Supreme Court relative to the legality of search and seizure without warrant of illicit liquor stocks, local police believe they will be strengthened in their ability to make arrests. The Supreme Court decided that the means used to arrest and secure evidence against Sam and Harry Schorr on June 5, 1923, in the northern part of Bloomfield township, were legal.

According to the evidence filed by prosecutor Floyd Blakeslee, two covered county officers appeared on the scene when Sam and Harry Schorr were transporting liquor in an automobile. The officers, claiming they saw liquor leaking from the machine, arrested both men. The case was tried before local Justice of the Peace Buck, and later in the Pontiac Circuit court. The defendants were found guilty, but appealed the case to the Supreme Court.

It has been the general custom, in the past, for officers to obtain first a seach and seizure warrant before making an arrest for liquor violation. Many arrests have been thrown out of various courts because this legal technicality was not lived up to. But in the decision against the Schorr men, it is clearly defined that an officer may arrest a person under the conditions set forth above.

"It is now settled as a matter of law, as it long has been as a matter of common knowledge, that known distinctive odors, both pleasant and disagreeable, of many things which both men and beasts desire to get away from, furnish competent and often convincing evidence of the locality or proximity of such things," reads the Supreme Court decision. "* * * there was ample testimony to carry the case to the jury and to warrant them in finding that the officers when they made the search and seizure had reasonabe grounds for believing that defendants were engaged in illegally transporting intoxicating liquor, and to justify their arrest and seizure without a warrant."

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REMINISCENCES

(Bits of Information Gathered from Local Citizens and Available Historical Records. Send Us Anything You May Have Of a Similar Nature.)

The board of county supervisors at a meeting held in Pontiac in January, 1864, resolved that a "certain tract of country situated in the township of Bloomfield, be constituted a village corporate, under the name of the village of Birmingham." The first village election occurred in March of the same year. John Bodine, James Hunt and John Fitzpatrick were the inspectors appointed for this election which was held to elect the first village officers. J. C. K. Crooks was elected president of the board of trustees and S. N. Hill, the village clerk. The first act of the ruling body, the board of trustees, was to elect A. Partridge marshal of the village, and John Bodine as treasurer.

Immediately following the incorporation of the village, the question of a fire department was talked of. Up to this time a bucket brigade of volunteers with the family bucket, from the pump, was the only sign of relief at the time of fires, which occured only occasionally.

The incorporation of the village was the first cooperative move of the settlers toward a community of more than just a disjointed group of houses. Since the fall of 1819, when a party of men looking for homes in the then far west, camped on a hillside a mile west of the present village, settlers from the east and south had gradually come in. This first little group of settlers was composed of J. W. Hunter, Elijah Willetts and John Hamilton, who called their new home Piety Hill. The name Birmingham was the result of work by R. T. Merrill, first owner of the foundry, who wanted to name the little settlement after that thriving little manufacturing center in England.

The first district school was started in the log house of John Hamilton, which was built as a home on land just to the rear and south of the Eccentric building where the home of Samuel Mills stands. The school, as did the schools for many years afterwards, averaged about seven months of school work during the year, the compensation of the teachers being about forty dollars a month. In 1858 the present Hill school was started after much wrangling among the townspeople about the cost and location. The final cost of the building, site and furnishings amounted to fourteen thousand dollars. A short history of the village written at that time, says of the school: "This present school office is far advanced for such a town and is an ornament and a credit to the village of Birmingham."

Y. M. C. A. Camp At Elizabeth Lake Opens In August

Number Of Applicants Has Increased Steadily In Past Three Years

RICHARD NORD IN CHARGE

Camp Boyville, the Oakland County Y. M. C. A. Camp, situated on the south shore of Elizabeth Lake, ranked among the leaders as selected by a committee which made a study of the Michigan camps last summer. The camp will be open to boys this year between August 1 and 20th. The succeeding ten days the camp will be opened to the girls.

Difficulty has been encountered this season in providing accommodation for the increased number of applicants over the past three years of the camp. Richard Nord, recently graduated from the Chicago Y. M. C. A. college, is expected to take the position of camp director, in addition to tent leaders of exceptional experience. Frank H. Cheley says of the camp: "It will give a boy the much needed opportunity to express his inherent savagery without getting into jail. There are a heap more fellows who worked resolutions formed in a real summer camp than are ever made at New Year's. A summer spent in camp by your boy will pay real dividends."

WM. OLSEN PURCHASES PHILLIPS MEAT MARKET

The Phillips Meat Market, owned for the past several years by A. G. Phillips of Highland Park, was purchased this week by William G. Olsen of Willetts street. Mr. Olsen will be more popularly recalled as Fire Chief "Bill" Olsen. The market will pass into the hands of the new owner on July 1st.

Mr. Phillips is selling his interests in Birmingham due to the demands made on his time by his Highland Park store, where he is also engaged in the meat business.

Mr. Olsen has been associated with the meat business for many years in Birmingham. He has been with Schlaack & Son for several years and was a member of the firm during the years it was known as Schlaack & Bell. The new name of the market and other details have not yet been announced by Mr. Olsen, who signed the final papers on Wednesday.

WILL ARREST VIOLATORS OF PARKING LAWS

It was stated by Chief of Police, James Anderson, this week, that beginning Monday violators of the parking laws along Woodward avenue would be placed under arrest. The minimum fine in such a case is $10. The law provides for parallel parking with the parking limit one hour, between Willetts street and the Christian Science Church.

Since the ordinance was passed three weeks ago, the police have been lenient with trespassers and have issued only warnings. However, it is the opinion of Chief Anderson that there is no more cause for ignorance of the law and has issued the above statement.

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Vernor's on tap; ice cold. At Shain's. adv

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ROLLIN SMITH, Class President — ROBERT SCHORP, Vice-Pres
STANLEY HUNT, Treas. — MARIE YOUNG, Sec.

ROTARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN NAMED

Dr. J. S. Thompson, Dental Authority, Gives Interesting Talk

HOLD OFFICE FOR YEAR

Following the regular weekly luncheon of the Birmingham Rotary club Monday, George R. Averill, president, announced the names of the various committee chairmen for the year. This is agreeable to a custom adopted and used by all Rotary clubs.

J. B. Howard heads the membership committee; Clarence Vliet, program; Joseph Stroup, fellowship; Louis Hascall, public affairs; Glenn Begole, education in Rotary; Charles J. Shain, boys' work; Tunis Miner, publicity; Charles B. Randall, classification, and Thomas H. Cobb, business methods.

Dr. J. S. Thomson, of Detroit, an authority on dental hygeine, who has charge of dental clinics in the Detroit schools, gave a very interesting and educational talk before the club, Monday. He stressed the need for eternal vigilance on the part of parents and children in the cleanliness of their mouths, and laid especial emphasis on the kinds of foods eaten, declaring that acid-producing food was responsible for a large majority of decayed teeth. Dr. Thomson said that teeth began to actually develop when a child was but one month old, and that full development of all but the wisdom teeth continued until ten years elapsed. This showed, he stated, the need for parental care in the kinds of food given children.

George Boutwell, of Lakeview avenue, member of the local Rotary club, gave a report of the charter presentation of the Monroe Rotary club which he attended last week.

1924 VILLAGE TAX RATE IS ANNOUNCED

Will Amount To $12.50 Per Thousand Dollars Of Assessed Valuation

RATE $15.00 YEAR AGO

The 1924 village tax rate for Birmingham was announced Monday night by the Village commission, and will amount to $12.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. This rate, based on an assessment of of $7,574,600.00, will return to the village treasury the sum of $94,681.37, the amount required to conduct the affairs of the municipality for the ensuing year.

The new tax rate was made possible by the recent splendid work done by assessor Robert K. McCallum and the board of review, Louis Hascall and Louis Randall, in making a thorough study of the tax roll with a view to equalization; another element that entered into the low tax rate was the fact that Birmingham's assessable property increased during the past year to the amount of about $750,000.00.

A year ago the village tax rate was $15.00 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, based on an assessment of $5,622,700.00, bringing in $84,445.50 to the village treasury.

"It will take me some time to prepare the tax receipts," said Treasurer Charles Plummer last week, "so I will not begin to collect this year's village tax until about July 15."

COMPENSATION BLANKS READY BY JUNE 30

Word has been received this week that it is anticipated blank forms of application for adjusted compensation, and circulars concerning it will be ready for distribution about June 30. Distribution of the applications and circulars will be made through the postoffices, American Legion Posts, all veteran organizations, the American Red Cross and the Army and Navy Posts. Locally, the Charles Edwards post of the American Legion will handle the applications.

Cash payment of the adjusted compensation to those entitled to $50 or less will not be made prior to March, 1925. The adjusted service certificates will bear date January 1, 1925, or later, but under the law no loan can be made on these certificates until two years after the date of the certificates.

FLAG DAY

A Proclamation

Another milestone in its progress through the ages has been reached by Old Glory—for soon we are to observe another Flag Day. As time accedes by and as one generation is quickly followed by another, we realize that our nation has advanced to the most commanding place among the nations of the world in all the world history. Just as long as we hold to Justice as our ideal, this exalted position will remain accorded us. And as our flag is the emblem of our nation and our ideal, it is proper and most fitting that a day should be set aside so that we may place unusual emphasis upon the symbol of our ideal.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Michigan, I hereby proclaim Saturday, June 14, 1924, as Flag Day, and urge that the flag not only be displayed on government buildings but in communities, schools and other organizations conduct appropriate exercises. It would be good Americanism, too, if each motion picture theater on Flag Day would flash on the screen a picture of our Nation's emblem.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State this fourth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and of the Commonwealth the eighty-eighth.

ELECTRICALLY DRIVEN PUMP STARTED TUESDAY

The new electrically driven turbine was installed in one of the twelve-inch wells at the rear of the water works Tuesday and since the installation this one well has supplied all of the water required by the village. This includes an extra output of water which is being used for the concrete paving work in the Quarton Estates Subdivision. The average pressure maintained has been 45 pounds in the mains.

All steam pumps at the water works were stopped Tuesday noon during the installation of the new turbine. It is said by village officials that they are satisfied that there is adequate water under the surface if the proper method of pumping could be found to make it available.

The machinery for the new 18-inch well under construction by the Layne Bowler Co., north of the present water works on West Maple avenue, has been placed on this ground this week. The work will be completed and the well will likely be in operation within the month. The well will have a guaranteed production of 600 gallons per minute and it is expected that this will provide ample water for Birmingham for the next several years.

MEET TO DECIDE TYPE OF BUILDING AT FARM

The Special Building Committee of Oakland county, consisting of Luthur D. Allen, chairman; Willis Brewer, secretary, and Seymour D. Adams of Troy, Alfred Gale of Waterford, Isaac Bond of Farmington, John Salmer of West Bloomfield and James Lawson of Royal Oak, supervisors, met Wednesday night at a banquet at the Birmingham Inn as guests of Luthur Allen to decide what type of building should be erected on the County Farm.

It was finally planned that only a county infirmary could be considered for the time being. Willis Brewer was detailed to communicate with architects who will whose propositions seemed most advantageous to the committee.

The date of the next meting which will be for the discussion of plans and bids for the new building has not yet been set.

SMALL NUMBER OF DOGS PICKED UP

Only a small number of dogs have been picked up by the police for being loose without the proper muzzling, and of those, all have been claimed and the attending fine of one dollar paid. The dogs are detained in shed on the village property for twenty-four hours when the animal is shot if still unclaimed.

Unlike the adjacent villages and towns, Birmingham has had little to fear from mad dogs. There has been but one case reported and that was disposed of before other dogs had been exposed. Several cases have been reported to the village of peculiar acting dogs, but upon investigation it has been found there was no cause for anxiety.

If there are any citizens in the township who are not satisfied with the assessment of their property, now is the time to appear before the Board of Review, which is in session in the Supervisor's office over the First State Savings Bank, for the purpose of reviewing assessments. Session will be adjourned Thursday, June 19.

BRYAN WILL SPEAK LAKE ORION SUNDAY

Auspices Of Union Church And Citizens Committee, On June 15th

ADMISSION IS FREE

Lake Orion Union Church and citizen's committee (non sectarian) announce that they have secured Hon. William Jennings Bryan for an address on Sunday, June 15, 1924, at Lake Orion at 10:30 a. m., in the large auditorium on Bellevue Sound. Mr. Bryan's subject will be, "Saving America for the World's Sake."

Mr. Bryan will be the first of the outside speakers on the summer program, to be followed later by Robert Birch Wheaton of Pittsburgh, Miss Cristabelle Pankhurst of Toronto and many others. This meeting will also be an introductory meeting to Rodeheaver Song Leaders' School to be conducted by Mr. Rodeheaver upon his return from a world tour the first of July.

Sunday, June 15, at 3:30 p. m., Mr. Bryan will speak in the coliseum at the State Fair Grounds. Arrangements are being rapidly completed to give Mr. Bryan a royal reception. The Board of State Fair Grounds will have the grounds open for parking space and entertainment of for parties coming from a distance so they may eat their lunch picnic fashion under the trees.

The musical program will be provided by the Christian Endeavor and Young People's Societies, under the direction of Ernest S. Markswill and Mr. Ray G. Swartzbaugh, assisted by Charles W. Terry, who will sing, "Where the Gates Swing Open Never." No charge of admission will be exacted.

ALUMNI RECEPTION WILL BE A BIG EVENT

Half Of Dues Collected To Be Given To the Student Loan Fund

WILL ELECT OFFICERS

The third annual reception for alumni, former students and teachers of Birmingham Baldwin high school, which comes Friday, June 20, at the Auditorium, promises to be the biggest and most successful event of its kind attempted by the Alumni Association. A fairyland of blue and white enhanced by delicate flowers will delight the guests. Mrs. Thomas L. Thurber as chairman of decorations has her way about matters.

Chares Shain, chairman of the program committee, Charles Plumstead, of the nominating committee, Fred Quarton, of dues, and Orlou Schlaack, refreshment committee are planning and arranging for every detail which might add to the success of the affair. Besides the social program there will also be an election of officers, five members of the executive committee and one member of the Student Loan Association.

Present officers of the Alumni Association are Ralph Coryell, president; Mrs. Russell Heinze, secretary, and Charles Randall, treasurer. Mr. Coryell, speaking also for the other officers wishes to extend a most cordial invitation to old Birmingham High School Alumni.

Half the dues collected during the evening will be turned over to the Student Loan Association to help finance worthy Baldwin high graduates through college.

DETROIT FARMERS CLUB INSPECT WEBER FARM

Firmly convinced of the veracity of their slogan, "Everybody's crazy but myself," 60 members of the Detroit Farmers Club met at the Bloomfield Hills Country Club Tuesday for luncheon. After making an inspection of the farm lands of Oscar Weber, north of town and offering more suggestions than could ever be carried out by Mr. Weber, the club adjourned to the house where they were entertained at a farmers' supper. W. W. Collier's farm in Bloomfield Hills was also included in the inspection tour.

Several Birmingham and Bloomfield men, including John Endicott, A. F. Moore and the two hosts of Tuesday are members of the club, which is composed of busy men in business whose true love is farm life.

THE PULPIT OF THE PRESS

A Series Of Weekly Preachments By the Clergy Of Birmingham.

FOR THE TREES OF BIRMINGHAM

By Rev. Charles Harden McCurdy

Some two years ago a new Detroit family drove out through Birmingham for the first time. It was in the early summer and as they entered the village by Woodward avenue, the tree-lined street so attracted them that they accepted this as a gracious invitation to become better acquainted with the town. They soon took up their residence here, and brought their fine contribution of fine American childhood to the public schools and have joined in the religious, intellectual and social life of the community to the gain of us all. The trees did this for Birmingham. They have done other things, for they are the unfailing friends of the whole community. Beneath their cheerfully boughs we find protection from the fiery darts of the summer sun and a shelter in the time of storm.

"Shade-giving is the one thing in which the trees and mankind have man have stood unchanged. All other relationships of trees and man have varied with the ages, for the uses of wood have gone through a steady development of the Five Periods of the race. Shade trees alone, among the children of the forest, have been constant." Under the tree we enjoy what man has written for our benefit or attempt to make our own contribution in writing. Under the tree councils of war or religion or peace have been held from the Druid oak to the Washington elm. Cedars of Lebanon and olives of Gethsemane will remain forever sacred in the memory of man. "The groves were God's first temple."

For comfort and beauty the shade trees of a community are most worthwhile, but we must also bear in mind that they are the lungs of the village. The trees cool the air and freshen it, they give off oxygen for the life of man and drink in the poison carbonic acid gases to save human life. Research shows that in congested centers where there can be no shade trees, the rate of mortality is highest and discomfort most severe. Moreover, the nervous system is soothed by the green foliage as it counteracts many of the hideous colors common to the streets of a town. Trees crown the home. The finest architecture is bare and ugly without the presence of trees. The most pretentious lawns are poverty-stricken without trees.

"It must be borne in mind that for its friendly offices the shade tree is entitled to man's best care and protection."

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Must Consult State On Plans For Wider Woodward

Commission Requested To Call Meeting With Transit Men Present

"It is the aim of the village commission to present a plan for the widening of Woodward avenue through Birmingham, rather than being forced to accept the state plans." This was the plan of the commission when they called a mass meeting of the villagers in the high school Tuesday evening. President Shain told the 140 interested men and women who gathered. When it was made clear, after the village had presented their plans with the aid of blue prints, that no end could be reached without state consultation, the commission was requested to call a meting in the near future when a representative from the Rapid Transit Commission of Detroit could be present. President Shain made an offer to try and obtain authorities from Lansing for the same meeting.

The blue prints as submitted by the village were explained in detail by Manager Starr. The plan advocated the widening of Woodward to a width of 100 feet through the village. The plan included a suggestion for a paved right-of-way to follow the present right-of-way of the Grand Trunk tracks through the village which would relieve the traffic through the center of the town.

The widening of Woodward to 100 feet through the village would necessitate taking 17 feet from each side of the road; from Willetts street through to Harmon in the north end and from the Methodist Episcopal Church to George street at the south, besides other slight changes through the center of the village.

Plans were suggested by H. A. O'Dell to submit the plans to the department at Lansing and to discuss the matter with the governor and Mr. Seeley, state highway engineer. Mr. Clizbe for the removal of the D. U. R. tracks from Woodward avenue and placing them on the Grand Trunk right-of-way, with the tracks only handling all heavy traffic, including trucks and buses. This would, Mr. Clizbe suggested, "take the clutter and hustle from the main street and leave it for what it was originally intended, pleasure cars."

However, no approved plan could be reached by the meeting, in spite of numerous suggestions made, for the most part by those most keenly affected. Mr. Shain made the statement that under no circumstances would any work be done in the village this year or would the trees be removed. The principal idea is to establish a line, that is approved by the state so that property owners know where they stand in the matter. Birmingham is the hardest nut, along the line of the new road, to crack and it will likely be left by the state as the last problem to be met." Mr. Shain told the meeting and advised co-operative action by the village.

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ATTENDANCE LARGE AT COMMENCEMENT WEEK PROGRAMS

Baccalaureate Sermon Preached Sunday Night In High School Auditorium

GRADUATES NUMBER 47

Fine Program Is Given Class Day and Commencement Nights

Before one of the largest gatherings ever assembled at a Baccalaureate Sermon in Birmingham, the 1924 graduating class of the Baldwin high school listened to the first ceremony that marks a week in which they will forever leave behind them the endearments of local education.

Rev. C. H. McCurdy, of St. James Episcopal Church, interpreted a chapter of the Bible, telling the students of the part that education should play in their lives. Rev. Julian T. West, of the First M. E. Church, invoked a prayer of divine blessing. Rev. W. C. McKnight of the First Presbyterian Church, delivered the sermon. His subject was, "Moses, My Servant." He attempted to show that spiritual education, or the acceptance of God's teachings, as exploited by Jesus Christ, was the most important education of all people.

Mrs. Neva Fossenkemper, former teacher at the high school, played a beautiful violin solo, while Miss Grace Davis of the Royal Oak Conservatory, delighted her audience with a vocal selection. Rev. T. W. Edwards of the First Baptist Church, was not present at the services. Rev. W. W. Ryan of the Chapel of the Holy Name, who was invited to deliver the Baccalaureate sermon, gave his reasons for declining in a letter tendered to the School Board last Saturday morning. The letter of Father Ryan follows:

"Superintendent Vliet and
Board of Education Birmingham
Public Schools,
Birmingham, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

It causes me very keen personal regret to decline at this late hour the invitation which you were gracious enough to extend to me—and which I had previously accepted—to preach the Baccalaureate Sermon to the graduating class of the Birmingham High School.

I am moved to this decision by circumstances with which we are both familiar—objections to my appearance which I feel would have caused more distress to you than I, myself, experience. I feel persuaded that my first object under the unpleasant circumstances shown, will relieve yourself and your associates and all who sympathize with you, of as much chagrin and embarrassment as possible, and, I am convinced that this

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MONROE ROYALLY TREATS DELEGATIONS

Birmingham Is Represented By 26 Members At State Exchange Convention

PARADE IS FEATURE

"It ain't goin' to rain no more, no more,
It ain't goin' to rain no more.
How in the world can the old folks tell
That it ain't goin' to rain no more?"

—came in a plaintive, pleading tone from the throats of 1500 Exchangites and their families as they wended their way from twenty-five towns throughout the state to attend the State convention in Monroe Monday. Twenty-six expectant hearts left Birmingham before the sun was fairly up to join their brother exchangerites in Royal Oak. The long train of automobiles headed by a trio of "motorcycle cops," donated for the occasion by the villages of Ferndale, Royal Oak and Berkley, started off with a clear conscience and not so clear a weather forecast.

"All would have gone well on the journey down if the speed cops had not forced us to such speed to keep pace with them," said Cleve Moore as he and his car regained their poise after a skiddish time on the wet pavement. A combination of two motorcycles' speedometers registering 45 miles apiece, a wet pavement, and sudden cause for stopping, resulted in the forced coming together of the two piloting motorcycles. Every car stopped. Every car skidded and almost without knowing what it was about, every car was on its way. A steady drizzle the Oakland group arrived in the flag decked Monroe in time for the luncheon. Four hundred women were lunched in the spacious new temple recently completed by the Masons of Monroe.

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AIRGUNS OUGHT TO BE BANNED SAYS COMMISSION

Believing that airguns in the hands of local youths is a dangerous thing for both life and property, the village commission Monday night discussed plans for making it illegal to allow them on the streets of town. They will investigate the ordinances on the village books to see what penalty may be levied for any violations.

Ice Cold Vernor's, on tap at Shain's. adv6

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