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BERKROAD DETROIT

Birmingham's Share Of Expense Would Be Prohibitive Until Metropolitan Area Is Formed
MUST ACT AT ONCE
With Local Water Supply Good For Less Than Three Years, Need Of Annexation Is Imperative

(Editor's Note:—This is the second of four articles dealing with the necessity of voting favorably on annexation of Detroit to the city of Birmingham at a special election to be held in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, December 1, 1924. The Eccentric will welcome any letters on the subject from its readers.)

Assuming that Birmingham's present source of water supply will be sufficient for not more than three years in the future, (and this is probably allowing a year too much), immediate steps must be taken to provide an additional source.

The city of Detroit is now in a position and is entirely willing to supply Birmingham with its entire water requirements for water from Detroit; however, it would be necessary for the city of Detroit to construct a water main less than 24 inches in diameter, from the nearest available point of the Detroit system to Birmingham. The expense of such construction to the city of Detroit would be too great to finance through other committees between here and Detroit and agree upon a division of costs.

Even in the event that this arrangement could be made, Birmingham would have to finance the construction from Detroit to the 12 mile road, and the entire cost of the 12 mile road to connect the 12 mile road would include the expense of installing at least one booster pumping station.

Without going into detailed costs it appears that, beyond getting the expense of such a project to the Birmingham taxpayers would not be less than \$100,000. It is, therefore, financially impossible for Detroit to supply Birmingham as a present source of water supply.

Plans for the formation of a Metropolitan Water District, as previously formulated, and Birmingham would be in such a position, undoubtedly, with Birmingham as the district water commissioners and the city of Detroit as the district water pumpers, etc., and the cost of the project would be shared between the two cities.

Lutherans To Start Society In Village
With an aim to build their church in the community in the future, a group of English-Lutherans will gather here next Sunday afternoon at the Johnston-Shaw Hall for their first meeting. The service will open at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon with a special speaker from Detroit.

MRS. B. GEORGE STRUCK BY AUTO WEDNESDAY
Mrs. Ben George, on her way from the First State Bank across Woodward Wednesday afternoon, was struck by an automobile driven by Miss Frances Thurston of Wing Lake. Mrs. George fell from her car and was seriously injured.

Rotary Annns Enjoy Banquet Wednesday

The "Rotary Annual" of Birmingham Wednesday night were given their first annual dinner at a rotary meeting when the local club had a dinner and dance at the Birmingham Hotel. The event was the first of an indefinite number of events scheduled for the enjoyment of some members of the Birmingham Rotary club.

FIRST STATE BANK ISSUES CHRISTMAS SAVINGS VOUCHERS
Approximately four hundred Christmas Savings Club depositors of the First State Bank voluntary to the amount of between \$10,000 and \$25,000, according to an announcement given out by Thomas H. Cobb, vice-president and cashier.

DETROIT WATER BOARD GETS APPROVAL
Royal Oak, Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Clawson, Berkley Included

The Detroit water board has received the approval of the Royal Oak, Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Clawson, Berkley and other municipalities in the Detroit area for a water supply project.

Local Pupils Excel In Geography Test
Superintendent Clarence Vilet has recently announced that Birmingham schools took the lead among the counties in the state in a geography test given in October 1923.

Volley Ball League
Volley ball games played by the various clubs in the city were held last Thursday evening and Monday evening of this week change of teams.

EXAMINE APPLICANTS FOR PLUMBERS LICENSE
Due to the constant increase in the number of plumbers in Birmingham, and since no local board of examiners for plumbers exists here, the Birmingham commission Monday night to confer with Pontiac officials with the intention of having a local board of examiners.

COMMUNITY HOUSE RUMMAGE SALE IN PONTIAC, DEC. 5-6
To defray expenses of alterations made on the community house during the summer, a rummage sale is being arranged for December 5 and 6.

FOUR SALE—BUNGALOW
A desirable Turner Disher will be selling 1115 1/2 M. N. 1125 THANKSGIVING. The bungalow is on a corner lot.

"For a Bigger and Better Birmingham"

SCHOOL BOARD, FACING LACK OF ROOM IN SCHOOLS, SEEKS IMMEDIATE RELIEF TO REPORT NEXT MONDAY
Evidence that some steps must be taken by the local district school board to prepare for more schools was given at the meeting of the school board Monday evening by statistics prepared by Clarence Vilet, superintendent of schools. Figures prepared by Mr. Vilet show that at the present time there are three rooms in the Huron school that have more pupils than they have seats for and another room in the basement must be equipped immediately. The resolution by the board and preparations were started for the work of the week.

WIDER WOODWARD REALTY BRINGS NECESSITY OF OBTAINING CHAP LEAD NOW
By Helen V. Walker
The Leonard Electrical Company has been building a new building on West Maple avenue, and their old building occupied, but the new building is not ready to make space for a new building. The new structure was erected at a cost of \$10,000. An interesting feature of the building is its location at eight local dealers and contractors had a part in the work.

"HONOR SYSTEM" FOR HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS
Session Room Teacher Heads "The Knights and Ladies of The Round Table" ESTABLISH STANDARDS

The aim of the session room organization, "The Knights and Ladies of The Round Table," is to establish a system of honor among the high school pupils. The organization was organized by the session room teacher, Mrs. J. H. Hornback.

PLUMBERS' LOCAL PREPARE TO TAKE ORDINANCE TO TAKE ROAD REPAIRS OUT OF PLUMBERS' HANDS
EXTRA FEE IS LEVIED
Legislation passed by the village commission Monday night will guarantee that local streets, both paved and gravel, will not be excavated made for the installing of water mains.

County Will Direct Sale Of Xmas Seals
The Oakland County Tuberculosis association has opened offices in the Oliver block in Pontiac, where the executive secretary, Mrs. J. H. Hornback, will direct the sale of Xmas seals.

County Y.M.C.A. Clubs Held Local Meeting
Ten county Y.M.C.A. clubs were represented by ninety-five boys at a meeting held in Pontiac, Michigan, Tuesday evening. The topic of the meeting was the holding of a county-wide conference at Muskegon, which is to be held next Friday and last for three days.

MRS. CHARLES G. WALKER TO ADDRESS CIVIC LEAGUE
An especially interesting meeting being arranged for members of the Civic League next Monday afternoon in the community house. A program postponed from last week, when Mrs. Charles G. Walker, who was unable to attend, will be added to this week's program.

RECEIVED FOOTBALL INJURY
The local football team defeated the enemy last Friday in the game between the Baldwin high school and the Huron High School. The game was held at the end of the game being played at the end of the game.

Library Title Suit To Be Heard Monday

Following almost a year of delay in the filing of the suit to quiet the title of the Baldwin Public Library building, situated by the village board, the court next Monday afternoon will hear the case. The suit is owned by the University of Michigan, which claims that when village attorney Frank L. Doty built the building, he had the right to this suit.

Local Lodge Plans To Hold Annual "Good Samaritan" Affair
SEEK CONTRIBUTIONS
A Christmas party has already been planned by the Birmingham lodge of the Knights of Pythias for the children of the community who might otherwise miss the Christmas festivities. The party will be held on Christmas evening, picking up the children and bringing them to the K. of P. hall on the second avenue, where Santa Claus will be waiting with his pack full of gifts.

Local Gridders Beat Wyandotte Eleven
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