

FORTY-SEVENTH YEAR—NO. 52

STATE OF EAST WOODWARD IS GIVEN TO SEELEY

Hanna Will Conclude Getting Release Of West Side Next Week
SHAIN REVIEWS MATTER
Birmingham Skill In The Dark Regarding Width Of Local Main Street

Figures on the recent appraisal of \$261,963.00, relative to the cost of securing 50 feet frontage on east side of Woodward avenue in Birmingham for widening purposes, were reviewed Monday night by village president Charles J. Shain, who returned late last week from California. The appraisal was then given to village attorney Frank L. Doty, with instructions to give it to Thad. Stealy, of Pontiac, in charge of securing right-of-way for the State on Woodward avenue between Detroit and Pontiac.

This appraisal is part of the work being done by Birmingham at the suggestion of Governor Greenbeck and the State Highway Department. Another phase of the situation is that of securing a release to approximately 17 feet of Woodward frontage on the west of South Woodward avenue, from Lincoln avenue to the Christian Science church property. According to a statement from John Hanna, appointed by the village to do this, all releases possible to get will be obtained within the next week.

"I have already obtained six releases to this property," said Mr. Hanna, "and I expect to conclude the work next week. Many property owners there have been difficult to communicate with, but I shall go right ahead until the end of the week, and then turn over the village commission my findings. If some of the property owners along Woodward avenue do not wish to release to me, the State will have to see what it can do."

At the time the releases, together with the appraisal, are in the hands of State officials, Birmingham will make an appeal to get a decision from Governor Greenbeck regarding the widening of Woodward avenue through village.

LOCAL GIRL TO ENTER ORATORICAL CONTEST

Margaret Howard Awarded First Place Elimination—Contest Gets Medal From News

In an elimination contest in the high school here last Saturday afternoon, Margaret Howard was given first place by the three judges, and will enter the district oratorical contest at Ferrandale this evening in the Detroit News Oratorical Contest held at Ferrandale. Margaret Howard, who is a Junior in the high school, recently won second place in the oratorical and declamatory contests held here several weeks ago, when she took part in the contest with other school representatives to participate in the district contest. She is the daughter of Mrs. Grace Carter Howard, of Oakland.

Increased Interest Is Being Shown In Scout Activities

Interest in the new boy scout troop is increasing this week with the drawing up of a roll call and addition of new members. The group, which is being sponsored by the Rotary, Exchange and Young Men's Service.

Up to date the roll call includes the following names: Hartwell Ladd, Verne Ladd, Arthur H. Ladd, James and William Melvin, Gilbert Menting, Arnold Epstein, Dan Forster and James Bryant. The group is composed of the overflow from Troop B, as well as newly eligible boys of every man and woman's occupation, and a copy of this DIRECTORY will be given to every home. It is hoped that the new DIRECTORY will be ready for distribution some time in June.

Realizing the rapid growth of this community and the increasing need for more first-hand knowledge of "Who's Who" in Birmingham, it is undertaking this big task of compiling a DIRECTORY, and hopes to do so annually hereafter.

A solicitor, paid by The Eccentric, is now engaged in calling at each home in Birmingham and adjacent territory; he seeks to obtain the name of each occupant of the house, the address, and the occupation. When completed, all the names will be classified alphabetically, a portion of the DIRECTORY will be given over to a classification of all local business firms, also.

PROMINENT LOCAL MAN DIES OF HEART FAILURE

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Will Launch Drive For Funds For Community House Monday, May 4

While the name has been changed to Community House Roll Call, a membership campaign similar to the Community House Membership Drive of last year is to be launched on May 4. This year's campaign will be conducted by the Community House, and the committee on public relations will be in charge of the project.

It is hoped that every one in the community will become either an active or associate member. The members who contributed to the maintenance of the House last year will be recorded as members.

ROTARIANS MOTOR TO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

To attend a two-day annual conference of this Rotary District, a party of Rotarians left here Thursday morning by motor for London, Ont. They will stop over in Kintore, Ont., for a trip through Jack Miner's game refuge.

MCCLELLAN IS MADE VILLAGE ASSESSOR

Will Begin Work In Week Or Two To Make Birmingham's Summer Tax Roll

Robert K. McClellan, of Harmon Street, was appointed village assessor at the meeting Monday night of this week. McClellan will begin his work in making his assessment roll in Bloomfield township outside of Birmingham. The recent sale of many farms for subdivision purposes, together with several new plots that require a good deal of change in valuation outside, is reported.

15 SCHOOL STUDENTS GET HONOR MARKS

Alice Clement Chosen Baldwin High 1925 Valedictorian, 4-Year Average Is 96.9
MISS M. RAINEY SECOND

An unusually high standard, it develops, has been attained by members of this year's graduating class from the Baldwin high school, with Alice Clement, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh B. Clement of Frank street, has been acclaimed the valedictorian because of her average of 96.9. This is the greatest honor that can be given a high school graduate. Margaret M. Rainey was given salutatorian because of her average of 96.6. Margaret is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rainey of West Maple avenue. Clarence H. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Brown of Brown street.

WANTED TO RENT A GARAGE

Must be convenient for auto and car. Must be clean, dry, and well lighted. For rent by the month. Write to The Eccentric, Box 52, Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM'S NEW DIRECTORY

Birmingham and vicinity is to have its own DIRECTORY. Plans now under way by the Birmingham Eccentric will insure the residents of Birmingham and vicinity, for the first time in the history of this community, a classified listing of every man and woman's occupation, and a copy of this DIRECTORY will be given to every home. It is hoped that the new DIRECTORY will be ready for distribution some time in June.

TROY SUPERVISOR IS YOUNGEST IN COUNTRY

SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN TROY

Members of the village commission reflecting on the method to be used in paying for a block of land upon which the municipal building was agreed Monday night of this week to place the matter before local electors at a special election to be held on the next month. The proposition involves an estimated cost of approximately \$45,000, and as for the land bounded by Merrill, Chester, Bates, and Townsend streets, the question to be decided upon is whether a special election is whether Birmingham should hold itself to pay for the land, or whether it shall obtain the money by general taxation over a period of three years.

EAST MAPLE PAVING PROJECT DELAYED

County Road Commission Demands Possession Of 100 Feet For Highway

Unless residents and property owners along East Maple road, agree to dedicate enough of their lands to secure a three-quarter 100-foot wide concrete paving will be installed this summer, or at any future time, according to a statement made Tuesday by the Oakland County Road Commission, through Luther D. Allen, one of its members.

Past experience has proved conclusively to officials of Oakland county that the phenomenal growth evidenced by the village in the past few years, makes it necessary for Birmingham to look into the future in its planning. The village said Tuesday.

"That is the reason why the Oakland County Road Commission will not accept plans for the laying of a concrete pavement on any local highway where provision has not been made for the kind of road way. The width of East Maple road varies from 40 to 60 feet, and it is not possible to lay a road which is almost impossible to build shoulders for a 20-foot pavement."

Everybody will concede that East Maple road, from Birmingham to John R. street, will be heavily traveled and we cannot see why lands should not be dedicated for highway purposes before they are platted and subdivided. The time to obtain land for any highway is when it is not built up with homes, and that is what the Oakland County Road Commission is attempting to do.

Mr. Allen stated that certain parcels of Oakland County road, which are platted and lots sold, may not be included in the 100-foot width. But he said that the village would like to provide sufficient width for later widening, but to take the balance of the road, it would be almost impossible to build shoulders for a 20-foot pavement.

It is expected that those interested in the East Maple road paving will be called for the kind of planning that visions into the future, to the end that the taxpayers may get the most for their money.

When completed, it is expected that the village will have a concrete pavement on the East Maple road, which will be a great improvement on the present dirt road. It is expected that the village will have a concrete pavement on the East Maple road, which will be a great improvement on the present dirt road.

ALL BUT TEACHERS SIGN NEW CONTRACTS

Some Discussion Given On Summer And Night Schools, But No Action Taken

MISS HARDY TO LEAVE

Faculty members of the local school this week were given an opportunity to sign their contracts for the coming year, but it was known that only four of the present faculty would not return in the fall. The contracts were given out on the record of last year when almost one-half of the faculty failed to sign their contracts for the coming year. It was known that three assistant teachers would be added in the fall, one in the English department, one in the physical training, and one in the art department.

Miss Hardy, instructor in history, who has been on the faculty for six years, is one of the four who will not return. Miss Hardy, who has been on the faculty for six years, is one of the four who will not return.

The proposed new building is to be a portable type and will cost \$160,000, costing about \$3,000. The members of the church have offered their services in the building of the new building. It is hoped that the new building will be ready for distribution some time in June.

Dedication will likely occur on first Sunday in May and Rev. G. Schuessler of Chicago will be the speaker. He is the father of the pastor and is well known as a speaker in the English Lutheran Church.

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