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THREE-QUARTER MILL TAX MEASURE TO BE VOTED ON MONDAY

Oakland County Voters Asked To Make Appropriation For Hospital Purposes

AN IMPORTANT MATTER

For Detention Home, Contagious Disease Hospital, T.B. Sanatorium and Farm Infirmary

The three-quarter mill tax proposal which comes before the people of Oakland County next Monday for a decision as to whether it shall be included in the tax budget in October, is the most important matter in the election from a human standpoint, according to men and women who have studied the issue carefully.

For it is vital to the success of a health movement which is now reaching its final stage—the construction of proper buildings in which to treat the dread disease of tuberculosis, and for proper care of contagious cases which might threaten the health of entire communities.

Moreover, it is involved still further with welfare of the public for it provided also for the care of the aged and infirm poor and for the juvenile delinquents who, if not taken in time, may become serious public charges through lives of crime.

The four projects included in the program, as outlined last week in this newspaper, are—the county farm infirmary, the juvenile detention home, the contagious disease hospital and the tuberculosis sanatorium.

Oakland's T. B. sanatorium is now crowded. There are many cases that cannot find entrance; the Howell sanatorium is filled. Young men and women now in the curable state of the disease cannot be given proper care because of these conditions. Every month of delay means lives lost. Even the facilities available are not of the best. A real sanatorium, in a proper environment, well equipped, is necessary to give promise of life and health to these sufferers who otherwise are doomed. Some of them will be paying patients; others county charges. The appropriation will practically complete a fund making such an institution possible.

So with contagious disease. Accommodations are now inadequate. Danger of cross-infection exists. Some cases cannot be taken to the hospitals because they are too crowded. This is a pressing and vital need. The tax appropriation will care for it.

Oakland has always provided prop-

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$350,000 BOND ISSUE WANTED FOR SCHOOL

School Board Ready To Call Special Election Within Next 45 Days

$270,000.00 FOR ADDITION

By Helen V. Walker

Within forty-five days property owners in the School District are to be given an opportunity to vote on a school bond issue that will amount to close to $350,000 at a special election. The date for the election will be set next Monday evening. This amount will include a $270,000 addition to the Adams school, a playground across from the Adams school to cost $25,250, a seven acre site in the northwest section of the school district to cost $18,000, and another site in the southeast section of the district on which no price or option has yet been obtained.

At a special meeting of the school

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Local Men Design, Plan, And Build Quarton Lake Estates Model Home

FRED D. FARRAR

HARRY G. MUEHLHAN

In planning for the large, suburban type Model Home that is to be started soon in Quarton Lake Estates, the Welch, James & Wasey Company did not find it necessary to go out of Birmingham for the architects and builder.

"Harry Muehlhan and Fred D. Farrar, of the firm of Muehlhan and Farrar, have been selected as architects," said Jay A. Welch. "Their work is well known in the Birmingham-Bloomfield district, where they have between twenty and thirty homes to their credit. Many of those homes have been built by the John B. Williams Company. And this company has been awarded the contract for construction of the Model Home."

"The setting of this home," Mr. Farrar told an Eccentric reporter, "will be very interesting, and has made it necessary to design a home that will be quite different from most plans.

"You see, it faces both on Quarton Road and Lake Park Boulevard, being set quite a ways back on a site 300 feet deep. For that reason we have had to plan the home with two 'fronts' and no 'backs.'

"On the first floor there will be a library and sun room facing Quarton Lake. On the second floor will be found a large sleeping porch, capable of accommodating six beds. There will be seven bedrooms and five baths, and a six car garage.

"In type, the home will be of the rugged and substantial early American."

Mr. Farrar lives on Brown street and Mr. Muehlhan on West Maple road.

B'ham Still Controls Its Local Traffic

Birmingham still controls the traffic over its streets. This was definitely decided Wednesday afternoon when an attorney for the Smith Trucking Co., of Flint, paid $10 to Justice of the Peace Buck for violation of a local ordinance by one of the Smith Co. drivers. The payment of the $10 indicates, it would seem, that the Michigan Public Utilities Commission is unwilling to have its powers contested in court.

On January 17 a Smith Co. driver turned one of the long body trucks from Woodward avenue on to West Maple avenue, to reach Southfield avenue, a shorter route to the west side of Detroit. This turn was made against orders from the local police however, it was made on the basis of consent given by the Utilities Commission, who claimed the right to regulate traffic over Birmingham's streets. The village had given the trucking company permission to turn off Woodward avenue at Lincoln avenue to reach Southfield avenue.

The attorney Wednesday said that the Smith Co. was willing to pay the fine and not go on with the test case, inasmuch as they would soon pull their trucks off the Southfield route. In the meantime, Chief Anderson has orders to arrest any Smith Truck Co. traffic violators.

HOLD ANNUAL SPRING ELECTION ON MONDAY

Township And State Officials To Be Elected; Vote On County Mill Tax

VOTE IN 4 PRECINCTS

Despite the fact that spring elections in Bloomfield township bring out but a small per cent of the total electorate, a fairly large vote is expected here Monday when the polls open in the four precincts of the township. The local interest merges chiefly around the three-quarter county mill tax, to be used by Oakland County for building a juvenile detention home, a tuberculosis hospital, a farm infirmary, and a contagious disease hospital.

Promptly at eight o'clock next Monday morning, April 6, the four precincts will open and close at eight o'clock that evening. Inasmuch as Bloomfield township is overwhelmingly Republican, the recent township primary practically elected the candidates in the local field. To that end no campaigning is being done by the successful nominees.

Robert Y. Moore is Republican nominee for supervisor; James V. Bayley for clerk; Martha D. Wilson for treasurer; Fred Hauck for highway commissioner; W. W. Henry for board of review and Floyd S. Buck for justice of the peace.

State officers to be voted upon

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EASTER PRIZE DRAWING AND DANCE Party, Thursday evening, April 9. I. O. O. F. Hall. adv50

BANKS CLOSED MONDAY ON ACCOUNT OF NEXT MONDAY, APRIL 6, BEING ELECTION DAY. BOTH BIRMINGHAM BANKS WILL BE CLOSED ALL THAT DAY. adv50

T. E. JOHNSON PROVES A GOOD SCHOOL MAN

State Supt. Of Public Instruction Not Of Political "Lobbyist" Type

BACKED BY EDUCATORS

(Special to The Eccentric)

Lansing, April 2.—A public official of high office who never "lobbies," who does not impose his presence on members of the legislature, is a worthy characterization of Thomas E. Johnson, state superintendent of public instruction, many senators and representatives declare. And yet, in spite of that, some of his most spectacular pieces of work have been accomplished in legislative enactments.

In matters affecting education, he can always be relied upon to occupy a position that is tenable and truthful, a position in which he can be found in any situation, as a matter of fact. While no particular effort by him is put forward to secure any legislation, it is a pretty generally admitted fact that most of the bills emanating from his department are more or less prejudged. Possible rough spots have been ironed out before the bills enter the legislature. Differences of opinion that might arise have been met in advance. Probably that accounts for the large amount of desirable legislation for which Tom Johnson is said to have been responsible.

Late last fall a group of politicians, feeling perhaps that he had not been

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B'HAM CONTRIBUTES TO TORNADO FUND

Birmingham's contribution to the stricken sufferers in the tornado zone of the five southern states has mounted considerably during the past week. To the $30 collected by the Eccentric last week is added $5 sent in this week by Mrs. J. C. Wheaton. Karl Lindenberg, representing the Volunteers of America, obtained $249 Tuesday and Wednesday of this week contributed chiefly by local business men. All contributions received by the Eccentric will be turned over to the Oakland County branch of the American Red Cross—so, folks, if you want to give something to relieve the distress of another, just send in your checks.

The Hunsicker Lumber Co. Gladiolus Bulbs at Shain's. adv49-50

COSY NEW HOME

Two story Kellastone, three rooms and breakfast nook on first floor, three on second. Fireplace, vestibule, laundry tubs, cesspool, garage, chicken houses, garden, fine old elm, shrubbery, near school. Price for quick sale $6,750. $1,750 down. See us at once.

WHITEHEAD & STANDART CO. Real Estate. Birmingham Tel. 821. General Insurance adv48tf

Lemmer's Gladiolus Bulbs at Shain's. adv49-50

Mothers: See the wonderful Play and Dress Shoes for the children at the Birmingham Shoe Shop, 120 East Maple. We will please you, too. adv50

In a hurry—need Shoes Repaired Quickly? Try Mowers' Shoe Surgeons, 129 E. Maple Ave. adv50

"OLD MAN TAXES" IS PINING AWAY IN THE COUNTY'S BIG VAULT

The Ancient Gent, Secreted In Bloomfield's Tax Roll, Wants More Money

$90,916.00 UNCOLLECTED

Total Of $409,780 Received By Township Treasurer From Winter Tax

By George R. Averill

Do you believe in fairies, elfs, gnomes, and all that sort of character stuff that plays so important a part in the development of youthful imagination? Of course, these make-believe actors and actresses are confined chiefly to the nooks and knights of the earth's inhabitants who have not reached the age of voting—but there is, we believe, a kind of mystic personality which has a direct appeal to the adult mind. We have already chronicled one of his visits to Birmingham—we refer to that genial ancient gentleman, "Old Man Taxes."

Wednesday afternoon, shortly after lunch, our telephone began to ring in a most violent manner. A moment and we had learned that our presence in the office of county treasurer Floyd Losee, at Pontiac, was desired. So we hurried thither—wondering what on earth could have so upset the quiet serenity of Oakland County's seat of government.

"Right in there, George—hurry up and see what has got into our sacred records," exclaimed Mr. Losee when we reached his office. "The queerest kind of a mixture of noise and concord of sweet sound is issuing from our burglar-proof vault; it seems to come from the vicinity of the place where we recently stored Bloomfield

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SPRING BRINGS WORK ON WIDER WOODWARD

Knapp & Co. Unloading Equipment To Build South Of Birmingham

MAY COMPLETE BY FALL

Spring—to those who live between Detroit and Pontiac—brings with it for 1925 something more than robin and housecleaning. This may be seen in the renewing of work on the widening of Woodward avenue. A good deal of activity along "Michigan's Main Street" is evidenced in the unloading of roadbuilders' equipment at Woodward and the Thirteen Mile road.

W. H. Knapp & Co., of Monroe, who were awarded the building of a stretch of pavement on the east side of Woodward avenue between the 14-Mile road and Birmingham, are busily engaged this week in unloading various kinds of machinery on a spur leading from the Grand Trunk railroad. With the coming of warm weather this stretch of Woodward avenue will be fearfully covered with human beings and machinery, and, before fall, it is expected that the entire east side of Woodward avenue, between Birmingham and the 8-Mile road at Detroit, will be open to traffic. This will give two stretches of pavement for the motorist, one northbound and the other southbound.

Meanwhile the State Highway Department is expected to carry on its work between Birmingham and Pontiac, and this stretch, too, may be opened before cold weather sets in next winter.

TO BE STYLISH YOU MUST HAVE A FIRE EARLY THIS SPRING

Fire! Fire! Fire! Fire! The first shout is for the grass that burned at the oil station early in March; next ed at the grass station, the second shout is for the chimney fire in the C. O. Field property on Oakland avenue, the third shout for Fire Chief Olsen astride the Berger residence on Pierce street, and the fourth shout is for the conflagration of unknown origin which swept through and nearly destroyed the refuse box on the corner of Woodward and Hamilton avenues. All of which have happened here during the past week.

If steel would burn, if cement would ignite, if the box hadn't been air tight, if two curious young hopefuls had kept their curiosity to themselves, then there might have been a fifth fire to add to the roof of your domicile. If you wish to be in the spring rush, call 154 and the volunteers will try to fill your order.

GLENN BEGOLE SELLS OUT INTEREST IN LOCAL STORE

Glenn Begole, for the past four years manager of Palmer-Begole Co., local dry goods and men's furnishing store, this week announced the sale of his interest to P. C. Palmer. Mr. Begole will remain here until April 15, at which time he will travel for a large wholesale dry goods company in Detroit.

Mothers: See the wonderful Play and Dress Shoes for the children at the Birmingham Shoe Shop, 120 East Maple. adv50

Listings of Farms, Residences and Vacant Property wanted. Buyers waiting. Typical English Novelty House, a beauty, only $1500 down. Also House to Rent, 7½, M. C. GWIN REAL ESTATE, 142 S. Woodward Ave. Phone 552. adv49-50

Beatrice McDonald, Local Poet, Has Written Verses Since She Was 18

MRS. BEATRICE McDONALD, LOCAL POET, AND HER TWO CHILDREN, JOE AND FLORENCE

By Helen V. Walker

LIKE the rest of the world, I expected that one who had attained success in the line of work he had followed would be secretive, would be rather inclined toward talking much of himself and even though comparatively modest, to rather bask in his own glory. With this unconsciously in mind I sought an interview with Beatrice McDonald, known to Detroit News and Eccentric readers as the writer of very pretty poetry. I expected a story of a life that had been fired from childhood with the burning desire to write, to give something to literature, to see on the fly-leaf of one or more books the name "Beatrice McDonald." I thought of her as a woman too much

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NAT. WOMAN'S PARTY MEETS HERE IN JUNE

Birmingham And Hills To Be Scene Of Annual Convention Of Equal Rights Workers

TO HOLD BIG PAGEANT

For four days, during the first week of June, members of the National Woman's party from all over the United States will gather in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills for the Mid-Western Conference, held under the auspices of the Michigan Branch. Local women, active in the party, began activities this week to arrange for the various phases of the work and a Detroit headquarters has been opened on Park street in Detroit, through the kindness of Lucian Moore of Detroit, who has given the members a first floor office near the Woman's City Club. It is hoped that within a short time conference headquarters may be opened in Birmingham, as well.

Miss Nina Lamkin, head of women's recreation work in Highland Park, has been appointed to direct the work of the pageant which will occupy an important place on the program of the conference. This will occur at the Greek Theater at Cranbrook, the estate of George G. Booth, and will be directly in charge of the Industrial Division of the National Woman's Party. It will depict the development of woman from the time of Queen Vashti to the present industrial and professional woman.

The various Bloomfield Hills clubs will accommodate the visitors here during the convention. The number expected is comparatively small but the conference will gain its importance because of the relative importance of the fifty or seventy-five who are expected.

Tuesday afternoon of this week a group of women, active in the community were asked to a discussion and tea at the Lone Pine Inn where Mrs. George T. Hendrie and Mrs. W. Nelson Whittemore presided at a rather small and informal gathering. Women from the village and Hills asked to discuss the problems of the approaching conference were Mrs. John J. Gafill, Mrs. Frank Briscoe, Mrs. Calvin Varg, Mrs. Charles G. Walker, Mrs. Frederick H. Holt, Mrs. Alex S. Diack, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Fred M. Farrar, Mrs. Frank Miller, and Mrs. C. C. Osborne. Mrs. Hendrie is state chairman of the party and Mrs. Whittemore is one of the charter members of the party and was, at one time, state chairman.

TWENTY SENIORS TO VISIT CAPITOL CITY

Baldwin High Pupils Leave Tomorrow Evening On a Four-Day Trip

SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

An anxious group of twenty enthusiastic high school girls and boys impatiently await tomorrow evening, the time set for the departure of the Senior Washington Group for the Capitol city. Late this afternoon sees the closing of the local schools for a week of spring vacation, during which time the group of seniors will reap the harvest of four years' earnest work and go to Washington for four days and return, visiting numerous other points of interest. A sum of $800 has been raised by the group through various methods, movies, shows, sales, fairs and numerous other ingenious ideas. The last of the programs for raising money was last Monday when the Palmer-Begole dry goods company brought a special arrangement gave the group ten per cent of the proceeds of the day's business. This was also done last year by Palmer-Begole for that group.

Agnes Baynes, Melvin Burns, Harry Carter, Loyal Campbell, Alice

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DISTRICT Y. M. C. A. MEETING TO DISCUSS THE NEAR EAST

Under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. in this district, a dinner meeting of persons interested in the work will be held at the Lone Pine Inn, north of Birmingham, next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. Ernest M. Heddon, Y. M. C. A. worker in Constantinople, and H. Leonard Wilton, of Detroit, a member of the National Council, will talk on the political and moral outlook in the Near East. John B. Howarth is in charge of arrangements here.

It's the better kind—our Hi-Art Shoe Repairing. Try us—we're sure to please. Mowers' Shoe Surgeons, Birmingham Shoe Shop, 120 E. Maple Ave. adv50

Mrs. H. P. Doyle, Hemstitching, 418 Merrill St. Phone 426. adv49tf

Men! Our Men's Shoe values for work and dress wear will please you. Try them. Birmingham Shoe Shop, 120 East Maple Ave. adv50

ESTIMATE $261,963 AS FRONTAGE VALUE E. SIDE WOODWARD

Over Quarter Million Required To Purchase 50 Feet In Village, Say Appraisers

FOR A WIDER HIGHWAY

Figures Will Be Turned Over To State; Does Not Include Cost Of Buildings

To secure enough land on the east side of Woodward avenue through Birmingham for the building of the street to a width of 150 feet would cost approximately $261,963.00, according to an appraisal estimate filed with the village clerk last Saturday by John Hanna, Fred V. Quarton, and F. J. Watkins. These three local men were appointed several weeks ago by the village commission to make the estimate. The appraisal was reviewed by commissioners Bell and Bingham Monday night, and then filed away for further inspection by village president Charles J. Shain, who is expected back from California next week. The estimate will be turned over to the State Highway Department in a few weeks.

The appraisal was made purely on a land value basis, and no estimate of the cost of removing or repairing buildings was attempted by the three appraisers. This cost will be left in the hands of State authorities; manager Starr, however, ventured the opinion that the cost of removal and repairs to buildings might add what would amount to as much as the cost of land.

In all cases during the appraisal no consideration was given to the Woodward avenue frontage value of each piece of property. The method used may be illustrated by the following: A piece of property on Woodward avenue having a frontage of fifty feet and a depth of 100 feet, is considered. Fifty feet of the entire lot is required for highway purposes; so the appraisers estimated the cost of the fifty feet directly behind the fronting lot, which it is intended that the State buy and give to the owner whose property must lose the fifty feet on Woodward. This will give the Woodward frontage owner 100 feet depth, while the owner of property directly behind the Woodward frontage will receive an amount in keeping with the present value of his land.

Under a new law recently enacted by the State legislature, it is said that the State may condemn lands directly adjacent to lands needed for highway purposes, and a transfer of property may be economically made

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LOCAL GIRL SECOND IN ORATORICAL MEET

Margaret Howard Of Baldwin High School, Loses To Holly Boy

10 HIGH SCHOOLS ENTERED

Among the ten high schools that took part in the oratorical and declamatory sub-district contests, held Wednesday in the Baldwin Auditorium, Birmingham received a second prize, with Holly and Oxford carrying off first honors.

The local high school's representative in the oratorical contest was Margaret Howard, daughter of Mrs. Grace Carey Howard of Oakland Avenue, who won second place on the oratorical, with Merrill Walls from Holly winning first place by a half two counts. Margaret, a Junior, who chose as her subject "Lincoln and the Constitution," composed her own oration. The Holly contestant, who chose for his original composition "A World United" made a brief but convincing plea for brotherly love throughout the world.

In the declamatory contest open to students below the junior year, Dorothy Peck represented Birmingham with her selection, "An Ap-

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"--and A Little Child Shall Lead Them" Together After 37 Years

By Helen V. Walker

Back in the year 1889, after travelling around the world together, two young fellows parted at one night in Italy, each going his own way. The way of one led to London and the British isles and then was lost. The way of the other led into Africa and the jungles, and up into the eastern countries and after a while back to the United States and into Michigan. That was some thirty odd years ago.

With pamphlets and catalogues strewn out on the table one night recently, a father and his son, in Liverpool, Ohio, were perusing the pages and pictures to discover a suitable camp for the boys to attend this summer. Every catalogue had its strong points and father and son were unsettled as to which camp would prove the best. Each catalogue had letters from boys who had attended the camp and others with letters from fathers of boys, making the decision a very difficult problem. Going through the books for the last time a name arrested the father's eye. Ah, that name was so familiar and so dear.

"Leigh Lynch, Leigh Lynch," the father repeated as he wandered off into a reverie. He was carried back to his own boyhood. He thought of wonderful days spent in Paris, London, Cairo, Naples, Venice, Rome, Tokio. The name Leigh Lynch was mingled with the memories that hovered from the wonderful days of his youth, when he, with not a penny, had gone off for a trip around the world. Finally his son brought him back to the present by asking, "Well, Dad, what do you think, which camp will she be?"

"We are going to let this man Leigh Lynch decide for us. We will write to him son and ask him confidentially about this camp he endorses here. I knew a man once with the same name and I guess I have a soft spot for the name. I don't know where the fellow I knew is, but if this one knows half as much about what fellows like as that one did, he will know the right camp. The Leigh Lynch I knew——" and he told him a long story of a trip around the world and a tender parting in Italy with his boy companion when their two roads led in opposite directions. Then he wrote a letter that was mailed to Leigh Lynch and was delivered through the Birmingham post office to Mr. Lynch's home on Yorkshire Road.

Mr. Lynch also cherished a memory of a night in Italy and a separation from his companion and the letter and the signer's name had a familiar ring.

Mr. Lynch wrote back and asked immediately "Were you ever——?" and a letter came back from Liverpool saying "You bet I was—Do you remember——?" and Mr. Lynch did remember and plans were made to get together and talk it all over. And they all lived happily ever after. And thus W. C. Lynch of Liverpool, Ohio, and Leigh Lynch of Birmingham, Michigan, second cousins, were reunited.

The moral is that every boy should go to camp, only in digging up dad's past, every chap wouldn't be able to unearth such an interesting tale.

Almost Too Good To Be True--Was The Information From Mr. Rogers

By George R. Averill

Birmingham, Mich., April 1, (10 a. m.)—Several weeks had elapsed since any of the State authorities visited Birmingham with new information regarding the widening of Woodward avenue through this village. Therefore, it was with some degree of gladness that we found the following note on our desk about an hour ago:

"Mr. Averill, State Highway Commissioner Frank F. Rogers is in conversation at the village offices—you are asked to attend the meeting."

In just about 10 seconds by the clock we were in the presence of village manager Starr. "Where's Mr. Rogers," we queried.

"He just left for commissioner Bingham's office," answered Mr. Starr. "You go on over—I'll be along in a few minutes."

And thus we approached the vicinity of the State Highway Commissioner—confident that Birmingham was about to learn its fate regarding the building of a highway over Woodward avenue. Mr. Bingham invited us to a chair, stating that Mr. Rogers would return in a moment.

Mr. Rogers is a dapper looking, young-ish-old gentleman. When we had last seen him in Lansing he was very willing to give all the information about Woodward avenue possible. So it was with some happiness that we greeted him on this occasion.

"I've come here today to tell you folks what a dandy street we're going to make of Woodward avenue through Birmingham," began Mr. Rogers, in Mr. Bingham's office. "The Governor has at last decided that enough money exists in the State treasury to go right ahead with a 200 foot Woodward avenue through Birmingham.

"And that's not all, either," continued Mr. Rogers. "We've concluded over at Lansing—since Birmingham is the prettiest suburb near Detroit—to help in making it one of the nicest communities in America. So that, in removing and repairing any local buildings, we are going to conform to the most modern Egyptian architecture. When we have finished, you'll have a community here that will make old King Tut green with envy.

"Do you mean to tell me that the State is going to build that road and

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