

1924 NEWS SHEETS WORTHY RECORD VILLAGE AFFAIRS

Remarkable Growth Of This Vicinity, Brings Many Changes Locally

NEW PROBLEMS ARRIVE Eccentric Publishes Chronology Of First Period Of Activities In 1924

By Helen V. Walker
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Local High School Given Additional Honors By U. of M.

Probably the highest honor that can be bestowed upon any high school in the state of Michigan, by the state university, was conferred upon the Birmingham high school last week. Word was received by Superintendent Vliet that the school had been placed on the accredited list of high schools of the university for the next three years. This is the highest honor that has occurred, the school formerly being accepted for periods of but one or two years.

Barnum School Pupil Hurt In Gym Class

John McKee, a ten year old pupil in the fourth grade at the Barnum school, was the victim of a serious accident that has occurred in the Baldwin auditorium in gymnasium class, when he sustained a severe cut-skull and punctured ear drum in class last Tuesday morning. At the time his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McKee of Dalies street, the child was said to be recovering.

PETITION TO OPEN LINCOLN AVENUE TO CRANBROOK ROAD

Desiring to open up a continuation of Lincoln avenue, from Southfield avenue west to Cranbrook road, the commission on Monday night directed attorney Frank L. Doty to prepare the necessary petition to put the project through under the Government.

PLAT ON CHESTERFIELD AVENUE IS ACCEPTED

A plat owned by H. C. Harbut, covering 13 lots 30 feet wide and 125 feet long, was accepted by the Birmingham town board Monday afternoon. The lots are being subdivided into a residential street of 66 feet in width, and will be unimproved.

BLAKESLEE NEW ATTORNEY FOR BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

A. Floyd Blakeslee, of Pontiac, who retired from the office of county prosecutor January 1, was appointed Monday night to the position of attorney for Bloomfield township. He was given a contract for the next two months, and will then probably be retained for a year after the annual township election.

REV. MCKNIGHT ASKS PRESBY- TERY TO DISSOLVE RELATION- SHIP HERE

BEEN HERE TEN YEARS

Rev. W. C. McKnight, pastor of the Presbyterian church here, has for almost ten years past, announced to his people his intention of requesting the presbytery to discontinue the pastoral relationship existing between him and the church here, at the close of the service last Sunday morning. Mr. McKnight makes the request in order that he may accept the invitation extended to him to become pastor of the Eastminster Presbyterian church of Detroit.

HAZEL C. LAWLER

Mrs. Lawler will be a candidate for village clerk to succeed here, at the Primary election on March 12. For the past three years Mrs. Lawler has made the request to the Presbytery. Eastminster Presbyterian church is in a neighborhood rapidly growing into a thickly settled section, located on east Jefferson avenue extending from the Hudson and Chrysler Automobile building to the east end of Grosvenor street. It extends from the Detroit river north toward the city.

WILL DELAY PAVING OF BROWN STREET

Postponement Is Asked For In Petition By Residents

MAY INCREASE COST
Claiming that they were unable to estimate the cost of paving Brown street from Pierce to Southwood avenues, a majority of the residents of Brown street presented a signed petition to the village commission Monday night, requesting that the paving of the street be postponed until the residents of the street are able to pay for it in person at the meeting.

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Beltrami and Rush, Detroit restaurant owners for fifteen years, this week purchased the W. C. Aldrich property on north Woodward avenue, located at 213 North Woodward avenue, has a sixty foot frontage on Woodward avenue and is about 100 feet deep. The piece of land now has a house on it occupied by Mrs. W. C. Aldrich. Beltrami and Rush will likely start within a short time to erect an exclusive restaurant building on the site. The sale was transacted by Mrs. L. E. Holton.

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