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Wednesday, January 14, at 8:00 P. M.

Birmingham High School Auditorium Student Loan Fund

Friday, January 23, 8:00 P. M.

Dramatic
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RAMON NAVARRO ALICE TERRY

Admission 25c

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST STATE SAVINGS BANK

At Birmingham, Mich., at the close of business December 31, 1924, as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Dept.

RESOURCES	Commercial	Savings	Dollars Cts.
LOANS AND DISCOUNTS, viz.: Real Estate Mortgages Secured by collateral Unsecured Items in transit	\$564,961.05 2,226.71	\$8,629.29	\$573,590.34
Totals	\$567,187.76	\$18,764.62	\$585,952.38
BONDS, MORTGAGES and SECURITIES, viz.: Real Estate Mortgages Municipal Bonds in Office Municipal Bonds Pledged U. S. Bonds and Certificates of Indebtedness in Office U. S. Bonds and Certificates of Indebtedness Pledged Other Bonds	\$15,913.51 18,000.00 55,000.00 1,100.00 30,000.00 249,200.00	\$617,930.27 18,000.00 55,000.00 1,100.00 30,000.00 249,200.00	\$1,181,343.84
Totals	\$15,913.51	\$617,930.27	\$633,843.78
RESERVES, viz.: Due from Federal Reserve Bank Due from Banks in Reserve Cities Exchanges for clearing house Total cash on hand	\$1,092.39 51,092.39 3,961.18 15,999.50	\$30,000.00 45,220.17 29,000.00	\$90,272.14
Totals	\$1,092.39	\$90,272.14	\$91,364.53
COMBINED ACCOUNTS, viz.: Overdrafts Banking House Furniture and Fixtures Customers' Bonds Deposited with Bank for Safekeeping Outside Checks and other Cash Items Stock of Federal Reserve Bank	\$690.64 40,000.00 2,800.00 388.54 3,900.00		\$44,779.18
Totals	\$690.64		\$44,779.18
LIABILITIES Capital Stock paid in Surplus Fund Undivided Profits, net Dividends, Unpaid Reserves for Taxes, Interests, etc.	\$100,000.00 30,000.00 27,104.62 3,000.00 12,338.12		\$172,442.74
COMMERCIAL DEPOSITS, viz.: Commercial Deposits Subject to Check Demand Certificates of Deposit Certified Checks Cashier's Checks	\$480,987.97 1,340.23 11,773.12		\$492,701.32
Totals	\$480,987.97		\$492,701.32
SAVINGS DEPOSITS, viz.: Book Accounts—Subject to Savings By-Laws Certificates of Deposit Subject to Savings By-Laws Loans Club Savings (Xmas, Thrift, etc.)	\$884,805.80 317,543.02 1,347.08		\$1,203,695.90
Totals	\$884,805.80		\$1,203,695.90
State of Michigan, County of Oakland, ss. I, Arthur C. Peck, Cashier, of the above named Bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and correctly represents the true state of the several matters therein contained as shown by the books of the bank.			

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January, 1925.
MARGARET ARNOLD
Notary Public.
My commission expires July 26, 1927.

ARTHUR C. PECK, Cashier
FRANK HAGERMAN, T. R. SMITH, THOS. H. COBB,
Directors

Celebration of Twelfth Night Marks Close of Holiday Fetes, Com. House

Holiday festivities at the community house were closed in a very fitting manner by the celebration of Twelfth Night Tuesday evening. After a program of music and story telling every wreath and branch which had adorned the community house was piled one by one on the grate fire, then the wreaths which were brought in by the guests were added to the flames.

When the Christmas greens were reduced to glowing embers a huge mound of marshmallows was brought in and toasted for the assembled company of about sixty guests by two small boys who had cut sticks for the occasion.

Mrs. Charles Shain gave the history of the Twelfth Night tradition, reminding her hearers that it is the commemoration of the adoration of the Mass, observed as a festival since the third century. The first miracle was sometimes included in the elaborate celebration which took place on the Twelfth Day after Christmas. The adoration was dramatized, gold, frankincense and myrrh being offered on the altars. According to the old English custom it was the closing of the holiday season and was observed by the burning of all Christmas greens on the remains of the Yule log and celebrated by minstrel songs and stories.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT SHOWN
Miss Griffith, in commenting on the Christmas spirit shown in Birmingham this year, said that she felt very gratified at the willing response given to the community house at the call of sentiment and sociability as well as to the needs of the unfortunate. The co-operation of every different organization and individuals during the season just closed has been a revelation in country spirit.

The contributions began with the gift of a beautiful community tree from the Elks Club, which was decorated with greenery and lights from the Exchange Club. The Edison Company loaned the tree, the twelve lights approved by tradition were set four men over to place the tree in the community house. The lights were loaned by the Leonard Electric Company and also, John Walling loaned the ornaments for the tree.

Other donations of toys, money, food and clothing were made by Mrs. Morley, Mrs. Mowers, Mrs. Brady, Mrs. John Walling, Mrs. and Mrs. Raber, Mrs. and Mrs. W. Raymond, Willy Bell, Mrs. and Mrs. M. C. Kates, Mrs. and Mrs. Leon, Mrs. Mass Reed, Mrs. L. L. Cunningham, Mrs. Scudmore and the Noon Day Girls Club. A little girl's savings were handed in to the community house. The money was for some little children among those who helped to carry Christmas cheer around the city.

Several children whose names were not recorded brought in toys. Many of the contributors provided directly for whole families and some of them gave toys and clothing as well. Some of the gifts were made directly to families who were in need of information given through the community house. Fred Quanton gave generously of his time and efforts to assist Miss Griffith in seeing that all these Christmas expressions of good will arrived at the place where they would be most appreciated. The Boy Scouts were especially willing and helpful.

Mrs. John Chandler and Mrs. Herbert Zerbe constituted groups of carolers who went out from the community house to sing to the neighbors. Mrs. J. H. Myers turned their money in to Miss Griffith to be forwarded to the home of a crippled child at Farmington. "Cakes were given for the Christmas Eve 'at home' by Mrs. Rex Fry, Mrs. J. B. Price, Mrs. Howard Spoor, Mrs. J. H. Williams, Mrs. George Raynolds, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. A. R. King, Mrs. E. R. Smith, Mrs. W. Carpenter, Mrs. Paul Fisher, and Mrs. H. W. Potter.

This week the community house takes up its regular routine duties, and the organizations which have resumed their meetings.

THREE BOND ISSUES
TOTTALING \$68,800 TO BE VOTED ON MARCH 9.
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Actual cost of the tax, as well as fittings, controls, etc. It would stand on a steel framework 100 feet above the ground.

The third item included in the bond issues would amount to \$12,000, and would cover the cost of removing and laying new and larger water mains, as well as the elimination of "dead ends," and various sections of Birmingham.

CHARTER AMENDMENTS
Three amendments to the village charter, which the voters will be asked to approve March 9, are:
(1) that the charter be changed to require the nomination and election of two members of the library board each year in the same manner as candidates for the office of president, commissioners, and clerk. This would require that petitions be circulated providing the election, instead of the nomination of candidates at a caucus.
(2) changing the charter which gives the commission power to create special assessment districts, by allowing a special assessment of fifty per cent to be levied against any piece of property, over a period of five years. This would supercede the present provision which sets the limit for any special tax levy at not more than 25 per cent of the assessed value of the land benefited. It is held by the commission that the present 25 per cent limit is too low, the installation of needed improvements because many vacant lots are not assessed enough so that 25 per cent is a heavy burden to pay for a given improvement.
(3) this amended charter amendment seeks to take all so-called special assessment bonds general obligation bonds. Experience has proved that the so-called special assessment bonds, which are not as readily sold on the market, and carry a higher rate of interest, are passed off as being a distinct saving in dollars and cents to local citizens.

The terms of village clerk Hazel Trotter and Commissioner Charles E. Williams will be filled March 9, terms of H. B. Clement and Clarence West expire on the library board.

SEEK 2 NEW MEMBERS FOR COM. HOUSE BOARD

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but there were some special meetings during the month and these, together with the Christmas activities, brought the total up to his gratifying figure. There was a talk one evening by Miss Faye Frazee of Detroit on the value of the "Girl Reserve Movement," an address by Mr. Kinder, assistant to Dr. S. S. Marquis of Detroit, who was scheduled to appear and was prevented by illness; a party given by the Eco City Congregational Church; a children's Christmas party by the American Association of University Women; a charming little play given by the Bluebirds, and a treat to Gustavus Pope, illustrated by moving pictures.

The use of the house is increasing and it is coming to be looked to by those new to the village to establish special contacts and divisions as well as to assist in such troublous matters as securing help and providing needed information. One man who is temporarily employed in Birmingham came in to see the director one day to tell her how much the place had interested him and what a pleasure it had been to pass by every day and see the Christmas tree in the corner. It is impossible to measure the value of an agency which gives happy moments many times a day, but such intangible things are felt by the board to mean as much to the community as the more practical uses to which the house is put.

It was decided by the board to create a small fund to be called a "Hospitality Fund" and start it with the various Christmas gifts of money from individuals and carollers for which no special use was designated. Miss Griffith will draw on this fund to disseminate on special occasions.

KLINGENSMITH PLAT IS REJECTED BY TOWN BOARD MONDAY NIGHT
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\$5,000 to be built on Mr. Klingensmith's lands.

"What we want is the support of the people of Birmingham township so that we can have some protection in our decision in accepting various state relative to the state of streets, and restrictions," said Supervisor Moore Monday night. "When we accept anything we would be the foundation of what may in time become a large city. It is the desire of the township to make Birmingham and Bloomfield township the paradise of Oakland county."

"FLYING FOR PROFIT" IS SUBJECT OF TALK
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train or boat, but today the costs are comparatively the same.

Mr. Stout said that his company was concentrating on the building of one type of commercial car, which he hoped to so standardize that they could be turned out in quantities at a minimum price.

Mr. Stout declared that the time was not far distant when dozens of commercial cars would be used throughout the United States, and that eventually the costs of carrying passengers and freight by rail would be cheaper than present methods of rail and water.

Sneezing Brought Good Luck
Our forefathers believed that a sneeze brought good luck.

INCREASE IN D. U. R. AND BUS LINES JANUARY 7

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Signs indicating the mile stations north from Ford's have been placed in position after a most careful survey, with the result that the new fare from Ford's to Vinewood avenue in Birmingham, is 24 cents, and beyond that to and including Deep Dale, 26 cents. To this rate is added a six cent fare on the interurban to the waiting room and a ten cent city fare on the motor coaches.

It is expected that before winter is over the D. U. R. cars, except possibly the day-lux chair cars, will turn at the full terminal station now in the course of erection opposite Ford's. Firming tracks are now being installed. When this service is installed the D. U. R. will operate a fleet of passenger motor coaches to the Detroit interurban station, charging a fare of ten cents. These coaches will do strictly Detroit business. They will stop, inbound, to let off passengers and outbound to take on interurban patrons of the interurban cars.

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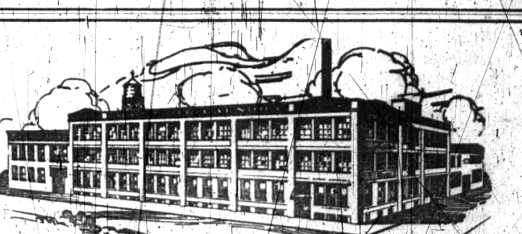
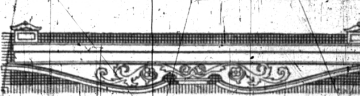
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