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### ALL QUALITIES AND SIZES.

#### HANNA IS BUSY GETTING OPTIONS IN VILLAGE

Beginning this week Wednesday, John Hanna, appointed by the village commission, began proceedings to obtain options on parts of all property along the east side of Woodward avenue within the village, to comply with the request of the State made through a letter signed by Thad D. Seeley last week. The options will be made to run for six months during which time the State will have the opportunity of buying the property for the purpose of making Woodward avenue, through the village, 150 ft. wide. At a conference with Mr. Seeley this week, Mr. Hanna was given instructions to proceed with securing the options immediately.

Mr. Seeley was appointed by the governor early in the Woodward avenue widening project to secure the right-of-way on behalf of the State. In a letter received a week ago by the village commission requesting options for east side property, it is intimated that the State might be approaching some decision as to what will be done to Woodward avenue in the village. This letter followed the filing of an estimated cost of sufficient property to widen the street, made by Mr. Hanna. According to Mr. Seeley, this was too indefinite for the State to proceed on and the actual options were requested. Mr. Hanna had made the estimates and was requested by the commission to carry on the work with the options.

Outside of Birmingham, both north and south, construction work is progressing very rapidly, while the road remains closed to all traffic except the buses and the cars carrying special passes, issued by order of the state officials. State police are retained along the road at dangerous points to direct the traffic and avoid accidents.

In a statement by state officials made public last Sunday, it was said that Woodward avenue between Pontiac and the Eleven Mile Road would, in all probability, remain closed until September. This, it was stated, would permit the completion of the road about one month in advance of what could be expected if the traffic was allowed along the road at all times, meaning there is practically no outside traffic traveling through Birmingham and statements by local merchants indicate that their business is sorely affected. Local traffic, Detroit bound, is generally on the Southfield road while Pontiac bound traffic travels out West Maple avenue and in on the Orchard Lake road while other traffic uses the Dodge Road. Very strict rules are maintained at the village, and Woodward is closed and only the state passes allow automobiles to travel the road.

#### Lynd Secretary Of New Oakland Co. Federation Of "Y's"

At the meeting Wednesday evening of the Executive Committee of the recently formed Lynd Oakland County Federation of Y. M. C. A.'s, it was decided that Robert D. Lynd should be employed as executive secretary of the Federation. Mr. Lynd will act in this capacity until September when more permanent arrangements will be made.

The committee also decided to send Mr. Lynd to camp to make a definite report, as secretary, on activities there, Birmingham is having its share in the Lynd Camp Olympics, located on Fish Lake. Additional registrants from the village have signed up and boys now at camp are planning on their stay longer than the period they had at first signed up for. The new registrants are John Williams, Dan Jewell, Orville Dennison and Everett Denington.

A camp exhibit is being arranged for in one of the downtown windows of the village by Mr. Lynd. Views of camp life taken during the last few weeks will be shown some time next week.

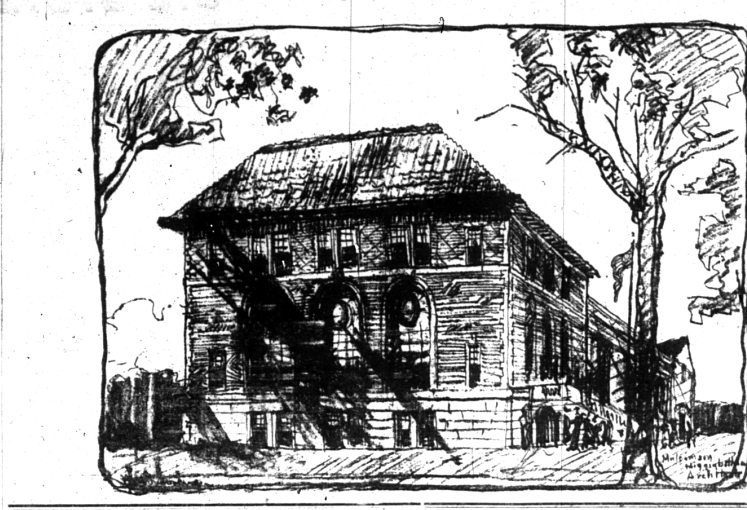
Charles J. Shain, chairman of the administration committee, gave a report at the Executive Committee meeting recommending a plan whereby the Executive Secretary would spend certain days each week of the Federation's units. The suggestion was adopted and Birmingham was assigned to Tuesday and Friday of the schedule. Clarence Vilet, as chairman of the finance committee, is perfecting a budget for the Federation.

An interesting report of work at Ferndale was also given among the boys and girls campers. W. E. Ostrander, a real estate dealer of Ferndale, has provided for the sending of fourteen young people to camp this summer. A boy and girl from each of the seven school districts of Ferndale were selected for the honor on the basis of scholarship, health, character and citizenship. These fourteen campers are asked to write weekly letter to Mr. Ostrander telling of camp life during their stay. One business man of Ferndale is also sending boys to camp.

**Pepin Production**  
The latest of annual industry 4379 that pepin is produced in the following manner: Young pigs are taken and confined for several days, then, after being starved, they are killed and the stomachs removed. The linings of the stomachs are scraped and the pepin extracted from the mucous membrane by the use of a salt solution. It is then purified and treated in a vacuum.

**Plant Stimulation**  
Nitrate of soda is good for plants and flowers if used in moderation. It increases the vegetable growth, stimulating the foliage rather than the flowers. Too much will prove injurious.

## The New Proposed Memorial Building



#### VILLAGE SUFFERING FROM WATER SHORTAGE

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By such a well. Installing a pump at this location would necessitate calling a special election to bond the village for money to proceed with the building of a pump house and the installation of mains to bring the water up Southfield road. This, says Mr. Shain, would be a very acceptable condition, bringing the water from another source besides the Maple avenue mains.

Before such a proposition is put to vote, the commission desires to sink another test well on the east side of South Woodward avenue at Lincoln avenue across from the Walton property, where it is believed water could be found. Two such wells developed would provide the village with sufficient water for many years. It is the desire of the commission to raise bonds for both these pumps and mains at the same special election. Such an election will probably occur late this autumn if the work proceeds and water is actually located, as is indicated by Birmingham at the southwest corner of the village upon whose property the wells are being located.

#### ANNEXATION ELECTION COMES NEXT TUESDAY

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tion are not given to the people of the nine pieces included in the annexation question. While in the district districts are not being put down the expense of the village. Before the territories become too largely populated it is desired to establish some sort of uniform system for laying out streets and putting in improvements, as well as placing regulations on the size of lots.

With the widening of Woodward avenue and the steady increase of population within the village, the question of whether Birmingham should have these 318 acres added to their territories became a big proposition which is being left to the people alone to decide. The election must pass three different groups: the people residing in the affected sections, the village electors and the voters from the township. The decision of the people will be without its effect upon the question of Birmingham becoming a city.

Opinions from all three groups of voters are favorable for annexation, one man in the affected territory nexting the inability to locate a certain house in the affected territory was due to the fact that it did not fit in with the village limits. The desirability of houses and lots would be greatly increased by annexation, according to the taxpayers in these outlying sections. This increased popularity would by far offset any village tax which would be levied. Property owners in these territories would not be assessed by the village until they were within its limits.

Petitions for annexation include nine parcels of land totaling approximately 318 acres. The population of the affected lands is estimated at 100.

**BIRMINGHAM WILL PLAY  
AT OXFORD SUNDAY**  
Birmingham's victorious baseball team will go to Oxford Sunday, July 12, to play the K. P.'s at that place. The game will be played on Oxford's baseball diamond. The game of July 4th, between Rockwood and Birmingham K. P.'s was close, Birmingham finally coming out on top with 11 against Rockwood's 9 for a final score.

#### BIRMINGHAM HAS A SAFE AND SANE FOURTH

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11 to 5. Boot's superb pitching and hitting led the boys right along. Al-so Hack Wilson's terrific strike in the second inning was a great help. G. Cowan pulled some nice plays, also to help win, by getting everything between lat and 3rd, and by putting a man out at 2nd while taking a nose dive for a throw to the base.

The weather in the morning did not look very promising, but our loyal rooters must have concentrated very hard as it cleared up and we had a very delightful afternoon, with lots of fireworks, red pop and lemonade.

Our ball club has lost only two games this season and doesn't expect to lose another one. We have games with Springville, Rochester, Oxford and Northville, and we will win them all, thanks to our hard working manager, Jack Baird.

#### JURY WILL DETERMINE PRICE OF LAND THURSDAY

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changes in the plans of the village. Providing the state determines to take a number of feet off the east side of Woodward avenue, it will automatically bring about the necessity of new headquarters for the village offices, by causing the removal of the village hall.

"In this event," said Mr. Shain, "the village would have to find temporary offices elsewhere, and the commission would have to go about providing for the new building before we had anticipated."

The defendants in the condemnation proceedings were represented by Patterson and Patterson, of Pontiac, for H. J. Dewey; A. Floyd Blackelder, Pontiac, the township; and Frank Doty, the village. The jury selected by the trio consisted of William G. Olsen, John Lawson, E. O'Neil, Philip Williams, Ora Smith, L. J. Slusser, Frank Schlaack, Charles Peck, Charles McCarthy, R. J. Bell, and Joseph H. Joseph. These names were selected from the twenty-four names provided by Justice of the Peace Buck.

#### MOORE APPEALS TO STATE BOARD TO ADJUST TAX ALLOCATION

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land townships, Philip Coventry and Bert Sardlow, respectively, who, as members of the county equalization board, are said to have refused to sign their names to the proceedings passing the equalizations, claiming it is said, that the actual improvements were "unfair and discriminatory."

\$8,000,000 was deducted from the assessment of Royal Oak Township and \$3,000,000 from the assessment of the City of Royal Oak, while \$1,000,000 was deducted from the Southfield Township assessment by the County Equalization Board.

Laws regarding assessments are the same throughout the townships and are figured at about 50 per cent the sale value of the property within a reasonable length of time. When the matter is taken up by the state it is hoped the county board will be called together and asked to show causes why Bloomfield township was not made more nearly equal. Members of the board include: Joseph Brooks, Southfield, chairman; George Scott, Royal Oak; Frank Ely, Pontiac; Alfred Galy, Waterford; Philip Coventry, Grosse Pointe; Andrew Seeley, Rose, and Bert Sardlow, Highland townships.

Another similar circumstance has occurred in Onondaga County where the state has been asked to interfere. In this instance which is being investigated at present, the state was obliged to send in tax assessors to assess the entire county. Mr. Moore is endeavoring to have the matter settled here without this extremity. However, rather than let the equalization stand as it is now, Mr. Moore states he will let the state proceed with the re-assessment.

**Badgers' Work a Menace**  
Badgers spend most of their time digging for and eating the tubers of the potato and the roots of the turnip, while doing the greatest service to the farmer their big burrows on the prairies are a menace to every horse and rider on the plains.

#### TO VOTE ON PROPOSED MEMORIAL JULY 14

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and has been so long since removed that only the keenest-witted of the older residents can recall it. Many years ago it was removed to a remote spot of Greenwood cemetery. On this names of the soldiers from this district were inscribed.

Conditions existing at present would indicate that there was a possibility of a site being donated by one of the citizens of the township. Providing this is not mature, however, it is anticipated that sufficient money will be realized from the condemnation of the old Town Hall at Merrill and Bates streets by the village, to provide for the purchase of a site. The amount of this sum is to be determined by a jury next week Friday.

Plans for the building show an auditorium that will accommodate about 400, with a stage and other necessary adjoining rooms, besides offices and billiard rooms and such other rooms as would be deemed necessary by the township board.

Many local organizations are working diligently for the realization of such a building, and particularly the American Legion who will use the building as headquarters.

#### FIRST SOD TURNED FOR NEW CHRIST CHURCH

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"Judging from the attendance at our first meeting," said Reverend Marquis, "it is evident that from the first the church will be an attraction. Without any announcement in advance regarding the sod turning ceremony, there were more than eighty in the meeting. This would indicate that with the new church as an added attraction, it will be a great draw for a large congregation for several years. For a time, at least, the church building will attract attention for its beauty."

#### WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

(Little Editorials picked up by the Staff in and around Birmingham.)

Mr. Tom Reddick, 523 Hazelwood avenue: "I think that the present annexation proposition is a fine thing, and I hope that it will carry, for Birmingham will have to expand. Now is the time to prepare for this expansion while there is property which is not incorporated. Soon there will be a greater demand for property in Birmingham. Wider Woodward will increase the demand for property here. If the available land surrounding us is not taken into Birmingham, it will be incorporated into villages such as Ferndale. Birmingham will not be able to grow as we will be surrounded by a horde of these small villages. I see a great future for Birmingham if advantage is taken of this nearby territory very soon."

Mrs. J. C. Huston of Pierce street: "I feel that Mr. Quorton and Mr. Lynch, having served on the Board of Education so efficiently, should be returned to finish the constructive program in the midst of which the school now finds itself."

Mrs. John Marshall of Pierce street: "With the Birmingham school district in the midst of such phenomenal growth and development, the program for new sites and school buildings necessary to care for the growth and increase in the number of school children—should be carried well on its way toward completion by the same members of the School Board who conceived it."

Mr. Robert L. Tillston, Hazelwood avenue: "Birmingham has grown from a small village into a city in a very few years. The improvements have not progressed as fast as the growth in population, and the improvements which is particularly slow, is the increase of street lights. On Oak Street between Woodward and Lakeview, there are no street lights. This condition makes the street unsafe for pedestrians after dark."

#### ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TAKES PLACE NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

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on the Adams playground is the former home of J. J. Paulus which was included in the purchase of five lots fronting on Oakland avenue, between Adams avenue and Worth street, for a playground when the proposed addition is built on the Adams school site. The house will likely be sold at public sale.

In spite of the startling figures of \$518,000 expended during the year by the board of education, disclosed in the recent audit, the operating cost of the school was surprisingly small, according to Clarence Vilet, superintendent of public schools. Of this amount only \$100,000 was for the retaining of teachers. Considering the number of schools operating here, said Mr. Vilet, this is a very small sum.

The election of trustees next Monday, by ballot at a called election, is the first thing the history of the village that trustees for the school board have received appointments in this manner. Formerly the nominations were made at the annual meeting, and the election held informally. There are two cases that provide a resident to vote at the election. First: Any resident of voting age, living within the school district, who is a property owner; second: Any person of voting age with a child enrolled in the school census may vote at the school election.

#### VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Being a List of the Matters Considered and Acted Upon By the Official Commission of the Village of Birmingham. These Items Should Be Of Interest to Every Local Taxpayer.

Regular meeting of the Village Commission held Monday evening, July 8, 1925, at 8 o'clock.

Present: President Shain, Commissioner Birmingham.

Minutes of meeting of June 28, 1925, approved as printed.

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