

TEST WELL PROMISES GOOD WATER SUPPLY

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water. When this well has been thoroughly assured, another well is to be tested for at Woodward Lincoln avenue on the east side of Woodward. If this proves satisfactory, as is almost assumed, the wells will be developed as quickly as a bond issue for funds can be arranged. This, the village board officials would care for the water problem for many years.

Ultimately, says Mr. Starr, "the village will be a part of a Metropolitan water area and will secure the water supply from Lake St. Clair. However, such a distribution of water will not come through Detroit but will come to all the villages around Pontiac through direct pipes, across country to the lake.

At present, it is Mr. Starr's belief, "this is too expensive a proposition for this community. The wells, when they are developed, will provide an adequate supply for a large community than it will be called on for such an undertaking by the Metropolitan Area plan would be an impossibility just now, or for several years, until the community is able to bear the burden of the expense connected with it."

NEW LANDS ARE NOW A PART OF BIRMINGHAM

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will especially be welcomed. The water situation was in a most precarious condition, there being great probability of it being shut off in the subdivisions as long as the water supply was too low to furnish residents of the village with water. Water from now on will be furnished to the people of the annexed territories at the regular village rate.

Real estate men are at work in the Birmingham Forests subdividing the land. Alterations are being made in the original plan of lots and the regular subdividers' improvements are being installed. These developments include the installation of surface sewers, water mains and the grading and graveling of the streets. Village officials are especially interested in seeing that the subdividers carry out these three requirements completely. The majority of the new additions to the village have already been subdivided and are ready for building; the Haack and Daniels properties are as yet unplatted.

FIRE PROTECTION IS SOUGHT BY TROY TWP.

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fire equipment protect all property in the corner of the township where the telephones are on the Birmingham exchange, and likewise to have Rochester furnish the protection to another section, and Clawson take a small section. This would still leave a portion of the township without any provision for such protection. According to manager Starr, the township cannot be taxed for protection unless the entire section receives the protection.

His terms of a suggested contract provide for protection to the entire township with the cost so accordingly. He suggests that Birmingham charge for the cost of the fire truck, to be set on a sliding scale, so that the greater distance the truck is required to go the larger the amount the township will be asked to pay. They will also pay the firm's fee plus ten per cent. An additional charge of \$2 will be made for each chemical charge.

Such a contract will be submitted to the Troy Township people for their approval. It would mean no benefit to the village in a financial way but would about cover the expense of the accommodation.

BIRMINGHAM SHOWS INCREASE IN WEALTH

That Birmingham, during the past ten years, has witnessed an almost steady increase in internal growth and wealth is evidenced by the following figures covering assessments for each year since 1915. These figures, prepared by village treasurer Charles Plumstead, increased in assessed valuation nearly six million dollars in the last decade. Following is the table:

1915	\$2,891,000
1916	2,017,695
1917	2,891,000
1918	3,127,000
1919	3,551,700
1920	4,793,000
1921	5,121,000
1922	5,803,000
1923	5,629,700
1924	7,626,800
1925	8,555,700

Lincoln Extension Proceedings Begun

Proceedings were started this morning to condemn a strip of land belonging to Mrs. C. K. Latham for a clear right-of-way to extend Southfield avenue west to the Cranbrook road. A jury was called to sit at 9:30 a. m. first to determine if the road was a necessity, and second to determine who amount the village should pay for the strip of land. The required piece of land is a strip 33 feet wide and about 300 feet in length, extending the full length of the Latham property. This is the only land that is not already deeded to the village to extend the road.

Twelve men have been picked for the jury and Frank Doty of Pontiac, representing the village in the condemnation proceedings. The case is being heard in the court of Justice J. Lee Baker of Detroit, interested in the Birmingham Hills subdivision, platted on the land west of the Latham land, that when he bought his property from the Lathams some years ago, he was assured by Mr. Latham that this land would be opened when the village took steps to open a road. There is no written agreement to this effect, though.

Much of the property along the proposed road has been subdivided and, when the land was platted, provision was made for such a road. Where the property has not been subdivided, deeds have been given to sufficient property to make the road 66 feet wide.

It is doubtful if the road will be more than started this fall, said Manager Starr. The road commission has turned the problem of extending the road over to the village and the township, and the expense will be carried by special assessment. While it is a comparatively short strip of road it will be an important one, opening the only through road to the west, south of West Maple avenue. This will provide a short cut to Birmingham Hills and will take traffic bound to certain parts of the Hills out Southfield road, probably.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to the many friends for their many acts of kindness during the recent illness and death of our father, and particularly for the beautiful floral offerings.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trumbull
Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Trumbull and Family.
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Obituary

Mr. James Edgar, Mrs. Margaret Ann Edgar of Starr road, died last Saturday, July 18, at the age of 72 years. She had lived in the home on Starr road for the past 21 years. Her husband, James, and two children, Elizabeth and Walter, are now living on the farm. Two sons, Joseph of Bridgeville avenue, and Thomas, also of Birmingham, are among the survivors. Another daughter, Mrs. Herbert Cromie, resides in Berkeley. On Tuesday, July 21, funeral services were held at the United Presbyterian church of Troy at 2:30. Rev. David Curry of the Bennville Avenue Congregational church and Rev. Marcellus Nesbitt of the Troy United Presbyterian church officiating. Interment took place in the Royal Oak cemetery.

Donald Lee Foster. Donald Lee Foster, the one and a half-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Foster, died at the home of his parents on 102 Ruffner avenue, on Thursday, July 23. Besides his father and mother, Donald is survived by two brothers.

Funeral services are to be held tomorrow morning at ten o'clock from the Daines and Bell chapel and burial will take place in Roseland Park cemetery.

Mrs. Rose Marentette. Mrs. Rose Marentette died at her home in Troy Township on Saturday, July 18. Her husband, August, and still living with his parents. Mrs. Marentette was 65 years of age.

Three of the children, Mrs. Frank Miller, Mose Marentette and Raymond Marentette, reside in Detroit. One daughter, Mrs. Oliver Loyer, lives at Chatham, Ontario, and another, Mrs. Ed Harvey Gibbins, is in Miami, Florida.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 9 o'clock from the home of Mrs. Frank Miller, 2900 18th street, Detroit, at Saint Ann's church. Burial took place at Mount Olivet cemetery.

THE PERSONAL COLUMN

It is the custom for some superior folks to make fun of newspapers for printing so many personal items and the news of people's movements and doings. And yet such publication is the response to a normal instinct.

If you meet your friends socially, you comment, exchange information about your personal acquaintances. Such one has gone on a travelling trip, and some one else has bought a house, and so on. A person who does not talk about such matters is apt to get on a very dreary way, knowing little of what is happening around him.

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AUGUST 13th, 14th, and 15th, 1925

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Pope's Change of Name
The first pope of Rome to change his name on assuming the pontificate was Pietro Osperca or Peter Hoops-mouth. Some authorities attribute the change to the apparent arrogance of assuming to call himself Peter II, but the general impression is that he was glad to rid himself forever from all associations with his family name by assuming the title of Sergius II. The precedent has been followed by all his successors.

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