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PLACE NEEDS PLANNING
ROAD BUILDING PROJECTS

Manager Starr Points Out Economy Of Hard Surface Highways Over Dirt Roads
COST \$2.75 TO \$7.50 FOOT

Village Pays One-Sixth, Abutting Property Owners Five-Sixths Of Cost
"Mad," said "Billy" Brown of Higgins street, "the stuff that they originally put on our street. It has a great bite for water, which makes it make a mighty fine article with which to make pipes, and it also serves to accelerate the wear on automobile springs and human spines."

Mr. Starr said that the village is now in the beginning of an era of permanent road surfaces in Birmingham. He pointed out that the village manager Starr on the question, and this is what he said:
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COURT MUST CARE FOR MORTGAGEE INTERESTS

Voters Asked To Approve Three-Quarter Mill Tax On April 6
WILL SAVE BOND ISSUE

Four humanitarian projects, all of which are of the utmost importance, are involved in the three-quarter mill tax which will be put before the people of Oakland County at the election on April 6.

The County Infirmary, or home for the poor. The Tuberculosis Sanitarium. The Juvenile Detention Home. The Contagious Disease hospital. Need for these four buildings has been urgently felt for some years and it will be the purpose of the tax to provide them on a "pay as you go" basis that the building committee of the county is now working on. The plan also recommended the plan on which funds have been and are being raised through the mortgagee interest tax.

MRS. HOLCOMB DEAD AS RESULT OF EXPLOSION

Mrs. Jeannette Wright Holcomb, who was clerks in the Baldwin high school several years ago, was burned to death last Friday at her home in Birmingham. Holcomb was making some turpentine for the treatment of a cold for her seven months old son. Through the carelessness of George Clark of Chesterfield road, and for two years before her marriage, Holcomb was the librarian and clerk in the high school where a sister, Miss Grace Wright, also taught. Her husband, Benjamin Holcomb, was a teacher of agriculture in the Plymouth high school. For almost a year Holcomb was the principal of the Baldwin high school. Her husband and Mrs. Holcomb resided here, on Merrill street.

ST. MATTHEWS CHOIR SINGS HERE TONIGHT

The Parish Choir of twenty-four voices from St. Matthews Episcopal church, Detroit will sing here at St. James Episcopal church, Birmingham, on Friday evening at eight o'clock. The choir is under the leadership of Rev. Charles H. McCreary, rector of St. Matthews church, who is known widely for his gifted eloquence, will deliver the address at the evening. This large choir, which will have charge of the musical part of the program, will sing at the service. This is the opening service in a series that has been arranged by Rev. Charles H. McCreary, rector of St. Matthews church, on Friday the Reverend Father Burt of Pontiac will deliver the address and the St. James choir will sing.

Baldwin Senior Class Anxious To Leave For Washington, D. C., April 4

Howard Crull, manual training instructor in the high school, and Miss Ruth Van Winkle will represent the board of education at the Baldwin Senior class. The class is to leave for Washington, D. C., during the week of April 4. The class is being led by the board to assist, Earl G. Potter, who will conduct the trip. A fund has been raised for the board to pay the expenses of Mr. Crull as the board is considered indirectly responsible for this Washington trip since it has developed into a part of the school activities.

MRS. WHITTEMORE HERE TO ADDRESS CLUB

Local Member Of National Woman's Party Speaks At Community House
MUCH INTEREST SHOWN

By Helen V. Walker
In her wonderfully fascinating manner, Mrs. W. Nelson Whittemore told members of the Civic League on Monday afternoon of the aims and purposes of the National Woman's Party. Mrs. Whittemore and her subject in the fact that almost the entire membership heard her address, which in four hours had usually seen with no elections pending. The meeting was held in the community house, but Mrs. Whittemore talked of her experiences in Washington where she had recently been a delegate to the party. "It is not strange," Mrs. Whittemore during her address, "that Mrs. Whittemore has so excited opinion of herself. It is quite easily understood why they have and in the same position I think they feel as man from all over the country came to tell their committee, the board were invited to the doors with women, and with Mrs. Whittemore, who was the chairwoman of some kind. The same condition exists everywhere and why wouldn't man have a coded opinion of himself?"

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Village Players To Present Three Plays With Public Invited

Village Players are to be accorded an opportunity to see the productions of the Village Players on April 24 for the production of three plays. The limited seating capacity of the community house has made it impossible to give the public a chance to see the production of three plays. By arranging to their performance on two nights, together with those of the Cobb and others, it is interested financially in the enterprise. "We believe that our organization, which covers a large block in width and fronts on East Maple road for a half mile, will become popular with residents as fast as we can build houses. Saver and water, sewer, obtained from Birmingham, is installed, and the character of annexation to Birmingham within two or three years are very good."

Rev. W. C. McKnight Given Memorial By Local Scout Troop

George Schorr, of Oakland avenue, Senior Patrol Leader of Birmingham Boy Scout Troop 11, together with a group of Scouts, presented a memorial to Rev. W. C. McKnight, pastor of the Eastminster Presbyterian church, Detroit, last Sunday, and formally presented the memorial to Rev. McKnight, who left the local First Presbyterian church a few weeks ago to take up his duties as pastor of the Scoutmaster and founder of Troop 11. Following is the text contained on the printed framed memorial: "Because of his services to the Boyhood of Birmingham, having been a Scoutmaster for many years, and during that time through the Boy Scout Troop, he has been a noble and precept having aided immeasurably in developing men of character, trained for citizenship, the members of the Troop, as taken over by McKnight, and esteem, do hereby confer upon Rev. W. C. McKnight, the title and office of Scoutmaster Emeritus, and while regretting the loss of his active leadership, do solemnly reiterate that the spirit and traditions of Scouting, as established through his years of unselfish devotion, shall be a guiding light through the years to come."

THANK YOU, JOHN

One of the things which makes a man a man is his ability to experience "that grand old feeling" is the receipt of the following letter. It was written by John E. Cobb, of Brown street. Mr. W. C. McKnight is superintendent of the Birmingham Estates. Friend George, I am exceedingly sending my check to your order for \$1.50 for one year's subscription to the Birmingham Estates. I landed a member when we used to pay one buck per year, it was worth every cent, but I don't know how many years ago, why it is worth five more now. Why not be a member? I am a fishery either.

CHIEF ANDERSON ORDERS ALL BIRMINGHAM DOGS KEPT TIED

Chief of Police James Anderson last night announced the owners of dogs in Birmingham must keep their pets tied up, or their own premises, under penalty of a fine. Chief Anderson says scampers about town provoking they are on leash, and according to the ordinance, the dogs must be restrained and protect local life and property.

B'HAM STARTS PROCEEDINGS TO ACQUIRE BLOCK OF LAND
Within the next few days plans will be served upon owners of property bounded by Merrill, Martin, Bates, and Chestnut streets, the steps in the condemnation and acquisition of their land for village purposes. The case will be heard before Justice of the Peace Cook. The return date is set for April 11.

"For a Bigger and Better Birmingham"
Once Again Rotary Rescues The Starving Members Of Exchange

By George R. Averill
Well, folks, "the deed is done." For the seventh time the Birmingham Rotary club has succumbed to the physical exhaustion of its following-day organization here known to restaurants and other places where food was served on the Exchange Club. I parenthetically remark that the 38 members of the local Exchange club really live up to their name, for they exchange healthy appetites for full stomachs—so often at the expense of Rotary members of the same name.

The latest raid which this band of Exchange made on the culinary department of local places in Birmingham, was at the Northwood Inn, Royal Oak. In all, 47 members of both clubs were gathered around the festive board; a good sized chicken dinner was served (at \$1.75 per plate) and the members of the Exchange club, who were less corpulent. Inability, they claim, to raise the proper amount of food fitted them for the occasion. The members of the Birmingham Rotary club, who were less corpulent. Inability, they claim, to raise the proper amount of food fitted them for the occasion. The members of the Birmingham Rotary club, who were less corpulent. Inability, they claim, to raise the proper amount of food fitted them for the occasion.

MING BILL IS PASSED
Legislature Approves Plan To Have State Pay All Cost Of Truck Lanes

Few things have transpired during the past week to change the situation surrounding the widening of Woodward avenue through Birmingham. Nothing has been learned from Lansing since the visit of Governor Greenback and his aides here a week ago. John Hanna, Fred V. Querton, and J. W. Watkins, who started in Tuesday to make a appraisal of the cost of acquiring enough land on the south side of Woodward avenue through the village to build a half-mile highway. These three men are engaged in carefully looking over a report prepared by the State Highway Department, making their calculations without interviewing any of the property owners affected by the widening. Mr. Hanna Wednesday morning, the actual cost of condemning 30 feet from the east side of Woodward avenue in the village will amount to about a million dollars. This figure is based on the average, as they will allow the State to figure on the cost of moving and widening existing trunk roads. The appraisal estimates will be turned over to the State Highway Department.

13 HOMES BUILT IN E. MAPLE PARK

Investment Of \$150,000 Made In Rapidly Growing Subdivision
MAY ANNEX TO B'HAM

Thirteen modern homes, representing an investment of approximately \$150,000, have been built in East Maple Gardens, located a half mile east of Birmingham on East Maple avenue, since last October. According to Henry Kohl, local builder, who has developed the subdivision, the East Maple Gardens is becoming rapidly covered with homes than any other subdivision in Birmingham. "We have great faith in the development of East Maple Gardens," said A. L. Moses, of Oakland avenue, who is the financial backer of the enterprise. "We believe that our subdivision, which covers a large block in width and fronts on East Maple road for a half mile, will become popular with residents as fast as we can build houses. Saver and water, sewer, obtained from Birmingham, is installed, and the character of annexation to Birmingham within two or three years are very good."

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State Supt. Of Public Instruction Has Had Remarkable Rise

Lansing, March 26.—One of the men nominated in Detroit by the Republican State convention, February 25, for the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has become a candidate for the position. The nomination was made by the Michigan State Association of Public Instruction, which has elected to its president the personal history of the typical American better than does Tom Johnson.

Birmingham To Have Its Own "Model Home"

Work will be started within a few days on the erection of a large, up-to-date Model Home in Birmingham. This home is to be built in Quanton Lake Estates, on a large, 100 by 300 lot, bounded by Quanton, Lake and Park Drive. The Model Home that has been built heretofore, in Birmingham, has been a success. The Birmingham Model Home, however, will be an extensive, fully equipped with the latest and most modern equipment. In addition to the house, there will be a six-car garage, as well as an open summer house on the lake.

Start A Local Fund For Tornado Victims

In response to a request that some effort be made to obtain a fund from Birmingham and nearby residents for the relief of the sufferers from the tornado in Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri, the Executive committee of the State of Michigan has announced that it will start a fund for the relief of the sufferers from the tornado in Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri. The fund will be managed by the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and the Birmingham Board of Education. The fund will be used to purchase supplies and clothing for the sufferers, and to pay for the transportation of the sufferers to the relief camps. The fund will be open to all Birmingham residents who wish to contribute.

LECTURE COURSE TO CLOSE SERIES APRIL 4

The fifth number in the series of lectures sponsored by the Parent-Teachers Council of the Birmingham Estates, will be given at the public Saturday evening, April 4, at eight o'clock in the Baldwin Auditorium. The featured speaker will be the nationally known figure, an unequalled way of expressing himself, illustrating his lecture with the aid of his own experiences. This is the last number on the lecture course and it is hoped that the course will be a success. According to Council members, was approximately \$900, will be totally covered. It is hoped that the course during the winter declare that the series has been one of the best ever brought to Birmingham.

FOR SALE BY OWNER
Close lot in Birmingham, Michigan, near the city center. Price, \$125.00. Call 44-49.