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THURSDAY, MARCH 5th, BIRMINGHAM'S "DOLLAR DAY"

ANNUAL VILLAGE ELECTION TO BE HELD HERE ON MARCH 9

In order that the citizens of Birmingham may have all the chance in the world to become acquainted with the various issues at stake when the annual village election takes place next Monday, March 9, The Centric in this special issue publishes in detail the views of the Village Manager Harry S. Starr. Mr. Starr, who has been manager of Birmingham for the past three years, is thoroughly acquainted with the needs of the community, and gives a clear insight into the several issues to be balloted on next Monday.

Together with electing a village clerk and a village commissioner, electors of Birmingham will be asked to vote on two bond issues and three village charter amendments. Following are the views of Manager Starr on the various issues at stake:

ELEVATED STORAGE ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR EXPLANATION GIVEN TANK IS FAVORED BY SPENDING \$12,900 BY VILLAGE MANAGER VILLAGE MANAGER ON WATER MAINS ON CHARTER CHANGES

Starr Sets Forth Reasons Why 300,000 Gallon Tank Is Desirable.

Village Manager Offers Figures Proving Necessity of Bond Issue.

Three Amendments To Be Submitted To Local Electors On March 9.

WOULD COST \$29,000.00 Economy In Operation Of Local Water Works Warrants Expenditure

BENEFIT ALL CITIZENS TO BENEFIT BIRMINGHAM New Mains Would Eliminate "Dead Ends" And Improve Water Quality

Passage Will Save On Bond Interest And Allow For Paving Of Streets

Birmingham now has, for the first time in several years, more water available than is required to supply the demands of the Village. We are still, however, in the position of carrying our eggs in one basket as we are dependent for twenty-four hours of each day upon the continued safe operation of several items of pumping and distributing equipment, the failure of any one of which would seriously hamper, if not entirely interrupt, our supply of water.

This is a dangerous situation and one that is not understood by the large majority of our residents. Failure of a water supply is a very serious thing and should be insured against by every payable means. Any business man will see that his family and property is protected by investments and insurance, and any municipality should see that its residents are insured against the total failure of anything so essential as the supply of water which might cost immense sums in loss of property by fire as well as anything of any other nature.

Birmingham's water supply is now produced from two wells equipped with electrically driven deep well turbines.

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It is more or less generally known that the water mains of the village are inadequate in size and quantity, but very few people realize how serious this condition is, especially in some parts of the Village. This is a situation that is not peculiar to Birmingham, but is common to all villages of the older and slow growing communities. Birmingham, however, is now growing so rapidly that immediate steps must be taken to improve this situation as much as possible under existing conditions. It will become necessary before many years to provide larger feed mains on a number of cross streets which will intersect the small existing mains and so provide a larger volume of water. This cannot be done intelligently, however, until the final source of water supply is determined and a plan laid out for proper distribution.

The present situation can be considerably improved without great expense and the worst conditions given relief. In all cases this will consist of providing for a larger volume of water by providing a better circulation. A larger volume of water is very essential so that it will be available in the event of any emergency.

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For some time past there has been more or less agitation for a revision of the Village Charter, but after giving considerable thought and study to this matter, the commission has decided that a general revision, although desirable, is not necessary at this time. In fact, such a general revision can well wait until it is considered expedient to change from a Village to a City form of government.

There are two sections of the Charter, however, that can be amended to the benefit of the Village and these, together with one other amendment, should be placed before the voters at the March election. The sections that it is proposed to amend, together with an explanation of each, are as follows:

Section 22—Chapter 20
This section provides for the issuance of bonds for the amount of any special assessment and for the retirement of same from funds assessed against property located within a special assessment district. The form of bond under these conditions is such that the Village pledges itself to pay the interest and principal on

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MERCHANTS ALL SET FOR SECOND "DOLLAR DAY" IN BIRMINGHAM

Thursday of this week, March 5, marks the second "Dollar Day" to be staged by the merchants of Birmingham.

Merchants have been busy for the past week arranging their stock to take care of the great influx of shoppers who are expected to "take over" the district of Birmingham for the day. Extra clerks have been hired and the district is being cleaned up for the arrival of Thursday.

Newspapers, circular letters, placards, and other forms of advertising have been carrying the word to the people in Birmingham that this year's "Dollar Day" is here. For more than a week the committee in charge of "Dollar Day" has been busy engaged in shipping plans for Thursday.

There is no camouflage about "Dollar Day." It is a straight-out bid for more trade from a greater area. But that their business can be made more profitable only as they show their present and prospective customers that they can provide in first class service, extensive stocks of up-to-date goods and reasonable prices.

From the hours of midnight, of course, it is a wonderful opportunity. No one can look through the columns of The Centric and not find something which he or she needs at once and which can be bought at a saving on "Dollar Day."

Most stores will remain open until 6:30 o'clock. It was said by the committee.

BARGAINS GAORE—AND JEUNE FILLE DRAGS WHOLE FAMILY OUT TO SEE BIRMINGHAM'S 2ND "DOLLAR DAY"

By PHYLIS MYERS

"Dollar Day," Thursday, March 5, is just going to be one big bag of surprises. Imagine almost every single merchant in town has turned into a regular Santa Claus in preparation for the big event. The best thing about it, by the way, is that one doesn't need to be a hard-boiled bargain hunter to find the Xmas joys in Birmingham on "Dollar Day."

On the streets, in the newspaper office, and in the obnoxious corners of every store in town, little scraps of loyal business men have been talking nothing but "Dollar Day" lately. The breathless news of "Dollar Day" and push the second big annual project for all it's worth so it seems "What day it will be about?" thought a most inquisitive jeune fille when she heard and saw the merchants talking. "They're going to have another dollar day." And she rushed home to the family with the breathless news. "What do you think—everybody in Birmingham, well not just everybody maybe, but just ever so many of the business men are talking about a dollar day. Do you think, mother, that maybe we can buy all our new dresses and shoes and stockings, and ties for daddy, those very collegial looking striped ones, and our dollar day. It's come out this month before our budget."

At Mulholland's
Across the street in Mulholland's the whole whole counters of heavy white sheets and fluffy blankets all ready for the Dollar Day rush. More Manchester percales, silk hose, and children's sturdy ribbed stockings—Every child would need at least four pairs for marble and jack sewon, and children's sturdy ribbed stockings—her admiration are dainty hand embroidered towels that have been imported from Rio Rico. The very suggestion spells romance to the jeune fille and she orders a pair for mother's birthday, which leaves just for the office.

Then she goes on to Levinson's Birmingham Department Store next to the waiting room. By this time she has reduced her looking around to a contemplative basis, and scrutinizes everything with a businesslike attitude. But here are some good looking and serviceable chamotteed gloves. No one else seems to be selling them on Dollar Day. Dainty silk waist, house aprons, ladies felt slippers and woolen sweaters have been marked down to \$1.00. That's talk—

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

To The Editor:

I feel that I am better qualified for the office of supervisor than any one in Birmingham or Bloomfield Township, as my childhood days were spent in Birmingham, and I attended school in Birmingham in the Hill school and then in the First State Bank Bldg. and have lived in and around Birmingham all my life. I know all the streets and alleys as well as they can be known by anyone.

I was elected to the office of township clerk in 1923 and copied the entire tax roll for Mr. Allen in the spring and made out the Village part of the roll in the fall; was elected township clerk again in 1924, and at that time Mr. Allen told me he wanted me to work with him as the assessor of all property as it would be his last year and that I was better qualified for the office of supervisor than anyone he knew. I did work with him, and when he went to New York I worked on the assessment books which were changed by Mr. Allen or the board of review.

Whoever is elected to the office of supervisor must be a man of much vision, and a practical knowledge of community building are necessary requisites for Bloomfield Township, a man of dauntless energy, fearless in his efforts to administer justice to all, without fear or favor.

On January 1, 1925, I was appointed to the office of supervisor by the Township board, and on January 5,

1925, I assembled with the Oakland County Board of supervisors. The third day I served on this board. I was appointed on the ways and means committee also on salaries committee. And later when it was planned to have a committee to work out a plan for plats and roads the chairman of the board of supervisors, James Guthrie (Debt), said this committee should be men most familiar with the County's needs and capable of working out one of the biggest plans any committee of the Oakland County Board of supervisors has ever worked out; and on this committee he appointed McKee of Pleasant Ridge, Gale of Waterford, and John Y. Moore of Bloomfield. This alone should be proof enough that the Board of supervisors have a great deal of confidence in me, and when this committee gets its work finished Oakland County will have one of the finest street and highway systems in the United States, and there will be no need of any condemnation proceedings for side highways.

Yours truly,
ROBERT Y. MOORE.

To The Editor:

In your issue of the Birmingham Centric of February 29, I notice that Mr. D. D. Alenbury, Indiana, would like to supplement this as follows:

The office of clerk for the Township of Bloomfield has developed into a book-keeping position. Mr. Bagley James H. D. Alenbury, Indiana, July 1, 1924 and was coached under Mr. Allen in regard to the work of the different elections including the present.

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DOLLAR DAY

BIRMINGHAM DEPARTMENT STORE

SALE

DOLLAR

The greatest Dollar Day sale ever offered, Thursday, March 5th. Everyone make a special effort to be on hand. Our special offers will save you many dollars—come prepared to buy for the present and the future. Our merchandise is of the highest standard quality and is guaranteed to give you perfect satisfaction. Read carefully the bargains below. Hundreds of other articles which are too numerous to mention will be on sale.

<p>LADIES' WEAR</p> <p>2-PAIR LADIES' SILK HOSE, good quality, for \$1.00</p> <p>LADIES' SILK AND LISLE HOSE, 3/8 value, 4 pair for \$1.00</p> <p>PURE THREAD SILK HOSE, True Shape make, \$1.75 values, Dollar Day, Pair \$1.00</p> <p>LADIES' SILK AND WOOL HOSE, values up to \$3.00, Dollar Day, Pair \$1.00</p> <p>VAN RAALTE SILK AND CHAMOISSETTE GLOVES, \$1.50 values, Dollar Day, Pair \$1.00</p> <p>LADIES' SILK AND LISLE UNION SUITS, Carter's make, \$1.50 values, 2 pair for \$1.00</p> <p>LADIES' PURE SILK WAISTS, in all latest styles, \$4.50 values Dollar Day \$1.00</p> <p>(One only to a customer.)</p> <p>HOUSE APRONS light and dark colors, \$2.00 values Dollar Day for \$1.00</p> <p>LADIES' STREET AND HOUSE DRESSES, Electric brand, fast colors; just the dress you value up to \$5.95, all reduced to \$2.89</p> <p>AMERICAN LADY and C/B CORSETS, values up to \$2.50, Dollar Day your choice for \$1.00</p> <p>LADIES' OUTING FLANNEL GOWNS, heavy weight, large and roomy, white and colors, values up to \$1.50, Your choice for 89c</p>	<p>LADIES' FELT HOUSE SLIPPERS, values up to \$1.50, Dollar Day they go at Per Pair 85c</p> <p>LADIES' QUEEN QUALITY and WALKOVER OXFORDS and PUMPS, the newest styles, values up to \$7.50, Dollar Day only \$4.85</p> <p>PETERS OXFORDS and PUMPS, values up to \$6.00, Dollar Day, Per pair \$2.75</p> <p>MISSES and CHILDREN'S SHOES all go Dollar Day at REDUCED PRICES.</p> <p>MISSES' and CHILDREN'S WOOL SHIRTS and DRAWERS, values up to \$1.50, Dollar Day, 2 garments for \$1.00</p> <p>BABY PURE WOOL and SILK and WOOL HOSE, 7/8 value, 2 pair for \$1.00</p> <p>LADIES', Misses' and Children's Famous BULL BAND RUBBERS, every pair reduced for Dollar Day.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">MEN'S WEAR</p> <p>HEAVY WOOL SWEATERS, \$1.95 values for \$1.00</p> <p>ALL WOOL SPORT COATS \$1.00 off Regular price.</p> <p>ALL WOOL SWEATERS for men and young men, pull-over and button styles, \$1.00 off regular price.</p> <p>HEAVY WOOL SOCKS, 50c values, 4 pair for \$1.00</p> <p>MEN'S LEATHER GLOVES and MITTENS, lined and unlined, \$2.00 values, \$1.00 Per pair</p> <p>MEN'S SILK SOCKS, Interwoven make, 7/8 values, 2 pair for \$1.00</p> <p>ALL DUTCH TROUSERS, corduroy and wool, \$1.00 off regular price.</p> <p>MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS, with and without collars, values up to \$2.00, For \$1.00</p> <p>MEN'S BIBBED UNION SUITS, Stephenson's make, \$1.00 off regular price.</p> <p>MEN'S PURE SILK NECKWEAR, the latest styles \$1.00 values, Out they go, \$1.00 2 for</p> <p>MEN'S CAPS, all styles and all sizes, \$2.00 values for \$1.00</p> <p>MEN'S FINE CASHMERE SUITS, \$12.85 values, Dollar Day</p> <p>MEN'S Pure WOOL OVERCOATS, \$19.65 values, Dollar Day</p> <p>MEN'S DRESS HATS of the latest styles \$5 and \$6 values, Dollar Day they go at \$3.50</p> <p>BOYS' WINTER WEIGHT UNION SUITS, values up to \$2.00, For \$1.00</p> <p>BOYS' WOOL KNEE PANTS, sizes up to 17 years, values up to \$2.50, for \$1.00 Per Pair</p> <p>BOYS' SUITS and OVERCOATS at greatly reduced prices for Dollar Day only.</p> <p>BOYS' GOLF HOSE, 75c values, 2 pair for \$1.00</p>	<p>MEN'S WALKOVER OXFORDS, \$7.50 and \$8.50 values, Dollar Day \$5.85 At</p> <p>PETERS DRESS SHOES and OXFORDS, \$6.50 values, Dollar Day \$4.75 At</p> <p>MEN'S BEST WORK SHOES, \$5.00 values, Dollar Day \$3.50</p> <p>One Lot of MEN'S and BOYS' SHOES and OXFORDS, values up to \$6.00, Dollar Day only a pair \$1.95</p> <p>MEN'S SHOE RUBBERS in all styles, Bull Band make, Dollar Day at reduced prices.</p> <p>BALL BAND RUBBER BOOTS, guaranteed to wear to your satisfaction or a new pair FREE, \$1.00 off regular price.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">YARD GOODS</p> <p>HEAVY UNBLEACHED COTTON, 36 inches wide, 8 yards for \$1.00</p> <p>WHITE OUTING FLANNEL, heavy weight, 6 yards for \$1.00</p> <p>PURE TABLE LINEN, \$1.50 values, all reduced to \$1.00 at Per Yard</p> <p>6 YARDS of the Best 25c QUILT COVERING for \$1.00</p> <p>TOILE DU NORD BEST GINGHAMS, a large variety of patterns, fast colors, 5 yards for \$1.00</p> <p>The finest grade of WRINKLY CREPE, just the thing for your underwear, 4 yards for \$1.00</p>
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BIRMINGHAM DEPARTMENT STORE

Where all the cars and busses stop.

Established April 10, 1897