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NAT. WOMAN'S PARTY CONVENTION PLANS INTENSIVE PROGRAM

To Be Held Here June 4, 5, 6 and 7; Big Pageant Planned For Event

MRS. HENDRIE CHAIRMAN

Famous Women From All Over United States To Discuss Problems

That the Mid-Western conference of the National Woman's Party, June 4, 5, 6, and 7, is being most enthusiastically received, is evidenced from the letters and telegrams of acceptance which are pouring into the headquarters, 2233 Park Blvd., Detroit. This is the first conference of the party held in this district since 1919 and women interested in the organization are delighted at being able to attend without traveling eastward always. Mrs. George T. Hendrie, state chairman, is chairman of arrangements.

Three Days Here.

Three of the four days' meetings of the conference will be held in Bloomfield Hills. The guests will be housed in the homes and clubs in the district which is noted for hospitality as well as beauty. Mrs. Wallace Frost is chairman of the Committee on Hospitality.

The first day of the conference will be taken up with the annual meeting of the Michigan branch. This will be held at the Long Pine Tea House in Bloomfield Hills. The morning will be filled with the election of officers, to be immediately followed by breakfast at high noon. Speakers of National importance will discuss matters of interest to Michigan women. A full explanation of the workings of the California Community Property Bill will be explained and the possibility of the adoption of a similar bill in Michigan will be discussed. Miss Alice Lake, chairman of the legislative committee of the Michigan women, will be one of the speakers; also Mrs. C. F. Aldinger, who has been the official representative of the council in Lansing for the past six years, will discuss the vicissitudes of the so-called women's bills before the legislature just adjourned. A dinner complimenting the out of town guests will be given at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club by the officers of the Michigan branch—Mesdames George T. Hendrie, Emma L. Fox, W. W. Whittemore, Bess M. Garner, Harold Bowen, together with the chairmen of committees.

At Community House.

Friday morning the National Council of the National Woman's Party will hold its session in the Birmingham Community House. The National Council is composed of state chairmen and the following women elected members: Anna Archibold, Maine; Florence Brewer, Broeckel, D. C.; Mrs. R. J. Caldwell, New York; Lavinia Egan, Connecticut; Gale, Wisconsin; Sarah P. Grogan, Georgia; Inez Hayes, Irwin, N. Y.;

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B'ham Graduates 5 In Ann Arbor Class

In addition to graduating the largest class from the local high school this June, Birmingham will be represented in the graduating class at the University of Michigan by the largest group in her history. Five students will receive their degree three in Bachelor of Arts, and two will be graduated from the Engineering College.

Merle Parks, Catherine Floyd and James McKnight, all three alumnus of the Baldwin High School, are the literary students. Norman F. Schlaack and Howard L. McClelland are the engineering graduates.

Miss Parks has led an active career at the university. As an undergraduate she was president of Portia literary society. She was a member of Mummers society and the university oratorical board and the Sigma Kappa fraternity. As a public speaker she has made an enviable record in the university town.

Jame McKnight, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. McKnight, recently president in Birmingham, was vice-president of the Republican club during his university life and a member of the press club. McClelland played on the university basketball team during his second and third years and was a member of the Qual-I engineering fraternity.

War Veterans Form A "Forty and Eight"

A Forty and Eight was organized at Pontiac Thursday evening, April 30th. Number 811 and 16 ex-service men took the initiation. Temporary officers were elected until such time as more are take and the organization. They are: Frank Langdon, Royal Oak, Chef de Gare; Burton Daugherty, Pontiac, Chef de Train; Willis Brewer, Pontiac, correspondent; Harry Merritt, Royal Oak, Commisair Intendant; Frank Vincent, Milford, Grade De La Porte; James O'Connor, Pontiac, Conductor.

The Executive Committee is composed of Preston Allen, Royal Oak; Leon Forsyth, Pontiac; A. Boyle, Milford; D. Curtis, Royal Oak.

The next meeting of the organization will be held subject to the call of the Chef de Gare.

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Birmingham, Ho! And They Hove Into Town With A New "Covered Wagon"

By Helen V. Walker.

Birmingham real estate has its attractions for all classes and the real estate men in town are called upon each week to cull out the undesirables and discourage their buying, to keep the standards of the community. A new type of purchaser appeared this week. Looking out her office window, on North Woodward avenue, one afternoon last week, Mrs. L. E. Holton saw the not too well preserved remains of what appeared to be one of Mr. Ford's first efforts at mechanical locomotion. Over the entire top was a matress and on this was sufficient household goods to furnish any small house in comfort.

When the driver had succeeded in extricating himself from the entanglement he made known to Mrs. Holton that he was a five prospect. He wanted a piece of land and wanted it at once. As a matter a fact, it was then getting along toward evening and he wished to make purchase of a piece of property and locate on the premises for the night. Real estate offices are not accustomed to such quick action and Mrs. Holton wasn't prepared to act so rapidly.

The man returned to his conveyance and disclosed beneath the household furniture some four children and a wife, in addition to the family cat, a parrott, a dog, and the family canary. Mrs. Holton was then convinced that there was real necessity for providing a home immediately. The family were provided for over night on village property, as they were quite determined to settle in Birmingham.

It developed next morning that word had reached the northern part of the state, where the family had been farming, that Birmingham property was being sold on any plan you desired, and, packing the family and life's necessities into the Ford, they had started for the "promised land." They had arrived with a special idea of being able to make a down payment on a home and to sustain the family until their land began to produce.

Mrs. Holton recognized an opportunity in placing the family, however, and at nine o'clock a home site had been picked, and by two in the afternoon the family had engaged in chicken farming. Almost anything can happen in this community, fortunes are made over night, and business is built up between days.

PLANS UNDER WAY TO STYLE SHOW TICKETS FORM CREDIT BUREAU ARE EAGERLY SOUGHT

Dr. Newitt Is Chairman Of Local Group To Band Merchants Together

MEETING LAST FRIDAY AT HIGH SCHOOL MAY 28

Floyd Miller, manager of the Pontiac Credit Bureau, addressed twenty-five of the local business men in the Community House last Friday night at a meeting and succeeded in having a committee appointed, from the local delegation, to proceed with the formation of a Birmingham Credit Bureau. The committee included Dr. A. W. Newitt, chairman, R. C. Stoudt-hroff, W. J. Miller, A. T. Kelsey, Leon Mix, and J. H. McBride. It is expected that by June 1 the Bureau will have opened offices and will be operating here.

Two other credit men gave short addresses at the meeting. The manager of the Morris Plan bank in Detroit discussed the various phases of credit and increased his audience with the necessity of a credit bureau here. The committee was delegated to visit an [illegible] in an effort to bring as many firms as possible into the Bureau.

It it the object of the Bureau to furnish information immediately and accurately on the financial standing of individuals or business places in local or any place in the country. The branch that will be established here will be a part of the chain of similar Bureaus that operate in all towns and cities in the state of Michigan. The committee expects to locate an office this week and it is likely that E. W. Lakie of Troy Township will have charge of the work here. Mr. Lakie has had several years experience in credit work.

While the Bureau is being established, primarily, to compile and disburse credit information, it will, in a small way, aid in the collection of delinquent accounts as well. Through the information available in the files of the Bureau, owners to Birmingham who have established a line of credit elsewhere will be able to be accommodated here with no trouble.

Pontiac School Supt. Talked To Rotarians

As the guest of Clarence Vliet, head Boy Scout, James Harris, superintendent of the Pontiac schools and a Pontiac Rotary club member, addressed the local club here Monday noon. He chose for his topic the Rotary slogan, "He profits most who serves best."

Mr. Harris explained his interpretation of the word "profit," saying that modern times place too much stress on the material side of it. "I would plead for a consideration of the mental, the spiritual sides of profit, holding that a desire for profit motivated by an inward desire to render society a service will return the material phase of it beyond any doubt or even expectation," said Mr. Harris.

He eylogized the work of aiding crippled children which Rotary clubs have sponsored, adding that such work was a real "service," a service that allowed for the "best" in a person's character to come to the surface.

John A. Wendorph, of Brown street, superintendent of Roseland Park, was also accepted as a new member of the club.

OAKLAND HILLS OPENS UP 9 HOLE GOLF COURSE

An impressive but simple service marked the opening of the new nine hole golf course at the Oakland Hills Golf Club, out West Maple Avenue, last Saturday afternoon. During the day 54 members of the club played on the course which is laid out on the north side of Maple road, almost directly opposite the clubhouse.

Norval Rawlins, president of the club, raised the flag to the top of the flag pole before several hundred members and guests of the club. This gives Oakland Hills two eighteen hole course and one nine hole course. The new course is said to include some splendid hazards and some very beautiful scenery.

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CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S CLINIC HELD MAY 14

Over 100 Kiddies Examined By Dr. F. C. Kidner In Pontiac; 32 From Here

ANOTHER CLINIC LATER

Accompanied by their parents together with local Rotarians and Exchangittes, Thursday afternoon of this week, 32 crippled children from Birmingham, Eco City, and nearby territory, were taken to Pontiac to the first crippled children's clinic ever put on in Oakland County. Doctor F. C. Kidner, famous orthopedic specialist from Detroit, made an examination of each child, together with recommendations for its curative treatment. In all, more than 100 crippled children from various parts of the county were at the clinic.

This clinic was sponsored by the Rotary clubs of the county, and is but one of many county clinics held in Michigan since Rotary made its advent here years ago. The Birmingham Rotary club, aided by the local Exchange club, is responsible for crippled children in this vicinity. A partial list of local crippled children has been obtained by the school nurse, and those children were presented at the first clinic; another clinic will be held later this summer, when a more thorough canvass is expected to reveal many presently unknown boys and girls who need assistance.

In this work credit is sought by the Rotary club for sponsoring the movement; as Hugh Van de Walker, Ypsilanti Rotarian and president of the Michigan Society for Crippled Children Society, has repeatedly said, "Rotary wants no glorification for pointing out the way to help crippled children of Michigan. We, as an organization, merely appoint ourselves as chairman of a vast number of other organizations and individuals who want to make the crippled child self-supporting."

The clinic yesterday was held in the Congregational church at Pontiac. Miss Alberta Chase, executive secretary of the Michigan Crippled Children's Society, was present to assist in the work. Many physicians from all over the country were also present to help Doctor Kidner in his examination.

Decoration Day Plans Being Made

With the appropriation of $150 by the village commission at their Monday evening session for the purpose of securing a band, the public Decoration Day celebration is beginning to assume definite form. The American Legion has appointed a committee consisting of Leon R. Mix as chairman, Robert Carson, Roy Montgomery and Joe McGregor, to complete arrangements for the day.

The celebration is to extend over several hours, beginning with memorial services at 10:30 a.m. at the church where all the ministers of the village will have a part in the meeting. Following the services a parade will be formed in which all the school children, Boy Scouts and business and fraternal organizations will be asked to take part. The Rotary Club has decided to have a float in the line of march. Ceremonies honoring the dead soldiers will be held at Greenwood cemetery where a firing squad from the Pontiac National Guard will fire salutes.

At a special meeting of the American Legion to be held the early part of next week more definite arrangements will be formulated.

POLICE ORDERED TO KILL ALL STRAY DOGS

Local Health Officer, Warned By Rabies Scare, Seeks Prevention Of Epidemic

FIND MAD DOG AT LARGE

According to an official order issued jointly this week, by the village health officer, Dr. A. W. Newitt, and the chief of police, James Anderson, any dog that is found not tied, either at home or on a lash, will be shot without any notice. The value of the dog will not be considered and there will be no period of claiming the dogs before they are shot. This ultimatum was reached this week after a local child had been bitten by a dog that developed rabies, and the child sent to Ann Arbor for treatment.

This order is to be enforced over the entire township and there is already a force of police that includes the remainder of the county. This also includes all dogs that are licensed and dogs that have been inoculated against rabies. This order will remain binding indefinitely, probably extending well into the summer.

Dr. Newitt strongly recommends that all valuable dogs be inoculated against rabies as this is the only assured prevention. Several dogs in the outlying discricts are being kept under observation by the police for developments, as it is rumored that a dog said to be mad has been through the country.

STARR, RE-APPOINTED, ENTERS 4th YEAR AS VILLAGE MANAGER

Appointments for the various positions on the village roster were completed this week when the commission announced that Harry S. Starr, manager, was given a contract for his fourth year here at a salary of $5,250.00, which is an increase of $250.00 over last. Charles Plumstead, village treasurer, was given an increase of $200.00 per year over his last year's salary of $2,400.00.

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Village Commission Seeks To Pay For Land By Bond Issue

This article concerns the pocketbook of every taxpayer in Birmingham; it is hoped that you read these lines very carefully.

Next Tuesday is the occasion of a special election in Birmingham. It is called for the business of asking local people how they desire to pay for a new municipal site; this site, bounded by Bates, Chester, Merrill, and Townsend streets, is ALREADY CONTRACTED for by the village commission. It is going to cost approximately $48,000.00.

Under the terms of the Birmingham Charter, the commission is empowered to purchase, WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE, lands for municipal purposes. Everybody knows that the present combination village public library, village clerk, manager, treasurer, water department, police and fire department office is too small for even present use. Also, the widening of Woodward avenue imperils continued use of this building for municipal purposes; so the village commission has wisely decided to acquire land for future development—while the land is STILL REASONABLE IN PRICE.

Part of this block is already purchased on land contracts; the balance of it is now in process of condemnation. And it now remains for the people to name the means by which the money may be raised in two ways; first, by a bond issue; second, by general taxation. Following is a comparison of what each method means to the taxpayers' pocketbooks:

BY GENERAL TAXATION

If a bond issue does not carry this property will be paid for by general taxation which is expected that the general requirements of the village can be met by a tax rate of not to exceed $13.00 per thousand dollars of assessed valuations, and that by fixing the rate at the maximum of $15.00 per thousand allowed by the Charter a sufficient sum can be raised during a five year period to pay for this property. This will mean that an additional tax levy of at least two dollars per thousand will be spread on the roll for the years 1925-1926, and 1927. If this money is raised by general taxation, future improvements, although benefiting by the block of land, will escape paying its share of the cost.

BY BOND ISSUE.

If this property is purchased by an issue of serial bonds, spread over a period of ten years, the average yearly requirement to retire these bonds will be covered by a tax levy of less than fifty cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation and the total tax rate can be kept well below the maximum rate permitted by the Charter. Spreading these payments over a ten year period will also mean that new territory annexed, and new developments within the village, will pay their share of the cost of this block of land. Inasmuch as the block of land will provide a site for buildings that posterity will enjoy, it is hoped that the bond issue will carry so that posterity may help to pay the cost of it.

You have now read the information concerning next Tuesday's special village election. It is the wish of village president Charles J. Shain, and commissioners Charles A. Bingham and S. Wiley Bell, that the people of Birmingham, by a majority vote, APPROVE THE BOND ISSUE. The polls will be open at 8 o'clock and will close at 9:30 o'clock local time; the voting booth is in the old Town Hall at the corner of Bates and Merrill streets, in the village of Birmingham.

The case now rests with the people.

CIGARET IS CAUSE OF ANNUAL EXHIBITION BIG CONFLAGRATION IN SCHOOL MAY 21-22

$50,000 Loss Suffered When Mrs. Barbara Klein's Home Burned On Tuesday

Local Grade And High Schools Will Show Work To All Parents

OUTBUILDINGS RAZED SEND OUT INVITATIONS

A lighted cigaret flipped from the roof of Mrs. Barbara Klein's home in Troy township, three miles north of Birmingham and a half mile east of the Adams road Tuesday afternoon, fell among a pile of old shingles and, in less than an hour, had started a conflagration that destroyed $50,000.00 worth of property. The entire loss was covered by about $12,500.00 insurance.

The large home, tenant house, tool shed, two corn cribs and a mammoth barn belonging to Mrs. Klein, who is at present in Pasadena, California, were razed by the fire.

Harold F. Klein, son of Mrs. Klein, who lives a short distance north of the homestead, was working with a carpenter on the roof which was being reshingled. Mr. Klein thicken a burning cigaret into the gutter and it is believed to have fallen on the old shingles that had been thrown from the roof and which lay on the ground near the house.

Not long after, the crackling of the fire was heard below and the men hurried down from the roof, but all attempts to halt the spread of the flames were useless. Only a small stream of water from a garden hose was available.

Fire alarms were sent in to Birmingham and Pontiac. Pontiac was unable to respond because both of its fire companies were at Birmingham sent its chemical truck, but was unable to prevent the spread of the flames which, under a strong wind, soon reached the house.

That part of the premises might have been saved if Birmingham had responded to the first alarm is believed by those who viewed the conflagration. Several years ago the village commission, feeling that steps should be taken to provide payment for the village fire services outside of Birmingham, entered into contracts with township boards of Troy, Southfield, Royal Oak, and Bloomfield, asking that they officially guarantee payment for services rendered. Experience proved that fees were hard to collect from most people who had called on the department. Troy township officials made any response to the letter, so that the village commission had issued orders that the local fire equipment refrain from answering calls outside of certain territories.

When Mrs. Klein's home was threatened Tuesday Birmingham did not respond on the first and second calls. Finally, however, when the third alarm came in, manager Starr directed that the chemical truck be sent out. In doing this he swept aside official orders from the commission and did all that was possible to save the property.

From various opinions expressed since the Klein fire, it is believed that residents of Troy township will demand that their township board make a contract with Birmingham to assume payment for all fire alarms in the future.

"Clubbing a Husband," May 20, I. O. O. F. Hall. Adults, 35c; Children under 12, 15c. Given by Rebekah talent.

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FOUR NEW TEACHERS ENGAGED FOR SCHOOLS

Four new teachers have been secured to come here in the autumn, including Miss Helen Dutton, formerly a Birmingham school girl and a daughter of Rev. Joseph Dutton, pastor of the Methodist church here a few years ago, but now at the Soo. Besides Miss Dutton, the new teachers are Miss Helen Kidder, who will assist in the art department; Miss Theresa Fuller and Miss Marion Budy who will have grades in the Pierce school. Charles Richie has been engaged as the new science teacher.

TO CONDEMN DR. IVES' LAND FOR LINCOLN AVE. EXTENSION

Village attorney Frank L. Doty, Monday night, was directed by the commission to begin condemnation proceedings against Dr. A. W. Ives, to obtain part of his property for the extension of Lincoln avenue, from Southfield avenue to Cranbrook road. Similar proceedings were started against C. K. Latham over a week ago.

ALL PROPOSITIONS CARRIED AT SCHOOL BOND ELECTION HERE

Four Issues Totaling $334,250 Win Approval Of Taxpayers Tuesday

777 ELECTORS VOTED

Begin At Once To Build Addition To Adams School; Acquire Sites

In a rather clearcut manner, which proves that the big majority of the residents of this district are in favor of good schools and plenty of them for the education of tomorrow's men and women, 777 voters went to the polls Tuesday and placed their approval on bond issues totaling $334,250.00 The issues involved one of $270,000.00 for an addition to the Adams school, $25,250.00 for the purchase of a playground site opposite the Adams school on Oakland avenue, and two school sites, at $18,000.00 and $21,000.00, respectively.

No "Mud Slinging."

Although the total number of votes cast Tuesday was not the largest ballot that has been cast in this school district, the election was spirited; considerable opposition was evidenced by many taxpayers, which, of course, was offset by much activity by those who favored the various issues. Great satisfaction is felt, however, in the fact that no "mud slinging" literature was circulated by anybody. The decisive approval of the local citizenry, held against the background of repeated defeats of school bond issues through Michigan this year, maintains for Birmingham and vicinity its decided stand for an educational program in keeping with the rapid growth of this locality.

From the time the polls opened in the Baldwin High School at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, until four o'clock that afternoon, less than 104 votes were cast; from four o'clock until nine o'clock, when the polls closed, the line of voters increased in great numbers. At eight o'clock more than 100 voters stood in the line to receive their ballots, an incident unparalleled in the history of local school bond elections.

Results of Vote.

Following are the results of the votes cast for the various bond issues:

Adams school addition, involving an expenditure of $270,000.00: 777 votes cast; 629 yes; 138 no; 10 spoiled ballots. This issue required a two-thirds favorable majority vote to win. So it won by 12 votes.

Seven acre school site on Chesterfield avenue and Oak street, (extended), in the northeast part of town, involving an expenditure of $18,000.00; 777 votes cast; 579 yes; 196

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East Maple Will Be Paved This Summer

By June 1 the Oakland County Road Commission expects to begin paving East Maple avenue, from Adams avenue to the John R. road, according to a statement by Luther D. Allen, Commissioner. The paving will begin at Adams avenue, and will be 30 feet wide for the first half mile. On the balance of the highway the pavement will be 20 feet in width, with eight-foot shoulders, making it, when completed, one of the best built roads in the country.

On the promise of J. H. McBride and James Campbell, local men, that they would obtain sufficient right-of-way to complete the project, the Road Commission has agreed to start the work so that it may be finished before winter.

Work will also be started on the East Long Lake road, from Bloomfield Center to the Clawson road, within the next two weeks, said Mr. Allen. Bids on this job and the East Maple project will be opened next week. The building of he East Long Lake road will be the direct cause of several new subdivisions opening among which is Mr. Judson Bradway subdivision, Eastover Farms. This tract will form the south frontage on the new pavement.

OBJECTS TO ODORS FROM SEWAGE PLANT

A friendly protest against Birmingham's installation of a sanitary sewage disposal plant and a waste paper dump grounds on the west bank of the River Rouge adjacent to Morningside Park was made to the village commission Monday night by Charles S. Kinnison, Fred Brede, William Esser, and Dr. N. N. Shaw. Objectionable odors, together with an unsightly landscape in the vicinity of both projects, was the essence of the complaint registered. The commission said that Birmingham would plant trees and shrubbery at the disposal plant, and promised closer inspection of the materials burned in the incinerator.

Both projects are located on property purchased by the village from the H. & M. Land Co., several years ago. Under the terms of the sale the village reserved the right to erect a disposal plant on the property, and in turn were to give the subdivision perpetual water service and sewage outlets.

Attend the Lawn Fete by the Epworth League, Methodist Church, May 21, 2 o'clock, at R. A. Risser's, 500 Pierce St. Music and program. 25c and 50c. adv52

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