WHAT BIRMINGHAM NEEDS MOST

Birmingham today finds itself included in the development of a great metropolitan area. Because of the opportunities for getting ahead people from different parts of the country are settling here, and the village is bound to become a center of influence, in this area.

There are more small organizations here than in many other communities of the same size. All these organizations should operate in harmony. The churches should get together, particularly in social and community work. All that work with children, such as schools, clubs, and churches, should co-operate, but not trespass. Co-operation for the good of the community should be the aim of Birmingham. The Rotary, Exchange, and Young Men's Clubs have done a lot of good in breaking down the barriers among the different groups.

Since the village is being rapidly built up open spaces will have to be provided and maintained. In the center of the village there should be a park and grouped around it the public buildings. Surrounded as we are by low, rolling hills and with a winding river in our midst, we have an unusual opportunity to make of our community a beautiful spot. The River Rouge valley should be kept accessible to the public.

We ought to be able, in time, to develop a community orchestra of our own young people, as well as a community chorus, both of which to be of such note as to draw the attendance of outsiders. We should have prominent lecturers on topics of the day. The library board can do much to promote culture. The fact that a boys' school is growing up on the outskirts of Birmingham is of significances we can perhaps draw on the students there for a boys' choir, and the teachers and their families will probably live in or around the village.

The United States is at present developing industrially. We, though living in a residential locality, have our main interests in industrial Detroit and we lack the leisure that will come when our industries are settled facts. In this respect our nation resembles the Venice of the Middle Ages which was a great commercial state before it became the center of culture for which it is best remembered.

Clark and Lowman Lose Damage Suit

"No cause for action" was the verdict directed by Judge Neil E. Reid, of Mt. Clemens, sitting in the Pontiac Circuit Court Wednesday of last week, in the $5,000.00 damage suit against the Birmingham School District brought by Frank L. Clark and Maurice C. Lowman, builders of the addition to the Baldwin high school which partially collapsed January of last year.

Contractors Held Liable

In disposing of the case on the motion of the counsel for the defendants at the conclusion of the plaintiffs' proofs yesterday, Judge Reid ruled against the contractors on the theory that they were themselves liable for the damage in that they had failed to enclose the building as their contract had specified they should.

The concrete work had been completed on December 22, 1923, during a particularly cold spell. The school district had agreed to provide heat for the building and did furnish salamanders to keep the place warm, but they were insufficient and the concrete was frozen. Later when the props were removed from beneath it the concrete slab crumbled and fell, taking with it the floors that had been laid in the rooms beneath. The replacement of the damaged portions of the building cost the contractors considerable money and delayed the construction of the addition.

Blamed School District

The contractors sought to recover from the school district because they blamed the district in not providing a sufficient amount of heat to protect the concrete work. The school district elicited from the contractors on cross-examination that they had not enclosed the building in the manner in which their contract provided, and had removed the props from beneath the concrete without a written order from the architect. In so doing they admitted they had assumed full responsibility for any damage which might have resulted.

This case was heard before a jury and occupied most three days. A. L. Moore appeared for the plaintiffs and Pelton & McGee for the defendants.

CHARLES EDWARDS POST OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Charles Edwards Post, No. 14 of the American Legion met Wednesday night and elected officers for the coming year. George L. Wimsett and Leon W. Mix are commander and vice-commander. Peter D. Aristos is the adjutant, John B. Minton and Joseph F. McGregor are finance and welfare officers, and Earl L. Moody is the sergeant-at-arms.

Dr. Logee To Be New Presbyterian Minister

Floyd Emerson Logee, D. D., has accepted a call from the First Presbyterian Church here as pastor his services to begin during the first or second week in November. He is now pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Circleville, Ohio, and will fill the vacancy created here nearly six months ago when Reverend W. C. McKnight accepted a call from a Detroit congregation.

Reverend Logee, a brother of R. D. Logee of Ridgedale Avenue, was heard here early in August and was recommended by a committee, appointed by the congregation, who unanimously voted on a call to him at a recent open meeting. Members of the committee acting on the selection of a new minister were George H. Johnstone, Mrs. F. S. Ross, Mrs. A. C. McGraw, John C. Stahl, Jr., Ralph I. Coryell and L. A. Tompson. With their young son and daughter, Reverend and Mrs. Logee will occupy the manse on West Maple avenue.

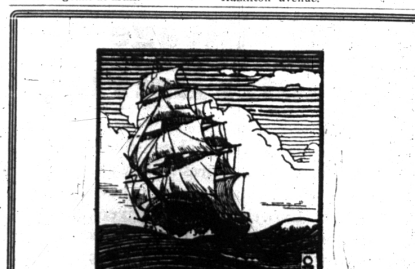
Born in Ada, Ohio, but soon moving to Cleveland, Reverend Logee received his public school training in the Cleveland schools. After graduation he studied at the Western Reserve and later at the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. Leaving school he went to Monon, Ind., where he was mission pastor, and later to Wesleyan College, where he was college pastor for several years prior to the World War. During the war he served as Chaplain and upon his release from the army answered a call from Circleville, where he has served for six years.

NEW DRUG STORE OPENS TOMORROW

Formal opening of the Shettler Drug Store is planned to occur tomorrow. They are located in the Levinson Building, and have been open for business for the last two weeks while stock was being catalogued. This is the sixth store owned by this Drug Company. Four are located in Detroit and one in Grosse Pointe.

A complete drug line, including electrical ware, and toilet articles are in stock, as well as prescriptions are in charge of registered pharmacists only. The store is equipped with electrically lighted cases, finely arranged fixtures, and a frigid air fountain of a most complete type.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion will hold a business meeting next Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Joseph McGregor on Hamilton avenue.



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Messages From Those Who Were Unable To Attend

Messages from those unable to attend the Reunion of the Old Red School House touched closely the hearts of their old friends when they were read at their meeting by George Mitchell, President of the Association. Laura Dean Cash, who is now nearly ninety, writes to say,

"I though I would write you and see if anyone there remembered Laura Dean. You can say for me, 'How do you do.' If any of you should feel that there is an unseen person wandering about the place, you will know that it is me for I shall be with you all afternoon. If Frone Randall should be there, give her my love and tell her that I never have forgotten her and hers. I wonder if she remembers when that extra room on the back of the schoolhouse (old building) was built and had two extra teachers, and we were thought to be right in it. Speaking of invitations, I will never forget if anyone remembers the boy who would always recite 'The Boy Stood on the Burning Deck'? I think it was the only piece he ever learned, and he would recite it whenever called upon. I think his father kept the hotel. George Hickey was my grandmother's stepson. This is all I can remember. I do wish I could be with you on the memorable occasion."

E. C. Poppleton wishes to be remembered to all of the old crowd who may be there, especially Frone Randall. Tell her I still remember singing 'Nellie Gray' at noon time in the old Red School House. Are Merit and Frank and Mack still Feiner?"

An incident related by J. E. Simonson was:

"The outstanding incident during my school days at the Old Red Schoolhouse on the Hill was Wilbur F. Davison standing the Professor on his head when he started to punish him. The girls screamed, the boys snickered, the larger ones even preparing for a possible roughhouse. It was exciting, amusing, and very embarrassing for the Professor. Although Billy was expelled, he was the hero of the small boys of the village. In after years I met Billy and found him a prosperous, successful, and highly thought of business man of family in the city where he resided."

C. D. McEwen tells how it afforded his such pleasure to be the one to cast the delegation in favor of Stephen Trowbridge in his nomination for attorney general. Then came his untimely death which, like the departure of Grace Webb, is one of the mysteries of life. He wishes to be remembered kindly to all in attendance.

Allow Fast Motor Traffic On Woodward

Exercising their authority as State Police, the three motorcycle officers stationed here have begun an organized movement against reckless driving on Woodward, and with the proper lighting. This statement was made by acting corporal W. G. Needham, in charge of the three troopers stationed in Birmingham.

Have been Lenient

Since Woodward avenue was open, three weeks ago, Corporal Needham said the State officers have been lenient and few cases have gone farther than to issue warnings. Now they will begin to enforce the uniform traffic rules established for Woodward avenue.

May Travel Fast

Excepting within the boundaries of villages along the line, Corporal Needham says that while they will not encourage fast driving on Woodward avenue, they will not be so strict about speed laws as in the past when the road was narrower. However, speeding where it can be interpreted as reckless driving will be dealt with severely as will other reckless drivers. Offenders of the proper lighting laws will also receive severe treatment, according to the head of the state troopers here. This applies in Birmingham as well as on Woodward avenue and other adjacent roads.

Since the wider pavement was opened on Woodward avenue there has been a tendency to cut back and forth across the pavement and frequently in the way of other automobiles, the State man asserts. This will be interpreted as reckless driving and he will recommend the maximum fine in the majority of cases. These drivers have been warned regarding this and other recklessness and by co-operation with Justice of the Peace Buck, Corporal Needham expects to clear up Woodward traffic.

Driving with one light on the front of a car, with no tail light, or with peculiar lighting on a car that is confusing to drivers will come under the reckless driving head and will be treated accordingly.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Henry D. Fisk, dated the 11th day of July, 1924, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan on the 12th day of July, 1924, in Liber 322 of Mortgages on Pages 223 and 224, and said mortgagee by reason of said default having declared and hereby declaring the whole amount of principal and unpaid mortgage on said mortgage and due and payable immediately, on which mortgage the whole amount claimed to be due at the date of this Notice for principal and interest, is the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-one Dollars ($2321.00) and an attorney fee of Fifty ($50.00) Dollars as provided for in said Mortgage and by law, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said moneys secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof;

Notice Is Hereby Given that by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in said Mortgage and the Statute in such case made and provided, on the 1st day of October, 1925, at ten o'clock in the forenoon the undersigned will at the front door of the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage with interest at the rate of seven per cent (7%) per annum, and all legal costs, charges with an attorney's fee, to-wit:

Lots No. Sixty-four (64) and Sixty-five (65) of Pontiac Heights Addition to the City of Pontiac, according to the plat thereof.

Dated July 12, 1925.

ALICE J. SHAFFER,
formerly ALICE J. FISK,
Mortgagee.

A. FLOYD BLAKESLEE,
Attorney for Mortgagee.
Business Address:
Pontiac, Michigan.

SALE NOTICE

That I have adjourned the sale of above premises to Tuesday, December 1, 1925, at 10 o'clock a. m. (Eastern Standard Time).

ERNEST F. SITTS,
Deputy Sheriff.
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This week the W. Brownriggs of Villa road have as their guest, Norman Nelson of Manistee.

SILVER THREADS AMONG GOLD ARE FORGOTTEN IN JOY OF SCHOOL REUNION

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have been about when the professor once presided, dispensing learning and justice, George Mitchell rapped for silence as the old bell, still hanging on the rear of the house, became silent. As president of the organization, composed of the old students of the school, Mr. Mitchell presided until Oscar Augstman of Detroit was appointed temporary chairman.

Reverend George S. Hickey, 86 years old, and a professor for two terms in the old red school house, was the center of interest as the principal speaker. He revived numerous "monkey shines" performed "in days gone by" by some of the most prominent officers and characters of today. He took as his subject, "Then and Now," and compared the youth of today, together with all of the modern conveniences, with his two years here and recalled the evening when writing school was held and all students were required to bring their own candles for light. Reverend Hickey taught the youth here readin', writin' and 'rithmetic, at the same time he was a student at the University of Michigan. He studied in the old school house evenings and took his examinations at the end of each semester with his class in Ann Arbor.

He recalled another incident that marked his two years in Birmingham as important and related stories of the days following President Lincoln's assassination as he remembered them in Birmingham. As professor, he closed the local school all business places closed and from the time of the President's death until after the funeral the villagers used to gather at the depot to watch the trains go through draped in mourning.

Reunion Surpasses All

While all of those who gathered for the reunion had not attended school at the exact time of Professor Hickey's regime, all were familiar with his history. After leaving Birmingham and graduating from the University of Michigan in 1868, he studied for the Methodist ministry and served as pastor in some of the largest churches of that denomination in this country. He has traveled on both continents, spent long periods in Egypt, Africa, India, and yet in his talk he referred to the little reunion in the old school house as one of the biggest events in his experiences.

Old Keepsakes Shown

Mrs. Clizbe had many old keepsakes in store for the old pupils to reminisce over, from the picture of the late Mattie Baldwin that looked down in the same dignified manner that they remembered her, to the baseball that caused much commotion and many after-school sessions in the old days.

The picture of Mattie Baldwin started George Mitchell on some interesting old stories and one in particular about himself and Miss Baldwin caused old eyes to sparkle. It was the incident of the pond in the village park across from the old red school house. Here he and Miss Baldwin dug out a hole about a foot deep and hardened the inside surface, filling it with water. Then George took his little fishing rod, went off to the Mill Pond, excused from school for the day, and caught fish for the new pond which was the wonder of the countryside for many weeks to come.

Mitchell Made President

At an election that preceded the pilgrimage to the Baldwin school for lunch in the cafeteria, Mr. Mitchell was re-elected president of the association and Miss Jennie Keyes, keeper of the records, consisting of the roll call and the minutes of this reunion and the first one, held two years ago. The supper in the school cafeteria was somewhat of a contrast to the old days when those who carried their lunch brought it in a two-quart pail and between dry sandwiches in the school room compared horses and talked of the years crops or something quite as foreign to the youth of today.

Many At Gathering

Among those who answered "Present" when the roll was called Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. George H. Mitchell, Sarah B. Carter, Elderton F. Jenks of Detroit, John Allen, William A. Davenport, Susan Allen, Alces C. Drake, Hattie E. Drake, both of Detroit, Kate Blunt of Warren, and her brother, Martin Blunt, Ida Bodine Howard, Detroit, Susan E. Trowbridge, Jennie Keyes, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Angstman, Verona L. Post, Julia A. Post, Ellen F. Peabody, Sarah Beddow Aldrich, Ellen Parker Benjamin of Royal Oak, Clara Bodine Camp, Jennie Ferrand Hunt, Emma Chatfield Robinson, Mary E. Utter, Allen H. Park, Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Dennison, known in his day as the baseball hero, Mr. and Mrs. William H. McKale of Lansing, the latter who, although 80 years old is still active in multicipal affairs in Lansing; Hanna Hoag Ellenwood, Lettie Thoms Dewey, Georgiana Blakeslee Johnstone, Grae Barnum Bruce, Silliam Hunt, Alice Martin Brooks, Amanda Ellwood Heth, Rose Hutchins Bouchen, Addie Daines Brown and the two honorary members, Nellie R. Clizbe and W. D. Clizbe, who opened their home for the reunion.

The names of those called with no answer, but who sent telegrams and letters to be read, included George B. Martin of Petosky, Charles A. Brush, Anna Hall, Mrs. Thomas Koontz, Smith Hall, Mrs. George Daines, Clarence Hoy, Mary Stewart Janie, Mrs. Thomas R. Houghan, and Edgar C. Poppleton of Houghton Lake, and Herbert A. Poppleton of Birmingham.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Village Commission called to order Wednesday morning, October 4, 1925, at 10 o'clock.

Present: President Shain, Commissioner Bell.

Absent: Commissioner Bingham.

348—Application was made by L. E. Aldrich for permit to build a gasoline filling station at the corner of Martin St. and Smithfield Avenue. The Presbyterian Church Board of Trustees were present and after going over the situation with Mr. Aldrich, withdrew their objections and permit was granted for the construction of same.

Commissioner Bingham arrived.

349—Moved by Commissioner Bell that M. G. Taylor of Pontiac, Michigan, be granted an Electrician's License, and that bond be accepted and filed. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

350—Moved by Commissioner Bingham that the contract for the construction of the new well and pumps be awarded to the Harmon-Neal Company of Indianapolis, Indiana, at their total bid of $15,350.00. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

Moved by President Shain that the meeting adjourn. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

HAZEL E. LAWLER,
Village Clerk.

Mrs. George Eckstein of Warren is spending two days as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Henry Berz on Pierce street.

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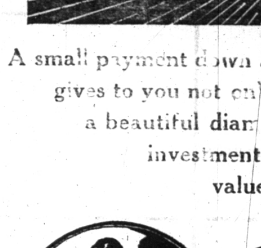

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BIRMINGHAM MAN DISAPPEARS FROM HOME

Since the disappearance of Robert H. Carson from the village Tuesday morning, October 6, conditions have arisen that make it appear that his financial problems were seriously involved when he disappeared. A warrant has been issued for the missing man who was proprietor of the Bloomfield Automobile Company, charging the unlawful disposal of 14 automobiles with intent to defraud. The name signed to the warrant is Bryan B. Webb.

It is said that Mr. Carson left his home on the morning of the day of his disappearance and failed to return. His wife who resides on East Maple avenue is said to know nothing of his whereabouts. His father arrived later this week to aid in the search for the missing man.

WATTLES CORNERS

The Community Club held its regular monthly meeting last Saturday evening at the school house. A short business session took place followed by a very nice program under the direction of Mrs. Albert Wright. After luncheon dancing filled the social hour.

A Hallowe'en Carnival is being planned by the Parent Teacher Association. It is to take place Oct. 24. All are invited.

John Henry Lewey celebrated his ninth birthday last Saturday by entertaining about 20 of his little friends for the afternoon.

Morris A. Waitle is in Pontiac this week attending the October meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

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COLLEEN MOORE IN "SALLY" TO PLAY HERE TONIGHT

"Sally" comes to the Baldwin Auditorium tonight, filled with Colleen Moore's, the star, own spirit and whimsical temperament. It is certain to please the most critical. The story is adapted from Ziegfield's musical comedy of the same name, and is a drama of comedy and pathos, love and triumph.

Preceding the feature will be a good comedy. There will be violin music throughout.

This affair is under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers' Council. It is the first of its kind to be given, and if this is successful others as enjoyable will probably follow.

The Methodist Church

Robert Marenus Atkins, Minister. 11 a. m. sermon subject "The Love of the Kingdom."

7:30 p. m. sermon subject "The Greatnes of the Ordinary."

The Bible School assembles at 9:45 a. m.

The Epworth League for young people at 6:30 p. m.

The mid-week service is conducted Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Police Magistrate Poet

Henry James Pye, who was appointed poet laureate of England in 1790, became a London police magistrate two years later. His most splendid work is an epic poem entitled "Alfred," which he published in 1801.

"Faith Works Wonders"

It is a superb faith greater than any obstacle that has made the great discoveries, that has been the great inventor, the great engineer, the great achiever in every line of human endeavor.—Orison Swett Marden.

NEW WATER MAIN IN BLOOMFIELD COURT

Since the annexation of Bloomfield Court and other lands in that vicinity developed by W. W. Henry, the matter of installing adequate water mains has become a problem to the village. According to Mr. Henry, a two-inch galvanized water main was laid by him five years ago, which originally furnished water from a private well. This size main is too small for village requirements, and a six inch main, at a cost of about $1.85 per foot, is to be installed.

Just who will pay for this project is the matter to be settled first, as a good many homes have been sold on Bloomfield Court since the main was laid by Mr. Henry.

BREWER AGAIN APPOINTED OAKLAND COUNTY AUDITOR

Willis Brewer for four years County auditor was appointed chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors for the fourth time at a meeting of the board last Wednesday afternoon. There was no opposition, the members of the board being candidates to succeed themselves. The members of the board besides Mr. Brewer are Fred Dernberger and Edward Sevener.

Importance is attached here to the appointment of Mr. Brewer because of his enthusiastic following in Birmingham. Another appointment Mr. Brewer received a short time ago was to head the American Legion in this district and is likewise president of the board of education in Pontiac.

Dust and Temperature

Floating dust sent to high altitudes by volcanic action intercepts so much of the sun's heat that the earth's temperature is reduced for long periods following severe eruptions.