

40TH EIGHTH YEAR—NO. 24

LEADER; G. T. BOWKER WIDEN TRACKS EAST

State and Railroad On Verge Of Satisfactory Terms To Acquire Roadbed

3 TRACTS CONSIDERED

Birmingham May Learn Fate Regarding New Highway Through Village

The problem of widening Woodward avenue through Birmingham is brought to a step nearer solution in the announcement Wednesday that Governor Grosbeck and officials of the Grand Trunk railway will soon reach a definite agreement relative to the removal of the railroad's tracks between Royal Oak and Pontiac. The agreement by the State of Michigan of the Grand Trunk's right-of-way north of Royal Oak for a distance of six miles, and the continuing of the wider Woodward project through the property thus obtained, are two things that have held up the State's decision regarding Woodward avenue in Birmingham.

State to Condemn Land

The program calls for the state to condemn land along a six-mile stretch east of the present tracks, then turn over the property that acquires to the Grand Trunk for its new right-of-way. Payment will then be laid on the present right-of-way, and Greater Woodward avenue from the city limits to Pontiac will be an actuality.

It is understood the state either will "swap" land with the Grand Trunk or arrange other payment for the right of way.

Three Tracts Considered

Bowker said three tracts east of Woodward avenue over the six-mile stretch are being considered for the railroad. The Woodward avenue widening plan from Royal Oak to a point approximately two and one-half miles north of Birmingham calls for a total width of 204 feet, to be bisected by double tracks for the widening. Negotiations seeking the transfer of the Grand Trunk tracks to permit this plan to proceed has been going on since the inception of the Woodward avenue project.

"WE PAID—FRANCE MUST PAY" LEAD

Detroit American Addressed Local Exchange Club On "My Americanism"

C. R. EVANS NEW MEMBER

"No man ever won by running away from his debt, no nation can ever establish for its citizenry a real, moral character of stability by running away from its debts. I believe that the nations which owe America money should be compelled to pay—but America, and no nation, must never forget the things for which this country stands, and should form its opinions on a basis that all men are created equal.

LOCAL BANKS OPEN AT 9 O'CLOCK AFTER NOV. 1

On and after November 1, 1925, the two local banks will not be open until nine o'clock each morning, closing at three o'clock each afternoon. On Saturday evenings they will open at six, closing at eight o'clock, the same as in the past.

SEEK MORE FUNDS FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Plans are being considered by the village commission to spend a large amount of money next year to beautify Birmingham's parks and public places. During this year more money was spent on this than during any previous year in the history of the town, which, but commencing for the expenditure this year has been heard by president Shain, and commissioning Birmingham and Bell local residents.

BIRMINGHAM IS DIVIDED INTO 2 VOTING PRECINCTS

All Birmingham electors who reside north of East and West Maple avenues will vote in Precinct No. 1; all those who reside south of East and West Maple avenues will vote in Precinct No. 2. Voting booths will be located centrally in each precinct whenever an election is to occur, thus eliminating delay in balloting.

This was determined Monday night when the village commission passed a formal resolution dividing Birmingham into two voting precincts. Previous to this the voting has always been done in the old Town Hall, at Bates and Merrill streets.

ROTARY CLUB BOYS PROGRAM FOR BOYS

Shain, Vliet and Lynd Make Talks On Character Development For Youth

ADULTS SET THE PACE

"Boys learn by doing things. The little school children at home and tries to do what his idol does; the athlete scrutinizes the young man, and the young man at a branch of the school that acquires of a community. All of which proves that the adults of Birmingham are setting the pace for our youth."

Local Moral Character

Mr. Lynd pointed out the necessity of having in Birmingham an organization devoted to the creation of good character in the youth of this community. He said that there are three agencies used by society to develop character in the youth of the school and the church.

"Outside of these three agencies, however, are three agencies which are carried on to furnish character development incentives, among which is the Y. M. C. A. and the Girl Scouts, which are organizations that attempt to reveal to youth the spirit of Christ and fair play. In our schools reach less than sixty per cent of the boys of the community, which makes us wonder what the balance of our youth is doing," said Mr. Lynd.

Vliet Makes Talk

Clarence Vliet, superintendent of local schools, also spoke on "Boys Work," placing special emphasis on the part the school teacher plays in the life of the child. He said that the best influences on boys in this community is that of W. S. Toothaker, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at the school, declared Mr. Vliet. "Mr. Toothaker possesses that rare ability to get to the boy—even the otherwise unruly boy. I think it is a fine thing that we have Mr. Toothaker on our staff, and I would like more men of his type."

Mr. Vliet acknowledged the vital part the schools play in the lives of the boys and girls, and stated that because Birmingham is growing by leaps and bounds, support of the school system should be given by local citizens.

Provide Boys' Program

Charles Shain, chairman of the Rotary Club's Boys' Work committee, who had Monday's program in charge, asked for the club's support for the program for local youth. This was consented to unanimously by the membership.

OBSEVE "NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK" HERE

"National Fire Prevention Week" from October 4 to 10, will be observed in Birmingham. The program of the affair will be held at the Arcadia Auditorium Monday evening, October 5. The entire proceeds from the affair will be used by the Kiwanians to carry on a summer fire camp for underprivileged Detroit mothers and little girls. Zed, secretary of the committee, is handling tickets in this vicinity for the concert.

"Little Red Schoolhouse Gang" To Hold Annual Reunion Here Oct. 10

October 10, which falls on Saturday of next week, has been set for the second annual reunion of the "Little Red Schoolhouse Gang," which was organized in 1923 and "rhythmic in the 'old red schoolhouse' in days of old. The 'old red schoolhouse' was the first school house of Mrs. W. D. Clibbe at the turn in West Maple avenue and the intersection of the street. The reunion will take the form of a picnic, starting at one o'clock in the afternoon and ending at five o'clock in the evening. Everyone will remember that as the 'old gravel pit,' says George H. Mitchell, President of the gang, "it was the meeting place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clibbe in the event the weather was not so good."

When 3 G. T. Trains Came Together Here Last Sunday

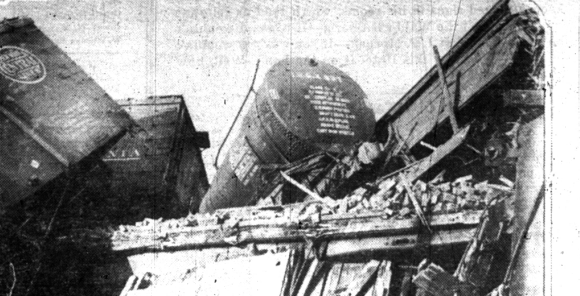


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COULZENS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER HERE OCT. 7

MERRILL-PALMER IDEA TURNED DOWN BY BOARD

Acting on the petition of the American Association of University Women, asking that a branch of the Merrill-Palmer school be opened as a part of the Birmingham school program, the school board voted Monday evening. The ballot stood four to one against the petition. A committee of two, composed of Leigh Lynch and Clarence Vliet, was appointed to make further investigation of the school, operated for the education of pre-school age children.

About 75 men and women interested in the installation of this branch of work in the school system were present at the meeting. It was in the form of a public gathering and the committee was given an opportunity to discuss the matter openly.

U. S. Senator From Michigan Will Address Annual Realtors' Banquet

What promises to be one of the best banquets of the year in Birmingham will be given by the Michigan Real Estate Board on Monday evening, October 5, when James S. Cozzen, United States Senator from Michigan, will be the principal speaker at the annual dinner of the Birmingham Real Estate Board. The affair will take place in the local Knights of Pythias Hall, on North Woodward avenue. Tickets, at a dollar and a half each, are being sold by members of the Real Estate Board.

SMALL-BUILDING LOTS ARE BANNED

Because a controversy has come up in the village during the past two days, it is probable that a permit to build a small lot, president Shain and commissioners Dinsman and Bell Monday night passed a resolution which will govern the minimum size of any building lot in Birmingham.

BUY EAST MAPLE LAND.

Roy Hawthorne of the Hawthorne Electric Company on Monday afternoon has recently purchased the property of W. E. Smith on 143 East Maple avenue. The Smith business has sufficiently developed in that section Mr. Hawthorne expects to erect a store there that will take the place of his present shop.

YOUNG MEN'S SERVICE CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Officers of the Young Men's Service Club elected two weeks ago were installed at the meeting in Taft Hall last Wednesday and a new board of officers announced by the president, Stanley Treddwell, was installed as president: L. A. Scheussler, vice-president; Fred Beck, secretary; Fred Kemp, treasurer. The executive committee is composed of the officers of the club, including Russell McBride and Raymond Peck.

"Navy Changes Australia's Ideas Of Yankee Character," Says Consul

(By Rosalind Knox)
Sydney, two weeks were spent in Australia and during the whole time there the conduct of the American men was most exemplary. They had 24 hours of their own time, and they were very fortunate in tipping their hats very few cases of drunkenness. The great majority of the men were law-abiding and they had not had any chance to drink.

SUIT AGAINST SCHOOL DISTRICT NEXT MONDAY

Suit for the recovery of \$10,000 against the local school district will come to trial next Monday at the Pontiac circuit court, according to the balance sheet of the Baldwin Frank L. Clark and Maurice Lowman, who are the plaintiffs. The suit is the result of the collapse of a part of the Baldwin school district. The plaintiffs have engaged A. L. Moore, while Patton & McGeer are counsel for the school district. The plaintiffs claim that the school district is responsible for the collapse of the school building. They claim that they were merely doing what the architects directed them to do.

"THE WORLD DO MOVE"

If any person doubts the scientific progress of Birmingham during the past century or two, let him visit this.

Let us assume that an Indian wigwam once stood at 201 Woodward avenue, inhabited by an Indian Chief, Pontiac's warriors. For this chap to communicate with Detroit it would have required the best part of a day. That was years ago.

One day last week, J. Mahomed Ali, of 101 Ravine road, desired to get in touch with his brother, Dr. Mahmood Ali, in Kapurthala, in northern India, 12,000 miles from Birmingham. All he had to do was to reach for the telephone in his home and, for 33 cents per word, send a cable half a day across the earth, a letter required much less than a day's work.

NEW CIVIC CLUBS FORMED IN VILLAGE

Residents In Northeastern Section Of Town Band Together For Mutual Interests

ZIEGLER IS PRESIDENT

At a meeting of property owners held Friday afternoon in the local Community House, the Northeastern Birmingham Civic Association was organized, with the purpose of mutual interests and the election of a board of directors.

The board of directors is composed of Gustave A. Ziegler, Robert R. Allen, Robert V. Moore, Hendrik Brasse, Ralph Moulthrop, Lee A. White, H. L. G. Koster, and E. B. Root. This board met Tuesday evening at Mr. Moulthrop's office and organized by electing Gustave Ziegler as president; Robert R. Allen, vice-president; Robert V. Moore, secretary, and Hendrik Brasse, treasurer.

Aid to Residents

The purposes of the new organization are, in brief, to protect the rights of the residents of the village, whenever necessary, to encourage such public improvements as may be desired, to secure the best possible conditions in and maintaining Birmingham as a residence suburb of Detroit.

A number of committees have been outlined and tentative chairmanships were suggested subject to securing the approval of the board of directors. One of the most important committees is the membership committee, the membership committee is the membership committee of Robert Allen.

Seek New Members

"I will visit the offices of others of this committee, attempt to enroll as active members in our association all those residents who live in the north and east of Woodward avenue, situated north of East Maple avenue and east of Woodward avenue, including Birmingham Estates," said Mr. Allen this week.

That this committee will meet with a cordial reception was indicated by the fact that when 50 property owners attended and discussed the proposed organization with enthusiasm, according to back the new organization in every way.

OPERATE 24 COACHES

The Star Motor Coach Line operates 24 coaches running between Pontiac and Detroit. The coaches are run by the Pontiac Motor Coach Co., Highland Park, to Detroit. Negotiations for the purchase of the Star Motor Coach line, which has been bought by new owners. According to Mr. McCallum, the transaction involved the sum of \$208,400.00.

THREE FREIGHTS COME TOGETHER NORTH OF BIRMINGHAM; ENGINEER IS INJURED

THOUSANDS VIEW SCENE

First Freight Pulls Drawbar Then Second And Third Sections Collide

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\$20,000 AS G. T. TRAINS CAME TOGETHER DURING SUNDAY

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The final upheaval of the two collisions presented to over 100,000 persons during the day the following condition of railroad property: The engine of the second freight train, which was nose-in with the engine of the first train, while the engine of the third freight train, which was nose-in with the engine of the second freight train, had pulled out of the engine and was being towed by the engine of the first train.

Pulled Drawbar

The first train, southbound, in charge of Conductor/Engineer, pulled a drawbar just as it entered Birmingham, according to a statement by Tom King, superintendent of this division of the Grand Trunk. The engine of the first train, which was nose-in with the engine of the second train, was not seen because of the heavy rain. The engine of the second train, which was nose-in with the engine of the first train, was not seen because of the heavy rain.

According to one of the brakemen (Continued on page 10)

DR. RECEIVES BY STAR MOTOR COACH

William McCallum Turned Over Holding Wednesday For \$208,400.00

RETAINED AS PRESIDENT

The Security Trust Co. and W. C. Dunbar, receivers for the People's Motor Coach Co., a subsidiary of the United Railway Co., announced this week the completion of negotiations for the purchase of the Star Motor Coach line, which has been bought by new owners. According to Mr. McCallum, the transaction involved the sum of \$208,400.00.

Mr. McCallum, who started the Star Motor Coach Line over two years ago, has been retained as president of the new company, which will probably be conducted under the old name. All the Star Motor Coach property passed from Mr. McCallum's hands, with the exception of his garage property on South Woodward avenue, which has been bought by new owners. According to Mr. McCallum, the transaction involved the sum of \$208,400.00.

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