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WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

(Little Editorials picked up by the Staff in and around Birmingham.)

J. Mohammed Ali of Ravine Road: "I have just learned that the Maharajah of Karpurthala, a state in northern India, is on his way to the United States. I hope that he comes to Detroit so that I may invite him to Birmingham. It is many years since I last saw him, for, as boys, we played together in his father's palace. My father was physician to the Maharajah's family."

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Frank L. Clark, local builder: "Twenty years from now I believe that the present atmosphere of Bloomfield Hills will be located north of Pontiac. This is because the increased growth of Birmingham will go northward, making the value of estate property too high to handle; this will result in many estates now in the Hills being cut up into smaller parcels."

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W. S. McAlpine, local surveyor and map maker: "Sidewalks should be laid at least one foot from the property line. In Birmingham, in some of the land that has been platted a long time, it is impossible to consider sidewalk lines in proper relation to property lines; this is because when they built sidewalks in those days the walks would run at all angles, mostly on account of the desire to save trees."

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Hendrick Brusse of Oakland avenue: "I think that the formation of the Northeastern Birmingham Civic Association is a fine thing for the upbuilding of our village. I hope that other sections of Birmingham will form similar associations. By coordinating our efforts and co-operating with the village commission, we certainly can do a great deal to assist in making this town a wonderful place in which to live."

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Mrs. R. A. Palmer on East Maple avenue: "Birmingham has such splendid possibilities for unearthing interesting historical stories that it is peculiar that there are not more people taking an interest in that sort of thing. In the east, where I come from, and even in Grand Rapids, which is not much older than Birmingham, everyone is very keenly interested in going back over the historical places and episodes of their towns and it is very seldom one hears of this in Birmingham. It would seem to me that to create a historical background for the village, now is the time to start when there are still people living who can remember parts of the history, either from experience or from stories told directly to them by those who did remember."

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Mrs. Fred Farrar of Brown street: "Though the Merrill-Palmer school branch was voted down by four, 112 women in Birmingham want it. The Merrill-Palmer school must come here. We will show the people who are against it that we don't intend the laboratory for a parking place for our children while we go to parties. Meanwhile we are going to work harder than ever on the study of the pre-school-age child."

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George G. Steelman of Madison avenue: "There is almost a tripled civic interest and civic pride in the village of Birmingham in the last two years. Much of this is due to the new residents who are coming out here and buying homes. Many of them, probably the majority, have formerly lived in apartment houses in Detroit and have never had the interest in their community because it was not theirs. However, they come out here and the place in which they live is their own property and it is astonishing how increased their interest is in the affairs that are going on about them. The older residents also own their own homes, but their civic interest is not as enthusiastic, mostly because they have always owned their property and just take the condition as a matter of course and too much for granted to feel that sense of community possession."

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Louis Hascall of North Woodward avenue: "Among its many peculiarities Birmingham has one that is outstanding, that is the willingness of the home owners to sell their own homes. I am willing to wager that there would not be perhaps more than ten people in the entire town who, if properly approached, with a price at an attractive figure, who would not sell and build again. It is more a state of mind that people have fallen into here that if they can sell they can always build again, and I should call it a very wise state of mind."

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VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the Village Commission held Monday evening, September 28, 1925, at 8 o'clock.

Present: President Shain, Commissioners Bell and Bingham.

Minutes of meeting of September 21, 1925, approved as printed.

The following Resolution was offered by President Shain that the following be and hereby is adopted:

1st Resolution on Henrietta Street Sewer

Whereas the Commission, by virtue of a resolution passed September 21, 1925, determined that it is expedient and advisable that an 8-inch laterall sanitary sewer be constructed beneath the surface of Henrietta Street, between Frank Street and Lincoln Avenue, in the Village of Birmingham, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of Henrietta Street and Frank Street, south a distance of 97.7 ft. to a manhole, and

Whereas by virtue of the same resolution the Village Manager has prepared maps and diagrams of such sanitary sewer improvement, and filed same with this Commission, together with an estimate of the cost of the same, amounting to $1,800.00 for the sewer, $578.00 for house connections, or a total sum of $2,378.00.

Now Be It Resolved, that all lots and parcels of land fronting and abutting on said above named street will be benefited by said improvement, and shall constitute a Special Assessment District upon which a special assessment shall be levied to defray a portion of the expense of constructing such above named improvement, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Village of Birmingham shall bear 1/6 of the cost of constructing such above named improvement, and that the lots and parcels of land embraced in said Special Assessment District shall be assessed 5/6 of the cost of construction of said improvement, and the full cost of house connections, according to benefits derived therefrom, and that the special assessments shall be divided into five equal installments, payable annually, beginning on the date of confirmation of a Special Assessment Roll for the above purpose, and

Be It Further Resolved, that this Commission shall meet at the Village Clerk's office in the Village of Birmingham on Monday, October 12, 1925, at 8 o'clock P. M., to hear suggestions and objections to the said improvement, and the method of assessment thereon.

Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

112—Moved by Commissioner Bell that the following bills and pay roll be allowed as follows:

Mike Harbodian, 1,195.10; George Newman, 5; Wm. Luth, 1.50; Willard Brown, $64.80; Ike Donian, $64.80; Chas. Kapelian, $64.80; Wm. Maxwell, $48.50; Louis Dreachslin, $59.40; A. Porteous, $141.00; Charles Higby, $41.80; John Berry, $64.80. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

113—Moved by President Shain that interest and principal on bonds be allowed as follows:

At First State Savings Bank of Birmingham

Name of Issue	Prin.	Int.	Total
GENERAL BONDS			
Surface Sewer		$ 189.00	$ 189.00
Woodward and Maple Paving		524.25	524.25
Elm St. Sewer	350.00	8.75	358.75
Brown St. Paving	1,900.00	47.50	1,947.50
W. Maple Paving—Bates to Southfield	2,000.00	50.00	2,050.00
W. Maple Paving—Southfield to limits	1,000.00	25.00	1,025.00
Pierce St. Paving—Maple to Mon	90.00	2.25	92.25
Pierce St. Paving—Martin to Townsend	900.00	22.50	922.50
Pierce St. Paving—Townsend to Brown	500.00	12.50	512.50
Brown St. Sewer	100.00	11.54	111.54
Martin St. Sewer	100.00	6.00	106.00
Merrill St. Sewer	100.00	6.00	106.00
Townsend St. Sewer	100.00	6.00	106.00
Total—From Interest and Sinking Fund			$ 8,051.29
SPECIAL BONDS			
Brown St. Sewer	500.00	30.00	530.00
Martin St. Sewer	500.00	27.00	527.00
Merrill St. Sewer	400.00	24.00	424.00
Townsend St. Sewer	400.00	24.00	424.00
Chester St. Opening		60.00	60.00
Total Check to First State Bank			$10,016.29

At First National Bank of Birmingham

GENERAL BONDS			
Southfield St. Sewer	100.00	6.00	106.00
Stanley Ave. Sewer	100.00	3.00	103.00
Worth St. Sewer	100.00	3.00	103.00
Oakland Ave. Sewer	100.00	6.00	106.00
1st Alley N. of Lincoln Ave. Sewer		3.10	3.10
Lincoln, Stanley and Chester Sewer		6.00	6.00
Lincoln Ave. Sewer No. 50	176.80	17.30	194.10
Bates St. Sewer No. 51		6.21	6.21
Total from Interest and Sinking Fund			$ 627.41
SPECIAL BONDS—from Special Funds			
Bates St. Sewer	100.00	6.00	106.00
Southfield Ave. Sewer	100.00	6.00	106.00
Stanley Ave. Sewer	400.00	24.00	424.00
Worth St. Sewer	300.00	18.00	318.00
Oakland Ave. Sewer	700.00	42.00	742.00
Hanna St. Sewer		9.00	9.00
Argus Street Opening		30.00	30.00
1st Alley N. of Lincoln Sewer		12.00	12.00
Lincoln, Stanley and Chester Sewer		30.00	30.00
Lincoln Ave. Sewer No. 50	286.20	32.59	318.79
Bates St. Sewer No. 51	360.00	52.80	412.80
Total Check to First National Bank			$ 3,136.00

At Peninsular State Bank of Detroit

GENERAL BONDS			
Water Storage Tank Bonds		296.87	296.87
Total Check to Peninsular State Bank			$ 296.87

At Detroit Trust Company of Detroit

GENERAL BONDS			
Sewage Disposal Tank Bonds		675.00	675.00
Total from Interest and Sinking Fund			$ 675.00
SPECIAL BONDS—from Special Funds			
Henrietta Street Opening	1,000.00	120.00	1,120.00
Watkins and Argus Sewer	700.00	84.00	784.00
Total Check to Detroit Trust Co.			$ 1,904.00

Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

319—Moved by Commissioner Bingham that the following resolution be adopted:

Whereas, this Commission deems it advisable and necessary to adopt a general plan as to size of lots in residential section of plats submitted to this Commission for approval, and as to number of houses to be hereafter built on any one lot all in accordance with authority vested in this Commission by Act 340, Public Acts 1925.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that no plat shall be accepted containing lots in residential sections less than 50 ft. in width and 120 ft. in length, and

Be it Further Resolved, that no permit to build a residence shall be granted allowing the building of more than one house on any one lot, thereby making the lot for each house less than 50 ft. in width by 120 ft. in length. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

320—Moved by Commissioner Bell that the bond of the Otis Cement Construction Co. be accepted and filed. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

321—Application of J. Oliaris for Sewer Builders' License read and referred to the Village Manager. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

322—Moved by Commissioner Bingham that Neal M. McArthur be granted Electrician's License. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

323—Moved by Commissioner Bell that the Main Plumbing & Heating Co. of Royal Oak, be granted Plumbers' Lincense. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

324—Moved by President Shain that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:

Whereas, one voting precinct includes the entire Village of Birmingham, and

Whereas, in said precinct there were more than 400 votes cast at the last preceding election, and

Whereas for convenience and practicability it is necessary to divide the said Village of Birmingham into two voting precincts,

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Village of Birmingham be divided into two precincts to be known as precinct number One and precinct number Two.

Be It Further Resolved, that the dividing line between Precinct No. 1 and Precinct No. 2 shall be Maple Avenue in said Village of Birmingham.

Be It Further Resolved, that Precinct No. 1 shall consist of all territory in the Village of Birmingham, north of Maple avenue, so-called, and Precinct No. 2 shall include all territory in the Village of Birmingham south of Maple avenue, so-called. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

325—Moved by Commissioner Bell that $11.25 be refunded to Mrs. Geneva Bartle, being 1925 taxes on Lot 12, Merrill Inst. owned by the Village. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

326—Moved by Commissioner Bingham that the Assessors Re-plat of part of Pierce's Addition, Hood's Addition and Smith Addition be accepted and filed. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

327—Moved by President Shain that the attorney be instructed to draw up the necessary deeds for 2 ft. of land along Lincoln Avenue belonging to A. W. Ives and C. E. Latham. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

Moved by Commissioner Bingham that the meeting adjourn. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

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