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STATE PLAN TO WIDEN N. WOODWARD MAY EXTEND TO HARMON

Line At Oak Street Would Be Carried To Meet Balance Of Street Width

BUILD RETAINING WALL

W. W. Henry Still Awaiting Settlement For Land Used For Highway

Since the approval by the village commission to the State's plan to widen north Woodward avenue, north of Oak street, much conjecture has been made relative to what may happen to the west side of Woodward from Oak street south through the village.

According to village manager Harry S. Starr, the west side of the pavement at Oak street will be 70 feet from the center of the car tracks, or about 35 feet from the present curb line. In order to bring this west curb in eastward so that it will meet the present village curb line, the continuation line must be extended south as far as Harmon street.

Meet at Harman

Village president Charles J. Shain, who owns a block of stores at Harmon and North Woodward avenues, believes that the State's plan would take about eight feet from the front of his property. This means that all the property situated between Harmon avenue and Oak street, on the west side of Woodward, will have to lose some of its frontage; it means, too, that retaining walls must be built there the same as have been done between Birmingham and Pontiac.

"Of course, we still remain in the dark regarding the State's final plans for Woodward avenue in Birmingham," said president Shain this week. "Our own notion that the west line of North Woodward will stop at Harmon street is based upon the fact that, if it is continued south to Lexington boulevard, a large fill will be required in the gully there. The same kind of a fill will be required later on the east side of Woodward avenue, if the State decides to take an equal amount of land as it is doing on the west side."

Henry's Case Unsettled

The controversy between the State and W. W. Henry, who was offered $2,400.00 in cash by Thad Seeley,

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UNIQUE FRIENDSHIP PLAN FOR ROTARIANS

Local Club Adopts Six Months' Plan To Stimulate Good Fellowship

J. E. STROUP IN CHARGE

Joseph Stroup, chairman of the Fellowship Committee, was in charge of the Birmingham Rotary club's program Monday noon at Taft Hall. He was assisted by Tunis W. Miner, a member of his committee.

Mr. Stroup gave a brief summary of Rotary ideals, emphasizing the part that good fellowship plays in the success of the organization, with a subsequent good reaction upon the entire structure of society. Mr. Minor proposed that the club accept a novel plan to stimulate greater friendship among local Rotarians. The plan creates for each Rotarian an unknown Rotary friend, to be known as "Rotary X."

Each member was asked to fill out a card setting forth the name and address of himself and wife, their respective birthdays, and wedding anniversary. These cards will be drawn next Monday and the beginning of this unique plan will be launched.

For the next six months each member will have an unknown "Rotary X" friend; this friend is to watch his "protege" and send him, at regular intervals, little messages of cheer and good will; he is to remember birthday and wedding anniversaries, and to do all that is possible to be a real friend. Each message will be signed "Rotary X", thus keeping the sender's identity concealed. Then the "Rotary X" friends will be announced at the close of the six months, revealing to each Rotarian the one who was responsible for the acts of kindness committed.

Exchange Wins By 4 Pins From Rotary

Five expert bowlers on the Birmingham Exchange club team pitted their prowess against an equal number of local Rotarians at Blackmer's Wednesday night and, after rolling three games, came out four pins ahead of their opponents. The final score for total pins after the three games stood: Exchange club 2248; Rotary club, 2244.

Individual scores for the three respective games stood as follows: Exchange club, Ralph Moulthrop, 168, 157, 145; John Lawson, 201, 131, 146; James Wooster, 146, 167, 161; Robert Y. Moore, 142, 109, 152; J. H. Sheridan, 152, 132, 141. Rotary club, Phil Willmarth, 146, 176; Walter L. Connelly, 174, 149, 161; George R. Averill, 122, 149, 188; Charles Randall, 142, 115, 113; Joseph Stroup, 110, 144, 172.

Do you know that Charley's Aunt is coming to Birmingham Friday, Oct. 30? Don't miss it. adv.27

Salvation Army Man calls every Tuesday at The Community House. Have you anything to give? adv.23-27

WHEN WINTER COMES

Although the weather in Birmingham and vicinity has been rather cool for several weeks, the first real snow of the year glided earthward Monday morning on a stiff breeze that began an annual attack on the many colored leaves of the trees. Smoke was seen curling skyward from many homes; pedestrians clutched at their hats and clothing while walking about. Now that the warm weather, which permitted the laying of hundreds of miles of concrete pavement in Michigan, has passed, Nature will begin laying her roads of snow—sort of fitting pavement for the steel runners of Santa Claus' Christmas visitation.

JURIST'S WIFE GUEST OF LITERARY WOMEN

Mrs. F. Aldrich Tells How Williams College Institute Functions

PROMOTES WORLD PEACE

Mrs. Frederick Aldrich, wife of Judge Aldrich of Detroit and a member of the Institute of Politics at Williamstown, Mass., spoke to the members of the Woman's Literary Club Tuesday afternoon at the Community House. Her subject was the working of the Institute and she explained the thoroughly and comprehensively that the members were aroused to a lively discussion.

Has 300 Members

Every year during the past three years the Institute has been held for four weeks at Williamstown. Harry Garfield, the president of Williams College, was the originator of the organization and started it for the purpose of bringing together prominent people of all the nations to discuss world problems in an amicable way as a means of preventing war. Membership is of two kinds; by invitation, in which cases those chosen are representatives in their special field of work, and by application. There are 300 members. All the speakers are authorities on various angles of world problems.

Seek Peace For World

At the meeting last August the outstanding topics of discussions were the Chinese question, the League of Nations, and different ways of promoting world peace. One of the suggested solutions of the last named was the establishment of demilitarized zones between the principal countries of Europe. Most of those who attended the Institute, educators, several American lawyers, and all the foreigners were in favor of the United States joining the league while American army and navy officials were opposed to it.

The aim of the members is to reach a common meeting ground for all nations in an intellectual way and to become better acquainted with each other's viewpoints. In this respect the Institute has been successful from the start.

There are daily conferences for members with which has picked speakers hold the floor. There are evening lectures open to the public. There are also eight round tables open only to members at which they may discuss certain topics assigned to each table. The members are limited in the number of round tables they can attend and the number of members at each round table are limited so that the discussion groups are small and varied.

Mrs. Frank Miller of Merrill street presented Mrs. Aldrich and Mrs. J. M. Case also of Merrill street was the hostess for the day. The meeting was followed by a tea at which Mrs. W. F. Upjegraff presided. Mrs. E. W. Reilly sang a group of songs accompanied at the piano by Mrs. T. S. Parker.

Next Friday the county Federation meeting will be held at Oxford. All members are urged to attend.

Old Home Of Parson Hastings Is Re-built

(By Josephine Leisenring)

Seek-No-Farther means those lovely harvest apples, sweet cider, Hallowe'en, and all sorts of memories to the old settlers of Piety Hill. In another generation or so the meaning of the name will not pertain to any of these things, but will recall a charming little home nestled to the hillside of Willetts street.

When one leaves Woodward avenue and walks westward out this street as far as the first bend he suddenly finds himself in another world. In the midst of this workaby life of ours is a little patch of the old world, and a quaint little house with a history all its own holds the dominant note of all. Cream colored, with shutters, roof, and door of old blue, it lies close to the ground overlooking the site for the proposed Christian Science church here. Parson Albert Hastings' idea put the house there in the beginning, and he built it to the firm old religious standpoint.

The Christian Science church bought the place from the Peabody family which had owned it for over 60 years. They in turn sold it to Mr. Irwin Neff of West Maple avenue, who has made it into a thoroughly modern habitation, holding only the glamor of olden romance. The atmosphere of days past clings to the iron knocker that has seen service in England for several centuries; an old frosted lamp that will hang in the hall; and the Seek-No-Farther trees that shadow the sunparlor and garage.

The wide pine flooring of parlor and bedrooms has lost its gloom by being done in bright enamels. Even the Parson's rag rugs could never

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DETROITER TELLS OF TIGER HUNTING TRIP

Dr. Chesterfield Relates Experiences In India To Exchange Club

FILLED WITH THRILLS

"A good many people think that tiger hunting is a dangerous sport; it does contain a certain element of danger, but I believe that it affords more real excitement than hazard," stated Dr. Alvin Chesterfield, Detroit dentist, to members of the Birmingham Exchange club Tuesday noon at the Lone Pine Tea House. Dr. Chesterfield, who recently completed a trip into the Province of Nepal, in northern India, was the guest of Dr. F. L. Tucker, local dentist.

An Expensive Game

"Hunting tigers is a really stupendous undertaking," said Dr. Chesterfield, who has also hunted elephants in Africa. "When we started out, through the courtesy of the Maharajah of Nepal, we had 60 elephants, 500 native men, and 100 ox carts. Hunting tigers is for the royalty only, and we had to obtain special permission before we started. The Maharajah loaned us his equipment, but it cost our party $10,000 to feed the men and animals during two weeks.

Use Calves As Bait

"The first thing to do, in hunting tigers, is to get into a tiger-infested part of the land, then make a central camp. Natives then go out and, in a radius of ten or fifteen miles, tie a great number of Buffalo calves at various points. The next day couriers make a canvass of the calves, noting which are missing, thus determining the proximity of the tigers. Wherever the greatest number of calves are missing, that point is fixed upon as the place to stage the hunt.

Stamp Out The Quarry

"First of all, the elephants, upon which we ride, are placed in a large semi-circle around the jungle that is believed to hide the tigers; during this circling process the elephants, which are highly trained for this work, do not emit a sound. When the circle is completed, the elephants and the natives set up the greatest commotion possible, with the view to alarming the tigers within the circle. Then two elephants are sent into the circle, trained to stamp out the quarry.

The hunters are concealed in 'shooting boxes' placed upon the backs of the elephants, which upon

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BALDWIN GRIDDERS DEFEAT YPSILANTI

6-0 Score Piled Up By Birmingham Boys In Wet Game Last Friday

TAYLOR AND SHAVE STAR

Victory with a score of six to nothing came to the Baldwin High School football squad for the first time this year at Ypsilanti last Friday when Birmingham kicked off the Ypsilanti men touched it and lost to Birmingham. Several times in the first quarter Birmingham was five yards from the goal, but penalties in every case put the ball a good way from the line and it was impossible to make a touchdown.

In the second half the local boys began forward passing their opponents. Taylor and Shave were responsible for a touchdown in the second quarter with thirty seconds to go. Taylor by completing so many forward passes and Shave by a short line plunge placed six points on the Birmingham score. The try for point did not go over.

Rain came down in the second half and the ball and field became so slippery that no points were gained by either team. Ypsilanti made a nice 40 yard run but to no avail. In the last quarter Ypsilanti got the ball and made a number of forward passes. Westerby intercepted one of these and ran about 20 yards. The referee blew his whistle and terminated the game.

An important factor in this game was the line. Birmingham held the Ypsilanti men to the yard every time they had the ball. This gave the backfield confidence and once secured it will make the Birmingham squad, which has the winning stuff in it, win every time.

7 Birmingham Boys Form "Givers' Club"

A group of small boys which has promised to be truthful, kind, manly and helpful; and whose aim is to scatter sunshine and good cheer among unfortunate but deserving children, has organized the Givers' Club.

Tuesday afternoon the first meeting was held at the home of Robert Zeigler on Madison avenue. Seven members were present. Plans were made for the proposed work to be carried on and officers for the year were elected. They are: president, Robert Zeigler; vice-president, Richard Phillips; secretary, William Crickshank; treasurer, William Shaffner; and sunshine secretary, Walter Jensen. The other members of the club are: Richard Varney, Baird Thomas, Bennett Root and Stewart Gilby.

The boys are expected to provide for their donations and no canvassing will be done. Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets will be part of the club's program. Meetings are to be held every other Friday after school.

Apples and sweet cider for sale at mill in rear of 112 Brownell St. Stanley Peabody. adv.27tf

OUR BOYS ARE GOOD

How do the boys of Birmingham stack up with the balance of Oakland County when it comes to good behavior and manly uprightness? This question was answered a short time ago when Clarence Vliet, superintendent of local public schools, was in conference with Judge Ross Stockwell, County Probate and Juvenile Judge.

"Let me compliment Birmingham upon its fine type of youth," said the jurist. "During the past five years I can not recall a single Birmingham boy—one who has lived in your community for several years or more—who has been brought before me. This certainly speaks well for the Y. M. C. A. and other influences at work in your town for the betterment of youth. In by estimation, Birmingham, in this respect, sets an example for other communities."

(Editor's Note: Atta boy; keep it up, Birmingham.)

BUSTING ACTIVITY AT THE M. E. CHURCH

B'ham Congregation Plans A Financial Drive; Repairing Parsonage

SEEK PLEDGE INCREASE

By Joseph Dalley

Considerable activity has been noticable around the Methodist Church during the past few weeks. To a casual observer the question might arise: "What is it all about?" On further investigation we find that the noise is actually justified, for the past few weeks there has been a decided increase in the attendance at both the morning and evening services. The members of the congregation have awakened to their opportunity and caught the vision of service. A number of new families who have recently moved to Birmingham from Detroit have joined or expressed their intentions of joining the church in the near future.

Repairing Parsonage

The parsonage is being entirely renovated and to some extent remodeled. An addition and other necessary conveniences, together with a new roof is being added. The total costs of which will run in the neighborhood of $1,200.00. To which amount the Ladies Aid have subscribed between three and four hundred dollars. The balance of the amount will be met from the budget.

Finance Committee

Some weeks ago a special finance committee was appointed to raise the necessary funds to meet the budget. The committee appointed is as follows: General Chairman, Jos. R. Dalley, Chairman Canvass Committee, Geo. G. Steelman, Vice Chairman, Melvin J. Deer, Chairman Lists Committee, Mrs. Blanche Blumberg, Vice Chairman, Miss M. Sly, Chairman Special Gifts, Louis Hascall, Vice Chairman, Robt. D. Lynd, Publicity Chairman, E. B. Root, Vice Chairman, Maurice Lowman, Chairman Social Committee, Lester Slusser. This committee in turn have enlisted the services and cooperation of approximately seven men, who have been divided into seven teams with the following men as Captains: Team No. 1—H. T. Ellerby; Team No. 2—Maurice Lowman; Team No. 3—George Stallings; Team No. 4—L. J. Slusser; Team No. 5—S. S. Pierce; Team No. 6—Jos Schneider; Team No. 7—Glenn Cummings. The following men were appointed lieutenants for their respective teams: C. J. Mathews, Carl Kalmbach, Frank Campbell, Daniel Swartz, Frank Deer, H. P. Doying, Kenneth Green.

Last Sunday evening thirty-five men met to hear the details of the campaign outlined by the executive committee and to be assigned to their various tasks. Great enthusiasm was manifested by all present and plans of every man assured his fellow that success of the undertaking was certain.

A personal letter has been mailed to every member of the church, advising them of the purpose of the canvass and stating that they will be visited by a representative of one of the teams on Sunday next. At which time the items in the budget together with the church program of the future will be fully explain-

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PONTIAC MAN KILLED BY AUTO ON WOODWARD

Donald Donovan of Pontiac, one of the road employees of the White Construction Company, was struck by a car on the J. A. Braun residence on Woodward avenue, died yesterday afternoon in the Pontiac City Hospital as the result of his injuries received when a truck ran over him in the morning. Donovan stepped directly in the path of the truck, making the accident unavoidable, it is reported.

He had neither been over occupation when he asked for work last spring. Since that time he had proved to be one of the best and most willing workers employed by the construction company. He has no known relatives.

WRITTEN BY REV. McCURDY

The article in last week's Eccentric entitled "What Birmingham Needs" was written by Rev. Charles McCurdy, of the local St. James Episcopal church. Through an error of omission his name was left out of the article. This week's article was written by Charles J. Shain, village president.

Lost—Pair of slightly worn brown oxfords somewhere between Baldwin School and Woodward or D. U. R. station and Willits street. Finder will have home left in a box. Please notify Barbara Baldwin at 7007-R15 rural exchange. adv.N

Every advertisement in the Eccentric is a message from the merchants to you, folks. When you want to go to a theater you read the advertisements to find out if you'll like the show. You want to read what local merchants have to offer in each issue of the Eccentric—in this way is the merchant's message brought to your very fireside! adv.21tf

SILENCE ENSHROUDS DISAPPEARANCE OF R. CARSON FROM HOME

Well Known Local Business Man Believed To Be Mentally Unbalanced

FINANCIAL REVERSES

Left Home On East Maple Avenue October 6; Last Seen In Howell

Somewhere out in Michigan or a nearby state is Robert H. Carson, former owner of the Bloomfield Automobile Co., and one of the best liked younger business men of this village. That he is alive, but perhaps mentally unbalanced, is the opinion of Mrs. Carson, of East Maple avenue, who, since her husband's disappearance Tuesday morning, October 6, has steadfastly maintained that "Bob will let me hear from him and come back home to face it out."

At the Carson home each night Marvel, 10 years old, and Robert Jr., eight years old, the children of the missing man, preface their slumbers with a prayerful desire that "our daddy come home to us."

In the meantime, despite efforts of the radio and the press to locate the missing man, the family and many of his friends await some information of his whereabouts; then they will bend every effort to assist and restore "Bob" to reformation.

Financial Setbacks

For, according to information learned by a committee of three men, appointed by the Birmingham Exchange club, of which the missing man was president, criminal liability to the amount of approximately $2,400.00 hangs over his head. Financial setbacks, showing liabilities of between $10,000 and $15,000, with about $4,000 assets are believed to be the cause of Mr. Carson's mysterious disappearance.

Left Home October 6

"My uncle (Robert) came here shortly before eight o'clock on October 6, intending to go to Pontiac on business; he never came back," related Mr. V. B. Ladue, of Bloomington, Illinois, who is in Birmingham to do what he can to locate the missing man. "For three or four weeks he has been worried over financial matters, and his face was very white when he bade his wife

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Y. M. C. A. DIRECTORS PLAN WINTER'S WORK

Officers Nominated And Committees Appointed Here Tuesday Night

SHAIN IS PRESIDENT

The Board of Directors of the Birmingham Y. M. C. A. met in the Baldwin High school Tuesday evening and dinner was served in the cafeteria, followed immediately by a business meeting. The nomination of officers was made, and committees were appointed to carry on the winter's work. As the present officers were nominated to remain in their same positions, it is probable that the list will remain unchanged. They are: President, Charles J. Shain; Vice President, Clarence Vliet; Secretary, J. B. Howarth; and Treasurer, Arthur C. Peck.

Committees appointed—Finance, C. A. Bingham, C. V. Vliet, M. Kalmbach, H. T. Ellery, C. J. Shain, and J. B. Howarth.

Father and Son Banquet—John Wenzel, program, and John Dalley, dinner.

Service Club—C. A. Bingham.

Thrift Campaign — Robert Peck and George Averill.

Find Yourself Campaign—M. C. Hart and C. V. Vliet.

Recreation League—George Jackson and H. T. Ellerby.

Leaders Institute—C. S. Kinnison, Arthur Peck.

Older Boy's Conference (meeting the last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the first November at Lansing)—Kenneth Bingham, R. H. Peck, C. S. Kinnison.

For the Adams School Jr. Y.—Leader, Jerry Dalley; Advisor, J. W. Parry. For the Batmun School Jr. Y—Leader, Claude Streb; Advisor, W. W. Raymond. Hill School Jr. Y—Leader, Renton Warby; Advisor, John Martz. Pierce Street School—Jr. Y—Leader, Edward Bissell; Advisor, Wylie Groves.

For the entire unit the following—Jr. H. Y.—Leader, Charles Buck; advisor, Leland Bunyon. The Senior Hi-Y—Leader, M. C. Hart; advisor, C. V. Vliet. Adams Men's Club—Leader to be selected; advisor, H. T. Ellerby. Baldwin Men's Club—Leader, Robert Bethel; advisor, Joseph Dalley. Pierce Street Men's Club—Leader, M. Bartholomew, advisor, to be selected.

Hallowe'en Party

Sheeted ghosts and mischievous goblins will do their worst to make a thrilling Hallowe'en party Saturday night at the Community House for the nine B grade of the Baldwin High school. Games and dancing will also provide amusement. Miss Florence Ackerly is in charge of the arrangements.

UNAVOIDABLE EXTRAS ON ADAMS GRADE SCHOOL

Frederick D. Madison, architect for the Adams school addition, laid before the school board meeting Tuesday night four extras that had not been included in the original contract. When digging for the sewer the outlets were not found where they were expected, consequently the sewer had to be laid to Adams avenue. The iron pipe under the basement floor had to be changed from a six to an eight inch pipe. Drainage tiles were also found necessary to take care of the seepage from outside the building. A temporary electric circuit will have to be installed because a permanent one cannot be put in till the building is finished.

These extras were found to be unavoidable. Their cost totals $1045.00, but as the cost of the building is about $20,000.00 inside the bond limit the remaining amount will cover the extras, grading, and any other expenses that may arise.

PLENTY OF THRILLS IN RACES SATURDAY

Sixth Annual Bloomfield Open Hunt Races Starts At 2:30 P. M.

IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Beginning promptly at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, October 24, the first of the races to be staged by the Bloomfield Open Hunt will be run over the E. P. Hammond Farm, Bloomfield Hills. It will be an Open Steeplechase, about two and one-half miles over natural country.

Plan Huge Barbecue

By the time this race is under way it is estimated that nearly ten thousand people will be present on the Hammond and adjacent farms, gathered to witness the Sixth Annual Races under the auspices of the Bloomfield Open Hunt. Preceding the races a huge barbecue will be the main feature, where those in attendance may eat their lunch. These annual races, although paid for by admission, are open to the entire public. Entrance to the grounds is over the Square Lake road, north of Bloomfield Center.

Plenty Of Thrills

Following the first race the next one will be the Meander Plate, promising a real thrill with its fast horses and gaily colored riders burning up three-quarters of a mile of flat country.

The Grosse Pointe Point-to-Point Challenge Cup race, four miles over a natural country, has always been a favorite with the spectators. From their positions on the brow of a hill, the gallery is enabled to see practically every part of the course. Frequent spills add to the glamour of this race.

The fourth race will be the Burns Henry Memorial Challenge Cup, the first of its kind, and held in honor of Burns Henry, Bloomfield's late horse lover who died within the past year. This race is one and one-half miles on the flat.

The fifth and last race is the Bloomfield Hunt Plate, four miles over natural country, with plenty of hurdles for the riders to bring their mounts over.

William Hendrie is chairman of the race committee; Lyman Goodenham is secretary. Other members of the committee are: J. A. Braun, J. A. Bray, M. Bissell, E. P. Hammond, G. V. N. Lothrop, C. J. McDonald, E. S. Nichols, Wesson Seyburn, George W. Slaughter, Ralph Stoepel, W. N. Whittemore, J. F. Williams and C. C. Winningham.

Eco City Water Said To Be Safe At Source

Engineers from the State Board of Health office at Lansing, following a survey of the Eco City water supply, have declared that the source of supply is high and uncontaminated. The reason for the typhoid fever epidemic which has visited certain parts of Eco City was diagnosed by Dr. A. N. Newitt, health officer here, as impure water. Chlorine was ordered placed in the water.

Using Chlorine

According to State officials, the impurities which were found in the mains was caused by water from another source being pumped into the Eco mains. It is reported that Eco City furnished water to a road contractor to complete paving on Woodward avenue; water for the paving was also said to have been obtained direct from some nearby open source. The discovery of impurities is believed to have allowed some of the open water to get into the Eco City mains. The mains are being subjected to chlorine treatment, although the source of supply as in Birmingham, is claimed to be perfectly pure.

Townships To Act

Following up the orders of Dr. Newitt that a number of houses on East and West Ruffner avenues in Eco City install proper sanitary fittings, members of both Troy and Bloomfield township Boards this week said that, if property owners were unable to pay such costs, the township would do it and charge it against the property on next year's tax roll.

About 15 homes are affected, according to Dr. Newitt, who issued orders six weeks ago to have out-houses removed and proper sanitation improvements installed. He said that he would allow plenty of time for each property owner to comply with the order before taking legal action, perhaps including a fine and jail sentence.

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"OLD MAN TAXES" IS MOVED TO TALK ON COUNTY TAX TANGLE

Ancient Gentleman Ponders Reasons For Calling Him To Pontiac

BLOOMFIELD RATE CUT

State's Final Equalization Figures Five County Boost Of $80,000,000

By George R. Averill

"Well, I exchimed Old Man Taxes as he burst into our office on a gust of snow-flaked wind Wednesday morning, "I'm back with you again; it's been almost a year since I last visited Bloomfield township, including your beautiful village of Birmingham. Had a hard time gettin' here, too—got as far as Pontiac early in the summer, but several of the

BLOOMFIELD LOWERED

According to Robert Y. Moore, Bloomfield township supervisor, the State Tax Commission lowered equalization figures of Oakland County places his township assessed at county supervisors' equalization board to place it last spring. A year ago Bloomfield township, including Birmingham, was assessed at $17,577,000; Moore's roll last spring was $23,222,000. He asked that it be placed at $21,000,000. Met with refusal, and and others called in the State Tax Commission. Moore estimates that the saving to State and County taxes to the township for this year will amount to between $15,000 and $20,000. The total for Oakland County assessed valuation as returned by the State Tax Commission Tuesday amounts to $295,000,000, an increase of $80,000,000 over the amount Supervisors last spring. (See item brought in by the County Board of plate county assessments on page seven of this issue.)

spark plugs were missin' on the old bus and I had to send over to Lansing to get some experts to come over into Oakland County and fix me up for the rest of the trip.

How It Happened

"It all happened this way," went on the ancient gentleman who annually collects taxes from everybody on earth with which to carry on government. "I have as my representatives in Oakland County—as I have in other townships throughout the land of the free—a great many agents; you folks call 'em supervisors. Well, part of the job of each

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TWO WEEKS LEFT TO PAY VILLAGE TAXES

Treasurer Plumstead Will Turn Roll Over To County Treasurer, Nov. 1

$82,000 IS COLLECTED

Residents of Birmingham who have not yet paid their 1925 village taxes will have up to and including Saturday, October 31, at noon, to do so at the office of the local village treasurer, according to a statement made this week by Charles Plumstead. Beginning November 1 all delinquent taxes must be paid at the office of the County Treasurer in Pontiac, where, in addition to a four per cent penalty, three-quarters of one per cent for each month or fraction thereof will be levied.

"Birmingham's 1925 tax roll amounted to $195,000," said treasurer Plumstead, "and we already have collected $82,000 of this sum. This leaves at present an unpaid balance of $26,000, a good deal of which I expect to collect here before turning the village books over to the County Treasurer. The collection to date is a trifle above normal of other years, principally that Birmingham is enjoying prosperity with the rest of the country."

Special Assessments

Mr. Plumstead emphasized the necessity of paying up special assessment taxes that many people have paid the current village tax but have not remitted for special assessments," he said. "Wherever a special assessment is due it appears on the tax notice in red ink. Unless these special assessments are paid before October 31 they will be returned for collection to the County Treasurer."

He pointed out that special assessments, for such improvements as sewers, paving, sidewalks, etc., are generally carried over a five-year period. If the first installment falls due and was not paid, the entire assessment becomes due, according to the village charter.

The village treasurer's office closes at five o'clock except on Saturdays, when noon is the closing time.

ROTARY CLUB PROVIDES $100.00 FOR GIRL'S AID

In order to help a little Birmingham girl, whose parents are unable to make her attend school regularly, the Birmingham Rotary club Monday voted to set aside $100.00 for the purpose of engaging a teacher to assist in overcoming the handicap that attends the girl's deaf and dumb condition. It is planned to have a Detroit instructor visit the child each week.

Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools, and David Ladd, chairman of the Rotary club's committee on Crippled Children, will have direct charge of the case. The money will be taken from a fund raised last winter through the staging of a Style Show in the Baldwin high school auditorium.