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THE ECCENTRIC

**TOUGHER HEADS AND
SEARER: ALL STUDY
THE PROBLEM**

**Group Of Local Men And
Women Met Tuesday Night
To Discuss Question
MAY CENSOR PICTURES**

**Preachers Reconciled To Possibility Of Theaters Here,
But Seek Co-operation**

Meeting for the first time, the Civic League, composed of representatives of every organization in Birmingham interested in civic problems, Tuesday night of this week, the Community House, elected a president and secretary, and appointed a committee to investigate the status of the problem before them at this time, the question of a theatre in Birmingham.

To Be, Or Not To Be?
Rev. F. E. Logee, in calling the meeting to order, explained the problem at hand, and the attitude of the town as he understood it. "To be, or not to be, is the question," declared Rev. Logee, "in the theatre is no question; that Birmingham will have a moving picture show in the future is inevitable. However, the kind of a show will it be? Are the pictures going to be for our liking, and for the benefit of the community? It is not intolerance that prompts us to prepare ourselves, it is only an eye for the money of our children that urges us on."

It is thought that a certain piece of property, including the old White- (Continued on Page 12)

Northwood Inn Scene Of Exchange Banquet

More than 400 members of the Birmingham Exchange Club, Tuesday evening, gave their guests a banquet given by their organization at the Northwood Inn. Tuesday evening was a pleasantly devoid of any after dinner speeches and injected at proper intervals, with several musical specialties engaged for the occasion, the banquet was declared a decisive success by all in attendance.

CONSIDER MUNICIPAL GARBAGE COLLECTION

In response to a query from Manager Starr last week officials of Royal Oak have signified their willingness to accept and dispose of Birmingham's garbage at \$2.50 per ton. Village Engineer Shain Monday night said that Birmingham was seriously considering the collection of its own garbage, and would dispose of the subject in a few weeks. At the same time, Scott is collecting local garbage. Royal Oak's proposal contained a stipulation that termination of any contract with Birmingham could be made by giving 30-day notice.

SATURDAY LAST DAY FOR DIRECTORY DATA

All Names From Village Must Be Sent In For The 1926 Publication

The entire area of the Village of Birmingham, including the recently annexed territories, has been covered for the Annual Birmingham Directory, published by The Birmingham Eccentric. This work has been going on for the past three weeks, and effort to conscientiously include all persons over eighteen has been made. In going over the town, the solicitors came across many houses where no one was at home. In such cases a card was left with instructions for filling out and mailing into The Eccentric office. However, according to the lists of "not at home" persons, the failure to return the card as requested. This may mean that the names of such persons will not be included in the directory; it is understood that the Eccentric will not be held liable for their omission.

In case the card has been lost, or the card is sent in on duplicate paper, the card should be replaced by the occupant of every one over eighteen.

Saturday, April 24, at 6 o'clock is the last day for the acceptance of names of residents in Birmingham (including the newly annexed territories) for the Directory. The names are still coming in from Birmingham, outside of the village, however.

Zona Gale, Author And Playwright, Laments Cutting Of Villages Trees

Zona Gale, novelist and playwright, deplored the cutting down of the shade trees in front of the business places along East Maple Street, Monday night, when she was passing the sidewalks and saw the stumps of the trees. She said she had seen the trees cut down, and she asked, "What communities have sacrificed the beauty and dignity symbol of trees to make a street suitable for business?"

Miss Gale won the Pulitzer prize for the best American novel of the year with her "Lullaby" in 1925. She produced a play at the Belmont theatre in New York City last year before the public and still later picture. She is the author of "Birth," "Pitt," was made and acted in "New York," "Vain Perfume," her latest novel, also has been dramatized and is soon to be given its New York premiere.

Miss Gale, as a regent of the United

New Elevated Tank Is Now In Service

Birmingham's 300,000 gallon steel elevated water tank, given its first "bath" over the past week, will continue in satisfactory service to the community, according to manager Starr's report to the commission this week. Except for a few minor leaks, which can be caulked without emptying the tank; the new addition to the village's water supply is a success.

"The new storage tank guarantees a steady pressure than was possible last year when we pumped directly from the wells into the mains," said Starr. "The tank gives us a reservoir for a surplus of water which, due to the law of gravity, balances the demands that is made upon the mains by the consumers."

PLAN A REUNION FOR HILL SCHOOL PUPILS

Committee Seeks Names Of All Who Attended Prior To 1910

In an effort to gather together all the "boys and girls" who attended the old Hill school of Birmingham up to 1910, a committee of the Hill school is planning a reunion in June, a preliminary meeting will be held in the office of the Hill school, Y. Moore, township supervisor, Friday evening, April 30. Last week a group of people who graduated from or attended the Hill school got together and elected the following temporary committee: Chairman, J. H. DeLoach; chairman, L. D. Allen; and Seymour Adams, vice-chairman; Robert Y. Moore, secretary; and Mrs. Blanche Blumberg, secretary.

At the meeting April 30 plans will be laid for the first meeting and reunion. It is estimated that a large number of those who obtained their first schooling in the old Hill building are still alive, which promises a "big time" when they get together in June. Annual reunions will also be held each year, according to present plans of the committee.

"MOTHER, DAUGHTER WEEK" HERE MAY 9-16

Local Churches Will Observe The Event With Fitting Exercises

Mother and Daughter Week, beginning with Mothers' Day, May 9, and closing with Daughters' Day, May 16, is being promoted by the Michigan Council of Religious Education and the various Young Women's Christian Association throughout the state, will be observed locally.

Of the churches, the Methodist is the one most active in the present. The mothers and daughters of the churches are being urged to participate in the program. The program at least on Mother's Day, in the schools the week will not be observed. Clarence Viet, superintendent, said: "Mother and Daughters' Week is a very fine thing but our schools are so busy at this season of the year that we really can't afford the time necessary for programs."

The Girls' Reserve, Y. M. C. A. organization, has not yet decided whether it will observe the week independently or through the various churches of the members.

Seat Sale Success For Village Players

Tickets for the Village Players' Annual Public performance, to be held Saturday night at the Municipal Auditorium are being quickly bought up. Some of the sellers are holding tickets with the report that promised buyers will turn in their tickets for the performance. The sale would meet with the usual success, but it was not thought that the show would be such an early success.

SANITARY SEWERS

Village manager Harry S. Starr Monday night was directed by the commission to prepare map and diagrams, together with an estimate of the cost of installing the sanitary sewers on Madison, Riverside, Kenmore, and Highland avenues, in the northeast section of Birmingham. Manager Starr will also consider connecting the existing sewer on Oakland avenue with an outlet to the Rouge trunk line sewer.

Verity of Wisconsin, had spoken before the Wisconsin alumni society at the hotel Saturday evening. At the time of the address, Starr was in the English club of Detroit at the new phase of action. Saturday afternoon and evening were spent in Birmingham.

"It seems too bad," she said when she noticed the stumps in front of the hotel, "that with such magnificent trees Birmingham should find it necessary to cut them down. It is a pity that the city should be so wasteful, and that the people should be so careless of the beauty of their city."

While in Birmingham Miss Gale was guest of the city of Birmingham. Mrs. Russell Gore, 609 York and Road, Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Gore, with their sons, John and Donald, were Miss Gale's dinner guests at the Statler.

"For a Bigger and Better Birmingham"
BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1926

1926 BALDWIN HIGH SENIOR WASHINGTON GROUP



Left to right, standing: W. S. Toothaker, Russell Weston, Frances Sparke, Marion McClellan, Walter Kleeve, John Parks, Leslie Clark, Robert Townsend, Walter Guthrie, Carl Schwartz, Mabel Stetson, Mrs. R. J. Correll, Mrs. Fred S. Ross, Paul Kurth, Emerson Gravin, Preston Parks, Elmer being taken, ran behind the group and reached the opposite end in time to get into the picture (see page 1).

Sitting: Kathleen Miller, Mary Curry, Marion Reid, Oakley Moore, Olga Westenfeller, Helen Dutton, Miss Henry, Mabel Lawrence, Mrs. Wadsworth, Vaughn. Front row, sitting: Hazel Black, Lela Andrews, Aletha Bayless.

Sunday will be a week since the Senior Washington group regrettably returned to Birmingham, but though the trip anticipated for four years in a place of the past to hear the boys and girls was enthusiastic over the things visited and listen to "Oh, you couldn't have had as good a time as we had," or "I'll bet you didn't get down the Chesapeake" (spoken by those who had taken the trip two and three years ago makes one realize

that the memories of these Washington trips are going to remain a long time in the minds of those who took them. Not the least of the enthusiasm was displayed by W. S. Toothaker, science teacher in the high school, who was one of the chapter leaders, although the trip was by no means new to him. He explained that something over \$1200 had been raised and was divided among the students in proportion to the number

of hours each individual spent in working for the fund. For every hour of work, 50 cents was given, partly by the general fund and partly by the students themselves.

We left Detroit, 43 strong, in the morning, Saturday afternoon in a special Pullman, said Mr. Toothaker, in giving the itinerary of the trip. "Our first stop was at Harper's Ferry at breakfast time. We walked around and saw Storer College for

PONTIAC JURIST WHO SPEAKS AT LOCAL CLUB

Public Invited To Party Here Next Wednesday; Hold "Open House"

WILL BEGIN ROLL CALL

Practically three years have passed since April 23, 1923, when William Harris, representing the Community House Association, formally presented the petition to J. H. McFarland, village president, who accepted it in the name of the village of Birmingham, and the third birthday party will be celebrated next Wednesday. The Community House Association most directly invites the public to enjoy the open house, the visiting, and the entertainment. A musical program will be given in the afternoon and evening and refreshments will be served at both times. At 9:00 p. m. the large birthday cake will be cut by Mrs. W. C. Harris. The hours are from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon and from 8 to 10 o'clock in the evening.

REPAIR SIDEWALK

Dozens of bad spots in Birmingham's sidewalks, as well as stretches of low and broken surfaces, are due for repairs this summer. Manager Starr Monday night reported to the commission the results of the survey made during the past two weeks.

APPOINTED HEALTHER

Arthur W. Newitt, local physician, at the appointed village health officer, at the commission meeting Monday night. No appointment of a village health officer being temporarily indicated on this subject.

EGG WITHOUT WATER WHEN PUMP STOPPED

Residents Compelled To Form A "Bucket Brigade" Last Week

When a pump motor supplying water to Eco City residents burned out last week homes were without pressure enough to supply houses. The water was cut off, and the clothes and kept families up until a late hour each evening trying to collect a supply for the next day. Normal pressure was resumed Saturday.

The supply was curtailed early Monday morning and interfered with the usual routine of washing clothes on that day. Families having a basement faucet were very popular with the bucket brigade. The place where the faucet was very popular with the bucket brigade. The place where the faucet was very popular with the bucket brigade.

However, the condition was made normal in fast shape and by Saturday the pressure was at par. If repairs had been delayed until Monday the houses would have given three hours of water to the statement of the day. Families having a basement faucet were very popular with the bucket brigade. The place where the faucet was very popular with the bucket brigade.

WILL GIVE BLOOMFIELD WOODS WATER SERVICE

V. L. Lockwood, of Oakland avenue, supervisor of Bloomfield Woods, the place that was not annexed to Birmingham two weeks ago, last week was told by the village commission that he could obtain water from the local mains providing he paid a certain fee for annexation. The commission, however, stipulated that the water would be shut off if the annexation project failed to bring the water service to the place. The water was definitely determined not to be given any longer to subdivisions outside of the water to subdivisions.

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PROJECTS LAUNCHED ON MAIN AND GRUEL AND LOCAL STREETS

Village Commission Passes Resolutions To Install New Improvements

HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS

Cost Of Propositions Will Be Paid For By Village And Property Owners

On the largest street improvement project ever planned for any one year in Birmingham is well under way as the result of several resolutions passed by the village commission Monday night. In all, five local streets will be done on eight other streets in Birmingham. According to the benefits received, the cost of each project is paid for by variable sums by the property owners affected and the village respectively.

The largest single project is for the installation of an 8 inch concrete pavement 36 feet wide, including curb and gutter, on Oakland avenue, between Adams and Woodward avenues, a total cost of \$48,048.00. Because of the great amount of traffic on this thoroughfare, the village will pay two-fifths of the abutting property owners will pay three-fifths, in five annual installments. A public hearing on the objections and suggestions to this project will be held in the village clerk's office on Friday evening, May 10, at 8 o'clock.

From Pierce street to Woodward avenue, a 36 foot wide, 8 inch concrete pavement is planned to be installed at a cost of \$34,785.00, two-fifths to be paid by the village and three-fifths by the abutting property. An assessment roll is now being prepared to allow the cost of the project to be paid for by the village and three-quarters by the abutting property.

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PROBATE COURT WAS EXPLAINED BY JUDGE

Ross Stockwell, Of Pontiac Court, Spoke To Women's Civic League Here

MANY FAMILIES HELPED

Juvenile courts and their functions were outlined in a brief talk by Judge Ross Stockwell of the Oakland County Probate Court at the regular meeting of the Civic League Tuesday afternoon at the Community House.

The juvenile court is the outgrowth of conditions that existed in the United States for years. Judge Stockwell, "which applied the criminal procedure to minor and hardened adult criminals. (In 1907, an act of the Michigan legislature brought the juvenile court into being, and this deals with the delinquent, neglected, and dependent minors. The law provided that no juvenile under 17 years can be locked up with adult criminals.)"

More Boys Make Good

Miss Jeanette Lyons, Probation officer, looks after the girls' work and investigates home conditions before cases are brought into court. The probation officer also has the experience of 55% of delinquent minors come from broken homes and that more boys than girls make good, according to the Judge. These are placed on probation if possible so as not to commit them to industrial schools. The probation officer visits the home and school, inquires about their health and the way their time, especially at night, is spent.

Assist Families

The court cases are allowed free medical attention at the Michigan University of Michigan hospital will take children under 17 years for treatment. Fifty-eight widows, three children, and a mother-in-law are being assisted by the Pontiac State Hospital has organized a clinic and gives medical attention to the patients. The patients were also mentioned by Judge Stockwell. Sixty-five mothers in Oakland County with 200 children are pensioned. \$10 a month is allowed and \$2 for each additional child. The many are adopted as normal. An average of once a month. Each mother reports every two weeks and receives her money. Fifty-eight widows, three children, and a mother-in-law are being assisted by the Pontiac State Hospital has organized a clinic and gives medical attention to the patients. The patients were also mentioned by Judge Stockwell. Sixty-five mothers in Oakland County with 200 children are pensioned. \$10 a month is allowed and \$2 for each additional child. The many are adopted as normal. An average of once a month. Each mother reports every two weeks and receives her money. Fifty-eight widows, three children, and a mother-in-law are being assisted by the Pontiac State Hospital has organized a clinic and gives medical attention to the patients. The patients were also mentioned by Judge Stockwell. Sixty-five mothers in Oakland County with 200 children are pensioned. \$10 a month is allowed and \$2 for each additional child. The many are adopted as normal. An average of once a month. Each mother reports every two weeks and receives her money.

Police News

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Ward Castle of Candler avenue, Highland Park, was accused April 16 by McClure of carrying a shot gun without a permit, in Oakland County court last week. Otto Maah and Geo. Woodward of Walled Lake were taken into custody on April 13 by Robert McClure, deputy game warden, for appearing fish in Novi township. They appeared in the local court April 17 and were fined \$10 each.

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