

ALTERED STRAND OPENS WITH NOVELTY BILL

Pontiac Theater Completely Re-decorated During Summer. Features Mixed Program.

Announcements from the management promise a real treat to moviegoers when the Strand theater in Pontiac opens its doors to the public after two months of being closed for a complete alteration.

The entire appearance of the interior has undergone a radical change. The decorative effect produces an atmosphere of newness combined with novelty. Every detail of decoration has been attended to. The lobby is light and airy, with increased facilities for handling large crowds. The interior is so decorated as to give a high, vaulted effect; the seating capacity has been slightly increased.

The opening program has been chosen for its real amusement and fun provoking appeal. George Mack, an inimitable fun-maker, with his Kel-Hart Blue boy entertainers, and the feature picture starring Milton Sills in "Men of Steel" promise to be one of the biggest treats of the year in Pontiac theatrical circles.

Ben Hur, In Colors, At New Detroit

The first opportunity to view in motion and color the magnificent Lew Wallace classic of "Ben Hur" comes to the New Detroit Opera House Sunday night, Aug. 29th, where Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's \$4,000,000 picturization in arrangement with A. L. Erlanger, C. B. Billings and F. Ziegfeld, Jr., will be presented, with the complete touring orchestra and staging from the Co-

VAUDEVILLE STAR AT STRAND



GEORGE MACK

Mr. Mack, vaudeville's inimitable funster, comes to the Strand Theater, Pontiac, Sunday with Kel-Hart's Blue Boys and Entertainers. He will be master of ceremonies, making merry for the entire run.

San and Embassy Theatres, New York. The novel, subtitled "A Tale of the Christ," was the world's most popular book; the stage spectacle toured America for 22 years. Now, in the greater art of the motion picture, are offered the famous Sea Fight and Chariot Race as thrilling out-of-door events; the lovely romance of Judah Prince of Hur, and Esther; and replicas of Old World masterpieces, often in colors.

The final scene with Roman soldiers casting plots for the garments and the women kneeling at the foot of the Crosses is said to be the most reverent and beautiful ever staged.

"Ben Hur" is presented with a magnificent cast that includes such stars as Ramon Novarro, Betty Bronson, May McAvoy, Francis X. Bushman, Carmel Myers, and 150,000 others in support. The presentation is a grandly moving one, not only by reason of the pictures but because of the magnificent accompanying music, arranged by David Mendoza and Wm. Axt, and performed by an orchestra of twenty pieces. Presentations will be given twice daily after the opening performance.

Arrangements have been made with interurban lines to provide special cars for "Ben Hur" parties.

EX-COMMISSIONER HITS PETTY CRITICS OF VILLAGE GOVT

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ever, was soon offset when bills for the last month of 1921 came in, and we had to borrow money to pay them with. In the Spring of 1922 we engaged Charles Plumstead as village treasurer; this marked the era of the modern bookkeeping system that the village now uses, which makes it possible for us to tell just how much money we have on hand and how much we owe at any time. And I want to say right here that Mr. Plumstead deserves a great deal of credit for the masterful manner in which he has kept his bookkeeping system in accord with the phenomenal growth of Birmingham.

Created New Funds.
"In 1922 the commission started a reserve fund for the retiring of municipal bonds that had been refunded, notably the water works bonds issued in 1914. This fund has been kept up ever since, so that when bonds now come due they are not refunded, but are paid from the reserve fund. In 1923 a contingent fund was established, which is merely a method adopted by the village to provide money for unforeseen necessities that are bound to arise during our rapid growth. Previous to 1922 it was customary for the commission to borrow money for current expenses at the beginning of each year, pending the time in July when the annual village taxes were collected; since then, however, the commission has never borrowed a penny for current expenses, and has always had a surplus at the end of each fiscal year."

Cites Other Progress.
Other marks of progress included in Mr. Bingham's talk were the installation of six miles of sewers during the past three years, together with a disposal plant; three miles of new water mains, eliminating about 40 "dead ends" in various mains throughout the village; installation of a modern filing system in which are kept accurate records of all water and sewer installations, as well as other data; several new wells and an elevated water storage tank, giving Birmingham more water than it ever had before; new fire equipment; a better village office, and a real site for future municipal buildings.

Mr. Bingham paid special tribute to the personnel of the commission, declaring that Messrs. Shain, Bell and Leidl are devoting many hours each week to the solution of Birmingham's needs.

Louis Hascall, local realtor, whose guest Mr. Bingham was Monday, added a few remarks to the discussion by stating that "what the people of Birmingham need to do is to acquaint themselves properly with the things that they are creating; there is too much 'curbstone crating' done by people who know little or nothing about the issues they are attacking."

Krishnamurti, the new "Messianic" of the Theosophists, uses the radio to broadcast his revelations.

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EXCHANGE CLUB GOLFER'S BOW TO DETROITERS

Eighteen members of the Detroit Exchange Club were guests of the

Birmingham club at a dinner and golf tournament held at Pine Lake Country club Tuesday afternoon. An exchange of local golfers met the Detroit experts on the golf course that afternoon and were defeated over the 18 hole course. It is planned to hold a similar affair next month, according to Harry S. Star, secretary of the local club.

GREAT OAKS--

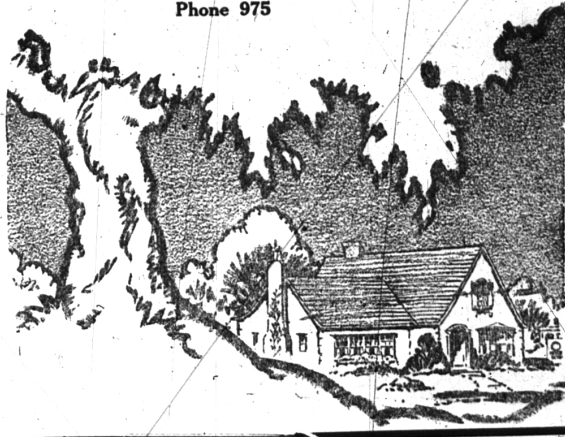
HISTORY of American Business organizations is replete with records recounting consolidations of smaller enterprises into a single power, almost invariably becoming a dominant factor in the industrial world.

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SHAWNBECK RETURNS TO BIRMINGHAM

F. L. Shawnbeck, of Pontiac, has recently become affiliated with the Shaw Motor Sales Co., on East Maple avenue, dealers in Oakland and Pontiac cars. Mr. Shawnbeck comes from the Oakland factory in Pontiac, where he has served for seven years in the material department. He is a former resident of Birmingham.

PERMIT FOR \$25,000 HOME IS ISSUED

Permit for a \$25,000 residence and garage to be built on Hawthorne road, was issued to Anna B. Mason last week. Plans for the house have not yet been decided upon. Other permits during the week went to Asa D. Gooley, 617 Clark avenue, for a garage to cost \$400, and to Fred R. Schmalzriedt, for a \$225 garage on Edgewood road.

Reopening Sunday At 1:30

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