

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT To the Editor: Since the local political upheaval has turned our thoughts to the future of our beloved village, may I, with your kind permission,

voice a few thoughts that have been going through my mind. With the inevitable growth of Birmingham now is the time for all concerned with the good of Birmingham to think seriously and well of its future. Whether we should change from the present village form of government to that of a city form no doubt will be well thought out by the able committee appointed by the village commission and some very constructive information given to us. Personally, I can not see any advantage that a village has that a city does not

have, while from the information gathered through a slight investigation of the matter, convinces me that a village does not enjoy. However, I am not fully convinced that a change is necessary or good at this time. There is one thing, however, that I am surely convinced of and that is we should enlarge our governing body. Birmingham is now large enough and its certain growth warrants a more representative form of government. While I do not like anything that smacks of the "Old Ward System," yet, with the better and intelligent class of people we have in Birmingham, I believe that a division of the village into four or six districts, the election of a commissioner from each district and the election of a president from the village at large would be a very good thing for Birmingham.

It would do several things that would be very far reaching for the good of Birmingham. 1. It would give each district a representation. 2. It would create more civic interest and pride. 3. It would curb lavish expenditures of money in any one district to the suffering of any other.

Another thing that we should do is to revise our charter for government. I make it very hard to have a recall election. Charges should be made against a man and a conviction secured and then the recall made. This would save the village many dollars in special elections and it most certainly would make it easier to secure good business men to come forward and serve the village and their community. Under the present law any man or small group of men can at least embarrass an incumbent to the extent that he will either not want the job or be afraid to take it. After the unfortunate experience we have had in our village it behooves all of us to put our hearts and shoulders to the wheel and unite the village into one solid mass for the good of Birmingham. Respectfully, Robert Allen, 513 Knox Street.

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ending stream to the Shubert Lafayette theater, Detroit, where Warner Bros. presentation of John Barrymore in "Don Juan" and Vitaphone presentations in the swarming attractions. Every record of Detroit theatricals is being shattered at the box office. Barrymore and Vitaphone did the biggest business of the town last week and every sign points to another record for the coming week. The influx of out of town patrons is assuming most gratifying proportions and when it is generally understood that it will be impossible to hear the marvelous Vitaphone in Michigan, outside of Detroit for fully a year, the number of suburbanites in the audience will be augmented greatly. The evening performances are running in ample time to catch the interurban cars and buses. The back of the program is a time table showing the departure of late in-Detroit and out-of-town buses for the benefit of out of town patrons.

Never has John Barrymore been more attractive, intriguing, fascinating, brilliant, debonaire, aggressive, tender and brutal than in his delightful characterization of the greatest lover of all ages. Don Juan. First of all, his personality captivates the women and arouses envy and malice in the breasts of less favored ones. He has a figure of a young athlete and the head and profile of a Greek god. His action is swift and brilliant one, and never in it has he done better acting than in the Spanish breaker of hearts. This is said with due regard to his Hamlet and his wonderful performance in "The Decoy." Beyond that, Barrymore is the greatest romantic actor in the world today, and in the stuporous surroundings which Warner Bros. have given him in the thrilling and gripping story supported by a cast of superior excellence, Mr. Barrymore has reached great heights.

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BALDWIN The trickiest, funniest, fastest football game every played. That's what you'll see in Paramount's latest Richard Dix comedy, "The Quarterback" which arrives at the Baldwin Theater, Dec. 27 and

LAFAYETTE Even the week before Christmas is powerless to stem the tide of people which flows in an un-

remains for two days. Richard and his pal, David Butler, are working their way through Colton by means of a milk delivery route. To speed matters up they utilize their football knowledge and send their bottles whizzing through the air. Then—when they actually get in the game—action starts and never stops till the final whistle blows.

But there's much more to "The Quarterback" than just a football game! W. O. McGeehan and William Slavens McNutt have provided Director Fred Newmeyer with a real story. And in its transfer to the screen, nary a thing has been lost.

"The Quarterback" opens with an 1820 prologue. The star quarterback of Colton College, Harry Beresford, has proposed to Mona Palma. She accepts with the proviso that he remain at school until Colton beats her ancient rival, Princeton. In twenty years—later, he is still "one of the boys." Mona has died and his son now plays in the old position.

Richard is infatuated with Esther Ralston, a State coed. Their romances flourish until the day of the big game. Then—comes a series of startling surprises. Things start to go wrong and—well, why try to describe it? See "The Quarterback." Richard Dix has never had a better vehicle!

On Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1 a state of Fair Chortie who tried to adopt fine manners. Gloria Swanson is featured. A set act bill of vandulvie will be shown in connection with the feature pictures.

W. B. Rhea of Parrish, Ala., has given up keeping bees for a peculiar reason. He can't keep them sober. He declares that he has been got the habit of sucking marsh thrown out by moonshiners, which kept them drunk and caused them to neglect their work. He refuses to have a lot of drunken bees about the place.

Norseen Millership of Oldbury, Eng., broke all records by passing the examinations at Trinity College of Music at 12 years of age.

MORTGAGE SALE Default having been made for more than six months in full conditions of a certain mortgage made by Harold Stook Pontiac Commercial & Savings Bank of Pontiac, Michigan, dated the 31st day of December, A. D. 1922, and recorded in the County of Oakland and State of Michigan on the 18th day of December, 1922, in Liber 212 of Mortgages, to wit: That said mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Six Hundred Forty and 88/100 dollars and an attorney's fee of Twenty-five and no/100 dollars, as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings in law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof. Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided on, Tuesday, the 21st day of March, A. D. 1927, at one o'clock in the afternoon, Central Standard Time, the undersigned will, at the Eastern entrance of the Court House, in the City of Pontiac, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, with seven per cent interest and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to-wit: Properly situated in the City of Pontiac, County of Oakland and State of Michigan, described as follows, to-wit: Lot numbered three hundred thirteen (1313) of the City of Pontiac, Michigan. It is understood that this mortgage is intended to cover the purchase of the third interest of the parties of the first part in the above described premises. Dated December 18th, 1926. PONTIAC COMMERCIAL & SAVINGS BANK, of Pontiac, Michigan. PATTERSON & PATTERSON, Attorneys for Mortgagee. Pontiac, Michigan. 34-48



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