

Health And Wealth Seen In Growth Of Community In 1925

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nesses, comprised the committee which was to confer with Village Manager Starr in the fixing of building zones. The zoning ordinance, by the issuance of building permits, would designate where business blocks could be built, where apartments would be allowed, and certain sections for certain types of residences. By means of such a rule the commission members hoped to keep the village a high class residence suburb.

Hartwell Ladd, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Ladd of Madison avenue, returned home that week from Nissokone, the Y.M.C.A. camp on Van Etan Lake, which probably more camp honors than any other local boy received during an equal six weeks of camping. In the athletic meet he won first places and in the water meet he won three first and two second prizes. He had a total of 489 points. He was awarded the Douglas Camp Efficiency Cup and Stander Athletic Cup, as well as saving the life of Bob Cook, camp leader from Farmington, thus putting himself in line for a Carnegie medal.

Two petitions were put in circulation during the week for the purpose of bringing east Eco City into Birmingham. The one circulated in the affected territory required the names of 25 qualified voters in order to bring it before the county board of supervisors. The other circulated in Birmingham had to have the names of 100 qualified voters. If both petitions found favor with the supervisors they would call a special election. The following week two more petitions were put in circulation in Eco City: the one on the west side of Woodward was for the purpose of annexing all of Eco City Birmingham, while the other petition asked for the incorporation of all that land, lying between Lincoln and the 12 1/2-mile road and between Southfield road and an imaginary line parallel to Woodward avenue about one fourth mile east of it, into a village to be called "Norwood Village."

Proof of the rapid growth of Birmingham was found in the statistics available at the close of the second day of school, September 9, when 1620 had registered, as compared with the 1403 who were entered at the end of the previous September. Baldwin High School had reported registration with 503 students reporting the first day, September 8. The fall registration of 1925 showed more than a 15% increase over that of the previous spring, 1400.

By September 14 enrollment in the schools had increased from 1620 to 1706, an increase of 300 in a period of three months. At the high school 550 were enrolled.

On September 17 at the special village election 320 people voted for the commission's plan to extend Woodward for local water works extensions. The \$68,200 bond issue for new lands, wells, mains, etc., was carried by a majority of 285 votes. The \$31,500 bond issue for the erection of a 300,000 gallon elevated steel water storage tank was carried by a majority of 225 votes. The success of the tank bond issue ended five years of endeavor to enlist the approval of local voters. The new well and the tank were to be started at once, both to be ready for use by spring.

Word was received that the Reverend Robert M. Atkins had been appointed by the Methodist Conference meeting in Flint the first of the week as new minister of the local Methodist Church. He was five years associate pastor of the Central Methodist Church in Detroit where he organized and directed the institutional program and the religious education classes of the work which came to be regarded as a model for churches of every denomination. He was also pastor for two years of the Atkinson Avenue Methodist Church which prospered greatly under his direction. Before that he had been prominent in Y.M.C.A. work in Canada. Reverend Julian S. West, whose place he took, did not wish to be a candidate for reappointment and was transferred by the Conference to the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Alpena.

On Sunday, September 20, between the hours of three in the afternoon and nine at night there was said to have been the greatest stream of traffic passing through the center of Birmingham ever recorded. At eight o'clock there was a solid blockade of automobiles in single line on the west side of the pavement from Maple avenue to Bloomfield Center. An extremely unusual feature of the heavy traffic, considering the numbers of cars on all the roads leading out of the village, was the absence of accidents of any consequence reported during the entire day on any of the adjacent roads.

At least the fifth large fire outside of the village occurred the night of September 20, when a large barn on the Hammond estate east of Bloomfield Center was entirely destroyed.

It was thought that some one had thrown a lighted cigarette on the ground and the strong wind had blown it into the barn and ignited the hay. Fortunately the wind came from the northwest and kept the flames away from the horse barn where 35 valuable riding horses were kept. Because of the lack of uniformity of the coupling connections with the connection on the Pontiac fire pumper the pipe line installed throughout the estate could not be used. The barn was valued at \$16,000 and was insured.

At the school board meeting, September 21, bids totalling \$250,000 under the bond issue allowed for the erection of the 18 room addition to the Adams school, were let.

M. A. Starr Company of Royal Oak was awarded the general contract, the amount of the bid being \$189,479. C. E. Ream of Royal Oak was given the plumbing, heating, and ventilating contract of \$48,900. M. G. Taylor of Pontiac was given the electrical contract of \$11,858. Only one Birmingham concern among the other 17 firms bid. The addition was to provide for children from the kindergarten through the ninth grade and would include about 220 more pupils than were in the school at that time.

The board received before the close of the meeting nearly 100 village residents who came in the interest of the Merrill-Palmer school. A

committee presented resolutions governing the proposed department and signed by many leading citizens. They wished to start a branch in Birmingham as a part of the school system for the training of high school girls in the care and training of children. It was arranged to have an open (Continued on Page 11)

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A particularly aggressive advertising campaign which will take the form of smashing space in newspapers is proposed. It will "cash in" on all previous advertising of the association and will at the same time eclipse the strenuous efforts of powerful interests to induce Detroiters to move east or west instead of north.

The rapidity with which Birmingham grows will have a far-reaching effect on your income. Are you preparing NOW to capitalize on the aggressive effort that this association intends to put forward? For Birmingham, the very heart of the Greater Woodward district, will reap its full benefit.

How then can the thousands of families that should logically move northward to live—be expected to even approach a realization of what Greater Woodward really means? It is statistically true that not more than 10 per cent of the people of Detroit have driven out Woodward Avenue as it is today. And of the remaining 90 per cent only 10 per cent have the faintest conception of the advantages Birmingham and the other communities along the superhighway offer to home builders.



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