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November

Figures on the annual winter tax rate were furnished by Supervisor R. Y. Moore, November 5. The total township assessed valuation for 1925 was \$23,219,600 and taxes amounting to \$508,982.21, based on the above valuation, were to be collected. The rate for the year in Birmingham was \$30.18 for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation as compared to \$29.07 of the previous year. Throughout the rest of the township the rate was much lower because it did not have to build many school buildings. School sites that Birmingham was kept busy providing. The school tax item, \$17.82, was the largest single tax the people of the village had to pay. Approximately \$90,000 more than was paid out in taxes in 1924 had to be collected in 1925.

The Walsh, James and Wasey Company this week announced the purchase of the James Old property of 20 acres and with modern buildings at our village and the sale to Mrs. Florence C. Walsh of Detroit of the adjoining Elizabeth Hocky land and buildings of 35 acres. These lands had frontage on the new Bloomfield Community Golf course and on the proposed Telegraph road. The Company also sold to Mrs. Walsh at the same time 40 acres belonging to Mr. Campbell on the Square Lake road between Square and Turtle Lakes. All these properties were to be developed and offered for sale during 1926 by the Company which would have exclusive control over them.

Representatives from eight Legion posts were in attendance at the sixth Congressional District's Quarterly American Legion and Woman's Auxiliary Convention, November 6, in the local Music Temple on South Woodward avenue. The affair was under the auspices of the Charles Edwards Post. Reports in the afternoon were followed by a banquet and speeches in the evening. Mr. Vliet gave the main address in which he stressed the importance of education in the lives of girls and boys.

November 7 the Village Players presented three one act plays before 90 of their 150 members. This was their first seal time, while they were their renditions of the parts and choice of plays were excellent. Thursday Evening, "The Dying Wish," and "The Man in the Bowler Hat" were enacted.

Reverend Floyd Emerson Logee occupied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church for the first time on November 8. He succeeded Reverend W. C. McKnight who was transferred to Detroit. Reverend Logee came from the Presbyterian Church in Circleville, Ohio, by which he was very highly recommended.

November 9 the commission members rejected the plan for widening Woodward avenue through Birmingham as submitted by Thad. Seely. Though they approved the west line they did not favor the east line which would make the road 100 feet wide with 70 feet of pavement and 30 feet of side walks; would leave the D.U.R. tracks in the same position; and would provide an over 100 foot high way over the Grand Trunk railroad tracks when they were moved eastward. Therefore, they rejected the entire plan because they thought that approval of any part of it might be misinterpreted by the Governor. The lack on both sides of Woodward avenue between Maple avenue and W. J. Lett street would be untouched by the change, as well as about 50 feet north and south of these limits. The presentation of Mr. Seely's blueprint was the first intimation that the village had officially received that the state was considering widening in Birmingham. The commission was still determined to have the road at least 150 feet wide through the town. The following week the commission members passed a resolution allowing the gate to fix the west curb line of Woodward avenue from Oak street to Maple avenue, but from there down to Lincoln avenue the width was not mentioned because it would have to increase to meet the wider highway south of the village. This official resolution took the place of the approval of the blueprint submitted the previous week by Mr. Seely. Permission to establish the street was made it understood that it would be completed within five years.

Julius F. Rundel died November 21 at his home on East Maple avenue. He was 81 years old and had always lived in and around Birmingham. His parents were early Michigan pioneers. At the time of his death he was engaged in marketing the many farm lands he had bought years ago into business lots and was worth over \$200,000. He was a director of the First National Bank. At the school board meeting on November 23 it was decided to call a special election, December 8, of the voters of the school district to authorize a bond issue of \$54,500 for the purchase of an addition to the site of the Hill school. C. E. Hoke secured the options on the six lots adjoining the school between Martin and Merrill streets. The property was to be the site of a central high school.

On the same day about 100 citizens of Eco City met in the Pierce school auditorium to discuss the question of government and municipal improvements. The meeting was called by the Eco City Civic Association and, following talks by various Birmingham

men, a standing vote was taken with the result that 62 of the people present favored annexation, five opposed it, and the rest remained silent. A petition for the annexation of the west side and a petition for the annexation of the east side, in all about 200 acres, were in circulation in Eco City. Everyone in Birmingham was convinced that the community needed either annexation or incorporation because it apparently had reached a totally unguided state.

According to Mrs. Lawler ten annexation petitions were put in circulation of were completed, during the week of November 22. They included approximately 1525 acres in 1922 the village was just one mile square in area. If the ten parcels should be taken at the spring election Birmingham would cover an area of nearly four and one half square miles. The lands under discussion were: three acres on West Maple avenue belonging to Dr. J. E. Maunders; T. L. Luscombe, etc.; three acres on Chesterfield road belonging to Herbert M. Mast; 80 acres called East Maple Gardens; eight acres belonging to T. Mercer at the corner of West Maple and Pleasant avenues; 80 acres called Birmingham Estates; 320 acres on West Maple road to Cranbrook road and south to Nixon road; 200 acres called Eco City; and 600 acres called Beverly Hills.

A plat owned by J. Lee Baker west of Southfield avenue and south of Lincoln avenue near the Latham property was accepted by the commission on November 30. The land was annexed to the village the previous spring.

December

On December 1 a laudable enterprise was launched: the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children, sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of the county. David Lund of Madison avenue was made vice-president. The chairman of the crippled children's work committees in the county units of the organization together with the chairman of the county board of supervisors and the chairman of the county board of auditors formed the executive committee.

"The Turtle Dove," by Margaret Scott Oliver and "Suppressed Desires," by Susan Glaspell and George Cram Cook were the two plays chosen by the Village Players for their December appearance, the fifth of the month. The decorations for "The Turtle Dove," an Oriental play were very well done, while the other furnished true Oriental costumes for the actors.

At the special election, December 8, the \$240,000 bond issue for an additional site adjoining the Hill school was favored by a large majority. Out of a total of 244 votes only 25 were cast against the bond issue. Property were to be obtained and paving dates according to the terms of their options. The bonds were to be advertised for sale and the bids opened on January 4, 1926.

Fourteen building permits were issued by Mrs. Lawler on December 8. Beside being a record number of permits to have been given out in one day they established a record by being all issued to one man, Floyd Oliver of the Oliver Land Company of Eco City. Mr. Oliver expected to build these houses on Bates and Henrietta streets, Brightlawn. Each would cost approximately \$4500 and would be placed on the market.

Clarence Vliet, superintendent, and Melvin C. Hart, principal of the Baldwin High School, were appointed members of the Oakland County Athletic Board to assist in preparing various school and Y.M.C.A. athletic meets to be held in 1926. The appointment took place December 11. Walled Lake when members of the Oakland County School Men's Club held their second meeting.

John B. Williams of the John B. Williams Company, local builders and contractors, was appointed to fill the vacancy in the board of directors of the First National Bank, left by the death of Julius F. Rundel, at the regular meeting of the board the week of December 14.

At the commission meeting, December 21, it was decided to make the fire protection rate for Bloomfield township the same that given to Troy township which was arranged on a sliding scale: being \$25 within the first mile circle, increasing to \$65 within the five mile circle, and reaching \$100 any where outside of the five mile circle. The township further agreed to pay the village the fees paid to the firemen, plus ten per cent extra, and a \$2 charge for all chemicals used.

L. E. Davidson of Detroit the following week took over the ownership of the Birmingham Department Store on South Woodward avenue. Mr. Levinson retired from the business after 28 years as a merchant in Birmingham.

The public celebration of Christmas at the Community House was a great success. A permanent Christmas tree was given by the Rotary Club and planted by the Coryell Nursery at the side of the porch. There was a card singing around the tree and throughout the neighborhood on Christmas Eve. Many poor families were given holiday cheer by the many baskets of food, toys and clothing that were sent out through the House. December 26 the Bloomfield Plumbing and Engineering Company opened a shop in the Field building. It was reported to contain the finest showroom of household appliances and each room fixture in eastern Michigan. Lee M. Farr was the president and L. L. Urich, the secretary and treasurer. The basement housed a complete plumbing, heating, and electrical shop, while a well equipped

shop on wheels was ready to answer repair calls from homes. The showroom contained Pewabic Pottery, Nokol Oil Burning equipment, Frigidaire refrigerator equipment, the latest Light products, Crane bath fixtures and fine plumbing fixtures. Examples of all these were set up for display.

The commission members, December 25, resolved to create a Planning Commission for Birmingham to be appointed the following Monday. Mr. Shain's plan for action would make possible a continuation of public policy, thus averting to some degree an entire overthrowing of the municipal program in the event of a change in the personnel of the village officials. Such a commission would tend to be perpetual in thought and action, with the result that changing officials would have the benefit of the plan past and future. The powers of the commission would be limited to suggesting but not enforcing the growth of the village would undoubtedly be large.

It was also agreed to increase the salaries of several of the firemen officials in order to continue the efficiency of the volunteer fire department. The total increase over 1925 would amount to about \$2,125 based on the same number of alarms.

J. H. McBride announced, December 30, that he proposed to erect a four story business and office building on South Woodward avenue just below the Evans-Jackson Company, at an estimated cost of \$69,000. The building would have a frontage of 30 feet on Woodward avenue and a depth of 110 feet. The first passenger elevator in the village would be brought into existence by the erection of this local "skyscraper."

One of the last public acts of 1925 was the formation of the Birmingham Skating Clubs. It was started by W. W. Raymond and had the backing of the Community House, the Boy Scouts and the local Y.M.C.A. Membership fees were to be charged in order to keep the lake free from snow. A skating carnival, in charge of Robert Lynd, secretary of the Y.M.C.A., was to be given in February. Thus 1926 added place to 1926 with the promise that its successor would witness greater growth in population in the village, greater increase in its area, and a greater program of public building and improvement than had come about in any previous year.

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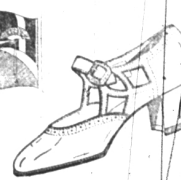
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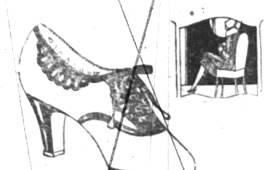
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