

WHAT BIRMINGHAM NEEDS MOST
 By Earl G. Potter, of Oakland avenue.
 The thing that Birmingham needs most at this particular time is her development in the thing needed most by any suburban town at this place where growth begins at a very rapid rate. That is vision as to what the future of the town will be. This applies not only to the city commission, the school board, and any other official group which has the formulating of policies, but to the taxpayer himself, for whom the commission or other official board acts only as representatives. We should have more improvements which are needed at once to dim our vision of the larger things which are in our immediate future and thus make our planning on too small a scale.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—
 (Little Editorials picked up around Birmingham.)
 The Lanyi family of Hamilton avenue speaks through Mrs. Louis W. Lanyi. We are loath to leave this beautiful town. As our departure is unexpected we are using this means of saying goodbye to our friends and are sorry that we could not do so personally. Some day in the near future we hope to take up again our residence in Birmingham. All outstanding bills will be forwarded by the office in care of the Lanyis, 1047 Illinois, and will be attended to promptly.
 Reverend F. E. Logee of the Presbyterian Church: "In regard to the matter of the religious census that we were to take of the school children in Birmingham, our main objection is that they are all affiliated with some church or Sunday school, which one does not particularly matter as long as the children make some use of connection. All the churches here, with the exception of the United Presbyterian which has no pastor, are cooperating."

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BURNING QUESTIONS
 Frank L. Doty, village attorney: "I'm giving a fine idea for a Planning Commission for Birmingham. Other cities have found them greatly beneficial."
 W. E. Barton, of Eco City: "Very little, if any, objections are heard here regarding the proposed annexation of Eco City to Birmingham in the spring. I believe that most of our people realize that they should become a part of Birmingham if they would progress."
 Robert Y. Moore, Bloomfield township supervisor: "I am against any attempt to combine the county auditors with those of the city of Pontiac. With the great growth that is expected in Oakland County, I feel that the county should have its own executive building site, and that Pontiac should have one. Let's separate the interests of one community larger than that of any one community's own specific program."

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United Presbyterian Church
 Sabbath School, 2 P. M. Public Worship, 3 P. M. Rev. E. L. Hughes of Detroit, will deliver the message.

Reverend Lutheran Church
 "Betrothal, Marriage and Divorce" is the theme of the pastor's sermon. Come and hear this message upon in the light of God's Word, the Bible.

Birmingham Gospel Tabernacle
 MacCabe's Hall corner of Maple and Sunday morning at 10:00. "Steadfast and Unmovable."

The Methodist Church
 Maple Ave. W., at Henrietta Street. Robert Marcus Atkins, Minister. Sunday Services—11 a. m.—Mr. Atkins discussing the interesting subject of "Some Light and Side Lights Regarding Prohibition."

The Presbyterian Church
 N. Woodward Ave. Pastor, N. Woodward. The Bible School meets at 10:00 a. m. on Wednesdays. Friendly Class is a special class for home-makers. Bring your boy and girl to school.

Church and Sunday School
 First Church of Christ, Scientist. Services at Church Building, Woodward Ave. at the corner of the D. U. R. Waiting Room. Sunday, 10:30 a. m. Sunday School, for children up to 5 years old.

Bennaville Ave. Congregational Church
 West of Woodward Ave. on Bennaville Ave. Rev. David H. Curry, Pastor. Phone 466. Sunday School, 10:45. Public Worship, 12 noon. You and your friends are always welcome.

Health And Wealth Seen In Growth Of Community In 1925
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 erences, and tend to separate them into groups. The board commended the endeavor to secure higher moral standards in children and thus to make better citizens and hoped it would be worked out in some way that would win the united support of the people.
 R. Y. Moore was not to run long unopposed for the office of supervisor. Before the first week has passed a petition, nominating F. W. Moore for the same position, went into circulation. F. H. Haack, running for highway commissioner, was given a rival at the same time in the person of Herbert Moore of Square Lake road who took out a petition. A township office that did not have an occupant when the term of the former county prosecutor, was appointed as attorney.
 It was with surprise that the congregation of the First Presbyterian church learned on February 1 that its pastor, Reverend W. C. Kalkbrenner, wished to resign in order to accept an unanimous call from the East-wood Presbyterian church in Detroit. He said that while he regretted leaving his Birmingham congregation, he felt that the church needed in the city.
 The high school was honored for the second time in two weeks when Dorville Symons, senior, was not-

fied that he had been selected as halfback on the Southeastern Michigan All-American Football team. He was the first member of the school team to be given a position on the honor roll which was presented at the school of that section who were the best all round football men and the best players in the respective positions.

Early Friday morning, February 5, the home of G. Mendelson on Kensington road was the scene of a fire. The loss, estimated at between \$25,000 and \$50,000, was practically covered by insurance. The caretaker who was at Mr. Mendelson's home at the time of the fire could give no explanation.

A very important decision concerning Woodward avenue was reached on February 5. Village and state officials met and formulated plans for Woodward to be 150 feet wide through the village. The representatives were given to understand that the business frontage on the west side of Woodward from the D. U. R. waiting room to Willets street would not be disturbed.

Many property owners on the east side of Woodward favored a main street, street wide, and the building of a relief artery at the Grand Trunk's right of way as soon as the company should make its arrangements to tear down the houses or move them back 50 feet on both sides of Woodward. The cost would be \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000, and thought that the state should bear all the expenses in widening the thoroughfare, since it had been willing to pay enormous sums to secure the right of ways outside of Birmingham.

Banishing all weighty thoughts of elections, taxes, and road building for a few brief hours, a goodly proportion of the township witnessed the annual senior play, "Come Out of the Kitchen," given in the Baldwin auditorium, February 5. Of interest to the community at large was the resolution made by the village commission on February 9, to buy land for future public buildings to be erected as the town grew.

The property commission concludes the destruction of the buildings bounded by Chester, Bates, Martin, and Merrill streets, 245 by 296 feet, and costing between \$35,000.00 and \$50,000.00. The members reasoned that no time should be lost in acquiring new municipal land because there was a possibility of the village building if Woodward was widened; because real estate values were rising rapidly; and because the various departments were outgrowing their quarters.

In the Baldwin auditorium, February 10, 450 men and boys sat down to the seventh annual father and son banquet held by the community. About 50 attended the first meeting and each one of the six following years has had a larger attendance. The banquet was given under the auspices of the local Y. M. C. A. Dr. W. H. Whitcomb, professor of Albion College, was the principal speaker of the evening.

Another praiseworthy annual event taking place in the same way was the Y. M. C. A. drive for funds for its yearly activities. Members of the exclusive Rotary club, and 30 other citizens of the community started on February 11 to canvass door to door in nearly territory for at least \$3,000.

Mrs. Hazel Lawler filed a petition with herself, thus announcing her intention to resign the office of village clerk which she had held for the last three years. The actual act stepped forward in the proceedings to secure village property was taken on February 16 when members of the commission instructed their attorney, Mr. Doty, to prepare the necessary legal papers for the condemnation of the block bounded by Martin, Merrill, Chester and Bates streets. They had already bought one piece and optioned two others on the block and from these properties estimates for values through condemnation suits would be made.

On the same night the members passed a resolution to install three miles of sanitary eight-inch lateral sewers in the north section of Birmingham. This represented the largest single sewer grading ever handled by the village. The sewer would cost approximately \$42,000, according to Manager Starr, and the abutting property owners would be assessed five-sixths while the village at large would pay for one-sixth, payment extending over a period of five years.

Clark, R. D. Montgomery, and the second for village clerk, Mrs. A. B. Loney, entered the race and started the circulation of petitions the first of the week.

Over 200 acres, called Lone Pine Estates, to be subdivided and put on the market in the spring. The village during the week to C. Haynes Wilson and G. D. Wilson. It was formerly known as the T. Eugene Piker and Louis Stokely property. The sale was by the Walsh, James & Wasey Co.

Following in the footsteps of the village commission, the school board on February 25 made plans to acquire land for future school buildings. Through they probably would not be erected for two years the acquisition thought it advisable to purchase land while it was still procurable in seven teen plats, the smallest piece for a school site that the members would consider buying. They were, at the time of meeting, occupying a piece in the southeast section belonging to F. Lamberg and which would undoubtedly involve condemnation proceedings, and several pieces in the northwest section on one of which an option would be taken.

At a regular meeting of the village board on February 25, a list of many details of the school board's business, the members also considered on the evening the possibility of appointing L. H. Bunker chief engineer of the local school system. In the past few years, as business manager for the district, R. I. Corry addressed the Birmingham Real Estate Board, February 25, at one of its regular meetings on the possible adaptation of a city planning development to the Birmingham-Bloomfield township area.

The development of the section would be classified as Pioneer, Farming, and Real Estate or Subdivision areas. The board passed a motion that the township of Troy, Southfield, and Bloomfield should unite to employ competent City Planning advice and to express the opinion that such a plan would not only save various civic bodies thousands of dollars in unnecessary expense, but would also exert a salutary influence on much of the property yet unplatted in the vicinity.

On the evening of February 25 the village officials held a special meeting to discuss the problem of furnishing water outside of Birmingham and instructed Mr. Doty, who was present, to begin making up a register of the water service to all residents on the west side of Lakeview avenue. They also decided to notify all others whose water contracts had expired that the village would discontinue such service within the next six months.

Necessary amendments to the village charter were the subject of the third article, that Mr. Starr had published, February 27, in the Eccentric. He maintained that all bonds issued by the village should be general obligation bonds which would provide a ready market for all the local bonds and would give the owners of property taxed for special benefits interest one-half to one per cent interest charges. The second change he advocated was that the amount levied against any benefited property for any improvement should not exceed a total of 50 per cent of the assessed valuation of such property, fixed by the preceding tax roll, or 10 per cent of the assessed valuation in one year, i. e., the assessment would be spread over five years. The increase in assessment was necessary to cover the cost of paving, which the other one did not because the village had increased its rate of interest in preference of the cost to benefited property. This amendment would enable owners of improved property to secure such special improvements as they desired without being blocked by the fact that there might be a few vacant lots on the street whose owners wished to escape paying their proper share of the assessment, even though their share of the abutting property increased in value when the street was paved. The third amendment was to change the form of nomination from the obsolete

and usually unrepresentative canvass, of the members of the library board to the petition for two new numbers a year.

During the last week in February one important sale of property took place—the purchase by H. W. Haines of the two-story H. G. Field building. Mr. Haines said that he bought it for an investment only.

Before an audience of 100 appreciative members, the Village Players gave "Fancy Free" by Stanley Houghton and "The Return of Buck Davin" by Wolfe, in the Community House on February 23.

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NOTICE TO OWNERS OF DOGS

Under the terms of a new State Law, all owners of dogs more than four months old are required to obtain, before January 10, 1926, and each year thereafter, licenses for their dogs. These licenses may be obtained from the County Treasurer at Pontiac, or from the Bloomfield township treasurer here.

Applications for such license shall state the breed, age, sex, color and markings of such and the name and address of the last previous owner, and shall be accompanied by a fee of two dollars for each male dog, four dollars for each female dog, and two dollars for each unsexed dog. Provided, that a penalty fee of two dollars be charged for each license applied for after January 10th, for any dog four months old or over on that date, such penalty fees to be placed in the general fund.

However, for this year, under a resolution authorized by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, the penalty fee of two dollars will not go into effect until after March 1, instead of January 10th.

(Signed) ROBERT Y. MOORE,
 Supervisor,
 Bloomfield Township.