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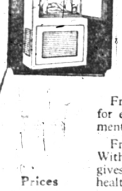

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Health And Wealth Seen In Growth Of Community In 1925

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money would be a three mill tax. Beside containing the American Legion quarters it would house the township offices and would be under the direction of the township board which was to select the site.

Birmingham had a safe and sane Fourth. There were no serious accidents on the highways surrounding the town, and with one exception, that an unknown boy was reported to have had his eye put out by a torpedo, there were no serious results from the use of fireworks. Orders issued by the police department were closely adhered to by townspeople, and there were no arrests made for speeding on Southfield avenue on which the traffic came out from Detroit.

On July 5 the first sod was turned by Mr. Booth for the new Christ Church at the corner of Cranbrook and Lone Pine roads. Each of the 50 witnesses likewise turned over a spade-ful of sod. Bertram G. Goodyear Associates of New York City drew the plans for the church which was expected to be finished inside of two years.

Guy Laughlin withdrew his name from the running for school board membership July 5, saying in a letter to the board that his real estate and building business occupied his time.

The election of two school board members on July 1 F. W. Quarton and Leigh Lynch were re-elected trustees. The largest number of people that had ever evinced an interest in school matters at the annual school board meeting 536, voted on Monday. Several reports were read. The total expenditures of the school for the year were $315,292.26, and were the most ever expended by the district in one year. Buildings and equipment were the biggest item in the total amount, being $211,296.90. There was an attendance of 1696 in the schools when they closed in June as contrasted to the 1493 the preceding September. Mrs. R. Mann, representing the P. T. A., appeared at the meeting and withdrew the petition filed with the board several months previous to handle the distribution of text books. She said that she had examined the subject and found the existing system of disposing of text books preferable to such a solution as was suggested by the petition.

Following an attempt on the part of the commission to settle the costs outside of court of as many pieces of condemned property on the municipal block as possible, Harry Dewey sold his house and lot to the village for $7,600 at the meeting July 13. William Hopson sold his house and two lots for $10,000. Five other owners sold their property outside of court. The price of the old town hall and lot, $1,000, was settled in court by a jury before Justice Buck, July 17. The total cost of the block came to $44,800.

Ballots were cast by 378 people at the township election on July 14 and of that number 278 voted the $500,000 bond issue for the Rouge River and soldiers memorial. The annexation of the ten parcels of land consisting of 318 acres with a population of 50 received a favorable vote. The territory included Birmingham Village, Bloomfield Village, Birmingham Forest, Park, Greenwood subdivisions no. 1 and 2, Crestview, Brightlawn, Birmingham Woodward lots, Birmingham Lincoln lots, and the Daniels property.

The plats of A. E. Myers and the Lenox Woodward subdivisions were accepted by the commission at the meeting on July 20.

The same night the plan of the proposed Rouge River drain was adopted by the school board and approved. The drain was to go down Pierce street to the Hunt road, west on the Hunt road to Woodward, at a right angle to the west to meet the 12 Mile road, and county drain branch. The Rouge drainage district covered 300 acres and included the Pierce school property. The board undertook to pay one-sixth of the cost, which was estimated at the time of $300,000. The board undertook to pay one-sixth because it was the only property owner, who would benefit by the drain would traverse. Since the completion of the Pierce school such a drain was found to be greatly needed as no other means of drainage was supplied.

At the same meeting H. B. Clement was reelected president; R. J. Taylor, secretary; and F. W. Quarton, treasurer; while the newly reelected trustees were reinstated.

J. H. McBride let the contract for a new store room on South Woodward avenue that was to be started before the end of the week. It would be the first unit of a larger building to be built there when the width of the avenue had been determined.

Village officials and other local citizens met with Governor Groesbeck in Detroit, July 23, to discuss the width of Woodward avenue. The Governor favored widening the street to at least 150 feet. Personally he thought that it should be 200 feet wide, but because their hands were tied allowed no more expenditures until 1926 no work at all could be done on the road that year. Mr. Seeley meanwhile, was directed to procure rights-of-ways for the 150 feet because at the same time to do the trimming as closely as possible the first 200 feet. After securing legal description of all the Woodward property he deed on Birmingham he was to get the frontage of 17 feet on the west side of the avenue either by dedication or by purchase. On account of a law which exists in the state trees or options would not be obtained on the east side until 1926. Two petitions were circulating in the village during the week, one for a 100 foot and the other for a 150 foot boulevard. Property owners in the village were asked to sign the petition they chose.

The financial program for 1926 was planned at the meeting of the school board. Total school expenditures for the year would amount to $325,000. Including the Rouge River drain overlays were enough to cover Mr. Alber.

The commission in one of its decisions in regard to the village streets decided that Lincoln, Willits, Merrill, Maple, Oak, Brown, Wallace, Lincoln, Grant, Hazel, Park, Bird, Bird, Pierce, Henrietta, Willits