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PLANNING COMMISSION A GOOD THING

That Birmingham needs a new library building, a new municipal building, and a place to house the fire department, has been felt for many years. Therefore, president Sham's statement last week that a \$350,000.00 bond issue to carry out a needed municipal program may be put up to the voters, next Spring is timely.

However, there is one thing that ought not to be overlooked in this town, namely: the creation of a Planning Commission. Such a group of citizens, appointed to look into the present and future needs of the community, with the view to giving sound advice and suggestion on various projects, would be a great help to round out the needs of Birmingham.

A Planning Commission would go a long way towards winning approval to any bond issue which the village commission may desire to place before the people from time to time. Such a Planning Commission would serve to lend continuity and economy to carrying out the wishes of the people—some of which are always subject to personal interpretations of changing personnel in our village offices.

Now that the village commission has decided to appoint a Planning Commission, local taxpayers are probably eager to learn of the village officials' \$350,000.00 program of present municipal extensions. These will probably be forthcoming in plenty of time for discussion before the annual election in March.

SUSAN WRITES AN EDITORIAL

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You're wrong, folks, the above line isn't a printer's mistake—it's perfection in the art of running a typewriter for a little girl a year and a half old.

It all happened Saturday evening when Susan, our little daughter, wandered away from her mother's side and into our den at home. After an absence of a few moments the young lady was discovered trying to give the world her thoughts via this portable Underwood machine.

Just what she was thinking we have been unable to figure out—believe, though, that she was merely trying to help us fill up the Eccentric and thus earn her board for the week.

Which, you now see, she has done by furnishing us "copy" for these remarks.

All that stands between us and a hot time is the rest of this winter.

Shock absorbers on autos would be better if the driver could wear them.

A man may be down, but he is not out until he is down in the mouth.

Sometimes a man finds he can't make ends meet because they are loose ends.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS—of Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Cleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today

43 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Utter is visiting relatives near Milford for two weeks.
Been trying hard to have a run of sleighing.

Mr. Alvin Wooster of Southfield took an involuntary cold bath in the cold pond one day last week while setting out ice.

Mrs. Loretta Daniels visited Detroit last week and had a most enjoyable visit.

Will Crombie, formerly in the employ of Whitehead and Mitchell, but now occupying a residence at 126 Woodward, was in a Detroit drug store, was home on Sunday.

Mrs. Albert M. Davis and son of Egger arrived in Birmingham last Saturday where she will spend a few weeks with her father, Mr. Hiram Daniels, and other friends.

Eugene Brooks, H. P. of Birmingham chapter No. 93 R. A. M. and Grand Master at Farmington, attended the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Michigan at Detroit on Tuesday last.

Last Saturday, 6 inst., on the Pike Road, a large parcel containing gloves, handkerchiefs, stockings, pocket-books, hammers, needles, hairpins, etc., etc. The finder was liberally rewarded by returning the same to this office.

The Rochester Era came out in a new form and divers other improvements last week. It is now a handsome eight-page quarto and teemeth with news. Brother Fox has the necessary get-up-and-go to run a newspaper.

Mrs. Furman, lessee and manager of the Birmingham Dramatic Club, has that body in training for "Among the Breakers," in which abundance of tragedy, comedy, and an Irishman in close quarters with the colored man, Sec'd. A wonderfully interesting play, surely to please.

The Birmingham Social Dancing Club gave the first of their series of hops last Thursday evening. About fifty couple were present and kept time in the may dance to music furnished by King & Deig's band which was most excellent as usual. All join in saying that it was a very delightful affair.

Considerable effort is being made by some of our prominent citizens to

Church and Sunday School

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lincoln at Woodward
First Sunday after Epiphany. In accordance with this festival season the pastor will take as his sermon theme: "The Wise Men from the East." Divine worship begins at 10:30.
Sunday School at 9:30.
God's Palace, 214 S. 11th St. House. You are invited to attend the services at Redeemer.

The Methodist Church, Maple Avenue West at Henrietta
Robert Marous At'ns, Minister
Sunday Services—
The services of Public Worship are conducted at 11 a. m. and 7:40 p. m. In the morning the minister discusses "The New Evangelism" and in the evening he commences a series of sermons on the general theme of "Messages from God." This Sunday evening the sermon subject is "The Use of Time." The succeeding Sunday evenings the subjects are: "The Sacraments of Penance," "The Right and Wrong Use of Wealth," "The Mystical Resources of the Inner Life."

The Sunday School convenes at 9:45 A. M. and the Epworth League for young people at 6:30 P. M. There are Sunday School classes for everyone.
A nurses is conducted for the convenience of parents in the Primary Room during the morning service.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Service at Church Building, Woodward Avenue, south of the D. U. R. Waiting Room.
Sunday, Jan. 10, 9:30 a. m. Sunday School for children up to 10 years old, 10:30; from 5 to 20 years old, 11:45.
Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock. Free reading room open daily except Sunday and holidays from 11:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. Wednesday evening, 7:00 to 7:50. Thursday evening, 7:00 to 9:00. All are invited.

United Presbyterian Church, Sabbath School, 2 p. m.
Public worship, 3 p. m.
Rev. E. L. Hughes of Detroit will bring the message. A cordial welcome to all.

The First Baptist Church, Bates and Watts Streets
Pastor, Thomas J. Edwards
Morning worship at 10 o'clock. The pastor will speak on, "The Advance of the Church of Christ." The school convenes at 11:15 o'clock. The school is well organized with classes for all and excellent teachers. The pastor teaches the class for young men, the evening services, 7:30 o'clock. The pastor will speak on "The First Commandment." Our Wednesday night Prayer and Praise service will be conducted by the Woman's Missionary Committee of the Church Building, 9 o'clock. The Union will meet in the afternoon for a devotional service and will serve dinner at 8:30 o'clock.

Birmingham Gospel Tabernacle, Macabee Hall, corner of Woodward and Maple Avenues
Sunday morning at 10:30. "The Early and the Modern Church." Should the church of the Twentieth Century be like the church of the first Century? This question will be fully answered Sunday morning, Sunday School at 11:45.
Sunday evening at 7:45, "Victory Over the World."

The Presbyterian Church, N. Woodward Ave.
Floyd Emerson Logee, Pastor
We cordially invite those without a church home to join us in study and worship.
The Bible School meets at 10:00 o'clock followed by the Morning Worship at 11:00 o'clock, subject: "Perfecting Life." The evening service is at 7:30 o'clock. The subject will be "Our Voice From Heaven." There will be special music at both morning and evening services. Invite your neighbor to come with you.

Bennaville Ave. Congregational Church
Bennaville Ave. West of Woodward
Rev. David H. Curry, Pastor
509 Bates St., Phone 458
Bible School, 10:45 A. M.
class for you and yours.

25 YEARS AGO
Out of 60 Universities and Colleges of the highest standing in the country, only nine refuse degrees to women. Princeton is the only university in the United States that refuses to confer honors on women.

Two free rural delivery routes have been ordered established at Bay City.

Eastern capitalist, on the 12th, formed a syndicate to build an electric road from Detroit to Battle Creek. The capital of the company which is placed at \$4,000,000 of stock and an equal amount of bonds.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanna attended Professor Robert New's final Bible class in Detroit last Monday.

Heen to the Wonderland this week? You should go hear the amplified religious air and is loudly cheered and cheered to the echo.

The happiest boy in Birmingham last week was Ray to Whitehead who secured first and second prize on his Rose Combed White Leghorn chickens at the Michigan Poultry Show held in Detroit last week. When we stop to consider that it was the largest exhibit ever held by the Association, we are inclined to the opinion that the lad is justified in stepping high, wide and handsome for a few days.

Milo Lowes of Town Line, lost a valuable cow recently; it is supposed to have choked on a sugar beet.

Investment and Subdivision Acreage
For Sale in Bloomfield Hills
Properties never offered before
TERMS 15% TO 20% DOWN—7 TO 10 YEAR CONTRACTS—
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80 Acres, Lone Pine Road, near Franklin Road (extra high elevation)..... 1,500 A
80 Acres, fronting Indian Trail and Lone Pine Roads (extra high elevation)..... 1,500 A
70 Acres, Franklin Road, near Lone Pine Road (very high elevation)..... 1,900 A
60 Acres, fronting Quorton, Lone Pine and Franklin Roads (very high elevation)..... 1,875 A
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17 Acres, Franklin Road, near Bloomfield Community Golf Club..... 2,000 A
70 Acres, Long Lake (paved) Road (near Bloomfield Hills Country Club)..... 2,350 A
18 1/2 Acres, Long Lake (paved) Road (near Bloomfield Hills Country Club)..... 3,000 A
34 1/2 Acres, Lake frontage (only reasonable priced lake frontage left)..... 1,900 A
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150 Acres, Lone Pine Road (close to large developments)..... 1,500 A

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OUR STATEMENT
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST STATE SAVINGS BANK
At Birmingham, Mich., at the close of business Dec. 31, 1925, as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department.
RESOURCES
Commercial Savings Dollars Cts.
Secured by collateral \$45,273.25 \$ 180,220.87
Unsecured collateral 2,555.08 54,408.16
Items in transit.....
Totals \$47,828.33 \$ 234,629.03 \$ 882,457.36
BONDS, MORTGAGES and SECURITIES, viz.:
First Estate Mortgages \$ 25,313.51 \$ 589,905.98
Municipal Bonds in Office 149,075.00
U. S. Bonds and Certificates of Indebtedness in Office 32,550.00
Other Bonds 348,835.00
Totals \$ 25,313.51 \$ 1,121,355.88 \$ 1,146,869.59
RESERVES, viz.:
Due from Federal Reserve Bank \$ 70,794.24 \$ 30,000.00
Due from Banks in Reserve Cities 209,172.73
Exchanges for clearing house 6,454.12 10,482.28
Total cash on hand 10,482.28 30,000.00
Totals \$ 96,730.59 \$ 209,172.73 \$ 305,903.32
COMBINED ACCOUNTS, viz.:
Overdrafts \$ 909.56
Furniture and Fixtures 65,203.00
Customer's Bonds Deposited with Bank for Safekeeping 10,799.50
Outside Checks, Revenue Stamps and other Cash Items 439.28
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank 4,800.00
Other Assets, if any (attach schedule) 3,818.37
Total \$2,484,849.78
LIABILITIES
Capital Stock paid in \$ 100,000.00
Surplus Fund 30,000.00
Undivided Profits, net 3,247.88
Dividends Unpaid 5,800.00
Reserved for Taxes, Interest, Depreciation, etc., Bond Depreciation 10,633.70
COMMERCIAL DEPOSITS, viz.:
Commercial Deposits Subject to Check \$ 652,955.41
Demand Certificates of Deposit 1,229.38
Certified Checks 9,109.31
Cashier's Checks 13,230.59
Totals \$ 670,233.69 \$ 670,233.69
SAVINGS DEPOSITS, viz.:
Book Accounts—Subject to Savings By-Laws \$1,220,269.47
Certificates of Deposit—Subject to Savings By-Laws 290,808.86
Law 9,906.20
Club Savings Deposits (Xmas, Thrift, etc.).....
Totals \$1,611,984.53 \$1,611,984.53
Customers' Bonds Deposited with Bank for Safekeeping \$ 9,550.00
Total \$2,484,849.78
State of Michigan, County of Oakland, ss.
I, Arthur C. Peck, Cashier, of the above named bank do solemnly swear, that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and correctly represents the true state of the several matters therein contained, as shown by the books of the bank.
ARTHUR C. PECK, Cashier
Subscribed and sworn to before me Correct Attest:
this 4th day of January, 1926.
MARGARET M. ARNOLD, Notary Public
My commission expires July 26, 1927.

WHAT BIRMINGHAM NEEDS MOST
BY L. A. MORGAN
They will rather encourage those who seek an ideal environment for a home because the improvements for which these taxes will pay will place our village in the very forefront of desirable residential suburbs. We all ought peacefully (if not cheerfully) demand a good water supply and adequate schools. We have voted these things; now let us pay for them, knowing that more than ever life will be worth living in Birmingham.
Such taxes will not keep away the life will be worth living in Birmingham.
The annual meeting of the con-
pleted second floor in the remodeled First State Savings Bank building here. For the past several months the offices were maintained in the Field Building, on W. Maple Avenue, while the bank building was being altered. The offices are open each day from 8 to 5 o'clock. Taxes are received up until 4 o'clock each day.

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