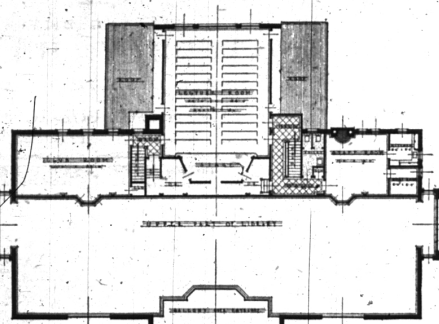


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SECOND FLOOR PLAN
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PROPOSED LIBRARY FLOOR PLANS NEAR IDEAL, SAYS BOARD

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desk attendant or those whom she may be serving.

Meszanine Planned
A meszanine floor 20 feet wide at the rear of the main building will look out over the two spacious reading rooms with their twenty foot ceilings supported by dignified pillars, and over the delivery desk in the center. This has been demonstrated to be a charming and economical arrangement, making possible two tiers of rooms where ten foot ceilings are ample and leaving the airy height for the main library. Under the meszanine floor back of the adult reading room the reference room will be easily accessible and may be overlooked by the librarian at the central desk. Back of the children's reading room and under the meszanine there will be a children's story hour room which may be reached by a separate entrance without disturbing the reading rooms.

To Have Side Entrance
Space for future stacks, or rows of bookcases, will extend back of the delivery desk, with librarian's office and workroom located at the side. A side entrance will admit groups of people who wish to go upstairs to the lecture room or the committee

room. The stairs are located under the meszanine back of the delivery desk and provision has been made for exits according to the demands of the state fire inspector. The lecture room, beginning on the meszanine and carefully insulated so that no noise will be heard in the reading rooms below, will continue back under the roof of the extension which faces Merrill Street. It will seat 125 persons comfortably with wide aisles between the fixed seats so that exhibits may be held there and visitors may have plenty of room to pass up and down. A small stage with convenient equipment will be located at one end and a large window at the other end will overlook Merrill street. A kitchenette, that indispensable adjunct to any room where women may foregather, will adjoin the staff room at one side of the lecture room on the meszanine floor. A committee room is located above the reference room.

30,000 Volume Capacity
Excavation will be made only at the rear of the building to provide storage space, fuel and furnace room and a work room. When all available space for books is used the building will accommodate thirty thousand volumes. The old building will have sheltered the library for thirty three years, and the new one into which it will graduate if Birmingham voters approve has been planned to serve the community for at least that long.

If interested and approving committees are an indication of a determination to cast an affirmative vote, Birmingham's new library is a certainty.

Old Article of Furniture

A lowboy is a small table with one or two rows of drawers, so called in contradistinction to the tallboy or double chest of drawers. Both were favorite pieces of furniture in the Eighteenth century in England and America. The lowboy was generally used as a dressing table, but occasionally as a side table.

Rich in Food Value

It is eminently proper that, of all the cereals, oats should head the list of balanced cereals. They not only lead in protein content, but contain more fat, and in the matter of mineral salts are well supplied with lime and iron and contain potash, sulphur and salt.

How to Judge Book

When a book raises your spirits and inspires you with noble and courageous feelings, seek for no other rule to judge the work by; it is good, and made by a good workman.—Bryere.

Advertising-- An Open Door to Better Business

ALMOST without exception, merchants of Birmingham can show records of substantial increases in business over that of a year ago. Some of the more progressive enterprises show increases ranging as high as 60 per cent over business of a similar period in 1925. Others are slightly lower, but the outstanding feature remains that all have prospered to a greater extent, to date, in 1926, than ever before. This, despite the influx of many new business institutions, thus introducing keener competition in all markets.

During the past year, a large group of Birmingham merchants have felt the need of an advertising medium that would reach the entire buying public of this section of Oakland County, and they turned to the Birmingham Eccentric.

Advertising lineage in the Eccentric has steadily increased during the past year, until, over a period of four weeks, ending May 13, 1926, the total lineage showed an increase of 67 per cent over lineage recorded during a corresponding period in 1925.

Through the columns of the Birmingham Eccentric, housewives, who constitute by a wide margin a major percentage of the buying public, are choosing the market where their money shall be spent. Weary walking from store to store in an effort to locate some desired article is a thing of the past.

The Birmingham Eccentric, as the Show Window of the entire section, a Show Window brought into practically every home, displays merchandise of every variety, on sale at some store in this vicinity.

No longer does the prospective customer buy out of town because of lower prices. Quantity buying and a rapidly increasing turnover has enabled local establishments to offer merchandise at prices on a par with, or even at lower prices than those quoted by stores in foreign territory.

*Shop Profitably
in Birmingham by reading the
Advertisements in*

The Birmingham Eccentric

Oakland County's Greatest Weekly Newspaper

Missouri's Oldest Man, 111, Works to Lay Up Income for His Old Age

"I'm going to live to be 110," declares Missouri's oldest man, Ben F. Hodge, who was 111 years old recently. Talk straight as a string, working from early dawn until late at night, he looks as if he might carry out that wish. He lives in a little log hut near Hendrickson, Mo., which he built on a 40-acre farm that he purchased a few years ago. "When I bought the farm," he said, "it was in the woods and I cleared 17 acres and put it under cultivation. I want to get the most of it cleared so that when I get older I can live off the rent." He plans to retire within a few years and live with one of his sons or daughters, the youngest of whom is 52. "It beats me," he said, "how some people think they are old when they are about 75. My father was 102 when he died and then he was killed accidentally."

Rejected for Civil War
"Uncle Ben" is a Civil War veteran. He was old when the war broke out and was rejected because of an injured leg. But he served just the same, being actively engaged in the battles of Pea Ridge and Wilson's Gap. Hodge has been married three times. He was first married when 45 years of age. His third wife died 25 years ago. "I have many children did you have?" he was asked. "Well, sir," he said, "I just can't remember. I know I have four live but I can't recall the life of me have many dead. "I have diminished all my troubles. I am thinking of the present and future and don't let my mind go back to things that have no effect unless they are of a pleasant nature." The only experience "Uncle Ben" ever had with a doctor was one day



"Uncle Ben" Hodge
about 50 years ago when he got his fingers tangled up in a circular saw. His creed is that "medicine is to give, not to take." "Sometimes," he says, "I think I have served my time, and I think I and the world would be better off without me. No one can say a bad thing about me, except that I used to live my leisure. "I get to thinking that I ought not to give my place to some one younger than I am. Then again, I think that I am getting along fine—that I could go to the home of some of my children and spend the remainder of my life, and I am happy." **Gives His Recipe**
Answering the question of how he

grew to be so old, Hodge says: "Well, I believe that a fellow who works hard, has plenty of open air, drinks milk, and minds his own business, has as good a chance to live to be 100, as I have had. Take care of yourself by all means." Even with that recipe Hodge admits that he chews tobacco, smokes, drinks coffee occasionally and would like a nip if he could get it. He even grows his own tobacco in order to have something to keep him company through the winter. "I am healthy, contented, good even happier. What more could man want," were his parting remarks, as he turned to follow his team of mules and plow down the corn row.