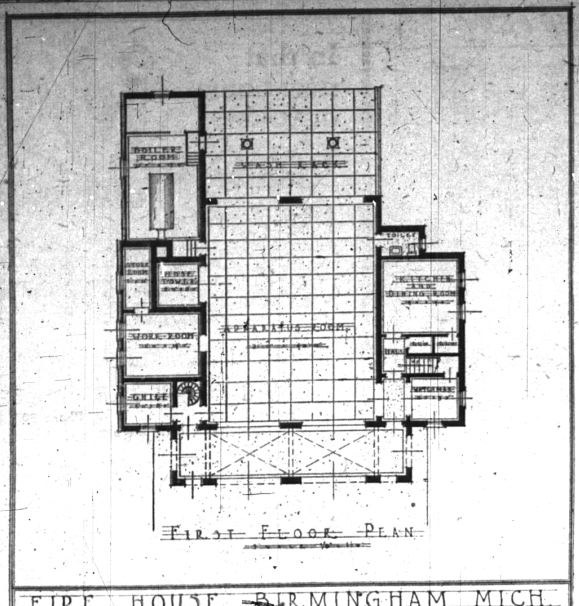

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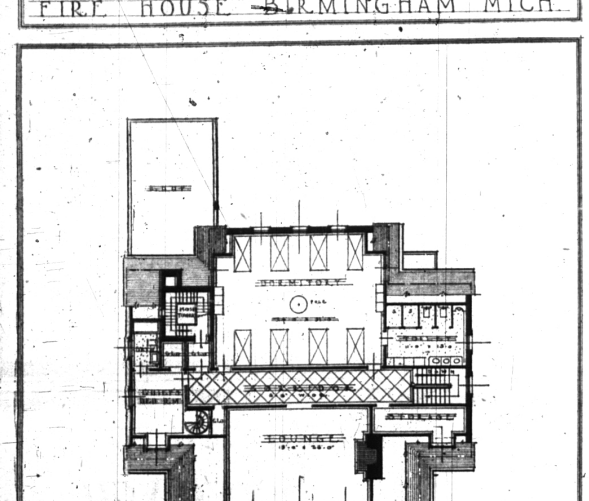

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FIRE HALL INTERIOR PLANS MEET APPROVAL

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iastic approval of the village commission and other public officials, who made a careful study of the plans as presented by Burrowes and Eurich, Detroit architects, before their final drawings were exhibited before the legislative body.

A study of the needs of the village both for the present and the future lead to the final adoption of the plans shown these columns, as a fire hall near the acme in perfection in the design of an entirely suitable structure that, while the cost was kept within moderate means, would prove a thing of pride to every taxpayer in the community following its completion, providing the bond issue is approved at the coming election.

Careful scrutiny of the accompanying illustrations clearly show that practical factors that are a necessity in every building of this kind have been given special attention in this building. A good sized apparatus room with entrances through large doors will give the firemen opportunity to all of the three pieces of apparatus with the least amount of confusion. Each truck will be enabled to leave the fire house separately or together with other apparatus according to the nature of the emergency, without any loss of time.

A work room, a necessity for the maintenance and repair of all fire fighting equipment may be seen in the plans at the left of the front entrance.

An office for the chief at the front of the building having a separate entrance is conveniently located and readily accessible, as is the watchman's office on the opposite side of the building. A combination kitchen and dining room have been arbitrarily placed in the lower floor to allow more room for adequate accomodations on the second floor. The wash rack, with two large swinging doors opening from the apparatus room is to be situated in the extreme rear of the lower floor. To the left of this, in the plans shown, space for foiler room slightly below ground level may be seen.

Comfortable quarters for eight firemen and a chief are provided on the second floor. The dormitory is planned for eight beds, with the escape pole in the center leading to the lower floor, or, more specifically to the apparatus room, forming another cog in the efficient machinery common to metropolitan fire stations where seconds count.

In short, should Birmingham electors cast an affirmative ballot authorising the village to bond itself for the $40,000 necessary to build the structure, they may be assured that their action will net them an inestimable amount of satisfaction in having within the village limits a fire hall with a staff of trained firemen and the most modern of fire fighting machinery at their control, an acquisition that will further mark Birmingham as one of the leading community centers in Southern Michigan.

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Summons having been issued in this cause and having been returned unserved, and it appearing by affidavit on file that the defendant's address is unknown,

IT IS ORDERED, That said defendant appear at the court room of the undersigned, at my office in the City of Royal Oak, Oakland County, Michigan, at nine o'clock a. m., Eastern Standard Time, on the sixth day of August 1926, to defend the complaint filed in this cause, or judgment will be entered by default; and that this order be served on defendant as required by statute.

This suit is brought to terminate the interest of the defendant in a certain land contract, for the sale of premises described as: Lot Numbered Two Hundred Twenty-four (224) in Woodward Hills Subdivision situated and being in the Township of Royal Oak, Oakland County, Michigan, according to the duly recorded plat thereof as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in Liber 35 of Plats on Page 4 Oakland County Records.

GEORGE B. HARTRICK,
Circuit Court Commissioner,
Oakland County.

Dated: July 2, 1926. 12-13-14

Negro Languages

In their native land, the negroes certainly have a language of their own, or, several languages, each tribe such as the Basutos, the Zulus, etc., possessing its own dialect. Negroes, however, when they reach a civilized country, very quickly acquire the language of that country.

Village Players Purchase Lot For Unique Theater

At a meeting of the Village Players last night, plans for a new theater which it is hoped will be completed before the opening of their activities in the fall, were discussed. Robert Frost, architect chosen for the planning of the unique building, sketch of which was shown in a recent issue of the Eccentric, will have the interior details drawn up and ready for the organization's approval at an early date, it is said.

A lot on Chestnut street dimensioned 60x110 feet on which it is their intention to erect the theater, has been purchased by the dramatic organization. According to officers of the Players, ground may be broken for the structure by August 1 and two months of work should nearly complete the building.

In addition to pledges of a nominal amount given by each member, it was announced last night that Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Woodruff had provided for a fire place planned for one side of the large auditorium.

Drawings of the interior of the theater will be shown in the Eccentric columns as soon as they are completed by the architect.

OLSEN TO OPEN ROYAL OAK SHOP

William G. Olsen, proprietor of Olsen's Market on Woodward avenue for the past two years, has announced this week that he will expand his business by establishing a new market in Royal Oak. The market, which is in a new well equipped building, is located at 926 North Main street on the corner of Main and Gardenia.

The building has entrances from both streets, and is thought to be a very desirable business location. The opening of this new market, which will be known as "The North End Public Market," is scheduled for Saturday, July 10. Flowers will be given to the ladies and cigars to the gents. Mr. Clarence Russell, now in the Birmingham market, will have charge of the business in Royal Oak.

SPRINKLING BANNED BY NEW ORDINANCE

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ager, daily consumption has run well over 6,000,000 gallons for the past four days, and in consequence the two wells with their maximum capacity of 900,000 gallons per day were overtaxed and unable to fill the pipes, to say nothing of the new storage tank which has not been over one-third full for the past three weeks, according to the statements of officials.

With the completion of connections and installation work on the new well in the southwest section of the village, it is expected that the supply of water will more than meet the demand during the coming summer months. At the present time, progress on the new well, one of the finest in this part of the country, has been retarded by the failure of the arrival of pumping machinery. A specially designed electric motor to drive the new pump which is ready to be mounted, has not as yet been received. Village officials have been advised by the firm handling the installation work that the motor will probably be shipped on or before July 15. Such is the acute necessity for more water for the village, however, that the commission agreed that it was advisable to send a special tracer or representative on the trail of the missing motor. Commissioner Ladd may act in this capacity if the matter cannot be satisfactorily arranged in any other way. With the arrival of the motor, the well will be connected to the mains and pumping can be started within a few days. The three wells in combination will be able to furnish a million and a half gallons per day to the residents of Birmingham, it has been estimated by Manager Starr.

Meanwhile, however, residents face a charge of violation of a village ordinance if they resort to sprinkling in any form.

GROUP DELEGATES DECLARE APPROVAL OF BONDING ISSUE

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public approval of each of the propositions to be ballotted upon, the Publicity Committee prepared a paper relative to the situation, and in compliance with a request that it be published in the Eccentric columns, it is presented herewith:

On July 29, 1926 the electors of Birmingham will vote upon three bond issues for a total of $415,000. These issues are designated for the following purposes. 1—An issue of $175,000 for a village library. 2—An issue of $40,000 for a Fire Hall. 3—An issue of $200,000 for sites for municipal buildings. A brief discussion why each issue is necessary follows.

The Village Library

The Birmingham Village Library was established and maintained for many years by a Ladies Library Association which included many of the women of Birmingham. Among these women was Martha Baldwin who erected the present Baldwin Public Library building at Woodward and East Maple. At her death in 1913 she bequeathed the Library property to the Village of Birmingham with a reversion to the University of Michigan in case it should cease to be used for Library purposes.

The proposal to wider Woodward Avenue and the great increase of traffic on both Woodward and E. Maple having rendered the site less desirable for library purposes, the Village Commission in 1925 bought the block bounded by Martin, Bates, Merrill and Chester streets and proposed to the Library Board that it should be the site of a new Baldwin Public Library. A friendly suit was instituted in the Circuit Court at Pontiac and the Regents of the University of Michigan were represented by counsel. A decree was finally entered which gave the present Baldwin library building and site to the Village of Birmingham to be disposed of as the electors may direct and confirmed the new site on Martin street as a site for the new library building. It was further agreed at that time by the Village Commission that it would submit a bond issue for the new building as soon as the Library Board should decide on a suitable plan for the proposed building. The Library Board immediately began the search for an architect and finally selected Burroughs and Eurich of Detroit who have been the architects of several other library buildings. Numerous plans were considered and finally the proposed plans were selected by a unanimous decision of the Library Board. An exterior view and the interior floor plans are shown elsewhere in this issue of the Eccentric.

Birmingham Village Library
Exterior

The exterior view of this building shows an English country style. The brownish red brick with variegated slate roof will harmonize with other nearby buildings and should fit nicely into a landscape plan for the entire block.

The interiors show a large main reading room with 20 ft. ceiling divided into two parts for adults and children with the necessary stack, reference and work rooms for future growth. The children's section has a story hour room with a fire place and a special entrance.

The mezzanine floor in the rear of the main room provides for committee and staff rooms and a small assembly room for special gatherings, lectures or exhibits. These rooms are easily accessible by two stairways from the main floor.

Steam heat is provided. Toilets are conveniently located and details necessary for easily and rapidly serving the patrons of the library will be installed.

The estimated cost of this building is $140,000. The fittings and furniture will cost $25,000and the architect's fees and incidentals $10,000. making a total of $175,000.

We recommend that you vote for this issue for these reasons:

(1) The Library must be moved from the present building.
(2) The site for the new building has been bought. It is away from heavy traffic. It is near the schools.
(3) The proposed building is designed along most modern library plans and will provide for a much larger Birmingham.
(4) Nothing can be gained in building costs by delay to a later date.
(5) The sum involved is less for the larger Birmingham of today and tomorrow than the original library was when established on Woodward and East Maple.
(6) No institution in Birmingham does as much for the people of Birmingham in proportion to the cost as does the Library.

The new Library will result in greater service.

The Village Fire Hall

The Birmingham Volunteer Fire Department has had a varied experience. It has never received the public support which its services have warranted. Its members have raised money by personal work to buy necessary equipment for public use and have given lavishly of their time for the public good. It has only been in recent years that serviceable equipment has been provided at public expense and even now no suitable quarters on the first floor of the Baldwin Library are provided for such equipment as is on hand. The proposed village fire hall is the first move ever made to house this necessary village department in adequate quarters.

It is proposed to erect a Village Fire Hall at the corner of Henrietta and Martin streets. A cut and floor plans of the proposed buildings are shown in this week's Eccentric columns.

The exterior of the building is of red brown brick. The roof is slate and the tower is so located as to harmonize with the general lines of the building and not appear obtrusive.

The first floor plans show provision for three sets of apparatus, pumper, hook and ladder and chemical sets, a watchman's and alarm system room, chief's room, kitchen and dining room, boiler room and hose tower room. Rack space for washing apparatus is at the rear.

The second floor plans provide necessary dormitory bed and lounge rooms with toilets and showers for use when a paid department shall be found necessary.

The cost of this building is $40,000 and it is not conceivable that a (No) vote will be cast against this most necessary building.

Sites For Municipal Buildings

The third ballot of the bond issues is for $200,000 for sites for mnuicipal buildings, said sites being Lots 37 to 48 inclusive and Lots 61 to 72 inclusive Merrills Plat of the Village of Birmingham or the two blocks bounded by Martin and Merrill, extending from Pierce to Bates street. The villlage has already bought Lots 37 and 38 and Lots 71 and 72, the site of the present city hall, on land contracts but has included these lots in the proposed bond issue so that the payments may be spread over a longer period of years.

The purchase of this property will to be established in Birmingham since it will give the village possession of three blocks extending from Pierce to Chester street which property will adjoin the Hill school site recently extended nearly to Southfield Avenue. The City Hall, the Fire Hall, the Library Building and a possible future Post Office building could be advantageously grouped on this property and an artistic and at the same time very utilitarian result be obtained.

The future growth and increase in the totals of assessed valuation in Birmingham is certain. Wider Woodward has become a reality and Rapid Transit draws near. The population of Birmingham will approximately double in each succeeding five years. We may expect to have 40,000 population by 1940. While $200,000 is apparently a great deal of money in 1926 it is relatively a small sum compared with the great benefit for the future which its expenditure now will make certain. Every well wisher for the future of Birmingham should vote "Yes" on this proposition at the election July 29, 1926

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