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VILLAGE OFFICIALS CLAIM ANNEXATION IS ECONOMICAL PLAN

Point Out That Outside Subdivisions Have "Patchwork Utilities"

WOULD LOWER TAX RATE

Propositions To Annex 2000 Acres[1] Of Land To Birmingham Up April 5

Basing their argument on past experiences of Birmingham in the matter of providing public utilities members of the village commission this week compiled a short summary of the reasons why they favor the annexation of approximately 2000 acres of land to Birmingham. These annexation propositions will be balloted upon at the annual township election to be held Monday, April 5.

Map Next Week

Next week the Eccentric will print a large map showing the present limits of Birmingham, also the many subdivisions that are to be voted upon. Here is the village commission's statement:

"The question of extending the boundaries of Birmingham to embrace an area of over 2000 acres will be presented to the voters of Birmingham, of the affected territory, and of the townships of Bloomfield, Troy, Royal Oak, and Southfield at the coming election on April 5. This is a question that deserves serious consideration by the residents of both the village and territory that is proposed to become annexed.

Utilities Handicapped

"The proper design and development of various utilities in the section has been handicapped for many years past by the fact that the 640 acres comprising the village of Birmingham was unable to finance such construction of sufficient capacity to serve a several times larger area that inevitably would become a part of the Village in the future. Meanwhile the various subdivisions, as they were developed, installed such improvements sufficient for their own needs only, and of more or less efficiency, without consideration of adjacent territory. Consequently we have a patchwork' system of water main and sewers in this section, some of which is entirely useless, that will eventually cost a great deal of money to put into usable condition and which will never be as good as if properly designed in the first place. It is therefore of advantage to property owners in the entire area to consolidate under municipal control as early as possible so that proper design and supervision of these improvements may be had.

Public Problems

"This section is due for a very rapid development and problems of water supply and distribution, sewage disposal, surface drainage, fire and police protection, garbage collection and gas are but many other things that are becoming increasingly more important. The proper solution of the problems to benefit this entire area can only be secured by the co-

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PLANS PREPARED FOR LINCOLN EXTENSION

Manager Starr About Ready To Go Ahead; Not Completed For Year

Preliminary plans for the extension of Lincoln avenue, from Southfield avenue west to Cranbrook road, were presented to the village commission Monday night by village manager Harry S. Starr. A 66-ft. roadway, constituting an 18-ft. drive with boulevard parks in the center, is the plan under consideration. A special assessment district will be created to pay the cost of the project.

One of the chief problems encountered in the outlining of the new street is the building of a steel bridge over that part of the highway that crosses the River Rouge valley. Large cuts and fills are necessary to eliminate a long bridge. Manager Starr reported that much of the road would be completed this year, although it would not be opened entirely until next year; this lapse of time is made imperative to allow for the settling of filled portions of the roadway.

BIRMINGHAM POLICE ORDER NUMBER 3

In pursuance of authority vested in the Police Department by Ordinance 109 of the Village of Birmingham, Michigan, and in order to protect the streets of the Village of Birmingham, from destruction and damage by heavily loaded trucks, and in pursuance of Act 321, Public Acts of 1923, it is ordered that the maximum weight for all trucks and vehicles mentioned in said Act is hereby limited to one-half the gross axle load or to one-half of the carrying capacity as determined by the tire regulations and as provided in said act. This order to remain in effect until roads and streets are settled.

Dated: March 29, 1926.

JAMES ANDERSON,
Chief of Police.

adv. 49.

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Shain Asks For Fire Hazard Inspections

In order to combat the increased danger of fire hazard in the business section of Birmingham, caused by the constant increase not only in business transacted by individual stores, but also because of the advent of many new establishments, the village commission Monday night authorized four inspections annually. For several years an inspector has made an annual inspection of business places, with the view to eliminating useless fire hazards; his reports were filed with the fire department, and recommendations made in individual necessary cases.

Village President Charles J. Shain was responsible for the action Monday night that will make for quarterly inspections. The total cost of each inspection is about $25.00, a small amount of money compared to the danger of fires that may be started because of any lack of rigid fire regulations, in the opinion of the commission. The accumulation of waste paper, boxes, etc., is the main thing to contend with, according to Charles Jones, who is the inspector.

FOUR GRADE SCHOOLS HOLD SPELLING TEST

Another Spell Down Today At Hill School In Detroit News Contest

FINAL CONTEST APRIL 8

Birmingham grade schools competing in the Detroit News spelling contest held the first spell down Friday, March 19. Pupils in the Hill, Barnum, Pierce and Adams schools took part, with the result that champions for each school were determined. The winners will vie with each other for continued honors today, at three o'clock, at the Hill school, at which time a spelling team of 20 will be chosen to represent grades 5 and 6 in the final contest with the team from grades 7 and 8. This latter contest will be held in the Baldwin high school auditorium Thursday evening, April 8, at 8 o'clock.

Following are the teams that took part in last Friday's spell down, with the winners and the words that gave them the title:

HILL SCHOOL

Grade 5 Team

Kenneth Smith, Eleanor Wasey, Betty Wood, Virginia Packard, Janet McCarthy, Marguerite MacCormack, Eldridge Drury, Billy Pratt, Charles Evans, Isabel Whalen.

Grade 5 champion, Kenneth Hunt, 407 Townsend Street. Winning word, easily.

Grade 6 Team

Eileen Moergeli, Hael Symons, Malcolm Phillips, Betty Peabody, Tom Stolberg, Lois Spreen, Donald McDonough, Marvin Code, Lillis Sutton, Charles Upward.

Grade 6 champion, Eileen Moergeli, 610 Southfield Avenue. Winning word—farewell.

ADAMS SCHOOL

Grade 5 Team

Mary Palmer, Donna Russell, Kenneth Olsen, Betty Brady, Lester Robinson, Marie Nank, Katherine Trandbo, Betty Sears, Clarence Cassady, Bruce Hurson.

Grade 5 champion, Mary Palmer, 318 East Maple Avenue. Winning word—opposition.

Grade 6 Team

Thorndike Dwelley, Betty Koura, Jean Deer, Josephine Hutchinson, Hermine McCarthy, Alice Sayers, Ruth Krieger, Julia Preston, Dorothy Lintz, Donald Stewart.

Grade 6 champion, Thorndike Dwelley, 603 S. Maple. Winning word—sacrifice.

BARNUM SCHOOL

Grade 5 Team

Helen Halsey, Alice Hornberger, Ellen Crask, Jack Carnahan, Eleanor Morrow, Jean Ransier, June McDonough, Bernice Werdenhoff, Phyllis Huston, Marjorie Kidder.

Grade 5 champion, Helen Halsey, 520 Purdy Street. Winning word—insisted.

PIERCE SCHOOL

Grade 5 Team

Lillian Mayer, Marys Mills, Floyd Wedge, Lawrence Shozen, Raymond Miller, Geo. Corns, Charles Hunt, Shirley Dell, Doltha Storey, Kathleen Simmons.

Grade 5 champion, Lillian Mercer, 218 Bird avenue. Winning word—insisted.

Grade 6 Team

Ward Conwell, Garnette Thompson, Leola Lundy, Peter Kliever, Adelaide Pollock, Russell Williams, Arthur Arrington, Murray Townsend, Virginia Hoople, Violet Rusch.

Grade 6 champion, Ward Conwell 126 Berkshire. Winning word—arises.

The champions in the various grades will each receive a fine dictionary from the Detroit News, and the swimmer of the final contest, April 8 will be given a Cram's Atlas by the Detroit News and will represent the Birmingham schools in the district contest, the time and place of holding which will be announced later.

Last weekend Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Zeckendorf of Bedford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. DeVisser at their home on North Woodward avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lyon of Novi brother-in-law and sister of George S. Gordon of Ridgedale avenue, were guests at his home last Sunday.

HEALTH NOTICE

As there are many cases of influenza developing in Birmingham, spreading no doubt from the epidemic in Detroit and surrounding communities, the Health Department urges that persons who have a slight cold, general ache, or cough and fever, to consult immediately a physician in order to get the disease under proper control. The complications of influenza which are very often serious frequently may be prevented if the patient is under the care of a physician from the beginning of the symptoms.

ARTHUR W. NEWITT, M. D.,
Health Officer.

adv.49

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Police News

Violation of the automatic traffic signal at the intersection of Maple and Woodward Avenues has brought about the arrest of ten offenders since last Sunday. Each of these offenders will be fined $5.00 and costs, the costs amounting to $3.80. The arrests were made for "Running the red light" as the offense is described by Chief of Police Anderson. "No one was arrested going ahead against the yellow light; we are after anybody who deliberately advances knowing that the way is stopped by the red light signal," he said.

Six of these arrests were made Sunday by Officer Green. All six were out-of-town people hurrying to get home Sunday afternoon from the day's pleasure. "It is not because they don't know better," Green states, "it is either because they are in a hurry or think they can get away with it." Other signal violation arrests were made during the week by Anderson and Myers.

Elmer Rupp of Eco City was arrested this week on the charge of being drunk and disorderly. He was fined $10.00 and $5.00 costs or ten days; he paid the $15.00.

Officer Lawler reports that a number of staggering citizens brought in the early hours of the morning in the wee hours of the morning have been taken in and kept in the station over night until their memories could better direct them home. However, they were given an appointment to see the Judge later in the week.

Realtors Favor Eco City As Part Of Town

At a meeting of the Birmingham Real Estate Board held Wednesday noon, A. R. McCormick and Eric H. Shuart of the firm of McCormick & Shuart, with offices in the Rogers Hotel, were elected active members. There are now 25 active members belonging to the active board and five associate active salesmen.

By unanimous vote, the Board favored the annexation of Eco City to Birmingham at the election to come before the people of both communities on Monday, April 5. Several members of the Board spoke of the benefits of the advantages of annexing Eco City to the Village. It is now in the same school district and it is felt that before long Birmingham will organize as a city embracing the district south of Eco. Should Eco be under separate incorporation, many difficulties would be bound to arise, it was contended.

Obituary

Frank O. Westerby

Frank O. Westerby died at his late residence on Floyd street Monday morning. Funeral brief service was held at 7:30 a. m. at the house for his friends, before the family left with the body for Kingston where a service was conducted in the Methodist Church. Interment took place in the Cass City cemetery.

Surviving him are his mother, Mrs. Amanda Westerby, his widow, Mrs. Nellie Westerby; six sons, George, Carl, Lawrence, Homer, Fenton, and Manley; and one daughter, Mrs. Ethel Smith of Detroit.

Mr. Westerby was born at Ortonville in 1866. He has lived in Birmingham for the past eight years where he was engaged in the contracting business.

John Q. Wilkinson

John Q. Wilkinson of Southfield avenue, 84 years old, and a resident of Birmingham for 32 years, died March 23 at the Soldiers' Home in Grand Rapids where he had lived for the past four months.

He is survived by three children all living in the village: Mrs. L. H. Rousseau, Mrs. W. H. Wood, and D. B. Wilkinson. His wife, formerly Mary Mallett, of New Boston, whom he married in 1865, died last summer.

A Civil War veteran, he enlisted in 1862 and was honorably discharged in 1863 because of wounds. His birthplace was Perrinsville.

The funeral services will be held in the chapel of Daines and Bell Saturday at 2 o'clock. Burial is to take place in Greenwood Cemetery.

SEEK DATA CONCERNING ANNEXATION PROJECTS

In response to the following letter which was received by The Eccentric some time ago, manager Starr has requested that it would be impossible to compute the data necessary to comply with the request. However, The Eccentric herewith presents the communication:

Dear Mr. Averill:

In connection with the proposed annexation to Birmingham of Eco City and the adjacent sections, the property voters are entitled to information as to both assets and liabilities which would be acquired by such action, or in other words, what would be the approximate tax receipts as against probable improvements required over a reasonable period of time? Perhaps Mr. Starr, the Village Manager, could assist you in getting together this information for publication.

If you agree with us that this information is pertinent, your cooperation will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,
Birmingham-Southfield Improvement Ass'n.
A. C. Utter, President.

SENTENCE SUSPENDED

Henry Falk, East Bennaville avenue, Eco City, charged in January with receiving stolen goods from the house of William J. Merrick, East Ruffner street, had his sentence suspended in the local justice court Monday morning. Mr. Lindsey who has been taking care of the Merrick children during Merrick's term in the county jail, reported that Mr. Falk's children entered the Merrick house and carried away several articles whose total value did not exceed $25. Mr. Falk denied any knowledge of his children's theft. Justice Lockrow suspended sentence.

"HIGH SCHOOLS ARE SOCIAL CESSPOOLS," WORLD FULL OF HOGS

Dr. W. M. Holderby, Apostle Of Family Worship, Paints Sordid Picture Here

SPOKE SUNDAY EVENING

Predicts Chaos For America Unless It Has A Religious Revival In Homes

By George R. Averill

Unless the people of the United States respond to a revival of family worship in the home we shall, within a decade, be plunged into chaos; our national flag will no longer adorn the public school rooms; everybody will "see red" and life and property will be unsafe. Already the average high school in America is a "social cesspool" while "women are wearing the breeches in the family" and man has no control over his home.

Family Worship Crusade

This is what Dr. William Mathew Holderby, of Chicago, told a congregation in the local First Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening. It was one of a series of two-day addresses which he made here in connection with a family Worship Crusade which he is putting on throughout the country. He spoke at the First Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches Sunday, and on Monday at noon he addressed the Rotary club, closing Monday night with an other talk at the Presbyterian church.

Pictures Average Home

Utilizing much of the artistry of the pulpit, pausing at times to allow the sordid picture he was painting to "sink in," this apostle of Family Worship talked for an hour and five minutes Sunday night on the evils in which society is engaged. Here is the picture of the average American home, as presented by Dr. Holderby: "Rock on the floor, door off one hinge, mother's over at the beauty parlor; sister's shootin' craps with the boys behind the barn; father's out lookin' for a workless job; and I say, Mister, yuh ain't got a cigarette, have yuh?"

Crisis Is Presented

Dr. Holderby pointed out that a crisis is presented in the life and generation of America today, it concerns the religious responsibility that rests upon each one. The reason that North America succeeded so well during its early history is because it was sought after and founded by people who were looking for God, on the other hand he says the reason why South America never got very far ahead was because the people who first went there sought only gold.

"Has America lost its original vis

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86 BOYS AND LEADERS OF HI-Y COUNCIL MET

Affair For Lower Oakland County Y. M. C. A. Held At Oakland Hills Club

The Hi-Y Council of Lower Oakland County Hi-Y clubs met at Oakland Hills Country Club last Sunday afternoon for the purpose of discussing how the clubs might, through their program, further the feeling of World Brotherhood by contacts with Hi-Y clubs in every part of the world. A discussion on this matter was led by L. J. Edmunds of Royal Oak. C. W. Chid of Birmingham made some very helpful suggestions on the importance of fostering this international goodwill.

A committee made up of one boy from each club was appointed to work out a plan for getting in touch with Hi-Y members in other countries through correspondence and pictures, and for passing on to each member the enthusiasm gathered at this Sunday meeting concerning this project.

Their "Friendship Campaign" planned for the month of April was discussed. Boyd Walker of Detroit gave a very inspiring address on the importance of considering ones relationship to God in the sort of life revealed by Jesus Christ as a basis thing in considering a vocation.

The boys were very enthusiastic in their belief that with the this campaign and the month of April will see this contagion of friendship emphasized in the eight schools in this district, namely, the R. D. Lynd, Y. M. C. A. secretary.

Special assemblies for High Schools Boys, and friendly interviews with business and professional men, will be special features of this Friendship Campaign.

FORMING NEW LODGE

Efforts are now being made by D. D. Denyes, 119 Bennaville avenue, Eco City, to form a Birmingham Court of the Independent Order of Foresters. According to Mr. Denyes, ten local persons have consented to form the Court, a Charter for which has already been applied for. By March 31 another ten persons will have been obtained, he said, and the Court formally opened.

The Foresters is a fraternal and insurance organization, and is being promoted heavily at present throughout Michigan, it is reported. A Court was recently opened in Royal Oak.

Wylie Bell Proposed Planting 1000 Trees

Determined to make the name "Birmingham" mean to people that many trees are one of the village's chief attractions, village commissioner Wylie Bell Monday night voiced himself in favor of planting at least 1,000 trees of various kinds here this year. President Shain and commissioner David Ladd easily agreed with the idea.

Manager Starr was therefore instructed to make a survey of the village and prepare an estimate of the cost of planting the trees next fall. In order to finance the plan with equality to every citizen, a special assessment district will probably be made which will obtain its funds from property benefitted by the tree planting.

It is felt that in this way uninterrupted planting of trees may be carried on rather than leaving it to individual discretion with the result that many lots might be barren of trees.

VILLAGE GOVERNMENT EXPLAINED BY F. DOTY

B'ham's Attorney Spoke Before Woman's Civic League Tuesday

Though the number of women was not large which assembled at the Community House Tuesday afternoon to be enlightened by Frank Doty, village attorney, on the difference between city and village government and on the subject of ordinances, those who did attend fully repaid the Civic League felt at their meeting in well repaid and went away with a much clearer idea of these things than they had when they came.

Mr. Doty stated that the local charter, in other words, a state license signed by the governor, passed and adopted by Birmingham in 1917, gave the municipal council of municipals whose power is limited by it. The commission is empowered by the charter to pass ordinances but they must not violate any of the state laws. They may impose penalties not exceeding those of the state, though they may be the same or less. The enforcement of ordinances is the responsibility of the police and the commission is not supposed to have anything more to do with them after they are made. Any village lodger may complain before the justice of the peace if an ordinance is violated. Asked whether the village could pass an ordinance prohibiting Sunday movies in Birmingham, Mr. Doty stated that it would be impossible because there was state law to that effect.

Discussing the possibility of Birmingham becoming a city in the near future, Mr. Doty outlined briefly how such a change would be made. First there must be a majority vote favoring the revision of the charter, then a petition signed by a certain number of names is presented to the county clerk who in turn gives it to the county board of supervisors. If it passes the board the people once again must vote on the charter, at the same time vote on the nine commissioners who formulate the new charter. Finally they submit it to the people within 90 days of the previous election who vote on it, five, seven or nine commissioners, mayor, clerk and director of finance.

A city form of government has several advantages over a village, according to Mr. Doty. It has supervisors of its own to represent it; it has no township tax; it controls the developments within two miles of its borders; its commissioners have more authority; and when territory is to be annexed only the people within the territory have a vote on the annexation. The one disadvantage mentioned by the village attorney is that city property can be condemned only through the circuit court, which is a slow process. In the matter of taxes the indebtedness of a village cannot exceed ten per cent of its assessed valuation, while it has to keep its indebtedness within eight per cent. Doty also said that Birmingham was to be congratulated upon its very low indebtedness which was due to the good management of its village officials.

Mrs. Hale, organizing secretary of the County Tuberculosis Association, gave a short talk on the program of the organization for the coming year. The work is educative and preventative and consists of the Modern Health Crusade in county schools in which children work for health, strength, clinics throughout the county for the diagnosis of anyone in all health who wishes to apply; there is a clinic held one at Royal Oak; industrial lectures; health demonstrations at the county fairs; talks to Parent-Teacher groups in the county; and improving on the previous seal sale.

RALPH A. WILSON BUYS OUT BUSINESS PARTNER

As the result of a recently completed deal announced yesterday, Ralph A. Wilson of the Wilson Drug company has purchased the interests of Frank A. Wilkinson in the Birmingham concern and also in the Royal Oak store formerly operating under the name of Wilkinson and Baughner Drug company. The Royal Oak establishment is located on Washington street.

It is of interest to note that Wilson, who has been in the drug business for the past eight years and who has been in the Birmingham store for the past three years, was once an employee of the Wilkinson-Baughner store in Royal Oak in which he has now purchased an interest.

WIND STORMS!!

Already the wind is playing havoc in many localities. This is the month to expect it. Gales which are less severe than tornadoes do much damage unroofing houses, blowing chimneys over and trees smashing through houses. Wind storm insurance is inexpensive, $1.35 per thousand dollars per year on frame property.

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ATTITUDE OF CHURCHES IN MOVIE BATTLE IS ASSAILED FROM THE EPISCOPAL PULPIT

Rev. C. H. McCurdy, St. James' Rector, Questions Church's Right In Dictating Sabbath Routine

CRITICIZES BITTERNESS IN ARGUMENTS

By Mortimer Neff

Alluding to an overbearing attitude and unjust dictatory actions on the part of religious factions in Birmingham in their apparent efforts to direct the people, Reverend Charles M. McCurdy, rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, delivered a pertinent and timely sermon from his pulpit Sunday morning.

Of unusual interest because it was the first expression in any way relative to Sunday motion pictures in Birmingham that has come from the Episcopalian pulpit, an interested congregation listened thoughtfully, and, at the conclusion of the service, stopped to momentarily clasp the rector's hand with a brief word of compliment upon the presentation of the facts, that, it is feared, have been subject to contortion.

Aim Is Constructive

In an interview following the sermon, its author explained more precisely his intended intimations where doubt may have existed:

"Of primary note, let it be said that my aim is wholly and sincerely a constructive one in this matter. Without being bitter myself, in criticism, I cannot approve of the bitterness evidenced by concerted forces in the village in their efforts to solve this problem of legislation from the pulpit. There is no place for such attitudes. Reform can only through a compromise promoted and corroborated by the affected parties in an open-minded spirit that will eventually bring about a satisfactory solution.

Although, in an announcement made early last week, Rev. McCurdy had titled his sermon as "Sunday, its use and abuse," he did not, in the course of the address, relate that which constitutes a "sin" on the Lord's day nor did he pointedly show the paths of righteousness for

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Village Offices Will Occupy New Quarters

Within the next two months Birmingham will boast of new quarters for some of its village offices. On the first of the village will come into formal possession of a double house which now stands at the southwest corner of Martin and Pierce streets, and remodeling of the premises will be begun and probably completed in six weeks.

Offices of manager Starr, clerk Hazel Lawler, and treasurer Charles Plumstead will be transferred to the new location. Weekly meetings of the village commission will also be held there, with suitable accommodations for large gatherings of the public.

The only village business that will be carried on in the library building and East Maple and Woodward avenues will be that of the police and fire departments and the public library upstairs.

FRED KEMP MADE NEW AGENT FOR EXPRESS CO.

In an attempt to give better service to Birmingham residents, the American Railway Express Co. has placed Fred Kemp, local man, in charge of the agency here. Heretofore, the business has been taken care of by the Grand Trunk Railroad, the new plan will make a separate function of the agency. The office will be in the baggage room.

"This move was instituted by the people of Birmingham and the corresponding volume of business going through our agency" stated Mr. Kemp, "and is the same step that the Western Union intends to take sometime next month when it moves its offices from the G. T. station and locates uptown."

Mr. Fred Kemp has been in the employ of the Grand Trunk Railroad for six years and is familiar with the work attached to his new position. He feels certain that he will be able to satisfy the demands of Birmingham in a polite and efficient way.

SEEK TO RAISE SCOUT WORK STANDARDS HERE

For the purpose of revising the standard of examinations for all scout work in Birmingham, the chairman and members of the Court of Honor committee and the scout commissioners held a meeting last evening.

The first of a series of first aid lessons will be given to the Scout and Assistant Scout Masters at their second meeting this evening at the home of Howard Crull. The course will be the American Red Cross course which requires an examination at the end of the lessons and awards a certificate. Lloyd L. Stanley, scout commissioner, expects to have one of the Red Cross men from Washington, D. C., give a special demonstration of life saving to the class in April.

Election of officers will also take place at the meeting tonight.

VALENTINE SOLD FOUR BUICKS HERE IN WEEK

Predictions of automobile manufacturers made early in the year regarding increased production and peak sales for 1926 are beginning to warrant faith right in Birmingham.

J. E. Valentine, local representative of the Buick motor car agency has been doing a land office business in the past week. As a result of his energetic sales work, four shiny Buick sedans, all identical in design were purchased in the village. Dr. A. W. Newitt, Luther Heacock, and George Averill are three of the new owners. Following these three sales, Valentine decided he should have one of the popular sedans for himself. So he signed on his own dotted line and thus put four new Buicks in Birmingham in a single week.

CHURCHES TO UNITE IN GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist churches will hold a union Good Friday Service in the Methodist Church from one to three o'clock. The Reverend T. J. Edwards and the choir of the Baptist Church will be responsible for the first period of worship.

The Rev. Floyd Emerson Logee and the choir of the Presbyterian Church will be in charge of the second period and the third period will be conducted by R. M. Atkins and the choir of the Methodist Church. A cordial invitation is extended to the people of the community to unite in this union Good Friday Service.

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MOTHERS, SONS ENJOY BANQUET BY DE MOLAY

Masonic Temple Was Scene Of Delightful Gathering On Tuesday Eve

It is safe to say that the Mother and Son Banquet, the first to have been given by the James S. Hassberger chapter of the Order of De-Molay, at the Masonic Temple last Tuesday evening will be an annual affair because it was so very successful both from the point of view of program and attendance. There were 87 present.

The banquet, served by the women of the Eastern Star, opened with an invocations by Frank W. Smith. The address of welcome and the introduction of the toastmaster, Ernest Shave, were given by Carpenter Hewitt. An impressive part of the program was the presentation of the Past Master's Jewel to Dallas DeMiller's jewel to John C. Burkman. It was given by the officers and chapter of Blue Lodge and C. A. "Dad" Bingham, and presented by Burnett J. Meirow.

Mrs. Virginia Shave's rendering for the mothers, gave a most inspiring talk, and the toast to mothers was given by Carleton Young. C. A. Bingham was the address.

Several musical selections testified to the excellence of the village talent in that direction. Carleton R. Adams gave two banjo solos, "On the Go," and "When You and I Were Young, Maggie." Joseph Purvis sang "O' Sole Mio" and "Love Sends a Little Gift of Roses." Shanley Rosso accompanied Adams and Purvis on the piano. Harold Stringer, Claude Streb, William Spence, and Ralph Thompson, sang several songs. Community singing under the leadership of Howard Tuggey brought the program to a close.

LOCAL ROAD BUILDER AWARDED PAVING JOB

Taylor Construction Co. Low Bidder On Two Oakland County Highways

Contracts worth over $200,000.00 for the paving of highways in Oakland County were awarded last week.

Bartling & Dull of Pontiac were awarded the Orchard Lake road job at $112,563.00, the lowest of seven bidders, the next lowest being the White Construction Company, Milwaukee, Wis., at $116,607.00.

This will improve the 3¼ miles of gravel road on the Orchard Lake road with concrete.

The Taylor Construction Company of Birmingham was low on the Waterford pavement, at $25,014.00, the next lowest was the R. Miller Company, Bay City, at $26,274.00. The pavement will be 17,600 feet long and 40 feet wide in the village of Waterford.

The Taylor Construction Company also received the award of the Orion village pavement, at $62,292.00. R. Miller Company being next with $63,020.90.

The Orion job will be of concrete and 4,000 feet, 40 feet wide running east and west through the village.

Work on these roads will start as soon as the frost leaves the ground, said James Taylor, of Madison avenue, Birmingham, yesterday.

Come early in the week to pick out your Easter flowers. We will care for them until Saturday, if you want us to. H. P. Doring, 418 Merrill St. Phone 360. adv.49

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