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CLASSIC EXPECTED IN ROYAL OAK GAME ON VILLAGE FIELD

Baldwin To Pit Strong Team Against Old Rivals In Final Clash Tomorrow

LOCALS CONCEDED EDGE

By G. G. Williams

With the arrival of Thanksgiving Day and all the spirit which it signifies, comes the annual clash between Royal Oak and Birmingham. This contest has become so well established in preceeding years, that it not only becomes a momentous game of the football schedule for both high schools, but it also outclasses in importance all other sports in which the two rivals compete.

When the Maroon and White and the Blue and White meet tomorrow at 10 a. m. on Barnum Field, they will represent a spirit of rivalry which has grown each year even as the schools and the communities that support them have grown. The intensity of spirit which this game brings forth, closely resembles the classic battles between large colleges.

Both teams will complete a very successful season whether they win or lose this final contest. Baldwin High is ahead in the S. E. A. A. standings, having won three games and lost one which is a percentage of .750, while Royal Oak has won two and lost two, a percentage of .500. If the Acorns win their final game, their percentage would tie the Birmingham one which would be .600.

Visitors Heavy Scorers

The Blue and White aggression, however, have made large scores in all their victories, while Birmingham has won most of her games by comparatively small scores. It must be admitted that Royal Oak possesses a scoring ability which the Maroon and White lack.

The schools with which both rivals played this season are Port Huron, Wyandotte, Monroe and Ferndale. Baldwin seems to have the edge here. Port Huron was able to down Royal Oak, but was held to a tie by Baldwin; Wyandotte was beaten by both teams, though the Acorns had a much larger score than the locals. Monroe won its contest with the Blue and White but the Birmingham game ended in a scoreless tie; the Maroon and White defeated Ferndale, but so did Royal Oak and by a larger score. This goes to show that Royal Oak leads an offensive attack and Birmingham plays a defensive game. Will Royal Oak be able to pass the local defense, or will their offensive play be stopped? This is the question football enthusiasts are trying to answer the day before the game.

However these statistics are not of much value because playing style varies in every team; no two teams offer the same difficulties or possibilities and the physical and mental state of the ground on which they play makes such a comparison still more uncertain.

Birmingham The Stronger

The results of previous games shows that Birmingham has been the stronger team in the majority of cases.

Year	B'ham	Royal Oak
1918	26	0
1919	0	0
1919	6	10
1922	3	0
1923	6	0
1924	6	0
1925*	0	6
Total	47	16

*Forfeited to Birmingham 1-0.

Here is the lineup which probably will appear tomorrow:

Birmingham		Royal Oak
Brown (c)	LE	Sullivan
Haack	LT	Prignitz
Henry	LG	McDowall
Cox	C	Martin
Dawson	RG	Miller
Kamin	RT	Beer
Gafill	RE	Brock
Bailey	QB	Lapham (c)
Thomson	RHB	Lawrence
Doherty	LHB	Blackburn
Streb	FB	Morrison

The officials are:

Referee, Myers; Umpire, Kalder; Headlinesman, Ruggles; Field Judge, Wall.

Birmingham has an advantage in weight according to statistics taken. The average weight of the Baldwin

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POLICE TO WAR ON TRAFFIC VIOLATORS

Automobile Drivers Who Fail To Observe Stops Face Prosecution.

Police Chief James Anderson today issued a warning to motorists that officers were to keep an extra watch for traffic violators. Offenders against the ordinance which prohibits machines from passing a street car which is either discharging passengers or taking on passengers will be prosecuted, he declared.

"Drivers have been careless about this," Chief Anderson said, "and some action will have to be taken." He pointed to the danger to pedestrians at car stops where the street is narrow and made more congested by automobiles being parked at the curb.

"It has been especially dangerous in front of the interurban station," he said, "and extra vigilance is necessary to protect pedestrians from accidents that are bound to happen."

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Baldwin Junior High Students Make Toys For Christmas Sale

Birmingham Christmas shoppers will not have to travel far to find toys that are "different" for their children and their friends' children. The art students of the Baldwin Junior High School are making some really unique playthings which they will sell at the Community House, Dec. 11 from 2 to 5 p. m.

In addition to the toys, there will be lovely painted scarfs and handkercheifs made by the students of the senior high school. And bookends and place cards and handkerchief bags—all sorts of things that will answer many of the "What shall I give her's?" and keep the other hens from going completely to pieces the last few days before Christmas, will be on sale. All are made by Birmingham children.

The toys, however, are the biggest item. They are for the most part animals, arranged on wheels. They have been designed by the children individually and without help, Mrs. Helen R. Kidder, art instructor at Baldwin, said.

"The students in the art class draw and color a model of what they want to make, getting their own inspirations and ideas," she explained. "Then the model drawing is taken to Howard Crull's manual training classes, and the junior high school students there make a wooden figure, with a special saw, that has the exact outlines and proportions of the drawing submitted.

"These wooden images are returned to the art classes where they are painted by the art students and mounted on wheels, ready for some little girl or boy to tie a string around the neck and drag them around the house."

The animals there are not normal. In fact, many of them are decidedly abnormal, but they are, nevertheless, attractive. There are ducks that look like no ducks you have ever seen, and a sort of combination horse-lion affair, and a dachshund—ach, what a dachshund!

It was made solely by the manual training classes, and it has curves, undulating curves, oscillating curves. It will simply change your opinion of dachshunds in general. That's the

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VILLAGE GENEROUS TO CANVASSERS IN CHILD RELIEF DRIVE

250 Memberships Obtained After Two Days' Work By Committee

TO LAST THROUGH WEEK

About 250 memberships had been turned in to the Birmingham chapter of the Oakland County branch of the Michigan Society for Crippled Children late yesterday, the second day of the week's drive for new members.

Approximately 40 persons are canvassing the village and it is the plan of the committee to approach every citizen.

No estimate of the amount of money already taken in by the committee could be made by Joseph Stroup, chairman of the drive, as it had not been totaled, he said.

Mr. Stroup was optimistic over the results being obtained by the drive and declared Birmingham was responding generously to the plea for help for the crippled children.

"If only the good start can be continued throughout the week, we should come close with colors flying," he said. "The churches, service clubs and other organizations have done noble work."

The campaign opened Monday morning, with all service clubs and churches expressing their hearty support of the project. One year's membership costs one dollar.

The purpose of the campaign, is twofold: to raise money and to arouse state-wide interest in the work which the Michigan Society has been doing for the past five years. There are more than 12,500 crippled children in the state.

The quota set for Birmingham is $1,500, and members of the churches and clubs in the village under the leadership of Mr. Stroup, will continue to canvass for the remainder of this week.

First 'Honest' Snowstorm Appears

The first snowstorm of the season which was worthy of the name made its appearance in Birmingham late Monday, covering the streets and houses with what the less imaginative poets call a white blanket.

Shortly before 6 p. m. the thermometer dropped to a, chill 20 degrees but rose again with the first appearance of the snow which fell rapidly for two hours and after a four-hour lull resumed again late in the evening. Approximately two and one half inches of snow were recorded.

Despite the blinding snow, which at times became intense, no accidents which could have been traceable to the storm, were reported to police.

Sand and warm sun on the downtown pavements early yesterday aided the rising temperature in turning the snow into a sloppy mud that autoists could fling easily upon the clothes of pedestrians.

Forecasts for today indicate that that the weather would be unsettled

Kwick Kleaners—Housecleaning and window cleaning. NEW PHONE BIRMINGHAM 336XR. adv.31-32*

The new serial "Hoofbeats" announced for publication in The Eccentric, and written by the Russian author, Pathos Patoskey, will not appear for another week. Litigations relative to the right to publish this stirring novel and which explained the non-appearance of the article last week have been cleared. However, new complications have arisen causing another week's delay. It seems Patoskey has royal blood coursing his veins and that his wife Marie Patoskey is ill in Russia. As a result, the manuscript was not submitted for publication in time.

The Eccentric discredits many rumors current as to the reason for Patoskey's recall. It also wishes to discourage belief in the story that Patoskey stopped the boat several times while on the way to Europe to kick off representatives of American manufacturers and all other passengers. The novel begins next week.

LOCAL DELEGATES FOR HI-Y NAMED

Eight Boys To Leave Friday For Three-Day Conference At Jackson

Five members of the Hi-Y club of Baldwin High School, two representatives from the Methodist Church and an advisor will make up Birmingham's quota of eight to attend the Older Boys' Conference at Jackson Friday, Saturday and Sunday. These theme of this year's conference is "My Life and the World's Need."

Claud Streb, Hi-Y president, Harry Bradley, Bonner Waterman, Earl Schulz and Morgan Carter are the Hi-Y delegates, and William McClure and Gerald Carnahan will represent the Methodist Church. Either

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BLOOMFIELD PIONEER IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Joseph C. Gravlin Of Township Is Victim Of Malady; Had Lived Here 69 Years.

Bloomfield Township loses one of its early citizens with the death last Thursday of Joseph C. Gravlin, of Farmington. Cerebral embrolism is given as the cause of death.

He was 69 years old, was born in Bloomfield Township and lived here in it all his life. He spent a great part of his life farming in this section, but he had retired sometime before his death.

Burial was in Franklin cemetery Monday after funeral services at the home. The services were at 2:30 p. m.

Mr. Gravlin is survived by his widow, Mrs. Hattie Gravlin; one brother, Noble Gravlin, of Merrill street; a sister, Mrs. Mary Baxter, of Royal Oak; and six children: Charles, of Franklin; Mrs. Charles Whitefoot, of Redford; Mrs. Jack Smith, of Farmington; Mrs. Howard Eisenlord, of Farmington; Mrs. Howard Wardell, of Lansing; and Miss Harriet, who lives at home.

MASONIC MEETING

Thursday evening, Dec. 2, members of Birmingham Lodge No. 14 F. & A. M. will hold their annual meeting and election of officers in the Masonic Temple on south Woodward avenue. According to Robert K. McClellan, Worshipful Master, a large turnout is expected.

VILLAGE PREPARES QUIET CELEBRATION FOR THANKSGIVING

Protestant Churches To Hold United Ceremonies Of Thanks In Morning

POSTOFFICE WILL CLOSE

Birmingham will observe Thanksgiving quietly.

Under the auspices of the Birmingham Ministerial association a community Thanksgiving church service will be held at 7 a. m. at the United Presbyterian Church, Woodward and Forest. The service will last one hour, and five ministers of the village will speak on subjects relative to the day which is being celebrated.

Stores, banks and the postoffice will close throughout the day. Only special delivery mail will be delivered by the postoffice force and outgoing mail will be cared for. The doors of the building will be closed.

A mass will be celebrated at the Holy Name Church on Harmon avenue at 9 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. Father William Ryan.

Thanksgiving festivities are being held at clubs and private residences during the day.

The service at the United Presbyterian Church, according to Rev. Henry S. Evans, president of the Ministerial association, is "to afford this community the opportunity of following the suggestion made by President Coolidge — of expressing thankfulness to Almighty God."

Rev. Evans pointed out that the service was for the entire community

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NEW ADAMS' ADDITION WILL COST $3,000 LESS THAN EARLY ESTIMATE

Present Registration More Than 100 Students Over Total Planned For, Vliet Says.

LAND OPTION IS PRESENTED

Completion of the addition to the Adams school cost $3,000 less than was expected, according to the final report Louis Randall, treasurer of the school board, submitted at the board meeting Monday evening.

The estimated cost was $189,474, and the actual output was only $186,350.38, a saving of $3,123.62. About $3,000 of this saving was on the hardware, the report showed, and a considerable saving was made on the brick. The total credit was $4,850.91, but $1,727.29 of this went for extras such as additional tile drains and changes in the drainage system.

The total registration at the Adams school at present is 684, it was reported, more than 100 over the expected number according to Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools. With the teachers who could be spared at the Pierce school taken to the Adams, however, Mr. Vliet said, the situation is being met satisfactory.

An option on the lot west of the Barnum school had been drawn up and was presented to the school board at the meeting last night by Rolla J. Coryell, who owns the lot It had been voted at the previous meeting to accept the option on the property which Mr. Coryell bought for this purpose. The lot was bought with a thought for the proposed addition to the Barnum School which will be voted upon next summer.

The addition, if it is built, will go to within three feet of the original western boundary line, and it was

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Village Players Ready To Open New Home With 2 Clever Plays

With the announcement of the players and their roles in the two plays to be given by the Village Players Saturday night, the Village Playhouse, Chestnut street near Elm, looms as an actuality.

The first play to be given, Booth Tarkington's "The Travelers," has to do with some American travelers in an inn in Sicily. They think that the servants in the inn are bandits, and the fun comes with their fright and attempts at protection—and the result is too good to give away.

The cast and players follow:

Jessie—Mrs. M. Spencer Withee.
Roberta—Waldo E. Fellows.
Mrs. Roberts—Mrs. Leigh Lynch.
Mrs. Slidell—Mrs. Frank S. Packard.
Freddie—Harry G. Muehlmann.
Lasera—G. Essen Olsen.
Maria—Mary Taliaferro.
Luigi—N. J. Hadjeski.
Salvatore—George W. Smith.
Pietro—Howard Simpson.
Chauffeur—Herbert M. Zerbe.

There are only three characters in the third play, "The Camberley Triangle," by A. A. Milne. Spencer Withee will play the role of Cyril Norwood, Robert Gosselin will be Mr. Camberley, and Mrs. Loren Stauch will be Mrs. Camberley.

The Milne opus is an after-the-war story about a soldier husband who returns to his English home to find his wife in love with another man. A readjustment is eventually reached, but not until some of Milne's brightest drawing room dialogue has been aired. It is altogether an unusually clever piece.

The playhouse itself is a lovely place, built to seat about 300 persons. It has a splendid stage at the end and the dressing rooms are in the basement, where a full heating plant has been installed, as well as a kitchen, where luncheons may be prepared to be served at the players' meetings.

The seats are not stationary, so the building may be cleared in a twinkling for dancing. There is a big fireplace along one side that adds a touch of cosiness and intimacy. The walls are of stained wood, with raftered ceilings.

There are cloak rooms at both sides of the main entrance, and there are six exits.

FIRST NATIONAL DOUBLES ITS STOCK

Increase Approved By Directors At Meeting Raises Capital To $200,000

At a special meeting held Nov. 22, stockholders of the First National Bank voted to increase the capital stock from $100,000 to $200,000.

The First National Bank was organized in 1910 with a capital of $25,000. In the 15 years of its existence the capital was doubled three times. It was increased to $50,000 in 1916, $100,000 in 1921 and $200,000 in 1926.

The stockholders have the privilege of purchasing 50 per cent of their present holdings at $100 per share and the balance is sold for $200 per share.

Subscription books close Dec. 15.

COMMISSION TO LET SEWER CONTRACTS

Pleasant Avenue Improvement Bids To Be Decided Upon Today.

Award of a contract for the installation of a storm sewer on Pleasant avenue, from Lincoln to west Maple were to be made today at a special commission meeting. Bids were opened Monday night and will be checked by the manager. Individual assessments were approved.

Paving and Construction Co. of Detroit entered a bid of $11,054, and the Moskenno Construction Co. also of Detroit filed a proffer of $8,624.50. This improvement includes the laying of 3,050 feet of sewer crock ranging from 10 to 18 inches in diameter.

Assessment per foot of property for this improvement, according to the estimate, is $1.30.

ARCHITECTS TO REPORT ON NEW CIVIC BUILDINGS

Representatives of the Detroit architects who are considering the new civic buildings proposed for the civic center are to appear in a preliminary report to members of the village commission at their meeting next Monday night.

Several phases of the new structures are expected to be considered and matters of detail decided upon when the report is made. The architects are Burroughs and Eurich.

MANY FRIENDS WON BY LOVER OF BIRDS AFTER TWO TALKS

Jack Miner Gains Popularity In Telling Of Ornithology Here

GUEST OF W. T. BARBOUR

Jack Miner, nationally famous as a bird lover and authority, of Kingsville, Ontario, 26 miles southwest of Windsor, came to Birmingham Monday, and, in two addresses, won for himself a host of admirers, including, as he puts it, "just boys and girls—of all ages." At noon he addressed a joint meeting of the Rotary and Exchange clubs at the Chateau Tea Room, and at eight p. m. a capacity audience of the general public at the Baldwin high school auditorium. The latter address was accompanied by motion pictures.

Mr. Miner was brought here through the efforts of William M. Story, in charge of the Rotary club's Boy's Work committee, and William T. Barbour, of Bloomfield Hills, an intimate friend of the lecturer.

Interspersing humor and seriousness, sometimes bordering on the religious aspects of life, Mr. Miner related his adventures with so-called "wild life" in Canada from the time when, as a boy of 13 years, he came with his parents and nine brothers and sisters from his birthplace in Ohio. He told of his youthful hardships as he was compelled to wrest a meager livelihood from the forest; of his inability to read or write until well along in life; and how he awakened to his possibilities when an old Canadian farmer stopped him one day and said, "Jack, do you know that it is your privilege to become the best man in this township?"

"The old farmer who said this to me is now 87 years old, and I never fail to thank him for his kindly interest in me," stated Mr. Miner. "Upon just such little kindnesses as we go our separate way hinges the lives and careers of the boys and girls whom we may meet. From then on my life became changed; I was finding a purpose for it all. The religious teachings of my mother reached up through my subconscious mind and were sown to loving seed."

Mr. Miner told his audiences how, after four years of effort to induce wild geese to stop at his farm, he was finally successful. The first year, he said, but 11 geese stopped

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M'CALLUM ATTACKS PRESIDENT SHAIN IN AN OPEN LETTER

Asks Questions Concerning Business Of Village Government Administration

OPPONENT'S FIRST WORD

Editors Note: So that our readers may have the complete stories of both factions concerning themselves with the special recall election Dec. 9, The Eccentric is printing in its news columns the two sides of the question as the interested persons see them. This is consistent with the policy of The Eccentric to present all the news impartially.

In an open letter to the editor of The Birmingham Eccentric received Wednesday, William McCallum, who has been among the leaders in the recall of Charles J. Shain, president of the village of Birmingham, makes further charges in suporpt of the allegations set forth in the recall petition which will be voted upon by the electorate at a special election Dec. 9.

Among the charges made by Mr. McCallum and which he asks Mr. Shain to answer in behalf of the public interest are the following: that Charles Bingham, who does not live in Birmingham, is conducting his campaign; that an illegal six-year contract for the collection and disposal of garbage was made with George Scott & Son; that village moneys were expended illegally in trying to secure a favorable vote on the zoning ordinance so decisively defeated this fall; that the commissioners illegally tried to put through the zoning-ordinance before the electorate had a chance to pass upon it; that denying all building permits not in accordance with its contemplated provisions; and that the building inspector was ordered to consider the zoning ordinance the same as passed in spite of advices from the village attorney that such action was illegal.

REGISTRATION DAY IS SATURDAY

Saturday has been designated as registration day for the special recall election to be held Dec. 9. All persons not registered in the precinct which includes their residence must register on that day. These who have moved to a new precinct must have their names transferred at the office of the village clerk. Polls for the three voting precincts in Birmingham will be open from 7 a. m. until 8:30 p. m.

Precinct 1, all that territory north of the center line of Maple avenue registers at Harmon and north Woodward avenues.

Precinct 2, all that territory south of the center line of Maple avenue south of the center line of Lincoln avenue registers in the village offices, Martin and Pierce streets.

Precinct 3, all that territory south of the center line of Lincoln avenue, registers at Lincoln and south Woodward avenue.

McCallum's Letter.

Mr. McCallum's letter to the editor is as follows:

To the Editor,
The Birmingham Eccentric,
Birmingham, Michigan.
Dear Sir:

We desire to call the attention of the citizens of the village of Birmingham to certain conditions existing in this village relative to its municipal government and the conduct thereof during the past few years as bearing upon the question now pending before the electorate as to the proposed re-call of its president.

In this connection we have a number of questions to ask Mr. Charles J. Shain, who will doubtless be glad to give expression as to how he seeks to justify his actions in these matters.

Is it not a fact that Mr. Charles Bingham has charge of your campaign?

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STREET IMPROVEMENT COST TO BE ESTIMATED

Figures To Be Obtained On Opening Of Madison From Lincoln To Clawson.

Village manager Harry Starr was preparing estimates today on the costs of opening south Madison street from Lincoln avenue to the Clawson road, following the presentation of petitions by property holders, who favored the improvement, to members of the village commission at the meeting Monday night.

A hearing date was set for Dec. 6. Property owners at that time will be advised of the cost of the improvement and their approximate assessment may be firgured.

The petitioners favored the improvement being completed as soon as posible.

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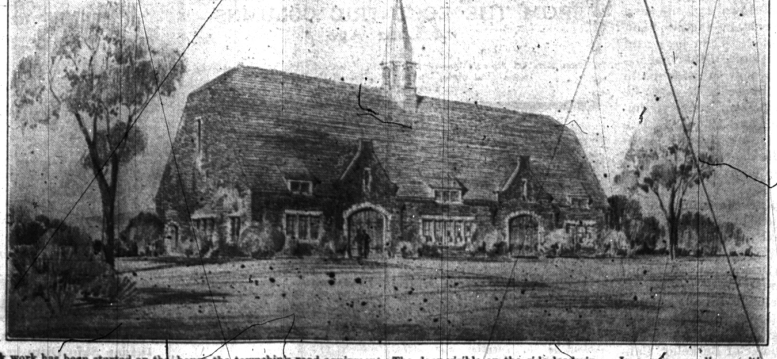

Brick work has been started on the new Bloomfield Township garage at Bloomfield Center and every indication today pointed to the completion of the structure within approximately 60 days.

The garage will cost about $30,000 when completed and will be used to house the township's road equipment.

The architects' drawing shown above gives a definite idea of the exterior appearance of the building when completed.

Entrance to the garage proper is through the two large doors in front. The door visible on the side leads into the living quarters provided for the man and his family who will always be at the garage in case of emergency repairs to trucks. Above are the windows to the sleeping quarters.

In a corresponding position on the other side of the building is an entrance to the offices.

This structure is considered one of the finest of its kind in the state and is fitting for the beautiful surroundings of Bloomfield Hills.