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OAKLAND COUNTY'S GREATEST WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

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# THE BIRMINGHAM EVENING POST-OPPORTUNITY

## Special Election Seen On Shain Recall

### Petition Accepted by Commissioners; Friends Rally To Support Of President Who Declares He Will 'Stand Pat'

### COUNTER-PETITION ALSO PRESENTED

Birmingham will vote at a special election in from 35 to 45 days on the recall of Village President Charles J. Shain, unless unforeseen action is taken before that time.

This became definitely established today with the announcement of Frank L. Doty, village attorney, that no legal action would be taken to show the petition, presented to the village commission at the meeting Monday night asking for the election, was drawn up illegally.

At the insistence of hundreds of friends among the business and professional men of Birmingham, Mr. Shain announced he would "stand pat" and see the issue through.

The recall petition contained 119 names, 111 of which were qualified voters. This was more than enough to make it effective, as, under the law, a mere 20 per cent of the total number of votes cast for the candidate in question is sufficient to force the issue. This petition was circulated by William McCallum of the Star Motor Coach Line, Roy D. Montgomery, Birmingham real estate dealer, Howard Laggar, grocery store proprietor, and William E. Barton, gardener.

### Counter Petition Presented

A petition also was presented to Mr. Shain by Charles A. Bingham, former village commissioner and real estate dealer, urging that he remain in office to fight the charges brought against him and requesting that the issue be brought to a vote. It was signed by 135 business men and women of the village who pledged their support.

The names were gathered in a few hours, Mr. Bingham said, and almost all that if any more were needed to assure Mr. Shain's recall.

### SHAIN SUPPORTERS TO MEET

In the interest of perfecting an organization of local citizens who will rally to the defense of a village president Charles J. Shain, who has been subjected to a recall election during this week, a meeting of several hundred people will be held at eight o'clock in the Johnston street hall, West Maple and Woodward avenues, Charles A. Bingham, former village commissioner, will act as temporary chairman. All those who signed the petition asking that Mr. Shain stand for re-election together with other citizens sympathetic to his cause, are requested to attend.

Mr. Shain of the support of citizens who would be immediately. The petition for the recall vote charged that Mr. Shain had neglected his duty, that he has been convicted in court of violating a village ordinance and that he had expended to and participated in reckless expenditure of village money in connection with propaganda for the zoning ordinance.

Denying the latter charge, Mr. Shain said that the records that expenditures he obtained as soon as possible and placed before the people. He went on to state that the ordinance was authorized by the ordinance.

## BLOOMFIELD JOINS DRIVE OF RED CROSS

### Woman's Civic League To Have Charge Of Activities Starting Here

Under the auspices of the Woman's Civic League Bloomfield Township will join in the national Red Cross drive which opens on a fitting day, the eighth anniversary of the signing of statistics that brought to an end the World War, Nov. 11. Mrs. Roland Mann, of Greenwood avenue, is director of the drive in Bloomfield Township, and will have as her assistants members of the Women's Civic League and other women in Birmingham and the township who have volunteered their services. The drive will take the form of a house-to-house canvass.

Sunday, Nov. 7, will be considered throughout the country. Pastors who join is urging everyone to renew his membership in the Red Cross.

The Red Cross charter, granted by the United States Congress, says that the district must perform certain services rather than that it may perform them.

Today, eight years after the end of the war, the Red Cross is helping an average of 83,000 disabled veterans and their families each month. More than 42,000 Red Cross nurses are on hand for emergency service.

One of the charter duties of the Red Cross is that it shall continue and carry on a system of national and international relief in time of peace and apply the same in mitigating the sufferings caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods, and other great national calamities, and disseminate and carry on measures for preventing the same.

## Friends Approve

### MOTORMAN FREE OF BLAME FOR FATAL AUTOMOBILE CRASH

#### Coroner Declares Death Of Arthur King Unavoidable Accident

#### LIVED IN BLOOMFIELD

Lewis Struber, motorman on the D. U. R. car that fatally injured Arthur King, 52 years old, retired farmer, 311 Ridgedale avenue, when he attempted to drive across the car tracks at Woodward avenue and the Adams road Friday night was freed of blame for the accident by Coroner O. C. Farmer and Prosecutor Clyde D. Underwood. Friday in the Pontiac City Hospital where he was rushed after the crash. He lived but an hour and a half. A fractured skull received when he was thrown from his machine is said by authorities to have caused death.

The machine burst into flames immediately after the collision but King was not burned, being thrown by the force of the impact several feet.

According to witnesses the motorman blew the whistle of the car before approaching the crossing and the warning bell was ringing. It is the opinion of authorities that King was watching a machine also going north which was in back of him and failed to see the car or hear the warning bell.

The motorman, who is said to have been driving the car at a moderate rate of speed, brought the injured man to the Birmingham Police station in a commandeered automobile.

Coroner Farmer, Sheriff Frank Schram and Birmingham police immediately started an investigation. King had been a resident of Oakland County practically all his life.

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## BUILDING PERMITS FOR TEN MONTHS SURPASS 1925 TOTAL

### End Of October Shows Sum Of \$1,804,304 As High Mark Thus Far

### ALL RECORDS ARE BROKEN

With the issuing of the permit to the Briggs Investment company, for the new theater on south Woodward avenue, building permits for the first ten months of 1926 total more than for those for the whole of 1925. Permits for \$31,334 during October bring the grand total thus far this year to \$1,804,304, as compared with \$1,706,825, the total for the whole of 1925.

The October total is almost twice as large as that for any month here before this year. The largest amount prior to it was May, when permits totaled \$289,500. April was next, with \$28,015, and September next with \$192,975.

The permit to the Briggs Investment company is for a theater to cost approximately \$400,000. Work on the construction was begun about the last of August, but on account of plan revisions necessitated by wider Woodward project, it has been held up for more than three weeks.

Work will be resumed, however, either late this week or early next, and, according to officials of the company, the building will be completed by spring.

A commercial garage to be built on Brownell street by Stanley Peabody at a cost of \$30,000 is the second largest October building not already published. Mr. Schell will build a residence on Chapin avenue.

Three garage permits have been issued since last week. One was to John McGregor, for a 400 building.

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## Maple Frontage Sets Price Record

### Detroit Doctor Purchases Field Building As Investment; No Changes Announced

One of the largest recent sales of business property in Birmingham was closed last week by the firm of Saunders-Cogrove-Buck when Dr. Hugo A. Freund of Detroit, purchased the Field Building on the south side of Maple, avenue, just north of Pierce street for investment purposes. While the price is withheld, it is understood that it sets a new price for Maple avenue frontage.

This property was bought by Harry Rainey about two years ago for Mr. Field who formerly operated the antique shop in the building on the same property.

Dr. Freund has purchased the building, which includes 53 feet of frontage, for investment purposes as he is a thorough believer in the future of Birmingham as a large residential and business standpoint.

There will be no change in either the tenants of businesses at this building in the immediate future.

Another downtown investment was drawn up by Manager Harry Starr, and a hearing on this plan will be held in three weeks.

A large number of property owners were present.

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## WOODWARD AVENUE BUILDINGS RAZED BY MYSTERIOUS FIRE

### Origin Of \$10,000 Fire In Restaurant, Home And Grocery Unknown

#### FAMILY LEFT HOMELESS

Origin of the \$10,000 fire that razed "Mothers" restaurant, Woodward and Lincoln avenues, Sunday night, consuming all the worldly goods of the owner, Mrs. Bertha Kyle and son, Ben Harrison, demolishing their home in connection with the building and damaging the grocery store of St. White, adjacent, remains a mystery today despite investigations that are being made.

The blaze is said to have followed an explosion in the kitchen of the Kyle home while Mrs. Kyle and her son were at a Detroit theater. When they returned the place had been devastated by flames.

The fire was burning in the heating stove at the time the building burned, it has been established by the investigators who also have failed to find any cause for an explosion.

The restaurant and home, which is a one-story affair, was at the time the fire broke out, when the Birmingham fire department arrived. Fire Chief William Olsen said it was one of the most difficult fires in the history of Birmingham to fight because of the construction of the building.

Although the grocery store of Mr. White was threatened constantly, work of the firemen prevented the blaze from spreading and the damage was the result of water. Mr. White said he had a large stock in his store and estimated his loss at approximately \$5,000.

Mrs. Kyle made a similar estimate for her property. She said the flames (Continued on Page 5, Part 1)

## SCHOOL HEADS BACK FROM DETROIT MEET

### Report Favorably On Conference With 28,000 Teachers From State

After four days of encephalitis, Birmingham schools opened their doors to students again yesterday morning, all the teachers having returned from the convention of the Michigan district held Monday and Tuesday in Detroit.

More than 1,600 educators from all nine districts exceeded 28,000, according to Clarence Vliet, superintendent of Birmingham schools and secretary of the ninth district.

This is a new high record of attendance, Mr. Vliet said, "and the total number of attendees exceeds the number of teachers in the districts, which is gratifying proof of more school board and I. T. A. members are attending the meetings."

Special division meetings were held Monday afternoon for elementary schools, high schools, and rural schools. Tuesday was devoted to section meetings, in which several Birmingham teachers, among them Mrs. Helen B. Kidder, H. D. Crull (Continued on Page 5, Part 1)

## NEW HOME OF VILLAGE PLAYERS NEARS COMPLETION

Progress is being made on the new home of the Village Players of Birmingham, Chestnut near Elm street, is shown by the picture of the structure as it stands today. One of the finest of its kind in the country, this new theater will be ready for the first play to be given late this month. The highest part of the building in the rear is the stage and scene loft.

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## Democrat Candidate Is Given Margin

### Green Sweeps State and County But Is Nosed Out In Township By Majority Of 98 Votes

#### ALL COUNTY REPUBLICANS WIN EASILY

Bloomfield, a Republican township, turned Democratic on Tuesday so far as the office of governor was concerned, and favored William A. Comstock over Fred W. Green by a majority of 98 votes. The total was 614 for Comstock against 516 for Green.

The township voted Republican by a large count for every other candidate. Voting here as well as throughout Oakland County and the state was light, with a smaller number of citizens in the entire township going to the polls than at the special election for the zoning ordinance held here recently.

After taking from the majority of 150,000 which Green approached in Michigan, voters of Bloomfield turned their attention to other state and county candidates and inured in the Republicans in every instance with a large margin.

According to the latest tabulations, which were not thoroughly complete, Bloomfield was the exceptional township in Oakland County which favored so strongly a split ticket. Green led Comstock in the county by an approximate 1,500 votes.

Comstock Doubles Green's vote in the first precinct polling 243 against 159. They tied in the second precinct with 129 votes each. Green was victorious by a slight margin in both the third and fourth precincts while the fifth precinct drew 3 times as many votes as did Green. The total here was 163 for Comstock against 51 for Green.

L. D. Dickinson, for lieutenant governor had little difficulty in Bloomfield Township, except in the fifth precinct which remained Democratic in every state official ballot. Dickinson almost doubled for W. Dickman's vote in the township with 726 against 388. None of the other contests were even that close.

In the elections for offices in Oakland County all Republicans maintained their clear sailing. Sheriff Frank Schram defeated his Democratic opponent by 852 to 294. In the county he had 11,127 votes against 5,113. He was the favorite in practically every part of Oakland County over Frank C. Dutton.

For the office of county clerk, Burton P. Daugherty drew 862 votes while his opponent, James Leese, was given but 269. In the county Daugherty amassed 11,360 against 4,474.

Floyd H. Losee carried every precinct in the township for the office of county treasurer and came through the county with flying colors. Prosecutor Clyde D. Underwood, was elected with a majority of approximately 6,000 votes over Harold E. Howell. Miss Mable Brondige also won her opponent, James Leese, for the office of register of deeds, defeating Miss Belle Anderson easily.

Farmer and Gordon candidates for the office of coroner defeated their Democratic opponent, Orin Handcock, by a large margin. Ore. Farmer and Earl Gordon, both coroners at the present time.

The Lincoln avenue sewer is being made in Bloomfield township since the price is so high that it is not being made in the township.

Reason for the high cost of the sewer is the danger of quicksand and the large amount of water found in the ground at this point.

The Lincoln avenue sewer, necessary as an outlet for the Pleasant avenue tanks, was carried out as a separate job from the street opening, so that it may be finished quickly.

## BIRMINGHAM TO HAVE MORE STREET LIGHTS

### Added Facilities Ordered By Commissioners Who Find Present System Not Complete.

Additional to the lighting system on Birmingham streets was ordered Monday night. Installation of 13 lights of 600 candlepower and one of 100 candlepower lamp at advantageous positions is the plan. Besides the new lights, 15 others of 100 candlepower will be changed to 600 candlepower.

Some of the changes and installations were made at the request of citizens. One light is to be placed at Adams and Woodward avenues where a man was killed by a street car recently.

The other lighting system had been arranged by the village manager, Harry Starr, showing the size and location of all lights.

## CONTRACT LET FOR A NEW TEST WELL

Contract for a test well on the lot at Clawson and Woodward avenues, recently purchased by the village was let at the commission meeting Monday night. Hector Grant was given the contract.

For a six inch test pipe, the cost will be \$6 per foot. Bids for the drilling of a 12 inch well and a test well at this point were received about two months ago and then rejected because the cost was considered out of proportion to the amount of water received.

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