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MORE SCHOOL SPACE NEEDED INSIDE YEAR, LATE CENSUS SHOWS

Vliet Reports To Board Members That There Are Enough Facilities This Year

TOTAL ENROLLMENT 1975

Birmingham schools are well equipped to care for the increase in enrollment during this school year, according to a report made to the school board at the meeting Monday night by Superintendent Clarence Vliet. He declared, however, after making a survey of conditions, that if the village continues to grow at its present rate considerable more room will have to be provided for the pupils of next year.

Within the past week 100 more pupils have enrolled in the schools, Mr. Vliet pointed out and announced that the enrollment to date is 1,975. He also reported that there are 347 houses, either under construction or already completed but not occupied, in Birmingham.

"With all these families coming in, there must be some provision made," he told board members.

His survey revealed that most of the rooms in the different schools are capable of taking care of a normal year's increase, although in some cases he said there was room for but three or four more children in different grades.

Nothing definite was done toward procuring alleviation of the crowded conditions that board members expect but members agree that something must be done before long.

Although there was a discussion at the meeting relative to raising the price of admission for high school athletic games, it was planned to allow the present prices to prevail at least until the next board meeting called for Oct. 4.

EXCAVATION BEGINS FOR NEW SCIENTIST CHURCH

Structure To Cost $100,000 Expected To Be Completed Within Eight Months.

Excavation has started on the new First Church of Christ Science of Birmingham at Willetts and Chester streets and today laborers are working rapidly toward completing the structure within an estimated eight months. The building is to cost approximately $100,000.

Because of the oncoming winter it is difficult to give the date of completion, according to members of the building committee. They estimate, however that the edifice will be finished in about eight months.

The new building was made necessary by the growth of Birmingham and the additional number of church members, officials of the church say.

According to plans the church will be of brick and stone and have a seating capacity of more than 300. In addition there will be an assembly room where director's meetings may be held, reading rooms and a Sunday School auditorium which will be able to accomodate about 400.

The property of the present church site on South Woodward avenue has been sold to a Detroit syndicate. The First Church of Christ Science has occupied this site since 1917.

Enrollment Starts For Community Study

Night classes in commercial arithmetic, English grammar, and dressmaking will open at the Community House Monday evening, Oct. 11, at 8:15. There will be two 45-minute periods every Monday. The fee is nominal and all women interested are invited.

Mrs. Bruce Millar will have charge of the classes in mathematics, and Mrs. Charles J. Shain will teach English, and Mrs. Harry Connine will have the dressmaking classes.

Letters have been sent to 300 women in town who might know of persons interested in such classes. They are requested by the committee in charge of the arrangements to let their friends know of the classes so that they too may tell any interested persons.

If enough students turn out to warrant it, two groups will be made in each class.

The school will be continued and enlarged next semester, beginning Feb. 1, provided it is successful this term, the committee said.

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Senator Couzens Selects Men To Rent Famous Wabeek Farm

Out of more than 1,000 applicants, Senator James Couzens has finally selected someone to make use of his 1,000 acre farm at Wabeek.

Two brothers today have possession of the farm which Senator Couzens recently offered to lease, rent free.

The senator picked Mark N. Williamson, 33, and his brother, Frank, 23, to run the farms. He found, after examining applications, that they came nearest to measuring up to the qualifications in his proposal to lease the farm.

Mark Williamson has operated a 120 acre farm in Waterford Township, and in that vicinity is considered a highly successful farm manager. Frank graduated from Michigan State College a year ago. Previously he had completed a course at the University of Minnesota. He won a $400 scholarship offered by the National Dairy Show for Judging Jersey cattle.

Senator Couzens, after selling his prize herd several months ago, decided to quit farming. He had the farm with buildings valued at $100,000 left on his hands and offered to a lease, rent free, provided the farms should be operated successfully.

The lease to the Williamson brothers gives them five-years' operation of the farm, including use of land, buildings and equipment while Senator Couzens will pay the taxes.

Annual Bloomfield Flower Show Attracts Numerous Exhibitors

Four tables, each 60 feet long, were necessary to hold the wealth of flowers brought forth for the annual exhibition of the Bloomfield Hills and District Horticultural society, held last Saturday in the Baldwin High School. Every class was filled, and the number of entries exceeded all expectations.

The display was in charge of Thomas Hind, secretary of the society and gardener for James Vernor, of Lahser road.

Perennials, annuals, roses, dahlias, and gladioli were the five types exhibited. Of the perennials, the collections of delphinium were most interesting. Among the annuals large displays of asters and zinnias drew a good deal of comment. The exhibition of gladioli according to some of the gardeners present was amazing for its beauty.

The fruit and vegetable collections were also well-filled. Large displays of splendid quality, were numerous. The large perennial collection of Mrs. W. T. Barbour, of Briarbank, that covered nearly 15 square feet was interesting. Mrs. Vincent Norton of the Codlins, Lone Pine road, exhibited a large variety of perennials and some beautiful phlox. Mrs. John T. Shaw, of Whysal, had a well-arranged collection of perennials. Mrs. Robert C. Hargreaves and Mrs. W. D. Thompson were also strong competitors in this class.

HOUSE BURGLARIZED IN OWNER'S ABSENCE

'Beau Brummel' Robber Dons New Suit, Takes Pen, Pencil And Spectacles

LOSS ESTIMATED AT $100

A burglar who kicked his way through the basement window of the residence of Frederick H. Low, 307 Pinewood avenue, while the family was away, and escaped with clothing and trinkets valued at about $100, is sought today by police.

An old suit of clothes, which he changed in favor of one from Mr. Low's wardrobe and left in the bushes outside the house, is the only clue upon which the police have to work. Nothing was in the pockets, but the coat bore a Detroit tailor's trade mark and the size of the suit, which was 37.

According to Chief James Anderson, the robbery took place between Saturday and Sunday night while Mr. and Mrs. Low were visiting friends in another city. The prowler took a fountain pen, a silver pencil and a pair of spectacles besides the suit.

Chief Anderson says he is convinced it is not the same man who committed other burglaries in Birmingham during the past two months.

None of the neighbors reported having seen anything that aroused their suspicions.

From the manner in which the house was entered, looted and left, police say the burglar was aware that he had considerable time in which to do his work.

Mr. Low is an efficiency engineer at the Ford Motor Company, Detroit.

ROTARIAN SPEAKER DECRIES INFLUENCE OF CITIES ON YOUTH

Pastor Of Detroit Baptist Church Cites History To Prove Evils Of Crowded Areas.

SAYS SEX OVER-EMPHASIZED

Taking as his subject "Moral Resistance," Rev. Mark F. Sandborn, pastor of the First Baptist church of Detroit, pointed out to Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon the danger that menaces the youth of America as the result of a major portion of the populace living in cities. The speaker was the guest of Rev. Father W. W. Ryan, local Rotarian, pastor of the Little Flower Church here.

Too Many In Cities.

Rev. Sandborn stated that history proves that any nation in the past, a majority of whose people live in congested cities, had collapsed. He said that America now houses 70 percent of her citizens away from the leavening rural districts, and lives in an atmosphere of packed superficiality.

"Please do not think me a pessimist on this subject," he declared, "for I consider such a condition to be a test to determine the moral fiber of our citizenry."

"Today there are 100 temptations for our youth where there was but one 50 years ago. This increase in temptation will determine, during the next generation, the kind of moral resistance that we have builded into the character of today's boys and girls."

Hits Cheap Literature.

Cheap and salacious literature, depravity in the movies, too much emphasis on sex throughout the common vernacular of society, are the chief pitfalls in youth's road today, Rev. Sandborn believes.

"When an epidemic of some kind or other makes an attack upon our fruit-bearing trees or cattle, we immediately take precautionary steps to wipe it out; why can't we do something of the same kind when it threatens the very foundation of the next generation?" concluded the speaker.

TWO INJURED WHEN BUS CRASHES TRUCK

Sun In Driver's Eyes Causes Accident; Passenger's Hurts Serious

Fred Kitchner, 40 years old, Clawson, is in serious condition at the Pontiac City Hospital today from injuries received Tuesday evening when the motorbus in which he was a passenger collided with a truck at Maple and Lahser roads.

Frank Benton, Lahser road, with Kitchner at the time, received minor cuts about the face. Both men were rushed to the police station here by Birmingham police and received treatment from Dr. A. W. Newitt before Kitchner was taken to the hospital in the Petipren ambulance.

Donald McIintosh, driver of the Detroit motorbus, told police the sun was in his eyes and that a gravel truck driven by Ray Walker, R. F. D. No. 1, Birmingham, was parked on the road. The collision tore one side of the bus away.

Examination of Kitchner revealed two broken ribs and severe cuts on the face and head. Authorities say there may also be internal injuries.

The injured man is green-keeper for the Oakland Hills club and told police he had come to Birmingham for a newspaper. He was returning to the club when the accident happened and says he remembers nothing of the crash, his first knowledge of it being when he regained consciousness in the police station here.

No blame has yet been fixed by authorities investigating the accident.

Rev. C. Thompson Gets New Parish

The Rev. C. M. Thompson, of Ferndale avenue, has been appointed pastor of the Southfield Methodist Church.

His appointemtnt to this congregation appears in the regular list of pastoral assignments made by Bishop Thomas Nicholson at the closing session of the Methodist conference in Detroit last week.

Rev. Thompson closed a successful year's pastorate at Four Towns Sept. 12, and will begin his work in Southfield Sunday. He will continue to reside in Birmingham.

BEATEN BY FARMER, NOW HELD IN JAIL

Arrest Of Alleged Chicken Thief Follows His Release From The Pontiac City Hospital.

Identity of the man struck over the head by Charles Bort, farmer of the Thirteen Mile road, three weeks ago when, according to police, he found him stealing chickens from the farm, was established by Deputy Frank Greenan today as Ed Bastido, 2015 Second boulevard, Detroit.

Bastido was placed in the Oakland County jail by Deputy Greenan, who says charges of larceny may be preferred against him. The prisoner was arrested upon his release from the Pontiac City Hospital where he was confined after the beating he says he received at the hands of Bort. The latter was freed by officers who say he was defending his property.

ADDITIONS MADE TO POLICE FORCE

The personnel of the Police Department was ordered increased at the meeting of the village commission Monday night.

Miss Carrie Stoddard, of Brown street, was appointed police matron. She will have charge of the books.

Another policeman will be appointed within a few days, upon motion of the commission. Chief James Anderson expects to name Harry Johnston to the position. "We must have a man at Southfield and Maple to take care of the school children when they are going and coming and having recess," Chief Anderson said. "Johnson may have this job. He will also assist in the traffic work and do patrol duty."

NOTED MEDICAL AUTHORITY HERE

Dr. R. Weill-Halle, noted French authority on tubercular diseases of children, and associate director of the Franco-American school for Maternal and Infant Welfare, is the guest today, tomorrow and Saturday of Dr. H. W. Roehm, of Bloomfield Hills. Tomorrow evening, at 8 p. m., Dr. Weill-Halle will give a free lecture in the Wayne County Auditorium, 66 East High street, Detroit, to which the general public is invited, especially mothers. Dr. Roehm became acquainted with the French man while in Europe during the past year.

BLOOMFIELD PEOPLE MISS FLORIDA STORM BY A SHORT TIME

Hundreds From Here In Habit Of Spending Winter In Section Devasted By Wind

EX-LOCAL WRITER IS SAFE

Hundreds of Bloomfield people today are breathing easy with the thought that they were in the security of their homes here while the greatest hurricane in the history of the country devastated Miami and surrounding parts of Florida, where they are accustomed to spend the winter.

Official estimates today show that the storm killed between 500 and 1,000 persons and damaged Florida to the extent of more than $150,000,000. Crops were laid bare over a wide area and among the cities hardest hit were Pensacola, Pla., and Mobile, Ala.

So far as is known no Birmingham residents were in the storm struck area. Word received that

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KRAMERS SAFE

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Penny of Birmingham received word today that their daughter and family, the Edward J. Kramers, of Coral Gables, are safe and their property undamaged. They have been there several months.

COUNTY REPUBLICANS PLEDGE UNANIMOUSLY TO SUPPORT GREEN

Forget Differences In Large Conclave At Pontiac Tuesday; Committee Men Are Named.

41 FOR STATE CONVENTION

Fred W. Green, Republican nominee for governor was given an unanimous declaration of support by the Oakland County Republicans who crowded the assembly room of the Court House at Pontiac Tuesday for their convention.

Frank L. Doty of Pontiac was selected by the Republican county candidates as chairman of the Oakland County Republican committee. George R. Hall, of Birmingham, was named secretary and David C. Pence, of Ferndale, treasurer.

Forty-one delegates were named by the convention to represent the county at the state Republican convention in Detroit Sept. 28.

Name Committees.

When the men convened Earl L. Phillips of Pontiac was named temporary chairman and D. D. Tyler temporary secretary. They were later made permanent. The following committees were named: The first named is chairman, Credentials, J. S. Butler, A. B. Hubbard and S. S. Crohn; organization and order of business, F. G. Ely, J. Byron Judd and William H. Harris; resolutions, A. B. Glaspie Judge Frank Doty, Judge Glenn C. Gillespie; and nominating committee, Walter Y. Stanley, Burton P. Daugherty, and Ralph T. Keeler.

An adjournment was taken for 20 minutes after which the nominating committee reported its selections and the list was unanimously approved.

The resolutions committee presented the following resolutions which were adopted.

Resolutions.

"We, the Republicans of Oakland County, in convention assembled again reaffirm our unswerving allegiance to the Republican party and the principles for which it stands. We glory in its marvelous achievements in the past and renew our fealty for a continuance of its progressive policies for the future.

"Under the able leadership of President Coolidge this nation has experienced an era of unprecedented prosperity, the many economies practiced during his administration which have resulted in a budget which has been steadily decreasing and have resulted in the lowering of taxes for the maintenance of the Federal government. We pledge our wholehearted support to a continuation of his policies and the era of prosperity that has followed his administration.

"We pledge our united and wholehearted support for the candidacies of Bastido was placed in the Oakland of the nominees, county, state and congressional. The high personal character, the official ability and close personal attention to the people's interests of our county nominees and of our Congressman, the Hon. Grant M. Hudson, is a source to us of much pride and to them we pledge our united support.

"We commend Governor Alex J Groesbeck for the achievements accomplished during his administration, a record in keeping with the progressive policies of our party.

"The overwhelming endorsement of our nominee for governor at the present primary attests the remarkable esteem in which he is held by the state as a whole. As a soldier, a citizen, a business executive, a man of high character, he embodies those qualities which will make him the ideal head of this commonwealth. To Mr. Hon. Fred W. Green, Oakland County Republicans extend their warmest congratulations and pledge to him their sincere and undivided support."

Doty Speaks.

Frank L. Doty, new chairman of the county committee, was called on for a brief speech.

"I am pleased over the spirit ex-

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PERMITS FOR $109,000 ISSUED IN TWO WEEKS

Steady Increase Noted Despite Approaching Winter; Continued Activity Is Seen.

Leaping to the front of the many communities in Michigan busily engaged in building, Birmingham, within the past two weeks, has issued permits for $109,000 worth of construction.

Records show that the increase here has been unusually rapid and that despite the fall and approaching winter no let down in activities were noticed. Authorities say that the activity will continue throughout the winter.

Among the permits issued between Sept. 7 and Sept. 17, six homes costing over $10,000 are noted. Three of these are to be built by J. E. Burris, one on Tottenham road for $20,000. Two on Abbey road and Rivenoak avenue will cost $12,000 each.

A $13,000 home at Quinton Lake will be built by M. H. Berz, and a $12,000 one on Tooting Lane by Robert F. Tillotson. J. C. Mack will build on Pilgrim road, at a cost of $11,000. These prices all include garages.

Henry J. Rohl is building a house and garage on Dorchester road to cost $8,000. The Riverwell Corporation of Detroit is building a $6,000 residence in the Oakland Villa Annex. F. J. Kastanberg will put up a house on Chapin street at a cost of $3,000, and Otis Hanson will build a $4,800 one on the same street.

The remainder of the permits were for small jobs, the largest being for a $2,000 addition on Maple, N. Robert Tillotson. Seven garage permits were issued to Frank L. Shattuck for a garage to cost $350 on Henrietta street; A. G. Brown, for one on Purdy street to cost $400; F. A. Wills, 315 Haynes, for a $200 garage; Addie Bordeau for a $250 garage on Clawson road; Mrs. S. Schrader, 240 Bird street, a $100 garage; Mrs. Henry Blow, 205 Lincoln street, for a $400 one; and Charles E. Brady, for a $200 one on Madison avenue.

R. Gosselin received a permit for a fireplace and porch enclosure at 420 Bonnie Briar to cost $500.

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BIRMINGHAM MAN DIES IN NEW YORK

Charles Hoffman, Formerly Connected With Eccentric, Victim of Gall Stones

Charles Hoffman, for many years connected with the newspaper and printing business died last week at the home of his brother, Henry, in Redwood, N. Y., where he had been making his home for the past five years. Mr. Hoffman was born in Birmingham 69 years ago and spent most of his life here.

Burial was in Greenwood cemetery Saturday at 2:30 p. m., following funeral services from the undertaking parlors of Daines & Bell.

Mr. Hoffman has enjoyed good health until a short time before the brief illness which resulted in his death. He suffered an attack of gall stones and died while he was to a Syracuse hospital where he was to be operated upon.

Of The Eccentric.

His early life was connected closely with the development of The Eccentric. During the latter part of last century he was compositor at this office. George Mitchell and the late Almeron Whitehead were conducting the editorial columns at that time. As compositor, Mr. Hoffman took part of the making up of the paper before it was sent into Detroit for printing.

After his marriage to Miss Addie Courliss of Tuscola County he was engaged in the printing business in Colorado for three years. With his wife he spent the next three years on a farm in Tuscola County, returning to Birmingham to make his home with his mother, Mrs. R. J. Mitchell. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman remained there until the death of Mrs. Mitchell.

For the next 13 years he was in the printing business in Detroit and the family lived in Highland Park. While there Mrs. Hoffman died.

A Ball Player.

While a youth in Birmingham, Mr. Hoffman was well known as a baseball player of skill. His name brings pleasant memories to those who are familiar with the activities of the Birmingham baseball team of that time.

Besides his brother, Henry, Mr. Hoffman is survived by his wife, a brother, George Mitchell of Birmingham, and Mr. and Mrs. Clark Courliss of Tuscola County, the parents of his deceased wife.

NO ACTION TAKEN TO FORM BOARD

No definite action was taken at the meeting of the Birmingham credit bureau last night at the Lone Pine Tea House toward establishing a chamber of commerce here. Because other appointments prevented most of the members from attending the dinner discussion of the matter was deferred until a later date. Enthusiasm of those in charge of the institution is high, however, and they intend to have a meeting within a short time at which the issue will be settled.

CLARENCE M'MULLEN HEADS JUNIOR CLASS

Clarence McMullen was elected president of the junior class of the Baldwin High School at their annual elections. Elizabeth Bray was elected vice-president; Gertrude Tilton, secretary; and Marion Quarton, treasurer. Miss Ethel Tilton and Miss Mable Stickle were chosen faculty advisers of the class.

BALDWIN HIGH READY FOR FIRST GAME

One of the hardest games of Baldwin High School's football season will be played with Mt. Clemens tomorrow afternoon. The game will be at Mt. Clemens.

The team has been practicing for two weeks, and Athletic Director "Rip" Van Winkle believes he has them pretty well in shape. Members have been doing some stiff scrimmage work. The line-up for tomorrow has not yet been announced.

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Seek Local Pictures For Baldwin Library

A history of Birmingham in pictures is the present object of the library board.

The board requests that anyone having a photograph of Birmingham, or any part or landmark of Birmingham, bring it to the library or call Mrs. Iva Marlotte, at 168.

The board hopes that a record of Birmingham may thus be obtained to be placed on the walls or in albums in the new library building. "With Wider Woodward now definite," Mrs. Marlotte said, "there will be a great many changes in the aspect of the street. Pictures taken now will look strange in a very short time. And old pictures will be of interest and value to the collection."

Canvassing Board Completes Count

When the county canvassing board finished its count yesterday of the vote at the recent primary for county candidates on the Republican ticket, it was found the totals were as follows: Sheriff—Frank Schram, 10,217; S. Earl Simmons, 3,824; and Fred Schrader, 2,486. County Clerk—Burton P. Daugherty, 13,725. Treasurer—Floyd H. Losee, 9,964; A. W. Willson, 6,740. Register-of-deeds—Miss Mabel Brondige, 9,843; Bert F. Griffin, 5,913. Circuit court commissioner—R. T. Keeling, 7,578; E. L. Phillips, 6,915; and George B. Hartrick, 9,260. Drain commissioner—A. W. Spencer, 13,608. Coroner—O. C. Farmer, 8,342; Earl Gordon, 7,274; A. W. Petripren, 5,024; and John V. Relafone, 4,484. Surveyor—M. E. Baldwin, 9,214; Jesse L. Stephenson, 5,172. Road commissioner—Thomas Lytle, 13,243.

Members of the canvassing board are A. L. Ross, Jayne Adams, and J. M. Greer.

FINAL APPROVAL GIVEN BY COMMISSIONERS ON NEW ZONE ORDINANCE

October 19 Set As Date For Special Election; Considered Most Important.

PROPOSITION UP TO VOTERS

Birmingham today is discussing the proposed zoning ordinance upon which it will vote Oct. 19 in a special election. This is believed by some citizens here to be the most important ordinance in the history of the village.

Final approval of the date was given by members of the village commission at their meeting Monday night.

Enthusiasm is high here today over the proposed measure, many persons feeling that it will make for a more beautiful Birmingham.

The ordinance would divide the village into five sections. It was designed by a special committee of Birmingham citizens during the past year and was presented to the commissioners first in May and after being approved was automatically held up by the presentation of a negative petition.

Full detail of the proposed ordinance as well as a picture illustrating the boundaries may be found on the inside pages of this edition of The Eccentric.

Briefly, however, the ordinance provides regulation for the location of trades and industries and the location of buildings designed for special use. It would limit the height and bulk of the buildings as well as the percentage of the property to be occupied by them.

It would limit, also, the number of families to be housed in various localities, in the effort to make population less congested, and would provide for an adequate amount of open land surrounding the buildings.

Those violating the ordinance would be punished by law.

Persons who favor the ordinance say it is an absolute necessity because of the rapid growth of Birmingham. They point to the fact that congestion is apt to follow an influx unless some means of regulation is provided and the one remedy is seen in the adoption of this measure.

A cloud of uncertainty was thrown over the widening of Woodward avenue late last night when it was learned by The Eccentric that the state administrative board at Lansing possibly would not pass on the proposed work when members convene next week.

It was formerly announced that work on the condemnation proceedings here was to begin at once, following a conference of Gov. Alex J. Groesbeck with state and county engineers.

While these parties agreed to the beginning of this work immediately, conditions of administration forecast the bucking of the plan, it was learned.

Village President Charles J. Shain was advised of the decision by the governor's office Monday. This news came as a thunderbolt to Birmingham whose citizens have been kept in the dark as to plans for the work.

May Begin Any Time.

According to T. D. Seeley of Pontiac, who has been appointed to secure the right of way, the actual work of securing the right of way would begin anytime after the administrative board meeting that the members designate. This is provided the governor's plan receive an official O. K.

From building to building in the downtown section of the village there is today a distance of 100 feet. The building line on the west side of the street has been established and the additional 50 feet would have to be taken from the east side, Mr. Seeley said. Seventeen feet would be taken from the residential section on the west side.

No building is to be spared in the widening of the street, he said.

Mr. Seeley made clear that he could not give an accurate estimate of the actual cost to the state of the work. He said a rough estimate would be about three-quarters of a million dollars. To clear the right of way he estimated roughly that it would cost about $300,000.

Could Be Completed In Season.

If there are no legal complications regarding the right of way the work is planned to be done in one season, Mr. Seeley said, but he added that it was impossible to estimate the time element in so complicated a procedure.

Those who met with the governor this week in advising the advisability of the work are Frank Rogers, state highway commissioner, Leon V. Belknap, county engineer, A. M. Comb, engineer of the state highway department on Woodward avenue and Mr. Seeley.

Mr. Shain explained that the village would take no active part in the work. He said the state was going to finance completely the proceedure and that the state would make all arrangements for the condemnation proceedure.

Work on the laying of the foundation of the stores in front of the new Birmingham theater was temporarily halted by the news of the possible beginning of the Woodward widening. All laborers concentrated their efforts on the excavation for the theater proper to the rear of the stores. This building line on the west side of the street.

Grand Trunk Not Discussed.

A meeting scheduled for Tuesday, in which the possible moving of the Grand Trunk railway tracks from their present position to a point farther east, was held but Mr. Seeley said business of the day prevented any decision being made on the matter. Officials plan to discuss this at an early date, it is said.

Those connected with the erection of the new theater building say plans will be changed immediately when they obtain knowledge that the administration board approves the plans.

Mr. Seeley declares that with the widening and repaving of Woodward avenue to 150 feet the state believes it has shouldered its share of the burden of cost and that if the present railroad right-of-way is to be used for a street it will be up to the village to finance the proposition. The state would be willing to cooperate as far as allowing the village to use the railroad site, Mr. Seeley states.

NEW LIBRARY STARTS EARLY NEXT SPRING

Plans Complete But Commissioners Delay Action Until Prices Drop.

An effort of the library board to begin work immediately on the new $175,000 public library was stopped when the village commission considered it best not to undertake construction during the winter. The library board appeared before the commission this week to secure approval for the work but was advised to start early in the spring rather than at this time.

Frank Eurich, Jr., of the firm Eurich and Burrows, architects, exhibited plans of the library block, and of the entire proposed civic center. The plan shown by Mr. Eurich was to have the fire hall at Henrietta street so as to travel will have quick egress onto Martin street.

Members of the commission expressed the belief that the work could be done for less money later.

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