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## STATE BOARD MAY REOPEN HEARING ON WOODWARD AVE.

## Another Meeting Looms For Much Mooted Question Of Width

## RECOMMEND 150 FEET

Possibility of a special meeting of the State Administrative Board to discuss again the much mooted question of the width of Woodward avenue through Birmingham and the time the pavement will be completed, looms today following a visit to Lansing yesterday by T. E. Eicherly and Commissioner Ralph J. Coryell.

Without discussion at the commission meeting Monday night a recommendation was passed that the street be widened to 150 feet. The president was instructed to advise Gov. Fred W. Green, the Oakland County road commission and the State Administrative Board of the recommendation.

Commissioner J. H. McFarlane refused to vote on the motion but was carried by the votes of Mr. Eicherly and Mr. Coryell.

This act of the commission is an act of the former commission in a similar recommendation, telegraphed to the governor.

That the commission is interested in having an agreement through Birmingham this summer is attested by the visit to Lansing and the amount of time members have spent in reviewing the question. The Oakland County road commission has worked with the commission in an effort to have the project completed at the earliest possible moment, according to Mr. Eicherly.

"We have had excellent cooperation from the road commission," he declared. "They have done everything possible to help us in this work."

It has been explained that the village commission here does not intend to interfere with the state when actual work begins on a 100-foot highway but that it is interested in having the work done as soon as possible.

## NINE PERSONS HURT IN TRAFFIC MISHAP

## Failure To Observe Stop Light Cause Of Bloomfield Hills Accident Saturday

Nine persons are recovering today from injuries received when two automobiles collided Saturday evening at the Long Lake road and Woodward avenue. The William Putnam of the Bloomfield Hills police department is investigating to see whether one of the drivers ran the traffic light.

The drivers are Abraham Lieberman, 46 years old, Lake Orion and Vernon Ball, 24 years old, 168 Bloomfield avenue, Pontiac. Mrs. Lieberman and a daughter, Esther, 17 years old and a son, Robert, 11 years old, were taken to the Pontiac City Hospital for treatment and later sent home. Mr. Lieberman and two other daughters, Grace, 14 years old, and Virginia, 4 years old, received slight cuts and bruises.

Daniel McLean, 25 years old, 468 Bloomfield avenue, and Arthur Booth, 23 years old, 221 Saginaw street, both of Pontiac, were also injured.

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Expert floral designing. Flowers for any occasion. H. E. Hoyle, Birmingham. Merrill St. Phone 359.

## Birmingham Man Talks Daily Over Telephone To London, Eng.

An interest in the marvels of electricity that he manifested since he was a child has landed Norman Schlaack, Baldwin High School graduate in the class of 1920 and son of Philip Schlaack of Birkedale avenue, in a prominent and unique position in Ashbury Park, N. J.

As head of the short wave station of the American Telephone & Telegraph company there, he talks almost daily with London, England, over the telephone and has carried on as many as four such international conversations in one day.

According to school Superintendent Clarence Vliet, who has high respect for the ability of Mr. Schlaack and who believes the future has many great things in store for him, he was an expert radio operator while a student at the high school. In the laboratory of electricity, W. S. Toddler, he worked on one of the earliest sending sets in the country. Through the efforts of his mother, one of the first sending licenses in the country was granted to him.

Many of the teachers at the high school remember, kindly the enthusiasm with which young Schlaack entered the laboratory and worked long hours over the



NORMAN SCHLAACK

thing that interested him most in life. His broad shoulders and affable personality were always an asset to the laboratory, they say. Today at the school they exhibit the wireless as it was before the days of commercial development and declare that Schlaack had a great deal to do with the set. This was before his graduation and subsequent entrance at the University of Michigan.

That his record of scholarship was continued there is attested by the fact that the company with Schlaack entered the laboratory and worked long hours over the

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## BUILDING PERMITS TOTAL IS SOARING

## First Two Weeks In April Sets Record Of \$87,300 In Construction

Eight permits for homes make up a large part of the total of \$87,300 worth of building permits issued during the first two weeks of April by the village office. One office, one pay station, three garages and several additions complete the total.

The largest home permit was issued to Glenn Kasper, general contractor, for an \$18,000 home on Michigan drive. Mr. Kasper obtained the permit for Oscar Sabin, J. E. Barrie is building a residence on Abbeir road at an estimated cost of \$17,500, and J. Rosney Weiss is building one on Dorchester road for \$12,000.

Other home permits were issued to Ed Strayer, 225 Verona street, for a \$7,500 residence on Dorchester road; David Anderson, for a \$4,000 residence at 604 Walnut street; Roy McBride for a \$7,000 residence on Hanna street; J. S. Sackler for a \$6,000 home on Lincoln avenue; and A. C. White for a \$4,000 home on Prairie avenue.

The office permit was issued to Milton Perkins, who will build

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## WARM WEATHER HERALDED BY STRAW TOPPER

If there was hysteria in the minds of the birds Tuesday afternoon and if the domestic animals on Woodward avenue acted like a man in a nightmare, it must be attributed to a seasonal phenomenon which has made its first appearance in Birmingham for this year.

It is the straw hat of the male variety.

The swayer, game, address and telephone number upon request.

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## Eccentric Has 49th Birthday

This week The Birmingham Eccentric celebrates its forty-ninth year of existence.

Since it was founded by George H. Mitchell and the late Almeron Whitehead the paper has had 23 editors. During many hard days during the years it has never missed an edition.

Since it was founded it has included two of the first subscribers of the paper who have read it regularly after 49 years. Besides Mr. Mitchell there are Miss Jennie Keys and Miss Susan Trowbridge.

Mr. Mitchell says there are others in the village whose names were among the first subscribers but the records of their names have been destroyed. The Eccentric is anxious to get in touch with them.

## ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS NAMED

## Twenty Persons To Serve In Three Precincts At Voting Here May 10

Village commissioners at their meeting last night approved the following persons to serve on the election board at the special election to be held here May 10.

Precinct 1.  
Winifred Parkins, Margaret Bell, Wm. Harrison, Mabel Anderson, Blanche White, Bea Varney, and T. F. Foster.

Precinct 2.  
Blair Blumberg, Stella Edgar, Ethel Patterson, John Hanna, Francis Loring, Mabel Smith, and Wm. Brown.

Precinct 3.  
Clare Stewart, Ross Loggins, Harriet Miller, Jesse Stogies, Mrs. C. Stewart, and Wm. Barber.

FIRE DAMAGE SLIGHT  
A small fire, caused, according to authorities, by a chimney pipe, was quickly controlled by the fire department a few minutes after the call at 8:15 last night at the residence of W. L. Winborn, 601 Brown street.

The Super. Auxiliary American Legion, 1000 Superior, April 20, 1927, adj.

## SIX CANDIDATES NOW QUALIFIED

## Last Day For Prospective Commissioners To Act Is Monday

Six of the fourteen persons for whom village commissioner positions have been filled have already qualified, according to Hazel E. Lawler, village clerk. Monday is the last day for qualifying. "Every candidate must be qualified by 5 p. m. Monday, April 23, or else not run," Mrs. Lawler said. "The election notices must be out Tuesday, two weeks before the election."

Those who are already qualified are Scott Hersey, Mrs. Hope Harkness, Otto Bertrich, William Ward, M. W. Hyland, and Hal G. Trapp. The others for whom petitions were filed before a p. m. Saturday, the deadline, are Lawrence Hubert, J. A. Wendolph, W. H. Magnaback, W. E. Burton, David M. Bell, James Campbell and John R. Moss.

Four commissioners will be chosen at a special election, May 10, to complete the seven-man commission approved at the March 14 election.

## PLAYERS ANNOUNCE SHOWS FOR PUBLIC

## Three Successes Of Season Planned For Bill May 12-13

Three plays are to be given at the annual public performance of the Village Players, which this year, for the first time, will be held in the Players' Theater instead of in the Baldwin High School. They are to be given Thursday and Friday evenings, May 12 and 13.

The "Treasure Place," "The Monkey's Paw," and "The Hots of Santa Maria" are the three plays chosen for performances. All of these have been given during the past season and met with enthusiastic success.

Tickets are on sale today at the members of the five acting troupes. Mrs. Barr, Mrs. MacMillan, Mrs. Verne Barnes, Mrs. Loren Robinson, Mrs. H. C. Fenny and Mrs. Leah Lynch are the chairman of the various troupes.

Mrs. Lawrence Shaffer, of Elyria road, is in charge of all the ticket sales. Assistance will be given by Mrs. Charles Ayer, in charge of distribution of tickets, and Mrs. Howard Simpson, financial chairman. Mrs. William C. Chamberlain, Mrs. Loren Stanch, Mrs. A. J. Hart, and Mrs. R. C. Dorens are also on Mrs. Shaffer's committee.

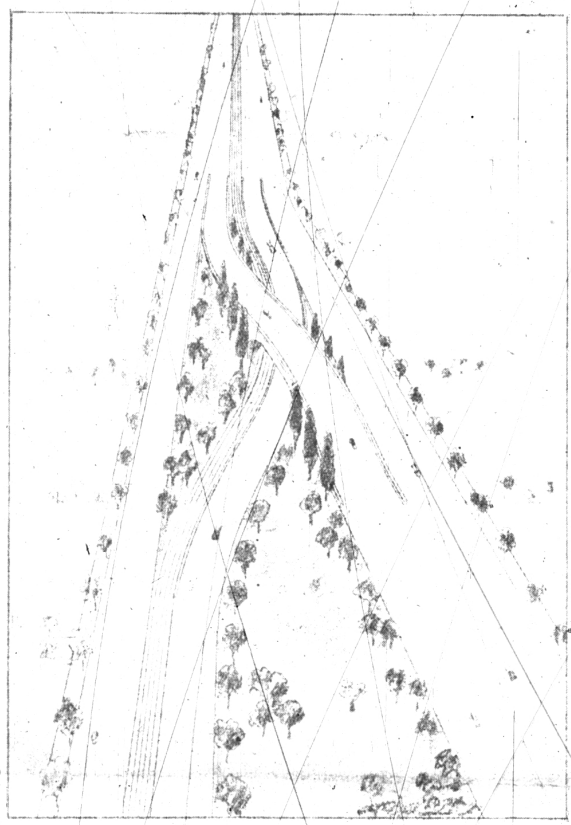
The list of plays, selling tickets with the five troupes follows:

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## RELIEF FUNDS SOUGHT FOR STORM VICTIMS

An appeal for funds to relieve persons stricken in the Mississippi flood is made to Birmingham citizens today by the Oakland County Chapter of the American Red Cross through Charles J. Stain, director. Money raised here will be rushed to Mississippi to aid the thousands who have been made homeless. Boxes for contributions today available at the following places: First State and First National Banks, LaBelle Book Shop, Millholland Dry Goods store, Shain and Wilson Drug stores, and the office of The Birmingham Eccentric.

## VIADUCT PROPOSED FOR WOODWARD



How Woodward avenue traffic would be used by south bound avenue. The parallel lines in the would be enabled to cross the highway, turning from Woodward north on the proposed parallel highway, shown in the picture to proposed viaduct. The highway links of the village is shown on the site of the present parallel shown to occupy the site of the present Grand Trunk tracks. The map was drawn by Mr. McBride by the present Grand Trunk tracks, located at Oak street and an engineer. The highway on the No specified with for the viaduct Woodward avenue, the viaduct of the picture is Woodward.

## VILLAGE ADOPTS MORE ORDINANCES

## Bloomfield Hills Provides New Traffic And Rubbish Laws; Dr. Roghan Is Health Officer

A traffic ordinance and one for prohibiting the dumping of rubbish and providing means for its disposal, was presented by the commission of Bloomfield Hills village at a special meeting in their offices at Long Lake road and Woodward last Friday night. The village now has four ordinances.

The Annual Banquet of the Bloomfield Hills Chapter of the American Red Cross, 1000 Superior, April 20, 1927, adj.

## Rev. Thompson Optimistic As He Celebrates 74th Birthday

On his seventy-fourth birthday, after 43 years as an ordained minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Calvin M. Thompson, pastor of the Sacred Heart Methodist Church, admitted that he had never lost faith, that if by his life he had ever again he would still choose to be a minister of the gospel of Christ, that he didn't believe the young people of today are any wiser than of any other day, and many more the comments which have made him one of the loved residents of Birmingham.

Rev. Thompson celebrated his birthday Thursday, and on Wednesday he celebrated the fifty-third anniversary of his ordination.

## LAY CORNERSTONE FOR NEW BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Tribute Paid To Martha Baldwin At Ceremonies Saturday

## MRS. BARR IS CHAIRMAN

Following several talks by village officials and members of the library board, Mrs. Retta Barr, chairman, Saturday afternoon applied the first molar in the laying of the cornerstone for the new Baldwin Public Library at Martin and Merrill streets.

A battery of cameras, including two motion picture machines, recorded the event which marked

## COMPLETE TEXT OF HISTORY OF LIBRARY PREPARED BY MRS. J. H. MARLOTTE IS ON PAGE 1, PART 2.

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## Pay Tribute

Mrs. Barr declared the work was merely that of putting a foundation under the "new edifice" of Birmingham had been building for a long time. With other speakers she praised the foresight of the late Miss Martha Baldwin who made the library a possibility for the village.

Village President H. T. Eicherly, former president Charles J. Shain, School Superintendent, Clarence Vliet, J. B. Howarth, secretary of the library board, Mrs. J. H. Marlotte, board member, carpenter

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## OUTLINES PLANS FOR ROTARY YEAR

## New President Appoints Directors; Three Members Resigned

Emphasizing his desire to concentrate on better attendance at meetings, and to do all in his power to aid in helping the crippled children's movement in Oakland County, Charles J. Shain, newly elected president of the Birmingham Rotary Club, formally took over the duties of his office Monday night at a special meeting of the Birmingham service club at the Chateau Tea Room. Several members of the Detroit Rotary club, living in and near Birmingham, were present as guests.

Three new members were accepted into the club Monday.

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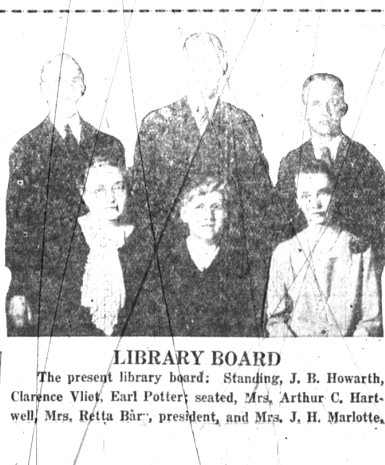
# BIRMINGHAM LIBRARY BOARD :: LAYS CORNERSTONE :: FOR \$175,000 BUILDING



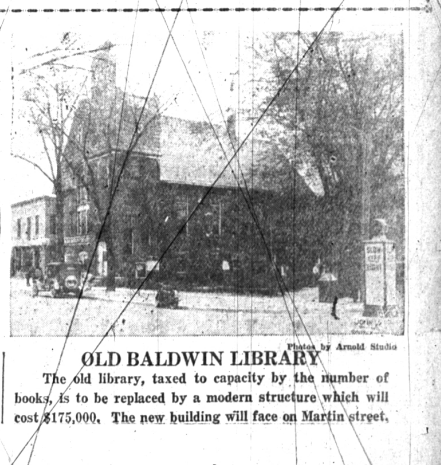
**SURVIVOR**  
Miss Jennie Keys, 74, is the only survivor of the original Birmingham Library Association founded in 1867.



**LAYING CORNERSTONE**  
Mrs. Retta Barr, president of the library board, is shown laying the corner stone of the new library which will replace old Baldwin Library which has served Birmingham since 1893 when it held only a few hundred volumes.



**LIBRARY BOARD**  
The present library board: Standing, J. B. Howarth, Clarence Vliet, Earl Pottery seated, Mrs. Arthur C. Hartwell, Mrs. Retta Barr, president, and Mrs. J. H. Marlotte.



**OLD BALDWIN LIBRARY**  
The old library, taxed to capacity by the number of books, is to be replaced by a modern structure which will cost \$175,000. The new building will face on Martin street.