

PAYMENT MADE ON NEW CENTER

Community House Board Studies Plans For Building

First payment of \$1,000 was made out of Community House funds this week on the lot at Townsend and Bates streets which

the Community House association purchased from Miss Ethel Bassett for \$10,000. Taking up of the option which expired Tuesday and payment of the \$1,000 were authorized at the meeting of the executive board Monday afternoon. The board also passed a resolution which authorizes the incorporation of the association as a nonprofit organization so that it may legally acquire property in its own name. John Matz, a member of the advisory board, who was present at the meeting will have the matter of incorporating in charge. W. Whiting Raymond, chairman of the planning board, will negotiate the purchase and secure the necessary documents as soon as the association is incorporated.

This purchase will mark the first step toward the erection of a new community house, and plans are under way for the formation of a committee to undertake financing of the building. Charles Smith is chairman of a committee which will undertake the financing of the lot this year and provide for the balance of the payments.

The lot is one short block from the new library and three blocks from the present location of the Community House. It is situated on a slight rise of ground. The plans for a new house as discussed by the executive board after conferring with their advisory and planning boards as well as with building business with his father and Victor L., a student at Albion College, two daughters, Winifred and Dorothy, who live at home, and one sister, Mrs. Samuel C. Latimer, of Auburn, Ont.

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DEATH TAKES CHARLES PECK, BUSINESSMAN

(Continued from Page 1) nal Church, will officiate at the service this afternoon, assisted by the Rev. Earl Rice, of Perakale.

Four Sons Survive He is survived by four sons, Arthur C. and Robert C., both of Hanna street, cashier and assistant cashier, respectively, at the First State Bank; Raymond H. 316 Hanna street, who was in the planning board; and Eugene Smith, of east Maple avenue.

YOUTH IS HELD CHARGED WITH STRIKING MAN

(Continued from Page 1) Crouse company. Whiting is employed by the Detroit Steel Products company, he said. Serg. Lawler and other officers of the night police force caused Whiting's arrest through suspicion of a fight with Detroit and Highland Park police.

MIX HOLDS OPENING AT NEW MAPLE STORE

A crowd of more than 400 persons attended the formal opening of the new jewelry store of L. R. Mix Saturday at 129 west Maple avenue. The store was decorated for the occasion and favors were presented to guests.

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COUZEN'S SALE MAKES HIGH PRICE RECORD

(Continued from Page 1.) said, B. E. Drury, and Mrs. Alice M. Brooks.

Establishment of the senator's offices here will mean the abandonment of those in Detroit and all of Mr. Couzen's business will be conducted from the Birmingham headquarters.

LAUDS ELECTRIC'S SKILL IN GETTING STORY

Commendation of the persistence of The Eccentric in obtaining the news of the west Maple house real estate deal in which Senator Couzen was involved is given today by T. Fred Lee, his rival in the race for the U. S. seat. "Although I was sworn to secrecy until the transaction was made to keep it from the papers, I was constantly being interviewed by reporters from The Eccentric, who were the first to hear of Senator Couzen's connection with the deal. So far as I could tell they got the story. I have never seen a finer work even on the large dailies in Detroit and it was surprising to find such service in a village the size of Birmingham." The Eccentric published the first story on the deal in its edition extra July 11 when negotiations had first been started.

headquarters. Frank Couzen, secretary of the new corporation and son of the senator, will be in charge of the offices while his father is in Washington attending sessions of the senate.

The property owned by the White corporation has a frontage on west Maple avenue of 210 feet, 214 feet on Bates street, and 210 feet on Willett street.

Extensive real estate activity in the neighborhood of the Couzen's development is expected to assert itself immediately following the announcement of this transaction. Other sales are reported to have been made but Howard Tugue, said the deals were not completed.

D. U. R. Site Next

Sale of the large tract of land on Woodward avenue at Harmon now used by the D. U. R. car houses is the next largest real estate deal expected in Birmingham. The equipment of the car company is expected to be moved to Pontiac before November and it is thought the property will be put on the market at that time. This land is said to be ideal and new high marks are seen when it is placed on the market.

Rumors that the property has been sold to representatives of the Catholic Church were denied yesterday by the Rev. Father William Ryan, pastor of the Holy Name Chapel and by A. D. B. Van Zandt, representative of the D. U. R.

Expected to be moved to the parsonage of the First Baptist Church soon after Sept. 1 when they are scheduled to be taken from Detroit. Both the senator and his son are residents of Bloomfield Hills.

G. M. C. Rumor Persists

Talk to the effect that the General Motors corporation contemplates locating offices, sales and service stations here was given fresh impetus this week with the announcement of the formation of the Arcanaut Realty corporation. This is incorporated at \$1,000 and formed under the laws of Delaware. According to the official statement connected with the affair, "It will be function of this latest subsidiary of the General Motors to acquire sites in various cities and erect service stations and sales rooms for dealers in and trucks."

There are still large tracts of land in Birmingham sold and as yet unaccounted for. Secrecy shrouds the use to which they will be put.

NEW BAKERY TO OPEN ON WEST MAPLE AVE.

A new bakery will be opened on west Maple avenue sometime next week, it is announced today, under the name of Margie Allen Pastry Shop. C. M. Allen, formerly of Detroit and recently moved to Birmingham, will operate the store. A complete line of pastries as well as the more staple baked articles will be offered for sale. It is expected the formal opening will take place a week from Saturday.

LITTLE FRENCH COAL RAILWAY HOLDS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Saint-Etienne, the Newcastle of Southern France, recently celebrated the one-hundredth anniversary of the opening of the first French railway, which ran from Saint-Etienne to Andrezieux, a little town of Gallo-Roman ancestry on the Loire. The line, about twelve miles in length, was built to provide a more expeditious outlet for the coal of the section of the Massif Central of which Saint-Etienne is the centre.

The mines of that section produced 500,000 tons of coal a year, a considerable yield at that time. Until the eighteenth century the coal of Saint-Etienne and Roche-la-Moliere was shipped upon the Loire at Saint-Just. Then a new road was built, which turned the tide of commerce to Andrezieux. But transport was slow and dear, and the coal producers were not content. Saint-Etienne made a report, considering the digging of a canal to connect it with the Loire, when in 1827 M. Gallies made a report to the Academy of Science pointing out that a railway would be cheaper in the long run.

Louis Reumier, an engineer who directed the School of Mines at Saint-Etienne, set about finding capital for the line. Then he went to England to study railway construction. In 1823 Louis XVIII authorized the company to build the railway Saint-Etienne to Andrezieux. The company received what was a perpetual franchise with the right to charge 1.8 centimes for carrying a hectolitre of coal 1,000 meters.

By 1827 trains were running, drawn at first by horses. The line began by delivering 128 carloads of coal daily at the Loire port; later passengers were carried. Even this modest beginning excited lively interest, and a writer in the Revue de Paris called the railway "one of the marvels of the world; two lines soon will unite the Rhone and the Loire and make of Saint-Etienne a universal warehouse." This referred to the line from Saint-Etienne to Lyons, then under construction. It was not until 1843, however, that one could travel by steam from Saint-Etienne to Lyons, working of the distance from Saint-Etienne to Lyons.

Miss Kate Martin of Cranbrook, B. C., broke the world record for women in the 50-yard dash, which she ran directly east of her home, she made in five and four-fifths seconds. An effort is being made to have her record officially recognized to England to study railway construction.

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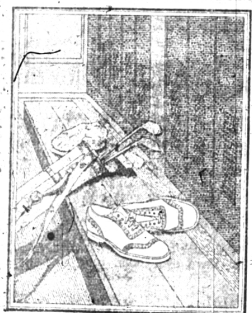
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