REALTOR SEES RECORD IN 1928

Tillotson Expects History To Be Made In Birmingham Development

"With Detroit on a better production basis than it has been for some time, and Pontiac in the throes of doubling its population, real estate in and around Birmingham never looked as bright as it does for the coming year," said E. H. Tillotson, of the real estate firm, Colgrove, Buck & Tillotson.

"With the Ford Motor company at more or less of a standstill for the past 12 months, many persons anxious to move to the Birmingham district waited until things in Detroit brightened up. With the new Ford production program the automotive industry in general in splendid condition, and Detroit's other manufactures doing a normal business, this situation has changed and we look for the largest business in home sites during the coming year, we have ever experienced.

"Our 1927 was the largest in our history, so that personally we have no complaint, and a good deal of it naturally come from Pontiac where we have concentrated the large part of our energy.

"Even here there has been a marked reaction toward the Birmingham district as we alone have sold a good many of the new General Motors executives who are moving to Pontiac before in the Birmingham-Bloomfield district.

"We cannot let this opportunity go by without thanking our friends and clients for their part in making 1927 the largest year in our history, and from our conversations with other Birmingham real estate brokers we know that their experience has been equally gratifying.

REMEMBER WHEN THESE WERE "CLASSY MODELS?"

ONLY ONE HOLIDAY FIRE IS REPORTED

Only one fire in Birmingham was reported over the Christmas holidays. The department was called to the home of Steve Ellis, 306 south Woodward avenue, Dec. 24, at 7:30 p. m. when a blaze, started by a spark from the chimney, broke out on the roof. Slight damage was done.

LEGAL NOTICES

Northlawn Drive Curb and Gutter

718—Moved by Commissioner Hulbert that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:

Whereas December 19, 1927, was heretofore fixed by this Commission as the time for the meeting to hear suggestions and objections to the construction of concrete curb and gutter on Northlawn Drive from Southfield Avenue to the West line of J. Lee Baker Subdivision in the Village of Birmingham, and

Whereas due notice of the meeting has been given in the manner required by law to each person owning property liable for special assessment within a special assessment district established for such purpose, and the Commission duly met on this 19th day of December A. D. 1927, at 8 o'clock P. M. for the purpose aforesaid, and due hearing has been given to all persons making suggestions and objections to the proposed improvement, and

Be it further resolved that the Assessor of the Village of Birmingham be hereby directed in pursuance hereof, to make a special assessment according to benefits as herein provided on all taxable lands and premises, constituting Special Assessment District No. 111 upon which shall be levied and spread according to benefits the sum of $2566.67 aforementioned, and impart the same to this Commission with all due haste.

Yeas—Ellerby, Henry, Hulbert, McBride, White, Halgren, Hersey. Nays—None.

H. T. ELLERBY,
Village President.
HAZEL E. LAWLER,
Village Clerk. 37

VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned regular meeting of the Village Commission held Tuesday evening, December 20, 1927, at 8 o'clock.

Present: President Ellerby, Commissioners Henry, Hulbert, White, Halgren, Hersey.

Absent: Commissioner McBride.

733—Moved by President Ellerby that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:

Whereas, the people of Birmingham at an election held on the 20th day of July, 1926, approved their approval of the establishment of a Civic Center on the three acre tract of private property bounded by Pierce, Martin, Chester and Merrill streets in the Village of Birmingham, and

Whereas the Commission of the Village of Birmingham, by its acts and resolutions, has caused to be purchased all of the property on the four sides of these 3 blocks, and have caused to be constructed a public library which is now open for the use and benefit of the public, and are now acquiring all of the property in the entire half block of the 3 blocks for use by the Village of Birmingham in constructing a public auditorium and other buildings thereon, and have also acquired all of the property in the center block with the exception of 3 lots, and

Whereas, for the completion of the Civic Center it is necessary to acquire the remaining lots in said center block more accurately described as lots 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19 Merrill Park, and

Whereas, it is contemplated that the center block is necessary for the completion of such a Civic Center, such property to be used as a park and playground for such time as may be possible and for such time as it will be required for use for public buildings, and

Whereas such improvement, to wit: Park and playground in the completion of the Civic Center, is for the use and benefit of the public, and

Whereas, the Commission of the Village of Birmingham deems that the acquiring of such property is necessary indefinitely and at this time for the completion of the Civic Center and that such acquiring of property will enable them to proceed forthwith by the use of this ground, for a park and playground, upon which improvement, of a civic center approved by the voters of the Village of Birmingham.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Civic Center is a public necessity and that the acquiring of all other property in the central block referred to, is the site of that property for park purposes is a necessity, and

Be It Further Resolved that the taking of private property located at 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41 and 43 Merrill Place of the Village of Birmingham is necessary for such park purposes, and the building of further municipal buildings as they may be required, and that such park and such building aforesaid are for the use and benefit of the public.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Village Attorney commence such action as may be necessary to acquire said lots and