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# State Moves To Obtain 100-Foot Right of Way

### Administrative Board Confirms Original Plan For Woodward Width In Birmingham

Special To The Eccentric  
Lansing, Feb. 10.—Action on securing the right of way for a Woodward avenue, 100 feet wide through the village of Birmingham was planned today by State Highway Commissioner Frank P. Rogers following the decision of the State Administrative Board Monday in confirming the original plans for the paving.

According to Mr. Rogers instructions are to be given at once to secure the land the state will need to complete the highway at State's expense. The work will be completed before spring so the paving will be rushed as soon as the weather makes it possible, he said.

### Provide Parallel.

Provision was made in the resolution adopted by the board to supply the village with a parallel highway of 100 feet or more as soon as the highway outside the village chart is completed. The site for the Grand Trunk railway tracks on the east side of the village is the most likely for Mr. Rogers. It is known here that Gov. Fred W. Green intends to cancel the contract with the state and the Grand Trunk.

Reasons for making the street 100 feet wide are included in the third paragraph of the resolution which follows:

WHEREAS, The Michigan State Highway Department is building a state trunk line highway between the city of Detroit and the city of Pontiac, and the route of the trunk line highway through Oakland County, Michigan, and said trunk line highway, on account of the interference caused by the present location of the Grand Trunk Railway, is incomplete, both outside and inside the corporate limits of the village of Birmingham, there have been completed at present on one of the two proposed 44-foot pavements for a distance of over four miles south of Birmingham and over one mile north of Birmingham.

It is not the desire of this board to create a special assessment district for the village of Birmingham to pay for a super-highway over its main street;

Therefore, it is resolved, that in order to serve adequately the village of Birmingham and the traveling public, do hereby recommend to the state highway commission that the village of Birmingham be allowed to use Woodward avenue through the village of Birmingham be established at a width of 100 feet, to be paid for entirely at state expense; and we further recommend that another highway not less than 100 feet in width, adequate to take care of all traffic requirements, be laid out on the most favorable location through said village and that said highway be completed by the State as soon as the remainder of Woodward avenue between Detroit and Pontiac is completed;

That the State Highway Department be instructed to make the necessary surveys, plans, specifications and estimates for a road for said project, so that Woodward avenue through said village of Birmingham may be completed during the season of 1927.

### Can't Finance 200 Feet.

Members of the state board repeated that the state is not in condition to finance the highway of 200 feet proposed by citizens of Birmingham.

### Bank Improves Site On Woodward Ave.

Repairs and improvements are going forward today on the building adjacent to the First State Bank of Woodward avenue. The building was purchased from Harry Rancy by the bank for more than \$30,000 Jan. 15. The building will be ready for occupancy by April 1, according to present plans. The improvement will cost approximately \$10,000, Thomas Cobb, president of the bank, said.

A white stone front to correspond with the face of the bank itself will be put on the building, and a door will lead from the present entrance to the second floor of the bank building to a stairway for the second floor of the bank building. The building is to be remodeled and brought up-to-date; Mr. Cobb said.

### Commissioners Approve \$3,000 Loan To Carry On Government.

Many details of government were discussed at the first meeting of the village commission held in the hills Monday night. The 100-foot right of way authority granted by the commission for borrowing \$3,000 to carry out the work of the village was approved. Officers of the village were: (Continued on Page 2)

# Birmingham's Center Report By Investigation Committee To Be Made Tomorrow

Practically every member of the city-village committee as well as a great number of Birmingham citizens are expected to attend the meeting in the Community House Friday night at which time the committee is expected to report to the village commission a recommendation that there be no change in the form of government here.

This report may complete the work of the city-village committee, which was appointed in January last. The committee was organized to investigate the advantages and disadvantages of Birmingham's becoming a city. It will, to all appearances, abolish the notion of changing the status of Birmingham for some time to come.

Three conditions are to be made, the first is that the village of Birmingham remain as an incorporated village under its present charter, that may be amended as the growth or requirements of the village may demand.

One of the main reasons for this resolution, according to the report, is the increased cost, due to the present form of government, of such police and justice courts, such as courts, which would have to be maintained at Birmingham if Birmingham were to become a city.

From other reports, the committee finds that the position of Birmingham will not be materially improved by changing from a village to a city.

Reasons also increasing the number of village commissioners will also be presented. The other resolution suggests that an investment fund be made for the improvement of the village for the purpose of taxes for school, town and fire, and other purposes in Bloomfield Township.

### DRINKS ALCOHOL SUICIDE ATTEMPT

Man Revived Then Jail On  
Charge Of Drunkenness  
Here

William McLaughlin, 35 years old, no home, is in the Oakland County Jail today serving part of a 30 day sentence after an attempted suicide at Woodward and Maple avenues Saturday was unsuccessful.

McLaughlin, who had drunk alcohol, was found in a pool of wood alcohol at Woodward and Maple avenues Saturday. He had been drinking wood alcohol, which is a toxic substance, and had attempted to take his own life. He was revived by Dr. A. W. Newitt, health officer, and Serg. Green.

Justice Floyd S. Buck fined him \$30 with the added cost of spending 35 days in jail which he found him guilty of a drunk charge in 1926.

### Seeks Office

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Here 17 years. Mr. Henry has been a resident of Birmingham for the past 17 years. He was formerly in business in Detroit and has been here for several years. He has been here in buying and selling land and in building. He has been elected to the township board of directors.

### WILLIAM H. CORSON

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# Articled and Author Is Named Head of Cranbrook School

William Oliver Stevens, Ph. D., Litt. D., of the University of Chicago, and for several years headmaster of the Roger Ascham School near White Plains, Westchester County, N. Y., will be the headmaster of the Cranbrook School for Boys, which will open its doors to students in the fall.

The school is now under construction on Lone Pine road, in the Bloomfield Hills near Birmingham, approximately a mile east of Woodward avenue. It is the largest and most modern of its kind in the country.

Born in Burma Mr. Stevens is a notable figure in the school world, representing the United States as a member of the Educational Council on Religious and Moral Education. His educational background is broad, including a graduate degree from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. from the same institution.

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### OVER 800 GUESTS EXPECTED TONIGHT

Between 800 and 900 guests, guests of honor and guests of the occasion are expected to be at the banquet given at the Birmingham Athletic Club tonight. The banquet is in honor of the new school building for the district.

### DELEGATES PLANNING REPUBLICAN BANQUET

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# WORK ORDERED TO TELEGRAPH ROAD To Extreme, Hinted May Carry 'Blue Law' Commission Declares Proposal Must Go March Ballot; Heated Battle Over Issue Looms

That it will take a year to acquire the right of way for the Telegraph road is the belief here today following the issuing of instructions by the state administrative board to Commissioner Frank P. Rogers Monday to begin immediate action. Officials declare they believe it is virtually impossible to make the necessary negotiations in less than that amount of time. This would mean that work could begin on that part of the road only by the state, this summer but that it would take probably two years for the completion of the project. It is estimated it will require \$300,000 to obtain the remainder of the right of way.

### 17-Mile Stretch

The stretch is approximately 17 miles in length and runs north from Grand River avenue, through Wayne County through Southfield and Bloomfield Townships to Pontiac, where it intersects the Dixie Highway.

### Three Bridges

The bridges to be constructed are a bridge of the Rouge River in Wayne County, across the Rouge River at Southfield and across the Clinton River in Pontiac.

### MRS. EARLE SMITH DIES AT HER HOME

The death of Mrs. Earle C. Smith, 125 Puritan road, last Saturday night after an illness of only a week came, as a severe shock to her many friends in Birmingham, where she was one of the most popular of the young matrons.

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