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FIVE TO SIX O'CLOCK EACH DAY.

FORTY-NINTH YEAR—NO. 40

BIDS ARE OPENED FOR ERECTION OF BALDWIN LIBRARY

Commission Accepts Board's Plans For New Structure In Spring
TO COST ABOUT \$150,000

Bids are being received today on the \$175,000 bonds for the new Baldwin Memorial Library, work on which is to begin as soon as the plans are approved. According to present plans, the building will be sufficiently complete by the middle of the year so that it can house the library facilities.

The bidding was approved Monday evening after the village commission had accepted the plans and specifications for the library, drawn up by Burrows & Eichel, Detroit. The building is to be a two-story structure with a main floor and a reading room on the first floor with a 20-foot ceiling. This room will be divided into two parts, one for children and one for adults, with the necessary stack, reference and work rooms to provide for future expansion.

The library building is expected to cost \$150,000. The remaining \$25,000 will be used for furnishing, heating and general equipment.

The plans for the new Baldwin Memorial Library will culminate in the erection of a new and better fitted building, board members say.

When the village decided, about two years ago, to make a public library, the site was chosen at the corner of the Court of Chancery, after there had been a long and heated discussion, agreed to disregard the site of the old Baldwin library.

By the terms of a will left by Edward G. Wassey, Detroit attorney who died at his home here Jan. 8, an estate estimated at \$60,000 and upwards is bequeathed to the village. The will was accompanied by a petition asking its admission for probate and the appointment of a special administrator to take in charge of the estate.

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Bloomfield Hills Votes Monday

Agencies of the charter for the newly incorporated village of Bloomfield Hills and members of the village commission will vote Monday by ballot on the question of incorporation. The vote will be held Monday in the new store of William Barbour at Woodward and the Long Lake road.

CHEST FUND MEN NAMED BY CLUBS

Definite action is being taken to organize a chest fund for Birmingham following the appointment of committees by the Rotary and Exchange clubs at their meeting this week. The committees will investigate the matter and report to the clubs within two weeks.

Members of the Exchange club committee are H. R. Evans, Arthur C. Peck and Alex Wright. Those named on the Rotary club committee are Charles Vliet, superintendent of schools, Louis Hascall, realtor, and T. H. Coughlin, vice president of the First State Bank.

A motion by Mr. Calk at the first directors' meeting of the First State Bank, was adopted by a vote of 10 to 2, to appoint a committee to study the merits of a community fund drive.

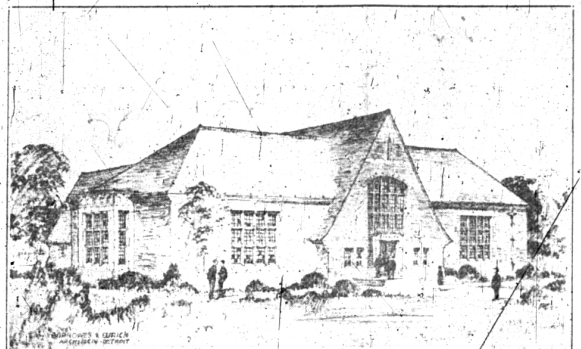
Commissioner O.K.'s 7 MAJORITY
Forwarded to Gov. Green For Signature; Voters to Decide

A petition signed by a large number of voters favoring the increase in the personnel of the village commission from three to seven members was forwarded this week to Gov. Fred W. Green for approval following its acceptance by members of the present commission at the meeting Monday night.

Maple Ave. Echoes War Whoops As Tribes Hold Weekly Conclaves
Anybody who is afraid of Indians is warned to walk on the north side of west Maple avenue on Wednesday nights. If the hair-raising wild west whistles of your youth have left to the horror of the old man on you, attend the Methodist church on Wednesday nights for that might the church be the scene of a war whoop.

They wear blankets and headbands and answer the name of Kicking Bird, Red Fox, and others of the ilk. They are known as the Ojibwa tribe. War whoops are given by the Indians, and are really boys from 8 to 11 years of age, a number of these members of the Methodist Sunday school, who have organized under the leadership of Big Chief Frank C. Decker, an expert in the art of the war whoop.

WORK TO START SOON ON LIBRARY



Contractors' bids for the construction of the new Baldwin Memorial Library on Martin street are open today following the approval of the architect's plans by the library board and the village commission. Work is expected to start in the spring and the building is planned to reach partial completion before the cold weather of next winter. The cost will be approximately \$150,000.

BANK INCREASES ITS DIRECTORSHIP

All Officers Re-elected And Four New Directors Named At Meeting

Four new members of the board of directors of the First State Bank were elected at the annual meeting of the bank held last week at the bank. The new members of the board are Frank J. Maurer, of the plant, and W. H. Harris, 406 S. W. Woodland.

Commission Approves \$200 For Research Man To Study Taxation

POLICE, FIREMEN PLAN TO ESTABLISH FUND
Will Publish Book Annually; Proceeds To Help Families When In Need

ECENTRIC OBTAINS CIRCULATION MAN
James K. Lewis, for the past three years connected with the Birmingham Public Citizen, is leaving Birmingham to take up residence in Indiana, and during his stay there he will be engaged in the publication of a weekly newspaper, which will be published in Indiana.

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TELEPHONE BR. 1600

Girl Finds Ford Kicks Mean Hoof

And he's a perfectly mean boss driver, said Miss Helen Robinson, 12 years old, who was riding in a Ford automobile when it was kicked by a horse on Monday night.

APPROVAL IS GIVEN TO HIRING EXPERT ON CHARTER CHANGE
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STREET IMPROVEMENT IS UNDER DISCUSSION
Objections To Watermain On Madison Will Be Heard In Commission

WILLIAM STEPHANS DIES AT HOME HERE
Old Resident Succumbs To Illness Which Lasted Three Years

MAILS AID TAX COLLECTORS
Tax statements mailed from the treasury office this year have generally been mailed on the 15th of the month, according to Mrs. Virginia Hewitt, township treasurer.

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Tardy Motorists Face Arrest

Motorists who have not yet obtained their 1925 license tags will be arrested and prosecuted, according to a warning issued today by Chief of Police James Anderson. Public officers in the village have been instructed to arrest all persons who do not get their motor tags. They are subject to a fine in jail or court.

HIGH PRICED STORM HITS BIRMINGHAM

The most expensive snow storm Birmingham has ever had was that of last week, when the heavy snow fell on Monday night, and the snow was piled up to a depth of 12 inches in Birmingham. The snow was piled up to a depth of 12 inches in Birmingham. The snow was piled up to a depth of 12 inches in Birmingham.

OWNERS DISAGREE ON STREET PAVING

Heated Discussion Follows in Wake of George Street Plan Presentation

Heating on the method of assessing the paving of George street in Birmingham followed in the wake of the plan presentation. The plan presented a thorough street was not approved.

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First Estimate Merely On Building Clearance

Investigation By Green Of Grand Trunk Contract Looms As Parallel Street Question Is Raised; 100 Foot Plans Progress

Writing of Woodward avenue to 150 feet through Birmingham would cost more than a million dollars. It could not be done without local assessment and would take more than two years. This was learned today from State Highway Commissioner Frank E. Rogers, who declared the estimate of \$300,000 made by the State Administrative Board merely covered the cost of clearing the right of way and did not include the price that would have to be paid for the right of way.

Money Available
State finances are not in condition to pay the cost and the 100 foot width offered by the Board is not a realistic one, he has corrected the erroneous impression gained from the presentation of the original plan.

Wider Than Detroit
In discussing the proposed 100 foot width for Birmingham, Mr. Rogers said that the city of Detroit has a 100 foot width for Woodward avenue in Detroit, which is wider than the 75 foot width of Woodward avenue in Birmingham.

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OAKLAND COUNTY'S GREATEST WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

Quarter of Million Invested Here By Phone Company
Expect To Spend Additional \$250,000 In Village During Next 12 Months.
ADD 400 NEW TELEPHONES
More than a quarter of a million dollars has been expended by the Michigan Bell Telephone company on additions and improvements to the telephone system in the village during the past 12 months, according to Manager W. T. Tatham. Approximately another quarter million dollars will be laid out in further plant expansion this year.