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## BLOOMFIELD TAX IS MOSTLY PAID

Slightly less than \$600,000 of the \$842,000 taxes are in the township treasury today, according to Mrs. Virginia Hewitt, township treasurer. There has been a small falling off in the payment of taxes since Jan. 15, Mrs. Hewitt said, but she expects it to pick up again about Feb. 15.

The taxes should all be collected very soon after Feb. 15, she said.

Collection of taxes this year is rapid, according to announcement made. The system of using the mails to send tax bills and receive payments has greatly speeded up the collection. Approximately \$1,000,000 will be collected by the township this year.

## BLOOMFIELD HILLS NAMES ITS FOUR COMMISSIONERS

Wallace, Roehm, Taliaferro And Whittlesey Elected To Board

### CHARTER IS ACCEPTED

Four members of the commission for the new village of Bloomfield Hills were named at the first election held there Monday and the charter was accepted by a vote of 101 to 2.

The commissioners are: Harry W. Wallace, George E. Roehm, T. W. Taliaferro and Matthew Whittlesey. The former two received the highest number of votes and will serve two years. Mr. Taliaferro and Mr. Whittlesey will each serve a year.

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## ANNEXATION OF 100 ACRES SEEN

### Petitions To Be Filed Favoring Taking On Land In Troy Township

Petitions were to be filed, late this week with County Clerk Burton P. Daugherty for the annexation to Birmingham of approximately 100 acres of land on the southeast boundaries.

It is known as the Frederick Lambert property and is in Troy Township. The issue will probably be voted upon in the spring, it is reported.

Officials of Birmingham favor the annexation of the property as a part of the village and as an aid to assessments.

The land is bounded on the west by Woodward avenue, on the east by the Clover Hill cemetery, on the south by the Clawson road, and on the north by Cole street.

## APPROVAL IS GIVEN TO STREET WORK

### Commission O. K.'s Improvements For Many Troublesome Here

Several resolutions calling for street improvements in Birmingham were passed by village commissioners at their meeting Monday night.

A resolution called for a hearing Feb. 7, on the assessment roll for the extension of Lincoln avenue from Northgate to the Cambridge road. The roll for this improvement is \$194,000, and if there are no objections at the hearing, the roll will be confirmed.

The first resolution on improvements to Madison street from Lawndale street to Adams avenue, which will include curb, gutter, and graveling to cost approximately \$100,000. Several resolutions were received on the Townsend street paving, authorizing the roll to be passed. The estimated roll of \$23,972, and on water mains and street sewers for which the roll is \$13,200. The respective rolls are \$13,200 and \$23,972.

## INCREASE EXPECTED AT BALDWIN SCHOOL

### Second Semester Of School Year Begins In Birmingham Next Monday

An increase of 50 students is expected at the Baldwin High School Monday when the second semester of the school year begins, according to Superintendent Clarence Viles.

The total enrollment of Birmingham schools today is 2,049. Mr. Viles reported.

Children to be enrolled in kindergarten are asked by school officials to register no later than Monday.

No students will graduate from the Baldwin High School next semester. Graduation exercises will be held in June.

## Possible Candidate



ROBERT D. BAKER  
Petitions are filed with the village clerk naming Mr. Baker as a candidate for the office of village clerk.

## POLICE SEEKING DIAMOND THIEF

Police today are seeking the person who stole a diamond necklace valued at \$125 from the home of Miss Myra Martz, 221 Hampton avenue.

Two women have made statements to Assistant Prosecutor Clarence Smith in the hope that light might be shed on the theft although today only are practically without clues. These questioned are Mrs. Gray, Clawson at Miss Sarah Thomas, driver Rouge.

Both women had been in the room at the time of the robbery, according to Police Sgt. Clark Green.

## THREE STUDENTS HURT COASTING

### Collision Of Slebs Confine Village Yachts To Bed

Three high school students are confined to their beds today as a result of coasting accidents in the city of Birmingham.

The accident occurred at 15 and 17th streets near the intersection of the William C. Manly street, Oakland avenue, received severe cuts on her legs when she came down the hill at the foot of the hill. She is expected to remain in the hospital for another week.

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## FIREMAN SAVED BY QUICK THINKING

### Dives Into Snow Bank When Flames From Truck Fire Clothes

The fireman saved by quick thinking was Edward Wolf, 27, of the fire department. He was diving into a snow bank when flames from a truck fire clothes.

The fire was caused by a gas leak and did not spread. The fireman was saved by quick thinking.

## EARLY WORK STARTS ON POLICE FIRE BOOK

### History Of Village, Growth Of Department To Be Outlined In Manual Published Soon

The history of the village of Birmingham and the growth of the police department will be outlined in a manual published soon.

The manual will be published by the village of Birmingham and the police department.

## Board Calls Hearing On Woodward Width

### Final Decision Expected Monday When Delegation Will Discuss 100 Foot Highway; Ann Street Proposal Offered By Rogers

Members of the Oakland County road commission as well as groups from Birmingham favoring an opposing action taken two weeks ago by the state administrative board on a 100 foot wide Woodward avenue today are making plans to present their cases at a hearing before the board and governor Monday at Lansing.

This second hearing has been granted following protests made to the board last Monday by officials of Birmingham and real estate dealers from here and Detroit interested in Woodward avenue.

## Officers Named By Northeasterners

John H. Critchlow is President of Civic Association; Board Installed

John H. Critchlow was elected president of the Northeastern Civic Association at a meeting held this week. Other officers elected are: Ellis L. Larson, vice president; Edna J. Paul, secretary; and William Cushing, treasurer.

The board of officers established at the meeting is made up of the following: besides the officers already named: Leigh Lynch, Day, Johnson, B. Stewart, Robert V. Moore, and G. A. Ziegler.

## START TO SELL NEW BANK STOCK

### Fred Quarton Named Chairman; Plans For Building Discussed

Fred Quarton was named chairman of the organization committee of the new Birmingham Savings Bank at a meeting held Tuesday night. He will be in charge of taking subscriptions for the stock to be placed on sale immediately.

Other organizers also may take subscriptions. The bank is organized with a capital of \$200,000 and a surplus of \$25,000.

Plans for rebuilding the interior of the bank building on Woodward avenue south of Maple avenue are being considered by members of the committee today. The plans have been submitted by Robert Chissin, builder and member of the organization committee.

## WOULD AID STATE IN OBTAINING ROADWAY

W. Knox Poppleton and Theon R. Smith, owners of more than 200 acres of land adjacent to the Grand Trunk right of way through Birmingham, this week declared their intention to publish the fact that they would do all in their power to aid the state highway department in obtaining land along the Grand Trunk railroad for a 100-foot road to parallel one on Woodward avenue, should the state administrative board decide to do so.

"Should the Grand Trunk railroad be moved, and its right of way revert to the state by its original owner, Orrin C. Poppleton, of what value would it be to them as a real estate investment?" declared Poppleton. "As far as our firm and my father's interests are concerned, we are not concerned. I can definitely state that we would not make the state pay any money to get it off the highway."

"Those who say that it will cost the state to get this right of way are taking their hat and coat and saying, 'I know much about the situation!'"

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The governor also reported that widening Woodward to 150 feet through the village would cost the state \$2,000,000. Whether this money is available is a question the state has not yet decided.

"The board is ready to hear both sides of the question," the governor said. "If members here they are in their first decision they are ready to reverse it."

"Quietness in Business"  
There is a question, however, as to whether a highway 150 feet wide would not tend to put the blacksmith business for Woodward avenue.

Regarding many references made by the delegation to a "blacklock," the governor said firmly.

"This would not be a 'bottle-neck.' (Continued on Page 2)

## DEATH BALKS CHILD'S ATTEMPT TO AWAKEN 'SLEEPING' HOUSEKEEPER

"Muvver, come quick. Auntie's sick" was the fearful greeting which Mrs. Carl S. Fairbank received from their two-and-a-half-year-old son Bobby on their return from Detroit at 7:30 p. m. Saturday.

And Bobby's muvver and daddy came quick up the stairs, but Daddy, Bobby's sleeping companion, came quicker, and when Mrs. and Mr. Fairbank reached the room with Auntie, the sick, Daddy was dragging feebly at her dress. He looked up at his mother, who had been unable to breathe that said he had tried to make Auntie get up before, but she had been too unresponsive.

"Auntie's awful tired," Bobby explained half to his mother, half to Daddy, who was sitting on the bed.

But Daddy's efforts at rousing Auntie were also futile for Auntie was not sick. Auntie was dead and had been dead for about seven hours. That's why Daddy and Bobby had been unable to awaken her. That's why Bobby had no call her.

LEGAL NOTICE  
Notice is hereby given that the estates of Charles E. Shain, President, and S. O. W. Bell, Commissioner, were dissolved on December 1, 1926, and that the undersigned is now the President of the Birmingham Civic Association. All petitions must be filed on or before the 27th day of January, 1927.

(Signed) HAZEL E. LAWLER, Village Clerk.

## FATHERS AND SONS PLAN AUDEVELLE

### Annual Banquet Would Not Accommodate Crowds, Heads Say

A vandeville show instead of the usual banquet will feature Father and Son week, beginning Feb. 15, in Birmingham this year, according to a resolution passed by the Y. M. C. A. board at a meeting last Thursday evening.

Among the numbers for the entertainment already secured are a clown magicians of national reputation, a stunt artist who plays tunes on a saw, a song leader for country singing, and a performance to be put on by nine members of the Detroit Y. M. C. A. The program will be completed within the next few days, said Charles S. Kimmin, program chairman.

The plan for a vandeville was suggested by Mr. Kimmin, because of a lack of facilities for a banquet of more than 2000 persons.

The board agreed to the vandeville as a substitute for the banquet. The vandeville will be the biggest and most effective Father and Son week in the history of Birmingham.

## '26 AUTO TAGS NOW SCARCE IN VILLAGE

Auto license tags issued in 1926 are so scarce in the village of Birmingham that it is difficult to obtain them, according to Police Sgt. Clark Green.

The shortage of tags is due to the fact that many of the tags issued in 1926 have been destroyed or lost.

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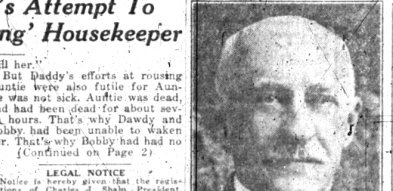
## 'Horse Sense' Saves Old Gray Mare From Discard, Blacksmith Avers

The old gray mare, the "sint" which she used to be—and neither is the blacksmith's horse, as it is the lament of David C. Elsworth, Birmingham's oldest motorist who daily continues his work while thousands of automobiles speed through the neighborhood of his shop at 209 Bowers street.

Although Mr. Elsworth is the owner of the horse, he has reached the highest degree of unpopularity—being neglected like Cinderella by the daily going to work while thousands of automobiles speed through the neighborhood of his shop at 209 Bowers street.

"Motor cars and engines have replaced the horse in every possible way," Mr. Elsworth said. "The uses to which horses are put now are the uses to which machines can not be put. For instance, the horse is used to pull a plow, and a car it requires two men, one to drive and keep the car at bottom speed, and the other to guide it. Motor cars have no horse sense."

"—and on the Farm"  
"And of the farm there are some jobs that require a horse. And horse sense is the most neglected of unpopularity. Riding enthusiasts will never be satisfied with the electric button starting motor cars. (Continued on Page 2)



T. W. TALIAFERRO



MATTHEW WHITTLESEY



GEORGE E. ROEHM



HARRY W. WALLACE



Hazel E. Lawler

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