

## Organization Formed On Charter Change

### Citizen Committee Named To Investigate All Phases Of City Form Of Government For Birmingham

Evidence of a pronounced unrest on the part of Birmingham toward its present form of government was manifested Monday night when 29 local citizens, part of a group of 40 persons listed by the village commission to investigate and report on the relative merits of village and city form of government, met and formed an organization to be the commission chartering body. H. T. Ellery, 445 Adams avenue, was elected chairman; Louis C. Hascall, of North Woodward avenue, vice-chairman; and Charles S. Kinnison, of Hawthorne road, secretary.

The meeting started at 8:30 p. m. in the lounge of the Hotel J. Main outlined the duties of the committee, and then authorized the village commission to be the chartering body. It was decided that the committee could be organized by the newly created committee.

### Change Needed

The village commission, in asking you men and women to serve on the committee to investigate the relative merits of village and city form of government, is asking you to help in a general feeling in Birmingham that we need some kind of a change. We do not expect your committee to go into this matter hastily, therefore do not make any quick decisions. We will meet at any given date. The village will furnish you a stenographer, and will stand ready to pay any reasonable expense that you may be put to.

The perfection of the organization, an open forum was held, during which time many questions were asked and the method of procedure, as well as the specific problems to be gone into, were discussed. Plans were made to call a meeting ever to ask Dr. L. Upson and William Lovette, noted Detroit government specialists to appear at the meeting. The meeting will be held in the commission chamber, and will be open only to the special committee. Other meetings will be held later, according to Mr. Ellery, at which time the committee will be organized.

### W. F. McDONALD DIES SUDDENLY AT HOME

William Francis McDonald, 83 years old, dropped dead early Sunday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ellsworth Plumstead, 2175 Maple avenue. His heart failure was given by O. C. Farmer, Oakland County coroner, as the cause of death.

### Driver Of Car Fined After Early Morning Smash-Up On Woodward

Miss Alta Church, 29, 1578 1/2 Petoskey street, Detroit, is in Pontiac City Hospital today suffering from gasoline burns on her body and a fractured skull, the result of an automobile accident early Sunday morning at Oakland county road, near Woodward.

### Three Other Passengers in the Car were Injured, Etta Rudolph, 23, of the same address, and Michael Johnson, 26, of the same address, were taken to hospital after being injured in the crash. The driver of the car, paid off fine of \$25 in the justice court of Judge Floyd S. Buck Monday for reckless driving, 177 Twenty-third street, Detroit.

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### Funeral Services Held Yesterday

Funeral services were held yesterday in a chapel at Santa Barbara, Cal., for Mrs. Frank J. Miller, who died here Tuesday.

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## Annual Community Fund Drive Approved By Citizens Of Village

Following many drives in Birmingham on the part of the citizens, it was decided that a community fund drive should be organized. The drive would be for the benefit of the village center property already owned by the village.

### Addresses Senate

Gov. Fred W. Green will address the Michigan legislature on Monday night.

### Luther D. Allen Elected Head Of Hills Village

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### Eight Candidates For Office Of Village Commissioners Nominated

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### Charter Question Up

The question of whether to accept or reject the charter proposed by the village of Bloomfield Hills was discussed at the caucus.

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### New Teacher Selected

Mrs. Margaret M. Way was appointed as the new teacher for the school in Bloomfield Hills.

### Birmingham Man's Banishment Deflected

William Blake loses \$500 worth of valuables in New Year's Thugs.

### No Objections To Watermain

No objections were raised to the laying of an eight inch watermain on south Madison street between Lincoln and Woodward.

### Heavy Fine Imposed On Drunken Driver

Detourer pleads guilty to two charges in justice court.

### Staff Re-Named By Prosecutor

Clarence L. Smith and Norman Ott were re-appointed first and second assistants Monday by Prosecutor Clyde P. Underwood.

### Villages First 1927 Baby A Healthy Boy

Birmingham's first 1927 baby was a healthy boy, born to Mrs. N. Roper, 106 W. Ruffner street.

### Property Owners To Meet With Commission Monday

Property owners in the affected district will enter suggestions and objections to the paving of Townsend street between Tiers street and Southfield avenue.

## Commission of Seven Favored in Petition

### Many See Need Of Increased Governing Body; Officials' Plan For Five Believed Unrepresentative

By RAYMOND GIRARDIN  
Petitions were to be put into circulation here today favoring the change in the size of the village commission from its present three men form to one of seven men. This followed closely upon the official resolution of the commission at the meeting Monday night to change the charter to include a five man commission.

### Possible Losses Of Few Back For Bloomfield Hills

The village commission is expected to pass a resolution to increase the number of commissioners to seven.

### Business Era For Michigan Is Aim Of Green

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### Exchange Report Successful Period

The Birmingham Exchange Club, in a report given at its Tuesday meeting, ranked high in its annual attendance.

### Attacker Of Motor Bus Driver Killed By Deputy Sheriff

An inquest has been held Saturday morning in the Court House at Pontiac by Coroner O. C. Farmer into the death of Ines Brown, 21, who was killed in a shot gun encounter with Deputy Walter Ashcraft on Monday night.

### Argued Over Fare

The shooting followed an argument over the payment of a 30-cent fare. Mr. Underwood was told by the shooting.

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