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# SCHOOL BOARD

### OFFICIALS IN OFFICE

## MRS. HALGREN

Directly following another ti-vote on Village President H. T Ellerby's resolution "to locate the fire hall on some part of the civic

Despite the fact that The Ecentric, editorially, is opposed to the plan of Village Commissioners McBride, Henry, Herey, and Hulbert to locate the re hall on a site outside the vice center, commissioners Mestaddill.

ELECTION EXTRA PLEASES READERS BLOOMFIELD

## NEAR'S FIRST CLASS RATING

Stamp Sale Within \$4,000 Of Required Amount For Change

### WORK REVIEW IS GIVEN

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# MRS. WATLING The state of the s

Well Known Bloomfield Hills Woman Succumbs After Week's Illness

me University of Michigan in 1905 where sake the was a member of Alpha work of the Unitarian Church husband, John W. Watting, is a nember of Watting, Lerchan droupany, Detroit bond brokers. Funeral services were held from he home at it is in Monday, Darrier Lettell.

### Expect To Close Sale of Land

surround, the preliminary details and Mr. Tuggey refused further to left offered by the discuss the deal; it was known that Mr. Lee came from his summer for the surround was in conference with Mr. Tuggey meet of the day.

The price of \$1,000 as front foot on west Maple account has not believe to the day.

Bulletin

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TAKEN BY DEATH

Bulletin
W. J. Reineke, 61 years
old, 661 N. Woodward avenue died early today at his
home of an illness he had suffered for a month. Funeral
services will be held at the
home Saturday at 3 p. m.

### Additional Fire Hall Site Is Ruled Against By Hills Village Bank To Nave Capital Stock of \$25,000; Attorney-General

The Eccentric herewith presents a complete transcript of a letter received by Village President II. T. Ellerby, in which the State Attorney-General's Office at Lansing reverses the opinion which he gave to Commissioner W. W. Henry a week ago, regarding the legal right of the village commission to buy a new site yor the fire hall. This means that if the fire station is erected this year it will have to go on the civic center to avoid endless litigation, according to Mr. Ellerby.

July 13th, 1927.

Mr. H. T. Ellerby, President, Village of Birmingham, Birmingham, Mchigan.

following facts:

It appears that in the summer of 1926 the village of Birmingham owned property on the corner of Woodward avenue and Maple avenue in said village which at that time was being used

Proposition 1

The village of Birmingham shall berrow the sum of \$175,000

for the purpose of constructing and building a new library and pulping game.

Proposition 2

The village of Birmingham shall borrow the sum of for the purpose of building and constructing a fire hal

present time, property suitable for a nre-man arready,
the village of Birmingham.

That, prior to the election of July, 1925, there was published by the village commission and paid for out of general
finds, a layable outlining the purposes of the village bond election held on July 29, and in that booklet over the signatures of
the village commission, appears the following statement:

"2. To build a new fire house on the southeast corner of Henrietta and Martin streets at a cost of
\$40,000."

\$40,000." The southeast corner of Henrietta and Martin streets located within the civic center which was purchased after trapproval of the bond issue favorably voted upon by the elector

approval of the bond issue tavorany vocain this same election.

That later, in the said booklet there appeared an architect's
preliminary sketch of the proposed fire-ball, the architect having
already been employed, and under the preliminary sketch on
jage 6 of the said pamphile there appeared this statement.

"It is proposed to creet the village fire house at the
corner of Henrietta and Martin streets. An exterior
view is shown above."

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That it appears to Mr. Doty that it was the intention of the

people in approving, by a large majority, the bond issue for \$200,000 and for \$40,000, that the fire-hall should be located on

That it appears to Mr. Doty that it was the intention of the people in approxing, by a large majority, the bond issue for \$200,000 and for \$10,000, that the fire-hall should be located on the civic center, and that they did not contemplate the purchase of additional property for the location of a fire-hall at any later date and while the civic center property was available.

That under Section 10 of Chapter X of the village charter, there was prepared early in 1927 a budget of approximately \$205,000 which was duly adopted by the commission and on which, later in the year, the tax rate was established after the assessment roll had been established, and that there is not now it that budget any fund which can be properly or safely used, within the terms of the charter, for the purchase of a site to be used for fire-hall purposes.

That the Village of Birmingham has for the past six months, been living and paying its current expenses on funds borrowed in anticipation of taxes to be collected during July, 1927, and that there will not be sufficient funds available from those taxes to pay the necessary current expenses of the village, under the budget, through December 31st, 1927, the end of the fiscal year, and that there will probably be a deficit in the operating expenses under the budget at the close of the year.

Under these facts, it does not seem to me that an emergency exists or that there are such unforeseen contingencies which would warrant the payment for an additional site out of the contingent fand provided for in Section 3 of Chapter XX of the village charter provides:

"The Commission made from any fund after exching the property of the payment of an appropriation made therefor, nor shall any additional appropriation made therefor, nor shall any additional appropriation from the Contingent Fund be allowed on any department of a such recommendation of the Village Manager and the approval of such recommendation of the payment of the contingent from the Contingent Fund be allowed to any department of the

# MAN KILLED WOODWARD AVE. G. T. HIGHWAY MAN AILLEU BY LIGHT WIRE OPEN TO AUTOS The new Woodward avenue pavement between Lincoln ave

## WOMAN OF 75

Geo. Hargreaves Dies Here After Return From South

## McBRIDE GIVEN LIBRARY WORK

ANOTHER MAN ESCAPES

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John Duke, a mason, was electrocuted yesterday when he touch along side of the scaffold on which he was working. Duke was employed on the new apartment of street. At the time of the accident he was about 30 feet from the ground, standing inside the scan about 30 feet from the ground, standing inside the was about 30 feet from the ground, standing inside the was pulled over the knee bight wall and dashed to the ground, land in the street. At the time of the accident he was about 30 feet from the ground, standing inside the was pulled over the knee bight wall and dashed to the ground and the province of the was pulled over the knee bight wall and dashed to the ground and the province of the was pulled over the knee bight wall and dashed to the ground and the province of the was pulled over the knee bight wall cared to the was pulled over the knee bight wall and dashed to the ground 30 feet below. Noted Writer Makes Conservation and the fall were so great that the telephone operator was told and wall had caved in.

Thought Wall Caved

By George R. Averill
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in the conservation of our natural remains elfshiness in the manner of the conservation of our natural remains the first of a series of articles on the conservation of Michigan wild life by Mr. Curewood, who are the conservation of Michigan wild life by Mr. Curewood, who are the conservation of Michigan and Wild Life the First, General Conservation Commission of Michigan, You will find this a most interesting discussion from the transport of recent years in the very heart of nature. Other articles will follow from time to time.

Sources, In this day of diminishing wild life the main who will go after fish with a spear is either totally ignorant of the devastating or he is willing to rob and diminishing wild life the main who will go after fish with a spear is either totally ignorant of the devastating or he is willing to rob and diminishing wild life the main who will consult the service of the consultation of the will be a served to the transport of the will be a served to the transport of the will be a served to the transport of the will be a served to the transport of the devastating or he is willing to rob and diminishing will find the proposed to the transport of the will be a served to the transport of the devastating or he is willing to rob and diminishing will life to be a served to the transport of the devastating of the served the did road bed, thus provided the proposed to the transport of the devastating of the served the did road bed, thus provided the transport of the served the did road bed, and a 204-ft. highway over the old road bed, thus provided the transport of the served the did road by the served the did road the served the served the did road the served the did road the served the served the did road the served the did road the served the did r

Residents Object To Paying Royal Oak Tax; Want Independence

### SUPERVISORS ACCEPT COMPROMISE VALUATION FIGURE IN EQUALIZING OAKLAND CO. ASSESSMENTS

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xford	3,299,420		93,059	4,267,761	332,239	4,600,000	4,447,159	
ontiac Township	7.342.289	164,340		3,463,760	1,136,240	4.800,000	4,540,564	
armington City	2,732,690	74.775		9,176,155	2,823,845	12,000,000	7,475,577	
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oyal Oak City	33,064,990	11,262,139	675,540	57,724,264	13,275,736	71,000,000	69,825,935	
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pringfield	1,398,125	94.595		1.492.720	57,280	1.550.000	11,363,119	
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aterford	6,900,490		150.650	6,749,840	250,160	7,000,000	6.328.087	
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