

FIFTIETH YEAR—NO. 11

PLANNED FOR MAPLE CORNER

New Owners of Municipal Site Plan Soon to Erect Building

TAKE POSSESSION JAN. 1

Improvement of the corner of Woodward and Maple avenues where the police stations and the library now stand will begin soon after Jan. 1, according to an announcement today by James G. Goudie of the Briggs Commercial & Development company.

The new building to be erected upon the site is expected next fall.

The company, which paid \$125,000 in cash to the village for the site, to occupy their present quarters until Jan. 1. By that time the new library will be completed and possibly the fire station, which the department will have to seek temporary quarters.

"When the company will erect the new office building on this corner depends upon the demand for office space, Mr. Goudie declared. He said further that the nature of the improvement to be made in January depends upon how quickly the stores in the new theater building being constructed, south of the corner and also owned by the Briggs Investment & Development company, are occupied."

"It is too soon after the purchase to make an accurate announcement as to what we will do with the property," said Mr. Goudie. "However, we intend to improve it somewhat as soon as possible. The stores we build will be on the corner and the improvement because, for one thing, they will have the corner square rather than as it is today," he said.

School Board Reviews \$400,000 Bond Issue

With the annual school election less than two weeks off, interest in the proposed \$400,000 bond issue, to finance the building of a new school at Chesterfield and Oak streets and an addition to the Barnum School, which is to be voted upon then, is at high pitch. The question of the bond issue will be one of five propositions on the ballot July 11, when the voters in the various school districts will cast their ballots from 1 until 10 p. m. in the Baldwin High School.

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DECISION ON FIRE SITE IS HALTED AGAIN

President Charges Money Was Offered For Petition Circulation

TWO RESOLUTIONS FILED

Charges that the circulation of petitions presented to the village commission asking that that body exercise an option on Hamilton avenue property as a site for the new proposed fire station was financed by individuals are being probed today by H. T. Ellerly, village president.

This action follows admission of the fact by William Hunt, 203 Pierce street, circulator, at the commission meeting Monday night, that the wording on the petitions, which contain 213 signatures, was changed after some of the signatures had been affixed.

It was also charged by President Ellerly that his son had been offered 50 cents an hour to circulate the petitions.

TWO MEN RESCUE GAS VICTIM

Street, E. W. West, 422 Townsend street, is recovering today from the effects of gas which overcame her in her home last Thursday. Neighbors attribute her recovery to the efforts of two men from the Consumers Power company, Thomas Long and Clarence Harris, both of Royal Oak, who administered first aid and revived her after she had staggered to the street, raving for help.

2 DROWN AS CANOE UPSETS

Herman Hildebrandt, Big Beaver, And Young Lady Are Victims

A man from Big Beaver and a girl from Detroit are dead today as a result of drowning Sunday at Silver Lake when their canoe overturned.

They are Herman Hildebrandt, 21, and Miss Hazel Wood, 18, Oakland County deputies and the brother of the drowned man recovered the bodies after dragging the lake for nearly 12 hours.

Chief Scores Plan Of J. H. McBride On Fire Site

For more than a month the village of Birmingham has listened to a wrangle from the village commission regarding a site for the new fire station, claiming that even the firemen are in favor of some other location." As chief of the Birmingham fire department I do not know where Mr. McBride has his information, as myself and a majority of the firemen are in favor of using the site, but it is made this week after it became apparent that Monday's village commission meeting would end in a disagreement on the definite location for the proposed \$400,000 fire station.

"Every day that postponement of the fire hall is made Birmingham stands the chance of fire loss," stated Chief Olson. "We now" (Continued on Page 2)

PLAN TO OPEN WOODWARD JULY FOURTH

Progress On Work Continues At Rapid Pace; East Side Ready

SEE FINISH IN WEEK

Rapid progress continues on the paving of Woodward in west Birmingham and indications are that traffic will be allowed on all parts of the highway July 4. Except the west side of the street between Maple and Lincoln avenues. This fact was given today following the completion of the laying of concrete on the east side of the street.

Traffic, which has been a constant problem to authorities since the widening of Woodward, was started on Tuesday. The street, however, has been detoured with practically no mishaps. The streets were closed to heavy traffic last week which resulted in a large sum of money to repair it.

See 100 Feet Widened

Paving is being laid with a view of it eventually being widened to 100 feet and not over 150 feet, as Governor Perry has recommended. Road builders say the crown of the pavement now is too high to grade off to 150 feet.

William Renwick, in charge of the work for the E. D. Baker Co., who is supervising the work, said the machinery of Woodward avenue widening is now being used, except the part which will be under excavation, the west side from Maple to Lincoln avenues, will be open to the heavy traffic immediately.

All samples of the concrete used which have been sent to the laboratories at the University of Michigan have not yet had proved satisfactory and no delay is anticipated in the completion of all the highway widening.

"Unless there is some unforeseen hitch, the entire job will be completed in one week from today," engineers say. It was started on June 16 and except for the traffic interruptions, there have been no delays in the work.

Clear Way For Traffic

Plans were made today for clearing the south-bound traffic to travel on Woodward avenue to Maple avenue and one mile from Woodward field road. North-bound traffic will be allowed to drive all the way through Birmingham on the new pavement.

Most of the concrete laid has been approved for use. In some places it is 15 feet, however.

GIRL INJURED BY STREET CAR

Helena Pierce Receives Fractured Skull When Hit By Interurban

Miss Helena Pierce, 15 years old, 229 west Chapin street, is recovering today from a fractured skull, received when she was struck by a south-bound interurban street car, Friday morning at Woodward and Adams avenues.

According to a witness, T. L. Foster, 102 west Balfour street, the girl apparently became confused in traffic and stepped in front of the car. Mr. Foster said the car had not gained momentum after stopping at a switch.

Charles E. Kamin, 1222 Vine-wood avenue, the motorman and Charles Miller, the conductor, said the girl received first aid treatment in the police station from Dr. George Raynor before she was taken to the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac where she is today.

Tax Increase Slight

The proposed bond issue would raise school taxes only 85 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, according to figures compiled by the school board. The present bonded indebtedness of the Birmingham School district is \$1,004,000. The bond issue would increase it to \$1,404,000. The assessed valuation of the district for 1927 is \$2,000,000, and the bonded debt allowed by law is 15 per cent of that valuation, or \$3,150,000. The bonded debt, by the bond issue, will be only 45 per cent of the amount permitted by law. The school budget, according to the school board, will require for bonds and interest \$129,808.50, or 86 per cent on assessed valuation, provided the new bond issue carries. Eighty-five cents of the \$6 is the added cost of the proposed new buildings.

Franklin Minister Is Bound Over To Circuit Court

Rev. Leo Hooper, Franklin pastor, is at liberty today on bail of \$1,000 awaiting trial in Circuit Court on a charge of maliciously destroying property, following his arraignment in Justice Court Pontiac, yesterday. Justice Henry W. Harper set the bail when the Rev. Hooper waived examination.

His arrest three weeks ago at Franklin followed his wielding a hammer and partially destroying two motion picture cameras during the presentation of a motion picture. He gave orders that the pictures were not to be shown in connection with the church and soon after the performance had started, broke the cameras.

Donald C. Forrester, Pontiac attorney, appeared for the 26-year-old pastor and Norman C. Orr is in charge of the prosecution.

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Wood Provide Gym

The addition to the Barnum School would provide more class rooms, gymnasium, auditorium, locker and shower bath rooms to be used in connection with Barnum Field, a library room, a better kindergarten room, a principal's office and a small cafeteria.

Voting in the school election a week from Monday is limited to qualified voters, who have been registered for three months in the district, and who pay taxes.

Last night, a group of citizens met at the West Hill Hotel, and a plan was discussed for the holding of a meeting, at which time a motion picture of the school building will be shown.

VILLAGE PLANS QUIET FOURTH

Police Chief Warns Against Fireworks Law Violations

No public celebration will be held in Birmingham July 4, according to an announcement made today by Police Chief H. T. Ellerly for an appropriation for fireworks was turned down by the board.

A warning is broadcast by Chief Ellerly to the town and that every effort will be made to insure safety on that day.

All fireworks longer than two and one-half inches and more than one-half inch in circumference are banned, under the laws enacted by the state legislature of 1925 it is also illegal to fire guns of any kind whether blanks or bullets are used. The use of dynamite, picric acid and other high explosives are prohibited.

SOCIETY FOLK HURT IN CRASH

Richard Otis In Critical Condition After Automobile Accident

BULLETIN

Mr. Otis died yesterday at Receiving Hospital, Detroit.

Richard W. Otis, 25 years old, Square Lake road, is still unconscious today in Detroit Receiving Hospital and is not expected to live as the result of a fractured skull received when the car, in which he was riding, collided with a taxicab at Cadieux road and Mack avenue, Detroit, at 2 a. m. Sunday. Miss Ellen Skagw, driver of the car, who is the daughter of Mrs. Edward Askin Skagw, president of the Detroit League of Catholic Women, received minor injuries, from which she is recovering at her mother's home, "Westwind Farm," 5085 E. 12th st., Detroit.

According to Detroit police, Miss Skagw and Mr. Otis were returning from a suburban country club and failed to heed the stop warning at Mack avenue, crashing into the taxicab. George Rompel, 23 years old, 4851 Canton avenue, driver of the cab, and Hazel Allard, 18 years old, Mack avenue, Trevis (Continued on Page 2)

NAME WOMAN AS CANDIDATE

Mrs. L. Virginia Hewitt To Run For Post On School Board

The name of a woman is added to the list of possible candidates for the office of school board members with the circulation today of a petition for Mrs. L. Virginia Hewitt, 201 Oakland avenue. Mrs. Hewitt has consented to run for the office on the three-year term if she is nominated, it is announced by her supporters. The board meeting at 8 p. m. tomorrow to accept the petitions for candidates for membership on the board.

Mrs. Hewitt's name brings the total number of petitions now in circulation for new school board members to three. Petitions are also out for Ella J. Corryell, present president of the board, and Guy W. Jensen, who has served for more than a month in the post of trustee, left vacant by the resignation of James W. Parry, when he became village manager. Only two new members are to be elected, each to serve three years, at the election July 11.

TWO INJURED AS AUTOS COLLIDE

Cars Crash Under Traffic Light in Bloomfield Village

Frank York and Lyle Taylor, of Bay City, are in St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, today, suffering from injuries received when their car, driven by Taylor, crashed into the side of a truck at Woodward and Long Lake road early Monday morning. (Continued on Page 2)

DANCING

Every night except Sunday, Park Island, Lake Orion Park plan. Logan's Restaurant, 2525 Woodward.

Sundays, Fourth of July at location of Park Island, Lake Orion. Dancing between 8 and 10 p. m. Swimming, Croquet, Ball and many other sports. Free from grounds, music, and refreshments. ad-11

3 TOWNSHIPS REPORT GAIN

Tax Rolls Presented To Supervisors Show Increased Valuation

A decided increase in the assessed valuation of Bloomfield, Troy and Southfield townships is shown in the reports submitted to the equalization committee of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors today by the township assessors.

The assessed valuation of the Township of Bloomfield decided upon by the board of review is approximately \$1,200,000. Last year it was \$29,000,000. Less than \$1,000,000 is from Birmingham and the remainder from the township outside the village, according to Robert Y. Moore, supervisor.

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TEACHERS RETURN

Right: Former teachers of the Hill School who assembled at the second annual reunion. They are from left to right: Lenora McDonald Tanner, Miss Mamie Utter, Mrs. Adelia Crosby Marsaw, Miss Mabel Keyser, Miss Sarah Eunice, and Miss Margaret Pepper.

Left: New officers of the club. Left to right: J. Bert Peabody, treasurer; Mrs. Bell Smith Ward, president; Mrs. Mae T. Hupp, secretary; and Ben Converse, first vice-president.

Center: Dr. Ezra Mathewson, retiring president, and U. Grant Race, toastmaster of the banquet.

VICTORY DINNER PLANNED

Members of Ralph Wilson's team in the recent basketball championship at which time Evans, Exchange, F. W. Lawrence, of Southfield, and J. H. Crane, of Grand Rapids, were the victors.

Miss Mary Pyle, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pyle, of Euclid avenue, has been named as Mrs. Crane's camp for girls, at Pontiac, to be gone for the rest of the summer.

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