SEES REDUCTION IN FIRE INSURANCE

Secretary Suggests Employing Four Full Time Firemen

Recommendation that the 72 square miles of territory served by the Birmingham fire department be cut in half was made by David Anderson, secretary of the fire department, in his annual report to Village Manager Harry Starr. This area includes both Bloomfield and Troy townships, and is much too large to be served by the village equipment, Mr. Anderson says.

The Inspection Bureau has agreed to postpone its report on the Birmingham department until the new fire hall has been started, and a budget for 1927 approved by the commission, Mr. Anderson explains. If the budget covers full time services of at least four firemen, Birmingham will receive a new rating which will reduce insurance rates 6 to 10 per cent, he states.

A total of $8,108.50 was paid out in firemen's salaries during 1926, according to the report, and $1,652.30 was received from outside fires, making a net amount of $6,456.20. This is only a fraction of what it would cost for the village to maintain a paid department, Mr. Anderson says. A fixed sum of $2,650 is allowed for salaries and drills and $3 per hour is paid each member answering fire calls during the day. For night calls the rate per hour is $4.

Supplies and equipment amounting to $2,626.01 were purchased during the year.

A total of 68 general and 30 still alarms was answered by the department during 1926, the report states. Twenty of these were outside the village limits.

Continue Fight On 'Blue Sunday'

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planned to build here, those who are opposed to Sunday movies should waive their prejudices. Birmingham needs such a theater, and Sunday movies are necessary to have it."

Would Take Rights

Dr. O. O. Beck, physician, Quarton building: "I am in favor of Sunday movies on general principles. I don't believe any man's rights should be taken away from him in this manner. Some people like to go to movies on Sunday. Some don't. If we have Sunday movies, they can both be satisfied. Otherwise, only those who don't like to go will be happy."

Lewis B. Frewin, 714 east Ruffner street: "An ordinance prohibiting Sunday movies can do the churches no good and will work a hardship on the people of the town. If people want to go to church they will go whether we have a moving picture theater running or not. Keeping the movies out of town will not drive them to church. I believe that it is better to have a theater which will accommodate the people of the town and keep the young folks close to home on Sunday for they will go elsewhere if they cannot find recreation here."

Mrs. O. S. Baker, 110 Smith avenue: "I think that a big, splendid moving picture theater in Birmingham would do a great deal for the progress of the village and we will be missing a big opportunity if we vote for the Blue Sunday ordinance, which would drive it away. Our young people need some clean, wholesome place to go on Sundays for their amusement."

Not Wicked

Mrs. Roy Vandewater, 102 Bird avenue: "There is nothing wicked about going to a quiet, refined theater on Sunday evening and seeing a silent moving picture any more than there is in going to church for the popular programs which are offered in so many churches. I do not need moving pictures in Birmingham for myself and will probably never go on Sunday but there are many people who must take their recreation on Sundays. Young people will have some amusement on Sunday and I think it is much better to provide high class amusement in our own town than to let surrounding towns draw our people there."

Guy Laughlin, 119 Bird avenue: "Every progressive community of the size of Birmingham and many smaller ones have moving picture theaters and Birmingham should have one. We want to keep our people in Birmingham and if we do not offer decent amusement which they like they will go to other places."

Mrs. Milton R. Schatz, 500 Lincoln avenue: "Some kind of a motion picture house in Birmingham is a certainty within a very short time. The growth of Birmingham demands it. If we don't allow pictures on Sunday, people is going to a great deal of trouble to get the best type of pictures. Here during the week, business won't be worth while. The lack of moving pictures in Birmingham today does not keep people who enjoy movies from attending them. It simply sends them out of town. The number of children who attend the movies at the high school shows the attraction of this type of entertainment for children. In a few years these children will be demanding a good movie to go to whenever they like. If we have just a cheap little affair here, they too will go out of town. Personally I should much prefer to have the children in a Birmingham theater and in Birmingham atmosphere."

Better in Town

Mrs. John B. Williams, Yorkshire road: "I'd rather have a good motion picture theater right here in Birmingham, where we could be sure of seeing good pictures and hearing good music, than have a dingy little place, which is sure to result if we don't allow the theater to run seven days a week. If we have a good movie in town, we will be able through suggestions to regulate the type of entertainment we get."

Candidate Expects Rapid Growth Here

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of the Sunday theater ordinance Mr. Henry replied:

"I am strongly in favor of a well-governed theater in Birmingham as a direct asset to development. I am of the knowledge that a number of our reputable citizens attend Royal Oak, Detroit and Pontiac movies. I am certain that the management of this proposed theater is heartily in favor of a co-operative basis of operation, willing to be censored at any time by a reasonable committee; in fact, the Detroit representative has already expressed a willingness to co-operate with our village government, to the full extent."

"We are living in a broadminded age. To keep the interest of our youth at home, we must not drive them elsewhere to enjoy that entertainment which is so prevalent of the times."

WINS IN ELECTION

FRED M. QUARTON

Mr. Quarton defeated his only opponent, James Campbell in the race for nomination for a place on the Bloomfield Township board of review at Saturday's primaries for office poll. The regular election are on Apr. 4.

ELLERBY FAVORS BETTER VILLAGE

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should be given to the streets there.

"Two miles down the road, after driving by the rather pleasant subdivision of Beverley Hills I came to a sign announcing that I was entering the Village of Birmingham. Go back down the road yourself and drive up Woodward avenue and put yourself in the position of the stranger or the newcomer about to look Birmingham over as a place to live. As you drive north by that sign you will see not much to the right for your view is obstructed by street car and Grand Trunk tracks, but to the left of you is a view of that portion of the Village owned as South Bloomfield, formerly Echo City. It is not a picturesque spot, but it is the stranger's introduction to Birmingham and the first impression he gets of a Village coming from Detroit.

"The streets are not paved. They are in a deplorable condition and there is no sidewalk along Woodward avenue. But, if we continue lateral streets except in front of the residential property, it seems to me that we can afford to do the same thing through South Bloomfield and to use in Woodward avenue, he can afford to contribute a little more. If our property owners do not feel interested enough for their community as a whole, Birmingham needs the trade Birmingham brought. Our home values prior were high and living places in Detroit were scarce. They have become a part of Birmingham and they are entitled to every reasonable improvement. But, perhaps most of all from a civic viewpoint, Birmingham should impress that section of our village as far no other reason than that we expect visitors to get a fair and good first impression of our village.

"The individual's part in keeping Birmingham looking its best was mentioned.

"Have we the proper pride in the appearance of our property in Birmingham? the speaker asked. Does behind your own store, when you go back from this luncheon and see whether you are taking care of your rubbish and refuse as you should walk up and down any of our streets and observe the piles of ashes and tin cans which are needless marks spoiling the natural beauty of Birmingham. Look over our streets and sidewalks and see whether they present a satisfactory appearance. Consider, if you will our water supply and sewage disposal system and figure how long they may be considered adequate for a growing village.

Rivalry Looms In Southfield Voting

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reelection; George Sears, of Big Beaver, and A. Ferguson of Clawson for justice; and Henry Eseman for treasurer. No candidate has been announced for the board of review.

Mr. Wattles is a native of Troy township. He was born there in 1895 and received his early education in the district schools. From there he went to Detroit and graduated from the Central high school. He was graduated from the Michigan State College with a bachelor of science degree in 1918. For the next several years he was engaged in agriculture in Troy and in 1924 was elected township clerk. He was elected supervisor in 1925 and remains in that office now.

Mr. Truesdell is well known in Troy Township, having lived there 45 years during which time he has occupied several important positions. He has been clerk for 8 years, treasurer 2 years and supervisor 2 years.

NEW CANDIDATES IN SOUTHFIELD RACE

John Ferguson Will Oppose Carl Tibbetts For Township Treasurer At Caucus.

One more candidate has been announced for township treasurer of Southfield, as excitement over the caucus at 2 p. m. next Saturday afternoon in the town hall is increasing. John Ferguson is the second man to announce his candidacy for the office, Carl N. Tibbetts, now justice, having announced his intention or running for the nomination last week. No other new candidates have been announced within the week.

Joseph Brooks, who for 23 years has served as supervisor of the township, will again run for office, with George Bingham opposing him.

Daniel Hughes is running for township highway commissioner and Howard Kennedy for the board of review. James B. Wood and William Rodenhouse will be candidates on the Republican ticket for township clerk. The three candidates for justice of the peace are Emily Smith, J. Clock and Albert Lincoln.

The proposition for a $30,000 appropriation for a new township hall will also be voted on. Voting will be divided into three precincts this year, instead of being all together, as heretofore.

Village Spends Over $200,000 On Improvement

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sitated the rebuilding of numerous crosswalks and the raising and lowering of existing sidewalks. The amount spent was $6,313.50, while the budget allowed only $500. The total includes $1,600 spent for the construction of temporary wooden walks.

The drainage system in Birmingham is inadequate, Mr. Starr believes. "A large part of the village is either not drained at all or else drained inadequately," he says. He expects an improvement during 1927, however, with the prospect of several large drains being considered by the county drain commissioner. New subdivisions, he says, are providing themselves with adequate sewerage.

Maintenance is High

Maintenance of the sanitary sewer system during 1926 cost $970.74, and of the sewage pumping station near Lincoln and Woodward avenues, $469.31. These figures are only slightly higher than those for 1925.

That construction of filter beds for sewage disposal will be declared necessary by the state during the year is the belief of Mr. Starr. This will increase the cost of the operation of the two Imhoff tanks now in use from the $688 of 1926 to approximately $5,000 annually.

Mr. Starr suggests that the whole sewage disposal be turned over to the county to be handled from the metropolitan standpoint, inasmuch as the present location of the tanks will not permit of extension beyond a capacity to serve 25,000. The drain commissioner is now making preliminary studies of the situation in respect to this district, and it appears probably plans will be adopted for a large plant far enough down the Rouge to serve not only Birmingham but a large drainage area including the Franklin district, he says.

The continuation of the present method of garbage collection by a private individual is recommended by Mr. Starr, who says that it is not usually considered economical for a community of less than 20,000 to attempt municipal disposal. A new dumping ground was secured northeast of the village for the rubbish of the village after the owner of the dump on Cranbrook closed it to further use.

Thieves Menace Baldwin Vault

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aided by George Hoyt, Oakland county finger prints expert, and Deputies Lee Stanley, and Thomas Wiley, could find no evidence which indicated it had been tampered with.

School and police authorities say the burglars secreted themselves in the gymnasium until the janitors closed the building and then kicked out a door of the running track, and crawled to a door which opened into the upper hall, the glass of which they broke.

The prowlers entered the business office, which is in direct connection with that of Mr. Vliet, by crawling through a transom and then unlocking the door with a key which they found in the office, police believe. They ransacked the desk of both Mr. Randall and of Miss Pearl Peterson, office clerk, taking $1 in change. From the lower office they went to the cafeteria, where a cash register is located, and to Principal Melvin C. Hart's office where they took $4 in cash and three athletic medals valued at about $2 each, police say. In the cafeteria and the principal's office admittance was gained by keys which the thieves found in Mr. Vliet's office.

"The marauders must have been youths," stated Chief Anderson. "Only a small person could get through the opening in the door." Deputy Hoyt, failed to obtain finger prints.

Quarton Victor Over Campbell In Review Race

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a vote of 154 to 6. The total vote was, Quarton, 477; Campbell, 472.

The defeat of Campbell came as the surprise of the election, many feeling that Mr. Quarton, who has not been in township politics to any great extent would not be able to defeat the well organized Campbell group.

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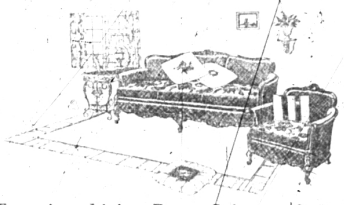

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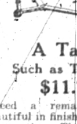

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