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**Warning Issued  
Against Thieves**

Be careful who you allow in your homes.

This warning was issued today by Police Chief James Anderson following the report of many housewives that a man posing at various times as a provider of gas, water and electric meters, has gained entrance to their homes and in some cases stolen valuables.

Mrs. David Thompson, 308 Henrietta street, reported to police a man who gained entrance to her home such a ruse, stole a watch from the basement valued at \$30.00.

Chief Anderson warns citizens to report inspectors to show their identification.

**KUNSKY IS READY  
FOR CONSTRUCTION**

Decides Against Action In Alleged Libelous Statements By W. C. T. U.

"The result of Birmingham's vote on the Sunday closing question, was, of course, agreeable to us, and yet it was not surprising," said a representative of the John H. Kunsky theatrical interests when interviewed by The Eccentric at the site of the new Birmingham theatre yesterday.

"We are deeply appreciative of the confidence that this overwhelming vote indicates. It shows that the people of Birmingham believe that the Kunsky organization will give to this village a theatre worthy of the community. I would like to take this occasion to pledge ourselves to fulfill that trust and live up to the confidence that has been placed in us by the voters of Birmingham."

When asked if the Kunsky organization would take any legal steps in regard to the supposedly libelous statements contained in the W. C. T. U. advertisement prior to the election, the theatre man replied:  
"I am sure that our legal advisors believe that those unfortunate statements are really libelous and libelous libelous. I can bear no malice or the slightest ill will against anyone who figured in the election. It is too bad that some persons forgot to read the advertisement."

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SECOND VICTIM**

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Her families include: Mrs. Lillian Schoppmaer who is to be held today at 2 p. m. from the Fay residence, and Mrs. M. W. Christian Science reader of Vinetta Park, officiating. The body was to be taken to Woodmere crematorium.

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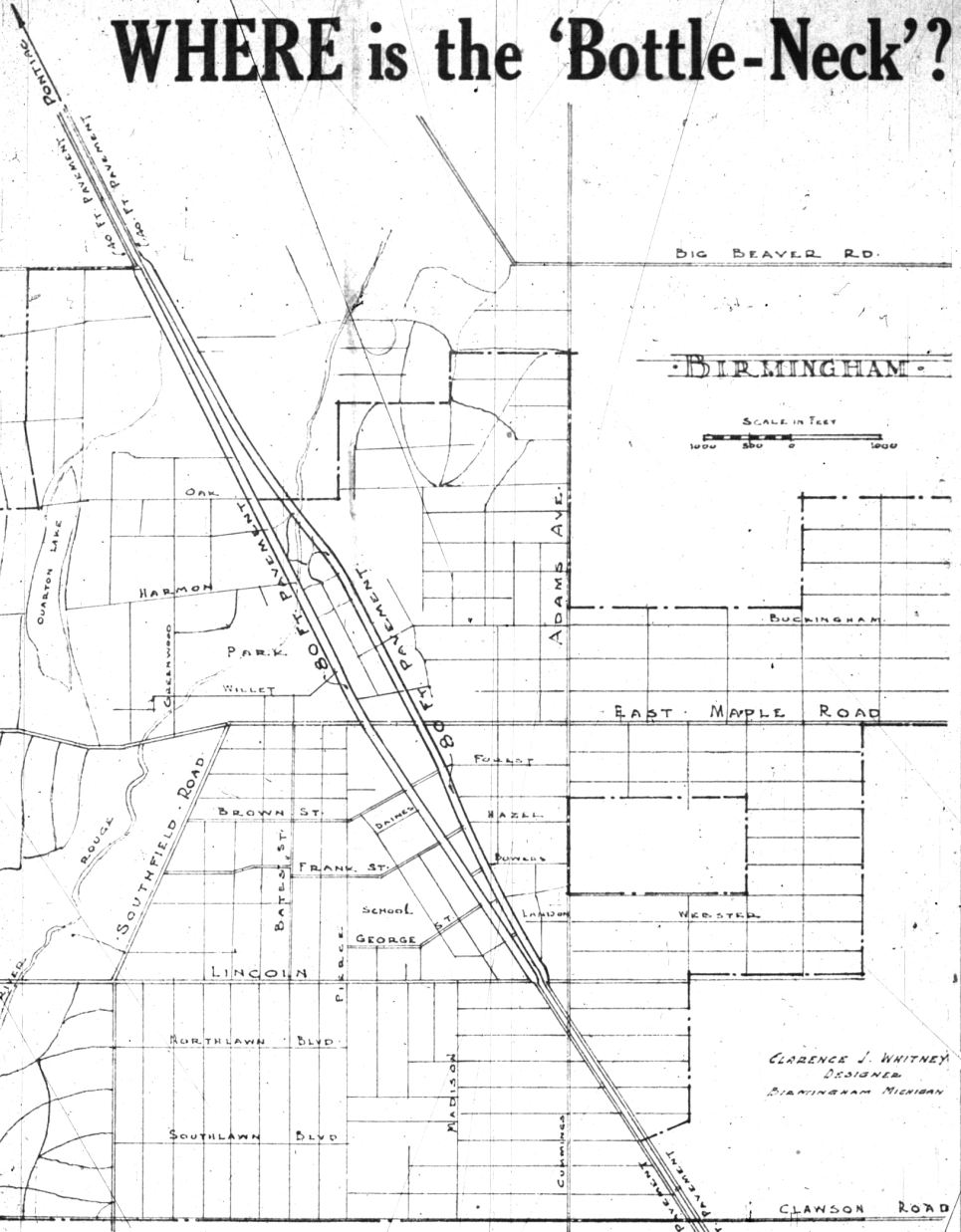
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**SCHOOLS TO CLOSE  
ALL DAY FRIDAY**

Teachers Will Attend County Institute In Pontiac

Birmingham schools will be closed all day Friday so that the teachers may attend the Oakland County Teachers' Institute at Pontiac. The institute, which will have two sessions, in the morning and the afternoon, is under the direction of E. J. Lederer, county school commissioner.

A decision of considerable interest to students will be made today at the Institute at Pontiac. The Oakland County School Men's Club at the Chamber of Commerce, the county's principal teachers' organization, will be guests, and will decide where and when the grade and high school terms should be held this year. The dates which are expected to be decided upon



**Where is the widely heralded Woodward avenue "bottle-neck"?**

The above map of Birmingham, showing the proposed 100-foot Woodward avenue with the promised parallel of the same width is in marked contradiction to the assertion that if the state does not put through a street wider than 100 feet there will be a "bottle-neck" in the village.

It is plainly shown in the map that the two 40-foot strips of pavement outside the village will lead into an 80-foot pavement on Woodward avenue when the 100-foot width is completed. It is also shown that the additional 80-foot pavement provided for in the state's resolution will further remove the mythical "bottle-neck."

After seeing this map, people of the village have asked themselves, "Just what do those who imply Birmingham would be a 'bottle-neck' for the Woodward avenue highway really mean?"

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**GARAGE WORKER  
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Harry Raymer Injured While Working On New Building

Harry Raymer, of Crooks road, is in Harper Hospital, Detroit, suffering from an injury received Saturday which may cost him the sight of his left eye. Mr. Raymer was driving a nail in the Bloomfield Township garage, where he was working when it flew and stuck in his eye.

Dr. Ralph Ferris, who attended him, diagnosed the trouble as a nail in the eye.

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**VLIET RE-NAMED  
SCHOOL HEAD**

Clarence M. Vliet was re-appointed superintendent of Birmingham Schools by the school board at its meeting Monday night. His appointment was for a period of three years.

Mr. Vliet has been superintendent in Birmingham for 12 years. His last appointment was made for a period of one year. He is also president of the Oakland County School Men's Club.

**HOUSES TO BE MOVED OR WRECKED**  
2 FRAME HOMES AND GARAGES TO BE MOVED OR WRECKED IN BIRMINGHAM ON SOUTH BATES AND MARTIN STREETS. HOUSES NOT MOVED WILL BE WRECKED AND MATERIAL SOLD CHEAP FOR SALE AT AUCTION ON GENERAL WRECKING CO. 925 EAST FOREST, DETROIT MELROSE 0443-Adv.47-48

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**SOUTHFIELD READY  
FOR APRIL VOTING**

Republicans, Democrats Prepare Tickets; Last Caucus Held

Southfield Township has its Republican and Democratic tickets ready today for the elections to be held Apr. 4. The Republicans nominated their candidates at the last caucus to be held in the Township last Saturday. After this the nominations will be at primaries.

Joseph Brooks defeated George Bigham in the primaries for the supervisor nomination. He will be opposed by Charles Bilkowsky.

The proposition of a \$30,000 new town hall also will come up at the April elections.

Others who will be voted upon are:

**NEW OFFICIALS  
TAKE OFFICE TONIGHT**

Ellerby, Coryell, McBride Will Become Active Next Week

TO CONFIRM ELECTION

Oath of office will be taken by H. T. Ellerby, village president elect and the two new commissioners named at Monday's election, Ralph J. Coryell and J. H. McBride, in the final meeting of the retiring commission tomorrow night at the village offices.

Returns of the election in which Ellerby defeated W. W. Henry in the presidential race to

**ELECTION EXTRA ISSUED  
IN JUST NINE MINUTES**

The election extra issued by The Eccentric after Monday's election was on the streets of Birmingham exactly nine minutes after the last ballot had been counted. As the count was reached the result was phoned into The Eccentric office. The complete paper was ready for the presses with the exception of the insertion of the last figure from Precinct No. 1. This is believed to be a time record for a weekly newspaper. Previous to this issue the extra issued from this office five had never been completed in less than a half hour after the last vote was counted. The papers were distributed free to every home in the village and many were mailed outside the village.

a vote of 1168 to 809 and Coryell and McBride defeated Hubert and Bell respectively will be confirmed by the retiring board.

The new commission will take office formally at the regular meeting next Monday night.

The extra four commissioners will be elected at a special election to be held within 60 days. Nominations will soon be in order.

Monday's election established a record in Birmingham. There were 2,122 votes cast. The largest number cast before Monday was at the zoning ordinance election in October when 2,082 votes were cast.

Mrs. Hazel Wheeler who was re-elected village clerk over William Bell received 137 votes of 130,677 621 also will take oath of office at the meeting Thursday night.

Voters Monday decided that the village charter would be revised to conform with the state law relative to the recall election. They opposed the change in the building code, however.

**REV. T. J. EDWARDS  
QUTS BAPTIST POST**

Board Accepts Resignation To Take Effect July 24; Plans Not Complete

Resignation of the Rev. T. J. Edwards, as pastor of the First Baptist Church in the hands of the church board today following his acceptance at a special meeting Tuesday night.

The resignation is to take effect July 24 at the completion of his fifth year as pastor of the church. No successor has yet been named.

According to board members the meeting was called Tuesday night to consider the resignation. The Rev. Edwards had read it to the congregation Sunday, however.

The Rev. Edwards has not announced his plans for the future.

**WATTLES VICTOR  
IN TROOP CAUCUS**

Present Supervisor Defeats Trustees' Township Race

Morris Wattles was re-nominated as supervisor of Troy Township over John Truesdell in the heated caucus in the history of the community Saturday afternoon at the township hall. There were 507 votes cast including the spoiled ballots. Wattles had 357 and Truesdell 150.

A large delegation of Wattles' supporters from Clawson turned the tide of the early voting for Truesdell.

The total vote cast betrays the fact that the township hall is the town ship hall and the ground around it. The many voters and others who were present.

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