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LIBRARY BOARD ASKS FOR INCREASE

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ment, the fire department, the health department and the library were to serve the enlarged population with efficiency yet were loath to pass the budget, and call for an increase in the tax rate without an expression from the public.

Mr. Howarth, in commenting upon the increase which the library asks, stated that the recognized ratio of books which should be in public libraries was one book for every 100 inhabitants. Birmingham fell short of this by about three thousand books because of lack of space in which to keep them, and lack of money with which to circulate and administer them.

Will Have Facilities

"When we move into our beautiful new library, no institution of which the village may feel justly proud, we shall have plenty of room for all the facilities for handling the needs of the community in an adequate manner, but it will take more money, not only for operating the new building but for new books which the library badly needs, for the extension work which we shall do and particularly for increased salaries and more library help to take care of the increased circulation which will inevitably come with the opening of the library. It is the income from taxes for library purposes for the year ending Dec. 31, 1927, will be about \$12,000, the amount accrued from a half-cent tax which is levied each year for library services. Last year's valuation was \$12,600,000. It is predicted that next year's valuation will be between fifteen and twenty millions which would give the library a normal increase in income of about \$3,000.

"This normal increase in the half-cent tax is not enough to continue running the library," declared Mr. Howarth. "In the past we have been able to carry on the work of the library for a very little money because our space was small and very inexpensive to keep up. The library board carried part of the duties of the librarian and the service which we were able to render was distinctly limited by our space. Library statistics show that the minimum expense for serving the public in an up-to-date manner is one dollar per capita, and library giving extension work to children and special assistance to business men, artisans, advanced students as Birmingham should do, spend much more than that."

To Extend Hours

According to the library board, the hours of the library will be extended as soon as the new building is opened, if the money is forthcoming for the increased expense. They also plan to materially extend the reference work and reach out into many more branches of usefulness, such as is done in

other communities of Birmingham class.

"We should have a tax limit of one mill instead of half a mill," said Mr. Howarth. "Birmingham has over 10,000 people and they are people who will appreciate the highest type of library service. In order to give them that service and to keep the new library stocked with books we must double our present income by tax limits of an high as 2-3-4 mills," he said.

WOMAN POSSIBLE BOARD CANDIDATE

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donor, the other petitioners today are for Walter E. Barton, 113 west Hurst street; Spaulding, 527 west Maple street; B. C. Stewart, 424 Park street; Guy W. Jensen, 208 Madison avenue; and David Bell, 416 Oakland avenue. The election for the four commissioners to complete the seven-man commission voted for Mar. 14 will be held May 1. Petitions must be filed by April 1.

Mrs. Halgren has not yet decided whether she will qualify for the office, she said. She is the retiring president of the Birmingham branch of the American Association of University Women, and is a member of the Michigan D. C. today attending the annual A. A. U. W. convention.

The Women's Civic League organization of Birmingham, primarily interested in affairs of government and politics, were the first to up-ask of a possible woman candidate, and they are supporting Mrs. Halgren. Her organization today are taking the other women's organizations in the village will also work for Mrs. Halgren if she qualifies.

Members of the Civic League said they felt that on a commission of seven, a woman would be valuable. "We do not want to snare the prerogatives of men," one member said, "but we do think that a woman's viewpoint is one of the local problems is essential."

Barton, has been a resident of Birmingham for more than 30 years. He is sales manager for the Great Motors line. He is president of the Eco City Civic association and has occupied that position since the organization was formed five years ago. He was active in civic work in Dayton, O., before coming to Birmingham, having been superintendent of playgrounds for three years. He was also identified with the reorganization of the city after the flood.

Hersey has said that he will qualify for the office. He has held in Birmingham for 10 years, where he has been a general contractor. He served as the village board of review last year.

Stewart is an engineer with the Detroit firm of Smith, Hineman and Gruller. He is a member of the Northeastern Civic association and was a member of the original city-village committee appointed by the village commission in January. He has lived in Birmingham for more than 10 years. About five years ago he returned from several years of engineering work in China.

Jensen was a candidate for village commissioner in the election Mar. 14. He is connected with the Public Packing company. He served on a commission in 1925. Jensen is a real estate dealer, with offices in Detroit.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in and County on the 28th day of March, A. D. 1927.

Present, Hon. Ross Flockwell, Judge of Probate.

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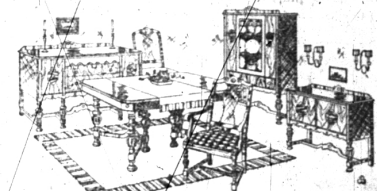
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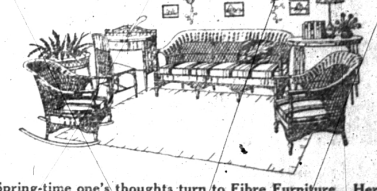
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