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THEATER OPENING DELAYED UNTIL MONDAY NIGHT

Stress Prosperity In Civic Talks

Prosperity and its relation to various civic enterprises was the topic stressed by the speakers last night at Baldwin High School auditorium when the second program of the week was held.

Hitting straight from the shoulder with a volley of logic that supported his statement "that there can be no prosperity without law and law enforcement," Norman C. Orr, of Big Beaver, assistant county prosecutor, made a plea for unceasing observance of law and order on the part of every loyal citizen.

Willis M. Brewer, county auditor, outlined the financial condition of the county and traced its development from a governmental standpoint during the last six years.

President H. T. Ellerby, general chairman of the Prosperity Week program, explained the aims of the week and urged the cooperation of Birmingham people toward making it the outstanding success he expects it to be.

Prosperity and Law

"Prosperity cannot exist without law and enforcement of law," said Mr. Orr. "To me prosperity means more than material things, the mere possession of money and wealth. To me, it seems, prosperity is that precious heritage of humankind that has made possible our schools, our churches, all of our cultural institutions. And in this scheme of prosperity there stands back of it all the law and the law enforcing agencies without which, as we all know, neither life nor property would be safe.

"You will remember, perhaps, not so long ago there took place in Boston, which claims to be the very flower of eastern culture and civilization, a strike of the Boston police force. Within 24 hours the mob was ruling Boston. It was unsafe for a woman to go out on the streets alone. Chaos practically reigned. Only because of the action of Calvin Coolidge, then governor of Massachusetts, when he called out the state militia and placed Boston under martial law, did life and property assume its constitutional freedom and safety. That shows how quickly prosperity may cease in a community.

"Today, in Mexico, in China, and in Russia, you may see what the lack of law and law enforcement agencies will plunge a nation into," went on Mr. Orr. "In these countries there is little prosperity, little chance to struggle above even a low plane of existence. So it behooves us in these United States to pledge ourselves anew to the qualities and rules of conduct so aptly set down by wise forefathers in our Constitution, and to safeguard it through a willingness to obey and respect laws so that posterity may inherit a legacy real prosperity."

Mr. Orr was preceded on the platform by Circuit Judge Frank L. Doty, former attorney for the village. Judge Doty made a brief talk, thanking the committee for the privilege of assisting Birmingham to carry on its Prosperity Week program. He declared he has a warm feeling for this community, where he has met and made so many good friends. He was introduced by Village President H. T. Ellerby, who said, "When the governor of our state decided to help out Oakland county at large by appointing him as the third circuit judge, he unconsciously took away from Birmingham a good attorney and a friend."

Traces County Growth

"In 1920, Oakland County had a population of 98,000," said Mr. Brewer. "Today the population is conservatively given at 300,000. Birmingham is keeping pace with this growth and reflects the pros-

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PLANS MADE FOR FIELD DAY

High School Students To Stage Annual Sport Contest

Barnum field is to be the scene of the annual Baldwin class day tomorrow afternoon when the entire student body of the high school, attired in old clothes, will take part in a program of field events after a parade from the high school to the field.

The four classes, freshman, sophomore, Junior and senior, will compete for honors and an individual award for the most novel costume will be given.

The popular "Hobo Day" brings a scene of many odd costumes and old cast-offs will be brought out from the attic for the afternoon.

The parade, which starts from the high schoolat 2 p. m. will progress east on Maple to Woodward, south on Woodward, to Frank and west to Barnum field. The parade a part in the class contest will be judged on general appearance, the number of class participants, and the float which each group is expected to provide.

The following program is planned:

Girls' 50 yard dash (two from each class); Boys' 100 yard dash (two from each class).

Freshmen Girls versus Sophomores; Junior girls versus Seniors in pushball. The two winners compete for championship.

Freshmen boys versus Sophomores; Junior boys versus Seniors in pushball. The winners meet in a third bout.

Boys' tug o' war: Freshmen vs. Sophomores; Juniors vs. Seniors.

Soccer: Junior girls vs. Seniors; Freshmen vs Sophomores.

Football: Senior boys vs. Juniors; Freshmen vs. Sophomores.

A class cheering contest will also be held.

POLICE WARN CHILDREN HERE

Youngsters In Window Contest Disregard Traffic They Say

Police today issue a warning to parents to instruct their children in the dangers of rushing across Woodward avenue in their eagerness to obtain the letters from stores in the spelling contest in connection with Prosperity Week. Many of the children, enthusiastic over the contest, rush into the streets without regard for traffic, they say.

The contest calls for the successful spelling of the words, "Kunsky-Birmingham Theater" and winners are to be awarded free tickets to one of the performances following the opening.

Stores during the week are giving with purchases admission tickets to the Swiss village and Model city exhibitions.

THE WEEK'S PROGRAM

Wednesday—Open Night.

Thursday Afternoon; Grade Schools open to visitors; Field events at Barnum Field; Demonstration classes for public at 7 p. m. in Adams and Baldwin schools; Musical program in Baldwin Auditorium.

Friday, 8 p. m.: Street parade; Merchants open stores to visitors.

Saturday Morning: Aerial Circus.

Sunday, 4 p. m.: Union Service, Baldwin Auditorium.

(Merchants are keeping their stores open evenings throughout the week)

MOTHERS HELP IN DRIVE FOR SAFE STREETS

Seek To Prevent Accidents To Village School Children

OFFER SUGGESTIONS

Renewed interest in the question of safety for school children is being exhibited today by parents throughout the Village, following the accident two weeks ago in which seven-year-old Marie Thompson was killed almost instantly. The definite safety campaign entered into last week by the village commission is meeting with approval throughout the village, officials say, and a cooperation with the parents is said to be forthcoming.

Suggestions for the improvement of the traffic situation in the village, particularly with regard to school children, have been made by a number of parents, and police and village officials declare themselves very much interested in hearing them.

Typical following interviews were obtained from a number of parents in the village:

Mrs. Raymond Thompson, mother of Marie Thompson, 212 Palmgtreet: "It seems to me that a more intense campaign along the lines now being followed will be the most effective method of curbing accidents. An even more severe enforcement of traffic laws, particularly of speeding laws, and more pressure brought to bear by parents in their home teaching, I believe, will help the situation. We cannot say too much to our children regarding the observance of traffic signals, and of general caution in crossing streets, nor can the police be too severe with viola-

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STREET SIGN WORK STARTS

Village To Erect New Markers On Paved, Unpaved Streets

TOTAL COST $1,500

Work was to start today on the erection of the new street signs, a dozen of which are expected to arrive this week, according to James W. Parry, village manager.

The new signs, made of aluminum alloyed, will first be placed at intersections of unpaved streets with paved streets, James W. Parry village manger, said. "We are working on the theory that, there being more traffic on paved streets, there will be more persons looking for cross streets signs.

The signs are aluminum color, lettered in black and erected on a spindle, both street signs being on the same spindle. The signs are double faced, and can be read from either direction. Only one sign will be placed at each corner. The work of replacing all the present signs in the village with the new kind is expected to take all winter, Mr. Parry said.

The cost of the new signs will be $1,500. The money for them was allotted by the village commission.

PAYMENT DUE ON LAND SALE

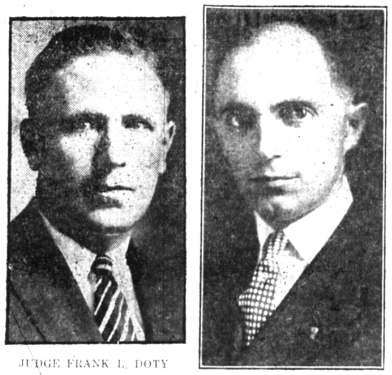
Village to Receive $125,000 From Briggs Company Today.

The Village of Birmingham will be richer by $125,000 cash tonight, following the closing-up today of the land sale of the property at the southeast corner of Woodward and Maple avenues, to the Briggs Commercial Development company, of Detroit. The deed for the land, which is occupied by the police station, fire department, and old library was signed yesterday by President H. T. Ellerby and Village Clerk Hazel E. Lawler, after it had been approved by Village Attorney Clare H. Ogden.

The sale was put through last June, one of the first of a large number of real estate sales which featured the business of Birmingham during the summer. The Briggs company stated at that time that an office building will eventually be built on the corner. Arrangements for the vacating of the present building by the police and fire departments will be discussed and completed today by President Ellerby and officials of the Briggs company.

LOST—Brindle Boston Bull White markings and chest. Reward. 717 Worth, corner of Madison. Bir. 1453. —adv.tf.

CIVIC NIGHT SPEAKERS



JUDGE FRANK L. DOTY

WILLIS M. BREWER

Judge Doty and Mr. Brewer were two of the speakers on the Civic Night program last night at the Baldwin High School auditorium.

LITERARY CLUB IS INTERESTED IN WEEK

Birmingham was one of the first small towns in Michigan to have a woman's club and the Ladies' Literary Society, organized in 1890 by Mrs. Augustus Marsh with less than 15 members, stood for progressive thought. Birmingham Prosperity Week, 37 years later finds a club of 122 members, still representative of the town's thoughtful and progressive women and according to their president, Mrs. W. H. Uptegraff, they are entering into this celebration enthusiastically.

"As our town has grown and prospered," said Mrs. Uptegraff, "the program of our club has broadened to express a greater variety of thought and bigger conception of public service. Many of our members are serving actively on committees for Prosperity Week, and I feel that the club as a whole is solidly behind it. I think we have cause to feel grateful for our continued good fortune and the promise that we see of a big future."

At the club meeting today Dr. Chester R. Emerson of Detroit will address the club with "A Day with the Poets" as his subject. It was pointed out that only a large club with metropolitan affiliations could secure such speakers as Dr. Emerson. This program, like others of general interest, is open to the public as the club contribution to community entertainment. It is not a pre-arranged part of Prosperity Week but will add to the attractions for the week.

FERNDALE MAN BURNED WHEN GAS IGNITES

Fumes From Lantern In Garage Cause Serious Explosion

STOP FLAME SPREAD

Ferndale, Nov. 15—Carl Schirmer, 19 years old, was badly burned about the hands and arms tonight while siphoning gasoline from the tank of his automobile. Chief George Smith of the fire department said the explosion which occurred was caused by a lighted lantern Schirmer was using in the closed garage, igniting the gasoline fumes pent up in the garage.

Schirmer went to the garage at the request of his wife, who wanted some gasoline to clean clothes. Schirmer lighted the lantern and while bending over the gasoline tank, the explosion occurred, setting fire to the garage. Schirmer ran out of the building and was taken to a doctor by Detective Harvey Conrad in the police flyer. Schirmer was later removed to his home. The doctor said the burns were of second degree.

The chemical and pumper responded to the alarm and succeeded in keeping the flames from spreading to two houses within a

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"JUST THINK OF IT! MY FIRST LOVE' A DAILY," SAYS MITCHELL

(Editor's Note: George H. Mitchell, of Brown street, who, with the late Almeron Whitehead, founded The Eccentric nearly 40 years ago, Monday received a big copy of The Eccentric's first daily newspaper, the first of six to be issued during Prosperity Week. He was so jubilant about the dailying of The Eccentric to publish a daily, and also about the appearance of the community in general, that we asked him to write a few lines for publication. His story follows):

By GEORGE H. MITCHELL

Just think of it! Birmingham village with a 12-page daily paper, full of home reading and home advertising and published daily at that. This will be kept up throughout this week, Prosperity Week, for the "Loveliest Village of the Plain" as it once was, but now more numerous in home, more lovely in appearance and growing in every way beyond the wildest fancy of its biggest dreamer.

Prosperity Week in Birmingham! Never before have the decorations now shown ever been anything like they are right now. Flags, bunting, streamers, marbelized columns with electric lights, store windows filled to overflowing with bargains and beautiful to gaze upon. Banners from the center of the village out both ways on Woodward and Maple are to the limit in color, numbers and beauty. And the new Theater, has the word "Birmingham" in the largest letters ever before attempted and they will be in an electric blaze when the opening arrives, which will be next Wednesday.

The upright word "Birmingham," doubled facing the North and the South about 50 feet in height, and say three feet wide is positively the biggest Birmingham ever read in the world. The next large word, "Birmingham," is horizontal on the front of the Theater building and when these two big word signs are illuminated we will be noticed by the whole world. And all this is only equalled in import, weight, and significance by its close follower, The Birmingham Eccentric, which is deeply awake for Birmingham, its growth, its success and its prosperity.

I can easily remember when The Eccentric was first published, a four page paper of four columns each page. Some paper! It was published weekly and at that time was a wonder,—with a big "W". That was close to 50 years ago, and Whitehead & Mitchell were very proud of their effort. What changes have come! We now have a daily proving the growth and expansion of Birmingham surely and without a doubt.

I feel that the act of The Eccentric cannot be equalled in old Oakland County. The universal popularity and growth of The Eccentric is just in keeping with the advancement of our village. Its popularity, its business interests and the great social expansion tells its own story. Long live The Eccentric and may we with The Eccentric just keep on growing and enlarging and advancing. And we will."

Mrs. Charles E. Buck, of Puritan road, entertained a few guests at luncheon yesterday at her home in honor of her sister, Mrs. Edward T. Betts, of Wilmington, Del., who is her house guest for a time.

PLAN START OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

School Children To Be Visited By Village Health Officer

PARENTS' O. K. ASKED

"Health conditions are very good in Birmingham just now as we have no epidemics or prevailing sicknesses," said Dr. A. W. Newitt, health officer. However, an examination of the school children in the first six grades will begin next week. This examination is to be given only to the children who have written statements from their parents giving permission.

The work will begin at the Adams School. The slips for the parents to sign will be distributed and the examinations are to be thorough and with the purpose of discovering the ill-health conditions such as heart lesions, beginning tuberculosis, defective tonsils and orthopedic defects that would not be discovered by the school nurse in her minor examinations, the doctor said. Notes on the cases are to be treated by the examining physician.

The conditions are to be suggested to the family so that children might be taken to the family doctor for correction. A record of the physical condition of the children will be kept so that the school nurse and the public health nurse may aid in the follow-up work.

After this year the children in only the first and sixth grades will be examined. Those in the first grade because they are new children and those in the sixth grade because by that time defects may have developed, Dr. Newitt explained.

TWO HURT AS AUTO TURTLES

Driver Makes Sharp Swerve To Avoid Hitting Boy On Bicycle

(Special to The Eccentric)

Ferndale, Nov. 15.—Swerving their auto to avoid striking a boy on a bicycle when a policeman shouted a warning to them, Ed Ten Mile road, two Ferndale men were injured as their car overturned twice.

They are Oscar Kerr, driver of the auto, chef in a Ferndale restaurant, and Chris Lainos, owner of Candyland, a confectionery store. The boy is John Mc-Cabe, 8 years old, 1027 Allen avenue, Ferndale. He was bruised and the men received cuts and possible internal injuries.

Oscar Measel, patrolman, was returning in the scout car to the Ferndale police station after answering a call when the automobile passed him. The child was coming in the opposite direction and when Measel realized the driver did not see the boy, he shouted a warning. Just as the car passed him it made a sharp turn swerve, overturning he said.

P.T.A.'S OF HILL PLAN PROGRAM

School to Hold Visiting Day Celebration Thursday Afternoon.

Members of the Hill Parent-Teacher association are planning an extensive feature for parents Thursday afternoon, between 3:30 and 5:30 p. m. It marks the Hill school's offering for Visiting Day during Prosperity Week here.

Mrs. Wynn Easterday, principal of the Hill school, will give an address on the history of the public school, pointing out its value in the contribution it has made to uplift society. Mrs. Alfred LaBelle, of LaBelle's bookstore, will talk on books and what they mean to the world. Her talk will fit in with National Book Week, which is being observed throughout the country this week.

Regular classes will be held during the afternoon, preceding the exercises, and parents and other visitors are asked to attend the affair, which will be in the form of a Parent-Teacher meeting.

AUTO STOLEN

(Special to The Eccentric)

Hazel Park, Nov. 15—Deputies stationed at the Nine Mile road and John R were searching for a small coupe which was stolen from the garage of Leon Griswold, at 69 George street east.

Schools Prepare For Program

Wednesday Night Is Open For Village Spectators

Materials Slow Up Progress Of New Theater

Tonight is open night on Birmingham's Prosperity Week's program, following announcement yesterday that the pre-opening of the new Kunsky-Birmingham theater is postponed until Monday.

The remainder of the program is unchanged and tomorrow night the schools of the village will stage an exhibition. Both the Adams Junior High and the Baldwin High School classes that regularly are held in the afternoon, will be held in the evening and the general public is invited to attend. A field day program is planned for Thursday afternoon at the Barnum field.

H. T. Ellerby, president of Birmingham and general chairman of the week, urged residents of the village to inspect the downtown stores and civic buildings that will be open tomorrow night to the general public.

The air circus, originally scheduled for Saturday afternoon, will be held Saturday morning. This will include stunt flying by Edward F. Schlee and William Brock, world flyers, and war maneuvers by a pursuit squadron from Selfridge field, consisting of 21 planes.

Birmingham pastors will hold a united service in the auditorium of the Baldwin High School today at 4 p. m. Sermons for the Sunday morning services will be relevant to prosperity from the Christian point of view.

The model city, exhibited in the Birmingham Savings Bank building and the Swiss village on east Maple avenue are attracting hundreds of spectators daily. Admission to these exhibits is by ticket obtained from merchants.

VILLAGE COMBED FOR CHILD

Birmingham was being scoured early today by Detroit and Birmingham police for George Follet, eight years old, who was kidnapped from Detroit early yesterday. A description furnished to Detroit police led them to Birmingham in search of the child who is said to be the victim of a feud.

Companions of the boy told Detroit detectives that he was whisked into a large touring car with drawn side curtains early yesterday while at play.

The body of the child is under the care of physicians.

Both parents denied knowledge of anything that would cause the kidnapping and are unable to give police a clue. The information that led the officers to Birmingham in the search was closely guarded by them.

LAND BRINGS HIGH PRICES

Two lots at the northeast corner of Elm and Haynes streets, which will have 134 feet of Woodward avenue frontage if Woodward avenue is widened to 204 feet, have been sold to four Pontiac men by the Charles Jones estate through Malcolm Hunt, is is reported today. The price is said to be $25,000.

Those Who Are Making It A Success

CHARLES J. SHAIN

Charles J. Shain is the nephew of Martha Baldwin, in whose honor the Baldwin High School, the Baldwin Public Library, Baldwin Park, and Baldwin avenue are named, and who stands enshrined in the hearts of all those who ever knew her. But if he were not her nephew, the name Charles J. Shain would still be just as well known as it is.

For "Charley" Shain has too much of the kind of enthusiasm and energy that characterized his Aunt Mattie to have remained unknown. The splendid spirit of civic welfare and the unusual ability as a leader which enabled Martha Baldwin to form a ladies' library association which eventually has built up the beautiful new Baldwin Public library, and to be a pioneer in the work of beautifying Birmingham has made Mr. Shain the proprietor of one of the largest businesses in Birmingham, the presidents of the Rotary club, director of the Oakland County chapter of the Red Cross, one-time president of the village, and one of the leading community workers.

His most recent "job," and certainly one of his most important ones, has been that of program chairman for Birmingham's Prosperity week. It is he who has directed the work which resulted in the splendid card outlined for these gala days. The air circus with its famous performers, the well known speakers, the theater opening; the parade, all these big items with their many details, have been worked out by Mr. Shain and his committee.

"We have tried to make the program well balanced and so planned as to give the people a common

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