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Detroit Interests Get Thurlby Property Downtown

Announcement is made today by the Birmingham office of the Wormer & Moore, realty firm of the sale of 60 feet of east Maple avenue frontage on the north side of the street between Woodward avenue and the Grand Trunk tracks. While the price was not revealed it is rumored that the property brought approximately $1,000 a front foot.

The land and the three stores on it is familiarly known as the Thurlby property. Detroit interests are understood to be the purchasers. The three stores are occupied by the Consumers Power company, Anderson Brothers and the Willard Service. It is understood that no improvement will be attempted until a later date but that the new owners intend eventually to enlarge the buildings.

Commenting on the sale, John E. MacKay, manager of the Birmingham office, declared real estate activity in Birmingham at the present time is as favorable as ever.

"Many outside intergests are coming into the village," he said, "and many people from Detroit are making their homes in Birmingham and vicinity.

"We have been extremely busy and just recently sold five homes, representing an aggregate of $75,000, to people from Detroit who will occupy them. They are in Birmingham and at Wing Lake."

NEW WATER WELL ORDERED

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of the choice so an option on the property may be obtained.

The new well will be a departure from the types now in use here. Filtering of the sand and gravel from the water is to be done by a new process, Mr. DaLee said.

In making the recommendation, Mr. Parry said he did not care to state all his reasons for his choice. When pressed for more information by President H. T. Ellerby he said he believed the wells now in use here would be more satisfactory than the kind ordered. He declined to comment further.

That Mr. DaLee was not given an opportunity to present his case to Mr. Parry was brought out by Mr. Ellerby in direct questioning. Mr. DaLee said he had talked briefly with Mr. Parry relative to the well but had not been given enough time to explain his case fully. Mr. Parry admitted this.

Wells of the type ordered are in use in Pontiac and other cities near here, Mr. DaLee said.

PUPILS, TEACHERS RETURN AFTER INSTITUTE

Students are back at school today, having returned yesterday after a four-day vacation, made possible by the teachers' institute in Detroit Monday and Tuesday. No classes were held Monday or Tuesday, to enable the teachers to attend the institute of the ninth district, of which Birmingham is a part.

A number of Birmingham teachers took part in the programs of the institute, which were held in the various hotels in Detroit instead of in the high schools as heretofore. Mrs. Nellie H. Williams, in charge of the child accounting system in Birmingham schools, was chairman of the group on compulsory education. Mrs. Isabel Foreman, principal of the Barnum School, was chairman of the group on elementary school principals, held at the same time.

In the modern language group, Miss Mable Stickle, head of the French department at the Baldwin High School, led the discussion on French in the high schools.

Most of the members of the Birmingham school teaching staffs attended the institute, and no students made the mistake of going to school on the two days, Clarence Vliet superintendent, said.

NEW TRAFFIC LIGHTS WORK

Birmingham today is equipped with three traffic lights on Woodward avenue, following the installation this week of operating machinery for the lights at Brown and Oakland avenues, on Woodward.

The new lights, which, officials believe, will facilitate the handling of traffic, will work in conjunction with the old light at Maple and Woodward avenues, and within a few days regulation will be perfected so that one can drive 22 miles an hour and not have to stop for a red light, Chief of Police James Anderson said. The new light which has been erected at Lincoln and Woodward avenues, will work only on Saturday and Sunday, during the especially heavy traffic, Chief Anderson said.

The lights are to be set at 60-40 second periods, 60 seconds for Woodward traffic and 40 seconds for cross-street traffic. The old light at Maple has been working on a 40-30 second plan; 40 for Woodward and 30 for Maple avenue traffic.

STREET OPENING PLANS DELAYED

New Meeting Looms On Proposal To Continue Merrill To Woodward

Action on the proposal to cut a street through to Woodward avenue from Pierce street between west Maple avenue and Brown street is postponed again today following the meeting Monday night of the village commission and property owners.

The village planning commission in a letter to the village board suggested that any alteration of their original suggestion to extend Merrill street would defeat the original purpose of someday opening Merrill street through the village park to west Maple avenue. "The purpose of the proposed street is to afford an outlet for the heavy traffic downtown," the letter said. The project of opening Merrill street would cost approximately $100,000, it is estimated.

Some of the property owners affected by the proposed improvement suggested a plan whereby Townsend street would be cut through.

Another meeting with those affected will be held at a future date, H. T. Ellerby, president of Birmingham said.

FINED AT TROY

Two men and a woman, arrested in Troy township by Deputy George Forsyth for stealing grapes from the Henry Pressel farm there, were fined $5 each in Judge William S. Walker's justice court in Troy last week. The persons arrested, Thormod Renhold, Thora Faria and Anthony Faria, are all of Detroit.

NEW ATHLETIC FIELD LOOMS

Expect High School Games Will Be Played On Pierce Field

Prospects of a new and better gridiron for the Baldwin High School by next fall loom large today with the placing of drains and grass seeding on the Pierce School field on Pierce street. The new field is being laid out on the five acre site behind the Pierce School, which was bought with the school site five years ago for $17,000. The property originally belonged to James Todd.

The condition of Barnuh Field is such that the school board felt it must either be repaired extensively or a new one laid out. The board felt that preparation of Pierce field would be less expensive and more satisfactory than repairing of the Barnum.

Pierce field is much larger than Barnum, and will permit of a running track and tennis courts besides the football field. The track, around the outside of the field, will be a quarter-mile in length. There is enough room for the construction of bleachers and these will be up for the games next year, according to plans.

Pierce School is also equipped with roomier and more numerous locker rooms, members of the board said, which would be much more convenient to the players themselves.

BUILDING TOTAL TOUCHES RECORD

October Is Second Highest Month Of Year, New Report Shows

Seven permits for residences and garages totaling $110,000, issued to J. E. Burris, contractor, feature the $216,670 total of building permits issued during October. The homes Mr. Burris is building range in price from $14,000 to $20,000, and are scattered throughout the village. The month's total is larger than that for September by $41,780, and is second in size during 1927 only to the March total of $304,750.

The Burris permits, issued during the past fortnight are for 722 Wimbleton drive, $17,000; 741 Wimbleton drive, $14,000; 736 Wimbleton drive, $14,000; 744 Abbey road, $14,000; 1,000 Oxford drive, $16,000; 901 Abbey road, $18,000; and 245 Puritan road, $20,000. Chissus brothers are building a $12,000 residence and garage on Dorchester road.

Allen F. McGirr is building two $8,000 residences, one at 603 Madison avenue and one at 707 Bates street. Other houses and garages are being built by E. E. Buckner, at 901 Dorchester road, for $8,000, and A. Hinton, on Bird avenue, for $7,000.

A permit for a barbecue stand at 149 south Woodward avenue, to be built by Dan C. Solheim for $250 is included among the other permits issued during the past two weeks. There are one other garage permits, one to M. E. Mahaffy for a garage at 320 south Woodward avenue, for $650; to J. A. Wendorf for a $300 garage at 810 Frank street; to Margaret A. Grant for a $500 one at 526 Stanley avenue; and to R. R. Winborn for a $750 one at 113 Dewey avenue. Elliott Ball is also putting a basement under the house at 139 Cole avenue, to cost $300.

MEN'S SOCIETY TO ORGANIZE

First Baptist Church Will Sponsor Community Brotherhood In Village

A dinner, program and the election of officers will feature the first organization meeting of the Baptist Community Brotherhood rally to be held Nov. 8 in the dining room of the church, according to announcement made today by the Rev. D. L. Woodward, pastor.

George Dawson, former Royal Oak pastor, will give the principal address, explaining the aims of the organization which will attempt to enroll 150 men of Birmingham. The group will not be confined to members of the Baptist Church, Mr. Woodward said, all men of Birmingham being eligible to membership.

According to preliminary plans there will be a meeting and dinner each month when well known speakers from many parts of the country will be featured on the program. Admission is by a nominal sum which merely covers the cost price of the dinner and a small share toward defraying the expenses of the speaker, it is planned.

The idea of the organization is to foster the Christian spirit and emphasize the spiritual side of man, according to Mr. Woodward. Good fellowship and brotherhood will also be stressed, he plans.

Music will be furnished for the opening program by the church choir.

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ELLERBY EXPLAINS CHANGE TO CITY

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State's attitude toward the completion of the Wider Woodward project, recognizing the possible chance that, if a City of over 5000 people, under the law, the State might refuse to carry out the project, recommended no change of government at that time. But during the past nine months the State Highway Department has definitely committed itself to a hundred foot highway on Woodward avenue and a one hundred foot trunk line on the present Grand Trunk right-of-way. Woodward avenue will be completed in the spring and the through highway as soon as the necessary changes can be made in the removal of the Grand Trunk Railroad.

Relative Costs

No definite conclusion was reached by the committee on this subject and while there is likely to be some increase in cost, it will unboubtedly be far more than offset by the savings to tax payers to be outlined under another paragraph. Birmingham already has its own fire and police department; a police court would of necessity have to be established and the present plan of justices of the peace abolished. Such a City judge must be a regular qualified attorney and such a court would be far more satisfactory than our present justice court plan and would probably through fees and fines, be self supporting.

The collection of the State, County, and school taxes, popularly known as the Winter tax, would mean an increased expense of about $3,000, not a large sum compared with the savings in other expenses.

Board of Supervisors

The County is governed by the County Board of Supervisors, made up of one supervisor from each Township, and supervisors from each City, the number from the Cities depending upon population of each individual City. Birmingham, only through Bloomfield Township, is represented on the County Board of Supervisors; yet, in the case of Bloomfield Township, which includes Birmingham, though we have an assessed valuation greater than that of four or five of the northern Townships, we only have one supervisor on the County Board against their combined four or five, resulting, you will admit, akin to something of a condition of "taxation with adequate representation." The proposed City of Birmingham with a population of 12,000 people, would have four representatives on the Oakland County Board of Supervisors. With such a representation, is it not likely that Birmingham's interests may better be cared for and protected than they can be at the present time with but our one supervisor, not only to represent the Village, but the Township as well?

Pontiac and Royal Oak have just completed a canvass to determine accurately their populations, in the hopes of getting even further representatives on the County Board of Supervisors. For which reason, at the October session, was allowed two additional members, bringing their total to 7. For the same reason Detroit is continually fighting for greater representation in the State Legislature, and even in the National Congress. To sum up, it is simple to see that the more representatives we have on the County Board of Supervisors the greater consideration our community will receive from the conduct of County government in the way of improvements and the appointment of jobs.

School District and School Taxes

This school district, outside of Birmingham, consists of a certain part of Troy, Southfield, Royal Oak, and Bloomfield Townships, and the geographical outline of the district will not be changed if Birmingham adopts the City form of government. The school tax will be apportioned; among those in the district in proportion to the assessed valuation of the district; keep that well in mind for only by the changes in assessed valuations of the City of Birmingham can the school tax be reduced.

Assessed Valuation

As Birmingham is now situated there are two tax rolls and two assessments; the Village, providing the basis for the Summer tax, and the Township, either Bloomfield or Troy, providing for the Winter tax.

Under the Charter of the Village of Birmingham, the maximum tax to be collected for general purposes is $15.00 for every $1,000 of assessed valuation; this year the rate was $13.00 and it would be a dangerous practice to run the rate much closer to the maximum of $15.00, thereby exhausting the possible tax resources of the village. Therefore, there has been a tendency in Birmingham to increase the assessed valuation in order to provide a sufficient annual income to take care of the needs of this rapidly growing community. Naturally, this increased valuation, out of proportion to other similar districts in the County, has resulted in an increase in our proportionate share of the school, Township, State, and County taxes. As a City, the tax rate may run as high as $20.00 for each $1,000 of assessed valuation. Therefore, in order to produce the same income for City purposes as is now required for Village general funds, it would be possible and practical to increase the rate and decrease the assessed valuations.

Several Items

To illustrate: in round figures our present assessed Village valuation is $20,000,000.00; our present maximum tax rate for the Village is $15.00, and would produce an income of $300,000.00. Under the City plan an assessed valuation of $15,000,000.00 will, at the $20.00 rate, produce the same income of $300,000.00. This saving of a $5,000,000.00 income on assessed valuation will, of itself, reduce our school, State and County tax by the rather astounding amount of twenty-five (25%) per cent. In this problem of decreasing our assessed valuation, you would deduct one-fourth (¼) from your Winter tax bill, so that a taxpayer in Bloomfield Township on December 10, with an assessed valuation of $10,000.00, would pay a winter tax of about $28.00, instead of $30.00.

As this is written, the Village Commission has under consideration the appointment of a year-around assessor, and his possible opportunity to work out a new plan of assessed valuation for the City of Birmingham seems to be unlimited in its benefit to the taxpayers compared with the cost of employing such a man.

There are several definite items of Township expense that appear on our present Winter tax bill that property owners of the City of Birmingham would not have to pay. In December they will amount to about twelve (12%) per cent, or $4.36 for each $1,000.00 of assessed valuation. This means that the taxpayers this year will pay to the Township of Bloomfield the sum of $64,889.00 for which they derive little, if any, benefit, and which they would not have to pay if this Village had become a City. While figures are not now available for Troy Township, a similar proportion would apply to that part of Birmingham east of Adams avenue. These figures are a definite, undisputable item and are independent of the saving through a change in assessed valuation.

The rapid and continued growth of Bloomfield Township puts an ever increasing burden upon Birmingham for which this Village gets no benefit. This figure is substantially higher this year than in 1926, and will be even higher in 1928.

This year the Bloomfield Township Board let three improvement contracts totalling $86,705.00, of which the Township at large paid $13,000.00 and the Village more than $4,000.00, an expense for which we received no benefits. A similar situation exists for that part of Birmingham east of Adams avenue, as the result of improvements made by Troy Township, and for which residents of the village within the Troy boundary are made to pay taxes.

In 1928 projects totalling more than $200,000.00 will be carried out in Bloomfield Township, and the Village of Birmingham will be asked and required to pay its share; some of these projects are to be spread for assessment in January of next year. These matters include the paving of Dodge Road, Lasher Road, a Pontiac drain in the northeast part of the Township, and they place an unnecessary burden on the village which could be avoided if Birmingham was a City.

Facts affecting this change are readily obtained for those who wish them, and it is to be hoped that the citizens of Birmingham will give the matter their careful consideration and study.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Oakland, ss.—

Suit pending before George B. Hartrick, a Circuit Court Commissioner, for Oakland County between Frederick J. Schmidt and Daniel L. Bentley, Plaintiffs and Harry Rinkenberger and Grace Rinkenberger, his wife, Defendants.

Summons having been issued in this cause and having been returned unserved, and it appearing by affidavit on file that the defendant's address is unknown.

It is Ordered, That said defendant appear at the court room of the undersigned, at my office in the City of Royal Oak, Oakland County, Michigan, at nine o'clock a. m., Eastern Standard Time, on the 15th day of November, 1927, to defend the complaint filed in this cause, or judgment will be entered by default; and that this order be served or published as required by statute.

This suit is brought to terminate the interest of the defendant in a certain land contract for the sale of premises described as:

Lots 13 and 14 in Block 5, Spring Lake Heights Annex Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof in the office of the Register of Deeds for said Oakland County, Michigan.

GEORGE B. HARTRICK,
Circuit Court Commissioner,
Oakland County.

Dated: October 11th, 1927. 27-28-29

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Oakland, ss.—

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This suit is brought to terminate the interest of the defendant in a certain land contract for the sale of premises described as:

Lot No. 86 of Harrington Woods Subdivision of part of the southeast quarter of section 33, Town 1 North, Range 11 East, according to the recorded plat thereof except the easterly 10 feet which has been deeded for public purposes.

GEORGE B. HARTRICK,
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Dated: October 18th, 1927. 28-29

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Lot No. 1 of Stephenson Super-Highway Subdivision of part of the northeast ¼ of Section 26, Town 1 North, Range 11 East, thereof as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Oakland County, Michigan.

GEORGE B. HARTRICK,
Circuit Court Commissioner,
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STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Oakland, ss.—

Suit pending before George B. Hartrick, a Circuit Court Commissioner, for Oakland County between Dr. Frank B. McMullen, Plaintiff and Edward E. Hagerty and Minnie A. Haggerty, Defendants.

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