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USE OF CIVIC LAND AS FIRE SITE FAVORED

Many Believe Commission Should Begin Fire Hall On Municipal Center

PLANS TO BE SHOWN

Plans for a combined fire hall, police station and village office, all in one building, will be submitted to the village commission Tuesday evening, at the regular meeting. Burrowes and Eurich, Detroit architects, who drew the plans for the new Baldwin Public library, which was voted for at the 1926 summer special election, are doing these plans. If the commission accepts the new plans, the building is to be placed on the civic center, it is understood.

The following interviews obtained from men and women interested in the project in Birmingham and in Pontiac, show a generally favorable opinion toward the civic center and the fire hall upon it:

John B. Howarth, secretary of the library board: "The new building, which is rapidly nearing completion, makes me all the more enthusiastic for the civic center. A group of beautiful buildings on this section will add immeasurably to the attractiveness of Birmingham. A beautiful fire hall building will be a great addition. I should place the combined fire hall, police hall and village office building, if the architects could make such a building beautiful both inside and out."

Mrs. Roland H. Mann, corresponding secretary, Community House Board: "I think the proposed civic center is the finest thing Birmingham has attempted. It will be useful, convenient, and beautiful. The new library is something to be proud of, and we are all anxiously awaiting the building of the fire hall, which the people voted for more than a year ago. The name 'civic center' connotes the idea that all the civic buildings will be there."

Frank W. Kane, chief of the Pontiac Fire Department: "The most important item in the building of a fire hall is its location. It should be centrally located, and I believe the best place Birmingham could put its fire hall. A beautiful fire hall will add greatly to the attraction of the center, which I believe will mean much to Birmingham's future. I think Woodward avenue would be a bad place for the fire hall. There is too much transient traffic. Your civic center is away from that heavy traffic and still very central."

Leigh Lynch, secretary of the school board: "The proposed civic center is a splendid plan, I believe. We need the new buildings, particularly, at present, the fire hall. The library is almost finished and gives a small idea of what an attractive place the center would be. If we put new attractive buildings in a group here, we will have a sight to be proud of. If the buildings are scattered all over town, they will lose their effectiveness. The center is in a perfect location for the buildings, too."

John Hanna, 122 Forest street, retired: "Here we have land for a civic center all bought, and now the argument is shall we have a civic center? The people voted for it last summer, voted for a fire hall on it. It seems to me that settles the question of what the people want. I am in favor of completing the civic center as early as we can. It will be a beautiful place, one to which we can justly point with pride. Let's have the fire hall built, and the other municipal buildings."

Mrs. Harvey Whalen, recording secretary, Community House Board: "Cleveland has had an experience similar to the one in Birmingham at present, with regard to its civic center. The people of Cleveland decided on a civic center. Then there was some argument, and gradually different buildings were placed in other places instead of on the center. Now Cleveland is sorry, and is trying again to get a civic center. I'm afraid that is what Birmingham's experience is going to end in. We have the library and we voted for the fire hall. The idea of the civic center was passed by vote with those two buildings already decided upon. I think we should build the fire hall right away on the civic center, because we do need it, and then the other municipal buildings as soon as we can."

Clifford Hamilton, City Manager, Pontiac: "I am glad to see Birmingham getting a civic center. It will be a great thing for the village, and I hope nothing hinders the people of Birmingham from realizing their hopes and plans."

George H. Mitchell, insurance salesman: "I have been living in Birmingham all my life, for 73 years, and the civic center is the greatest thing the village has ever attempted, it seems to me.

We voted for a library and fire hall last summer. The library is almost built, and we want that fire hall to be built right away. We need it, and, although it is to be a utilitarian building, I see no reason why it cannot be a beautiful building as well, one that will be a credit to the civic center. We have the property there to build

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THE H's HAVE IT

Birmingham's municipal destiny last Monday night was presided over by the four H's—meaning, of course, commissioners Henry, Holgren, Halbert, and Hersey. President Ellerby and commissioner McBride are away on vacations, while commissioner Coryell, who also acts as president pro tem, is recovering from an operation at Ford Hospital. Commissioner Henry presided over Monday night's meeting. Alphabetically speaking, an "H" of a good time was had by all.

COUZENS' BLDG. WAITS ACTION ON WEST MAPLE

Million Dollar Building At Standstill Pending Ultimate Street Width

PLANS ARE ALL READY

Action on the plans for the proposed eight-story Couzens office building, on west Maple avenue, is at a standstill today pending the outcome of the question of widening West Maple avenue.

"We have ordered our architect to stop work on the plans until we know what our building line will be," Frank Couzens, son of Senator James Couzens, who is planning to build the structure, said. Frank Couzens is secretary and assistant-treasurer of The Wabeek Realty corporation, of which Senator Couzens is president and which will occupy offices in the proposed new million-dollar build-

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The Wabeek Realty Corporation, of which Senator James Couzens is president and his son, Frank Couzens, is secretary and assistant-treasurer, is active today in its new quarters in the former Baptist parsonage, on Bates street. The corporation moved in Saturday. The house has been made over somewhat to provide convenient offices for the members of the corporation. Both Senator Couzens and his son are at the office daily, as well as the senator's secretary, Harry L. Morgan. These offices will be used by the corporation until the proposed new Couzens office building becomes an activity, according to present plans.

THE ECCENTRIC'S 1927 DIRECTORY BEING GIVEN OUT

Annual Compilation of Residents Of Entire Township Completed By This Newspaper

BOOK CONTAINS 176 PAGES

The Eccentric's annual directory of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills Village, and Bloomfield Township, production of which has been going on for the past four months, made its 1927 appearance early this week when copies were distributed in Birmingham. As much speed as possible, copies will be distributed over the entire Township of Bloomfield; about a week will be required to complete the task.

The new directory, containing the name, address, and occupation of nearly every resident of the Township over 18 years of age, comprises 172 pages and cover. The cover is of green stock in two colors, of printing red and black. The first section of the directory is given over to an up-to-date history of Birmingham, as well as the Birmingham portion of the compilation. Then follows a list of the

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IN WHICH MR. AND MRS. QUAIL AND EIGHT BABY QUAIL BECAME HAPPY

In these hastening days of progress, when the landscape in Birmingham and vicinity is undergoing the constant change effected by steam shovels, sewer excavators, as well as the occasional pick and shovel, people are often discommoded in their comfort and conveniences; but people, realizing that this inconvenience is but the necessary forerunner of a later condition of comfort, are quite willing to go through the ordeal.

True, when an improvement is to be made on some thoroughfare, some people look with dubious skepticism as the yawning steam shovel or sewer excavator gulps up the landscape; they are prone to lament the uprooting of the earth, and cry aloud when, perchance, the contractor's machinery knocks the bark off of a tree, or breaks a branch. People have come to realize, too, in this modern age of high-speed production, that contractors—bidding keenly and competatively for work—desire to complete each project as swiftly as possible. Some folks even believe that all contractors are hard-boiled and inhuman.

But this is the brief story of two contractors, doing work in Birmingham, who are human and humane enough to spend over a hundred dollars to save the home of a mother quail and eight little prospective babies.

Discover Nest

A few days ago a sewer on Oak street between Chesterfield and Fairfax avenues, the sewer excavator of the R. A. Mercier Co. was belching forth its food when one of the foreman discovered the quail nest. A change was made in the piling of the dirt being removed, and the immediate vicinity of quail's nest staked out so that it would not be walked over, or heaped high with sewer crock. During the replacing of the dirt, it was necessary to work at difficult angles, with the result that Mercier actually lost some money on

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ROTARY CLUB ADDRESSED BY H. PARK MAYOR

Clarence Gittins Tells Of "Friendship In Government"; Praises Village

MOVIES ARE SCREENED

Pleading for a closer co-operation and understanding between voters and their elected public officials, on the basis that such conduct creates for "friendship in government," Clarence Gittins, mayor of Highland Park, spoke before the Birmingham Rotary club here Monday noon. Mr. Gittins was the guest of Rotarian Elmer C. Huston, with whom he attended school years ago.

Moving Pictures

Moving pictures of Camp Platt, a boys' and girls' summer camp near Frankfort, Mich., were shown by Mr. Gittins as illustrations of the manner in which Highland Park's government weaves a close relationship to its citizens. This camp is conducted through taxable funds and last year afforded outings for 300 boys and girls of Highland Park who, without such a project, would have been unable to have a vacation.

Voters Indifferent

"Whenever I think of this business of conducting government in America I cannot help but ponder the general indifference of the electors toward their public officials," declared the speaker. "The morale of public officials, in the

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THREE BITTEN BY HOUND DOG

Two Boys And One Man Being Treated By Doctors; Dog Killed By Police

Three persons are being treated today for possible infection from the bite of a hound dog shot by the police Saturday afternoon on Lincoln avenue and Pierce street, and which was reported to have bitten several horses in Bloomfield Hills earlier in the day.

Those who were bitten by the animal, the body of which is now being examined in Ann Arbor for the presence of rabies, are Millard Plumstead, 8 years old, 314 west Lincoln avenue; Harry Larnett, Berkley, said to be a caddy, who was attacked by the dog in Bloomfield Hills village; and J. C. O'Bryant, about 42 years old, Fourteen Mile road and Woodward avenue, who followed the dog after being bitten and notified the police here, it is reported.

These people are not in danger, doctors report, as they are being inoculated with vaccine to avoid chance of hydrophobia. Mr. Bryant was was bitten several times across the hand, it is said, while the son of Charles Plumstead, village treasurer, has one tooth puncture below his knee, doctors say.

The dog was shot by Chief of Police James Anderson who says the owner of the animal, which was a hound, has not been located.

Roadster Takes Lonely Joyride

Coasting driverless down the hill on west Maple avenue the roadster belonging to William E. Hoy, of the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club was wrecked last Thursday night when it crashed into a tree.

Mr. Joy told the police he had parked his car at the curb across from the high school while he went into a house. A few minutes later he returned and found the car gone and reported it to the police as being stolen. The car was later discovered farther down the hill and a wrecker was called to remove it.

Detroiter Offers $550 Per Foot For Southfield Land

Offers for the purchase or lease of his land are being considered today by L. E. Aldrich, who owns property at Southfield and west Maple avenues on which his home and also his gasoline station stand.

Several people have attempted to get options on the land, Mr. Aldrich says, following the sale of the land now owned by Senator James Couzens. A Detroiter whose name is withheld made offers of $550 a foot for the property and also tried to lease it. Both offers were refused, Mr. Aldrich said.

The property has a frontage of 32 feet on Maple avenue, 236 feet on Southfield, and 131 on Martin street.

Mr. Aldrich states that he hesitates to sell or lease the property now as the future valuation increase will probably be tremendous, he says. However, he is willing to sell at $6500 a foot or lease for 99 years on the right terms, he asserted.

DEAN UPHOLDS MODERN YOUTH

Praises Cranbrook School As Help Against Material Worship Of Today

"Because the average youth's point of view toward religion is changed during his years in college, he is likely to jump to the conclusion that religion is all the 'bunk'." This is the opinion of Dean H. J. O'Malley, of the Episcopal Cathedral at Albuquerque, New Mexico, who was in Birmingham last Friday, visiting friends.

Dean O'Malley is all in favor of the rising generation, feeling, with many others, that the objectors are persons who have forgotten their own youth. "Higher education is bound to change set ideas about everything, religion included," he explained. "Many of the young folks find that their original conceptions of religion cannot withstand the more extensive learning, and so give religion up altogether. I think that when they are a little older they will go back to religion, with a broader understanding of it. You know a little philosophy turns from religion to science."

Dean O'Malley was particularly interested in the new school at Cranbrook, as well as the new church.

His work in the south is largely missionary work. There are missions for Indians and for some

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WOMAN INJURED WHEN CAR SKIDS

Mrs. W. H. Howells, Royal Oak, and Small Son Recovering From Accident

Mrs. William H. Howells, 213 east Fourth street, Royal Oak, is recovering today from minor injuries she sustained when the car driven by her husband turned into the ditch after skidding because of a flat tire Sunday at 4:50 p. m. on West Maple avenue, three miles from Birmingham.

W. L. Smith, 331 Chandler street, Detroit, brought Mrs. Howells to the police station where she received treatment from Dr. A. W. Newitt who said her injuries were bruises. With Mr. and Mrs. Howells, was their sons Alliston, 15 years old, who was also slightly bruised, it is reported, and Harold, 10 years old, who with his father escaped uninjured.

SURVEY GOING ON FOR WEST MAPLE

Manager Parry Will Present Preliminary Sketch Next Tuesday Night

Surveys on the costs of widening West Maple avenue, between Southfield and Woodward avenues, from its present width of 66 feet to 86 feet, are going on today under the direction of village manager James Parry. At least two weeks longer will be required to complete the maps, diagrams, estimates, etc., covering the project, although Parry said, today that he will submit a preliminary sketch to the commission next Tuesday night.

This project, brought up two weeks ago by Senator James Couzens, who desired to know how far back from the street to set his million dollar building line, is believed by members of the village commission to be one of the most serious confronting the community today. To date, the village commission has made no official statement that the widening will take place; they realize the congested

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SCHOOLS SET TO OPEN FALL TERM TUESDAY

September 6 Marks Opening Day For Enrollment and Distribution of Books

BOUNDARIES OUTLINED

With the faculty for the Birmingham schools complete and the free text books ready to be delivered to the various buildings, Birmingham schools stand ready for the opening of schools next Tuesday, Sept. 6. Parents of pupils new to the Birmingham system are to enroll their children Monday with the principals of the schools in their respective districts. All new students must be enrolled by the principal in accordance with the child accounting system.

A meeting of principals at the Baldwin High School Friday has been called by Superintendent Clarence Vliet, so that the free text books may be given out, and a general discussion be held.

New English Teacher

One more teacher, announced today, completes the faculty. Earle Correvont, of Detroit, will succeed Miss Clare Douglas as instructor in English in the Baldwin High School. Miss Douglas has resigned to be married. Mr. Correvont is a graduate of the Indiana State Normal College at Muncie, where he specialized in English and debating. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Detroit Northwestern High School.

School Boundaries

The boundaries of the various school remain as last year, although, because of the present conditions in the upper grades of the Barnum and Hill Schools, it is expected that some children living on or near Lincoln avenue may be shifted, Mr. Vliet explained. "The principals will shift the children Tuesday, if it becomes necessary. No more will be shifted than absolutely have to be in order to take care of the enrollment," he said.

The old boundary lines, to which the schools will keep as closely as

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BEVERLY HILLS CONTESTS TAXES

R. J. Cassel Seeks Return of Taxes Which He Paid City of Royal Oak

R. J. Cassel, a resident of Beverly Hills, Birmingham's southern boundary, today filed the first legal injection to the validity of the recent annexation of Beverly Hills to the city of Royal Oak when a writ from him reached the Royal Oak city commission Monday night. Cassel, who had paid $21 in taxes to Royal Oak, asked that it be returned to him because, as he said in his letter, "I am advised that Beverly Hills is not a part of Royal Oak."

Accompanying Cassel's letter was a notice from the Oakland County Circuit Court stating that a petition had been filed to restrain the annexation proceedings.

The notice and the letter are the first official word the commission has received regarding the Beverly Hills situation. The subdivision was taken into the city, along with several other subdivisions, last spring, and if Beverly residents claim that they knew nothing of the election until they saw a sign posted at the northerly limits of the city on Woodward avenue, indicating that the sub-

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POSTPONE OUTSIDE WATER CONTRACT

Village Commission Expected To Determine Golfhurst Subdivision Petition

Definite action on the making of a contract to furnish water for D. J. Healy's Golfhurst subdivision, located at the southwest corner of Clawson and Southfield roads, outside of Birmingham, is expected to take place at the village commission meeting next Tuesday night. This matter, under contemplation for several weeks, was favorably referred to the commission Monday night, but was tabled for another week because of the absence of president

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PLEADS NOT GUILTY, ASKS FOR TRIAL HERE

Trial of Louis Brown, 1222 Atkins street, Detroit, who pleaded not guilty to a charge of reckless driving before Malcolm Hunt, justice of the peace, will be held next Wednesday at 9 a. m.

Brown's arrest was made by Patrolman Edward Myers who reported that the man was traveling 33 miles an hour north on Woodward avenue in the southbound traffic lane, between Lincoln and Brown streets, Sunday. The Detroit man was reported to have denied this.

EXONERATED

PATROLMAN, WM. GREEN

A coroner's jury in Pontiac last Saturday completely exonerated motorcycle officer William Green, of Birmingham Police Department, for the fatal shooting of Edward Rentz, of Detroit, who resisted Green's attempts to arrest him on South Woodward avenue Thursday morning of last week. Rentz was shot in the right groin and died later in St. Joseph's Mercy hospital, Pontiac.

OPEN NEW BANK SEPTEMBER 10

Birmingham Savings Bank Elects Martindale To Board of Directors

At a meeting of the directors of the new Birmingham Savings Bank last Monday night, Lawrence W. Martindale, cashier, was elected to the board. Plans for the formal opening of the bank on Saturday, September 10, were also discussed at the meeting.

Prior to accepting the management of the Birmingham Savings Bank, Mr. Martindale was for seven years Auditor and credit manager of the Bank of Saginaw. His election to the board increases the number of directors to fourteen.

The other members of the board are all well known in Birmingham, the majority having been born here or in the immediate vicinity. They are: Judson Bradway, president; John C. Lawson, vice-president; Charles J. Shain, vice-president; Seymour D. Adams, Harry Allen, Luther D. Allen, Robert W. Oliver, Reilly J. Cornell, Fred V. Quarton, James W. Taylor, James Vernor, Jr., Harley D. Warner, and Albert W. Wasey.

The new bank will occupy a building on Woodward avenue south of Maple avenue. It will be unlike any other bank building in the state in both design and decoration. Work of remodeling is being pushed and the building will be ready for the opening on Saturday, September 10.

No Program Here Over Labor Day

Reports from the village office and police department today say that no event other than the closing of stores is expected for Labor Day. No programs have been announced for Monday by any local organizations, it is found. With the post office and banks, majority of stores plan to close. Drug stores will be open as usual and some other establishments will be open until noon.

Dancing every night except Sunday and Monday. Park Island, Lake Orion. Lowan's Orchestra. Adv.13tf

ALMON HUTTON, LOCAL RESIDENT, TELLS OF LAMP LIGHTING DAYS

Tramping from street lamp to street lamp, lighting and extinguishing them and covering 15 miles each day for a period of 13 years, was the task an old resident of Birmingham performed. The caring for the old oil street lamps was done by Almon Hutton, 67 years old, now living at 127 west Ruffner avenue and formerly on Brown street.

Mr. Hutton relates the duties he performed here during a period over 30 years ago, when Woodward avenue was a dirt road and board sidewalks were laid where cement ones are now. Electricity was not used then, he says, the street car coming a few years later.

Paid $12 Per Month

For $12 a month Mr. Hutton set out as early as five o'clock each evening during the winter months to make the rounds of the street lamps, lighting them, with matches generally although he was provided with a torch for that purpose, he relates. Shortly after midnight the trip through the territory which was bounded by Oak street, Southfield avenue, Georgia street and Adams avenue, then the extent of Birmingham, was made again, this time to extinguish the lights. Twice a week the lamps were cleaned, the wicks adjusted or replaced, and the tanks filled with kerosene oil.

The street lamps, he says, averaged about one each block, and gave very little light in comparison with the present day electric type. Some bother was furnished during his routine, Mr. Hutton says, by youths who chose the lamps as targets for missiles of all kinds, or played the lesser prank of blowing them out.

Besides the job as lamp-lighter, Mr. Hutton acted as janitor in the Old Hill School, he remembers.

Mr. Hutton was born in Franklin, but has been a resident in Birmingham for the greater part of his life. His wife, Mrs. Luella Hutton, lives with him.

For the past 23 years Mr. Hutton has been caretaker at Briarbank in Bloomfield Hills.

GREEN IS EXONERATED IN FATAL SHOOTING OF RENTZ

Coroner's Jury Finds Local Officer Was Performing Duty In Fight Last Thursday; Rentz Was Resisting Arrest

William Green, motorcycle patrolman here, stands exonerated of all blame in the killing of Edward Rentz, 24 years old, former garage mechanic at Keego Harbor, following the decision of the jury at the coroner's inquest in Pontiac last Saturday. Rentz was using the name of Edward Ross. The identification was made Saturday by Mrs. Barney Rentz, his mother, of 23827 Reynolds street, Detroit. The body was taken from Pontiac to Detroit for burial.

Green's statement at the inquest of the arrest, fight and fatal wounding of Rentz who was on parole from Ohio State reformatory where he had been held for robbery, was corroborated in part by seven witnesses and the report of Dr. Frank D. Gorman, who examined the body of Rentz at the St. Joseph's Mercy hospital, Pontiac, where he died. Dr. Gorman said the bullet entered the left side of Rentz's body at the fifth rib and after it was cut in his right groin, either by the bullet which pentrated at that point or the leg bone which was broken.

A telegram from T. C. Jenkins, superintendent at the reformatory, whose name was also on a Mansfield, Ohio, paper which revoked Rentz's parole, thrown away by the alleged drunken driver after Green took him, announced that the man had been imprisoned there for robbery and had been taken in Lorrain county, Ohio, for being intoxicated. He had been in the reformatory since Oct. 23, 1925, the telegram said, and was paroled on May 1, this year.

The name Donald T. Green found in a memorandum book, in Rentz's coat proved to be the name of a Detroit city employee, whose relatives told authorities that Green had had his coat stolen while working recently.

Driving While Drunk

Motorcycle officer Green told the jury and Coroner Earl Gordon that he pursued a small coupe last Thursday morning when Clyde Akarsis, of Highland Park firéman, stopped and talked at Humphrey and Woodward avenues, that a man going south appeared to be driving drunk as he had almost collided with Akarsis, driving a weaving course. Green related that he gave chase and overtook the man pointed out to him at the Thirteen Mile road fire, but he forced him to turn around and then took the wheel to drive back. In answer to repeated queries of whether he would be locked up or not, Green said that he told Rentz he would be, at this Rentz seized the gun from his holster and pressed it against his chest; grabbing the gun Green related he managed to turn it away but could not get possession of it, meantime he said Rentz was striking him about the head. The car out of control swayed back and forth across the pavement, the patrolman told, until Rentz, pushing his feet on the brakes and Rentz grabbing the steering wheel to save them from a collision with another car the door swung open and in some way, he said, they were thrown on the pavement. At this point while tussling hand to hand with Rentz still maintaining a grip on the gun he pulled the trigger, Green asserted.

Breaks Away

After the gun discharged, Rentz broke away, Green said, and ran towards the street car tracks, not thinking Rentz had been hit by the first shot, Green said that he pursued and after commanding the man to halt several times, shot again at his legs and the man dropped on the railroad track. With the assistance of persons who had gathered, Green said he carried the man who was unconscious to a commandeered car which bore Rentz to the hospital where he died in a short time.

Witnesses

Witnesses who told what they had seen of the fight are Emil O. Matz, 11228 Gratiot avenue, Detroit, Eric M. Croal, 241 Glendale avenue, Highland Park, Waldemar A. P. Johns, 58 Tooting Lane, Birmingham, Kenneth Norman, Thirteen Mile road, Mrs. Jessie Speer, 27 Clairmount avenue, Detroit, and C. E. Baxwell, Richmond, Mich. According to the statements of the witnesses no one saw the first shot fired but from the testimony and the reports, other witnesses only seeing the shooting after Rentz ran to the railroad track. Examination of Green's gun by Assistant Prosecutor Clarence Smith showed that two cartridges had been used.

The jury whose decision was accepted included L. J. Holser, Frank Miller, Albert Weston, James Derenberger, George Hess, and R. M. Bautel.

The coupe driven by Rentz was found by the police to belong to Dan Gallagher, 582 California avenue, Pontiac, who said it was stolen from him about two weeks ago.

Continue To Cut Weeds In Village

Manager Parry stated today that certain vacant property in the village that has not had the weeds cut will be subjected to the mower's scythe within the next few days. Due to the great amount of unoccupied area in some of the recently annexed portions of the village, it has been impossible to cover all of them to date. The cost of cutting weeds is later assessed against the property owners.

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH TO BE BUILT AT ONCE

Plans Under Way To Spend Between $150,000 and $200,000 For Edifice

BOUGHT 60 FEET MORE

A special building committee, headed by Leland Bunyan, of Oak street, is bending every effort today to consummate plans for the erection of a new edifice for the local First Baptist church, at a cost between $150,000 and $200,000. At a meeting of the entire congregation of the church, held in the present church building at

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Another proof of the increase in realty values here was manifested in the sale of 60 feet of property adjoining the First Baptist church on Willets street when the church paid Mr. Fullylove $18,000.00 for the land, bringing the church's frontage to 120 feet, with 180 feet on Bates street. Mr. Fullylove is reported to have bought the property eight months ago for $7,200.00, realizing $10,500.00 profit on the sale.

Bates and Willetts' streets, Tuesday evening of this week, the congregation went on record as favoring the purchase of 60 feet of land west of their present church property, the starting down at the present church, and the erection of a large, church building. According to Mr. Bunyan, work will start as soon as plans for the new edifice are completed, even though it results in the holding of church services in some

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SEELEY GETTING WOODWARD LANDS FOR WIDENING

Manager Parry Sees Start of 100-foot Paving Next Spring

70 FEET OF PAVEMENT

Beyond any question of doubt, in the minds of village manager James Parry and Thad Seeley, the latter in charge of securing Woodward avenue right of way through here, plans will be ready early next spring to complete Woodward avenue through Birmingham to a width of 100 feet. This includes 70 feet of pavement, an increase in the business section of four feet over the present width, and 15 feet of sidewalk on each side of the street.

Mr. Seeley stated yesterday that he has met with great success in acquiring frontage along both sides of Woodward avenue, between Lincoln avenue and Oak streets, the only real difficulty rising in the tearing down of the front of the local Ford Sales & Service Co. on the east side of south Woodward avenue.

"The State Highway Department has informed me that it is

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