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BIRMINGHAM PAVING JOBS CALLED O.K.

Intense Discussion Of Work Held At Commission Meeting

STUDY IS WELCOMED

Declaration that recent paving jobs in Birmingham are average or better, relation that the number of small holes in concrete here is no greater than in concrete pavements outside the village, and a conclusion that maintenance bonds under which contractors work are of little use to the village, were the high lights on an intense paving discussion at the commission meeting Monday night.

James Parry, village manager, told the commission that Brown street paving, about which there has been considerable agitation, is up to the average, although there are more than the usual number of small holes.

"Taxpayers should not get the idea that they were 'stung' on the Brown street paving," Mr. Parry said. "It is good pavement and the holes that have come into existence are not through the fault of the Taylor Construction company."

The matter was brought up for discussion by Commissioner W. W. Hertry who said he would send a sample of dirt taken from under the surface of Brown street to be tested.

Taylor Explains Issue

John B. Taylor of the Taylor Construction company, contractors on the job, said the gravel used in this work was taken from waysides pits and all passed inspection. He declared it is more expensive than the gravel from the Oxford pits which they find to be more satisfactory but which, at that time, was not available. He said he should be glad to co-operate with the village in a study of the situation and that his company would stand any expense they caused. He expressed confidence that there is nothing out of the ordinary in the paving and declared if the commission cared to make a study of the situation members would be in full agreement with him.

Repairs Are Routine

Commissioner Scott Hersey reported he found as many holes in the pavement on east Maple north of Woodward and other streets as there are on Brown. These jobs were done by outside contractors.

Whether it is better for the village to have a paving inspector on the job than to have an engineering department look after it is a question which may touch the time of the commission. The concensus of opinion appeared to be in favor of the latter method.

Mr. Parry said that the repairs of the holes on Brown street, where tar is being used, is merely a routine affair and that this treatment is considered better than any other.

"If the village has a maintenance bond on this work, why does the village have to stand for the repairs?" asked Commissioner Laurence Hall.

"You do not understand a maintenance bond," Mr. Taylor replied. "It does not mean 'to maintain'. It merely is a club over the head of the contractor as a guarantee that he will use the material specified in the contract."

ELLERBY TELLS METHOD OF PROBE PROCEDURE

"If an 'investigation' into any of the affairs of Birmingham's government is desired it may be obtained by following the method prescribed in the charter," said Village President H. T. Ellerby referring to several rumors of a probe here. "The charter provides that a member of the commission may start such an investigation or that one may be held at the request of 25 citizens of the village."

HILLS VILLAGE ELECTS OCT. 3

Four Candidates Seek To Succeed Themselves; Are Unopposed

Four candidates for re-election to public office in Bloomfield Hills Village will be on the ballots unopposed at the second election to be held Oct. 3 in the Barbour building at Woodward avenue and the Long Lake road.

They are, Luther D. Allen for president; Mathew B. Whittlesey and T. W. Talianferro for the commission. The terms are for two years. William M. Stpry is also a candidate to succeed himself as clerk.

Registration will be held next Saturday at the Barbour building. Voters may register between 10 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.

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Senator Couzens Sees Future For Birmingham

By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

SENATOR JAMES COUZENS

Opposes Reckless Street Widening

Senator James Couzens declared this week, when interviewed in his new offices on Bates street, that the Birmingham of the future will be similar to the better suburban towns outside of New York, Boston and Chicago. He sees continued growth for the village and a more pronounced self-consciousness.

Owning property in Birmingham valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars and intending, through the Wabeek corporation, to develop that property when the demand arises, the senator pointed to these recently acquired holdings as an indication of his faith in Birmingham.

"Nothing will be done on the proposed office and store building on west Maple avenue until the village commission arrives at a decision as to the width of the street," said the senator. He declared he is glad to abide by the decision but that no action will be taken until the ultimate width of the avenue is announced.

Senator Couzens' views on the proposed street widening project, which have been brought to the attention of Birmingham if desired, were expressed in his original letter as being opposed to the "reckless" widening of streets as it is being done in many other cities, declaring that a great deal of it is not necessary.

While I shall be pleased to give due consideration to the difficulty arising from the proposed widening of Maple road, I am not in favor of the reckless widening of streets as it is being done in many other cities, and I am not in favor of the widening of Maple road to the extent proposed by the Maple Road Association," the senator's letter reads.

"Undestand this, plea e," he said. "We do not propose to interfere with the governmental affairs of Birmingham. This is contrary to a mistaken idea in some places that gained impetus when my officers and those of the Wabeek corporation were brought here. While I shall be pleased to offer any assistance to the commission if desired, I am not in favor of the reckless widening of streets as it is being done in many other cities, and I am not in favor of the widening of Maple road to the extent proposed by the Maple Road Association," the senator's letter reads.

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BOND ISSUE IS SEEN FOR BLOOMFIELD

Need Of Fire Protection In Township Called Urgent

AGREEMENT IS REACHED

A bond for Bloomfield Township is pending today to defray expenses for the construction of a proposed fire station in Bloomfield Hills Village, which township officials declare is a necessity since Birmingham's announcement that fire protection will be cut off in October.

While plans for the issue are not completed, a verbal agreement has been reached between Robert Y. Moore Bloomfield supervisor, and the commission of the Hills village for proportionment of the cost. Bloomfield Hills village has promised to obtain fire apparatus and to man the department if the township at large will construct the fire station on property it now owns at Woodward avenue and the Long Lake road.

Funds Would Be Returned

While no exact official estimate of the cost of construction has been made, other than figures approximately $26,000.00, it is

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PUBLIC TO JUDGE 'STORM' MOVIE AT FRANKLIN

The general public is to be given a chance Saturday night to decide whether the motion picture termed "immoral" by Leo Hooper, former Franklin preacher who smashed a machine during its showing last June actually merits the charge.

Members of the church who were responsible for the original showing, which was designed to raise funds for uniforms for the church baseball team, are working today on plans to show the picture "Let It Rain" featuring Douglas McLean, outdoors Saturday at 8 p. m., with no charge to the public.

Bert D. Wood, advisor of the church organization for young men, who with officials of the Paramount Motion Picture corporation, is sponsoring the showing next Saturday, explained the plan.

"We feel that charges made at the showing in June were not merited. Both the company which was responsible for the making of the picture and those of us who sponsored its

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PROPERTY VALUE IS ESTIMATED

Commission To Be Given Figures On Costs In Maple Avenue Widening

Values of property on Maple avenue between Adams and Southfield roads are expected to be presented to the commission next Monday night as the first data on the proposed street widening project, Manager James W. Parry told the commission Monday night at the regular meeting.

It estimated that the work on the plans would take a considerable length of time to complete because of the amount of study it entailed. Partly completed maps on the project were displayed at the meeting Monday but the commission devoted little time to the discussion.

COMMUNITY HOUSE CALENDAR

Thursday, Sept. 22. Business Girls' luncheon, 12 noon. Boys' Golf luncheon, 4 p. m.

Friday, Sept. 23. Open.

Saturday, Sept. 24. Boys' club room, 10 a. m; 12; 1 p. m. on.

Sunday, Sept. 25. Church school, 11 a. m.

Monday, Sept. 26. Open.

Tuesday, Sept. 27. Open.

Wednesday, Sept. 28. Girl Reserves, 4 p. m.

Y. M. C. A. PLANS ANNUAL DRIVE

Shain To Lead Campaign In Fall For $6,000 Fund

Charles J. Shain, local druggist, will direct the annual Y. M. C. A. campaign for funds this fall, with the $6,000 as the quota, it was decided at a meeting of the directors of the Y here last Thursday evening. The campaign, which will have the active support of about 60 local citizens, will be completed during the last week of October. In former years the campaign was staged during February.

Attended by 15 directors, and presided over by John B. Howarth, president, the directors spent two hours Thursday evening reviewing the past year's activities, and outlining several plans for the coming winter. Robert D. Lynd, secretary, reported an especially good year, and reviewed the work accomplished for the youth of this community as well as for southern Oakland County.

"A total of 135 boys were taken care of at the Y. M. C. A. camps," said Mr. Lynd, " 25 of whom live in Birmingham. Clubs and business men assisted 72 boys to go to camp, who otherwise would not have been given such an opportunity. Ten boys were also sent to the State Hi-Y Older Boys' Conference at Lansing. Thirty-seven teams were represented in six base ball leagues, and each team played 15 games on schedule, one each week, while most teams also played field or ten games outside of schedule. This effort did much for the development of boys, and was superintended with the cooperation of Birmingham's summer recreational leader, A. L. Vanwinkle."

Clarence Vliet was appointed to serve on a county committee for the eastern Michigan annual Older Boys' Hi-Y Conference to be held the first three days after Thanksgiving at Pontiac. A similar Conference will be held at Kalamazoo for other boys in the state. Mr. Lynd pointed out that plans will be developed to house at least 100 of the visiting boys in Birmingham and nearby homes.

The total budget for the southern Oakland County "Y" is set at $11,000, which includes provision for the appointment of another secretary to take care of the Royal Oak territory, Farmington, Royal Oak, and Birmingham are the three largest communities included in the "Y" work under Mr. Lynd's supervision.

Another meeting of the local directors will be held early next month to elect the board for the ensuing year.

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2,200 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SCHOOLS

Enrollment in the Birmingham schools has passed the 2,200 mark today, and pupils are still registering in all the schools, according to Superintendent Clarence Vliet. An increase of more than 70 is seen in the Baldwin registration, and the other schools show comparative increases.

Placing of students in the various schools is complete today, a few changes from the Barrium and the Hill schools to the Pierce school having been necessary to take care of the particularly crowded classes. The principal of the schools have been in charge of the changes.

This year's teaching staff in the Birmingham schools, including only one ever employed here, Mr. Vliet announces. There are 93 persons on the staff, as compared with 86 last year.

COUNSEL POST OPEN; DOTY TAKES OFFICE

Ceremonies Mark Former Village Attorney's Taking Bench

APPOINTMENT IS SEEN

Office of the village attorney remains unfilled today following the resignation of Judge Frank L. Doty which was tendered at the commission meeting Monday night. Judge Doty, attorney for Birmingham for five years, resigned after his appointment as third circuit judge for Oakland county was made by Gov. Fred W. Green.

While no applications have been received by the commission for the post, it is expected that some attorney who is living in Birmingham will be given the appointment, members of the commission say.

A letter was forwarded to Judge Doty this week by the commission offering congratulations upon the appointment and expressing appreciation for his work.

Ceremonies marked the formal installation of Judge Doty to office Tuesday morning in the new court room in the county building at Oakland County Court House in Pontiac.

The room was decorated with many floral pieces from friends of the newly appointed judge and several speeches were given.

Judge Glenn C. Gillespie administered the oath of office and Judge Frank L. Covert made a congratulatory talk welcoming Judge Doty to the bench.

In behalf of the Oakland County Bar Association, Frank L. Lynch, president, presented the judge with a solid ivory gavel which was the gift of members of the association and personal friends outside the profession.

Judge Doty responded in a short talk, thanking his friends for the faith they have placed with him and declaring he realized the responsibilities of the office and would live up to them.

George A. Cram, his former business partner, presented the first case before the judge. It was a foreclosure of a mortgage. In the first criminal case, the judge sentenced a Negro to 90 days in jail for violating the prohibition law.

TAYLORS GIVEN PONTIAC WORK

Birmingham Company Plans Start Monday Of Large Paving Job

Work will begin Monday on the paving of Montcalm street, in Pontiac which is to cost more than $100,000 by the Taylor Construction company, first Birmingham building. The street is to receive 40-foot wide pavement for a distance of one and one-eighth miles, from Baldwin to Perry avenue, and runs past the Pontiac Six Manufacturing plant. The work is to be completed by Dec. 1.

The contract for $104,974.09 was let to the Taylor company by the Oakland County road commission Monday night. Taylor's bid was selected from a field of four. The others were Barrium and Lynd, $111,902.31; Schafer-Thompson company, $122,765.58; and R. D. Baker company, $115,734.41.

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NEW THEATER PRAISED AT DEDICATION

Speakers Laud Institution As Cultural Medium For Village

COMPLETION IS RUSHED

Claiming the new Kunsky-Birmingham motion picture theater is an important step in the development of Birmingham speakers at the dedication ceremonies held at the new building Woodward avenue south of Maple, Saturday were profuse in their welcome to the project on behalf of Birmingham.

The cornerstone was laid by Mrs. Milton R. Schatz, representative of the board of directors of the Birmingham Community House, following the dedication talks made by two members of the village administration, H. T. Ellerby and Mrs. Hope F. Halgren, the president of the Rotary club and former village president, Charles J. Shain, and a representative of the Kunsky organization of Detroit, H. M. Richey.

Stores in the theater building are completed and many of them already occupied and the theater itself is planned to begin operation late in the fall.

"Motion pictures are rapidly becoming an important cultural influence in almost every community

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MOVIES TO BE SHOWN OF THE DEDICATION

Birmingham residents who attended the cornerstone laying ceremonies of the new Kunsky-Birmingham theater Saturday will have an opportunity to see themselves "in the movies" at the Capitol Theater in Detroit during the week beginning Sunday. Several general views, and many close-ups will be presented at that time.

ALLEY PROJECT RECEIVES O. K.

Date Set For Hearing Of Objections To Proposal

Objections to the cutting of an alley 18 feet wide through in the block bounded by Woodward avenue, Brown and Pierce streets and west Maple avenue will be heard at the commission meeting Oct. 3, according to plans made Monday night when the first resolution on the project was passed by the commission.

The total cost of the project is estimated at $16,500 by Manager James W. Parry. Five-sixths of this is to be paid for by property owners in the section. The remaining sixth will be paid by the village.

The resolution passed by a vote of five of the six commissioners present, Commissioner J. H. McBride did not vote, explained that his property on Woodward avenue is directly affected by the proposal and that he did not want to voice his opinion as a commissioner. Petitions were not circulated for the proposed improvement because the charter provides that a vote of the commission is adequate to put through the proposition.

Zest was added to the discussion when John Hanna, owner of property to be affected by the improvement, asked Mr. McBride whether he was not interested in the project.

"How many property owners are interested in this?" asked Mr. Hanna.

"Quite a few," replied Mr. McBride. "The new Birmingham Savings Bank is interested."

"How about Mr. McBride?" Mr. Hanna asked.

"I am interested, certainly," he replied. But I have kept out of all discussions relative to the project because I wanted to eliminate criticism."

He also said that the state fire marshall has declared the lack of an alley is a fire hazard.

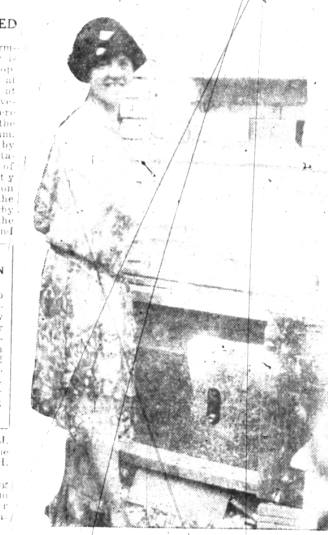
Commissioner W. W. Henry was delegated to talk with property owners in the business block, one of the one under consideration to determine whether they favored an alley being cut through their property also.

'WHERE THERE'S SMOKE,' SAID NAPOLEON

"All smoke and no fire" tells the story of an alarm answered by the Birmingham Fire department Saturday night on east Ruffner street. The department, with equipment to combat intense flames, arrived upon the scene of the fire to find only smoke.

Investigation revealed that residents of the house had moved out Saturday morning, and lighted some rubbish in the furnace. They neglected to examine the furnace, and went away leaving the damper closed, which caused the smoke. The house belongs to the Pontiac & Troy Land company. No damage was done to it.

LOCAL WOMAN PLACES KEYSTONE



Mrs. Milton R. Schatz, of Lincoln avenue, placed the keystone in the new Kunsky-Birmingham Theater building at the ceremonies Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Schatz is a member of the board of directors of the Birmingham Community House.

Youngest Booth Registered For School In 1941

Henry Scripps Booth's Son, Is Youngest Potential Cranbrook Student

By STODDARD WHITE

With the opening of the Cranbrook School for Boys last Monday, many registrations for future years were received, from boys in the primary grades to those who will enter in 1928. The most striking of these, however was that of David Gagnier Booth, who was born last Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Booth. David is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Booth, the donors of the school. The following day after his birth, David was registered for admission in 1941.

The next day a cousin, Mary Louise Beresford, also a grandchild of the donors, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Beresford. Although not entitled to admission to the school, a large American flag was presented in her behalf, and was flown for the first time Monday.

Many Flowers Given

Many beautiful presents of flowers were given to the school.

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BUILDING PLANS CHANGES MADE

Village Offices Temporarily To Be Placed Only On First Floor Of Proposed Structure

Plans to place all municipal offices for the time being on the first floor of the proposed new municipal building, planned for the civic center, were discussed at a meeting Tuesday between architects and members of the village commission.

A substantial cut from the proposed expenditure of $165,000 may be made from completing only the first floor and basement of the structure, President H. T. Ellerby said. The only part of the second floor that will be completed is the dormitory for members of the fire department, it is planned.

Further conferences between the architects and village officials will be held in the future.

NEW PAVEMENT ON CROOKS ROAD OPEN

The mile of newly laid concrete on Crooks road between Troy and Long Lake roads is open to travel today. The pavement is finished north as far as the Auburn road, Bartling & Dull having done the work. They expect to finish four and one-half miles more this fall. R. D. Baker company of Royal Oak is paving Crooks road south of Long Lake road to Royal Oak. About one-half mile of this concrete is laid.

STATE MOVES IN RIGHT OF WAY

Deal Completed For Part Of Conant Building On Woodward

One of the big steps by the state of Michigan in obtaining right of way for the proposed 100 foot Woodward avenue pavement is announced today with the completion of negotiations for 17 feet of the property occupied by the F. W. Gumont Ford Sales & Service at 318 south Woodward avenue.

The state is to construct a second story to the building which will cover 51 feet over all.

Other negotiations for the right of way have been started so the actual widening and paving can start next summer.

CHANGE ASKED IN TAX LEVY

Plan To Use Cubic Content System Of Assessment In Township

Probability that the taxes of Bloomfield Township will be collected on the basis of a new form of assessment similar to that used in Detroit and Ypsilanti hovers today with the announcement by Robert Y. Moore, supervisor, that a corps of men will start work Jan. 1 measuring buildings for cubic contents.

The new method would arrive at the valuation of the buildings by a more exact process than that employed at present, Mr. Moore said. It is also probable that Birmingham village will consider the adopting of this method for taxation in the future, it is indicated.

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TRUMP IS INJURED WHEN HIT BY CAR

Ravine Road Resident Struck In Attempt To Cross Street; Hurts Are Not Serious

Hal G. Trump, 206 Ravine road, is recovering today from injuries received Saturday morning when he was struck by an automobile on west Maple avenue as he left the curb in an attempt to cross the street. The machine was driven by Mrs. C. Bird of Chesterfield avenue. Police have not placed blame for the accident.

Mr. Trump, who was at one time a candidate for the village commission, was taken to the police station after the crash where his injuries were found not to be serious. He later was treated in a physician's office for cuts and bruises and was able to return to his home.

SCHOOL HEADS OF 3 COUNTIES TO MEET HERE

200 Superintendents Expected At Conference In Baldwin High

PROGRAM IS PREPARED

More than 200 school superintendents, educational board members and school principals, are expected to attend the third annual conference of the state department of public instruction and division of university inspection of high schools Thursday, Oct. 13, in the Baldwin High School auditorium. This will be the first time the conference has been held in Birmingham. The representatives will come from some 50 villages and smaller cities in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties.

The program will take place from 11 until 12 a. m. and from 1 until 5 p. m. It includes talks on "What Should a Board of Education Expect From a Superintendent?" by J. B. Edmonson; "What We Look for When We Visit Your School?" by M. A. Kopka, state assistant superintendent of high schools; "The Care of the Handicapped Child in Smaller Schools," by Dr. Berry; "The School Code," by L. Lloyd Goodrich, deputy superintendent of public instruction; "Vocational Work of the Small School," by E. E. Gallup; "Athletic Activities in the Small High School," by R. W. Thompson, state director of interschool athletics.

Attendants at the conference will be given a chance for personal talk with each of the speakers, and any questions which they would have answered may be sent by letter before the conference, and will be taken care of then. Classes at Baldwin will not be interfered with by the conference, Superintendent Clarence Vliet said.

ARSON IS SEEN IN TWO FIRES

Township Landmark Razed In Afternoon Blaze; Second House Saved

Arson is seen today in two house fires following outbreak Birmingham Tuesday afternoon.

Origin of the fire that destroyed an old Bloomfield Township landmark, the Cooper Trowbridge farm house on Woodward avenue in Bloomfield Hills Village remains a mystery.

Firemen had just returned from this blaze when they were called to a deserted house on the Kensington road north of the Morton road. A pile of Excelsior on the second floor had been ignited but no damage done. The Maple land Land Company owns the house.

Aided by a strong wind from the north, the flames soon gained headway and when the Birmingham fire department arrived, were beyond control. No effort was made to extinguish the blaze, the firemen spending their time in confining the flames to the house.

The residence had been deserted for a long time and no estimate of the damage has been given. It was planned to be torn down by the owners, the Judson Bradway real estate firm of Detroit.

The house was built in 1875 by Harrison Benedict who lived there until his death. His wife sold it in 1902 to Miss Susan Trowbridge who now lives on Oakland avenue in Birmingham. She with two brothers occupied the 11 room house until 1915 at the time the brothers died and she moved here.

BAN ON WATER IS SUSPENDED

No Longer Necessary To Boil Water, Health Officer Reports

The water ban in southern Birmingham which has been in effect for months is definitely lifted today, following the report from tests taken which show the water is free from surface contamination.

A statement issued by Dr. A. W. Newitt, health officer follows:

"The most recent tests of the water in south Birmingham show that it is no longer necessary to boil water to be used for drinking purposes. Chlorination may be done at intervals during the next few weeks. This will be merely an added precautionary measure."

PONTIAC MAN INJURED

Charles Weller, 240 State street, Pontiac, received serious injuries late last night when struck by an automobile on Woodward avenue north of Birmingham. He was taken to the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, in Pontiac.

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