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## Widening Is Called 'Maple' Property Owners To Discuss Project With Commission Tomorrow Night In High School; Reports Given

An informal meeting of all property owners to be affected by the proposed widening of Maple avenue, between South and Adams streets, was called for 8 p. m. tomorrow in the Baldwin High school. The meeting was decided upon by the village commission following the report at the meeting Monday night by Village Manager James W. Parry.

The meeting tomorrow night is planned to bring out suggestions from property owners so the commission will have more definite data on which to base its decision on the general attitude toward the project, it is explained.

Costs Reported  
Mr. Parry reported his findings to the commission Monday relative to the cost of the project as taken from three different angles. To widen Maple avenue 10 feet on both sides would cost \$220,400, or \$22,040 per foot. To widen the south side would cost \$348,100 and 20 feet taken from the north side would cost \$216,700.

These figures refer to the property condemnation and do not include the cost of the actual paving of the wider street which would come at a later date. The building line is set today at 44 feet. This is an addition of 20 feet over the limits of the former line.

The 20 foot wide strip would cut off both vestibules of the Baldwin High School, Mr. Parry said, while widening to 10 feet would not touch the building.

Action should be taken at an early date was the opinion of H. T. Ellerby, village president, because the present state of indecision is definitely holding up building operations.

Only Land Values Cited  
Mr. Parry pointed out that the project contemplates only the establishment of a new building line and does not include the tearing down of existing buildings. There would be no razing of buildings, therefore, he said, hence valuations include only land values.

Names of four persons serving on the appraisal committee for the project are withheld by the village manager until the work is complete.

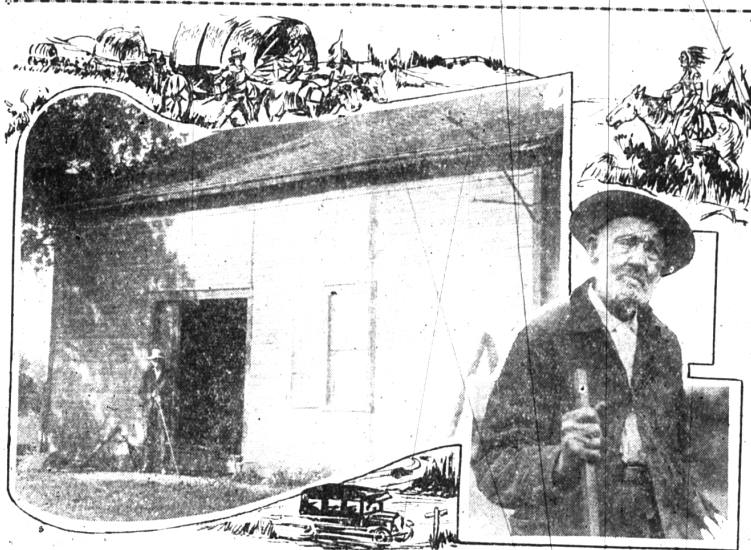
Estimate of the total valuation of the land affected is \$3,778,256. The assessed valuation of the land affected is \$1,448,000. Tentative estimates of values in the neighborhood as reported to Mr. Parry follow on the basis of foot frontage: Woodward and Maple, \$2,000; Between Piere and Woodward, \$1,500; Piere and Bates east a half block, \$750; Between Bates and Chester, \$500.

## AUTO ACCIDENT PROVES FATAL

Inquest Ordered Into Death Of Youth Struck Near Here  
An inquest will be held at the Court House on Saturday afternoon at 9 a. m. by Coroner O. W. Weller, in the death of Harold W. Weller, 240 State street, Pontiac, who was struck by the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital from injuries received when he was struck by an automobile on Woodward avenue north of Birmingham. Weller did not regain consciousness before he died.

The driver of the automobile, Dolph Taylor, 245 Pilgrim road, Birmingham, told Assistant Prosecutor Charles Wilson that Weller started in front of his machine and was struck before he could stop the auto. His story was verified by witnesses of the accident.

## Unfolding of Years Reveals Myriad of Great Events



Edwin Dunning, one of Oakland County's oldest residents, and his workshop which has stood on the Dodge road for more than 100 years.

By YAMOND GIRARDIN  
If you think that life is a dull routine to a man 92 years of age, a free, a charming-going age turns into a jazz age, superhighways were made out of Indian trails, and even teams supplanted by trains, autos, airplanes.

Edwin Dunning, 92 years old, has spent 40 years of his life in the manufacturing and governmental center of Oakland County. He has a reputation as a shrewd business man, a hard worker, one whom the neighbors went for advice in times of trouble and indecision.

Mr. White will serve until the 30th of October. He has been in Flint 40 years ago, and virtually all of his life has been spent in Michigan. He became a resident of Detroit 21 years ago, completing his high school education at Old Central in 1906, in the fall of that year he entered the University of Michigan, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1910 and master of arts in 1911.

## SCHOOL BOARD HOSTS TONIGHT

Annual Reception To Teachers To Be Held At Baldwin High  
Plans for the annual reception and dinner to be given tonight by the school board to the teachers are complete today. A reception at 6:30 p. m. will be followed by dinner and program at 7 in the Baldwin High school cafeteria.

## SMILING JOSEPH FINDS PLACE TO REST FOR NEXT 60 DAYS

The elements allied with a determined hand took Tuesday night with the result that today, Joseph Scott, 23 years old, a young man with a very dark complexion and a very southern accent, starts a 60 day term in the Oakland County jail.

## STUDENT AUTO BAN IS SEEN

School Board Discusses Action Against 'Reckless' Drivers  
Following the meeting of President Clarence Cook Little of the University of Michigan, the Birmingham School board may place a ban on student automobiles within the near future, indications were at the meeting of the Board Monday night.

## BANK MAKES PRIZE AWARDS

Birmingham Savings Announces Winners of Two Student Contests  
An announcement is made today by the Birmingham Savings Bank of the prize awards in the two contests staged for students in the Baldwin High School.

## WHITE REPLACES CORYELL

Brookside Drive Man Elected To Place Of Retiring Commissioner  
Lee A. White, 510 Brookside drive, today is a member of the village commission in place of Mr. Coryell.

## WORK FINISHED ON BROWNELL ST.

Paving In Village Is Concluded For Season; Lincoln Bridge Cement Poured  
Paving on Birmingham streets for this year is completed with the completion today of Brownell street between Maple and Forest avenues. The street will be open to traffic as soon as cylinder tests show the cement has set.

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## TROY RECALLS VOTE PRECINCT

Third Voting Precinct For Troy Township, formerly located on South Woodward avenue in Birmingham, has been discontinued according to announcement made today by Morris Wattle, supervisor of the move.

## MOORE AUTHORIZED TO OBTAIN COST ESTIMATES FOR TOWNSHIP

Robert Y. Moore, Bloomfield Township supervisor today is authorized by the township board to obtain estimates on the cost of a new fire station for the township, following several discussions on the matter.

## INCORRECT ADDRESS GIVEN IN AUTO AD

The address of the Tracy & Cotton sales rooms is erroneously given on a full page advertisement on page 3, part 3. The correct address is Woodward avenue at Ruffin street.

## BURGLARS ACTIVE

Police today rely upon fingerprints to establish the identity of the burglars who robbed the home of A. E. Fuhrman, 1112 West Line avenue, late last night in the absence of the family. A hot gun of small value was the chief item in the loot of the prowler.

## ALLEY PROJECT IS UP MONDAY

Members of the village commission today are planning on a large attendance at the meeting Monday night when objections and suggestions relative to the proposed plan for cutting an alley through the block bounded by Maple, Woodward, Brown and Olive streets.

## Elerby Proposes Prosperity Week

Issues Call To Merchants For Meeting To Discuss Project; Would Include All Institutions  
Birmingham merchants today received a letter from Village President H. T. Ellerby, calling a meeting at the Walden High School at 8 p. m. next Wednesday to discuss plans for a "Prosperity Week" which is believed will be the biggest event of its kind in the history of the village.

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## TERM ENDS IN SPRING

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## AGED WOMAN 'DEATH VICTIM'

Mrs. Anna Gordon, Former Franklin Resident, Dies In Hospital  
Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. yesterday from the Community United Presbyterian Church, Pontiac, for Mrs. Anna E. Gordon, 75 Oakland County pioneer, who died Sunday at the Pontiac City Hospital.

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BALDWIN AVENUE, 190 feet, C. D. Bennett, 315 Ford Bldg., Detroit. C. D. Bennett, 315 Ford Bldg., Detroit.

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LOGS OF WOODWARD HARMON. 190 cent, better than any other.