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FIRE STATION DECISION UP FOR TONIGHT

Special Commission Meeting Called To Consider Architect's Plans

DRAWINGS RECEIVED

Decision on a definite location for the new, proposed fire station and decision on the architect's plans for a combined municipal building for the civic center site is pending a special meeting of the village commission at 8 p. m. today.

The meeting was called by President H. T. Ellerby Tuesday night when it was found there was inadequate time for discussion then because of other business.

Extensive plans for the combined building, accompanied by sketches, were presented to commissioners Tuesday by Frank Eurich, Detroit architect of the firm, Burroughs & Eurich, who was commissioned to draw up plans and specifications. They provide for a building to cost $195,000 and to house the police and fire departments and all municipal offices.

Entrance on Martin Street

The structure would be two stories high. Two wings would house the police and fire departments respectively while the municipal offices would occupy the center of the building.

The main entrance to the municipal offices would be on Martin street. The wing for the fire department would be on the Pierce street side while the police department wing would be opposite. There would be side entrances into both of these departments and also they would lead into a large corridor which would connect all departments in the building. Doors would lead from the police and fire department into a driveway on Merrill street.

Plans provide that the fire department unit of the building could be erected before the remainder of the building if the need arises. Mr. Eurich said, however, that this would be a more expensive procedure. Each wing of the building could be shut off with heavy walls and doors and, if the need were apparent, at a future date, the part planned for the fire department could be converted aback into offices with little trouble, Mr. Eurich declared.

Recreation Rooms Planned

In the wing for the fire department, there would be on the ground floor, the chief's offices and recration rooms for the men. The first floor would be given over to space for storing the fire trucks and a repair room. Above this would be the sleeping quarters for the members of the department. A large tower, for drying hose, would extend well above the second floor. This later could be converted into a vault, Mr. Eurich said.

The wing for the police department would contain, in addition to the usual police offices, a room for a justice court, and, on the ground floor, a cell block as well as recreational facilities for members of the force. A room that could be used as an election headquarters also is provided.

Ample storage space is supplied throughout the building for both the police and fire departments.

The entire building would occupy 160 feet frontage. The wings would be 40x36 feet. Fire Chief William G. Olsen declared this would not be large enough for the trucks that would be needed in Birmingham if the community continues to develop, however.

Planned For Future

The municipal quarters will contain, aside from the offices now used by the village, a president's office and a council chamber. Provision is made to house the health department and room is supplied for other departments that may be needed later.

In explaining the plans, Mr. Eurich said he had drawn them to take care of the Birmingham of the future and that the building is so designed that it may be converted into one harmonious whole when different departments of the village expand to such an extent that they will need buildings of their own.

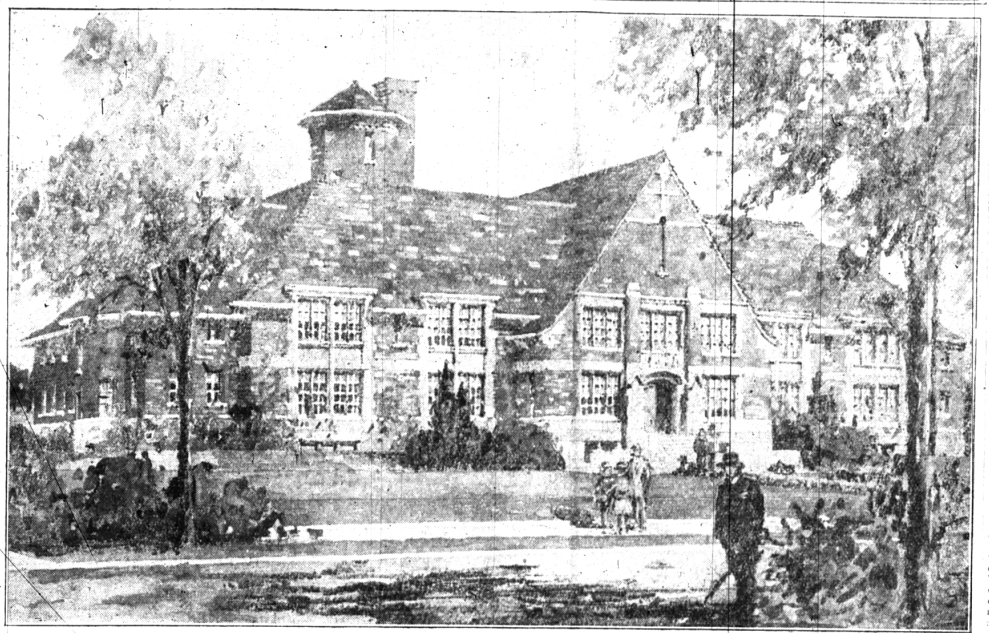
WORK NEAR END ON OAK STREET

Completion of the paving of Oak street is nearly the last part of this week by J. B. Taylor of the Taylor Construction company, contractors doing the work. The cement will have to stand for 21 days after it is laid before the street will be opened to traffic, he said.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION IS MARKED BY QUIET

Birmingham observed Labor Day, Monday, quietly. Banks, stores and public offices were closed but no parades nor other demonstrations were held. Despite the fact that traffic in Birmingham was heavier than ever before, according to police, there was but one accident. An unusually small number of arrests was made and Birmingham was the height of orderliness for the three days.

Proposed Combined Municipal Building for Birmingham Civic Center



Drawing by Burroughs & Eurich, Detroit

DAY PROWLER ENTERS HOME

Negro Frightened From Hills Home Before He Completes Plunder

A lone negro prowler who forced his way into the residence of C. C. Walton, on the Lone Pine road, Tuesday afternoon was frightened away by Mrs. T. H. Holliday, mother of Mrs. Walton, before he had a chance to enter the private rooms of the family where a quantity of personal jewelry was stored.

While several of the rooms in the guest's quarters had been thoroughly ransacked, nothing has so far been missed by the family.

Mrs. Holliday who is 68 years old, was alone in the home at the time, the other members of the family and all the servants being away for the afternoon. She heard someone walking in the guests's quarters but did not investigate, believing it was Mr. Walton who returned home.

When the walking continued for about 10 minutes she started up the stairs to the second floor. There is a double stairway in the residence and as she was ascending she saw the colored man on the stairway opposite to the one she was using. When he found he had been discovered he bolted without saying anything or making an effort to subdue the outcrys of Mrs. Holliday.

Police, hurriedly summoned to the neighborhood, found no trace of the prowler. It is unknown whether he escaped on foot or in an automobile. Finger prints, taken from the ledge of the window through which he entered, after removing the casing, are expected by officers to lead to his arrest, however.

DETROITER HURT AS AUTO CRASHES

Only One Accident Here Over Week-end; Traffic Records Smashed

One man was injured and three companions escaped without hurts when the car in which they were riding at 9 p. m. Monday sideswiped a telephone pole at west Maple and Baldwin avenues.

John Doberzki, 4360 Second boulevard, Detroit, received cuts and bruises. He was treated at police headquarters and released. Those riding with him were Frank and Philip Kowcuch, 2506 Marston street, and Tony Koss, 1118 Geneva avenue, all Detroit. None of the men was injured but the car was badly smashed.

Traffic through Birmingham was heavier over the week-end than at any time in the history of the village, according to police reports. Chief James Anderson estimated that more than 150 automobiles were passing through Birmingham every five minutes at each direction at Woodward and Maple avenues.

No tie-ups were encountered, however, and only the one accident was reported.

Village Youths Scorn Fate Crossing Superior In Canoe

Bronzed from days under the warm sun of Lake Superior, which they partially circled in a 16 foot canoe, and smiling at the experiences which daily had them face to face with death, two Birmingham youths today are able to tell a story scrolled with thrills that rivals the most exciting of adventure tales.

The principals in the exploit, which resulted in the accomplishment of a feat which "old timers" in upper Michigan and Ontario declare has never been done before, unless it was by some unknown Indians, are Edwin Coryell, 20 years old, west Maple road, and Warren Bray, 23 years old, 530 Pierce street.

After several hours spent during previous summers in discussing the possibility of the trip, while they were on fishing outings at Whitefish Bay, and after several disheartening reports as to the impossibility of accomplishing the cruise successfully, the boys decided to snap their fingers at fate and risk the adventure. Plans were made during the early spring. This entailed the close pursual of maps, marine charts, the study of the intricacies of compasses and some little time spent in explaining to rather anxious parents that the trip really did not offer the hazards people said it did; that one might consider it somewhat in the same vein as a ride in the canal at Belle Isle, for they would always remain close to the shore.

A Grim Warning

Then came the big day. It was on Aug. 1 that the two youths left Birmingham. They motored to Sault Ste. Marie where their canoe awaited them. But at the custom dock they received their first set-back.

"A custom officer, who had been in the service for many years, asked us what all the luggage was for," Coryell narrated. "When we told him what our plans were he looked puzzled. Then he became worried and told us the thing was impossible. He said we never could make it because of the rocky coast which was so dangerous. He warned us that no one had done it before and suggested that it would be healthier if we spent our vacation fishing within hailing distance of a coast guard station."

What followed is easily guessed. Both boys realized that here was someone familiar with the country. He was an "old timer" well schooled in the ways Superior had of sending boats onto her rocky shores when a sharp wind ruffled her temper. From his years near the lake he had developed an admiration for her, an admiration with which was mingled a great degree of fear, like one easily

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CHASE ENDS IN MAN'S ARREST

Two Autos Startle Saturday's Crowds After Accident

A wild chase through Birmingham participated in by two automobiles racing at the rate of 50 miles an hour in Saturday night's heavy traffic will culminate in circuit court this month when a Detroit man appears to face a charge of leaving the scene of an accident.

He is Lewis Lypkowych, 4141 Clifford street, Detroit and policy charge that his machine struck John Sparks, 461 Bagley street, Pontiac, who was standing on Woodward avenue in front of the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. They say that instead of stopping he fled south.

Harry Shuley, 363 Nelson street, Pontiac, pressed the cars that struck Sparks, as far as Bloomfield Center but saw that he was being outdistanced. He notified Bloomfield Hills police who took up the pursuit. Later they were joined by Deputies Clarence Carson and Angus Dahlman of the sheriff's office who overtook Lypkowych at Woodward avenue and the Thirteen Mile road. He was lodged at police headquarters here.

Sparks is said not to have been seriously injured.

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KUNSKY OPENING PROGRAM SEPT. 17

Many Birmingham Residents to Participate in Program at Dedication of New Theater

Announcement is made today of the persons to take part in the opening ceremonies of the new Kunsky-theater building on Woodward avenue south of Maple for Sept. 17, at 3 p. m. A committee on arrangements is completing plans for the opening ceremonies.

Participating in the short program will be many of the prominent residents, including many of the officers of the village organizations.

The list includes: Mrs. Arthur J. Habrecht, Mrs. Milton R. Schatz, Mrs. Hendrick Brinsen, Miss M. P. Jarvis, Mrs. Retta M. Barr, Mrs. W. H. Uptegraph, Mrs. Roy Vandewater, Mrs. George H. Mitchell,

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How The Eccentric Received Its Name

This question, so often asked in Birmingham, is explained on page 1, part 2, of today's edition, by George H. Mitchell in the fifth chapter of his life's book. He also tells of the Washingtonians, an early woman's organization and of what this newspaper came near being named.

ECCENTRIC PRESS TO HAVE OFFICE IN PONTIAC

Due to the demands made upon its local equipment for the past two or three years, The Eccentric this week announces the opening of a complete printing office at 156 Auburn avenue, Pontiac.

It is felt that the new office will be more convenient to the Pontiac business and professional men who have been using The Eccentric's complete printing service.

George Wasserberger, for the past five years instructor of printing and journalism in the Pontiac High School, will manage the Pontiac office, which will be known as the Eccentric Press. New equipment was purchased this week and is now being installed in Fontaine Ferry house on the office at 156 Auburn avenue was chosen to provide housing facilities for the new printing office.

The Eccentric Press, although owned by George E. Axtell, publisher of The Birmingham Eccentric, will be run independently, as far as possible, and will assume its position as a Pontiac industry.

Walter V. Stanley, business manager of The Birmingham Eccentric, will superintend the Eccentric Press, assisting Mr. Wasserberger in getting under way.

Upon the installation of its equipment, the Eccentric Press will afford Pontiac one of the most complete printing and publishing services in Oakland County.

PERMITS TWICE TOTAL OF JULY

Building In Birmingham Soars In Month, Reports Show

Building permits issued in Birmingham during August show an increase of almost 100 per cent over those issued in July. The August total is $156,465, as compared with $80,055 in July. The largest single items are homes, no outstanding business buildings being included in the month's list.

The largest residence in the list is one being built on Puritan road by Packard-Charlton, builders, for C. T. Van Dusen, at a cost of $27,000. Mrs. Mae Meehan is building an $17,000 home on Pilgrim road, J. E. Burris having the contract for the work. Fred V. Scarton has obtained a permit for an $18,000 home on west Maple avenue, and W. L. Schaffner is building a $12,000 home on Wimbleton drive. Wallace Todds is also building a home on Puritan road, to cost $17,500.

Others who have houses under construction are Allen McGirr, who is building two $8,000 resi-

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INSPECTIONS ARE ORDERED

Firemen To Visit Residences In Attempt To Reduce Hazards

Another rigid precaution against fires in Birmingham is instituted today by Chief William G. Olsen with the start of daily inspections of all residences by members of the regular fire department. Two village-wide inspections will be made annually according to plans, and suggestions for the elimination of fire hazards, will be made by the firemen.

The plan is to work out similarly to the inspection of commercial buildings, the chief explained. Members of the fire department, wearing their uniform and possessing credentials, to show their identity, will be assigned sections of the village. Every house will be inspected from attic to basement and the owner advised as to precautions he should take.

Members of the department are to devote two days a week in shifts to this work, and Chief Olsen expects results similar to those of inspections in the business districts.

Fires in the downtown section of Birmingham diminished in number as soon as these started, he pointed out. The first annual inspection is expected to be completed during October before furnace fires are started for the winter months, he said.

"We are hoping to receive the cooperation in the residential sections that we have had in the business districts," the chief said. It is only through cooperation of this kind that the plans will meet with success and fires in Birmingham will be made fewer."

He asked that home owners be sure of the identity of the firemen before they are admitted to the residences to thwart the attempts of impostors.

EFFORT DOUBLED TO PURIFY WATER

Another Treatment of Chlorine Planned For Today; Ban Not Yet Lifted

One final effort to eliminate the surface contamination in the water in southern Birmingham by the chlorinating process was to be made early today by the village before this method is abandoned and a more severe one employed.

Several attempts to eliminate the contamination have proved futile and village officials are more or less puzzled as to the quickest way of making the removal of the water ban in that part of the village possible. Until reports on the tests to be taken after today's work are made, residents in the south of the village are warned of the necessity of boiling all water used for internal purposes.

They will be notified by Village Manager James W. Parry when the water is free from contamination.

FIRE PROTECTION IN TOWNSHIP LOOMS TODAY

What action Bloomfield Township will take to provide fire protection will probably be decided at a meeting between the township board and Hills village commissioners to be held in the hills Sept. 15, Robert Moore, township supervisor, announced today.

The matter was discussed briefly at the regular meeting of the commission Tuesday night but no action was taken because members of the board wanted time to consider possible methods to supply the protection.

The Birmingham fire department will not be at the disposal of the Bloomfield center Oct. 1 and this is forcing the action on the part of the township.

An ordinance against disorderly conduct also was passed at the commission meeting in the hills Tuesday night.

SCHOOLS OPEN TO ENROLMENT OF OVER 2,400

No Hitches Encountered As Large Army Of Students Resume Studies

FREE TEXTS APPROVED

Figures are being compiled today on the total enrollment of the Birmingham Schools this semester, which is expected by Superintendent Clarence Vliet to reach 2,400.

Teachers were all on hand at the opening Tuesday and Mr. Vliet expresses himself pleased with the manner in which the students have started their year.

The issuing of free text books for the first time in Birmingham schools went forward with little difficulty. One of the great advantages of free text books is said to be the fact that all the children can get started at once on their studies, there being no delay because children sometimes are negligent. Mr. Vliet believes this an advantage is proving itself here.

Text Money In Use

Approximately $11,000 of the $12,000 set aside for the first year of free text books has been used by Mr. Vliet said. However, the book list for the present year is complete, and Mr. Vliet expects that the remainder of the money will tide the situation over for the few books that are in demand.

In the grades, the principals had charge of the distribution of the text books, passing them out to the various teachers and the teachers passing them out to the children. In the high school however, the students received their books directly from the book shop, which is operated for the benefit of the library, Mrs. E. F. Williams is in charge of the distribution at Baldwin.

Indications are today that the increase in tuition will increase the number of students attending from other districts only slightly, Mr. Vliet said. The increase is large enough, in that some will be deterred by it, but the rural districts are well represented in spite of it, he said.

Change Locations

Changes are being made this week in the placing of the children in the various schools. Some of the Barnum fourth grade members have been transferred to the Pierce School because of the overcrowded condition. The principals of the schools have this shifting in their own charge, and have been instructed by Mr. Vliet to make the changes as convenient as possible for the students.

Although a new librarian at the

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FOUR WOMEN HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Bloomfield Hills Scene of Early Morning Collision; All Taken To Hospital

Four women were injured early Sunday when two automobiles collided at Woodward avenue and the Long Lake road in Bloomfield Hills Village. Three are from Detroit and were taken to the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac for treatment.

They are: Mrs. Rose Tzski, 3360 Chene street, Detroit; Mrs. Agnes Cetula, same address; Mrs. Tidate, Union Lake and Mrs. Burt Campbell, Detroit.

The first two were riding in a car driven by Peter S. Wionchi, 3360 Chene street, Detroit, southbound on Woodward avenue. The others injured were passengers in a car driven by Bennie Tidate of Union Lake, which attempted to cross Woodward avenue from the Long Lake road, according to Patrolman Delos Anderson of the Bloomfield Hills police department who investigated the accident.

Both cars were severely damaged, he reported. No blame was attached for the accident, however.

Dancing every night except Sunday and Monday. Park Island, Lake Orion. Logan's Orchestra.
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COMMISSION DISCUSSES WIDER MAPLE

Indications Are That Board Members Not in Agreement On Proposal

REPORT NOW AWAITED

Indications today are that the village commission is not unanimous on the proposed widening of Maple avenue from Adams to Southfield from its present 66 feet to 86 feet. The subject came up for discussion at the meeting Tuesday night, although any further action will not be taken until the report on the project is received by the commission from Manager James W. Parry who is making a study of possible methods for the widening.

Fred V. Quarton, treasurer of the school board, member of the township board of review and property owner on Maple avenue told the commission he did not approve of the widening. Many other property owners on the avenue also have expressed their disapproval of the proposal, to him, he said.

Suggests Method

He declared he thought four feet could easily be taken from the curb on both sides of the street. This would leave sidewalks 12 feet and 44 feet of street.

Completion of plans for the large office building proposed by Senator James Couzens hinges on the decision of the commission relative to the widening of the avenue. Although the building line was established, at a recent meeting, at 86 feet, representatives of the senator are awaiting a more complete decision before going ahead with the buildings.

It was indicated that a more or less complete report of the findings of Manager Parry would be ready for the commission in another two weeks.

President H. T. Ellerby said that while he was of the opinion that the avenue should be widened, he wondered whether a practical plan could be hit upon. "Would the cost be out of proportion?" he asked.

Village At Large Would Pay

Mr. Quarton declared he thought most of the money for the widening would have to be paid by the village at large and this was the opinion of Mr. Ellerby. The latter said he would like to have the action of the commission, in favoring the 86 foot width for the avenue, rescinded but he did not make a motion to this effect.

It developed that building is practically at a standstill on the avenue until the commission completes its plans for the future of the street.

BANK READY FOR OPENING

New Birmingham Savings To Have Start On Saturday

Plans for the formal opening of the new Birmingham Savings Bank on Woodward avenue south of Maple are nearing completion today by officers of the bank. The opening will take place Sept. 10 and an appropriate program is being arranged.

With the personnel of the institution complete, every effort has been made in the last two weeks to have the building ready for occupancy on the scheduled time. Officials say today that there is no apparent hitch in these plans. The building itself is planned to be complete in every detail and it will offer the latest facilities for banking, officers say.

HUNTING SEASON IS OPENED HERE

With the opening of the hunting season, licenses for the fall and winter were put on sale today in Birmingham by L. J. Slusser, of, the Birmingham Hardware company, who has been in charge of their sale for several years. The laws remain essentially the same as last year, and the prices have not changed, Mr. Slusser said.

The license fee for residents is $1.25 for deer; for non-residents, the fee is $10 for small game and $50 for deer.

ANNUAL DIRECTORIES ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED

Copies of the annual directory of Birmingham and Bloomfield Township, including Bloomfield Hills Village, issued by The Eccentric are being distributed today to homes and offices throughout the vicinity. It is expected that the distribution will be completed one week from today and persons who have not received their copy before that time will be given one if they call at the office of The Eccentric.