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PLANS FOR REPAIRS ROUND TABLE HERE TODAY

Plans Complete For Entertainment Of Representatives From Other Cities

The Baldwin Public Library will remain closed today in charge of the round table meeting of the Michigan Library Association being held in the auditorium.

The program for the day begins at 11 a. m. with Miss Ethel Kellogg, librarian of Oakland County Library in Detroit, and a member of the round table committee, in charge of the round table.

In the morning Mrs. Fred Farrah, state chairman of the round table of the A. U. W., speaks on "Child Study Groups and the Public Library." The meeting will adjourn for lunch until 2 p. m. when Miss Elizabeth Knapp of Detroit speaks on "The Work of the Librarian in the Community."

One of the features of the meeting is the review and discussion of several books, "The Grandmothers," by Glenway Wescott, discussed by Miss Elizabeth Briggs, Royal Oak. Two books by Spaulding, "Read 'Em and Weep," and "No More, My Lady," two collections of old songs, reviewed by Miss Rose of Detroit.

Miss Elizabeth Briggs, Royal Oak, reviews Dorothy Canfield Fisher's "Why Stop Learning?"

Anyone interested in the conference is invited to attend. Mrs. Nancy Thomas, Birmingham library aide.

BORN NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Men To Assist In Appraising For Street Condemnation

Three Birmingham men stand today as members of the appraisal committee for condemnation proceedings in the widening of three streets following their appointment Monday night by the village commission.

They are William McAlpine, Loren Stauch and J. B. Howarth, all realtors.

The streets in which the men will be interested are east Maple Avenue, from the Grand Trunk tracks to the Adams road, Hamilton avenue, from Woodward to the tracks, and the north end of Gage.

The committee will determine the land values upon which the condemnation is based. Work on these streets is expected to be started this summer.

MRS. W. BROWN, 78, TAKEN BY DEATH

Woman Lived In Birmingham 11 Years
Mrs. Isabelle Brown, late wife of William Brown, 609 Brown street, is to be buried tomorrow afternoon at 2 p. m. following services at the home conducted by the Rev. Henry S. Evans, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church, to which she was transferred from complication incident to her age. She was 78 years old.

Mrs. Brown had lived in Birmingham 11 years. Prior to that time the family made its home in the Quanton, where she was born in Ireland but came to this country when she was 17 years old.

Mrs. Brown was now retired. For the greater part of his life he was a farmer. He had a large field-Township highway commissioner.

Brown is survived by her husband and three daughters. The daughters are Mrs. Minnie Stephens of Birmingham and Mrs. Annie Sloan and Mrs. Almie Parkhurst, both of Cleveland, O.

OLD PHOTOS WANTED

The Eclectic is interested in historical photographs of scenes of historical interest in Birmingham for the supplement to appear in May when the newspaper celebrates its fiftieth anniversary.

Persons who have old photographs of early social clubs, old buildings, streets and residents are of special interest.

Please send your photographs to 11 or 12 if you have such pictures available.

Please your order now for Mother's Day cards—delivered—Adv. 1.

ACTION TAKEN ON WOODWARD

T. D. Seelye, of Pontiac, representative of the state is securing legal right for the widening of Woodward avenue through Birmingham, today plans to go to Lansing, Monday to confer with state highway officials in regard to the start of widening Woodward.

The work on the completion of the widening and paving of Woodward avenue is scheduled to start this summer.

UNION READY FOR MEETING

Complete Program For W. C. T. U. Conference Announced

One week from today marks the opening of the annual convention of the sixth district convention of the Michigan W. C. T. U. The convention will be held in the First Methodist Church here, will last two days, according to arrangements made by the general chairman, Mrs. Ida Parks.

Thursday at 10:30 a. m. the convention opens with general convocation. Rev. F. E. Logee will offer a prayer and Mrs. Stella G. Reben, state president, will give an address. Mrs. Cora Zach, general secretary, and Mrs. Stella G. Reben, state president, will be the other speakers of the morning.

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TEACHER TO RETURN TO PARENTS' HOME



Mrs. Robert Sutherland, Davison, Mich., school teacher, who was found a week ago by the Eccentric after a disappearance of 12 days, was joined here this week by her mother, Mrs. Hugh Mann, of Gladstone, Mich., who plans to return to her home with her daughter within the next few days.

PLAY TO AID HOUSE DRIVE

All-Village Cast Rehearses For Comedy-Drama Planned For May

First rehearsals were held last night at the home of Mrs. George T. Rayne for the play to be presented the first week in May which tells the story of a successful drive for funds for the widening of Woodward avenue through Birmingham, cast, will be presented in conjunction with the drive for the new building.

The play is called "Alarcada" and it is adapted from the short story of Frederick Oren Bartlett by Miss Helen Osmond of New York City especially for the widening of Woodward avenue through Birmingham. The exact dates of presentation have not been announced but it will be given the first week in May at the home of Walter O. Briggs, Henry Booth and C. A. Newcomb on three different nights.

Those taking part in the play follow: Mrs. T. R. Thompson and the Misses Jane Donovan, Josephine Fallafallo, Jane Wingham and Mary Morley. The men in the cast are John MacManus, LeRoy Lyndell, Fredrick H. Rayne, J. Rodney Wages, George Wasey, David Garfill, Elton Cook and Ernest Mann. Mrs. H. J. Stringham is directing.

The scene is laid in the mythical city of Alarcada, an automatic subject is a Community House drive similar to the one planned for Birmingham. It is a two-act comedy-drama.

VILLAGE BUYS NEW STOKER

Seek To Eliminate Smoke From Municipal Building Furnace

The building committee of the village commission today has approved the purchase of an automatic stoker for the new municipal building to cost \$2,000, announced by President H. H. Ellerby. This will eliminate all smoke from the building, Mr. Ellerby said.

"It is the latest stoker on the market and one we feel the building committee should purchase," he said.

The village attorney has under review an ordinance against smoke in Birmingham. Recently the commission has received complaints from residents on the downtown streets.

The new stoker will feed coal to the fire box of the furnace automatically from underneath.

The building is under construction.

Window Cleaning—Home a specialty—cleaned—delivered—Adv. 1.

EXPECT CROWD AT BULLDOZING CEREMONY

Plans Completed For Dedication Of City Hall Saturday

SPEAKERS ARE NAMED

Hundreds of villagers and persons from other cities are expected Saturday at 2:30 p. m. at the ceremonies of the bulldozing of the corner for the new municipal building on Third street.

Plans in the hands of Hope F. Halgren, village commissioner, for speakers are complete and a varied program is announced.

The mortar is to be placed on the great pile of rubble of the commission who raised the resolution making the building a possibility and the bulldozing of the corner.

They are, besides Mrs. F. Halgren, President H. T. Ellerby and Commissioner of Public Works, Henry J. H. McElroy, J. H. White and Laurence Hulbert.

Mr. Ellerby is to speak at the dedication of the new building and a history of the civic center project in Birmingham is to be given by Mrs. J. H. Martlett. The municipal building is one unit of the center which includes three blocks.

Frank Eulich, architect, will speak on the significance of the building and prayer will be offered by pastors of Birmingham churches.

Records to be placed in the cornerstone will be in charge of Hazel E. Lawler, former village secretary.

Work on the building is progressing and the foundation and the great pile of rubble of the structure of iron work is completed.

VILLAGE NAMES REVIEW BOARD

Two men were appointed to the village board of review of the commissioner at the meeting Monday night to serve with the village assessor.

They are Walter Connelly, building contractor and Otto Beier, real estate dealer. Both will work with Charles Plumstead, village assessor. If reviewing the general tax. Their appointment is subject to the action of the board and must occur annually.

Last year the members of the board were E. H. Hascall and David H. Lloyd, both realtors.

HOPE RETIRED FOR BOOKS

Body of Fish Sought After Sea Gives Up Personal Possessions

Hope for the recovery of the body of Harry J. Ray is revived by his parents here today following the finding of personal belongings which were washed ashore last week two miles south of Melbourne, Fla., where his "diver" was lost.

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DELAY SEEN IN RAILROAD G. T. RAILWAY

Meeting in Royal Oak Brings Out Heated Debate Among Factions

NEW SESSION LOOMS

Delay in the completion of the double paving of Woodward avenue between Royal Oak and the Woodward road because of the interference of Grand Trunk tracks is seen here today following the session Saturday in Royal Oak between state highway officials and parties representing the land owners and the railroad.

It is believed that the work has been completed it is necessary for the tracks to be removed. The Grand Trunk railway negotiating for the new right of way.

The state was compelled to pay each of the right of way, and change it for the present line and then fold the Grand Trunk to a line of a new line to repay the balance due the state.

Under the contract, according to the state, the Grand Trunk must place its O. K. on all portions of the highway sections which that land actually within the right-of-way. Therefore, it is pointed out by the land owners, the area to be traversed by the new railroad, they have no assurance of receiving damages for their adjacent property either from the state or the railroad, and on this contention they are waging a consistent and well-organized fight against the state's effort to acquire land and complete the highway.

Public Gets Hint

The first public intimation of this battle came last Saturday's hearing, which was to establish the necessity for the widening of Woodward and enable the state to proceed with condemnation by a commission appointed by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors. The state put on four witnesses, representing the Highway section, the Grand Trunk, the Detroit Rapid Transit commission and Mr. Howarth, who was called to testify that the state had no right to buy the land. As the hearing opened, counsel for subdivision of the Grand Trunk, who had filed a petition for injunction, and the objection to the right-of-way objected to the entire proceeding as being illegal, and the objection was overruled, filed a motion for injunction to the hearing.

This objection lists 13 specific grounds upon which the hearing was declared to be improperly called, the jurisdiction of the act authorizing the Grand Trunk contract and the exchange of right-of-way. The constitutional and any proceeding to condemn the property involved in the hearing.

It is generally regarded, both here and in Lansing, that the decision will be in favor of the state. (Concluded on Page 3)

THROUGHS VISIT AUSTRALIAN FACTORY

Oakland Company Host To 33,000 Persons First Day; Ends Tonight

Several thousand more persons were expected tonight to attend the open house of the Oakland Motor Car company at Pontiac as the celebration reaches its third day.

White busses played and the flags decorating the buildings waved in the spring breeze, through the entrance of the two opening days seeking admission to the plant. All were accompanied by a host of children for whom a nursery is provided so the parents could enjoy the open house.

Over 29,000 visitors attended the opening day, according to figures given out by officials of the plant. The factory employs 10,000 employees. It has brought the total number of persons to 33,000 in one day.

Some idea of the magnitude of the crowd on the opening day can be gained from the fact that many of the persons were parked in the vicinity of the factory. Many of the persons were brought to the plant on street cars and motor busses.

Dancing is provided in the evening and many persons both young and old have taken advantage of this.

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LIONS NAME 3 DIRECTORS

Three members of the Lions Club of Birmingham were made directors at the meeting held yesterday noon in the Chateau Du Room. They are Frank Conroy, Charles E. Jones and Edward Burnett.

BALDWIN P. T. A. CALLS SPECIAL MEETING

The Baldwin Parent Teacher's association will hold a special meeting Tuesday at 8:30 p. m. in the Baldwin High School. They will be a speaker for the afternoon. The meeting is for the purpose of Parent Teacher associations, according to Mrs. H. B. McArthur, general chairman. Mrs. McArthur wishes that all members would come as the meeting is important, she said.

PIONEER IN COUNTY HONORED TODAY AT REUNION OF FAMILY

Conversation of days before the civil war when a famous man and a famous woman brought their parents to this country, and their parents were pioneers on Long Island from their Long Island home to Oakland County, was the subject of a program today at the home of Miss Margaret Whittemore at 519 Brown street.

The occasion is the celebration of the eightieth birthday of Mrs. Anna Seaman Randall, the aunt of Mrs. Whittemore, who, as an infant, was brought to Pontiac by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Wright Leggett, and who has lived in this part of the country most of the time since.

When the family reunion celebration will be approximately 30 of the nearest relatives. Among them will be a sister of Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Margaret W. Ives of Birmingham, who is 85 years old, and a brother, Mr. Alfred Leggett, 90 years old, of Dryden, Fla.

Mrs. Randall and her brother and sister are the only three that remain of 11 children. Their mother was the famous Elizabeth Leggett whose name is a chapter in the intellectual and fem-

DEATH TAKES G. C. BOWLING

Young Businessman Succumbs After Sudden Illness Here

George C. Bowling, 32 years old, prominent among Birmingham's youngest business men, died of a heart ailment at his home, 711 north Woodward avenue, Sunday after a brief illness.

Funeral services were to be held at 2:30 p. m. today from the home of Mrs. W. R. Blackford, rector of the St. James Episcopal Church of Royal Oak.

Born in Houghton, Mich., he later moved to Detroit where he was a graduate of the Central High School and Manlius School.

He was a member of the law firm of George Sheldon of Houghton and his paternal grandfather was the late G. C. Bowling of Detroit.

He survived some 18 months during the world war.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Johnson Bowling.

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