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WATER REPORT ISSUED HERE

Village Uses 287,982,700 Gallons During Past Year, Record Shows

The total number of gallons pumped by the Birmingham pumps 2 and 3 in the past year is 287,982,700, according to a report made today by John B. Purvis, chief engineer.

Mr. Purvis describes No. 2 well as having a depth of 70 feet and a diameter of 15 feet. It is located on Baldwin avenue. A Layne & Bowler turbine pump with a capacity of 800 gallons per minute pumped 118,452,700 gallons, operating 5518 hours for the year of 1927.

Well No. 3, on Lincoln avenue, has a diameter of 17 inches and a depth of 185 feet, according to Mr. Purvis. A Layne & Bowler turbine pump with a capacity of 1,000 gallons per minute operates there. Mr. Purvis said this pumped 169,530,000 gallons operating 2820 hours for 1927, the report states.

According to Mr. Purvis, pumps

LETTER RECALLS TIMES BEFORE CIVIL WAR IN BIRMINGHAM

George H. Mitchell, one of Birmingham's oldest residents, received the following letter this week from James Bailey, a civil war veteran and former resident of Birmingham, who is now at the Old Soldiers Home in Madison.

The letter recalls many persons who used to live in the village before the advent of wider pavements, heavy traffic and traffic lights.

"Hiram Bayler, a heavy-set man with plenty of money and two children, always went to the state fair every year. He often won a premium on a pair of socks his wife had knit. It would be the same pair of socks only knit differently each year.

Old man Beattie used to draw people home in his wagon for \$1

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Frank Deer, barber: "Barbers have been losing money daily while the price of shaves was 25 cents. Now, however, with the additional dime added, they are in a position to better things."

or \$1.50. Omer Fall came to our neighborhood to visit at Falls. While there in 1861 he enlisted. He kept on trying to get into the army. Jan. 14, 1864, Thursday afternoon I put on the blue suit, and I was happy.

My uncle's name was William Bailey. He was a carpenter and joiner. He had three sons, William, Tom, and Frank Bailey. The daughters were Mary, Sarah, Zephina, Lottie, Josephine and Phoebe. In the meantime, Zephina married Theodas Simonson who lived south of town two miles and west of the Thineas Hubbard schoolhouse. That's where I went to school that last Thursday in 1863. It was cloudy all day and they had to have candles for light.

I lived with an old gentleman and lady by the name of "Beckman" who had three children. I left from there to enlist. The next Friday was the cold New Year's. I enlisted Jan. 14, 1864 from Kalamazoo. I went to Pontiac to be enlisted and a judge wouldn't admit me. The inspector took me to Detroit and next morning went to camp where A. J. Smith said, "Take that boy back home. We don't want any more boys. Pay his fare, give him \$5 and send him home."

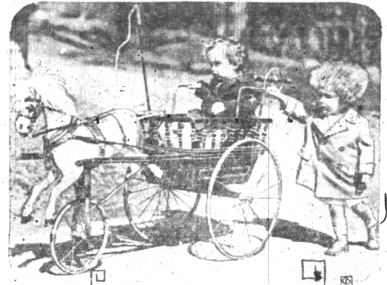
I went back to the city where I happened to meet a recruiting officer. He was on his own hook and was looking for a couple more boys. He already had four and he wanted two more. He wanted to take them to Kalamazoo on the Michigan central railroad. We stopped at Jackson for a day and a half. I went into Dr. Hitchcock's office and had him examine me. "Pretty small but you'll grow before the war's over," he said. "Finally took me to get measured for a suit of blue. It was a little large but Dr. Hitchcock said I'd grow to fill it which I did. I was O. K."

After the war I saw H. H. Hubbard who ran a livery stable. Rheumatism knocked him out. I told him who I was and he said, "You owe me some money but wait until you get it."

My folks were sort of church folks. My adopted father, Edward Anseomb. His wife's name was Estey Anseomb. He was a shoemaker by trade and was crippled with rheumatism. My memory serves me right. I knew John Holland near Father Perrin's burying ground. By the way the Henry Bowser's husband of Frank Bowser died in Florida.

Write to me
JAMES E. BAILEY

A CAMPAIGN PARADE FOR GRANDPA



Arthur Smith, Jr., and his brother, Walter, 2nd, grandsons of Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, ride with their mechanical horse and carriage on the grounds of the executive mansion, Albany.

RESOLUTIONS BY REPUBLICANS FAVOR VANDENBERG, HOOVER

Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg was endorsed as a candidate to win the Oakland County Republican nomination at the county convention held last night at Pontiac. Endorsement was also given Herbert Hoover for president and Grant M. Hudson, congressman from the sixth Michigan District.

Delegates to the district convention are urged to obtain the election of James S. Butler of Oxford, as a delegate to the national convention.

The resolutions commended the state administration for a number of accomplishments including the pursuit of the Chicago lake level suit, the prosecution of the House of David colony at Benton Harbor, the enactment of the workmen's compensation law, the reorganization of the state prison administration, the enactment of the three-cent gasoline tax, conservation laws, the reorganization of the state fair, the enactment of the new criminal code, and the business-like and economical administration of state affairs.

The resolutions quoted as follows: "We wholeheartedly endorse the efficient and business-like administration of President Coolidge and his program of economy, which will result in the reduction during the current year of more than two hundred million dollars.

"Resolve: That the present state administration and Governor Fred W. Green be highly commended for prosecuting the Lake Levels Case vs. Chicago Sanitary District to save our pits and lake frontage.

"Successfully abolishing King Ben's Colony, which practice was a blot upon the fair state of Michigan.

Stress Economy
Business administration and strict economy being applied to state government, including full day's work of state employees.

Enactment of the Workmen's Compensation law and the efficient administration and Governor Fred W. Green be highly commended for prosecuting the Lake Levels Case vs. Chicago Sanitary District to save our pits and lake frontage.

One of the features of the new war airplanes of the United States Army is the placing of two machine guns in the wings near the tips.

LEGION GIVEN HIGH HONOR

Charles Edwards Post Gets Award For Showing Made in State

The Charles Edwards Post of the American Legion was honored last night at the regular meeting at the Community House with the presentation of a black walnut gavel set by the commander, Lloyd L. Stanley, who received it from the heads of the sixth district last week for the showing made by the Birmingham men.

The honor was granted to the post here because of the membership which has increased to more than 100 percent since Feb. 1. The membership in the Birmingham post today is the largest in its history, Mr. Stanley said.

Other items considered by the district committee in making the award are that the legion now has paid up all debts and has a balance of more than \$100 in the treasury and that it has made rapid strides in obtaining equipment.

The legion discussed plans for its part in the Decoration day parade here and accepted caps to be worn in the march. The caps are to be of the overseas regulation shape and will be of blue material with orange piping.

INSURANCE SUSPECT—56
William Lyons, 23 years old, laborer, in the Highland Park jail today faces charges of larceny of an auto following his arrest in Bloomfield Hills Village Monday night after he violated a traffic ordinance.

Chief William Putnam noted that the license plates on the car

CHURCH CALLS ANNUAL MEET

Plans are under way today for the annual meeting of the First Baptist Church to be held in the First Methodist Church here May 1.

Officers for the year will be elected at that time. The meeting to be held in the Methodist Church at the new First Baptist Church in the progress of construction. Dinner is to precede the business according to the Rev. David Leon Woodward, pastor.

Reports are to be made by members of the board on the progress made during the year. It did not belong to the machine and found the man's answers evasive. He investigated and later Lyons admitted taking the car from Highland Park last night, the chief said.

Lyons said he had no permanent address.

C. B. COONS, 74, IS DEAD HERE

Native Succumbs At Home Of Son, Clyde Coons, After Illness

Services were held Saturday for Carey Byron Coons, 74 years old, who died Wednesday at the home of his son, Clyde, at 311 Greenwood avenue, after a long illness.

Mr. Coons had been a resident of Birmingham for 12 years. The Rev. Floyd E. Logee, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated at the services and burial was in the Greenwood cemetery.

He is survived by Clyde and Earl Coons, the latter of Atlanta, Ga.

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