

### DISORDERLY PAYS \$30 FINE

#### Many Face Hunt Following Arrest Over Week-End

A fine of \$30 for drunk and disorderly conduct headed the list in arrests made over the week-end that were arranged before Justice Malcolm Hunt.

George Bilz, 518 Bloomfield avenue, Pontiac appeared in court Monday, following his arrest Sunday, by Patrolman William Green. He paid a fine of \$20. He was found by Green to be intoxicated and transporting five gallons of beer. He was held in jail Sunday night.

Charged with speeding 35 miles per hour on north Woodward avenue, James Wallace, 172 Perry street, Pontiac, pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$10. He was arrested Sunday by Green.

Two persons were arraigned Saturday. A \$10 fine was paid by Andrew Green, 1450 Mendota street, Detroit, for a 35 mile an hour speeding charge preferred by Patrolman George A. Schuyler. The man was fined \$10. Schuyler also arraigned a man following his arrest by Green.

Bleeding guilty to drunk and disorderly conduct, Tom Holt, John R. street, Detroit, paid a fine of \$10 to Justice Hunt, Friday. The Detroit man was arrested by Deputy Delyle Service.

Two men were charged with drunk and disorderly conduct, Thanksgiving Day, and arraigned Friday, before Justice Hunt, William W. Wankel, 1846 Salina street, Detroit, paid a fine of \$25. He was arrested by Patrolman Green. Erwin H. Parker, 300 Woodward avenue, Birmingham was arraigned by Chief of Police James Anderson and also paid \$25.

### Holiday Bazaar In Church Today

The Christmas Bazaar of the Methodist Episcopal Church here today formally opens in the holiday shopping season.

Gift suggestions as well as baked goods and specialty booths feature the affair. A dinner is to be served from 6 to 8 p. m. with Miss Martie Sly in charge of the arrangements.

The country store and the Japanese shop where tea will be served are two of the more novel booths.

Aprons, baked goods, handkerchiefs, dolls and fancy work will be on sale at the other booths and Mrs. Joseph Huston is in charge of a grab bag.

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William Story, Bloomfield Hills village clerk: "The budget for Bloomfield Hills in 1929 was placed at \$30,000. When the new year began there will be \$27 left in the treasury. Most of the costs approximated in the expenditure budget are closely close to the actual expense."

### PRES. ELLERBY PROPOSES HUGE CIVIC PROGRAM

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This commission then, following this commission their findings, detailed information and conclusions.

I am recommending such a plan to you for careful consideration, and I am giving you a brief memorandum of these problems as you see them, hoping to create the interest of the commission individually, in some of the details.

#### Charter Revision

The present village charter of the village of Birmingham is adopted in July, 1925, following the careful study of the provisions of the charter as they apply to the village of Birmingham, in the present village charter, which is a newly organized charter commission. The population of Birmingham in 1917 was about 2000 persons and the area of the village at that time comprised one square mile. The assumed population of the village of Birmingham today is something over 23,000 people and the area comprises about four and one-half square miles. In 1917 the total business done by the Village of Birmingham, including special assessments, amounted to \$120,000 and in 1928 the total business conducted by the village of Birmingham, including special assessments, will amount to approximately \$2,450,000.

Merely because of the increase in population, area and money expended it has been found by the present village commission that there are many sections of the present village charter in need of revision and that there are additional provisions, authorized by the Home Rule Act, which Birmingham is incorporated, which should be included in the present village charter. An amendment to the village charter covering the assessment for special improvements will be put to a vote of the people at the March election and it is certain that the present village charter in the charter covering this particular problem, though whether the proposed amendment is a proper one may be subject to some question. During the past year the commission has found that it wanted to do certain things and was unable to complete a definite program because of limitations of the charter and both this and previous commissions have found themselves handicapped by charter limitations.

The mechanical set up of the charter is not now satisfactory and rather than to amend the charter it is my belief that the whole charter is worthy of study and amendment. If given proper consideration and review by a group familiar with its present scope, its limitations and its needs, it should provide for the proper conduct of the business of the village of Birmingham and for the proper care of the municipalities, adjacent to Birmingham, in the same desirable study, adopted charters and there are available for study at this time, not only those charters, but also a model charter prepared by the National Municipal Review.

#### Water Supply

Over the period of the last two years there has been available for the citizens of the Village of Birmingham an adequate supply of water, at least in so far as quantity is concerned. But there is a serious question as to the quality of the water in which the commission, dependent upon the water supply, is powerless to improve. The result is that many citizens are being obliged to get a satisfactory supply of water, at the expense of the added expense and inconvenience of its maintenance.

The present operation in the village two wells one of a small type and one sufficiently large to serve the village even in the height of the third season. The commission is being obliged to obtain its water to be permanently supplied by a well, which is being dug, perhaps a fifth well will have to be acquired.

In the meantime water supplied by the city of Detroit will be available in Royal Oak and there is the means already authorized in locating a water supply program, of procuring Detroit city water from Royal Oak for a cost of about \$500,000. At the present time real estate with water supply in the village is estimated at \$1,000,000. If we are interested in procuring water from the city of Detroit, it is likely that they would gladly co-operate with the village of Birmingham in a study of this problem. To the north of us, the city of Pontiac has a water supply in the village of Birmingham and it is likely that they would also co-operate with the village of Birmingham in a study of this problem.

#### Ordnances

After a rather long review of the ordinances adopted by various commissions in the village of Birmingham it would seem that the many ordinances now in effect in the village had never been revised or revised except as they have, by chance, come up for discussion to solve some particular situation. The ordinances governing the hours when a saloon may be opened and where and how they shall be kept, many of them are still in effect and some of the amendments which have been adopted subsequent to the adoption of the original ordinances, are not clear and it is likely that they will be known to the authorities in the village.

A careful study and revision of all of the ordinances, a classification and codification, should be made, many of the ordinances repealed and many others amended; and, when once approved, a new complete set of ordinances should be adopted, by the village, and printed in a proper form, for presentation to those affected by them.

#### Guiding Code

Our present building code was adopted in 1923 and has been amended on five occasions, since that date. Conditions have materially changed since its adoption so that it is unlikely that this code would be found satisfactory to any group that would give it careful study and consideration. It is believed that this code should have careful attention and revision and be brought up to date and in keeping with the present building and development program of the village of Birmingham. An effort was recently made by the engineering department in the building code and it was found that a practical index for the present building code could be developed as a result of its mechanical makeup.

Financial Program

Very material progress has been made for the benefit of the village at large in a financial program for the village at large in the past six or eight years and perhaps the greatest step was made by the adoption of the present program established under the direction of the present commission within the past year.

A further study of our financial program should be made and, with that study, there will undoubtedly be recommended to any group considering charter revision, certain amendments to the present charter which will result in material saving to the village of Birmingham.

In connection with this, there is some question as to whether or not longer term bonds might be

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| Vacuum Bottles    | Ice Skates Sleds                                      | Percolators      |
| Tools             | Basket Ball   | Electric Heaters |
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| Pocket Knives     | Boxing Gloves   | Clocks           |
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