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Village Budget In Large Increase

Tentative Plans Call For $359,824 Against $275,000 For Last Year; Immediate Action Asked

Tentative budget for Birmingham during the next year is $359,824.55, it is announced today by Village Manager James W. Parry, who has submitted the budget to the village commission for consideration. The budget for 1927 was $275,000. Increases in all village departments are called for.

The commission is expected to pass on the budget at an early meeting. Whether it will be cut down before approval is given is not yet indicated.

The following items appear on the budget: administration, $75,380; general administration, $38,100; salaries and wages, $5,500; expense, $7,850.

A total of $34,800 is asked for the police department and $25,400 for the fire department. For the street department there is a provision for $24,000 for wages; $17,500 for equipment and $27,180 for expense.

The sewer department needs $10,000, the report states, and there is a need for $85,968 for the interest and sinking fund.

The commission was urged by Manager Parry to take immediate action.

HILLS VILLAGE GETS BUDGET

Bloomfield Commission Considering $30,000 As Total For Coming Year

A budget of $30,000 for the coming year for Bloomfield Hills village is being considered today by members of the commission following its presentation Tuesday night by William Story, village clerk.

This is $10,000 under the last budget passed but Mr. Story explains that the 1927 budget covered a period of one and one-half years.

Street lights for the village make up the largest part of the budget. This item alone amounts to $9,000. Other important figures include maintenance of the police department, $8,000; equipment for the department, $2,500 and highway allotment, $4,000.

A decision on the budget will probably be given by the commission at the next meeting which is planned for Feb. 21, Mr. Story said.

CHURCH BODY BACKS PLANS

First Baptist Committee Authorized To Proceed With New Building

A step toward the construction of the new First Baptist Church on Willetts street was taken Monday night when members of the church authorized the building committee to let the contracts to the lowest bidder. This sanction was given at a meeting of the church members at a dinner Monday at the church.

Approval was given the plans submitted by the architects, Muehlman and Farrar of Birmingham, and the members were enthusiastic over the prospects of the new building.

A finance committee was authorized and members are being appointed today. They will outline a campaign to raise funds for the new building which is to cost in the neighborhood of $150,000, it is estimated. A large part of this is already said to be in the treasury.

Short addresses were made by Leland J. Bunyan, chairman of the building committee, Miss Alice Voorheis, superintendent of the primary department of the Sunday School, Mrs. Henry Stephens, president of the Woman's Missionary Union, the Rev. George Dawkins, teacher of the Christian friendship class, and Dr. H. C. Gleiss, superintendent of the Detroit Baptist Union. Each speaker emphasized a different aspect of the new building and told of the privileges and obligations implied.

BIRMINGHAM MAN TO SPEAK OVER RADIO

DeWitt B. Lucas of north Woodward avenue speaks at 6:40 p. m. today over the radio on "The Psychology of Being" as the second of a series of radio talks he has been conducting from station WGHF. Ten minutes will be allotted to each of these talks and they will continue every Thursday night at the same time for the next few weeks.

HEADS BOARD

JOHN A. WENDORPH

Mr. Wendorph, a member of the village planning commission since its start four years ago, was appointed chairman this week by the village commission.

PLAN BOARD HEAD NAMED

Wendorph, Charter Member, Is Chairman; Barton Gets Appointment

John Wendorph, veteran member of the Birmingham Planning commission, was appointed chairman of that body by President H. T. Ellerby at the commission meeting Monday night. Mr. Wendorph succeeds Lee Manson to the chairmanship. Mr. Manson resigned. Mr. Wendorph has been a member of the board since its start four years ago.

Walter E. Barton was appointed to the board and Otto Breitfield was reappointed. All are to serve two years.

In announcing the appointment of Mr. Barton, President Ellerby said, "Mr. Barton has always shown himself interested in village affairs. He appears to have the interest of the southern part of Birmingham at heart and there are many improvements needed there. During the last year, that part of Birmingham has received a good share of improvements and it is in better shape today, so far as civic facilities go, than it was a year ago. We feel, however, it will be to the advantage of the people there to have a representative on the planning board.

The other two members on the planning commission are R. V. Cutler and H. N. Davock.

FIGHT EXPENSIVE TO MOTORIST

Assessed $2, Man Grows Pugilistic, Then Ante Is Raised To $35

A fist fight with a Bloomfield Hills village patrolman cost Irving Eisenhart of Keego Harbor $35 when he appeared before Justice Floyd S. Buck yesterday and pleaded guilty to a disorderly charge.

Eisenhart, arrested Monday night in the village, was charged with driving his auto on the wrong side of Woodward avenue in the village. He was assessed the usual $2 at the police station but refused to pay, police say. Patrolman Delos Anderson, who brought him to the station left him in charge of Patrolman Robert Dexter.

According to Dexter, Eisenhart became abusive and words led to a fight between the two. Patrolman Anderson returned and the fight ended.

The traffic violation was dropped against Eisenhart and he was taken to the Oakland County jail for the fight to appear yesterday before Judge Buck.

He paid the fine rather than accept the option of 20 days in jail.

SAVING SEEN IN LAND BUY

Corporation To Aid Village In Removal Of Civic Center Houses

A corporation of Birmingham men under the direction of Harry Allen of west Maple avenue is formed to purchase the buildings in the civic center, relocate them and turn over the profits to the village. President H. T. Ellerby estimated the plan will enrich Birmingham to the extent of between $30,000 and $40,000.

This announcement was made last night after details of the plans were completed by members of the group, those who will be interested directly are, besides Mr. Allen, Charles J. Shain, Charles A. Bingham, Albert Lipka and Ralph Moulthrop.

The corporation was formed after bids from contractors for the houses on the center land were found not satisfactory.

Preliminary plans call for the purchase of land at other points in the village, then the purchase of the houses. These will be moved to the newly acquired property and resold. The proceeds will be given to the village.

The plan was advanced by Mr. Allen, Mr. Ellerby and Scott Hersey.

D.U.R. READY TO MAKE MOVE

Headquarters In Pontiac Completed; May Leave Here In Month

Plans are being made today for the early removal of the D. U. R. car house from north Woodward avenue, to the new quarters on Sanford street, Pontiac, according to announcement by James H. Miller, Pontiac superintendent.

Removal of the offices, storage houses and repair barns from Birmingham to the new headquarters in Pontiac will require more than a month, he said. The company plans to sell the Woodward avenue property here.

With the centralizing of all Pontiac and Birmingham units at the new Sanford street location, the D. U. R. will have one of the most complete and modern plants in the state for the handling of its passenger and freight traffic, Mr. Miller said.

The buildings at the new Sanford street plant include a two-story brick office building, freight sheds, car repair shops, garage and power plant.

Construction of this group of buildings was started early last fall and has been rushed to completion this winter. All of the buildings are of new construction except the car repair shop which has been built over from the old Pontiac Pattern & Machine Company building, purchased by the D. U. R. with the property.

GRAD SPEAKER IS ANNOUNCED

Dr. James Thomas, Detroit Pastor, On Commencement Program

The June commencement address at the Baldwin High School is to be given by Dr. James Thomas, pastor of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Detroit, it was decided at the Monday night meeting of the school board at the Baldwin High School. Superintendent Clarence Vliet made the recommendation.

WAIVERS SOUGHT ON TAXATION

Waivers on charter rights of citizens to be taxed for the proposed paving of Lincoln avenue from Southfield road to Pierce street are sought today by Manager James W. Parry. The matter of paving the street was laid on the table until the waivers are obtained, it was decided by the commission Monday night.

STREET HEARING DATE ANNOUNCED

Objections to taxation for the installation of a trunk line sewer on Henrietta street from Frank street to Lincoln avenue will be heard by the village commission Feb. 20, it is announced today. Plans call for taxing

DRIVER IS INJURED AS AUTO HITS CAR

Lorne Ingraham, 913 Darnwood avenue, Royal Oak, drove his car into the side of an interurban turning into the car barns here at 6:45 a. m. Saturday cutting severely one of his hands. His companion, Andrew Rex, 516 Woodcrest avenue, Royal Oak, suffered cuts about the face.

ENGLISH WOMAN GIVES VIEWS ON CURRENT AMERICAN QUESTIONS

Miss A. Maude Royden Opposes Companionate Marriage Idea

Rumors concerning the beliefs of Miss A. Maude Royden, famed English evangelist, are put to rest today by Mrs. George T. Hendrie of Bloomfield Hills, who is in charge of arrangements for the lectures Miss Royden will give in Detroit. Her first lecture, under the auspices of the League of International Women, will be given tomorrow at 8 p. m. at the Masonic Temple, Detroit.

Miss Royden expressed a great interest in the prohibition law and said, in a letter received by Mrs. Hendrie, that she was anxious to study it at first hand in this country. "It appears to be a marvelous adventure and I trust it will be a success," she said.

In commenting on her opposition to the idea of companionate marriage, Miss Royden said:

"In the sermon I preached in Guild House, London, in January, I very definitely stated that I was opposed to companionate marriage and all similar proposals and gave the psychological reasons thereof and that I believed marriage to be a sacrament which should not be entered into unworthily. I stand by every word of the sermon."

Miss Royden was educated at Oxford University and began her career as a university-extension lecturer and later entered the suffrage movement as one of its speakers and editor of a suffrage journal.

At present she is one of the leaders at the Guild House, Eccleston Square, London, which is a project in fellowship; not a new sect of religion but a center where people of all faiths meet to listen to Miss Royden and other speakers and there to have questions answered or to express their own thoughts.

The lectures of Miss Royden are endorsed by scores of Detroit citizenry: Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, past president of the Detroit Council of Churches and minister at the Central Methodist church, Rev. Rheinold Niebuhr, Mrs. Roscoe Jackson, president of the Detroit Y. W. C. A., Mrs. Joseph Welt, president of the Detroit branch, Council of Jewish Women, Mrs. Josephine Keal, state president of the American Association of University Women and many others.

BILLBOARDS BANNED BY VILLAGE IN HILLS

Persons who wish to construct bill boards in Bloomfield Hills village in the future will have to obtain the permission of the commission before proceeding, it was decided Tuesday night when the board passed an ordinance to this effect.

Members of the commission expressed themselves as feeling that there was a tendency to place so many advertisements of this nature in the hills that the beauty of the land was being menaced.

Violation of the law calls for either or both a fine and jail sentence.

FATHER AND SON WEEK UNDER WAY

Village Churches To Participate In Annual Observance

Plans are under way at all the village churches for the annual Father and Son banquets to be staged next Thursday at 7 p. m., word comes from Robert Lynd, executive secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

Exercises at the First Baptist Church will consist of group singing to be led by Wilbur McAlpine

PRESIDENT ELLERBY ISSUES FATHER AND SON PROCLAMATION

To the People of Birmingham:

cases.

"Because it has an important bearing on civic welfare in Birmingham, as well as on individual welfare in countless cases, I feel it my duty to call attention to the well-conceived plan for a 'Father and Son Week.'

"The purpose is admirable. Anything that tends to bring father and son closer together in friendly spirit cannot but be beneficial to themselves and to the community.

"I believe that fathers can do more than any others to stem the great and alarming tide of 'dropping out' of school, which carries many boys out into the world unfit for progress and prosperity or public service.

"Many boys grow to manhood virtually ignorant of even the simplest processes of government. These every father can explain to his son. The son, in every case, should become better than his father, for that marks progress.

"The 'Week' that is coming will suggest many ways in which fathers may gain more completely the confidence of their sons, with all that means of effective guidance and unrestricted control.

"I, therefore, call upon the fathers of this city and request their co-operation in this important movement by attending with their sons, at least one of the meetings to be held during the 'Father and Son Week.' I hope the men who have no sons will befriend the boys who have no father."

H. T. ELLERBY,
Village President.

of Townsend street. W. S. Toothacker of Merrill street is working with boys to give humorous selections and musical dialogues.

The dinner will be served by the Ladies Union of which Mrs. Henry Stevens is chairman.

Charles Buck of Chesterfield road will have charge of all boys

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COURT BATTLE OVER BUILDING DUE TUESDAY

Legality Of Using Fire Station Money Issue In Injunction Suit

POTTER STANDS SILENT

Whether Birmingham will be restrained from proceeding with the construction of the municipal building will be decided in Circuit Court, Pontiac, Tuesday morning, it was announced yesterday by Glenn H. Ogden, village attorney who will defend the village against an injunction suit by four residents.

The action was started because the bonds believe they say, that the village was not within its legal rights to use $40,000 voted for a fire station toward the building. It is generally understood that figures furnished by Burrowes and Eurich, architects, will show the fire station section of the building will cost in excess of that amount.

Although William W. Potter, state attorney general, agreed with the stand taken by Mr. Ogden when the two consulted on the matter he has declined to make a formal statement because the matter is in the hands of the court.

Contractors are continuing with their preliminary work on the foundation of the building on the first block of the civic center and will be ready to rush it to completion provided the village is successful in the court battle, they say.

Those who signed the petition are: William McBride Tom Reddick, Thomas L. Thurber and Hendrick Brusse.

ROCHESTER READY FOR ANNUAL JUMP

Famous Ski Jumpers To Take Part In Meet Feb. 12; Records Expected To Fall

(Special to The Eccentric)

Rochester, Feb. 8.—Thirty international known ski jumpers are expected to take part in the annual jumping contest of the Detroit Ski club at the grounds a mile east of Rochester at 2 p. m. Feb. 12.

Fifteen members of the Detroit club, including the six famous Hall brothers will take part. Chicago, St. Paul, Ironwood and Ishpeming are sending their best jumpers, and new arrivals from Norway, Germany and Switzerland will be on hand to compete

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TWO FIRES REPORTED HERE IN TWO DAYS

A stove exploding in the basement of the former Starr Motor Coach garage, 217 south Woodward avenue, set fire to the coal late Sunday night. No damage was reported.

Firemen worked half an hour Monday extinguishing a fire that broke out in the chimney of the home of James Eaton, 205 Brown street. Damage was slight.

P. T. A. TO CELEBRATE FOUNDERS' DAY HERE

Founder Day for Birmingham Parent Teacher associations will be celebrated Monday by the Pierce School P. T. A. at the school at 3:30 p. m. Mrs. Fred Johnson of Adams road, president of the Birmingham P. T. A. council will speak at this time on the "Origin of the P. T. A. in Birmingham."

ELLERBY SEEKS RE-ELECTION

Petitions Out For President And Three Commission Members

Petitions for H. T. Ellerby for reelection as village president were expected to be filled today following their circulation. Petitions also were in circulation for reelection of Commissioners Hope Halgren, Scott Hersey and Lee A. White. William H. Majoribanks, whose petition is also in circulation is a candidate for the second time. He was defeated in the last election.

While all persons whose petitions were in circulation declined to state definitely their intentions to qualify before Feb. 25 for the elections March 12, it is generally understood they will acquiesce.

A petition for the reelection of Hazel E. Lawler to the village clerk's office is already filed.

Petitions are in circulation for the reelection of two members of the library board for three years. They are Mrs. Arthur Hartwell and Clarence Vliet.

In the township, petitions were taken out this week for Blanche Z. White, 125 Vinewood avenue, for clerk, and James Moore, east Square Lake road for highway commissioner.

All petitions in the village must be filed before 5 p. m. Feb. 18 and in the township of Bloomfield by 5 p. m. Feb. 16. Citizens may register any day prior to Feb. 25 in the township for the primary elections to be held March 7.

BRIDGE ACTION IS SUSPENDED

Protests Cause Cancellation Of Attempt To Widen West Maple Span

Action to establish a special assessment area for the widening of the bridge on west Maple avenue over the River Rouge is definitely suspended today following protests by residents of the neighborhood at the village commission meeting Monday night. No objections were raised to plans for the widening and paving of the street, however, and the village assessor has been instructed to proceed with tax assessments.

In the opinion of several citizens, taxation of persons living in the neighborhood for the greater part of the cost of widening the bridge is discriminatory. They told the commission they believed the village at large would be obtaining more benefit from the new bridge than they who lived in the neighborhood.

Members of the board feel that because the street is to be widened to 40 feet from its present width of 24 feet, the bridge will also have to be widened. Plans for this project will be discussed at future date, it is indicated.

LEGION READY WITH PROGRAM

Chas. Edwards' Post Group To Stage Annual Dinner Here

Members of the Charles Edward's post of the American Legion today are completing plans for the annual dinner to be given at 7 p. m. Wednesday at the Chateau Tea Room for all ex-service men of Birmingham and vicinity.

A large entertainment program is being planned and many features will make the affair unique, according to Lloyd L. Stanley, commander of the post.

Among the features will be the showing of motion pictures taken at the convention last summer in Paris, it is planned.

INSTITUTE TO START CONCERT SERIES

(Special to The Eccentric)

Detroit, Feb. 7—Leading musical talent of city and state will appear at the Detroit Institute of Arts regularly every Friday at 8 p. m. and every Sunday at 2 p. m., according to announcement made today by Francis Josh, curator of music of the institute.

Next Sunday, a chorus of 60 voices and an orchestra of 45 players, with Frederick Vallance as leader, will be the attraction. Mrs. Ossip Gabrilowitsch (Clara Clemens) will give a song recital on Feb. 19. Gustin Wright of Paris, France, gives an organ recital on Feb. 26.

Palmer Christian of Ann Arbor, celebrated concert organist will appear March 2 and on Sunday, March 4, Paul Tanner, organist of the Art Museum at Toledo, O., will play, assisted vocally. Admission is free.

Buy your life insurance from L. W. Porter, P. O. Box 24, phone 1242. adv.26tf

Interest Centered On City Meeting

Reports Of Committees Indicate New Government Is Not Advisable; Decision Soon Ready

Birmingham's interest is centered on the open meeting with the city-village committee at 8 p. m. tomorrow in the village offices when questions on the proposed change to the city government will be answered by the committee. The interest, already keen, is expected to gain impetus with the publication on page one, part three of this issue of The Eccentric the preliminary reports of the committee which has been studying the matter.

Untangling the maze of contradictions and vague clauses in the state school code of 1927, the committee members indicate in the report that the change is not advisable at this time. Although the specific recommendation of the group will not be made until after the public meeting tomorrow, members today declare it would be unwise to change. The matter will be decided at the village elections March 12. Unless definite facts are presented at the meeting tomorrow to influence their opinion, it is expected they will be unanimous for retention of the present form of government.

Possibility of additional state and county taxes is a large factor in the attitude of the sub-committee on taxation. The committee on paving found that the Woodward avenue situation and the Grand Trunk right-of-way would not be relevant nor affected by a change. Cost of administration of government would not be affected by the change, the group which studied this phase reported.

The committee, headed by Thomas Parker, and composed of the village commission and residents of the village selected by the commission at the suggestion of H. T. Ellerby, village president, expects to meet after tomorrow night to consider the facts expected to be presented at that time.

In commenting on the preliminary report Mr. Ellerby said:

"While the conclusion of this committee does not differ materially from the conclusion of the committee appointed last year for the same study, their investigation of the law as to school, roads and tax matters effected by the legislature of 1927 is constructive.

"These laws as interpreted by the members of the group will change the opinions of the many who signed petitions for the adoption of the city government.

"The investigation has been thoroughly worth while and has brought to light facts which otherwise would not have been brought out. The village is particularly indebted to Thomas Parker, John Gafill and Charles Lewis who gave considerable time to the study of the legal matters involved, to Clarence Vliet for his opinion on the school status and to Lauren Hulbert for his work on the tax investigation."

RE-ELECTED

MRS. CHARLES J. SHAIN

Mrs. Shain was re-elected president of the Birmingham Community House board, Saturday at the annual election of officers, from the board of directors. The term is for one year.

HOUSE BOARD ELECTS FIVE

Mrs. Charles J. Shain Named Again As President; Drive Plans Discussed

Five members of the Community House board are in office today following the annual elections held Saturday at the House.

Mrs. Charles J. Shain was re-elected president; Mrs. C. R. Wilson was named vice-president to succeed Mrs. J. W. Marlotte; Mrs. Howard Simpson was elected treasurer to succeed Mrs. Seymour D. Adgate and both Mrs. Harvey E. Whalen and Mrs. R. H. Mann were named to continue as recording secretary and corresponding secretary respectively. The officers are elected for one year and directors for three years.

Three members were appointed to the advisory board. They are R. J. Coryell, Herbert G. Wood and Fletcher Richards.

Plans for the drive for funds for the new building were discussed by officers and brief reports were made by members of the committees in the work they have done for the drive. The date this is to start is announced as April 15.

Mrs. Shain emphasized the fact that those working on the drive will be striving for a common need and will be united by this bond without sectional ties. It will bring persons from all parts of Birmingham together for one common cause, she declared.

Seven churches have committees working in co-operation, it is announced. Mrs. Clarence Vliet and Mrs. Arthur Hartwell are joint chairmen of this group.

FRANK COUZENS GETS PLAN POST

Birmingham Business Head Given Detroit City Office For Two Years

Frank Couzens, son of United States Senator James Couzens, and official of the Wabeek corporation of Birmingham, was appointed to the Detroit City Planning commission yesterday by John Lodge, mayor of that city.

The appointment is for two years.

MANAGER PREPARING ESTIMATES OF STREETS

Village Manager James W. Parry today is preparing estimates on the cost of the proposed grading and gravelling of Grant avenue between Lincoln and Ruffner streets, following instructions of the village commission Monday night.

BOARD TALKS RAPID TRANSIT

Commission Declines To Act On R. O.'s Suggestion For D. S. R. Busses

Speedier transportation to and from Detroit was discussed by the commission Monday night at the meeting following receipt of a letter from Royal Oak officials asking the board here to help obtain D. S. R. motor busses on the Woodward avenue highway. The board declined to act on the letter.

"Soon or late the Grand Trunk probably will have special trains so persons can get from Birmingham to Detroit in less time," said Commissioner J. H. McBride.

Commissioners agreed that transportation facilities could be made faster but said there was no need to act as the Royal Oak officials suggested because they did not see this as a remedy.

DRIVER'S HURTS PROVE SERIOUS

Detroiter Who Crashed Into Tree On Woodward Still In Hospital

William Cox, 40 years old, 2326 Popular avenue, Detroit, was still in a serious condition at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, late last night from injuries received early Monday when the car he was driving crashed into a tree at Woodward avenue and Oak street.

Hospital attaches said he had been conscious but part of the time since he was brought to the hospital and that they feared internal injuries might develop.

Cox was travelling north and did not take the jog in the pavement, according to police. He was alone at the time.