LAYMEN SPEAK IN M. E. CHURCH

Effect Of Eighteenth Amendment Topic Of Three On Program

Plans are under way today for a program to be given in the First Methodist Church at 5 p. m. Sunday which will include talks by several Birmingham laymen.

H. T. Ellerby, village president, will be in charge of the program. George E. Averill, publisher of The Eccentric, will speak on "Prohibition from the Editor's Point of View." Charles S. Klunsion, poet, is to speak on the "Effect of the Eighteenth Amendment on a Community." The Rev. Henry S. Evans, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church will speak on the Eighteenth Amendment and the Church.

Invitations have been issued to the general public by the pastor, the Rev. Robert M. Atkins.

BOARD ASKED TO RE-OPEN CITY SESSIONS

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mittee to express disapproval of the move and ask for the action to be rescinded. He reminded the board that it had brought the committee into being and hence, in a way, was responsible for it.

All members of the village committee are members of the city-village committee. With them are a group of citizens composed of Sir. Moore, Mr. Bayley, of the Bloomfield Township board; John Carroll, attorney; Louis Hascall, editor; Thomas Parker, insurance man; Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools, and Charles Lewis of Pontiac. They have volunteered to make a study of the problems involved in the proposed change in the city form of government and report to the people of Birmingham their findings and recommendations.

Mr. Hulbert declared that the committee had nothing definite to report to the press until conclusions were reached and that public discussions of the issues would tend to hamper the work of the committee.

Called Indiscreet

Mr. White characterized the move as the "most indiscreet act a body could have accomplished. The public resents the suggestion that when the silver platter is ready it will be served to them. We must not lose sight of the fact that we are, at least in spirit, servants of the public. The tactics of announcing that the people whom we serve are not welcome are not good ones."

When the press expresses every word of members of a committee of this kind it does more harm than good, Mr. Hulbert said. "I do not mean just the press of Birmingham but all newspapers," he added.

"The history of the press, covering hundreds of years, needs no defence from me," said Mr. White, "But the reaction of the public to their being barred from the meetings is reason enough to rescind the act and admit them to future meetings," he said.

Seeks Unanimity

In answer to a question from Mr. Hulbert as to why the public could not wait for a decision, Mr. White said, "Because they are interested in the process of reasoning by which we reach our conclusions. If they are informed of this, the public spirit will be carried with the action of the committee and the result will be unanimity.

"There is no need for holding these meetings behind closed doors," said Mr. White. "The most dangerous practice I have encountered in nine years in Birmingham is the last minute passing of handbills before elections. These are treacherous things. No one knows whence they come, nor what motive lies behind their distribution. If the affairs of public interest are aired, this will be avoided."

Mr. Ellerby declared he had never seen the public of Birmingham so aroused over a public act as they are over this.

The meeting was brought to a close by a motion from Commissioner W. W. Henry before action was taken.

Several members of the committee indicated a resolution would be presented at the next meeting of the committee, Jan. 19, opening the meetings to the press and public.

99-YEAR LEASE ON WOODWARD SITE IS SIGNED

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dication of the way the outside merchants are watching and believing in the future of Birmingham as the most important shopping center for the entire Bloomfield-Birmingham residential area, which these merchants appreciate has the largest purchasing power per family of any section in the state of Michigan.

"This transaction," said E. H. Tillotson, of the firm, "is another proof of our belief in the value of Birmingham business property as the S. S. Kresge company made the decision of coming to Birmingham only after a thorough investigation of the possibilities of this market.

"This is the second 99 year lease that Colgrove Buck & Tillotson have negotiated in the past few months. The previous one being on the southwest corner of Woodward, Maple and Pierce streets, which will be improved by the Detbir Realty company with a modern arcade as soon as the present leases expire."

Fire Department In New Quarters

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by the fire and police departments and the Baldwin Public library, is vacant today and no announcement has been made by the owners, the Briggs Commercial & Development company of Detroit, as to plans for improvement.

When the land was acquired from the village, company officials said and indicated a number of store buildings would be constructed on the corner. When work will start has not been decided by the company.

BOARD DENIES PETITION FOR DANCE HALL

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the company and the village, Mr. Howard said.

Although members of the commission said the village was determined not to allow the auditorium to operate, Mr. Howard was optimistic of the prospects of an agreement being reached. He said he believed the auditorium would be of a class that would be an asset to Birmingham.

The petition asked for the right to operate a dance hall and did not include refreshment stands nor amusement devices and other paraphernalia that usually goes with an amusement park. Mr. Howard said these were stricken from the original request when it was found they did not meet with the approval of the people of Birmingham.

Lee A. White, commissioner, told Mr. Howard that the commission was unanimously opposed to the dance hall and that it would lay every possible obstacle in its way. "If there are holes in the present ordinance, then we shall draft one without holes," he said.

David H. Ladd Is Appointed

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ciated by the discriminating people in the Birmingham district.

"The homes we are now building in Birmingham have been inspected during construciton by many who can testify to the soundness of the construction, the high standards of workmanship and the quality of the materials used which have been purchased from Birmingham business houses wherever possible.

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"Mr. Ladd, who is former president of the Birmingham Real Estate board, and well known in Birmingham, will have his headquarters in his present offices at 102 south Woodward avenue, where full information on Miller-Storm home building, planning, financing and 'Hundred Point Construction' methods may be obtained."

BIRMINGHAM IN TERRITORY OF NEW DRAIN

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tion of the new drain will empty into Red Run River at the Oakland-Macomb County line, and thence through Macomb County to the Clinton River.

The original petition for this drain was filed with the Oakland County drain commissioner in April 1926, but so huge is the project that nearly two years have been necessary in making preliminary plans and surveys. According to present indications, however, actual construction of the new drain will be started about June, Mr. Strait stated.

Two Sections

"Although final plans have not been completed the Oakland-Macomb drain will be divided into 12 sections," N. W. Strait, chief engineer of the county drain commission said. "Of these there will be two very large sections 15 feet in height and 22 feet wide. These will be the outlet for the Hazel Park sections running into Bear Creek and the Red Run section from the Campbell road to Dequindre road. This is now an open stream and will be entirely enclosed along its present course, by the new drain.

"The project will also include the construction of a large disposal plant to care for the sanitary flow," Mr. Strait continued, "which will cost approximately $750,000 and which is included in the total cost of the drain."

Practically all of the benefit derived from the new drain will be by Oakland and Macomb counties although Lapeer and St. Clair counties will be affected slightly.

Construction petitions will be circulated immediately in the districts affected which to secure the new drain, must be signed by at least 2,000 property owners of record.

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