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CONDEMNATION GROUP MEETS

Property in Four Townships Involved in Telegraph Road Paving

Commissioners on the condemnation proceedings brought by the state for property in Bloomfield, Southfield, Pontiac and Waterford townships met yesterday for the first session. The group was named by Probate Judge Dan A. McGuffey. They are A. Bird Glavin of Oxford, C. E. Miner of Holly and Harry McCracken of Farmington. Property that would be involved in the paving of the proposed Telegraph road is being considered.

A portion of the Telegraph Road extension from Grand River Avenue to the Dixie highway is one of the major jobs of road construction the State Highway Department has outlined for this year. This department is constructing a bridge over the Clinton river on West boulevard and has graded the West boulevard preparatory to putting down a pavement this spring. It is not expected that the entire section between Grand River Avenue and the Dixie highway can be completed this year.

J. C. Spencer of Davenport, Ia., recently pulled the trigger of his shotgun by catching it with his sleeve and the discharge wounded his three sons.

LUMBERMEN STAGE DINNER

Under the auspices of the Detroit How-Hoo club, the lumber fraternity of Detroit and suburbs, the second dinner meeting of the winter season will be held Tuesday evening, Jan. 24, at 6:30 p. m. at the General Motors Building, Detroit.

These affairs are for members of How-Hoo, at luncheon and their friends. R. C. Moulthrop of the R. C. Moulthrop company Birmingham is in charge of the distribution of tickets in Birmingham and requests that reservations be made early.

Playground Need Stressed in Talk

The need of more playgrounds for school children of Birmingham was stressed in a talk by H. V. Ellerby, village president, at a meeting of the Barnum School Parent Teacher association in the Baldwin High school auditorium last week. Civil and school governments also were discussed in the president's talk.

Immediately following Mr. Ellerby's talk a start program was put on by the most interesting of a freak orchestra of eight pieces under the direction of Martin J. Wendell, a musician and by Clarence R. Cummings of the Adams school, community singing and a play by J. C. Hyman and Leo L. Gibbons of Pierre street, completed the program.

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LEGION SETS QUOTA AT 100

Charles Edwards' Post Members Reward Drive Gets Under Way

Membership in the Charles Edwards Post of the American Legion of 100 former service men was forecast for Feb. 1 by members at the meeting last night in the Community House. Plans of the membership committee, under Chairman Leon Mix were discussed. George Winsett and H. H. Gerson are assisting Mr. Mix in the drive.

A copy of the proposed constitution and by laws of the organization was presented by Lloyd L. Stanley who was assigned the preparation. Action on the matter is expected to be taken at the meeting Feb. 15.

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One need not be a citizen of Birmingham to appreciate the worth of such a life, to derive the benefits of its example. For citizens everywhere there is the life of Martha Baldwin of Birmingham a worth of precedent, an assurance that life is worth living, if it is but lived well. In the midst of frequent discussion as to whether life is really worth living, it is most interesting and profitable to reflect upon this life, which has come to its full fruition years after the mortal ceased to breathe.

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Former Birmingham Man Lauds Work, Memory of Martha Baldwin

Note: The following is an editorial which appeared in the Farmington Enterprise recently. It was written by the publisher of the paper, Hyman Levinson, a former resident of Birmingham.

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FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS—Of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background of The Birmingham of Today.

43 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Mary B. Cooper of Houghton, Mich., is in town visiting her many friends and relatives.

25 YEARS AGO

The meeting at the schoolhouse was not remarkable for its numbers; last Monday night but the contents of opinion was that the school building must be heated and a motion to hold a meeting to vote on the question of raising \$1,300 was carried. This meeting is to be held next Monday evening. All tax payers are urged to be present and voice their sentiments.

Dr. C. M. Leonard of Ishphingham is home for a short visit. He is this city's leading dentist and is making money. Here's our best wishes.

Mrs. Jarley will exhibit her famous wax figures at the Baptist church in the near future.

Notes From Big Beaver

In the absence of Rev. Sutcliffe, the services last Sunday were conducted by members who presented papers on subjects that our church needs, interspersed with special music.

A pleasant New Years family gathering was held at the home of William Cobb of Oakman. The guest of honor was George Easley of Newark, N. J.

Notes From Franklin

Sam Durfee has returned to Pontiac, having got enough of Franklin in one week.

Some parties arrived here from Detroit Friday night en route for Nelson Coleman's after two loads of hay. They started out Saturday morning and got back here at night. While leading the horses out to water this morning one of them fell and broke his leg just above the hock. Result: Horse shot, horse short.

Notes From Southfield

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Little news but some sage remarks.

When there is no loved one to embrace and enjoy, what comfort has life? None but business, a poor substitute for a darling little wife in your home, with the little ones around you when your day's work is done.

John Lawson traded a wheelbarrow with G. W. Hunt for a calf.

CHURCH PLANS PURCHASE OF MORE LAND

St. James Episcopal To Decide On Taking Over New Piece Of Property

VESTRYMEN ELECTED

Arrangements have been consummated by the St. James Church to purchase a lot, which is 60x103 feet now owned by Mrs. Flora Starman of Martin street, will complete the entire block between West Maple, Martin, Bates and Chester streets, now in possession of the church.

The building now standing on the lot will be razed but aside from that, no other arrangements are being made to put the property to active use, it was announced. Reports at the annual meeting last week, which was presided by the annual Parish dinner, were submitted to the rector, the Rev. Warren L. Forsyth, by J. B. Howarth, treasurer of the church, L. L. Truax, treasurer of the church school, Mrs. Charles E. Buck, leader of the church school society. (Continued on Page 3, Part 2)

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Service Bulletin

Beautiful home, frame colonial on Fairfax Road, in Quorton Lake Sub. Large living room, fireplace, sun room, 3 bedrooms and maid's quarters. Vapor steam heat, 2-car garage. \$22,000.00, with \$5,000.00 down and \$140.00 per month.

Seven-room modern on Forest Ave., well located. Has large living room, fireplace, dining room has breakfast nook. Three bedrooms, tile bath with shower. Hot air heat, 2-car garage. \$10,500.00 with \$1500.00 down and \$100.00 per month, straight contract.

Excellent apartment site. Located on SW corner of Purdy and Brown streets. 60 feet on Brown and 116 feet on Purdy. Improved with 9-room dwelling and 2-car garage. House has Oil heat. Price reasonable, long time contract.

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POPULARITY OF OLD TIME DANCE IN DETROIT TOLD

Detroit has the world's unique ballroom, according to its owner, Carl Fischer, who declares its bid to fame lies in the fact that it caters only to "old time dances." It is known as the Campus Ballroom and is located at the corner of Woodward and Maple avenues. "Despite the fact that the ballroom has been in operation for nearly 20 years, its popularity has already been proved," said Mr. Fischer.

He explained that the orchestra plays only music for old time dances and that everything goes to carry out that effect. Old time dancing is scheduled for Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Autos Collide In Attempted Turn

Damage amounting to more than \$100 was done to automobiles driven by Edward M. Beresford, 3236 Burlingame avenue, Detroit, and Chester McLean, 15453 Griggs street, Detroit, when they collided at Woodward and Maple avenues Saturday. Beresford's car was struck while attempting to make a left turn, police say.

VILLAGE WOMAN GRANTED DIVORCE

Mrs. Elva F. Blanchard, Birmingham telephone 9327, was given a divorce decree from her husband, Ernest W. Blanchard, student at the University of Michigan, by Judge Frank L. Doty in circuit court, Pontiac, last week.

Mrs. Blanchard testified she eloped with her former husband Oct. 6, 1926 while he was a student at the university. She declared his love cooled and that a reconciliation was impossible.

A new fad among London women is the wearing of a little blinker veil which covers one eye.

Who Drives Your Car?

One of the excellent advantages of automobile liability insurance, as written by the Wolverine Mutual Motor Insurance Co., is the fact that the policy protects the owner—or anyone else who may be driving it.



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