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EIGHT MILE ROAD TO BE SUPERHIGHWAY

Jury Decides In Favor Of Condemnation For Right Of Way

204-FOOT WIDTH ASKED

A condemnation jury in circuit court this week decided in favor of the widening of the Eight Mile road west of Woodward avenue to Livernois east of Woodward to the John R. road making it a superhighway.

The jurors had been deliberating on the verdict for three weeks. Testimony in the case commenced Nov. 29, 1927.

The road is to be widened from 86 ft to 204 feet and all the required new width is to be taken from the north side. It will be approximately two miles in length.

The suit was brought by State Highway Commissioner Frank F. Rogers against the property owners in Oakland County living on the north side of the Eight Mile road. It was one of the longest land-out condemnation cases ever heard by a jury in the Oakland County Circuit Court.

Jurors in the case were: Chauncey H. Hutchins, William Bronson, Michael Griffin, Fred V. Quarton, Harry R. Brace, Peter E. Backer, Leon J. Greer, David Dernberger, Orrin Hoxsie, Ira A. Waldrill, Eli Simpkins and Ernest R. Boye.

Two hundred and fifteen parcels of land are affected in the case. The jury stipulated amounts to be paid the owner of each parcel.

The awards range from $300 to $86,000. The latter amount is specified for John Stefani, whose land is designated as Parcel No. 183.

BROOKS' DEATH STILL MYSTERY

Parents Return From Visit To Scene Of Tragedy Doubtful As To Cause

The parents of the late Harry J. Brooks returned to their home in Southfield Township this week from a trip to Florida, to view the place where the airplane of their son plunged into the Atlantic ocean, inclining toward the theory that the aviator fainted from exhaustion before the crash. The fall occurred Feb. 26.

No definite facts were ascertained that would account for the tragedy, according to Mrs. Joseph Brooks. It was learned, however, that Harry had not eaten solid food from the time he left the Ford airport on a Tuesday until the crash the following Saturday.

Suffering from a throat infection, the young man was forced to depend upon orange juice for nourishment.

He was under the care of a [illegible] and physician in Titusville, Fla., where his plane was forced down on the attempted non-stop trip to Miami. There he worked on the plane before the plane before the fatal take-off.

Officials of Melbourne, Fla., have ordered continued a constant patrol of the beach which is to last indefinitely.

Conflicting stories told by witnesses of the plane's plunge make it difficult to form a theory of the cause, Mrs. Brooks said. The particular part of the coast off Melbourne is usually stormy and there is a possibility that a storm crippled the plane, she said.

CHRIST CHURCH OPENS EASTER

Cranbrook Edifice To Be Occupied For Good Friday Services

The new Christ Church, Cranbrook, will be open for service on Good Friday and on Easter Day. It is expected that services thereafter will be held in the main auditorium of the church, according to Dr. S. S. Marquis.

Work on the exterior of the church is at an end, except the carving of certain figures which surmount the buttresses.

The mural paintings covering the entire east wall, and the north and south wall within the sanctuary, will be finished by Easter. The font, one of the most beautiful works of art in the church, will be in place. The reredos and altar in St. Paul's Chapel will be in place, but it is not expected that the paintings which go into the panels of the reredos will be finished. The Chapel of the Resurrection in the crypt is nearing completion. St. Dunstin's Chapel, also in the crypt is finished, but at present dismantled owing to work going on in the adjoining chapel.

A dinner and reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George Booth will be given to members of the parish in the week following Easter.

HEALTH OFFICER TO DO POST GRADUATE WORK

Dr. A. W. Newitt, village health officer, is to leave Birmingham Saturday to do post graduate work in pediatrics at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. Dr. Newitt will return to Birmingham May 1. At a later date he intends to specialize in illnesses of children.

HOPE REVIVED FOR WITHEE

Village Man, Struck By Auto, Still In Critical Condition, However

Hope was revived late yesterday for the recovery of Milton Spencer Withee, 437 Greenwood avenue, by Dr. John H. Gordon who said the man's condition was better than at any time since he was struck by an automobile at Woodward and Harmon avenues Saturday when he alighted from a motor bus. He has been unconscious since the accident suffering from a compound fracture of the skull. Dr. Gordon said he is not yet out of danger, however. He is in the St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital at Pontiac.

Witnesses said Withee attempted to cross the street in front of the bus and was struck by another car also headed north. They said he hurried to avoid being struck by the bus.

Driver Released

Guy C. Snook, driver of the car, made a statement to Prosecutor Clyde D. Underwood and was released. One of the two women passengers in his car was slightly injured by glass which was broken by the force of the impact. She is Miss Emily Theirman, 4417 Second boulevard, Detroit. The other passenger was Miss Gilda Shelton, Blackstone Hotel, Detroit. Snook gave his address as 73 Peterberro avenue, Detroit.

Withee was rushed to the hospital in a car driven by Arthur Hofman, 4333 Wabash avenue, Detroit.

Snook told the prosecutor he was travelling at the rate of 15 or 20 miles an hour and that he did not have time to stop his car when Withee appeared suddenly in the path.

His statement in part follows: "The bus was ahead of me and I was directly in back of the bus and it pulled over to the curb and stopped. As it stopped I went straight ahead and as I got just by or going by I heard this crash and from the side it looked like this man's head was coming through my door. I automatically threw my car to the right and stopped within 20 feet."

Withee Well Known

Witnesses to the accident included: E. E. Staebler, 419 Lakeview street; Arthur Hoffman, 4333 Wabash avenue, Detroit; Philip Henry, north Woodward avenue, Birmingham, and H. A. Rothe, 232 Pilgrim street, Birmingham.

Withee is 30 years old and a prominent member of Birmingham's younger set. He is in the insurance business in Detroit.

A truck, driven by Roy Meyering, 215 Merrill street, was badly damaged late Monday night after it was struck by an interurban going south at Lincoln and Woodward avenues.

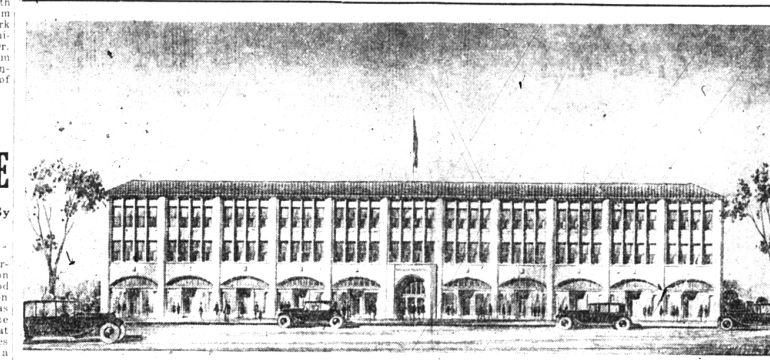
Motorman Morris Chowning and Conductor George Jones manned the interurban. No one was injured.

Rudolph Armstrong, 73 years old, 209 Ferndale avenue Birmingham is recovering today at the St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital from injuries received when he fell from from a D. U. R. interurban car Sunday at Oakland and Woodward avenues.

Armstrong was seized with a fainting spell as he attempted to alight from the car which had stopped, according to police. When he hit the pavement he received cuts and bruises.

He is employed at the Bloomfield Hills school.

WABEEK BUILDING TO HAVE THIRD STORY



Addition of a third story to the new Wabeek building at west Maple avenue and Bates street is announced today by Frank Couzens of the Wabeek corporation, the owners. The building is in the process of construction today and the above picture shows how it will look with the additional story when completed.

This will be the largest office building in Birmingham and it is estimated that its cost will approximate $300,000. The building has a frontage of 210 feet on west Maple avenue and a depth of 60 feet on Bates street. It will house 10 modern shops on the first floor. On the second floor there will be 26 offices. Plans for the third floor are not completed but Mr. Couzens said it would be finished according to the needs of the tenants.

The building is expected to be completed in August. It will house offices of Senator James Couzens, the Wabeek corporation and Frank Couzens, Inc., besides offices that are to be rented to outside interests.

"We feel the growth of Birmingham warrants a building of this size," said Mr. Couzens, in discussing the addition.

The building is being constructed so that three more stories may be added at a later date.

CALL HEARINGS ON STREETS

Date Set For Objections To Paving And Improving 11 Districts

Action on 11 street improvements was taken by the commission at the meeting Monday night when dates for hearings on paving of streets and the installation of curbs and gutters were named. The work is scheduled to be done this summer and the cost will total several thousand dollars.

Hearings of objections and suggestions to the improvements will be held in the village offices at 8 p. m. April 9.

The proposed improvements follow:

Construction of a concrete pavement on Martin street between Pierce and Chester streets. The cost, including the sewer is estimated at $18,028.

Concrete pavement on Bates between Willetts and Brown streets. The cost is $19,723.

Concrete pavement on Merrill street between Pierce and Southfield. Cost is $24,231.

Concrete pavement on Henrietta street between Maple and Brown streets. Cost is $11,924.

Concrete pavement on Chester street between Willetts and Maple. Cost is $3,775.

Construction of a storm sewer on Merrill street from Pierce to Southfield. Cost is $5,064.

Concrete pavement on Willetts street from Woodward to Chester. Cost, $10,056.

Concrete pavement on Euclid avenue from Woodward to Ferndale. Cost is $3,575.

Construction of a storm sewer on the Clawson road between Grant avenue and Pierce street. Cost is $8,691.

JITNEY SERVICE PROPOSED HERE

An application for a license to operate a jitney on the streets of Birmingham is in the hands of the village attorney today and action is expected to be taken by the commission next Monday night. This is the first application for a jitney in the history of the village. It was made by H. Earle and was received by the board last Monday at the regular meeting.

BUDGET SHOWS VILLAGE PAYS FOR CONSTANT DEVELOPMENT

Birmingham will pay more than $70,000 out of its 1928 budget to take care of conditions incident to its growth. While the tax rate is undetermined, it is expected to be not more than and probably less than the $13 per $1,000 of last year.

This was one of the facts revealed today by James W. Parry, village manager, in discussing the items on the budget which is approximately $85,000 more than the budget for the previous year. The total for 1928 is $359,824. The commission passed upon it at a recent meeting.

Increase in the personnel of the police and fire departments alone will cause the increased expenditure of $18,500. This will go to pay the salaries of six full time firemen and four policemen over the number employed in 1927. At present there are 11 men on the force and two more are expected to be added. The total salaries for this department alone amount to $30,000 for the year. New equipment for the police department as a small item on the budget.

Equipment, however, is to be purchased for the fire department. A new car to answer alarms of small fires and a considerable amount of hose will be bought. Drills and fees for the volunteers will cost the village $6,500 for the year.

The newly instituted health department and engineering office are to cost $9,000 for 1928 and a rubbish burner is to cost $6,500.

There are many other ways in which the village has to spend money.

For the support of the Baldwin Public Library this year, Birmingham will pay $11,930. This much is guaranteed by the village if the half-mill tax which goes regularly to the library, does not reach that figure.

Auditing the village books cost $2,250. This was considered a complete and necessary task and the manager says several innovations will result from suggestions made by the auditors.

One item considered important is $4,000 for the readjustment of taxation. Mr. Parry says that at present the assessed valuations on vacant or unimproved property are extremely low and that this makes for unfairness. Land assessed at $50 a foot today is being sold at $350 a foot, he says. The result of the present method of assessment, he pointed out, is that property to be improved will not stand the improvement tax because this latter is based on the assessed valuation.

The village policewoman this year will be on a straight salary of $60 a month for part time. Formerly she worked on a fee basis.

Pavement repair this year will cost the village only $2,000 while it cost $5,200 last year.

The village will pay $1,800 for street signs.

LIGHT COMES HIGH

It costs $5 a month to maintain a street light in Birmingham, Manager James W. Parry pointed out. The total cost of lighting village streets in 1928 will be $14,500. Fifty cents of every $24 that the tax payer gives the village on every $1,000 worth of land he owns goes to keep the streets lighted.

The village will spend $4,000 on improving and maintaining its parks. A large amount of this will be used on the new Water Works park which is to be seeded and leveled. This work is expected to be done as soon as the frost leaves the ground.

The increase in the interest and sinking fund of more than $32,000 is due to the fact that the village will have to pay this year for street improvements completed last year, said Mr. Parry.

BROOKS MEMORIAL SITE DECIDED UPON

$25,000 Edifice Proposed For Southfield Township Land On Burg Road

The site of the proposed memorial monument to the late Harry J. Brooks is definitely established today on the property of Southfield Township at the Berg and the Ten and One-Half Mile roads, according to announcement by J. B. Wood, general chairman of the committee to raise funds for the structure.

Activities on raising the money are to be continued, it was decided at the meeting Tuesday night at the township hall, and the goal is set at $25,000.

A publicity committee made up of William Shephard, Bert Wood and L. J. Hamill was appointed and they are laying plans for newspaper advertising.

The next meeting is open to the general public. It will be held in the Southfield Township hall April 5 at 8 p. m.

Brooks, was born and reared in Southfield Township.

COUZENS' FARM EQUIPMENT SOLD

$15,000 Worth of Implements To Go On Auction Block Today; Disposition Undecided

All the equipment of the famous Wabeek farm on the Long Lake road is to be auctioned off today by the two men who have been operating the farm and who say that they can not make it pay. The property will be put to some use by Senator James Couzens, owner, who has not yet decided of the disposition.

Mark and Frank Williamson, are the men whose equipment will be put on sale. They have operated the farm for more than a year. They were selected from more than 1,000 applicants who responded to the senator's offer to lease it, rent-free, to farmers who would work the land.

Value of the equipment of the brothers is estimated at $15,000.

GEORGE W. WOOD CRITICALLY ILL

George W. Wood, mail carrier from the Birmingham post office, was in a critical condition late yesterday at the St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Pontiac.

Wood, whose home, is at 206 Daines street, was suffering from an internal infection coming from the gall bladder and little hope was held for his recovery.

He has been a postal employe for 10 years, carrying on rural route No. 10 in Southfield Township.

LARGE CLUB FOR HUNTERS IS ANNOUNCED

Metamora To Draw From Membership Of Bloomfield And Grosse Pointe

NICHOLS IS PRESIDENT

Negotiations are under way for the start of the largest hunt club in the middle west on a tract of land in the northeast Oakland County and the southeastern part of Lapeer County. The club to be known as the Metamora Hunt club is understood to have options on 20,000 acres of land and to have already acquired more than 20,000 acres.

The membership of the club is made up of members of the Bloomfield Open Hunt club and the Grosse Pointe Hunt club. The Bloomfield club will continue operation on its present site, it is understood and will not be affected by the new club.

Nichols Is President

Elliott S. Nichols is president of the Metamora club.

Organization of the new club has been necessitated by the changing conditions at Grosse Pointe and in Bloomfield Hills. For years the members of the two hunt clubs have enjoyed their sport during the fall months, but of recent years building up of the land has progressed to such a point that a move was made imperative.

Land has been optioned for some time in Oxford and Addison Townships of Oakland County and the club now has acquired title to most of the lands in the northern tier of townships between the Lapeer and Rochester roads and running into Lapeer County as far north as Attica Township.

The land already acquired is six or seven miles square. Improving of the property now is under way with the plan that it will be used for hunting purposes next fall. Eventually it will be fenced in and well stocked with game.

Individual members of the club will erect their own hunting lodges and the Grosse Pointe and Bloomfield Open Hunt clubs are planning to erect a joint clubhouse in the near future. At some future

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JANE ADDAMS ASKS COMMON UNDERSTANDING FOR WORLD PEACE

International difficulties will only be settled when nations get together and evolve some way for the continuance of peace, Miss Jane Addams, famous for her connection with Hull House activities, said Tuesday in a talk before members of the Twentieth Century club in Detroit.

Miss Addams stressed the fact that the policy most nations are pursuing of buying more ships and more naval equipment to swell their navies will never prevent war. Her topic was "Government Efforts toward Disarmament."

"Disarmament is a thing of the future; it will come about gradually. Security from war will only be possible when nations have been educated to the idea of no war?," she said.

"It has taken such agencies for the promotion of peace as the world court, the proposal of Kellogg to outlaw war and the league of nations to continue work on the establishment of permanent peace."

Miss Addams also touched upon her work in Hull House in Chicago where she was a social service worker 40 years. She said Hull House was successful as a social and educational center for the foreign born.

Miss Addams appeared under the auspices of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Mrs. George Hendrie, of Bloomfield Hills, chairman of the league, presided at the dinner and introduced Miss Addams. Mrs. Myron B. Vorse of Detroit was in charge of the arrangements.

BROOK'S PICTURES

The Eccentric has had for duplicates of the picture of Harry Brooks run on the first part of the March 1 edition, several hundred copies of the picture have been printed on Art paper and are available, without cost, to the friends of the late flier. They may be obtained by application at The Eccentric office.

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BIRMINGHAM PASTOR SUPPORTS DR. HOUGH'S ATTACK ON D. A. R.

The Rev. Robert M. Atkins, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Birmingham and former associate of Dr. Lynn Harold Hough of Detroit, defended today the latter's stand against the Daughters of the American Revolution. Dr. Hough in an address Sunday at the Open Forum in the College of the City of Detroit said the D. A. R. should be called "Daughters of the Ku Klux Klan."

Dr. Hough said in his address, "Although the Daughters of the American Revolution are descendants of a group of men, every one of whom had a price on his head at the time we achieved our independence, certain members of their organization are now 'out to get' American citizens who dare to criticize our government."

A Detroit morning newspaper attacked the criticism of Dr. Hough saying it was the kind of material that pleased Reds. The reply of the Rev. Atkins follows:

"In the attack of the Detroit paper in its editorial columns on Dr. Hough for his accusations against the D. A. R., it represents the point of view of 100% militarism. The fact is that blacklists have been circulated in which many of the nations notable men and leading organizations have been listed as undesirable.

"Such men as the Rev. Francis E. Clark, founder of the Christian Endeavour, were honored by being placed on this black list recently. In Massachusetts Bishop William F. Anderson was black listed. It happens that Mrs. Anderson is a member of the D. A. R. and she demanded an investigation as to why her husband should be black listed as an undesirable citizen. 'The Key Men of America' furnishes the authoritative data as to who is dangerous. Among the organizations held under suspicion are the Federal Council of Churches, the Y. M. C. A. The Y. W. C. A. National League of Women Voters, W. C. T. U., The

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NOTICE

I will be in my office, corner Martin and Pierce, daily between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock.

MRS. MARSON, City Nurse. —Adv. 50

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MANAGER'S REPORT APPROVED BY BOARD

The village commission Monday night approved the annual report of the Village Manager James W. Parry which was presented at that time.

FIRE ON ROOF DOES $100 DAMAGE HERE

Loss of about $100 was suffered by John P. Hogan 643 Wallace street, when the roof of his house caught fire from sparks from a chimney Wednesday noon. Firemen fought the flames an hour before they could extinguish them. A hole about six feet square was burned in the roof.

DEATH TAKES H.A. POPPLETON

Pioneer Resident Succumbs To Complications After Long Illness

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Herbert A. Poppleton, one of Birmingham's oldest residents, who died at his home at 307 east Maple avenue early Monday of complications incident to his old age. Mr. Poppleton was 77 years old and had been ill several months.

The Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, rector of St. James Episcopal Church officiated at the services at the home. Burial was in the Troy Township cemetery.

Mr. Poppleton was born here in 1850. He was the son of Orin Poppleton, one of the wealthiest men in Birmingham. He was educated at the Birmingham Academy at Maple and Southfield avenues, at the Syracuse Institute at Syracuse, N. Y., and later at the University of Michigan.

After completing his education he was in the insurance business in Boston for seven years. He then returned to Evart, Mich., where he engaged in the wholesaling of general merchandise.

In 1885 he returned to Birmingham and conducted a merchandising store here with his brother, Edgar C. Poppleton. Later he became president of the Detroit and Birmingham Plank road company. He then was engaged in the real estate business in Birmingham in which he remained interested until his retirement when he was 60 years old.

He was married twice. His first wife was Miss Lula James of Louisville, Ky., before their marriage. His second wife survives. She formerly was Miss Dane Webster of Detroit. He is also survived by one son, William Knox Poppleton of east Maple avenue.

Mr. Poppleton was well known as one of the largest land owners in the village. At one time he owned 360 acres of land, most of which is located in what today is downtown Birmingham.

The pall bearers were Frank Schlaack, Bert Peabody, T. B. Smith, Seymour D. Adams, Ed O'Neill and Robert Moore.

G. T. GRADING STARTS SOON

Work On New Roadbed Seen For Spring; 200-Ft. Highway Looms

Grading for the new Grand Trunk railway tracks east of their present site is expected to be started this spring, according to Frank F. Rogers, state highway commissioner.

After the removal of the tracks to their new location and when the right of way is obtained, the site now used for the railway will be made into a highway 200 feet wide through Birmingham to divert Woodward avenue traffic, it is promised.

"Although the grading on the new site will probably start this year, there is little chance that the new road will be completed before 1929 or 1930," said Mr. Rogers.

Phone 230 for cleaning and pressing service. —Adv. 50

ANNEXATIONS TO LOOM IN MONDAY'S VOTE

Presidential Nominees, Purchase Of Park Site Also Listed

VILLAGE IS INVOLVED

Voters of Bloomfield Township Monday will mark seven ballots when they enter the booths at the presidential primary elections.

Officials of the township on the Republican ticket are to be voted on without opposition unless there are sticker candidates run against them. They are, Robert Y. Moore for supervisor, James W. Bayley for clerk, Harriet C. Mudge, treasurer, John E. Wilson, highway commissioner, R. J. Coryell, justice of the peace and Robert R. Allen, member of the board of review.

Three annexation ballots face the voters. One is for the annexation to Pontiac of a tract of land in the north part of the township where the General Motors Truck plant is located. If this carries it will mean a loss to the township of approximately $5,000,000 in tax assessable property, Mr. Moore said.

The other two are annexations to Birmingham. One petition calls for annexing Pleasant View Heights subdivision in the Chester field road north of Maple avenue and the other the annexing of the Sheffield estates east of Woodward avenue and north of Clawson road. The former is in Bloomfield Township and the latter in Troy.

Villagers May Vote

Villagers who are not registered in the townships affected may cast their ballot on these propositions if they are registered on the village books.

One proposal is for Bloomfield Township to acquire 55 acres of land in the vicinity of Birmingham to be used for a public park. It is proposed to pay for this property with money raised from a half-mill tax.

Ballots for the presidential primary preference listing Alfred E. Smith on the Democratic and Herbert Hoover on the Republican ticket also are listed.

The polls will be open Monday between 8 a. m. and 9 p. m.

They are located as follows:

Precinct 1: Baldwin High School.

Precinct 2: Township offices, First State Bank, Birmingham.

Precinct 3: Woodward avenue and the Long Lake road.

Precinct 4: Harmon and Woodward avenues.

Precinct 5: Lincoln and Woodward avenues.

At Southfield

Southfield—Contests for all public offices and a large proposal for money to construct a new township hall here are the pro-

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WOODWARD WORK START PLANNED

Definite Date For Completion Of Widening Unsettled; Right Of Way A Factor

The actual date of the start of the completion by the state of the widening and paving of Woodward avenue in Birmingham hinges on the completion of the proceedings to obtain the right of way, according to Frank F. Rogers, state highway commissioner. The work will be completed this summer, however, he believes.

Most of the right of way has already been acquired but there are several pieces of land over which legal proceedings have to be taken because they are owned by persons who do not live in Birmingham, he said.

The street will be widened and paved to the width of 100 feet. A considerable portion of this work was done last summer. The completion will be at the state's expense.

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