TO SOME PEOPLE it may seem that the State is as slow in acquiring a new right of way for the Grand Trunk railroad as the speed of the trains over that same roadbed. To some it seems slower.

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COMMUNITY HOUSE DRIVE OPENS MONDAY

CIVIC LEADERS BACK DRIVE

fluence Of Institution On Village Cited As Important Factor

Leaders in the civic and industrial business life of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills appear to be solidly in favor of a new and larger Community House, which will operate on a more extensive scale then heretofore. Several of these people, interviewed this week, had the following to say:

C. A. Bingham, Bingham & Bingham: "Every Realtor knows the dollar and cents value of community spirit. It attracts the better and more intelligent type of resident who takes pride in his home and who constitutes a welcome neighbor. The new Community House will be tangible evidence of such a spirit and every Birmingham resident can logically regard his contribution to the building fund as one type of inexpensive property value insurance."

Jay Walsh, of Walsh, James & Wasey: "Every man who owns property in Birmingham should recognize the family and household investment angle of the new Community House. It will be influential in keeping the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills district a community of neighborly people, thus safeguarding the value of homes already established."

L. E. Colgrove, of Colgrove, Buck & Tillotson: "The value of a home depends on the neighborhood in which it is located. The neighborhood depends on the kind of people who comprise it. And the kind of people attracted by the spirit which builds a fitting community house are those whose presence makes property values go up instead of down."

Rev. S. S. Marquis, rector, Christ Church: "By building a larger Community House, Birmingham and nearby citizens will enshrine in steel and stone their ideals. We all know that the Community House, in this way, does as much for as many people as all our local churches combined."

Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools: "I regard the Community House one of the strongest factors in Birmingham to make an ideal residential community. The work of the Community House is social, sociological and educational in its varied aspects. It reaches members of civic organizations not touched by any of the other existing social organizations and serves many of those organizations in an unusual and very acceptable manner. The success of the Community House drive will mean that Birmingham will occupy an unique position among the smaller communities surrounding Detroit in its efforts to solve the problems brought about by the rapidly changing conditions of modern civilization."

Charles Shain, druggist: "The community House is a good thing for youths and adults. It serves as a meeting place for the smaller organizations which cannot afford their own buildings. It is a moral force in the village. The surface has just been scratched and I look for the Community House to take a bigger and bigger place in community life."

Mrs. Hope Halgren, village commissioner: "The Community House is a splendid thing for Birmingham. It is the significant thing for which Birmingham stands. It has a definite place in the social life of the village. I'm for it."

Mrs. Rhetta Barr, president library board: "The Community House is a good thing, a constructive thing. Anyone who has watched the development of the old Community House can't help but see that a new one is needed."

Rev. Robert M. Atkins, pastor First Methodist Church: "The Community House is a socially constructive and socially minded organization and is deserving of the support of the people of the community who are interested in the best public welfare."

PROGRESS MADE ON NEW BUILDING

Steel Reinforcing For Girders Placed In Municipal Structure

Progress is being made today on the construction of the new municapal building in the first block of the civic center and indications are that it will be completed before the scheduled time, in November, according to Manager James W. Parry.

With all the foundations in place and the steel work up to the second floor, the workers today are completing the steel reinforcing members for the girders.

Proposed New Community House

ECCENTRIC IN FIFTIETH YEAR

Supplement Next Week To Mark Passing Of Half-Century

Celebrating its fiftieth anniversary The Birmingham Eccentric next week will issue a 48-page supplement in connection with the regular Thursday edition.

The supplement is to be in tabloid size and will contain many articles on the past, present and future of Birmingham. Old pictures have been included in the edition and many of the persons and places prominent in the history of the village are recalled.

The supplement is being issued at a great cost and one is supplied with every edition of the paper. Persons desiring extra copies, however, are urged to place their orders this week. This may be done by calling The Eccentric on telephone 11 or 12.

Since the paper was founded in 1878 by George H. Mitchell and the late Almeron Whitehead it has been published weekly in Birmingham. During that time it has grown from small four page edition to the regular eight column editions of from 16 to 24 pages. The plant has been enlarged from a one-room establishment to a large building on Woodward avenue and the personnel has increased from two persons to thirty.

CLEAN UP NOW IS UNDER WAY

Trucks Remain Well Ahead Of Schedule In Annual Drive

With the annual celan-up in Birmingham ahead of schedule and the greater part of the work completed, the village today enters its fourth day of the drive.

Rubbish left at the curb in front of homes is collected by village trucks and taken to the baler and shears near the water tower on Hamilton avenue.

The program for the remainder of the week and for next week follows:

Today, Friday and Saturday: territory north of Maple and west of Woodward.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: territory south of Maple and west of Woodward and north of Lincoln.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday: territory south of Maple, east of Woodward and north of Lincoln.

May 21, 22, 23: all territory south of Lincoln.

Manager James W. Parry said yesterday the village would not carry away wooden boxes, ashes or dirt.

Mrs. Harry Krull, of Lakeview avenue was hostess at a bridge luncheon for 24 guests last Friday at the Lone Pine Inn.

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PURDY STREET PAVING LOOMS

Residents of Purdy street who want concrete pavement will be asked to present a petition, members of the village commission decided Monday night. The subject was brought up by Commissioners W. W. Henry and Scott Hersey. The same proposition was up some time ago but was abandoned because of inability of Purdy street residents to agree on the matter.

ROTARY NAMES COMMITTEES

Chairmen And Assistants For All Departments Of Club Appointed

Committees of the Birmingham Rotary club for the coming year as announced by the president of the club are made public today. The first name given is the chairman of each of the committees. The men take office July 1.

Membership: S. O. Wiley Bell, Dr. Frederick Crawford, Daniel H. Swartz.

Program: George R. Averill, F. Morse Cooke, J. W. Parry, Joseph E. Stroup.

Fellowship: James W. Cobb, John B. Taylor, Frederick Kemp.

Public Affairs: Clare H. Ogden, Lawrence E. Colgrove, H. H. Corson, Alfred J. LaBelle.

Rotary Education: P. E. Logee, Robert D. Lynd, Dr. Warren P. Gibson.

Rural Acquaintance: William M. Story, Thomas A. Neal, Howard J. Bell.

Collector: Robert C. Peck. Song Leader: Louis C. Hascall. Assistant Collector: Harry J. Hammelef.

Finance: Charles J. Shain, Tunis Miner Horace P. Shaw, Thomas H. Cobb, Charles B. Randall.

Boys Work: Robert D. Lynd, Elmer C. Huston. Walter J. Connelly.

Publicity: Harold F. Klein, F. Morse Cooke, John B. Howarth.

Business Methods: Frank J. Mulholland, P. J. Williams, Dr. Harold R. Roehm, Charles J. Shain.

Crippled Children: Dr. H. E. Moore, D. H. Ladd, Dr. George P. Raynale, H. J. Hammelef, the Rev. F. E. Logee, Dr. Harold R. Roehm.

Student Object: J. B. Howarth, George R. Averill, Glenn E. Routier.

Sergeant and assistant sergeant at arms: Alfred J. LaBelle, L. E. Colgrove.

Scout Representative: P. J. Williams, Walter L. Connelly.

The officers of the club are: Clarence Vliet president; J. W. Parry, vice president; J. B. Howarth, secretary and Charles B. Randall, treasurer.

The directors, besides the above named officers, are: Thomas H. Cobb, Dr. Frederick Crawford, Harold F. Klein, and Robert D. Lynd.

CHILD STORY-HOUR IS DISCONTINUED

There will be no more story hours for the children at the Baldwin Public Library until fall, according to announcement today by Mrs. Nancy Thomas, librarian.

The Sans Souci club is being entertained Thursday at a luncheon and bridge at the home of Mrs. Fred C. Weller on Bates street.

VILLAGE MAN SEEKS OFFICE

Walter Y. Stanley Announces Candidacy For State Representative

Announcement is made today of the candidacy of Walter Y. Stanley, 818 Chester street, for the Republican nomination for state representative from the First District of Oakland County.

John E. Lawson of Royal Oak, present holder of the office, is a possible candidate for the state senate. It is generally understood he will not again be a candidate for the office of representative.

Mr. Stanley is a part owner of the Oakland County Legal News. He formerly was connected with The Birmingham Eccentric.

William A. Gabel of Royal Oak also will seek the office, he announced.

Mr. Stanley is 37 years old and was born in North Carolina. He has lived in Oakland County 12 years. He has not held a political office.

Mr. Gabel is vice president of the Gabel Creamery company. He has been a resident of the county six years but has not held office.

The first district includes Avon, Addison, Bloomfield, Farmington, Oakland, Orion, Oxford, Royal Oak, Southfield, Troy and West Bloomfield Townships and the cities of Royal Oak, Farmington, Ferndale and Pleasant Ridge.

BOARD PASSES IMPROVEMENTS

Total Of $73,000 Represented In Sewers, Mains Passed Upon

First resolutions were passed on storm sewers and water mains to cost approximately $78,000 by the village commission Monday night.

The storm sewers are on Dorchester boulevard, Washington boulevard, Bated street, Pierce street, Northlawn boulevard and Southlawn boulevard.

First resolutions on water mains were approved for the following streets: Dorchester Boulevard, Washington boulevard, Clawson road, Bates street and Henrietta street. The estimated cost of water mains is $26,000.

Annual meeting of Greenwood Cemetery Association will be held at M. E. Church parlor on Thursday, May 24th at 8 p. m. All lot owners are invited. —Mabel Keyser, Secy. —Adv. 4-5*

Village Mothers Honored Sunday

History of Observance of May's Second Sunday Dates Back 10 Years

Mothers of Birmingham are to be honored in many ways by their sons and daughters Sunday at the annual observance of Mother's Day.

The custom has been in vogue since 1910. Some of the highlights in the history of the institution follow:

First observance, popular, not official, 1910. Congress commended its observation by federal officials May 10, 1913.

Nebraska made it a State Flag Day in 1913.

Congress authorized the President to proclaim the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. President Wilson issued the first proclamation May 9, 1914.

NEW HIGH IN BUILDING HERE

April Total Doubles That Of March, Report Shows

Building in Birmingham for the month of April doubled that for March and the total construction costs were trebled, according to the building report for April announced by Myrtle E. Carson, village clerk. Work on 41 buildings was started in the past month and their costs totaled $628,025 as compared with the 21 buildings started in March costing $199,480.

New buildings totaled 31 with a cost of $618,450 while there were 10 additions and alterations which were recorded as costing $9,575. Twenty residences, whose construction costs were $209,650, headed the list. Two stores and office buildings were reported costing $200,700. The principal structure is the Wabeek building being built by Senator James Couzens. The Municipal building costing $190,000 is listed in the report for April. One public garage costing $16,000 is being built. There are seven private garages for which building permits were issued. These cost $2,100.

In March permits for 18 new buildings were issued as compared with the succeeding month with a total of 31. New residences under construction increased from eight to 18. The new buildings in March cost $98,480 and the residences $116,000.

ANNIVERSARY EDITION

of The Eccentric will be issued next week. This is to be a 48 page feature section reviewing the past of Birmingham and vicinity and outlining future plans for the district.

One supplement will be issued with every copy of the paper. Persons desiring extra copies are urged to place their orders immediately.

BAPTISTS END BUSY YEAR

Success Reported At Annual Church Meeting; Officers Elected

A successful year was brought to a conclusion when a large number of the members and friends of the First Baptist Church gathered at dinner last Thursday night for the annual meeting and election of officers.

The meeting was presided over by Rev. David Leon Woodward, moderator, and reports were given by the officers and heads of every department of the church.

The treasurer of the church C. G. Jackson, showed that the church was without debt. P. G. Burnett showed that the missionary offerings of the church had nearly reached the desired goal and the full church quota had been paid for the year. The report of the clerk of the church, Mrs. Leland Bunyan, showed that though the church was without a pastor during the first part of the year, it had made substantial gains both in point of membership and material advantages. With the leadership of Rev. D. L. Woodward, pastor, during the past six months, the church has added about 50 new members; launched the new building project; and created two organizations: the Young People's Union and the Baptist Community Brotherhood.

The church elected or re-elected the following officers: Treasurer C. G. Jackson; Clerk, Mrs. Leland Bunyan; Missionary Treasurer, Dr. C. L. Baker; Superintendent of Sunday School, David Anderson; Deacons: George Dawkins, I. N. Voorheis, Mack Chatfield; Trustees: Allen McGirr, William Olsen; Deaconesses: Mrs. Frank Burnett and Mrs. C. L. Baker.

YOUTH TO GO IN CIRCUIT COURT

Involuntary Manslaughter Case To Waive Examination Today

William Johnstone, Pontiac youth will waive examination in justice court, Pontiac, today on a charge of involuntary manslaughter, his attorney told the court yesterday when he asked for a delay on the hearing. Johnstone is charged with the death of Leonard Whiteman of Detroit near Birmingham. Whiteman was struck by an automobile.

REACH 135 FEET IN NEW WELL

Drilling on the new well which will furnish the third source of water supply in Birmingham had reached the depth of 135 feet yesterday, according to Manager James W. Parry. The site is in the Sheffield Estates Subdivision. The work is being done by the W. F. Ward company of Detroit. It will be known in two weeks whether the well will produce, Mr. Parry said.

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Workers' Hopes High As Start Nears

Campaigners Optimistic Over Raising $125,000 For New House; Early Gifts Are Announced

With approximately 200 workers in the field, the drive for $125,000 to construct and maintain for a year the new Birmingham Community House will get under way officially here Monday. It ends May 26.

Final plans for the start were made last Monday at a general meeting of all the workers in the Village Players Theater when an outline of the campaign was given by the directors.

Optimism is high among the workers as the date of the start nears and confidence is expressed that the people of Birmingham and vicinity will reply generously to the requests for money.

Several advance gifts totalling $12,650, of which $7,000 will be used for the purchase of land are reported. The remaining $5,650 will be applied on the $125,000 sought for the new House.

Workers Ready

Districts have been allotted to every one of the workers among which are the most prominent people of Birmingham and the Hills. A concentrated effort will be made to interview personally every one in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and many in both Southfield and Troy Townships, districts which the Community House serves.

Mrs. C. R. Wilson of Willetts street, general chairman of the drive, expressed assurance yesterday that the drive would be a success.

"Realizing the inadequacy and the lack of permanence of the present Community House, a notable step has been taken together to aid in the campaign. Each of the workers is an expert in his line and their devotion to the cause augurs well for the result," she said.

"We find on every side an atmosphere of expectation, of keen interest and of optimism as to the outcome of the drive.

"If every citizen and friend will do his best we will be able to bring into existence a suitable home in which to center that intangible soul of Birmingham from which emanate altruism at its best; a wholesome place where youth may gather, an open door for the needy, a place of neighborliness and peace."

The gifts announced to apply on the $125,000 follow:

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Thompson, $2,000; Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Johnson, $500; Walter O. Briggs, $1,000; the Kunsky Theater corporation, $2,150. The latter gift represents the proceeds from the opening performance of the Birmingham Theater which was presented to the House. Mr. Briggs' gift was presented the night of the opening.

Advance Gifts

Birmingham residents who have donated money for the acquisition of the land follow:

Charles J. Shain and S. O. Wiley Bell, $1,000 each. The others gave $500 each. They are: Miss Ethel Bassett, George R. Averill, Charles A. Bingham, Thomas H. Cobb, J. Coryell, Elmer Houghton, John Lawson, Tunis Miner, Clarence Vliet and Robert Porritt.

A series of campaign meetings is scheduled for the Community House and in churches of the village during the drive. Workers are to meet at luncheons for general discussions of the work.

Speakers from the House are to appear in Birmingham churches next Sunday, outlining the purpose of the drive. The speakers and the churches they will visit follow:

St. James Episcopal, Mrs. C. R. Wilson; First Methodist, Clarence Vliet; First Presbyterian, W. A. Bryan; First Baptist, J. Adams; South Birmingham Congregational, Mr. Vliet; First Church of Christ, Scientist and the Holy Name church are not having outside speakers but their officials will speak on the drive.

House Spirit

Four speakers were on the program at the general pep meeting for the campaign workers held Monday.

"The spirit of Birmingham, which makes this village different from other communities revolves around the Community House and it must be maintained," Mr. John told those at the meeting.

"The village is growing and there is a great danger that it will become like other places unless something is done to keep this spirit of friendliness alive," he said.

"The quota of $125,000 is only at the rate of $7.16 per capita and Detroit, a city which is not so rich as Birmingham, raises every year $15 per capita."

The other speakers of the meet

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SCHOOL SHOW GETS STARTED

Adams Exhibit Opens Week Of Activities In Public Institutions

Variety was the predominant motif at the Adams School exhibit held at the school last night. Everything from toy boats in the kindergarten to the "Snail," Edwin Deer's speed boat, in the manual training room; doll dresses to evening clothes, were shown. Art, music, athletics, manual arts and academic studies all had a place in the scheme. This was a part of the Annual School Exhibit here in which all schools participated.

A large physical education exhibit of both boys' and girls' physical education classes, featured by boxing matches, living statuary, and figure dances, was the main event on the program. Both the school band and orchestra also gave concerts.

This afternoon the Barnum school will be open, and both afternoon and evening the Pierce school parents will be enabled to see their children's work. Tomorrow afternoon the Hill school will exhibit and the evening will be for Baldwin's showing.

Tomorrow night is set for the exhibit at Baldwin High School. At 7:30 p. m., exhibits in drawing, printing, chemistry, natural science, cooking, sewing, and manual training will be on display. Classes in typing and music will also be held.

The Pierce School exhibit is this afternoon and evening and the Hill school tomorrow afternoon.

GRANT STAY IN LIQUOR CASE

Examination Of Defendants Postponed Two Weeks; Illness Is Cause

Examination of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hensel on a charge of violating the prohibition law was postponed two weeks when the case was recalled before Justice Henry W. Harpster in Municipal Court, Pontiac, yesterday. Illness of Assistant Prosecutor Norman C. Orr was the cause of the postponement.

The Hensels were arrested last Friday by deputies from the office of Sheriff Frank Schram who raided their palatial home just west of Woodward avenue near the Fourteen Mile road. A quantity of alleged gin, whisky and beer was confiscated.

The raiders were awed by the splendor of the home which is one of the largest along Woodward avenue between the limits of Birmingham and Detroit. Its furnishings were luxurious and in excellent taste. The living room was contained many books of the more "intellectual" type and magazines of culture were in evidence.

Mrs. Hensel is a former teacher in the Detroit schools and Mr. Hensel formerly edited several publications in Cleveland, O., according to the officers.

Mrs. Hensel is at liberty on personal recognizance and Mr. Hensel is under $700 bail.

ROAD WORKER'S HURTS SERIOUS

X-Rays Reveal Fractured Skull On Man Run Down By Auto

Ezra Robinson, 51 years old, 144 Midway avenue, Pontiac, today is in critical condition at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, from injuries received Monday when he was struck by an automobile at the Twelve Mile road and Southfield.

He is an employee of the Oak-

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