

Congratulations to the Hills village. Less than two years ago, it has provided many civic features which older communities have yet to know.

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PLANNING BOARD APPROVES COUNTY SITE

Weekly Publishers in Meeting Saturday Agree On Central Location

Believing that the best interests of Oakland county taxpayers would be served by locating a future county site south of South Boulevard, in Pontiac, members of the Oakland County News Association, at a regular monthly meeting last Saturday, passed a formal resolution which proposed the selection of a site in or near the heart of Pontiac's business center.

The resolution was offered by Charles S. Seed, publisher of the Pontiac Clarion, and seconded by George Williams, publisher of the Ferndale Enterprise. It passed unanimously. Other members of the Association include the publishers of the following weekly newspapers in Oakland County: Holly Herald, Holly Advertiser, Oxford Leader, Rochester Era, North Brancher, Milford Times, Birmingham Eccentric, Farmington Enterprise, and South Lyon Herald.

Following is the resolution approved by the newspapermen: "Whereas, the Oakland County Board of Supervisors is now engaged in disposing of the present Court House property and is determining a future site for county buildings.

"And whereas, we, the members of the Oakland County Weekly Newspaper Association, believing that the best interests of the taxpayers can be served by choosing a new site easily accessible to the greatest number of people, with due consideration to property rights, parking space, and beautification purposes.

"Therefore be it resolved that we, the signers of this resolution, in locating the proposed county site in or near the heart of Pontiac, do hereby urge the Board of Supervisors to adopt a plan that would locate it on Woodward avenue, at some point within Pontiac south of South Boulevard.

Considerable time was spent by the publishers in discussing the disadvantages of locating a new county building in the heart of Pontiac; among the evils that should attend such a location included the necessity of people from all over the county having to travel to the building, congestion, inability to find parking space conveniently, the necessity of a large number of private parking lots on some private parking lot, and lack of chances to construct an expensive proportionately smaller building.

Advantages of locating a new county site on Woodward avenue, south of South Boulevard, included the easy access to it from all parts of the county, without having to travel to the building, the construction of such highways as the Telegraph road, Square Lake road, Opdyke road, and the new Woodward, and Woodward avenue itself will lead directly to it. Cheapness of construction, the business center of the heart of Pontiac, also point out a site on Woodward avenue and have enough money over to erect a suitable county building, thus eliminating the necessity of bonding the county for additional funds.

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The Bloomfield Hills Village commission at a special meeting Tuesday night authorized the clerk to contract for the purchase of equipment with the American La France company of New York. The purchase of the equipment is representative of the order of the village commissioners call for a truck to be used for fire fighting, and will be delivered the second week of December.

The equipment of the fire engine includes four 40-gallon soda and chemical tanks, two 40-gallon foamite tanks, two 40-gallon chemical tanks, ladders, lanterns, 1,000 feet of one-inch chemical hose, and a hand pump. It is used for fire fighting. All bright (Continued on Page 2)

Edwin Markham Joins Village Arts Group

Impetus was added this week to the newly formed Community Arts association by Edwin Markham, internationally known poet, who became a member while he was in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Donovan in Bloomfield Hills.

"I am with you to the end of the road," the general poet told John Gaffill, Jr., who gave him his membership card.

Mr. Markham praised the ideals and aims of the association, saying he believed much good could be accomplished by the work planned. He pointed to the tendency to neglect the beautiful in life and said such organizations stimulate interest in more than the material things. He is a member of a similar organization in Santa Barbara, Calif.

The first meeting of the Community Arts was held in the Library Monday when the work was outlined. Tentative committee heads were named to start their programs. The date for the next meeting is set for Oct. 27.

REAL ESTATE IS CORKER

Rumor of one of the largest real estate transactions of the year in the city was spread by Colgrove, Buck & Tillotson to an Eccentric reporter when they confirmed the property sold to a firm owned by Mrs. Eudora H. Rousseau on west Maple avenue.

"I am sorry I cannot announce the name of the purchaser, the purpose of the purchase, or the price. All I can say is that the property stands in my name. Later these announcements will be made. The real estate interest in Birmingham is now being bought and sold in a big way.

Shortly after this came the announcement of the purchase of the Miller property by the company to the east of the Rousseau property by Mr. Kahn, one of the largest real estate investors in Detroit. Both these sales are reported to have brought in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 a foot at that time.

The Rousseau property has been actively in the real estate limelight ever since, though the present sale has been the most notable. It was understood that Mrs. Rousseau had intended to hold the property for several years. Mrs. Rousseau is the widow of Louis Rousseau, one of the men who had been in the Birmingham, whose residence and office on this property has been one of the landmarks of the village for many years.

CRITCHLOW OFF PLANNING BOARD

Resignation of John H. Critchlow from the planning commission was accepted Monday night by the village commission which passed a resolution regretting the resignation. Mr. Critchlow and his family are moving to Pittsburgh where he will be in business. His successor has been named.

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WOMEN, POLICEMEN, IN ACCIDENTS

All Are Reported Recovering After Wreckage

Two Birmingham policemen and a woman were injured in a wrecking today from injuries received in closely connected accidents Thursday night at Woodward avenue and Beverly drive. The driver of the automobile which struck Patrolman George Stephenson and Henry Millerbrand was fined \$50 on a charge of reckless driving.

The woman injured is Mrs. Helen Augustus, 317 Birch street, whose car struck a machine driven by Walter Whitehead, 11 D. F. Pontiac, and careening into a south-bound interurban street car. Mrs. Augustus was thrown to the ground and sustained a fracture of the skull, police report.

The officers were attempting to clear the way for the interurban when struck by a car driven by Albert Goff, an employee of the Bloomfield Hills Country Club. He paid a \$25 fine before Justice Malcolm Hunt and agreed to pay all damages. Both policemen were taken to the hospital.

SAVINGS GROUP OPENS BUILDING

East Maple Avenue Structure To Be Ready For Occupancy Saturday

Formal opening of the new Oakland County Savings association building on east Maple avenue Saturday afternoon. The building, which is a two-story structure, is the first of the finishing touches are being added to the new structure.

FIRE DESTROYS TOWNSHIP HOME

Defective Chimney Causes Blaze Which Burns Small Home To Ground

Fire destroyed the home of James Morgan, 314 Woodward, at the intersection of the Franklin road, in Bloomfield Township, Tuesday afternoon. No estimate of the damage was given.

VILLAGE GUEST DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Katherine Powellson, 76 years old, Brooklyn, N. Y., died suddenly last Wednesday at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. She had been visiting her niece, Mrs. O. J. Wall, on east Maple avenue when she was taken suddenly ill. The body was taken to the hospital and will be shipped to Brooklyn for burial.

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Buy your fire insurance from L. W. Porter, 314 Woodward, phone 122, w. 2611

Tree Cutting Brings Ire Of Villagers Who Protest

Brief interviews with persons protesting the tree cutting in Birmingham and with the three members of the building committee, who approved the measure, are given in these columns in the attempt to make the situation plain to the readers.

Indignation has risen high over the cutting down of many large trees in the civic center block where the municipal building stands. The building committee, President H. T. Ellery and Commissioners J. H. McBride and Scott Hersey, accepted landscaping plans submitted by John Wendrop, president of the planning commission. Trees were cut down in the civic center block where the municipal building stands. The building committee, President H. T. Ellery and Commissioners J. H. McBride and Scott Hersey, accepted landscaping plans submitted by John Wendrop, president of the planning commission. Trees were cut down in the civic center block where the municipal building stands.

"Five reputable landscape architects were consulted before the trees were removed and all recommended their removal. The landscaping will be done under the supervision of the building committee and will include the planting of many large maples, elm and other trees. It is an accident that when the work is done all our citizens will have a beautiful landscape and pleased with the appearance of the block, improved and beautified for all time to come."

Commissioner Scott Hersey: "It is regrettable that this controversy has arisen over the trees. However, the building committee acted upon the advice of responsible landscape authorities, all of whom agreed that the trees must come down. Others trees are to be planted on the grounds and they will live a great deal longer than the trees which have been cut down. The work is completed and the people will be thoroughly satisfied."

Commissioner J. H. McBride: "The cutting of the trees is a regrettable feature of the new city building. In the first place, it was absolutely impossible to do anything but cut down the trees. In the second place, it is in the interest of the people of Birmingham and I believe that anything that will give the people will be thoroughly satisfied."

HEALTH IS APPROVED

Department To Be Housed In New Municipal Building

Plans are being completed today for the installation of a laboratory for the health department in the new Municipal Building. The department will be housed in the new Municipal Building. The department will be housed in the new Municipal Building.

SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR INSTITUTE

Birmingham high school students and faculty will be represented at the meeting of the ninth annual meeting of the National Association of School Superintendents at Detroit next Thursday and Friday.

BOARD ORDERS TWO NEW ALLEYS

Downtown Blocks Affected By Thoroughfare To Be

Two alleys are to be cut through downtown blocks and the village treasurer is to proceed with the assessment. It was decided by the village commission Monday night after a discussion.

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ADAMS APPOINTED SUPERVISOR FOR COUNTY BOARD

Undersheriff To Succeed Fred Demberger In Position

SEYMOUR D. ADAMS Mr. Adams, who lives in Birmingham on Adams road, was appointed to the county board of auditors yesterday by the supervisors in their October session. It is understood he will resign as undersheriff to accept the post which will be vacated by Fred Demberger Jan. 1, 1929.

ROTARIAN HEAD PRAISES CLUB

Richard Hedke, District Governor, Approves Activities Of Village Group

Birmingham Rotarians were given a treat here Monday noon when Richard Hedke, governor of the twenty-third District of Rotary International, paid the annual governor's visit to the club, checking into the club's activities and the progress of the club. Hedke, who is a member of the Birmingham American Business Club, is a member of the Birmingham American Business Club, is a member of the Birmingham American Business Club.

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FIREMEN BUSY IN 'PREVENTION WEEK'

"We need you to help prevent fires." This is the slogan which glares today from 60 posters in the windows of business establishments in Birmingham in connection with the state-wide fire prevention week which ends Saturday.

DEDICATE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Ceremonies Are Planned To Night At Quarten Building

With the dedication of the new Quarten school today at 7:30 p. m., the doors of this building will be opened to the public. It is located at Chatterfield and Oak streets.

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