# FAVORABLE BIDS HOPED FOR BONDS ON BARNUM UNIT

**School Board To Open Bids On Bonds Aug. 12; Work May Be Held Up**

**MONEY MARKET TIGHT**

Unless the money market changes to make possible the purchase of $385,000.00 worth of Birmingham public school bonds, an indefinite delay may exist with regard to the proposed addition to the Barnum school, the bond issue for which was voted here a few weeks ago. To date, according to R. J. Coryell, president of the school board, the financial situation of the country, attracting investment money to Wall Street's stock exchange, has interfered with the sale of the issue.

Bids on the bonds, however, have been advertised for and the evening of August 12 has been set aside by the school board to open them. Because the state law compels the bonds to be sold not under par, and because the interest rates of 4½ and 4¾ are far below what investors demand today, the board fears the bids may not be acceptable.

"Should we fail to get bond buyers August 12, we shall have to wait, perhaps a month or two, until the money market is more favorable," stated Mr. Coryell yesterday. We hope, however, to be able to get under way before the frosts set in, so that the building may go ahead during the winter, and opened next September.

Bids on the building will be received August 19, if the bonds are sold. If unsold, the bidders will be asked to wait until later. About 14 general contractors, 10 electrical contractors, and 10 plumbing and heating contractors have applied for specifications to bid on the Barnum addition, with its $35,000.00 swimming pool.

## 12,000 Climb Fire Towers In State

Lansing, August 1.—Over twelve thousand people visited the fire towers in Michigan last year, and in spite of the slightly precarious climb by means of an unguarded steel ladder, mounted to the tops. This number represents only those who reached the "crows' nests" and signed the tower registers. Many more were satisfied to observe from the ground. These fire towers are serving as one of the best means of cautioning the public against the danger of fires, according to the forest fire division of the conservation department which has control over one hundred and forty towers located on strategic positions throughout the state.

The division is encouraging towermen in their effort to beautify the land immediately surrounding the structures. This work is done by the towermen in times of low fire hazard when constant attention is not required on the tower.


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## *Only One Sky Pilot Remains In The Village*

"First we're born, then we're married and at last we die." So the three stages of man are summed up in the saying, and each time it's "page the parson."

And if next week any of these three events should take place in Birmingham there would be but one answer to the question of a minister. According to Rev. David Leon Woodward, pastor of the First Baptist Church, he will be the only minister in the village during the week, the others being out of town on vacations.

For one week Rev. Woodward is to have the responsibility of safeguarding the spiritual side of a village. It will be up to him to see that the newly christened babies start along the right path, that the bride and groom enunciate their "I do's" carefully, and that last rites are solemnized. In short, if there's any soul saving to be done next week, Rev. Woodward will do it.

# TELEPHONE CO. IS BOOSTING STATE

**Series Of Advertisements Exploit A Number Of Michigan Communities**

Attention is being directed to Michigan as a vacation land, in a series of advertisements of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, published in 250 newspapers and magazines of the state, according to H. A. Brown, the company's manager in this area. The first advertisement of the series, carrying an illustration of Detroit's sky line, appears in today's issue of this paper.

A great part of Michigan's annual tourist business is derived from visitors from other states, hundreds of Michigan residents being inclined to spend their vacations elsewhere. The purpose of the Telephone Company's vacation series of advertisements is to acquaint Michigan people with the beauty spots of their own state, and to induce them to take advantage of the vacationing opportunities close to home. It is the belief of the officials of the Michigan Bell Company, Mr. Brown says, that this state has recreational possibilities far beyond those of any other region readily accessible to Michigan residents with the average two weeks' holiday period.

The second advertisement of the series will be devoted to picturesque and historic Mackinac Island and vicinity, the mecca of thousands of visitors annually. Others of the six advertisements will feature other sections that abound in scenic interest and that add to Michigan's fame as a natural playground. A series of similar advertisements was sponsored by the company last year and was the subject of much favorable comment. Over a period of about two years, the Michigan Bell Company has directed attention to more than 40 of the principal cities of the state, in a series of "Know Michigan" window displays shown on Washington boulevard, Detroit, where the exhibits have been viewed by many thousands of people. Each display described the subject city, its natural advantages, industries, products and schools, churches and other institutions.

Manager Brown states that, to accommodate the increasing numbers of tourists in Michigan, the Telephone Company has augmented its forces and has installed additional facilities at many points, part of a continuing program of expansion.

# FORMER RESIDENT LIQUOR VIOLATOR

**Thomas J. Gordon Arrested By Sheriff's Men In Blind Pig Near Pontiac**

Thomas J. Gordon, former resident of Birmingham, stood mute when arraigned before Justice of the Peace F. S. Buck here Wednesday morning on a charge of violating the prohibition law, and a plea of not guilty was entered for him. Justice Buck, when Gordon demanded an examination through his attorneys, set Friday, August 9, at two o'clock in the afternoon, as the date.

Bail was set at $2,000, because it is Gordon's second offense, stated Justice Buck. Gordon was released when the bail was furnished by a Pontiac business man.

Gordon was arrested Tuesday by men from the sheriff's office for violating the prohibition laws. According to deputy sheriffs office for violating the prohibition laws. According to deputy sheriffs Clayton Stockes and Floyd Harger, who led the raid on Gordon's establishment, Gordon operated one of the best equipped and best patronized blind pigs in Oakland County, situated on Elizabeth Lake road.

Gordon's trade, officers affirm, was composed largely of Pontiac's business and professional men. The officers confiscated 70 pints of whisky and broke up several hundred bottles of beer, in addition to seizing wine and keg beer on tap.

Gordon was arrested about two years ago on a similar charge and served five months in the Detroit House of Correction.

While living here prior to his removal to Pontiac about six years ago, Gordon operated a dog kennel and managed dance halls in Detroit. It is reported that Gordon had intended quitting the blind pig game September 1 forever, planning to open a dance hall instead.

# ONLY 1 ACCIDENT IN HEAVY TRAFFIC

**Miss Francis Butenas In Hospital Recovering From Injuries Sunday**

Although traffic through Birmingham last week end is reported to be the heaviest in a number of years, according to James Anderson, chief of police, but one serious accident was reported in the village. Other accidents were of a minor nature.

Miss Francis Butenas, 25, of 9608 Broadstreet, Detroit, sustained serious injuries at 5 p. m. Sunday when John Dombrawa, 34, with whom she was driving lost control of his automobile while driving north on Southfield road. She is recovering in St. Joseph's Mercy hospital, Pontiac. Dombrawa, who gave his address as 9237 Cardoni avenue, Detroit, was slightly injured.

Witnesses said that Dombrawa was traveling at a high speed when he suddenly lost control of the machine, which turned turtle, hurling the passengers onto the pavement.

Clarence Fyfer, of Davis street, was slightly cut and bruised when he was struck by a machine backing out of a driveway at 771 Davis street, at 9 p. m. Sunday. Arthur Longroy was driver of the automobile.

Miss Jane Pelphrey during her freshman year at the University of Southern California received the highest possible grades and was declared to be "the most perfect coed, academically," at the university.

## 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.**

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**

If you want fun—see Pinafore.

The Adventa held a picnic in Mrs. Willits' grove, last Friday.

We did have fire-works in Birmingham after all, "but better late then never."

Leonard Evarts toots the E-flat tuba in Pinafore, and Lennie does it remarkably well, too.

We noticed Miss Sophronia Flinn riding out last Wednesday, for the first time since her recovery from the typhoid fever.

Will Jenks' horse, a colt, became tired on Tuesday last, and laid down in front of Carter's store, and "took a rest," breaking a thill. The usual crowd assembled and assisted him to safely rise.

Adam Shier and Jake Peeter bound ten acres of wheat in nine hours for Tom Adams and Tom says he will back them for any amount that they can do it again.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**

John Hanna's family are at their summer cottage at Pine Lake. Postmaster Hanna vibrates back and forth at night and morning.

The Village Improvement Society is anxious to have the country roads named and marked. Won't someone suggest a better name for the beautiful street between Troy and Bloomfield than Town Line?

A four weeks old blooded colt belonging to George C. Hupp got his head through the ropes of a swing and hung himself. He was as fine a colt as ever stood up on the Hupp farm and George keenly feels the loss.

For the past few weeks everyone has been saying, "When are we going to have a marshal?" Wheels on the sidewalks, automobiles 40 miles an hour, old wagons in the streets nights and Sundays, and no marshal.

Miss Flower has re-opened the kindergarten in the basement of the Episcopal Church. Hours from two to four. Terms 25 cents per week. New work will be taken up this summer. Parents are requested to bring their children.

**FIVE YEARS AGO**

First Church of Christ, Scientist, organized in Birmingham, after seven years of consistent growth beginning with a Society of 10 members in 1917.

Oakland Hills Country club opens a new north 18 hole golf course. Plans are now being formulated for a caddy house to adjoin the clubhouse.

Building permits nearly reach half million mark. 1924 is predicted as banner year in Birmingham's construction history with permits totaling $488,350 already issued by village clerk.

Sixth Congressional district of the National Woman's Party holds first meeting in the Community House. Mrs. Wallace J. Frost, presided over the group, while Mrs. George T. Hendrie and Mrs. William McGraw, of Detroit, appeared as speakers.

## ESTABLISHED RECORD HARD TO BEAT

A second-hand motor, a sturdy plane, and two men with grim determination, who had put every penny they had and every thing they could borrow from friends and relatives, have just accomplished the unbelievable task. Loren Mendell and R. B. Reinhart are the men, the Angeleno is the plane. When the aviators stepped into the plane, they promised to stay in the air until the motor busted. It wasn't their fault they failed to keep the promise. The fault was due to the fact that after they had been up in the air for almost eleven days, their refueling ship failed to make contact at the right time. According to aviation experts, the life of the motor was 429 hours. The photographs were made at Culver City, California. One of them shows the good ship Angeleno taking on gas during the endurance flight from the refueling plane piloted by Slade Hulbert and Paul Whittier. The other photo shows Mendell and Reinhart, just prior to start of flight. (Herbert Photos).

# M. ANDERSON HURT IN MOTOR CRASH

**Village Resident's Car And Ferndale Man's Car Are Demolished Monday**

Murray Anderson, 22, of 205 Pierce street, Birmingham, is recovering today in Lilly Emergency hospital, Ferndale, from injuries received Monday in an automobile crash at Ten Mile and Southfield roads. Charles Schoenhals, of the same address, driver of the machine, escaped with minor injuries.

The driver of the other machine, Frank Brannum, 49, of 162 East Oakley street, Flint, and his wife, a passenger in the car, who also sustained injuries in the collision, are reported recovering today at the St. Joseph's Mercy hospital, Pontiac.

According to police, Brannum was driving north on Southfield road when their machine was struck by Schoenhals' car, going east on Ten Mile road.

Both machines were traveling at a high rate of speed, witnesses said. The automobiles were demolished.

## VILLAGE EMPLOYEES TO USE TIME CLOCKS

All employees of the village of Birmingham who are housed in the Municipal Building, or at the storage warehouse, will have to use time clocks in recording the hours of their employment, according to a policy laid down by the village commission Monday night, when they ordered manager Parry to purchase two time clocks. Firemen and policemen, however, are exempted from using the new clocks.

"The installation and use of modern time clocks for village employees should result in uplifting the spirit and morale of those who use them," argued commissioner Lawrence Hulburt, who was the chief proponent of the new idea in keeping track of the hours of village employees.

## Heads Saskatchewan

Dr. J. T. M. Anderson, conservative leader of Saskatchewan, who led his party to victory in the Canadian province recently. Dr. Anderson will be Saskatchewan's next premier.

## MICHIGAN INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Whitehall—White Lake Sanitary Bakery & Lunch Room opened for business in newly constructed $30,000 building.

Work started on road leading through Ewell's main street and connecting with Highway M-46.

Bay City—Recently burned unit of Hanson-Ward Veneer Company plant being rebuilt.

Dearborn—Michigan Bell Telephone Company to erect and equip building on Ford Road at cost of $1,250,000.

Grand Rapids—F. F. Wood Motor Company expanding quarters and establishing used car department in southern store of new building on Division Avenue S.

Vassar—Vassar Light & Water Department installing new 850-h. p. turbine generator.

Unionville—Road will be improved on Highway M-83 from Huron County line to Eckfeld's corner, four miles in length.

Cass City—Cooperative Hatchery to organize at this place.

Caro—Strand Theatre being enlarged and improved, also Vitaphone equipment to be installed.

Williamston—Cornerstone laid for Williamston High School building.

Muskegon—Hackley National Bank and Union National Bank voted to consolidate under name of Hackley Union National Bank with resources of more than $12,000,000.

Farmington — Stout Airplane Company may locate factory and flying school on Grand River Avenue west of here.

Otter Lake—$40,000 bond issue to be voted upon to provide funds for erection of new rural agricultural school to replace John A. Doelle School recently destroyed by fire.

Woodland—Local citizens organized bank to be known as Woodland State Bank.

Dearborn—Construction of new research building of Graham-Paige Motors Corporation completed.

Ann Arbor—Crosby-Ross Window Equipment Corporation established plant at Madison and Ashley streets.

## NINE FIRES RESULT IN BUT $100 DAMAGE

Although Birmingham firemen answered nine alarms during the past week, only $100 damage was done by fire during that period, reports show. The reported damage was done when an old barn filled with hay burned to the ground in Southfield township at 1:25 p. m. yesterday, endangering two nearby homes.

Four of the runs were for grass fires, records show.

Between 1:25 p. m. and 2:30 p. m. yesterday firemen answered four calls, the first being the barn in Southfield township. A grass fire on property on Quarton road owned by W. C. Harris, was extinguished before damage was done. Fires at a home at 176 Suffield avenue, the property of E. R. Harold, and at Worth and Landon streets, on property of the Frank Couzens Construction company, were also answered within the hour by the department. No damage was reported.

# DEATH CAUSED BY HEAT OF MONDAY

**Mrs. F. A. Mudge, Of Ann St., Passed Away In Afternoon**

Mrs. Florence A. Mudge, 68, of 888 Ann street, well known villager, believed to be a victim of the heat wave, was buried Wednesday in Greenwood cemetery. Funeral services were held at S. O. Wylie Bell's home for funerals at 4 p. m. Wednesday, with Rev. Floyd E. Logee, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

She succumbed suddenly Monday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock while visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur B. Harris, 852 south Woodward avenue.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Herrick, Oakland county pioneers and long residents of the village, Mrs. Mudge was a prominent figure in Birmingham. She was active in work of the Eastern Star and the Pythian Sisters.

One sister, Miss Grace Herrick, with whom she lived survives, and a grandson in Pontiac. She was the widow of the late Charles E. Mudge.

She is believed to be the second heat victim of the year in Birmingham.

## Annual Picnic Of Village Employees

Approximately 150 village employees, including their families, attended the annual municipal picnic held Thursday at Elizabeth Lake. Municipal offices were closed during the afternoon for the event, which was planned by committees under James W. Parry, as general chairman.

Stunts and contests were features of the afternoon. A three legged rase was won by George Jones and Dave Ives, with Mike Harebedian and Manager James W. Parry winners of the booby prize.

Chief of Police James Anderson lost the fat man's race to D. A. McDougall, a visitor from Detroit, Mrs. Vera Schultz was victorious in the woman's tug-of-war, while President H T. Ellerby's team won in the men's class.

Jack Howting was winner of the running race for boys under 12, with consolation prize going to Bobby Ives. Among women receiving prizes at the picnic were: Eliabeth Olsen, Marion Farmer, Leona Tuday, Helen Ives, Betty Wilson, Ruby Harris, Dorothy Jackson and Bertha Wilson.

## EXCHANGITES FROLIC IN TOWNSHIP PARK

An outdoor picnic, instead of the usual noonday luncheon at Lone Pine Inn, will be enjoyed next Tuesday afternoon and evening by local Exchangites when they gather at Bloomfield Park, Bloomfield Township's new recreation area just northwest of Birmingham. Various games will be played, including tennis, shuffle board, bowling on the green, baseball, after which a steak dinner will be served. Robert Y. Moore, president of the club, and supervisor, extended the invitation. No noon meeting will be held next Tuesday, it was agreed this week.

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