

COUNTY WAITS FOR STATE TAX MEETING AUG. 19

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July Building Permits Total \$407,100.00

Building activity in Birmingham for the month of July shows permits issued to the amount of \$407,100.00, nearly four times the July, 1928, total of \$104,350.00, according to figures just released by Donald C. Egbert, village building inspector. Here is the complete statement of Mr. Egbert which, incidentally, is the most complete data of its kind ever issued as part of the village's statistical department: REPORT ON BUILDING ACTIVITY FOR THE VILLAGE OF BIRMINGHAM July, 1929

Table with columns: Residences (single), Residences (2 to 4 apt's), Commercial (store, garage and warehouse), Alterations, additions and misc., Public buildings (Community House), Total for month of July, Comparative Statistics (Add and Alterations), Total for Year to August 1st, Total for Year 1928, Total for Year 1929.

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taxes in these sections the State hopes to avoid being forced to take over the cut over lands. Last year the state board of equalization set a valuation of \$272,700,000 on the county. Under the leadership of their chairman, Robert V. Moore, Oakland Township, however, reported its valuation at \$302,148,500. This year the supervisors under the leadership of their chairman, Robert V. Moore, reported a valuation of \$300,000,000 on the county. This increase was made in accordance with the recommendation of the state board of equalization which last year stated that its increase on the county's valuation was unfair to some but that it would have been fair if Postiac had borne its just share of the burden.

A. J. BRANDT TELLS OF "NEW RUSSIA" TEAR DOWN OLD HANNA PROPERTY

Local Resident Speaks To Exchange Club On Great Change In Soviet. Holding that, in his opinion, the present government of Russia is destined to succeed because it is based upon the American method, A. J. Brandt, of Kenneway, Birmingham, one of the county's outstanding mechanical and consulting engineers, spoke to members of the Birmingham Exchange club Tuesday night at Lone Pine. Mr. Brandt was the guest of Exchangee Scott Hersey. His talk set forth observations which he made this spring when he visited Russia, where he has been secured by the Soviet to supervise and plan several huge factory properties. Mr. Brandt traced the economic and political history of the Russian people, and asserted that the recent experiments with the Marxian socialistic theories of government were the inevitable reaction of a century that was become free of a terrible Carpathic oppression. Now that the theory of even distribution of property had failed to work, Russia's leaders are turning to America for inspiration and leadership, pinning their faith upon the western world's methods to attain national, political and economic success, stated Mr. Brandt. "During the few years since the world war, Russia's population has decreased from 180 millions to 140 millions, the loss occasioned chiefly through starvation, due to the let down of industrial production," declared Mr. Brandt. "Now Russia's leaders realize the mistakes which they held for their socialistic beliefs; they realize that capital must have a hand in a country's affairs, if its people are to be given employment. The willingness of its people to accept successful regulations and methods shows to an observer that

White? Not these clothes!

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ASSESSING PLAN BRINGS DEBATE

Village Commission Differs On Re-evaluation Of Assessor Noonan

Whether or not Birmingham will use the services of an outside appraisal company, or create an organization within the office of village assessor Albert W. Noonan, to establish uniform values in the community, will be determined Monday night when the village commission goes into conference with Mr. Noonan and the board of review, composed of Walter L. Connelly and Louis C. Hascall. For over a half hour Monday night the village commission discussed Mr. Noonan's recent letter, in which he asked that the services of the J. M. Clemenahaw Co., Cleveland, Ohio, appraisal firm be engaged to set up a scientific system to determine local building and personal property valuations. Commissioners' Harry Allen, and Robert R. White, explained that the idea of using a scientific basis to arrive at such valuations, but they argued that Mr. Noonan, with his own help, should do the work. Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert expressed a desire that the entire subject of re-assessment be avoided as much as possible, except in cases of inequality of the thought that the entire community might suffer. "The problem is the fact of inequality, but let us work toward that end slowly and quietly," stated Mr. Hulbert. "Certainly, the greatest grating system is Noonan's suggestion to engage Clemenahaw, as did commissioner White, in favor of the Clemenahaw people to do the work because they are capable of doing it accurately and quickly. I am not in favor of declaring of town assessors everybody of an equal deal, with no partiality shown any of the assessors. White? "Let us keep petty politics out of assessment studies and let us institute in the assessor's office a broadly scientific basis of appraisal."

Brougham Added To Oakland Line

Pontiac, Mich.—Addition of a new body type, the Brougham of four-door sedan, to the current line of Oakland All-American Sixes, is announced today by W. R. Tracy, vice-president in charge of the Oakland Motor Car Company. Production on the new type began late in June, and the car is now being shown at many dealer points throughout the country. Priced at \$1165, f. o. b. Pontiac, the Brougham lists at \$10 less than the standard four-door sedan in the Oakland line, and brings the number of Oakland body types now on the market to nine. Colors on the new model are the latest Duo combination. While the wide front and rear, provide ample room for five passengers, the Brougham provides the cozy intimacy possible only with this new type of body. The four door construction provides for a one-piece, full width front seat, rather than the bucket front seat of individual seat as used in 2-door sedan models. This allows for ready access to the rear compartment without disturbing front seat passenger. Equipment is similar to that on the other Fisher-Oakland bodies, and includes a driver's seat adjustable to any position even while driving; mirror, upholstery, arm rests; roller shade on rear window; smoking set; colored garnish rails; crank type window regulators; nickel plated roller and foot rail; side coil ventilators; automatic windshield cleaner; non-glare rear view mirror, and many other features. The new type is particularly well adapted to trunk equipment, which is supplied by Oakland-Pontiac dealers as optional equipment at slight extra cost.

ALLEY IN PIERCE, HENRIETTA BLOCK

All except two options have been obtained by the village for the opening of an alley in the block bounded by Henrietta, Marine, Pierce, and west Maple, village manager Harry told the committee Monday night. The two exceptions are those owned by Dr. Freund and H. R. Earle. "We are unable to reach an agreement with Dr. Freund, and we have nine feet next to the Earle property on the Henrietta street side," explained Mr. Harry, who also advised that condemnation proceedings can be resorted to later.

MOTORBOAT DESIGNED TO DO 100 M. P. H. LAUNCHED

A motorboat designed to do 100 miles an hour, the fastest thing yet in the water, has been launched at Los Angeles in preparation for the forthcoming world championships at Detroit when Jim Talbot's "Miss Los Angeles II" was christened in California. The boat has a total of 48 cylinders in its engine, is 39 feet long and has a nine-foot ten-inch beam. Photo shows Mrs. Talbot christening the boat and her husband behind her.

CHURCHES

First Church of Christ, Scientist (Chester and Willets streets) of Church, 10:30 a. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Wednesday evening at 8. Reading room in this church building is open from 11:30 a. m. until 4:30 p. m. daily except Sundays and holidays. It is also open on Wednesdays before and after the service. The Lesson-Sermon is the subject of the Science Churches on Sunday, July 28. Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed in him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32). The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passages from the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "Truth brings the elements of Science and Health with Key to the soul-inspired motto, 'Slavery is abolished.' The power of God brings deliverance to the captive. No power can withstand divine Love" (p. 224). Chapel of the Holy Name Harmon at Woodlaid Reverend William W. Ryan, pastor. Sunday masses, 8:30 11 and 12. Daily Mass at 7. Methodist Episcopal Church Maple Ave. West at Henrietta St. Robert Marcus Atkins, pastor. Sunday, August 4. Classes for Every Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m. Mr. E. D. Richards who is so well known by the people of Birmingham as a Bartone Soloist and is now supplying Clarenceville Methodist Church, will preach and sing. For two years Mr. Richards was soloist at Birmingham M. E. Church and his many friends will be glad to meet him. Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m. Union service in the First Baptist Church. St. James' Episcopal Church Rev. Warner Foxworth, Rector Rev. M. C. Davies, Supply. (Ten o'clock after Trinity, 1929. Holy Communion, 10:00. Holy Communion and Sermon. First Baptist Church Whittets of Bates St. David Leon Woodward, B. D. Minister. 248 Fernside Ave. Phone 1312. During the summer period this church is keeping its doors open and carrying on the regular services of worship as usual. Each close of a service, members of the church are invited to share with us in the following services of worship: Sunday School, 10 a. m. Morning Worship, 11 a. m. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at this service and the pastor will give a communion meditation on "Remember us, Jesus Christ." Appropriate special music and good singing may be shared by all. You will find our new church cool and comfortable. Young People's Union, 6:30 p. m. Evening Union Service, 7:30 p. m. This is the one regular evening service being held in our village during the summer months. Most of the ministers and churches are participating. The Reverend Henry S. Evans of the United Presbyterian Church will deliver the message for the evening. Official Board Meeting, Tuesday, 8 p. m. Mid-week Prayer Service, Wednesday, 8 p. m. You are invited. Needed a Tonic Judge: "If you are accused of beating up an installment collector and two policemen." "Prisoner—"I did it in a moment of weakness." Your Honor—

WAIT ON VILLAGE IN LAND LAWSUIT

No appeal from the jury award for lands in the city center has been taken by owners of the four parcels of land which the village seeks in order to complete ownership of the block between the Baldwin Public Library and the Municipal Building. In the condemnation proceedings held before Justice of the Peace F. S. Buck two weeks ago, a total of \$51,000.00 was determined as a correct valuation of the property; the village, through attorney Clarence W. R. Orden, had offered \$40,000.00, while the property owners had sought \$60,000.00. According to custom, the village has 40 days from the date of the jury award in which to file confirmation notice with the Court, signifying its intention to go through with the purchase; after such confirmation is filed, however, the defendants have 10 days in which to appeal to the Circuit Court, John J. Gaffill, attorney for Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Laidlaw, said. "We are waiting to see what the village intends to do before we make any further announcement about our plans," said Mr. Gaffill yesterday, when asked about the case. Owners Of Civic Center Parcel Delay Appeal From Jury Award Of \$51,000.00

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