

We may not realize it always, but for one thing, it is a very good idea to have a plan for our moral lives as we go along. To create a wrong into society brings with it a punishment.

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WALL AGING THE VILLAGES FROM BREATH SNOW DRETS

Heavy Storm Blows Community And Slows Up Traffic

PLOWS ARE AT WORK

Birmingham works with shovel and plow today, digging its way out from beneath one of the heaviest snow storms in recent years. The fine snow, whipped by a strong wind, piled up in huge drifts throughout the village Wednesday, slowing up traffic, breaking down telegraph poles and reducing to a minimum Christmas business to the minimum.

While the middle and northern parts of the county were more seriously affected by the storm, telephone and electric light service having been put out of commission in Lakeland, Leonard and Oxford from the blizzard in the afternoon and Holly losing its electrical service because of the storm soon afterwards, Birmingham's inconveniences were small.

Four trains of the Grand Trunk Railway were delayed more than an hour and a half in the morning south of Adams avenue, while heavy snow piled down telegraph poles across the tracks. Two of the trains were passenger trains and the other two freight trains.

Crews Clear Tracks
A crew of 24 men from the Western Union Telegraph Co. cleared the tracks of the fallen wires by early afternoon and built temporary poles to furnish support for the wire service which was not shut off completely at Detroit. Crews of men and telephone and wire service into Detroit are underground the commo- nity was not seriously damaged by the storm.

The village's winter street cleaning department, with four trucks, is active today cleaning the thoroughfares. Whether it is snow or rain, the crews shovel the streets clean of snow, but no learned from the city officials early this morning.

LEE IS CANDIDATE

Melvin H. Lee, 302 E. 14th avenue, Royal Oak, announced today that he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for district representative from the district for the next two-year term. Mr. Lee has had an unusual opportunity to come in touch with municipal, town and county matters throughout all of Oakland county. This is especially true in the southern part of the county where he has dealt with all the municipalities in a business way and has been assisting in working out a number of their problems.

For seven years he has been a member of the Royal Oak office both here and in the National Bank building, Detroit. A representative of the Central West Coast, he is married and has two children.

"In announcing my candidacy," said Mr. Lee, "I can merely state that I would do my best to represent the district in the way it wanted to be represented. That is, I would try at all times to give the district the advantages of my own experience with governmental matters, but if the will of the district is different from my opinion, I would consider that my duty." (Turn to Page 3, No. 7.)

CO-OPERATION ASKED FOR NEW DIRECTORY

The 1930 Directory and Blue Book of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills will be published by the publishers of The Birmingham Eclectic. All residents of the communities are gently requested to assist in the necessary information for the directory as soon as possible.

Solicitors have been canvassing all homes in the villages of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills for the necessary information for the directory as soon as possible. In such cases the necessary information was left to be filled out by the residents. The Eclectic office, many of which have not been received, in order to be chosen to greatest accuracy and a complete list of residents the publishers ask that the returns of these lists be made. Additional inquiry blanks can be obtained at The Birmingham Eclectic.

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AUTO AGENCY TO OPEN HERE

Oliver Cadillac Co. Will Occupy Site Next To The Eclectic
Breaking of ground for the construction of a new building with a 50 foot frontage on Woodward avenue, just north of the Eclectic offices will begin immediately. It is announced today that the new building will be completed by Mar. 15.

The property, which was leased for a five-year term to the Oliver Cadillac Co., was owned by Thomas H. Cobb and Harry Rainey. It has a depth of 220 feet and a frontage of 50 feet. The new building will be completed by Mar. 15.

NURSING BUDGET IS RECOMMENDED

Welfare Committee Asks \$2,400 Appropriation For 1930
An inclusion of a \$2,400 appropriation in the 1930 budget to pay the salaries and expenses of a full-time visiting nurse for the village was recommended Monday (Turn to Page 2, No. 5.)

Concerning Birmingham

BY LEE A. WHITE
Ten years of residence in Birmingham, during which I have had opportunity and occasion to scrutinize its development, leaves me convinced that its future is precarious.

In the decade that has passed the village's population has tripled and quadrupled. In the decade to come, I have no doubt there will be a very striking growth, as predicted by the statisticians of the public utilities. It is their business to know; the guesses of most of us are profane. But the extent of Birmingham's growth will interest most citizens little; the character of its growth is what is vital to those who are chosen to make it their home.

VILLAGE SUIT FOR DAMAGES GETS HEARING

Jas. W. Parry Presents Claims For \$17,000 Before State Board

OTHERS ASK \$67,000
Hearing on the Village of Birmingham's claim for \$17,000 damages resulting from the State Administrator Babst's decision to widen Woodward avenue to 100 feet in Birmingham was to be continued today before the claims committee in Lansing.

The village claims and those of the Briggs Construction & Development Co., for an additional \$67,000, were taken under advisement by the State claims committee following their presentation by James W. Parry, village manager, and attorneys for the construction company at the hearing on Monday.

With Mr. Parry at the hearing, was Harold H. Carson, village engineer, who assisted in the presentation of data on the bill against the state for installation of sewer and water services at the time of the paving and widening of Woodward avenue. The original bill was for \$24,000, of which \$7,000 has been paid.

Hold Board Responsible
Because of the board's decision on the width suitable for the highway, attorneys for the construction company argued their client should be awarded \$67,000. Two years ago, they declared, the board decided that the new Woodward avenue width should be 100 feet. Taking this decision as final, the Briggs Company excavated for a theater and office building. Later the board ordered the width to be 150 feet and the construction company filled part of the excavation and altered plans.

After this work had been started the board reverted to its original decision of a 100-foot width, which brought about a confusion in the building plans and caused the claims for damages, the attorneys argued.

When Woodward avenue was at its original width of 60 feet, the water main was under the sidewalk. The widening of the place places the main almost in the center of the street and Mr. Parry argued that the village should meet the cost, inasmuch as property owners were promised the widening cost would not be levied against them.

LICENSE TAGS SALE IS SLOW

Chief of Police Warns Villagers Only 9 Days Left For Plates
Although there are only nine days left before Jan. 1 when the 1930 license tags must be displayed on all motor vehicles, Chief of Police Orr J. Tuttle announced that so far only 124 have been sold, and urges villagers be more prompt in ordering them.

The police department will be open every day except Sundays from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m., and offers a 24 hour service for which a charge of 25 cents will be made.

Last year, 1,400 licenses were sold through the Birmingham Police Department.

PLANT HEARING FRUIT TREES
From Mr. Carl Stroma's Orchard, orders may be taken for winter planting. Call Emil R. Olin, tree surgeon and landscape forester. Tel. 1051; 424, 25th Street.

Photo. Theater—Billings at the 9655 State, Theater Building. Phone 985.

Christmas Edition

Another Appeal Made For Goodfellow Fund

Birmingham Goodfellows who have not yet sent their names to the Goodfellow Club stating the number of poor little children they wish to make happy on Christmas morning are urged to act quickly. Only six days remain before Santa Claus is scheduled to start on his annual visit.

The purpose of the club is to co-operate with the Community House and the Metropolitan Club in bringing Christmas joy to poor little kiddies who otherwise would awaken to the sorrow of an empty stomach on Christmas morning. The Goodfellow Club aims to help

ROAD BOOKS FOR COUNTY ARE ISSUED

Commission's Annual Report Is Excellent Study Of Year's Work
STATISTICS INCLUDED
A convincing and interesting picture of Oakland County's progress during the past year is presented in the annual road book which is off the press this week.

This publication is a yearly report of the Oakland County Road Commission and contains a comprehensive study of current problems and accomplishments of the county road building department.

The book contains 168 pages of accurate data with an attractive cover. It is illustrated with photographs and airplane views. Included with the book is a large map of county roads brought up to date with proposed roads for 1930. It has been printed in an understandable style that anyone can understand the subjects discussed.

Grants Information
Activities of the Road Commission. The book contains a wealth of information regarding the county. Year by year the report has become more extensive and comprehensive.

The road book is now one of the finest in the country. There is no other publication furnishing as much information regarding the county. The road commission invites readers of this newspaper to obtain this report and has a number of copies at our office which you may have upon request.

One of the new features of the book is a chapter on tours (Turn to Page 3, No. 6.)

REALTORS ASSEMBLE FOR ANNUAL BANQUET

One hundred and fifteen men, most of them business and professional men of Birmingham, a few of them from other nearby communities, sat down to an excellent banquet at the Fox and Hound Inn Thursday night, after the Birmingham Real Estate Board, under the leadership of its president, Judge Frank T. Murphy, of Detroit, and its industrial causes. The occasion was the annual banquet of the Birmingham Real Estate Board, an event always looked forward to by local business leaders as a high light of the year.

E. H. Tilton, retiring president of the Board, made a brilliant heartily received address on the subject of "Modern City and Industrial Causes." The occasion was the annual banquet of the Birmingham Real Estate Board, an event always looked forward to by local business leaders as a high light of the year.

Following the remarks of welcome to those assembled, Mr. Tilton launched into a resume of the Board's activities during the past year under his leadership, and made a wholehearted appeal for the support of a Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, "or some organization that will take up the cause of the city for a community." Right now a number of local business and professional men are interested themselves in an organization of this nature, and I hope to see its plans carried into effect within the next few months, he declared Mr. Tilton.

"Such an organization, representing in effect a cross-section of the entire community, will help very materially to build it up (Turn to Page 8, No. 9.)

L. H. SAUNDERS DIES; FUNERAL ON SATURDAY

Heart Disease Fatal To Auto Dealer Mourning His Mother's Death

WAS IN LANSING
Louis H. Saunders, for six years actively engaged in the automobile sales business in Birmingham and a leader in several business and social organizations, was found dead of heart disease at the home of his mother in Lansing Wednesday morning. Mr. Saunders had gone to Lansing on Tuesday when he received word that his mother was seriously ill but she had died before he arrived.

A double funeral will be held from the Palmer-O'Donnell Funeral Parlor in Lansing on Friday and Saturday morning. Mr. Saunders' funeral will be held in the family plot at the West Hill Cemetery near Mason, Mich. Mr. Saunders' funeral will be conducted at 11 a. m. Saturday from the S. O. Wylie Bell Home for Funerals in Birmingham with the Rev. R. M. Saunders officiating. Burial arrangements have not yet been completed.

Young Author Tells His Adventures

Elery Walter, the 24-year-old youth who has travelled around the world with one leg and no financial resources, for many years, is the author of "My Adventures." He told his adventures.

Walter, left an orphan at 14, worked his way across North America, and was graduated six years later from the University of Washington. Then his 45,000 mile trip started. An infected foot necessitated the amputation of his foot at Honolulu, his first stop. In the Fiji Islands, he narrowly escaped being knifed by a native, who took him for an evil spirit.

He travelled through Australia, Egypt, and Europe as a tutor, and arrived back in New York with 45 cents. He got into a taxicab, and started out to peddle his yarn, which, several hours later, he sold.

Walter has written "My Adventures" and is now in London. He is now touring the country making lectures, between open-air lectures, together with his mother, who has been with him since he started his globe circling.

GRANT SKATING SHELTER

At the suggestion of Village Manager James W. Parry, Monday night the village board passed a resolution establishing a skating shelter at Quarton Lakeland. The shelter will be built on the site of the old skating rink, and will be under the management of the senior Washington group of the Baldwin High School. The shelter will be open to all freshments at the shelter also met with the approval of the commission.

POSTAL FORCE IS INCREASED

Ten Men Added To Mail
Five carriers, five clerks, and two trucks have been added to the personnel and equipment of the Birmingham Post Office to take care of the large seasonal mail, according to James W. Cobb, postmaster.

The amount of mail this year without the Bloomfield Hills business is as great as it was last year, including it, said Mr. Cobb. A larger last-minute rush than usual is expected. Just now the amount of mail handled by the postoffice is increasing steadily.

There will be regular deliveries on Christmas day, although perishable articles and "special deliveries" will be taken care of. Next Sunday, the postoffice will be open for receiving parcel post packages.

Mrs. H. G. Stoll, postmistress of Bloomfield Hills, reports heavy mail. The Bloomfield Hills Postoffice will be open for receiving parcel post packages. There will be no deliveries on Christmas day.

IS CANDIDATE

MELVIN H. LEE

Commission Files Official Protest On Fare Change

Village Joins North Woodward Communities In Indignation At State Body's Approval Of Increase On Brief Notice
Birmingham's official indignation over the recent change in bus and interurban fares by the Eastern Michigan Railway and the Eastern Michigan Motorbus Company, was vehemently expressed Monday at the Village Commission meeting by Village Commissioners and audience alike. As a result, the commission voted to send a communication expressing similar indignation to the Michigan Public Utilities Commission at Lansing for sanctioning the change in fares without the usual 30-day notice.

Village Manager James W. Parry and H. T. Ellerby, Village President, were appointed Birmingham representatives to the Michigan Transportation Committee which will investigate the circumstances surrounding the sudden change in rates before presenting its official protest to the utilities commission. The Interstate Transportation Committee will be composed of representatives of North Woodward communities affected by the change. These communities are: Birmingham, Berkeley, Royal Oak, Clawson, Huntington, Woodstock, Pleasant Ridge and Ferndale.

LABOR CAUSED DELAY

Plans to occupy the new Community House Feb. 1, are postponed for several weeks. The dedication ceremony date is set for April 28.

There will be a greatly increased service to the people of Birmingham. There will be available rooms of varying sizes, to be used for business meetings, banquets, accommodations for the community, and for school girls, and girl and boy scouts. A large auditorium, with a modern stage, and complete dressing-room facilities will seat 500 or more, lectures, and dramatics.

Place For Babies
A mental hygiene clinic will find favor among local centers. There are, in addition, large and specially adapted rooms for employment and thrift, complete facilities for bazaars, fairs, and parties.

The building is colonial in design, and will be furnished in the classic American style. The committee in charge of furnishings includes Mr. Joseph Little, H. G. Mumman, James Beaman, Harold Klein, Mrs. John Gaff, and (Turn to Page 2, No. 4.)

BEARDED BANDIT STILL IS SOUGHT

Police Seek Clues In Holdup Of Postoffice Branch Office
Village police today continue their search for the lone, bearded bandit who held up the Birmingham office of the Postoffice Daily Press at 5:20 p. m. Saturday escaping with the day's receipts of \$82. A description of the bandit furnishes the only clue.

Ralph Main, circulation clerk for the paper, was alone in the office at the time of the holdup. The bandit, whom Main describes as between 35 and 40 years old, five feet seven inches tall, light brown hair, and a mustache, bought a paper paying for it with a half dollar. When Main looked up from making change, he discovered by a nickle plated revolver.

The thug ordered Main onto the floor. As Main complied the thug snatched the money from him, and made his way through the rear door, according to police. A watch which Main held up to the light at the time of the hold up was overlooked.

The bandit is described as wearing a brown hat, blue coat and gray trousers.

COMPILE BUDGET
The budget for the running expenses of 1930 is at present being compiled and will be presented soon to the village commission. The separate statements of expenses and cost from the various departments of village government are being assembled by Village Manager James W. Parry.

FURNITURE STORAGE
254 South Main Street, Birmingham, 1648 during hours: 10:30 a. m. to 1:00 p. m. and 5:00 p. m. to 7:00 p. m.

180 of the boulevard and near first Christmas tree. Right across from Old Community House.

—Photo by Arnold.

Editor Resigns

Miss Dorothy Williams, who has been the society editor of The Eclectic for the past year, has resigned to enter newspaper work in Detroit.

Miss Williams will be succeeded by Miss Sarah Lowe Knox, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. T. Knox of Grand Rapids. Miss Knox was born in Detroit and has lived in Birmingham and vicinity for eight years. Miss Knox received her education at the Lakeside School in Detroit, and at the University of Michigan where she studied journalism. Miss Knox was graduated from the University of Michigan last June.

COMMUTERS AND DETROIT ASK NOTHING FROM THE EASTERN MICHIGAN RAILROAD (Turn to Page 2, No. 1.)

CAB PROBLEM EASILY SOLVED
Commission Votes to Allow Taxi Owners To Install Boses

All that was necessary to solve Birmingham's taxicab problem was a motion picture by Commissioner Robert R. Allen and the unanimous vote of the Commission Monday night to permit the Reynolds and the Shaw Bros. taxicab companies to install such telephone call stands as were necessary in the village.

The Commission listened for a few minutes to the arguments for the permission to install the call boxes made by Horace P. Shaw and Mr. Reynolds. Mr. Shaw declared that he had made a survey of the store-owners and tenants in buildings in the Maple and Woodward avenue district, that part of the village most interested in the cab stands, and that he (Turn to Page 2, No. 3.)