

Last week we used three of these "bars" to any thing about members of the Birmingham Exchange club; this week we will use five to any thing about that local group of very excellent golfers.

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INSPECTOR

VALUES AUG. 2

State Highway Commissioner Asks Probate Judge To Name Committee

WORK IS NOT HELD UP

Proceedings preliminary to the widening of Woodward avenue, and the laying of new tracks for the Grand Trunk railroad, which have held the attention of state and federal courts for more than a year, enter their final phase at Pontiac Aug. 2 when a hearing to set values on property to be condemned for the completion of both projects opens.

Probate Judge G. A. McGuffey has the day set for naming the committee. State Highway Commissioner Grover C. Dillman to name three commissioners to take testimony and set prices to be paid. The commissioners will not be announced before the day set for naming Judge McGuffey said today.

BLUE OF MONDAY OFTEN CHANGES TO ROSY COLOR FOR "THE LAW" HERE

Monday's may be "blue" for some persons, but for the law it is rosy. Monday was a day of activity. Last Monday was one of the roughest on the calendar for the courts here.

\$51,000 AWARDED TO CIVIC CENTER PROPERTY OWNERS

Jury Trial in Condemnation Case Here Last Friday Makes Decision

UNLESS APPEAL DECISION

Unless the village offers to pay more than the \$51,000 allowed by a jury for four parcels of land in the center block of the civic center, the city will condemn them before Justice of the Peace F. S. Buck last Friday afternoon in the Circuit Court at Pontiac. This was announced yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hunt, of Pierce street, who own the parcels.

Verdict was reached after a deliberation of about two hours.

Villagers and the Village

Speaking of golf, village president H. T. Ellerby has discovered a method of retaining his tees; he has had a piece of string from one tee to another, and after his driver has removed the cart, he has put the string over the cart in order to give the golf the original position. He says that this use of the string is included in the original Scotch rules and regulations, together with suggestions, concerning golf.

Alley For Pierce, Woodward Block

RE-ASSESSMENT

Rescinding all former resolutions, the village commission Monday night passed a new resolution to open an alley in the block bounded by Woodward street, west Maple, and the proposed Merrill street extension.

Village Plans to Re-Assess

Albert W. Noonan, village assessor, Monday night presented to the village commission a plan to begin an immediate revision and re-evaluation of personal and real estate property within Birmingham. Supplementing the work which he and his own staff will do on land values, he asks that the J. M. Clemenshaw Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, be brought in to handle the determination of building values.

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SPARE OLD MAPLE TREES

Village President Opposed To Any Plan Harmful To E. Maple Trees

In spite of the modern objections to remove all obstructions that stand the way of "big and better" highways, resulting so often in the removal of beautiful trees, the village president H. T. Ellerby, replying to the question "Do you favor the cutting down of E. Maple avenue trees to widen the street?" replied, "If we are unable to do so, I suggest that we voluntarily promise to conform to the 80 ft. building line."

Opinions Differ On E. Maple Trees

J. Bert Peabody, 579 east Maple avenue, "I see no present need for widening east Maple avenue or for cutting the trees of one of the most beautiful streets in the village. There is no traffic congestion on east Maple avenue nor any parking. Widening of the street from the railroad to Adams will just make a bottleneck thoroughfare which will not reduce traffic. There is no need for cutting the trees on east Maple avenue. The street becomes a business district entirely devoid of residences and I do not believe that this will come about for another five years."

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"KILLED BALKO TO SAVE GIRL"

HEAR TESTIMONY OF BALKO SLAYER

Inquest Called For Saturday To Clear Up Birmingham Man's Self-Defense



ROYDEN MACKILLIAN

MacKillian has confessed to Norman C. Orr, Oakland County Prosecutor, that he shot and killed Walter Balko, Birmingham landscape gardener, when the latter tried to attack Fay Williams, a Detroit girl, who was out riding in an automobile with him (MacKillian) the night of June 27. MacKillian was induced to confess to Orr by Bruce McDougall, a friend of both men. Both MacKillian and Miss Williams were released by Orr after making signed confessions of their part in the affair.

SIR HENRY AGAIN REFERS TO RAPID TRANSIT PROMISE

Repeating his oft-declared statement that the Grand Trunk railroad, a subsidiary of the Canadian National Railways which he said would go ahead within the near future in its plan to put on suburban service between Pontiac and Grand Trunk Head Repeats Plan To Serve Area Between Pontiac And Detroit

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