

Only in the spirit of honest compromise will individuals, or collections of individuals, gain a thing permanently. Happy is the lot of him or her who is willing to grant to another something.

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TRANSIT PROMISED FOR VILLAGES THIS YEAR

VILLAGE FACES LAWSUIT BY WELL DRILLER

Writ Of Summons Filed In Attempt to Collect For Work
W. F. WARD PLAINTIFF

(Special to The Eclectic)
Pontiac, Nov. 14—A writ of summons against the village of Birmingham is filed in the county clerk's office here today by William F. Ward, of the W. F. Ward company, well diggers, and the declaration will follow in a few days.
This is expected to be a suit against the village to collect \$6,000 for test wells made by Mr. Ward's company during the last year. The village refused to pay for the work, declaring the contract specifically stated no money would be paid unless a well supplying a minimum of 350 gallons of water a minute was furnished. When the well was not supplied within the time limit specified by the contract, the company was ordered to take its equipment from the village.
Mr. Ward threatened Oct. 20 to sue when he appeared before the commission, declaring he had benefited the village by finding places where no water exists and that his work will save Birmingham expense at a later date.

BALDWIN SET FOR PARKERS

Last Home Game Of Season To Be Played Friday

By GORDON GREENE
With two games remaining on the schedule, including tomorrow's tilt with Hazel Park on the Pierce field, Birmingham's "31" m. the Baldwin High School gridgers will wind up the 1929 season on a foreign field Thanksgiving Day. The final game will be staged at Royal Oak with the Maroon traditional Field Day rival.
The same rebuilt team that marched against Fordson which probably employed again tomorrow an attempt to crush Hazel Park. Coach George F. Johnson's recent shakeup proved well thought out and the team played the best game so far this season although the final score was in favor of the opponents. The line held better than in any previous game this year. The offense was better, and the one weakness arose in the whole connection.
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VILLAGE YOUTH ON HARVARD TEAM

D. I. Cooke, Jr., Named Member Of Harvard University Squad

D. I. Cooke, Jr., of Birmingham, has been selected as a member of the University debating squad, from the ranks of which the intercollegiate debating teams are to be chosen. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight I. Cooke, of Bloomfield Village.
Cooke, who prepared at Northern High School in Detroit, is a member of the Class of 1931.

HILLS CLUB IN ELECTIONS

Election of four directors will feature the annual meeting of the Bloomfield Open Hills Club, to be held next Wednesday at 8 P. M. at the club house.
At this time four directors will be elected to succeed J. A. Brun, T. R. Donovan, George T. Hendie and Hale V. Saffley.
Others who now hold office as club directors are: E. F. Hammond, C. M. Higgins, E. E. Nichols, C. C. Winningham, B. E. Hopper, W. G. Lerchen, H. A. O'Dell and George P. Reynolds.

COMMISSION SETS MEETING RECORD

The shortest meeting on record by the present village commission was held Monday night in the municipal building. The session was in session just 25 minutes. The meeting was held in the municipal building, which last winter lasted until long after midnight. Little business demanded the attention of the board. At the session, however, they held an informal discussion on proposed projects.
Special Thanksgiving Ice Cream, \$1.00. Delivered.
—Ad. 31-32

Testifies



SIR HENRY THORNTON

MERRILL ST. IS POSTPONED

New Thoroughfare To Remain Unfinished Until Spring
Merrill street extension from Pierce street to Woodward avenue will not be paved until spring because of unfavorable weather conditions. This announcement was made today by James W. Parry, village manager.
Plans were under way for the laying of the first strip this week with the remainder of the pavement to follow immediately. "Although the area is ready for the paving the continued damp weather makes it inadvisable," Mr. Parry said. "Conditions will be more favorable in the spring."
By recent action of the commission the problem of the Merrill street paving was left with Mr. Parry and Harold H. Corson, village engineer.

CHURCH PLANS THANKSGIVING UNION SERVICE

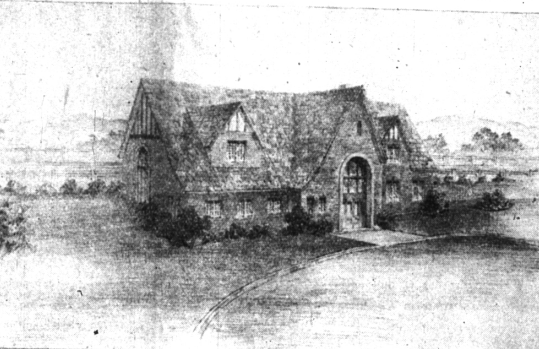
Honor To Be Paid Rev. Floyd E. Lopez, Retiring Pastor.
REV. ATKINS SPEAKER

The Rev. Robert M. Atkins, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will give the sermon at the annual Union Thanksgiving services of Protestant Church in the village. It is announced today. The service will be held Thanksgiving day at 8 a. m. in the First Baptist Church.
Pastors of other village churches will take part in the service but the program is not yet completed, it is announced. The Rev. Floyd E. Lopez, retiring pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will be honored at the services which are under the auspices of the Birmingham Ministerial association.

STORE CLOSING MARKS CHANGE OF TIMES

Another victory was gained by the automobile over the horse this week with the closing of the doors of Ertz & Nixon's feed store at 165 north Woodward avenue after 31 years of existence.
"Too little demand for the goods" is the explanation given by Chancy Nixon, who since the death 18 years ago of William Ertz, has conducted the business alone.
When the business started, Birmingham was no more than a "four corners" with Detroit a city where persons went only on their horsebacks. Its population of five hundred has grown to the present one of more than 12,000 and dirt roads have been changed to superhighways.
The partnership of the two men was begun with a flour mill on the Evergreen road at River Rouge. Through the years it was continued, only in later days, the call for vegetable seeds changed to (Turn to Page 6, No. 6)

Birmingham's New Station



Above is pictured the new Grand Trunk station to be erected at Eaton road and East Maple avenue, according to statements made yesterday by Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, the parent company of the Grand Trunk Western, whose tracks are being relocated so that Wider Woodward avenue may be completed between Royal Oak and a point north of Birmingham.
The edifice will be of English

type construction, of brick and stone, and will cost in excess of \$100,000, according to Sir Henry Thornton, who has been in charge of the project since its inception. The station will be situated just south of East Maple avenue, facing Eaton road.
On page two of this part may be seen the cross sectional view of the station and the tunnel connecting the platform for north-bound traffic, also an artist's sketch of the proposed East Maple avenue grade separation, the general plan of which will be used all along the right of way.

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Y WORKERS MEET FRIDAY

Plans Complete For Directors' Dinner At Church

VILLAGE HUNTERS BEGIN TREK NORTH AS DEER SEASON OPENS

Tomorrow morning, Nov. 15, Mr. and Mrs. Wild Deer, and their little deer, will enter upon their annual attempt to remain status quo, and thus refrain from being served upon the platters of Michigan culinary departments.
For, he it known, the woods of Michigan will start resounding to the shots of thousands of hunters, as, from runway and trail, they seek to bring down a big buck. From tomorrow until Nov. 20, men—and quite a few women, too—will separate themselves

from the usual tedium of a more urban life and, figuratively speaking, jump back several generations to the days when a gun was the purpose of sport and the corner meat market.
Birmingham and vicinity will make its human contribution to the hunters of deer, and soon Birmingham citizens will see hundreds of motor cars driving over Woodward avenue with John Buck upon the running boards.
About 20 local and nearby men are expected to enjoy the hunting facilities of the Birmingham-Hunting & Fishing club, where they own nearly 6,000 acres of land 35 miles southwest of Alpena. Most of them will leave this week, according to Allen F. McGirr, of Madison avenue, president of the club.
Included in the list are John E. Wilson, Harry Allen, John A. McGirr, D. C. Blomah, H. A. Baysett, Lawrence Bassett, Bay Joseph E. Dutton, Russell A. McBride, Ed Adams, W. H. Perdue, Fred L. Tucker, K. H. Hans, Howard Masters, J. J. Moore, Robert Moore, Robert Morris, Watlies, Robert S. Porritt, Louis Randall, Cy Osborne, Elmer C. Huston, Robert R. Allen and Albert McGirr.
On Monday Harry Spencer, of Turn to Page 2, No. 2)

New Wabeek Apartment



Construction on the Wabeek Manor an eight-story apartment located at the southeast corner of Willetts and Bates Streets near the Wabeek building, on west Maple avenue, will begin at once. The building, costing approximately \$400,000, will be of brick and limestone construction and will be one of the outstanding buildings of Oakland County.
Two, three, four and some five room apartments will be available upon completion of the building next May 1.
Arthur L. Weeks and Charles N. Arver, architects, have incorporated the best features of apartment house construction in Wabeek Manor. A spacious marble foyer will greet the guests at the entrance, which will be on Bates street. It will extend 100 feet on Willetts street and 110 feet on Willetts street.

A 56 car underground garage, with ramp entrance on Bates street, will be accessible by elevators from the apartment and can be reached through the present Wabeek building.
Wabeek Manor will be complete with radiating outlets, electric refrigeration, ventilated hallways and incinerators in each apartment.
Maid's rooms will be provided on the first floor; lockers, storage space and laundry, are also planned.
The architects have designed studio apartments on the ninth floor. There will be a living room, kitchen and library on the first floor of these studio homes with two bedrooms and a bath upstairs. The corporation representative announced that seven apartments had been spoken for.

Thornton Testifies G. T. Ready To Complete Work

Birmingham will have rapid transit between Detroit and Pontiac in three years, Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian Northern Railroad, announced last night after a day testifying before a board of determination in Birmingham.

ARMED THUG ROBS GROCER

Escapes With Small Change After Overlooking Day's Receipts

Police today are seeking the thug who held up the manager of a chain grocery store on East Lincoln avenue Saturday night expecting to obtain the day's receipts and escaped with only \$9, overlooking \$56.
V. L. Ward, manager of the C. F. Smith store at 576 east Lincoln avenue locked its doors at 10 p. m. Saturday. He walked to his car, parked in the rear of the building, and when he opened the door saw a man crouched in the rear seat pointing a revolver at him.
Ward surrendered his money bag at the thug's command but the bag contained only \$9 in small change. The bills which had accumulated since the banks closed Saturday were in his pocket.
The thug then ran down an alley and Ward reported the robbery to the police. A search of the neighborhood failed to reveal him.
Police Chief Orra J. Tuttle obtained the following description: He was about five feet six inches tall, weighed 130 pounds, about 25 years old and had a swarthy complexion. He was dressed in dark clothes.
Ward lives at 19705 Andover avenue, Detroit.

LEGION PLANS MEET AT PARK

Village Executive Men And Legionnaires To Hold Affair Wednesday
Outstanding on the program of the American Legion auxiliary is the supper which they are holding jointly with the Legion next Wednesday at the Bloomfield township park clubhouse. Plans are under way for a program with an outstanding speaker, according to Mrs. Oscar Peterson, program chairman. Mrs. Peterson is in charge of the supper arrangements.
Saturday the auxiliary will hold a card party at the home of Mrs. Joseph MacGregor, of Oakland avenue. The affair is open to the public those in charge announce.
Mrs. Lloyd L. Shibley and Mrs. E. V. Myers motored to Farmington last Thursday to attend a meeting of the Legion.

Concerning Birmingham

By ROBERT R. ALLEN (Village Commissioner)
Editor's Note: This is the second issue of articles on the subject of Birmingham by a village official. Others will follow.
When the Editor of the Eclectic asked me to write a few words regarding the future of Birmingham, I realized that it was quite a task to prophesy the future, but presuming that my guess is as good as any other it is safe to assume that Birmingham's future population in from 15 to 30 years will easily reach from 80,000 to 100,000 people.
It is inevitable that the Village will become a City, but I don't believe we should do anything to hasten that; rather let the common but vital problems which are being met when the change is to be made.
With the tremendous growth that Birmingham is to have, we face the common but vital problems that every other community faces—water, sewage, police and fire protection, street improvements and school facilities.
While we are an apartment water supply far in excess of our consumption, we should not become too well satisfied, always remembering that the source of our supply is subject to changing conditions, wells running dry, and the shifting of subterranean channels.
There is no doubt that the (Turn to Page 6, No. 4)

RED CROSS DRIVE UNDER WAY HERE

With the annual Red Cross roll call under way today a number of the services of the organization are pointed out by workers in the drive which opened Monday and continues through Nov. 28.
Besides offering relief in disaster, considerable of the Red Cross' time is spent in caring for World War all wars, especially the World War. Their assistance also extends to families of veterans.
Red Cross workers are also prepared to aid the family in need of readjustment by introducing them in this line. Mrs. H. H. Corson is in charge of the drive here.

POLICE AID IN SEARCH FOR ILLINOIS MAN

Police here today are aiding in the search for J. Mihalco, 29, of Park Ridge, Ill., who left home four months ago to seek work in a nursery in Birmingham. Chief Orra J. Tuttle received a letter from the man's sister, Betty, yesterday who is desirous of communicating with him.
FOR ARTISTS' MATERIALS
The "Devil and a Dog" Book, Theatre Building. —Ad. 4018
FURNITURE STORAGE
1415 Burgin St. Call Mr. Skowron, 1415 Burgin St. 1924-47 evening. —Ad. 4742
PLANT BEARING FRUIT TREES
Call Mr. Skowron for winter planting. Call Emil G. Foster, 1924-47 evening. —Ad. 4742
Special Thanksgiving Ice Cream, \$1.00. Delivered. —Ad. 31-32