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CONTRACT LET FOR BUILDING

Hanna Structure To Be Ready For Occupancy December 1

Contracts are let today for the construction of the new Hanna building at Maple and Woodward avenues by the real estate firm of Colgrove, Buck & Tillotson. Max Bartholomae & company were given the award.

This building with a 113 foot frontage on Maple to the corner of Pierce, will be ready for occupancy Dec. 1.

Already 40 percent of the store space is reported leased.

The building will consist of five stores, one on the corner of Woodward and Maple and another on

INDIANA MAN TO SPEAK HERE

An illustrated lecture on the subject, "Christ the King," is to be given on Friday at 8 p. m. in the Southfield Reformed Presbyterian (Covenanters) Church by the Rev. W. J. McBurney of Princeton, Ind.

The lecture will center around one of the doctrines which has been emphasized by the Covenanters Church from the time of John Knox to the present time—the sovereignty of Christ in the sphere of civil government.

The public is invited to attend this lecture. The Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church is on the Evergreen road south of the Eleven Mile road.

the corner of Maple and Pierce, with three inside stores facing on Maple. Above are offices to be used largely for professional purposes.

Glimpses

at and about PARIS
By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

WAITERS AT THE CAFE DE LA PAIX BEGIN STACKING up chairs and turning off lights at 1 a. m. The stragglers struggle off. A little woman pushes a cart up to the curb and the waiters flock around her to buy peaches. The "typical New York" newsboy ("name your home town paper; we have it") put their two weeks' old editions back in the kiosk. The lone ladies are leaving the streets.

Walk down the avenue of the Opera. You will meet that strange old woman who sings in front of cafe tables. Her face is carefully made up, and it appears, many years younger. It is almost beautiful in a reminiscent way. Golden, artificial hair is piled high and carefully on her head. She shades eyes that reflect a fading mind. Her clothes are shabby, but she is no beggar, for she carries a few of those quaintly folded Paris newspapers in her hand, offering them for sale. She is still singing, a faint, indescribable song from a throat that has not known a full voice in many, many years.

The avenue is quiet and there are bars and shutters on the shop windows. Except for an occasional taxi and a still more occasional American walking, there is no one. A window filled with clocks in the New York Herald office, in case you should care to know, will tell you what time it is in many parts of the world. Here is a French bookstore, and then off a little farther is Bretannous with its display of novels.

Tell the little fellow who speaks English you do not want a guide. He won't be too persistent.

It would be pleasant to walk down to the Tuileries but rather try the left bank. Through the Louvre, then, where there will be lovers, and then loiter a while on the pont Carrousel and see the lights on the Seine. There is no anything and it softens the tone of the already soft red and green lamps on the bridges. This is the time one wants to sing but fails to recall anything that would go well.

GLIMPSES: THE MANY WOMEN WHO DRESS IN BLACK. School teachers at Notre Dame. Evertime their eyes light on something new they look as if a lower left molar were being extracted. Shevelin's where I enjoyed hamburger. The seriousness with which our host discussed the merits of cold artichoke over the merits of warm artichoke at a dinner in the Bois. The tremendously intense feeling of being alone. Americans, their hats on and eating sandwiches, gazing at the tomb of the unknown soldier under the Arc— it's surprising they did not think to warm up their food a bit with the eternal flame. They are stared at hatefully by a passing Frenchman whose hat is held at his breast. Ankles that are not so trim. Beggars on the bridge. Women washing clothes in the Seine under Petit pont. Do I want my portrait painted? The markets at dawn and fish sellers playing cards. . . .

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—
Scott Powers, Royal Oak Township: "We wish to thank the many kind persons who helped us save our home when flames threatened it recently. The fire departments of Berkley, Royal Oak Township and Huntington Woods did excellent work."

Mrs. Caleb Jackson, 531 Oakland avenue, "Members and friends of the W. C. T. U. who are contributing to the budget fund are requested to leave their contributions with me."

Birmingham AS SEEN BY—



CHARLES A. BINGHAM
Address: First State Savings Bank Building.
Nature of business: Real estate and insurance.
How long have you been in this city: About nine years.
What led you to choose Birmingham as the location for your business?
A vision of the wonderful opportunity for development of a business of this type along with the growth of the Community.
What do you think of Birmingham's business future?
I think the future of the village is very bright. Birmingham has great possibilities.
What do you consider Birmingham's greatest need?
Closer co-operation between the people, both residents and those in business, working for the things that make a bigger and better village.
Are you desirous of keeping the village of a residential nature?
Yes.
What factors will encourage more buying in the village?
Very best quality in merchandise, greater selection, and giving patrons the very best service possible.
In what way can the merchants make a better way shopping area?
Keeping up with the growth of the Community, providing the class of merchandise and selection required, and making the stores pleasing and inviting.
What growth do you expect of Birmingham during the next five years?
Approximately 8,000 in the next five years.
Have you any "pet" idea you would like to see manifested in the village?
My "pet peeve" is confidence and co-operation.

COUNTY PAVES 41 MILES OF ROAD IN YEAR

Allen Makes Annual Report To County Board Of Supervisors

TOTAL NOW 743 MILES

Oakland County this season has paved 41 miles of concrete roads according to the report made Tuesday to the County board of supervisors by Luther D. Allen, chairman of the road commission. This gives the county a total of 743 miles of improved highways of which 369.15 miles are concrete and 374.15 miles gravel. Funds of the road commission were reported as in such excellent shape that during the next fiscal year no tax will be required for maintenance of highways. The complete financial report is now being prepared and will be available in a few days.

Remarkable growth—Oakland County has during the past few years enjoyed a remarkable growth in building construction, commercial and industrial expansion and property values," read the report. "Our one great source of farming lands is being replaced rapidly with home sites, which dot the landscape. In a good many hundreds of persons are finding that our hills and lakes form the background for their future homes. This great development has been made possible by the construction of improved roads. Tourist traffic to our lake region has increased and this combined with a healthy general increase in local travel has made the improving of many new roads and the widening of many old ones imperative.

Traffic must be served therefore your Commission during this period has attempted to keep ahead of the time through the construction of sufficient arteries and they have loaned their aid and assistance to the state in bringing about the construction of much needed trunk line highways. Road estate activities in a good many cases perhaps been ahead of this development but like every similar district which has employed rapid expansion, periods come when values remain dormant. Road building regardless of traffic requirements has for its pulse the state of prosperity of the county and must reflect its growth accordingly.

Many needed improvements in highway safety are being given attention. Although the county is not in a position at present to construct many grade separations, yet this needed addition must be planned to make our highways safe. During this year we have applied for 23 lighted signals at railroad crossings and 16 have been ordered installed by the Public Utilities Commission. The county in each case is required to pay one-half of the cost thereof. Stop-go traffic lights have been installed at 42 intersections of highways because of extremely heavy traffic. Many miles of sewers are being installed to eliminate deep ditches. Highway right of ways are being widened to permit of wider paved surface in the future."

TWO FACE TRIAL ON DISORDERLY CHARGE

Stanley Bray, 644 Pierce street, Birmingham, and William McGregory, no street address given, Pontiac, will be tried tomorrow at 10 a. m. before Justice Floyd S. Buck on disorderly counts. Bray is out on \$150 bond. According to Judge Buck, this is Bray's second arrest on the same charge in the past three months. McGregory was unable to furnish bond.

DRIVER FINED \$45
Charged with overloading his truck, Edward Johnston, of 23 Columbia street, Detroit, a fine of \$45 when arraigned Tuesday before Justice Floyd S. Buck.

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AMONG THE WOMEN

Village Girl Baniashes Popular Notion Of Turk

By DOROTHY E. WILLIAMS
The average American's picture of bewitching Turk with its harems of hundreds of ravishing women is untrue. Harems in that sense don't exist. The life of the upper class Turkish woman is not far different from that of the American woman.

Strange Notions
"Travel advertisements have a lot to do with the American's conception of bewitching Turkey and mysterious Egypt," Miss Moushiden said. "Turkey immediately brings to the American mind harems, cigarettes, thick dark coffee, and Turkish baths and towels."

The American idea of the harem was the greatest surprise to Miss Moushiden, when a girl of 17, she came to this country, six years ago, to enter the University of Michigan.

"I remember a young man in one of my classes at the University asked me how many mothers in harems and attendants lived in the harem, which in many ways

so I replied "Two hundred and fifty." He believed me. Later I explained that I had but one mother and that the average educated Turk had, but one wife. Why I thought Mohammed wouldn't let a Turk in heaven unless he had a harem of wives," he answered.

One Has Pair of Wives
Miss Moushiden explained that she knew of but one man in her acquaintance who had more than one wife. "He has two wives and he is looked upon with curiosity," she said. "There is a sort of harem that exists among the country folk, however. In the villages and on the farms it is common to find a number of wives in the household. It is a case of just another woman to help with the housework and farm labor."

Until recently it was legal for a Turk to have four wives, now the law permits but one wife. Miss Moushiden explained.

The original idea of the harem has its origin in the day of the sultan, she believes. "The men and women of Turkey do not mingle as they do in the United States. The sultan's household would be divided into two sections; the harem or the women's section; and the selamluk, or the men's section. The sultan's women and attendants lived in the harem, which in many ways

TEACHER HURT AS CAR SKIDS

Southfield Instructor Injured While On Way To School

Miss Dorothy Hendrickson, age 23, 4130 Avenale, Detroit, a teacher at Lathrop school in Southfield Township, was injured while on her way to school Monday morning, when her car went into a ditch.

A passing motorist carried her to Dr. E. D. Margrave's hospital, Royal Oak, where she was treated for lacerations about the face. She was like a court of medieval Europe. The word, "harem," traveled and "selamluk" did not. Consequently, today the word "Turkey" immediately brings to the American mind a host of wives, or dancing girls in a court.

Divorce Rarer
Although until three years ago divorce in Turkey was the simplest thing in the world, it is not one half as common as in the United States, according to Miss Moushiden. Until the recent adoption of the Swiss laws which make divorce a court procedure make the same as in the United States, all the Turkish husband had to do was to pronounce the words, "I divorce thee," three times. (Continued on Page 8, Part 3)

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