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LARCHLEA DR. HEARING PIT OFF ONE WEEK

T. W. Tallaferro Withdraws His Petition To Aid Other Owners

OBJECTION IS MADE

Withdrawal of a petition for the installation of a curb and gutter on Larchlea drive between Maple avenue west and Lincoln avenue, was made Monday night at the hearing before the Village Commission, by T. W. Tallaferro, one of the largest property owners of the district. Mr. Tallaferro explained that, although only a few property owners had signed the petition they represented a majority of the property. He agreed to withdraw the petition to allow a real estate company the opportunity to circulate the petition more thoroughly among the property owners on the street. James W. Parry, village manager, told the commission that although there were only a few signers of the petition, they represented 85.4 per cent of the property involved. The cost of the project was estimated at \$2.46 per front foot.

CHARM OF THE ORIENT APPEALS TO VILLAGE GIRL VISITING JAPAN

Japan, whose exotic countryside and inhabitants fascinate so many Americans, who never get to go there, has charmed Miss Mary Widenmann, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Widenmann, of Pierce street. Miss Widenmann recently visited Japan, in company with her uncle and aunt, Commander Sherman Kennedy, of the U. S. Navy, and Mrs. Kennedy.

Miss Widenmann is now in Canada, P. L. after a trip to China, and expects to remain there another year. The following are excerpts from a letter written to her parents from Japan and recently received by them.

Saturday, June 28, Dear Everybody: This is only the second day in Japan and I've seen so much that I can't begin to tell you about half the things I don't know what I really expected but the first thing of property on the street. He agreed to withdraw the petition to allow a real estate company the opportunity to circulate the petition more thoroughly among the property owners on the street. James W. Parry, village manager, told the commission that although there were only a few signers of the petition, they represented 85.4 per cent of the property involved. The cost of the project was estimated at \$2.46 per front foot.

MIDGETS BEAT FIREMEN, 10-8

Victory Gives Them Right To Play South End In Final Games

The Midgets' victory over the Firemen Thursday, 18 to 8, and South End's win over the Post Office, 12 to 8, put the Midgets and the South End in the final playoffs in the Twilight Baseball League yesterday, today, and tomorrow at 6:15 p. m. The games will be played on the diamond between Oxford drive and the present Grand Trunk tracks. The best two out of the three games will determine the winner of the league for this year.

"It's a toss-up. There is very little difference between the two teams and they are evenly matched," said Mervyn Smiley, recreational director. "Which ever team gets the breaks will win the play-off."

The winning team will get the rotating trophy, which becomes permanent after three years' successive possession by one team. The Firemen won it for 1929. The 12 most active players on the winning nine will also receive baseball medals for their watchfulness. The team that places second will be awarded a banner. Mr. Smiley said, "This year the village is sponsoring this recreational program and, although they appropriated a salary for a director, they appropriated none for running expenses. Consequently, it has been necessary for each team manager to furnish his own team, and, although the Rotary, Lions, and Exchange clubs of Birmingham have donated an equal sum of money for medals to be awarded to winners in the tennis tournament, the decathlon, the archery tournament, as well as baseball.

WATER IN VILLAGE'S BIGGEST BATH TUB GOES DOWN THE DRAIN

Birmingham's biggest bath tub will be drained tomorrow. Eighty-four thousand gallons of specially-treated water contained in the Barnum swimming pool will go down the drain. Then workers will begin cleaning the pool in preparation for the students' swimming classes from Birmingham public schools which open Sept. 2.

The pool which has been in use for the past month and a half will be entirely emptied and thoroughly cleaned and refilled during the next week. To eliminate congestion and possible breakage of the cesspools and sewers, caused by so great a volume of water, the large single valve used in drainage will be opened only half way. By order of the village, two days will be required to empty the water when the minimum time required would be only 12 hours. Refilling of the pool, which will take place immediately after the cleaning processes are completed, will take all of four days.

Approximately 9,600 gallons of water passes through the tank each hour of the day. All of the water is heated to 79 degrees Fahrenheit and is given special treatment in tanks for softening and extermination of bacteria. This process is constant and keeps the water in the pool in continual motion. Water from the mains is taken into two heating tanks in the large boiler room and from there it flows into the filtering plant where it is freed of bacteria and softened. This last treatment requires three large tanks containing alum and other minerals. Two more heating tanks are used before the water reaches the pool. Equipment in the filtering plant is of the most modern type and is the best available according to school authorities.

Requires Least Help
The boiler room where the tanks and necessary equipment for the special treatment of the water is kept is very spacious in size and clean. All of the pipes are out of the way but still easily accessible for adjustment or necessary repairs. Large pipes used for filling and drainage of the pool run overhead in hallways that circle the swimming tank. The modernity of the equipment in use at the pool requires the least possible help to care for the pool, saving the expense of extra help and special men for the upkeep of the pool.

The pool itself is of standard size, being 75 feet long and 25 feet wide. It is so built that when several people are in the tank at once, the water that is displaced runs immediately back into the pool when the pool is not in use. This eliminates constantly wet and slippery floors around the tank. The floor of the pool is built on a gradual slope starting at 3 1/2 feet at one end and deepening to 8 1/2 feet at the other. The deepest end is equipped with a standard intercollegiate diving board. When filled, the water level is within six inches of the top of the pool. There are several balls and swimming tubes for use in the water and water can be retrieved when or assisting disabled swimmers.

A spectators' balcony is located on the south side of the room. All spectators are confined to the gallery and are prohibited from walking on the floor around the pool.

Rules Are Enforced
All rules are strenuously enforced. All persons using the pool

Brightest Boy



"America's Brightest Boy for 1929" was the title Arthur C. Williams, above, of East Point, Ga. R. L. acquired by winning the Edison scholarship for which 49 boys from the 43 states and the District of Columbia competed in New Jersey recently. He is entitled to four years tuition at any technical school.

"But it is hoped that they will be completed before the opening of the fall term." Swimming will be under the direction of Coach Ernest Egan, former coach at the Baldwin high school. Plans for swimming teams in the schools and high school will be made later. Schools of the village will have special days at the pool, it is announced.

MRS. RICHARDS TENNIS WINNER

Payton, Ladd Also Victors In Municipal Net Tournament

Mrs. Ora Richards is the victor in the hard-fought women's singles of the second annual Municipal tennis tournament. Her defeat over Jess Brooks, Friday put her to the head of the list. In the boys' singles, Dick Gibbons defeated Grove, Aug. 13, 6-4, 6-2. Friday, Jack Payton took the match from Gibbons, 6-0, 6-2, which puts the winning laurels upon Payton.

Hartwell Ladd defeated H. Lamet, in the men's singles last week, 6-2, 6-0, and Clive Munger, defeated Ladd, 6-1, 7-5. In the finals last Saturday Ladd continued his winning streak and took the best three-out-of-five match between himself and Clive Munger with scores of 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4. Ladd said he defeated Munger, who was conceded to have the best chances, by playing net-ball. The men's doubles will be played off this week and next.

Mr. Mervyn Smiley, recreational director of the Y. M. C. A., said that the Barnum school courts, where the tournament is being played, is in good shape now. Earlier in the season the city had the courts leveled, sprinkled and rolled.

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Flowers Galore

The flowers are just beautiful and in every little shop you see some kind of flower. The houses have no furniture, but several pots of flowers. Last night we decided to see a Japanese show. We couldn't understand a thing and the music was terrible. They let out the most awful wails. We nearly died before we finished. The weather was so hot. However, I wouldn't have missed it for anything. The costumes were beautiful and all the people attending had lovely clothes on; they fixed their hair tank. It was nice to have tried it on.

Uncle Sherman and I nearly got run over with all this left hand driving. We both looked left, by second nature, and of course nothing was coming. Motor cars are right-wheel drive, Fords and everything.

Today we took a three-hour train ride to this place. It is a regular mountain resort and is perfectly beautiful. This afternoon we went to a temple built 300 years ago for the first Shogun. There are 33 shrines built by 15,000 men and it took 12 years. It is repainted every 40 years. We are pretty tired now because there are a million steps, it seems. In several places we had to take our shoes off and in one shrine, the ceiling is covered with a large dragon. When you stand directly under the head of the dragon and clap your hands, the dragon seems to make a noise and they call that "the crying dragon." I don't think I can really give you the right description of all these shrines. They were all built by this one Shogun and of course we had to see his tomb which is 200 steps up the mountain.

Every shrine seemed to have some steps up to it so we are about worn out. It is the funniest thing to see all the shoes lined up at the bottom of these stairs. In one place they gave us two rice cakes which are supposed to be blessed. We also saw the sacred horse which is about 20 years old. He can hardly walk, he is so old. Then we saw the three original monkeys and the sleeping cat.

When we got back from this trip to the shrines, we took a walk along the main street and looked in some of these little shops. I felt like a Jap myself with this great big parasol. It was just pouring rain, in fact, it had been raining a lot of the time. They have the narrowest street here and the street cars are skinny.

Lots of love,
MARY.

P. S. I can hardly read myself, but the paper is funny and the pen gets stuck.

Neva, Euneva and Geneva Haughland, 14 years old, of Jackson County, Minn., are the only triplets in the United States actively engaged in 4-H Farm club work.

Erwin Straus, 19-year-old son of the famous Oscar, began composing when he was nine and has written his fourth opera, which is enjoying great popularity.

George Whisker, of Middleborough, Eng., had his name legally changed to George W. Newton, because of his friends' jokes.

FIRE THREATENS HILLS ESTATES

An old barn and 40 acres of high grass at East Long Lake and Squirrel run, burned Monday afternoon. Buildings owned by Walter O. Briggs, Otto Kern, and H. G. Leonard all border this hill, but the fire was extinguished by the Bloomfield Hills Fire department before the buildings could be damaged.

MACHINES DAMAGED IN WOODWARD CRASH

Two cars were badly damaged Tuesday at 1:45 a. m. when one driven by Adolphus Hubert, of 799 East Grand boulevard, Detroit, crashed into that of Miss Helen Barnes, of Charing Cross road, on Square Lake road at Woodward avenue.

According to sheriff's deputies, Miss Barnes had stopped her machine for the red light signal at Woodward avenue when Hubert's car bumped into the rear of Miss Barnes' car. Hubert suffered minor bruises.

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