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BUILDING GAIN REPORT MADE

Statistics Show Activities Much Less Than in 1929, However

Building activities in the Village during July greatly surpassed those of the previous month but were far short of the mark set for the same month a year ago, according to the report of Donald C. Egbert, building inspector.

Permits for the erection of even new buildings valued at \$109,100 and five permits for additions or alterations to present buildings totalling \$4,700 were issued, Mr. Egbert reports. Four of these permits were for single residences valued at \$97,500; four for commercial buildings valued at \$12,500, and four for private garages and miscellaneous structures valued at \$4,000, bringing the total to \$111,800.

Comparative statistics show that in June the total estimated cost of building activities amounted to \$73,500, with \$72,500 of this amount for new buildings.

A KINDLY OLD GENTLEMAN TELLS OF DETROIT CHANGES SINCE 1865

Tom Craig, a little boy, back in 1865 when the Civil War was a horrible reality of the immediate past, went to see a circus in Detroit. There were crowds of spectators, of course, and Tom was one of the children who experienced the thrill of seeing wild animals, glittering acrobats and laugh-provoking clowns. The circus was held in a field—a pleasant field where the sun beat down in its summer glory.

Today that field is a place where thousands of men and women walk, the nervous ways of a changed civilization. On the site of that circus today stands the Detroit City Hall, at present a center of political turmoil where worried politicians gnaw feverishly at their cigars and argue the outcome.

On Monday, Tom Craig, now the Hon. Thomas G. Craig, entertained a group of interested men with his reminiscences at the regular meeting of the Birmingham Rotary Club in the Community House. He told them of incidents in the lives of prominent men who made Detroit's history during the latter part of the past century.

Tells of Changes.

He told them what great changes had taken place and what thrilling events have occurred since he was a boy, in America's Fourth City. There were only a few paved streets in those days and cobble stones were laid in irregular, bumpy lines where now smooth asphalt or concrete is continuously being laid or dug up again to provide the city with the ever-increasing complexity of water, sewer, gas and electric facilities. In those days the Woodward avenue street cars, horse cars, were operated only as far as Brady street.

Mr. Craig paid a glowing tribute to the man who for eight years served Detroit as mayor and for four years guided the destiny of the State of Michigan as governor. That man was Hazen S. Pingree and his statue in Grand Circus Park today is a reminder of the great service he rendered to the people.

Mr. Craig's talk was interspersed with amusing anecdotes which kept the listening group in uproarious good humor. Mr. Craig, who will soon start his eightieth year, was for many years junior partner in the wholesale grain firm of Gillett and Hall, one of Detroit's staunch concerns of the old days, later changed to Carson, Craig & Company. He was president of the Board of Education when the building now used as City College was built, being the oldest living ex-president of the Board as well as the oldest living ex-president of the Masonic Temple Association and of the Detroit Board of Trade. Mr. Craig was introduced by Secretary J. E. Howarth with whom he has been closely acquainted since the early eighties.

Permits for buildings valued at \$497,100 were issued in July and \$159,075 for the month of June.

Totals for the year from Jan. 1 to July 31 are:

1930	\$ 764,340
1929	1,163,623
1928	1,310,530
1927	979,415
1926	979,575

You'll Never Regret It!



VOTE FOR G. DEWEY KIMBALL for CORONER

Oakland County has two coroners. At the primaries in September you will again name the two men to serve you in this office. Supporters of G. Dewey Kimball believe that Southern Oakland County should have one of these coroners elected from its territory so that they may be better served by the coroners' office. Vote for Kimball of Birmingham.

At Son's Grave

This is a picture of Mrs. Merle Belle Smith, of Cranbrook road, Birmingham's Gold Star mother, recently returned from France, where she went on a pilgrimage with 300 other Gold Star mothers of Michigan and Wisconsin, to see for the first time the grave of her son, Robert, killed in action in 1918.

The photograph was snapped by a friend as Mrs. Smith stood behind the marble cross that marks her son's grave, after she had deposited on the grave her wreath. A view of the Old-Ancient cemetery with its dozens of crosses in rows is in the background.

ASSESSOR MAKES BUILDING SURVEY

A. W. Noonan Continues Work On Property Values In Village

Albert W. Noonan, village assessor, is busily engaged these summer days, doing what the census enumerators did during the cooler weather. Mr. Noonan is making a house to house canvass, obtaining the valuation of buildings in the residential districts. He will use these valuations as a basis for spreading the village tax roll next year.

The re-assessment of village property, a work that will necessitate several more months of intensive work by Mr. Noonan and his assistants, requires the measurement of each dwelling and other data on the various types of construction.

Compilation of the new equalized building valuations will be filed under the system instituted by Mr. Noonan. The same system is used in Detroit.

Land value figures obtained with the co-operation of a committee of five representative villagers last spring will be joined with the building valuations for the 1931 tax roll. The tax valuations eventually will combine both estimates, the land to be valued on a per front foot basis.

It is estimated that more than 50 per cent of American families live in rented homes.

4 Anglers Fined By Justice Buck

Four men were brought before Justice Floyd S. Buck Monday for having undersized fish in their possession. William Collins, 322 Emerson avenue, Detroit, was found with small bluegills, perch and rock bass taken from the Upper Straits Lake. He paid a fine of \$15.

Glenn Barton, 18903 Roseland avenue, Detroit, was arrested with his catch of small fish from Pine Lake and paid \$15. William Kalis, 8836 Thayer avenue and Andrew Webb, 8901 Thayer avenue, both of Dearborn, chose to pay \$10 costs as an alternative to spending 10 days in jail. Their offense was at Pine Lake.

A Pleasure

Londoner—I suppose it was no trouble at all for you to drop into our tea-drinking habit.

Bostonian—Oh, no trouble at all—after tasting your coffee.—New Bedford Standard.

AFRICAN NATIVES TO BE TAUGHT BY BIRMINGHAM MISSIONARY

Miss Ruth Parks, of 555 Merrill street, will leave Sept. 8 from New York for Africa, where she will serve as a missionary under the United Presbyterian Women's board.

Miss Parks' appointment in Africa will be in the Egyptian Sudan where she will teach at the Girls' boarding school at Khartoum North. The school is conducted for native colored girls who, in turn, after studying under the Christians, become missionaries to their own people. Miss Parks will be in Africa for four and a half years, the first two of which she will spend in Cairo studying the language. Although there is a large group of missionaries leaving for the United States in the fall or early winter, Miss Parks is the only Michigan representative and the only one assigned to the African work.

Prior to her appointment to the foreign post Miss Parks studied at the Moody Bible Institute at Chicago for six months with students representing countries in all parts of the world. Here the students prepare for foreign missionary work. One of the missionary centers in that country is the mountain districts of Tennessee.

Is Baldwin Graduate

Miss Parks is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parks, and was graduated from the Baldwin High school in 1919 and later attended the Michigan State Normal College where she received her A. B. degree in education. Since her graduation from high school she has taught in several schools in Michigan, including the Adams school in Birmingham. She spent a sabbatical year in a public school in Seattle, Wash., before going to the Moody Bible Institute in January, 1930.

Speaking of her missionary work Miss Parks said, "Although I feel that teaching the young girls in Africa will be very interesting and fascinating work, I also realize that other defendants from the same cause must be faced in missionary work in any foreign country." The post at Khartoum North is a very recently was organized and is one of the pioneer missions of the United Presbyterian Women's Board.

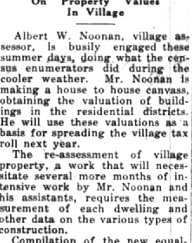
Miss Parks will attend the annual Missionary Conference at New Wilmington, Penn., which will be held from Aug. 8 to 18.

County Delegates To Meet On Sept. 16

A call for the Oakland County Republican convention has been issued by Clyde D. Underwood to be held in the courthouse in Pontiac at 11 a. m., Sept. 16. Delegates to the county convention will be chosen at the primary, Sept. 9. The state convention to be held later in September, will select nominees for state offices not filled by the primary system.

At the state convention Oakland County will be entitled to 62 delegates. There will be 119 duly credited delegates to the county convention.

WHAT'S WRONG AND WHERE?



HERE AT BIRMINGHAM

There are 10 mistakes in this picture. For solutions see Page two of this section.

FRAUD CHARGED IN REALTY DEAL

Royal Oak Man Asks Injunction To Prevent Sale Of Property

Mrs. Maude Hilty Stroup, 236 Elm street, and James J. and Mrs. Martha Meigs of Huron County have been named in a suit filed in the Oakland County Circuit Court Monday by Isaac Hall, of Royal Oak, who charges he was defrauded out of his equity in a parcel of land in Royal Oak.

Hall declares that he wanted to borrow some money and arranged a loan of \$4,500 from Meigs, to secure which, he deeded his Royal Oak property to Meigs. Hall claims that he understood that he was to be given a contract, on which he paid \$650.

Hall further relates that he was unable to obtain the contract from Meigs and learned later that Meigs had sold the property to Mrs. Stroup. He asks an injunction restraining Meigs and the other defendants from disposing of the property until the court can determine whether he is entitled to a reconveyance.

DISCUSS NEW SCHOOL PLANS

Hills Board Members To Hold Meeting On Proposed \$100,000 Bldg.

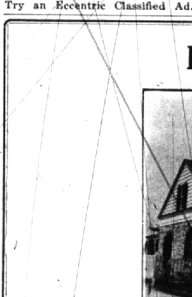
The Bloomfield Center school board, consisting of John T. Shaw, Frank Bromley, and Perry Vaughn, will meet within the next two weeks to work out plans for a new school to be built in the near future on Vaughn road on a piece of property donated by George G. Booth.

Before the board may authorize a general vote to approve or reject a bond issue, it must select an architect, pass on plans, and receive estimates. Mr. Shaw said. Later in the summer, the board will publish notice of a general district election for the bond issue.

The school will cost between \$100,000 and \$150,000. Mr. Vaughn said, and will replace the building on West Long Lake road near Woodward avenue, which members of the board feel has been outgrown. All a property (Turn to Page 6, this section)

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