BUSINESS GROUP MEETS APRIL 22

Members of the recently organized Birmingham businessmen's group will meet Wednesday, Apr. 22 at 8 p. m. in the Community House to hear the report of the committee appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the organization. The committee is composed of Harry Bissett, Allen Arnold and Charles G. Parke.

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community, with solicitors having small lists of names to canvass, and so arranged that each solicitor will call upon a selected group rather than to cover a given number of blocks in the village. Moreover, every solicitor has been thoroughly schooled in the entire program and has available all the facts and figures regarding the Community House, what it is and what it has done so that each contributor may, if he desires, obtain a comprehensive idea of the institution and its works.

More than 150 of the women solicitors gathered at the home of Mrs. Frank Shuell on Lone Pine road Wednesday afternoon to receive these instructions. Miss Anne Sprague, of the Detroit Community fund spoke upon the needs of the Community House activity in Birmingham. W. A. P. John, chairman of the sales committee, explained the program to the solicitors and J. Fred Woodruff, general chairman, spoke briefly regarding the aims of the roll call. Mrs. Shuell was hostess at tea following the meeting.

Men Workers Meet

Harold Gray, chairman of the men's committee was host to the men workers at a dinner at the Community House on Wednesday evening. Again Mr. John and Mr. Woodruff spoke giving the men the same detailed story of the campaign. Rev. Warper Forsyth also addressed the meeting giving the inspiration talk upon the ideals and aims of the Community House.

Arrangements were made for both men and women solicitors to get their names on Saturday so that the roll call may start promptly Monday and so that all teams and workers will get an even start in the race for the radio-phonographs that have been put up as prizes by the general chairman, Mr. Woodruff.

With the start of the roll call, the workers will have their initial get-together on Monday evening at a dinner at the Community House, open to both men and women solicitors. A moderate charge will be made for the dinner, since no part of the Community House funds will be used for promoting the roll-call activities and every cent collected will go to the actual operating expenses of the club.

Band To Give Music

Music for the dinner will be furnished by the Baldwin High School band. A large chart will be on display recording the team standings and giving the high individual standing for both men and women. Short talks will be given by those in charge of the roll call but it is planned to have the meeting over early so as not to interfere with the evening's work of soliciting.

The women solicitors will meet again on Wednesday afternoon at a tea to receive further instructions and there will be another dinner at the Community House on Friday, Apr. 24 for both men and women solicitors.

Seek Daily Returns

Extra efforts are being made with this roll call to get daily tabulations of the results. These are most important because extra points are being awarded teams and solicitors for extra performance in covering their lists. Consequently each member of a team will be asked to give his results to his captain daily, who in turn will give them to the roll call headquarters.

To take charge of the social events of the roll call week, a special committee has been appointed by the general committee. It is headed by Mrs. Charles Burgess and includes Mrs. H. G. Wood, Mrs. T. B. Donovan, Mrs. L. M. Baker and Mrs. Leonard Brown.

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DRIVER OF DEATH CAR IS SHOWN LENIENCY

Louis Plankar, 21 years old, 75 Dakota avenue, Detroit, who was driving the automobile which overturned at Woodward avenue and Catalpa drive, Mar. 4, fatally injuring Miss Mary Perette, 21, of Corunna, Friday paid a $10 fine and his license was revoked by Justice Robert C. Baldwin. The charge of negligent homicide against Plankar was changed to reckless driving when the girl's parents appeared at the examination and asked that leniency be shown.

SEEK BASEBALL GAMES

Birmingham baseball teams wishing games with the Mack Avenue Cartage and Storage nine are requested to communicate with Stanley Braun, manager, 3702 Mt. Elliott street, Detroit, Mich.

Plan To Organize Soft Ball League

Organizations interested in the formation of a soft ball league are requested to communicate with Robert D. Lynd at the Y. M. C. A. headquarters at Maple avenue and Pierce street this week. Several clubs have petitioned to join the league so far Mr. Lynd says, and it is planned to form three circuits, a senior league for players over 25 years old, an intermediate league for players from 16 to 25 and a junior league for boys younger than 16 years old. Representatives of the three leagues are expected to hold their first organization meeting sometime next week.

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$2,500 and that all unnecessary help be released to the extent that a general 10 per cent saving in salaries be effected, were among the recommendations of the committee. Many other departmental reductions were suggested and the commission was asked to obtain a lower price on the audit for the coming years.

The committee's recommendations follow:

Mr. Charles J. Shain, Chairman, Property Owners' Division of the Birmingham Real Estate Board:

Your committee appointed to study the proposed 1931 budget for the Village of Birmingham have taken up each item as set up in the manager's proposal and we find that a great deal of credit is due the manager and commission for their proven desire to eliminate, as far as possible, all unnecessary expense. The manager has assembled a great deal of detailed information and we fully appreciate his cooperation, also that of every village employee upon whom we called. In spite of the decided reductions that have already been incorporated in the budget we find that in some instances we wish to recommend further savings in the amount to be raised. As nearly one third of the year has already passed some of these proposals are not as large as they would have been on January 1, 1931. In order to clarify our recommendations we refer to the various items and departments by using the same numbers under which the manager has listed them in his estimates; a copy of which is attached to this report.

Commission

Your committee feel that with our modern and complete system of accounting we should be able to obtain a better price on our annual audit. Nothing can be done this year but we request that this matter be considered before another audit is made.

Hydrant Rental

This item should be reduced $2500.00 and allow part of the deficit due to capital investment, to carry over into next year.

Clerk's Department

Your committee recommends that before another election the clerk's salary be adjusted so that the water department will not be burdened by an expense from which it receives no benefit.

Engineering Department

We recommend that the building inspection department be consolidated with the engineering department and that the total expense of both departments be reduced $2500.00.

Legal Department

This committee suggests that the village attorney be retained and attend commission meetings for the amount of $500.00 per year, with reasonable fees for all additional legal services.

Health Department

The health officer's salary should be reduced $1000.00 and the sanitary inspector eliminated. With the decrease in building activity it should be possible for the plumbing inspector to take over the duties of sanitary inspection.

Assessor's Department

With the completion of the general tax roll it seems to this committee that reductions totaling $800.00 should be affected.

Police Department

There are now three vacancies in the patrol force. We suggest that only one man be replaced for the present.

Fire Department

Your committee have given this item a great deal of consideration and we recommend a reorganization along the lines that are now being considered by the department itself.

Sewers

The total of this division could be reduced $1000.00 by possible eliminations in each of its items.

Streets

This committee feels that a ten per cent reduction can easily be accomplished by application of efficiency and economy.

Trees

Reduce the labor items $1000.00 and eliminate the new nursery stock, thereby saving $1500.00.

Parks

We feel that all park work should be under the street department and hence the expense of this item should be reduced $500.00.

Contingent

Under normal conditions a surplus is very desirable but during the present depression we suggest that this fund be reduced $5000.00 because it appears to your committee that money is of more value to the taxpayer, when he can keep it, than it is in a village surplus, a part of which at least will be carried into next year.

General Recommendations

We believe that the practice of installing improvements in new subdivisions and assessing the costs against the land should be discontinued. No addition to the village should be considered until after the necessary improvements have been installed without village participation or expense.

We suggest that no money be expended in the study and development of plans for any future improvements until demand for immediate consideration is imperative, and that Charter provisions regarding salaries be respected.

In view of the general tendency toward a downward revision in all forms of expense we recommend that all village employees be required to take two weeks vacation without pay, that all salaries above $2500.00 per year be reduced five per cent, and that all unnecessary help be released to the end that a general ten per cent saving in salaries be effected.

These suggestions are made in a most friendly spirit with the hope that the fundamentals of sound business practice can be installed in all governmental affairs and that in some small way we can contribute to the best interests of our village.

Signed
SCOTT HERSEY,
Chairman.

PLOWS AND DOES CHORES AS HE NEARS 100 MARK

Although J. R. "Uncle Johnny" Smith, 97, of Haskell, Okla., has been given a gold top walking cane for being the oldest male resident of his county, he really doesn't need it, he explains, for he still is able to take a turn behind the plow if necessary and do many of the farm chores. Uncle Johnny is a robust figure, towering over the six-foot mark and better able to wield an axe than many modern youths 50 years his junior. Photo shows him working in the field.

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Wanderer finds. Occasionally this Wanderer transports caddies from clubs in this district to or from Detroit, and in the course of the inevitable conversation learns that many of the boys sincerely hope some day to be professional golfers.

The other day, John Terry, one of the oldest in point of service and experience at caddying at the Oakland Hills Country club, confided his ambition. John lost the club caddie tourney last year to Ted Dorsey, another golfer. Both boys play in the low 80's and many a member in this district would give a great deal to be able to play as consistently as these youngsters.

John is practising as often as possible, he says, and if he improves enough in his putting and long iron shots may cop the caddie title this year.

Unless some other member of the male sex steps forward to prove his prowess as a master of the culinary art, this department is going to award the first prize for mastery to Robert Y. Moore, of Oakland avenue, a member of men get together for a "feed" on the picnic table, it is generally "Bob" Moore who presides over the cooking. He is well known for his ability to make ordinary provender look and taste better than any meal ever set forth in Delmonico's. Perhaps his nearest rivals are "Bill" Olsen and Joe Stroup. Some day, this Wanderer hopes, all three will get together and stage a "feed" that will rouse the undying jealousy and desire of emulation of every house wife in Birmingham.

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backed Sid up nobly in his "beautiful simplicity," and, according to the chortles from the audience it was a grand show.

Loren Robinson turned in probably the best performance he has ever given as a Village Player, and Maud Mack put on the best portrayal of beautiful dumbness since Mrs. Winifred Woodruff "Jackie." To give this a professional rating, we'd call it ***.

And we almost forgot to mention another telephone scene—a condensed version of Fred Allen's comic act in the current "Three's A Crowd" and which illustrates the advantages of long distance telephony over the ordinary local misfortunes. Mrs. John Gilray, Mortimer Neff and Robert Tillotson did the bit, and did it excellently.

ATTENDANCE AT GOLF COURSE INCREASES

The Bloomfield Township Park golf course which was opened to the public last week, on Sunday was better patrohized than at any time last season, James Dolan, director of the park, reports. The course also is in better condition than last year, Dolan adds.

From Jan. 1 until Mar. 15, 2300 persons attended the park, taking advantages of the recreational opportunities there and at the clubhouse, Dolan reports.

CONDUCTS ARCHERY CLASS

Merlyn Smiley will again direct the Birmingham Y. M. C. A. classes in archery and bow and arrow manufacture it was determined last night at a meeting of boys interested in the sport at the Y headquarters. Boys wishing to join the class are requested to communicate with him at the Y building.

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