"As a father, it is my solemn, most urgent duty that I so conduct my own life that my children will find in me some inspiration to accomplish greater worths than I. I hope and pray that I may always hold their respect.

The Birmingham Eccentric

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THIS and THAT

Here's to the low-browed, square-jawed, hairy-chested, leather-lunged, broad-shouldered, thick-necked, keen-eyed, many-muscled man of the Stone Age who first put down his mason's hammer, sat beside the smoky fire in his ill-smelling cave and gave a few minutes to the most practised of the arts—deceit.

Here's to the man
Whose clever plan
Evolved a snare
And caught a hare
When days were sad
And his aim was bad.

(Chorus)
Drink 'er down!
Drink 'er down!
Nut brown ale, ginger ale!

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And speaking of men whose accomplishments have advanced them to recognition among their fellowmen, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills contribute 15 to the select list in the latest edition of the Who's Who.

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Which, of course, brings us around to a pair of other estimable gentlemen, Sergt. Doyle Service and Patrolman Earl Moody. Although not listed in the Who's Who (we really didn't look to see whether they were or not) Messrs. Service and Moody are a dengeroos pair of marksmen. Their score sheets at the recent department pistol-shooting test look more like they were firing one-pounders than .38's. So, if ever you hear Patrolman Moody or Sergt. Doyle shouting, "Halt!" when you're running to get to the bank before it closes, take the advice of an advising man—halt. If you are not familiar with the voices of Messrs. Moody and Service and you hear the command, "Halt!" come to a sudden stop anyhow. The bullered might not be either of these two sharpshooters—and then again, it might be both of them.

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Wotta map! Wotta map!

No, sir, we refer not to an individual's face. We refer to that remarkable work of cartography in the sanctum of the Village fathers' commission chamber in the Municipal Building. It is a map of the village of Birmingham—zoned. Not that we disapprove zoning. On the contrary. But the zones, gentlemen and ladies, are done in vivid superlatives. The use of the word "color" in reference to that map is like saying, "Samson was not a physically weak man before Delilah played barber."

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If you have not been recently amused at exhibitions of futurism exhibited on storefronts in paintings, let us advise you: Do not miss seeing that map. For instance—the proposed industrial areas indicated by the Plan commission, are done (and "done" is the expressive verb) in a shade of howling heliotrope; the multiple dwelling districts are done in yelling yellow; the business districts in violent vermilion and the parks in a gorgeous green! Don't miss that map!

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And, now, Messrs. Parker and Davock, if the above recommendation doesn't attract the public to hearings on the zoning plan, we'll have to depend further upon your combined logic and eloquence.

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And, incidentally, the Police Department is due for a shake-up, or shoot-up, whichever way you want to take it. Not that any of the members of the force are involved! Birmingham's finest are beyond reproach—almost! But the walls must come down and other alterations made to bring about less cramped and inconvenient quarters. Several village officials agree that it should be done and the commission will decide next Monday.

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Do you know the site?

First there was a threshing machine factory; then the Old Academy; then a brick building which housed at different times the Birmingham Masonic Lodge headquarters, the village postoffice, the First National Bank, the Eccentric and a drug store—Charlie Shain's drug store.

Mr. Shain's drug store is a very modern drug store.

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You can buy almost anything in Mr. Shain's drug store but rubber-bottomed soup tooreens. The reason you cannot buy rubber-bottomed soup tooreens in Mr. Shain's drug store is because they have not yet been invented. We have been recommending rubber-bottomed soup tooreens and soup dishes, in fact, ever since a week ago come Whitsunday. And all to no avail. Yet, think how much soup is wasted annually because one cannot scoop all the soup (away from you, deadbeat. Don't rake your potage that way!) and it's also considered bad form to use straws in anything but soft drinks. What's the world coming to, anyhow?

Trunks sent to and from Detroit Railway stations. Special Rates. SHAW BROS. GARAGE 136 Brownell —Adv. 26tf

TOWNSHIP FIRE PROBLEM GOES TO STATE BODY

Legislature May Be Asked To Give Solution; Reports On Alarm Differ

NEW LAW IS PROPOSED

Fire protection for residents of Bloomfield Township living outside of the Village of Birmingham and the Village of Bloomfield Hills, a problem which has confronted property owners in this district for several years, may soon be solved. Upon the motion of R. J. Coryell, Bloomfield Township supervisor, the Oakland County Board of Supervisors Monday voted almost unanimous approval of a proposed state law permitting townships to raise funds to maintain a fire department or to hire outside departments to protect property in the townships.

In previous years the townships obtained fire protection services from municipalities although without legal authority. The fire, Jan. 6, in the home of A. Claire Wall, at Morning View drive and Overhill road, which was extinguished by the Bloomfield Hills Village department after efforts made to obtain a response from the township department failed, is believed to have brought the problem to a climax.

'Phone Co. Investigates

Mr. Coryell, following the fire, said he would investigate the reason for Mr. Wall being unable to communicate with the township department. His investigation showed, he declared, that the telephone upstairs in the township fire headquarters was not connected. C. M. Ritchie, manager of the Birmingham branch of the Michigan Bell Telephon company, declares that the telephone was not out of order and that the telephone company investigated soon after the department failed to answer and found the telephone connected in good working order. Complaint that the telephone was not connected was not made until the afternoon of the day after the fire, Mr. Ritchie says.

The proposed legislation is expected to be presented at the present session of the state legislature.

Birmingham's fire department, under a resolution passed last fall, is prohibited from answering alarms outside of the village limits and residents in the township outside of the village receive fire protection from the township department, consists of a pick-up truck equipped with several chemical fire extinguishers and other paraphenalia for extinguishing small blazes.

The Village of Bloomfield Hills fire department has no written agreement to answer alarms outside of its village limits, Mr. Coryell says, but has been furnishing fire protection for the township now that Birmingham's service has been denied.

Y. M. C. A. Sponsors A Forensic Group

A public speaking class in charge of Melvin C. Hart will be one of the Y. M. C. A. new projects, it was decided by the Board of Directors at its monthly meeting last week. The class will meet Tuesday, at 6:30 p. m.

Dates for Father and Son observance were also set, from Feb. 6 to 22, an unusual program for Birmingham being arranged by H. T. Ellerby, chairman of the Y. M. C. A. committee.

A committee was appointed to plan for Vocational Guidance for Junior and Senior high school boys, with Hart, chairman, A. T. Mitford, and Secretary R. D. Lynd are to formulate plans and present them at the next board meeting, Feb. 4.

Alleged Forger Is Held In $2,000 Bail

Arraigned yesterday before Justice Malcolm Hunt on a charge of forgery Louis Steiner, 30 years old, 13621 Twelfth street, Detroit, pleaded not guilty and was held in $2,000 bail. Examination was set for tomorrow at 9 a. m.

Steiner was arrested by Patrolman Joseph MacGregor on a warrant complained to by B. L. McNellis, local jeweler, who said Steiner had given him a forged check for $47.

CRULL GIVES SCOUT REPORT

Dist. Commissioner Shows Marked Changes In Annual Statement

Marked differences in Boy Scout enrollment and number of awards made in 1927 and in the succeeding years through 1930 are shown in the annual report of Howard D. Crull, district commissioner, Boy Scouts of America, made before the Birmingham 100-trict Committee Monday evening.

Enrollment in 1927 totaled 112 in three troops, but much of this enrollment consisted of names of Scouts inactive but still on the individual books of the three troops, B1, B3, and B4. Since then the records have been cleared and the enrollment at the end of 1930 is 243 in the five troops.

Sixty-one new Scouts were added during the year 1930, and 29 were dropped between the re-registration period in March and the month of September.

Contrasted with the 105 merit badges given for the entire year of 1927 is the total of 259 given in 1930, with the addition also of 37 Second Class badges, 16 First Class, 12 Stars, 7 Lifes, 8 Eagles, six Eagle Palms, nine Veteran Scout certificates and one Scoutmaster's Key. Reports of the chairman of the court of honor, issued at the same time as Mr. Crull's, together with Mr. Crull's, caused the district committee to characterize 1930 as the most successful and constructive year in Scouting in Birmingham.

A brief history of the year's activities was included in the commissioner's report, including Anniversary Week and its celebration, district committee dinners, Camp Dodge, cooperation in Fire Prevention Week, district mystery hike at Camp Copneconic, near Fenton, inauguration of a new troop, B5, and continuation of first-camp periods during the summer months.

This latter feature was an experiment successfully tried for the first time this year under the auspices of Shelton Wright, chairman of the court of honor. During the summer months nearly 75 per cent of the local Scouts attended the district camps, including those operated by the Detroit Scout Council and the Y. M. C. A.

During the year there were held at Camp Georgee 24 overnight camps with an average attendance of 15 Scouts, giving a yearly "overnight" estimate of 360 Scouts. This does not include day hikes and other such activities which are not recorded.

THORNTON APPOINTED CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.

Acting upon the advice of the Village Commission, James W. Parry, village manager, Tuesday changed the title of Capt. William Thornton of the Birmingham Fire Department, to that of Acting Chief. Chief Thornton, who has been in charge of the department since the departure of William G. Olsen, now has complete charge of the activities of the department in title as well as in fact.

PRINTING PROBLEMS are ironed out to your satisfaction. Folks, when you bring them to The Eccentric's printing department. If you are Jan. 11, 12, or 13, we'll be glad to send a salesman to see you, too. —Adv. 27tf

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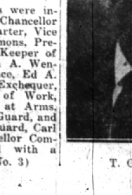
Local Pythians Install New Officers In Largest Meeting; Expansion Planned



T. C. HOTELING

At the largest and most enthusiastic meeting of the Knights of Pythias held for some time, Birmingham Lodge No. 149 installed a new set of officers Tuesday night. Installation ceremonies were in charge of Past Chancellor John A. Wendorph, oldest Pythian of the lodge and one of the oldest in the state. Mr. Wendorph had as his assistant Past Chancellor George Newman, and the impressive manner in which the ceremonies were conducted testified to the ability and long service of these two men.

The following officers were installed: T. C. Hoteling, Chancellor Commander; Dale D. Carter, Vice Chancellor, Dan W. Symons, Prelate, Guy A. Shattuck, Keeper of Records and Seal, John A. Wendorph, Master of Finance, Ed A. Parks, Master of Exchequer, Joseph Edgar, Master of Work, Ray B. Payne, Master at Arms, George Callahan, Inner Guard, and Manley Bailey, Outer Guard. Carl Symons, retiring Chancellor Commander was presented with a

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MISSING $10,000 BOND IN LAND DEAL IS SOUGHT

Village May Take Legal Steps to Locate It; Copy Also Reported Lost

SUCCESS IS DOUBTED

Whether the Village of Birmingham will initiate legal proceedings to recover a $10,000 bond, or a copy of the bond, from the Standard Accident Insurance Co. depends upon the success or failure of efforts on the part of Clare H. Ogden, village attorney, and President Harry Allen, to obtain the bond by negotiation.

At the regular meeting of the commission Monday night, Mr. Ogden reported that all attempts to obtain a satisfactory accounting of the missing bond had been futile. He expressed the opinion, however, that the village might not be able to recover money due it under the bond even through litigation.

"The history of the bond," Mr. Ogden said, "goes back to the time a plat was executed by a Mr. and Mrs. Edward Daniels sometime in August, 1925, conditioned upon certain improvements being constructed on the property they dedicated to the village. I do not know who the principals in the bond were but I understand they were the Royal Park Land Co. and two fellows named Corrigan and Garvey.

Asked Improvements

"The work was not done within the required time and in July, 1928, the Royal Park Land Co. requested the village to construct water mains, sewers and gravelling of the streets under the regular terms, the village to pay one-sixth of the cost of the improvements in the subdivision.

"The village did perform the work although no formal petition for it was ever made. Assessments, however, was made and before the roll was confirmed the work was completed. Our error was to go through the work when only one-sixth was paid. I understand the bond did not guarantee payment of these improvements, and that the property has reverted to the original owners."

Commissioner Robert R. Allen condemned the practice of the village entering into contracts with property owners for the purchasing property on contract, for the construction of subdivision improvements, until the village received its share of the cost of the project.

Up To Insurance Co.

Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert declared: "I think the bond should be disclosed. If the bond is in existence I think the Standard Accident Insurance Co. should, as a matter of policy, and for the good of their business reputation, produce the bond."

Following the discussion of the matter Mr. Ogden was requested to investigate into the responsibility of the Royal Park Land Co., and both he and Mr. Hulbert announced they would make a final appeal to the bonding company to seek the bond which has been frequently reported to Mr. Ogden as having been lost.

ISSUES HEALTH NOTE

Dr. William Lloyd Kemp, village health officer, in an official statement today urges all persons who have not been successfully vaccinated against smallpox within the past five years to take the precaution as soon as possible. "While the situation is not acute, only one case having been reported in the village," Dr. Kemp said, "it is advisable that all unvaccinated persons in the village become vaccinated.

PERFECT SCORE IS BOWLED BY CONTRACTOR

Phillip Tribelhorn, has attained perfection!

All of which means he scored a perfect 300 game at the Birmingham Recreation alleys last Friday night while an admiring crowd looked on with increasing excitement.

Phil's perfect, wood-spilling was done on alleys three and four, another record. His partner in the doubles match was Russell Chapman, proprietor of the establishment, and his opponents were Charles Donaker and Howard Johnson.

Sports critics, according to witnesses of the remarkable event, would have termed all but the first of Phil's strikes as "perfect." The first strike was what they might have termed "fuzzy," although all of the pins fell. Tribelhorn is a veteran bowler.

This is the second 300 score bowled at the Birmingham Recreation, Don Beard accomplishing the feat soon after the establishment was opened.

Tribelhorn is a mason and cement contractor.

WILLIAM WALL DIES SUDDENLY

Resident Of Village Eight Years And Vestryman Of St. James Church

William G. Wall, 345 Ferndale avenue, a resident of Birmingham for eight years, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital where he had been taken following a brief illness. The exact cause of Mr. Wall's death has not been determined. He was 49 years old.

Born at Marinette, Wis., Mr. Wall received his education there, Mr. Wall was the Detroit representative of the Shevlin Carpenter & Clark lumber company, a vestryman of the St. James Episcopal Church and a member of the Village Players.

Besides his widow he leaves a daughter, June, a son, William A., two sisters, Mrs. Glendon Loftus of Wash., and Mrs. A. Zuretsky, of Marinette, and three brothers, Harry, of Wenatchee, Wash.; Dee, of Chicago, and Bert, of Hollywood, Calif.

Funeral arrangements had not yet been made last night.

PLAN REFINANCING OF SCHOOL BONDS

Unpaid Taxes May Force Board To Borrow $100,000 More

To refinance the $100,000 in school bonds due for payment Apr. 10, the School Board will advertise about Feb. 1 for bids on a new issue of bonds, probably maturing over a period of 10 years to replace those now falling due, since no tax monies have been paid into the school fund since last April. The Board expects to receive $15,000 this week from Bloomfield township taxes, however.

"Probably we can secure four and a quarter per cent quite easily," said Supt. Vliet at the School Board meeting Monday night. "A short term loan would cost 6 per cent or more."

The school board has borrowed $220,000 so far this year to cover school expenses, due to the failure of tax monies to be collected and apportioned to the school fund.

News of Your Neighbors

Mrs. A. C. Wall of Overhill road left Saturday for Vera Beach, Fla., to spend the winter.

Mrs. James Clark of Overhill road has had as her guest for a week, Mrs. M. J. Slocum of Lockport, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore F. W. Meyer of Midland avenue entertained Saturday night at a buffet-dinner for 14 guests, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Yerkes of Detroit.

Mr. A. D. Jardine of Ann street spent several days last week in Grand Rapids on business.

Mr. R. N. Woodruff of Franklin Village spent several days in New York last week in connection with the automobile show.

Mr. Bert Morley of "High Hollow," Lone Pine road, left today for England, on business as vice-president of the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co.

Mrs. Hugh H. Wellman of Suffield road entertained at dinner Wednesday evening for Prof. and Mrs. Thomas Reed of Ann Arbor, preceding Prof. Reed's address before the A. A. U. W. at the Community House. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gray of Fairfax road, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Hugg of Pleasant Ridge were also dinner guests of the Wellmans yesterday.

Mrs. S. Gordon Saunders who has been visiting in Clovis, N. M., has returned to her home on Baldwin avenue.

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Fitch's Pucksters Beat Cranbrook

In the first unofficial game of the local hockey season played Tuesday afternoon, the Birmingham team captained by David Fitch, defeated the Cranbrook sextet, 2 to 1 at the Cranbrook rink. While no spectacular playing was exhibited the work of Bigen for Birmingham and Wygant for Cranbrook, who were responsible for the only scores, both unassisted, gave indications of material for a superior winter sports season. The contest is listed as only a practice game.

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12 CANDIDATES SEEK OFFICES IN TOWNSHIP

Five Take Out Petitions For Supervisor, Three For Highway Post

CLOSE RACE EXPECTED

That the Bloomfield Township primary election, Mar. 2, will be one of the most heatedly contested in several years was indicated last week with the announcement that five candidates had already entered the field for the office of supervisor and rumors that additional candidates would announce their intentions of running for the office before the final date for the filing of petitions, Feb. 10.

The probability that more candidates would enter the field is indicated in the fact that 10 men sought the office last spring when Robert K. Moore, then supervisor, resigned to accept appointment as a member of the Oakland County Board of Auditors.

Coryell Not Candidate

James V. Bayley, Township clerk, has announced that the following have informed him of their intention to contest for the office of supervisor: Scott Hersey, former member of the village commission; Malcolm Hunt, present justice of the peace; Robert K. McClelland, Parry Vaughan and Fred E. Fisher. R. J. Coryell, the incumbent, announced last spring that he would not be a candidate for the office again when he succeeded Mr. Moore. He has since reaffirmed the statement.

Robert R. Allen, also mentioned for the office, in a statement to The Eccentric, denies any intention of becoming a candidate. He says:

"Many friends and business men have urged me to run for Supervisor of Bloomfield Township, and in view of the fact that I am not going to be a candidate for this office, I feel that a statement to that effect should be made.

Requires Full Time

"I appreciate the confidence expressed, but feel that I cannot give up my personal business at this time to run for the office of Supervisor, a position which requires the full time of anyone accepting the responsibility.

"The people of Birmingham who pay 40 per cent or more of the Township taxes should give considerable thought to the selection of the man who is to be their Supervisor. He should be a man whose past record of honesty and integrity is above reproach, and he should have shown the qualities and capabilities successfully to conduct such business before the people of Bloomfield entrusted to him the affairs of a $36,000,000 Township like Bloomfield. As a citizen and taxpayer I shall be much interested in voting for the man selected for this important job.

"Another office of importance is the Justice of the Peace to be selected. On the face of it, this office seems of little importance, but the people of Bloomfield should exercise the same care and thought in the selection of these men, as they in turn constitute the Town-

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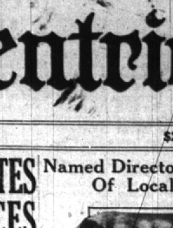
WATER DEPT. IS BOUND TO LOSE

Even if the Birmingham water department collected for all the water used during the years a deficit of $14.13 would be certain, James W. Parry, village manager, announces. The amount is for water used in the Y. M. C. A. headquarters during the summer months when the village conducted a recreational program, using the Y. M. C. A. headquarters as the center of activities. The appropriation for the recreational program was exceeded by approximately $8 and now the village will add to that the $14.13 it owes the water department.

Named Director Of Local Bank



FRED W. JOHNSON

Mr. Johnson was elected a director of the First National Bank of Birmingham Tuesday, filling the vacancy caused several months ago by the retirement of T. R. Donovan. Mr. Johnson, who lives at "Shadowlawn," corner of Adams and Big Beaver roads, has been a resident of this district for the past six years. He is president of the Johnson-Larson & Co., industrial heating and power house engineers and contractors, of Detroit, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the middle west. He is also a leader in local Boy Scout activities.

FIRST ZONING MEET FRIDAY

Public In S'West District Asked To Attend Discussion

The first of a series of public meetings on the proposed zoning ordinance for the village will be held at the Municipal Building tomorrow night when members of the Plan Commission, James W. Parry, village manager, and R. J. Coryell, township supervisor, will discuss the proposed zoning with residents living in the district west of River Rouge and south of Maple avenue and west of Quarton Lake and north of Maple avenue.

Tentative districts for the establishment of single-family dwellings, business areas, multiple-dwelling residences and industrial sites will be discussed with the residents in this district, and their advice and criticisms will be carefully considered by the Planning Commission before definite action is taken.

In the meantime, members of the commission are studying a proposed zoning ordinance for the landscaping and beautification of the village streets.

Other districts from which residents will be asked to consult with members of the planning commission, as established by that body are as follows: East of Quarton Lake, north of Maple avenue and west of Woodward avenue; east of Woodward and north of Maple; east and west of Southfield avenue and all lots west to the River Rouge south of Maple avenue; bounded by West Maple, Woodward and Southfield avenues and Brown street; bounded by Brown street, Woodward avenue, Clawson road and Southfield avenue; bounded by Woodward and East Maple avenues, and the easterly and southerly village limits.

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Dog-eared Tax Roll of 1842 Reveals Township Finances Were Only $1,161

The astounding difference between Bloomfield Township of today and the Bloomfield Township of 1842 is revealed in the copy of the tax roll for the original township tax roll, recently uncovered in the township files by Lloyd B. Reid, township engineer.

The binding of the tax roll for 1842 is gone and many of the pages are marked with the wounds of time, yet the figures all are legible and the information contained in the unbound volume is of historical value.

The "assessment roll of all of the taxable persons, and property not exempt from taxation within the Township of Bloomfield, County of Oakland, in 1842, as compiled by Rial Irish, then supervisor, shows a valuation of the township of only $100,135, and a total tax roll of only $1,161.88. Today the valuation of Bloomfield Township is $36,438,175 and the tax now being collected amounts to $1,359,030.84.

An itemized list of the budget for 1842 shows $222.82 for township expense (that amount today would scarcely pay a two week's salary for the township supervisor); $22.50 to James Grinley; $53 for highway maintenance and $863.56 for state and county taxes. The roll was kept alphabetically and one of the biggest taxpayers was John Chamberlain, whose 590 acres were valued at $2,340 and whose taxes for the year amounted to $30.10. In those days, too, the aggregate valuation of personal property was included in the tax.

The pages of the book are filled with such names as now identify village streets or are the names of families still surviving in the vicinity such as Merrill, Morris, Satterlee, Shain, Smith and Willett.

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HILLS' BUDGET TO GET PUBLIC HEARING JAN. 31

Increase Of $20,000 Is Proposed For Bloomfield In 1931 Expense

PAY ROLLS ARE CUT

A public hearing on the proposed $38,000 budget for Bloomfield Hills Village will be held Saturday, Jan. 31 from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m. in the Bloomfield Hills postoffice at which time taxpayers of the community are expected to discuss the proposed budget which has been increased by $20,000 this year.

While the salaries of members of the police, fire and postoffice departments have been cut approximately five per cent the increase in the budget is proposed because the expected source of revenue this year will be materially decreased, William Stern, village clerk, reports that the village's bank balance is not so much as it was last year when there was a surplus of $12,100.

In 1930 the budget provided for a $55,100 with which to operate and maintain the general administration, police, fire, public works and postoffice departments. The anticipated revenue was $25,000 and the cash on hand was $12,100, leaving $18,000 to be raised by taxes.

The proposed budget for 1931 shows an increase of $1,600 for general and administrative purposes; an increase of $2,850 for the police department; a decrease of $500 for the fire department; a decrease of $1,200 in the postoffice department and a $5,000 increase for the department of public works. The budget for the department of public works is $26,000 of which $10,000 is for road maintenance and $8,000 for street lighting.

CHANGES PLANNED IN POLICE BUREAU

Alterations Will Give Better Accommodations, Parry Tells Village Commission

Upon the request of Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert, a detailed report of the proposed alterations in the police department is being prepared this week by James W. Parry, village manager, Chief John F. Hackett and Harold H. Corson, village engineer for submission to the village commission next Monday night.

Mr. Parry informed the commission last Monday that he thought the changes of sufficient importance to be included in the estimate for the 1931 budget. The cost of the work, which includes enlargement of the sergeant's quarters, change of the chief's office and re-arrangement of the assembly room and rooms for witnesses and women prisoners, will be approximately $600, Mr. Parry told the commission.

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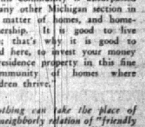

Homes . . .

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A crystal and a cell,
A jelly-fish and a sunrise,
Then a place where ever-more dwell . . ."

What a great distance mankind has come, from the primitive barrenness of a dark cave, up through the various elevations of a cliff-dwelling, past the fragility of a tent or wigwam, a skeleton grass-covered tropical shelter, to the human institution in which now shelters most of the human race—the modern home!

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