

The Eclectic

PART TWO

This winter has been filled with more sunshine than any for many years. That is why so many people say: "My, aren't we having a nice winter! Equal periods of sunshine in your life make it happy, too."

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FIRE DESTROYS VACANT HOUSE

Traffic Tied Up on Woodward at Thirteenth Mile Road by House Blaze

Fire of undetermined origin practically destroyed a vacant house at the corner of Woodward avenue and the Thirteenth Mile road Thursday morning. Firemen from the Northwest station answered the alarm, arriving on the scene in five minutes and turning water on the flames within two and a half minutes later. This is the second fire in the building in less than two years.

Township Government

EDITOR'S NOTE: Township government, generally, has been a subject of the article, and the subject of the following article by Mr. Reid, given as the first of a series of non-partisan talks on governmental topics before the Lions Club last week. As a result of the article, confusion of township government, the duties of township officers and the work of the various township governmental bodies.

By L. B. REID
Bloomfield Township Engineer

The Township is a unit of the Government Survey, as established by George Washington, and is defined as being six miles on a side. Bloomfield Township is bounded on the north by South Boulevard, on the south by the Fourteen Mile road, on the east by Adams road, and on the west by West Bloomfield road. There are 28 square miles in each township, and in Bloomfield, there are 25 which are not included within the limits of incorporated villages and cities. Bloomfield Township is situated in Washington at T. 2 N., R. 10 W., Michigan, which means that it is the second township north of the Base Line, and the Eight-Mile road, and the townships east of the Michigan Meridian, which passes north and south through Lansing.

Townships are grouped together into counties. The affairs of the county governments are administered by the Board of Supervisors, who are representatives of the various townships and cities in the county.

Board Controls Township
The Township Government operates under a code of laws passed by the State Legislature, while a City or Village Government operates under a charter approved by its voters.

The affairs of the Township are administered by the Township Board, which has four members; namely, the Supervisor, who acts as chairman, the two serving justices of the Peace, and the Township Clerk, who acts as secretary. Regular meetings of this board are held once each month, with special meetings in between, if necessary. The Supervisor is chairman of the Township Board, assessor of all properties for tax collection purposes, member of the Board of Review, member of the County Board of Supervisors, agent for the County Poor Commission, Chairman of the Township Park Board, and business manager in charge of the administration of the affairs of 34 square miles of a rapidly growing relative suburban community. He is elected annually for a term of one year.

Files Chattel Mortgages
The Township Clerk keeps the financial books of the Township, and files their contracts and agreements. He also, files chattel mortgages, and is secretary of the Township Board and Township

MAP REVISION IS UNDER WAY

Behind Closed Doors to Make Changes

Revision of the tentative zoning map, in accordance with the expressed wishes of property owners in the numerous Friday night zoning commission meetings that have been held in the municipal building, was started last night in the regular monthly session of the Planning Commission. Harold N. Davock, William C. Allen, Thomas Parker, R. J. Corvill, Mrs. S. S. Wilson, Harry Allen and James W. Parry were members of the commission. Mrs. Myrtle Carson, village clerk, is secretary of the board.

Meetings Not Public
Behind closed doors, study of the map for more concentrated and revisions can be made with speed and accuracy greater than would be possible if the map were permitted to appear now for hearing. These private meetings of the zoning commission will continue at least until the map is ready to hang in the municipal building. Hundreds of objections have been submitted by the commission, and it is hoped that within a few weeks, everything will be in readiness for these public hearings.

Sectional meetings on a larger scale are planned, as more people will be interested in the revised map. It may be that school buildings will be utilized to afford larger seating capacity than the commission room commands.

May Vote in May
Debates may possibly be staged. At least, everything will be done so that the voters understand thoroughly the merits of passing the zoning ordinance this spring, as a protective measure against the influx of new residents next summer following the inauguration of rapid transit service.

The zoning commission will move about as rapidly as possible, consistent with doing a thorough job of the job. Thomas Parker reports. Possibly two and even three meetings a month will be held for public hearings following the map revision meetings of the commission, and it is hoped that the voters will be in readiness to put the ordinance up to a public vote in May.

Keep Industry Out
Keeping industrial enterprises out of the section bounded by Woodward, Michigan, streets from the eastern to the southern limits of the village, was the main thought of property owners at that section meeting at the zoning commission meeting Friday night. Zoning restrictions were placed between Elm and the railroad, seemed to be the wish of property owners. Industry, they felt, should follow the railroad.

Many complained about splitting of lots, so that one part of the property lay in one zone and part in another, making sales difficult. Probably the principle enunciated following one of the first of the zoning meetings will be used in revising the maps, therefore, namely, that zone lines should follow lines of property ownership in such cases.

HOME ECONOMICS MEET ANNOUNCED

National Convention to Be Held in Detroit in June, Miss Miller Reports

The Michigan Home Economics Association will be the host at the National Home Economics Convention to be held in Detroit in June, according to Miss Eleanor Miller of Birmingham, secretary of the District No. 9. The occasion will offer an opportunity for all persons interested in Home Economics to attend. Splendid programs featuring music and talks by nationally known authorities are being arranged.

These are not limited to teachers, but open to every interested Economist. This includes, the housewife, newspaper women, dietitians, waitresses, in social service, extension, government or business fields, etc.

A membership in the National Home Economics Association is the only requisite, giving full privileges and assistance at all convention meetings. Miss Evers Parsons of Fordson High School is secretary of the Michigan Home Economics Association and will list any new members in the Michiganian of the National Association.

Preliminary to the convention the Michigan Home Economics Executive Council has held a meeting the week of the National Education Association in consent to discuss and plan entertainment. This will include teas, a banquet, and light seeing tours, and airplane trips.

Might Not Work
The California couple who married forty-two years to be wretched because of marriage objections, certainly verified the commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long."—Los Angeles Times.

School Board Considers Possibilities of Cutting Operating Expenses Next Year

Firemen Extinguish Blaze From Chimney

Sparks from a chimney were reported to be the cause of a slight fire which damaged the roof of a house at 384 Parks street at 7:18 p. m. Friday. All available fire apparatus answered the alarm when a citizen notified the department that the house was in flames. The damage was estimated at \$5,000. Crawford and is occupied by F. Rosharkough.

EXTINGUISH SMALL BLAZE
Firemen extinguished a small blaze on the roof of a home at 683 Lincoln avenue at 8:20 p. m. Saturday. The home is occupied by R. B. Bromley and family and is owned by Harry Allen, village president. Damage was estimated as being less than \$300.

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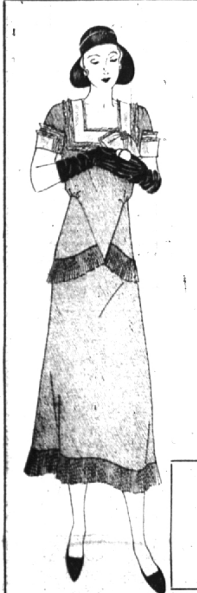
"There can be no hard and fast rule for all people," said the Rev. D. L. Woodward Sunday night in his sermon on "A Guide Post to Right Action" regarding dancing, theater-going, drink, conversation and other everyday problems.

"In this text, however," said Dr. Woodward, "I believe we have a real guide post to right action: 'Whether, therefore, ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Whatever ye do, do it heartily as unto the Lord, and not unto men.'"

"It is not alone what we do, but the spirit in which we do it, that counts as much as anything," said the Baptist minister. "Emerson accomplished without enthusiasm, and I heartily agree. The old Testament tells us that God hates a man who is half and half. By all means, do things heartily! How many lives and noble causes have failed because of indecision, hesitancy and half-heartedness."

"Keep moving along with your part of any work. Keep heartily at it. If you stop to criticize, to nit-pick, you may lose your soul, may go down to spiritual death in the cold waters of indifference."

Next Sunday evening's sermon will be "A Guide Post to Certainty," at the Baptist church, 1100 Woodward.

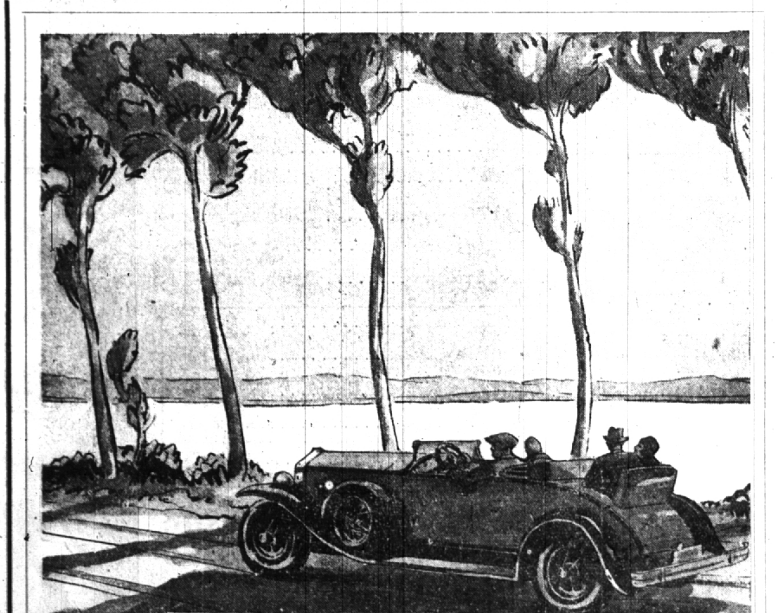


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