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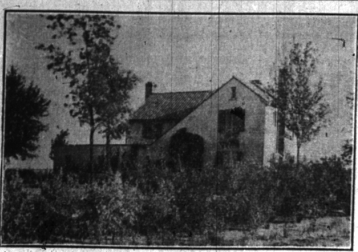
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WIDEN WEST MAPLE

Lowman's Suggestion To Commission Meets Little Favor

An estimate on the cost of widening West Maple avenue from Woodward to Southfield villages is being prepared today by Village Manager James W. Parry, in accordance with a request made at the Commission meeting Monday night by Commissioner Maurice Lowman.

Mr. Lowman said he believed this would be a good time for the work to be done, since it would furnish employment to needy persons, but his suggestion met with little favor from other members of the Commission.

"We're loath to consider any project which would call for the expenditure of public money," said Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert.

Mr. Lowman said he did not believe it would be necessary that the widened area be paved immediately, and urged quick action on the project, citing relief of traffic congestion as another consideration.

The report on the cost was requested of Mr. Parry when none of the commissioners were able to give even a rough estimate.

NINE OCTOBER FIRES CAUSE \$50 DAMAGE

Birmingham firemen answered nine alarms in October, according to the report of Chief Vernon Griffith. Property loss totalled only \$25 on buildings and \$25 on contents.

The men spent three hours and 35 minutes in actual fire fighting. Trucks travelled 23.9 miles to and from fires, 550 feet of hose were laid, 18 feet of ladder were raised and 350 gallons of water were used.

Perry Vaughan Does Self Proud On The Hardest Job He Ever Had

Perry A. Vaughan, Bloomfield Township supervisor, is resting on hard-earned laurels today after completing with credit and honor the hardest job he ever had in his life.

It was the task of serving as chairman on the committee appointed by the Board of Supervisors to study Oakland County's Poor relief problem—a committee which stuck to the job, through long days and nights of labor and through fiercely fought battles on the floor of the supervisors' room, until one entire Poor Commission had been ousted, another appointed and the whole program of poor relief revamped in one of the most spectacular and economical revivings in the county's political history.

"I sweat blood on that committee," Mr. Vaughan admits, and one might believe that the statement is not purely one of emphasis.

Asked Resignations

He was assisted in the job by Supervisors Morris M. Jay and Frank E. Springsteen. Appointed on their recommendation, the new Poor Commission, composed of C. B. Stiffler of Birmingham, C. B. Wilson of Bloomfield Hills and Perry A. Vaughan of Pontiac, is already at work attempting to apply their experience as business executives to the task of untying Oakland County's costliest and knottiest problem.

"Three times we had to call the members of the old commission before us and ask them to resign," says Mr. Vaughan.

It wasn't in the least a question of dishonesty with those men. Not a single job I ever had in my life, I believe there was a dishonest hair in any of their heads.

Sees \$250,000 Saving

"It was just that the job had become too much for them, and that we had to find some plan to meet public favor, even though we hated to run the danger of losing the friendship of those three men by doing it."

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He was high in his praise of the unselfish attitude of the three members of the new Poor Commission, each of whom is serving for the nominal salary of \$10 a year.

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COMMUNITY HOUSE REPORTS FINANCES

Healthy Conditions Shown To Trustees At Semi-Annual Meeting

The Community House has enough cash on hand to enable it to operate through December, and more than enough accounts receivable to carry it through next spring's roll call, it was revealed in the financial report read to the Community House Board of Trustees at their semi-annual meeting Monday night.

The report showed that of the \$12,502.50 pledged in last spring's roll call, \$8,447.75 has already been paid, while the remaining \$4,054.75 became payable on Nov. 1. This, added to the \$2,496.17 now on hand in cash, makes a total expected income for the remaining six months of \$6,541.12.

Other accounts receivable include \$2,200 in land pledges, \$1,879.60 in 1928 building pledges, \$376 in 1929 furnishings pledges, and \$1,942.00 in 1930 maintenance pledges. Total accounts and notes receivable amount to \$17,453.85.

All payments on contracts and mortgages have been met to date, the report showed. A total of \$6,933.80 is still owed on contract, payable in monthly installments of \$25.00 each, and \$2,500 is owed in mortgages, payable in semi-annual installments.

Notes payable totaling \$3,497.60, secured by pledges receivable, are being reduced by small amounts every 60 days, the report showed.

Rentals during the winter season, on small profits on meals served, make it possible for the Community House to enjoy a steady revenue without relying solely on the collection of accounts receivable.

The Board of Trustees, which is the financial advisory body for the Community House, is composed of Clarence Vliet, Charles J. Shan, Ray E. Palmer, Henry M. Hart, Charles B. Randall and John Martz, legal advisor.

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History of The Armistice

Editor's Note: M. D. Mills, the author of this intimate and detailed history of events which consummated the peace negotiations between Germany and the Allies in 1918, was a Major of the general staff of the U. S. Army in the War, and was stationed in France when the Armistice was signed. He is now a Colonel in the Reserve Corps and lives in Birmingham at 844 Hazelwood Drive.

Colonel Mills has made an exhaustive study of war records dealing with the Armistice, and his military connections have given him access to each of the various official communications and replies which flowed across governments after Germany had first signified her wishes for peace.

His history, which begins today and will be continued in early issues of The Eclectic, is believed to be one of the most comprehensive and authentic discussions of the Armistice ever published.

By LIBERTY-CORNER M. D. MILLS

November 11th, 1918, 11 A. M., French time. What memories that date and hour recall. Paris—London—New York gone mad, with joy—Schools, business—all the ordinary vocations of life temporarily forgotten in great cities and modest hamlets while people of all walks of life joined in a great spontaneous celebration of thanksgiving for peace—and Victory.

The Front. Three solidaries of all the Allies pausing uncertainly at the order to cease fire, shocked momentarily by the cessation of the noise of conflict and waiting, somewhat suspiciously, for some trickery on the part of the Boche. Celebrations? Yes, after the first few hours of watchful waiting but, even then, only as a series of minor demonstrations for discipline still held good and mostly the thought was—What next?

History Recalled. Four and a quarter years of war. The great wheel through Belgium—the Marne—The long years of stalemate in the trenches as both sides strove to store up strength to break through. The attempts that failed—Verdun—the Somme—Gallipoli.

Then the German offensives in the spring of 1918. The British fighting with their backs to the channel ports. French and Americans, once more, defending the line of the Marne, beating off the over-extended German waves. Then the turn of the tide. The Germans caught in flank in a pocket of their own making by the counter-offensive of July 18 and forced thereafter to assume the defensive.

The consummate strategy of Marshal Foch in exhausting the German reserves through a series of carefully timed and widely separated blows, culminating in the great offensives launched over the entire Front in late September. The desperate efforts of the German Command to extricate their great armies and material in France and to prevent a break-through at a critical point. The defection of Bulgaria and Turkey and Austria and the bitter knowledge that there was no fresh reserves to face the new great Allied offensive and then—the Armistice.

German Armies Saved. Open revolution behind them as a duped people realized that the terrible losses of the preceding spring and summer had been in vain—open revolt threatening the German Government. Only the Armistice served to save the German Armies in the West from destruction and the desperate state in which they found themselves is reflected in the several notes and wireless communications which passed between the Allied and

German Commands and Governments in the month preceding the end of hostilities.

On Oct. 6, the Swiss Charge d'Affaires at Washington transmitted to the United States Government a communication from the German Government to the President requesting an armistice and the opening of negotiations for peace upon the basis of the 14 points stated by President Wilson in his address to Congress of Jan. 8, 1918.

At the same time, the new German Chancellor, Prince Max of Baden, in his first speech in the Reichstag, indicated the terms which Germany would accept, and boastfully added that should these be rejected by President Wilson, Germany would enforce them by force of arms.

"Fourteen Points" Listed. The "Fourteen Points" stated by President Wilson as a basis for peace were, briefly:

1. No secret diplomacy.
2. Freedom of the seas.
3. Trading equality among peaceable nations.
4. Reduction of armaments.
5. Colonial claims to be adjusted upon the principle of giving equal weight to the interests of the population and of the Government making the claim.
6. Evacuation of all Russian territory.
7. Full restoration of Belgium.
8. Restoration of French territory with Alsace-Lorraine.
9. Readjustment of Italian frontiers.
10. Offer of autonomous development to the people of Austria-Hungary.
11. Full restoration of Rumania, Serbia and Montenegro and guaranteed independence of the Balkan States.
12. Secure Turkish sovereignty with opportunity for autonomy for non-Turkish nationalities under Turkish rule. Freedom of the Dardanelles.
13. An independent Polish state.
14. A League of Nations.

U. S. Replies. On Oct. 8, the Secretary of State of the United States replied to the note of the Swiss Charge d'Affaires of Oct. 6 transmitting a communication to the Imperial German Chancellor requesting a statement of the exact meaning of the note of the Imperial Chancellor of Oct. 6 and stating in part: "Does the Imperial Chancellor mean that the Imperial German Government accepts the terms laid down by the President in his (Turn to Page 3, this section)

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