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LOW BIDDERS TO GET JOBS

Commission Declines To Favor Local Contractors As Against Outsiders

A difference of opinion among members of the Village Commission as to whether Birmingham contractors should be favored with village contracting jobs even though outsiders are low bidders was settled Monday night in favor of the low bidder in every case when the Bartling and Dull Construction Company of Pontiac was awarded the contract for paving Eton road from Yosemite to Webster streets.

The Pontiac concern had offered to do the job for \$7,554.40. The Taylor Construction Company of Birmingham, with a bid of \$7,674.05, was second low in the group of four bidders.

Although several members of the Commission said they would prefer to give the job to the local contractor, only Commissioner Lawrence Mounier held out in the face of the low bid.

No Legal Barrier

Clare H. Ogden, village attorney, recommended that the contract be given to the lowest bidder, even though he said he had found nothing in the statutes which would forbid its being granted to any contractor who was "normally responsible," regardless of the amount of his bid.

"But," said Commissioner Mounier, referring to Taylor, "this one man is a citizen and a taxpayer, and therefore morally more responsible than the others?"

Commissioner Lawrence Mounier pointed out that there were "others in all businesses, which ought to be observed in this case," and Commissioner Walter Cappelletti declared against "letting the bars down" in the awarding of any particular contract and not doing the same for others.

ites Other Municipalities

"But are down in all businesses—these," Mounier maintained, "and local contractors are being favored by their home cities everywhere."

Granting of the contract followed reception of a letter from property along Eton road, including that on the east side which is owned by the state. The state had previously deeded a 36-foot strip of this property to the village, with a view to making the road an 86-foot highway to care for traffic to and from the freight yards on the new Grand Trunk right-of-way.

The pavement, originally petitioned for by the state highway department, will be 18 feet wide. An agreement whereby the state will pay \$4,000, its share of the special assessment tax, in a lump sum on Oct. 19 when the job must be completed, will enable the village to finance the project without the necessity of selling bonds.

A resolution adopted by the Commission with the awarding of the contract calls for this agreement to be executed in writing by village and state officials.

DETROIT POLICE AID IN SEARCH

Join Hills Officers To Solve \$1,000 Burglary Of Bloomfield Home

Detroit police are co-operating with Bloomfield Hills officers today in an attempt to seek out the thieves who last week stole more than \$1,000 worth of jewelry and clothing from the home of William J. Lichtenberg of Lahser road.

The home was ransacked from top to bottom, Bloomfield Hills police reported. The loot included two men's suits, a large quantity of women's clothing, a pearl necklace, an unmounted small diamond, several rings, watches and other jewelry.

Although not even a finger print was left as a clue, according to Bloomfield Hills police, Detroit officers have taken a hand in the investigation on the theory that similar jobs have been done by the same thieves in Detroit.

Hearing Is Called On Alley Closing

The Village Commission at its meeting Monday night called a hearing for Monday, Oct. 26, to entertain objections to the closing of an alley in the block bounded by Villa, Adams, Dixie and Yosemite streets, as had been petitioned by property owners in the block two weeks before.

If the alley is closed it is likely the village will retain easements over the entire area since the alley runs directly over a storm sewer and four-inch water main. Retention of the easements was recommended in a report to the Commission by Village Manager Perry.

Unopposed Candidates In Bloomfield Hills Election



William M. Story

Bloomfield Hills Village will re-elect its president, clerk and one of its Commissioners without contest at its annual election scheduled for next Monday. The polls will be held in the Harbour building from 8 A. M. to 3 P. M.

A second Commissioner is to be elected, but since only one candidate has filed a petition, the other must be chosen by the method of writing names on the ballot.

Luther D. Allen is the only



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candidate for president, and William M. Story the only candidate for clerk. Both are incumbents and have served in their respective offices since Bloomfield Hills was incorporated in 1927. Both are to be re-elected for one-year terms.

Matthew B. Whittlesy is a candidate for re-election to the Village Commission for a two-year term. The term of Joseph Hunter expires this fall with that of



Matthew B. Whittlesy

Mr. Whittlesy's, but Mr. Hunter is not a candidate for re-election and no others have filed for the post.

The last opportunity for qualified electors to register will be given Saturday from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M. in the village offices in the Harbour building.

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"The Mirrors of 1932"

(Editor's note: This is the sixth of a series of 11 articles based on the chapters of "The Mirrors of 1932," an anonymous book dealing with presidential candidates in the next election. It is to be understood that the names of the article and the attitudes assumed toward the various men discussed are those of the author of the book, and are not necessarily supported by the views of the editors of this paper.)

Mirror No. 6

SENATOR JOE ROBINSON
Joe Robinson has lost his old aggressiveness, and succumbed to the insidious effects of high society. He has traded his homely, wholesome, and unassuming ways for the privilege of wearing spats and stiff shirts. He has abandoned his courageous fight for the minority in favor of a squalid stand in with the majority.

A. Smith

Senator Joe Robinson once said of given more aid to Herbert Hoover than any other Democrat, and he might have added that he has given more aid than a good many Republicans.

The once fiery senator from Arkansas has not given up his love of the crusade, but he has given up the love of victory. He has taken to surrendering in the midst of the battle, to accepting spineless compromise—or worse—rather than glorious defeat.

Ambitious for Nomination

By dividing his party over the prohibition question he plays directly into Hoover's hands. In the past few years he has turned about-face on three or four major issues—naval disarmament, unemployment relief, and the appointment of Charles Evans Hughes as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court—and in each case he has betrayed his own party and made Republican money.

Above all, he is ambitious, and would like nothing better than to be the first southerner nominated for the presidency since the Civil War.

His desire for social recognition, which is as great as his banking for political power, leads him to list himself in the Congressional Directory as a graduate of the University of Virginia although he never attended the institution except in summer school.

Society Spoiled Him

He was spoiled for Democratic leadership by his attendance at the London Naval Conference where Hoover sent him purely as a sop to the Democratic party. With practically no official functions to perform, he devoted his time exclusively to English intellectuals and society, both of which took him in as an amateur curiosity and turned his head from campaigning to court-sying. Lacking purpose, originality and subtlety, he relies on the Democratic minority in Congress as a bully pulpit for a group of well-to-do boys by the strength of his arms and vocal chords.

The most physically impressive and vigorous member of Congress, and possessing the loudest voice and the biggest bag of vocal tricks, he whips his contingent into line by brute force, only to be shamed and rebuffed by unexplained shifts to the enemy ranks. He is hot-tempered, will take no advice, and thinks only while

GREEN TO HEAD GYROPHYTE CLUB

Other Officers Named; Group To Sponsor Annual Kiddies' Parade

Kenneth Green was chosen president of the Birmingham Gyrophyte Club at the annual election of officers held Monday noon in the Community House. He replaces Manley Bailey who was chosen sheriff. Other officers were named as follows:

Tom Mills, vice-president; Frank Higbie, secretary-treasurer, attendance and sick; Park Vincent, James Spence and Gerald Higbie, membership.

The club voted to sponsor an annual bicycle and pet parade for kiddies along the lines of the parade held Aug. 1 of this year which the club promoted in conjunction with the Grand Trunk celebration. Plans are to solicit the co-operation of Birmingham merchants in making the event a special attraction to children and their parents all over the county.

Hills Police Arrest Woman, 4 Men On Disorderly Charges

A woman and four men were arrested by Bloomfield Hills police Monday night on disorderly charges. All four men were arrested the next morning when arraigned before Justice Floyd S. Buck.

Heidi White, 25 years old, was fined \$25, and Reginald Boston, 29, in whose car she was riding, was fined \$75. Both gave a Flint address. Officers said they found a half pint of liquor in Boston's car.

Jack Miller, Chicago, paid \$100 for being drunk. He was arrested in a car driven by his wife and in which two cases of beer were discovered.

NOT LOCAL BOY

Mrs. William D. Reese, 538 Larches Drive, has asked The Eccentric to state that her son, Robert Reese, 14 years old, was not one of four boys who were arrested recently for breaking into a shed at the corner of Sheffield and Eton roads. A story printed in last week's Eccentric said plainly that the Robert Reese who was one of the quartet arrested is 19 years old and lives in Pontiac. The Birmingham boy is a student at Manlius Academy, Manlius, N. Y., and the two are in no way related.

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