What Your City Commission Is Doing—

Jan. 15, 1940—

Bills were approved totaling $7,642.68.

Special Assessment Roll No. 215 for defraying cost of sewer on Bonnie Briar was confirmed. Matter of confirming roll No. 216—Harmon District Sewer, was tabled until Jan. 29.

Electrical ordinance adopted providing for reciprocal arrangement with Detroit Metropolitan area communities.

Special meeting of Oakland County Board of Supervisors authorized, to consider matter of petition requesting annexation of The Heights.

Hearing set for Jan. 29 to consider Special Assessment Roll No. 217—Villa Road Sewer.

Treasurer and clerk authorized to take necessary steps to refund certain 1935 Refunding Bonds.

Easement agreements from Booth Investment Company and Quarton Lake Estates accepted.

IRENE E. HANLEY,
City Clerk.

CHOCOLATE MEASURES

From kitchen laboratories of Michigan State College comes the information that one-fourth cup of sifted cocoa is considered the equal in flavor to one ounce of chocolate. The cocoa should be sifted because it packs in the can.

ORDINANCE NO. 260
CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE for safe-guarding life and property by regulating and providing for the installation, repair and maintenance of electric wiring, electric devices and electric material; to provide for the licensing and registration of Electrical Contractors and the licensing of Journeymen electricians in the City of Birmingham; to provide a reciprocal arrangement for the recognition of examinations and licenses issued by other municipalities in the State of Michigan voluntarily cooperating in the enforcement of this ordinance; to provide a penalty for violations thereof and to repeal ordinance No. 195 and all other ordinances and sections of ordinances in conflict herewith of the City of Birmingham, Michigan.

THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM ORDAINS:

SECTION 1
Electrical Inspection

A. The Commission of the City of Birmingham shall have control of all electrical installations within the City of Birmingham, and the City Manager, as chief administrative officer of the Commission, shall appoint an Electrical Inspector, who shall be qualified by education and experience to properly perform the duties of his office.

Such inspector shall be at all times under the direct control of the City Manager, and may be removed at any time by the City Manager for incompetency, neglect of duty or any other sufficient reason.

SECTION 2
Fees for Inspection

A. When an application is made for a permit required under the terms of this ordinance, a fee shall be paid in an amount as prescribed by the City Commission of the City of Birmingham.

SECTION 3
Right of Access to Buildings

A. The Electrical Inspector and/or his deputy shall have the right during reasonable hours to enter any building in the discharge of his official duties, or for the purpose of making any inspection or test of the installation of electric wiring, electric devices and/or electric material contained therein and shall have the authority to cause the turning off of all electric supply and cut or disconnect, in cases of emergency, any wire where such electrical currents are dangerous to life or property or may interfere with the work of the Fire Department.

SECTION 4
Permits

A. No alterations or additions shall be made in the existing wiring of any building, nor shall any building be wired for the placing of any electric lights, motors, heating devices, or any apparatus requiring the use of electrical current at a potential over 30 volts, nor shall any alterations be made in the wiring in any building after inspection, without first notifying the City Clerk, and securing a permit therefor. Applications for such permit, describing such work, shall be made by the person, firm or corporation installing same and permit when issued shall be to such applicant.

B. This section shall not apply to maintenance and repairs on the premises of a person, firm or corporation regularly employing qualified electricians for that purpose, or such minor repair work as repairing flush and snap switches, replacing fuses, changing lamp sockets and receptacles, taping bare joints or repairing drop cords.

SECTION 5
Inspection

A. Upon the completion of the wiring of any building, it shall be the duty of the person, firm or corporation installing the same to notify the City Clerk, who shall notify the Electrical Inspector to inspect the installation as soon as possible, and if it is found to be fully in compliance with this ordinance shi does not constitute a hazard to life and property, he shall issue to such person, firm or corporation for delivery to the owner a certificate of inspection authorizing connection to the electrical service and the turning on of the current. All wires shall are to be hidden from view and shall be inspected before concealment and any person, firm or corporation installing such wires shall notify the City Clerk, giving sufficient time in which to make the required inspection before such wires are concealed.

SECTION 6
Re-Inspection

A. The Electrical Inspector may make periodically, a thorough re-inspection of the installation in buildings of all electric wiring, electric devices and electric material now installed or that may hereafter be installed, within the City of Birmingham and when the installation of any such wiring, devices, and/or material is found to be a dangerous or unsafe condition, the person, firm or corporation owning, using, or operating the same shall be notified and shall make the necessary repairs or changes required to place such wiring, devices and material in a safe condition and have such work completed within fifteen days, or any longer period specified by the electrical inspector in said notice. The Electrical Inspector is hereby empowered to disconnect or order the discontinance of electrical service to such wiring, devices, and/or material, so found to be defectively installed until the installation of such wiring, devices and material has been made safe as directed by the Electrical Inspector.

SECTION 7
Construction Requirements

A. No certificate of inspection shall be issued unless the electrical installation is in strict conformity with the provisions of this ordinance, the statutes of the State of Michigan, the rules and regulations issued by the Michigan Public Utilities Commission under the authority of the State statutes, and unless they are in conformity with approved methods of construction for safety to persons and property. The regulations as laid down in the National Electrical Code, as approved by the American Standards Association and in the National Electrical Safety Code, as approved by the American Standards Association, and in the City rules and regulations established as hereinafter provided (Section 10, par. D) shall be prima facie evidence of such approved methods.

SECTION 8
Approved Materials

A. It shall be unlawful to install or use any electrical device, apparatus, or equipment designed for attachment to, or installation on any electrical circuit or system for heat, light or power that is not of good design and construction and safe and adequate for its intended use. The Electrical Inspector shall have power to disapprove the use or installation of devices not fulfilling these requirements. Devices, apparatus and equipment approved by such generally recognized authorities as United States Bureau of Standards, Electrical Testing Laboratories of New York, and Underwriters Laboratories shall be held to have the approval of the Electrical Inspector, unless explicitly disapproved by said Authority for reasons of faulty design and poor construction involving danger to persons and/or property.

B. It shall be the duty of the Electrical Inspector from time to time to inspect devices, apparatus and equipment offered for sale or offered for use or installation to see that such items conform to the above requirements.

SECTION 9
Record and Review

A. The Clerk shall keep complete records of all permits issued and inspections made and other official work performed under the provisions of this Ordinance.

B. When the Electrical Inspector condemns all or part of any electrical installation, the owner, may, within five days after receiving written notice from the Electrical Inspector, file a petition in writing for review of said action of the Electrical Inspector with the Board of Examiners, upon receipt of which the said Board of Examiners shall at once proceed to determine whether said electrical installation complies with this ordinance, and within three days shall make a decision in accordance with its findings.

SECTION 10
License for Electrical Work

A. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage as an independent contractor in the installation, alteration, maintenance or repair of electrical wiring, equipment, apparatus or fixtures for light, heat or power purposes where the electromotive force exceeds 30 volts in or about buildings and or structures located within the City of Birmingham without first having procured a license.

Persons making application must be 21 years of age or over and must have a license as a Journeyman electrician and pass a suitable examination. Persons, firms or corporations applying for Contractor's License must have at least one member of the firm with the above qualifications and experience or may have one or more men employed with the above qualifications and experience.

A Board of Examiners is hereby constituted consisting of the Electrical Inspector of the City of Birmingham, a representative of an Electrical Utility Company, the City Manager of the City of Birmingham, a licensed Electrical Contractor and a licensed Journeyman Electrician, and the said Electrical Contractor and Journeyman Electrician shall have had at least 10 years experience in electrical work. The members of said Board of Examiners shall be appointed by the City Commission for such terms as shall be designated at the time of appointment. This Board shall examine all applicants for either Contractor's or Journeyman electrician's licenses. Applicants failing to pass will not be eligible for re-examination in any reciprocating Municipality for a period of thirty days. All applicants for licenses shall designate their legal address as the location of their residence, in the case of Journeyman electricians, and their legal address as the principal place of business in the case of electrical contractors. All electrical contractors and journeyman electricians having their legal address within the corporate limits of the City of Birmingham shall secure their license from the said City.

The Board shall prepare the application blanks, prescribe the examination and meet at least once a month or on call of the City Clerk to hold examinations. Due notice shall be given applicants of the date of examination.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the occupation or trade of Journeyman electrician, installation, alteration, maintenance or repair of electrical wiring equipment, apparatus or fixtures for light, heat, power or medical purposes where the electromotive force exceeds 30 volts in or about buildings and/or structures within the City of Birmingham without having first taken the examination and obtained a license as herein provided. This provision shall not apply to helpers and apprentices, provided such work as they may do is performed under the direction and supervision of licensed Journeyman electricians who shall be on the premises at all times when such helpers or apprentices are performing such work on the premises.

All applications for said examination shall be in writing. The examination shall consist of an oral or written examination as the Examining Board shall determine, and such other practical tests in examination at the discretion of the Examining Board. Stenographic notes shall be taken of all oral examinations.

Minimum qualifications for examination for Journeyman electrician, shall be four years of practical experience. Time spent in trade school attendance shall be credited as apprentice experience. Four years in technical school and one year practical experience shall also qualify for examination.

C. The fee for an Electrical Contractor's license shall be $25.00 per year. The fee for a Journeyman electrician's license shall be $1.00 per year. License shall expire on December 31st of each year, and shall be renewed upon application by the licensee, together with the payment of the required fee. After March 1st all licenses not renewed shall be considered cancelled and may not be renewed except upon approval by the Examining Board. Electrical Contractors' licenses and Journeyman electricians' licenses shall be issued by the City Clerk upon recommendation of the Examining Board. Licenses issued under this ordinance shall be non-transferable and shall be displayed when requested. Electrical Contractors licensed under the terms of this ordinance shall not secure permits for work to be done by any person not employed by such electrical contractor, and license may be revoked for violation of this rule.

Any person, firm or corporation holding a license issued by the State of Michigan for the year of 1939 shall not be subjected to examination by the Examining Board in order to obtain a license for the year of 1940, provided the licensee shall make application on or before March 1st, 1940. No licenses shall be recognized by the City of Birmingham unless such licenses are issued by a cooperating Municipality having an Examining Board.

The City of Birmingham will permit Electrical Contractors lawfully licensed by other municipalities of the State of Michigan to install, alter or repair electrical wiring, equipment, apparatus or fixtures for light, heat or power purposes within the corporate limits of the City of Birmingham, upon payment of a One Dollar registration fee, provided that such municipalities reciprocate in recognizing Electrical Contractors who are duly licensed under the provisions of this ordinance by granting them the same privilege and charging same uniform license and registration fees. Provided further, that the licensing ordinances are substantially equal to the requirements of this ordinance. Journeyman electricians duly licensed by any municipality cooperating in the reciprocal arrangement shall be permitted to work in the City of Birmingham without the payment of a registration fee; provided, however, that any Journeyman electrician doing work within the City of Birmingham, and holding a license from a cooperating municipality, shall register with the City Clerk.

No Electrical Contractors' licenses shall be recognized, for the purpose of registration, by the City of Birmingham of applicants who maintain their principal place of business in a municipality which fails to approve, by affirmative action of its Legislative Body, the reciprocal and mutually interchangeable licensing arrangements covered by this ordinance.

Corporations applying for Electrical Contractors' licenses, whose principal place of business is not in the State of Michigan, may obtain such license from the City of Birmingham upon approval by the Examining Board and the payment of the prescribed fee. Provided, that the applicant shall file a duly executed bond in the penal sum of $1,000.00 running to the City of Birmingham conditioned for the faithful performance and observance of the ordinance and rules and regulations made and approved as hereinafter provided controlling the installation of electrical wiring and equipment. Such bond shall be a surety bond from a recognized and approved Surety Company authorized to transact business in the State of Michigan.

Any Electrical Contractor's or Journeyman electrician's license may, after a hearing, be suspended or revoked by the Examining Board having issued such license upon evidence presented that false statement was made upon application for license or upon evidence presented that the person, firm or corporation holding such license wilfully or by reason of incompetence repeatedly violates any rules and regulations relating to the inspection, maintenance, alteration or repair of electrical wiring, devices, appliances or equipment.

D. The Board of Examiners is hereby empowered and it shall be their duty to make such rules and regulations concerning electrical work in the City of Birmingham as may be required to properly provide for the situation therein. The rules and regulations so made shall be effective upon approval by the City Commission, and shall take precedence over plans, specifications and National Electric Code Rules.

SECTION 11
Exemptions

A. This ordinance and its provisions shall not apply to apparatus and equipment installed by or for any public utility operating under jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission.

SECTION 12
Penalty

A. Any person, firm or corporation who shall fail to comply with any of the provisions hereof, shall upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not more than $100.00 or imprisonment in the City prison or the jail of Oakland County or any other place of confinement provided by the City for such purpose in the discretion of the Court for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court unless otherwise provided in this ordinance.

SECTION 13
Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances

A. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance and specifically ordinance number 195 of the City of Birmingham are hereby repealed.

Should any section, subdivision, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared by the Courts to be invalid the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so invalidated.

SECTION 14
Liability

A. This ordinance shall not be construed to relieve from or lessen the responsibility or liability of any party owning, operating, controlling or installing any electric wiring, electric devices and/or electric material for damages to person or property caused by any defect therein nor shall the City of Birmingham be held as assuming any such liability by reason of the inspection authorized herein, or certificate of inspection issued as herein provided.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the passage and publication thereof.

Made and passed by the Commission of the City of Birmingham, Michigan, this 15th day of January, A. D. 1940.

JOHN E. MARTZ,
Mayor.
IRENE E. HANLEY,
Clerk.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 9th day of January, A. D. 1940.

Present, Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of James G. Parkinson, Deceased.

James G. Parkinson, son of deceased having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to James E. Parkinson, the Executor named in said will or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered That the 5th day of February, A. D. 1940, at 9 o'clock Eastern Standard Time, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that proponent cause a copy of this notice to be served personally or by registered mail, return receipt demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatees and devisees at their last known place of address. At least ten days prior to said date of hearing.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
FLORENCE DOTY,
Register of Probate.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1940.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Mary Stahl, Deceased.

John C. Stahl, Administrator of said estate having filed in said Court his final account and petition praying for the examination and allowance thereof, determination of the heirs of said deceased, assignment of the residue of said estate, and the discharge of said Administrator.

It is Ordered, that the 6th day of February, A. D. 1940, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition;

It is Further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.

(A true Copy.)
FLORENCE DOTY,
Probate Register.

41-42-43

STATE OF MICHIGAN, The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1940.

Present: Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of John Baldwin, Deceased.

George Verne Gable, administrator with will annexed of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased and for a for said court,

It is Ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the second day of April, 1940 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
FLORENCE DOTY,
Probate Register.

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Time Enough

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Gardeners' Corner

TOOLS

Winter weather sends one indoors to the workshop. Old garden tools should be carefully gone over. Missing ones noted and replaced before the day they are needed. Those present should be painted if necessary, and cutting edges oiled and sharpened. It is better to paint them some distinguishing mark of ownership on each tool. Yellow or red bands show up well against green and protect them from being left out over night. Seed flats can be repaired now and new ones made if necessary. Many home gardeners need a size considerably smaller than the usual commercial ones varying from 12" x 18" to 18" x 24". Three inches is a necessary depth. However, it is easier, too, to find time now for arranging the tools and finding a place for each.

TERRARIUM GARDENING

One form of indoor gardening that has developed in number is the terrarium. The original terraria were known as Wardian cases: "a nearly air-tight case with glass sides and top, used for transporting growing plants on long sea voyages," invented about 1836 by N. B. Ward. Though we may not need a plant-traveling bag, we can easily use such a case for decorative purposes. It "will" give plants conditions suitable to their growth in conditions otherwise unsuitable in ordinary parlance, we can transport a bit of northern woodland in our living room and keep it alive and happy for months. Mr. Ward kept some of his plants for nine years! and without watering them after planting.

The usual home terrarian is nothing more or less than a fishbowl with a pane of glass placed over the top. Use good garden soil. If you are making a special mixture, use tormula n 1 part sand, 1 part peat or leafmold, 2 parts loam. To plant a terrarium choose plants that have similar tastes. That is, ones that like the same amount of moisture and heat. Some plants don't like moisture at all; these of course are not suitable at all. Once planted the soil should be thoroughly wet. If there are no holes in your box to let off excess water, water carefully, no more water should be put in than is just right, if excess water appears on the side of the glass wipe it away. Only water when absolutely necessary.

TREES

If you are lucky enough to be planning on a new tree, large enough for winter moving, the time has come to do the deed. Perhaps you have picked it out when still in leaf but if not, you have the advantage of being able to stature even more readily now. One or two good sized trees can do more for a new house than almost anything else. The tree moving season lasts until the ground is no longer frozen, but the deeper the frost the less danger of the ball breaking or thawing and the less lawns or beds will be injured by the maneuvers.

MEETINGS

Thur. Jan. 25, at 2:45 p. m. at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Woodward at Kirby. "Continuous Bloom in the Garden" by Mrs. Preston Rice, A Garden Center lecture. Open to the public. This particular 13 sponsored by the Michigan Farm and Garden Association. It is very worthwhile. Mrs. Rice has lovely colored slides.

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