

Cites Shameful Condition of Shain Park

To the Editor: What I now say may be interpreted as self-interest. But those who have lived here for some time know that I have always concerned myself about my adopted town's government, its appearance, its growth, its Churches, Women's Clubs, its Community House, Library and other projects which give it its enviable reputation. I speak of this only to explain that I would feel unhappy about the state of the park no matter whose name had been given to it. It is an important part of the town I love. During the last forty years we have paid thousands in taxes and assessments to help to build it. Naturally, the fact that he has money invested, influences any taxpayer.

HE wants his money to be used wisely. However, my principal thought in this instance lies not in the total tax picture, only one aspect of it. Why must the Shain Park be a shambles? It surely is very conspicuous. It is seen by hundreds more than the interior of the City Hall which has just been reconstructed to the amount of thousands of dollars. I am glad it is so handsomely completed. But must the park and the library be short-changed? They are an important part of the whole civic ensemble.

THE STONE and attached plaque which is often read (when legible) dedicating the Park to Charles Shain because of his devotion to his home town, has little significance; it stands in such a neglected and unsightly spot. Has any one of you walked through this place in the last few summers, or just lately?

ONE or two, if any of you know much about Charles Shain's work through the years. You were not born. Why would you be concerned over past accomplishments and struggles? When this whole civic-center project was launched, a bitter battle had to be fought. We were then a village, comfortable and unimaginative. So many of our retired citizens were fierce against incurring such a debt responsibility. Old time friends of the Shain family, I thought, Charles was crazy, as the Mayor, to launch such a project.

PEOPLE WHO had known him all his life refused to speak to him or to go into the store where they had always congregated to visit with each other and with him. But the proposition carried in the election because some of us campaigned tirelessly to explain the advantage (to our town's future reputation) of these three blocks.

THE commission had stated that this development would establish the whole character of our oncoming growth. But the disgruntled losers circulated recall-petitions, so another election had to be held on the issue of keeping the "impractical" commission in office or kicking them out.

Again our group swung into action to defeat this recall election. Again they lost, and the men stayed in office. But bitterness and acrimony still prevailed, the scars of which were never erased from Charles' mind.

I THINK a recital of Charles Shain's subsequent services after his Mayorship might well be enumerated. He was far ahead of

the Charter Commission. He spent untold hours on this assignment. He was many years ahead on the Zoning Commission, the Planning Board and a long-time chairman of the Recreation Board which originated the successful Halloween project.

It is still followed by those unselfish people who carry that load. When it came time to build the City Hall and Library, he headed that important Committee. I can not begin to enumerate the unremunerated hours he devoted to making Birmingham the distinctive city it really is.

Almost every morning of his life he rode his horse around the edges of the town to see how things were going. Wells were dug because of his urgent recommendations as Planning Chairman.

HE knew more about the neglected streets, the open ditches and broken sewers, the unsorted garbage than the Manager himself, whom he often helped by giving him such information. He reminded the old timers of Martha Baldwin his "foster" aunt who in her time rode around in her sissy picking up refuse and litter from the streets and planting and caring for the saplings she loved to plant.

There grew from her determined efforts many a row of beautiful maples which have shaded and cradled our citizens through the years. I hope we can always keep our city from looking bare-naked in many a nearby town does look in these times of "progress."

So I am sure Charles Shain could be ashamed of his park now overgrown with fifth and bare of interest. I know when I have visitors I steer them away from that block.

WE ARE good citizens, we pay our taxes, why can we not spend the budgeted \$5000 for basic improvement of the Park? Why must we delay until another spring has passed and the planting season has again slipped by. After some fundamental work has been done—I feel these groups of women who will swing in behind the future developments.

This by-passed area could be such a lovely spot! Why do people from all over the world visit Cranbrook if not in part, to see the beautiful grass, trees and flowers? We feel fortunate in having Mrs. Willets as one of our Commissioners. We think the rest of you should stand here because of her patience and tact in waiting so long to get things done for her department.

SHE HAS NEVER asked for special concessions or consideration, because she was the woman among six men. It would be a fair

gesture for you to tip your hat to her on this special project. If there are differences of opinion in regard to the master plan, can they not be resolved so that we can all get on with this matter?

The park should always stand

as a visible daily witness that our taxpayers deserve nothing but the best, and that we won't accept any shoddy substitutes. Birmingham Commission and our best, and that we won't accept any shoddy substitutes. Birmingham Commission and our best, and that we won't accept any shoddy substitutes.

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(Contributed by persons interested in the future of Birmingham who know John S. O'Gorman's high qualifications.)

VOTE MONDAY, APR. 7

LEGAL NOTICES

John E. Davis, Atty., 727 Fenwick Bldg., Detroit 26

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

In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM DAVIS HOOPER, JR., Deceased.

At a session of said court held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac in said County, on the 4th day of March, 1938.

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

Order appointing time for hearing given.

Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing on claims against the above estate shall be the 12th day of April, 1938, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court in the Court House at the City of Pontiac, Michigan.

All creditors or claimants against the above estate are further notified and ordered to prove their claims at said hearing and to file with the Court and with the fiduciary of this estate, under oath, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the fiduciary of the nature and amount of the claim.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate (12-23)

Clarence W. Blinnman, Atty., 207 Wabash Bldg., Birmingham, Michigan 18,620

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At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Pontiac in said County, on the 4th day of March, 1938.

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Rosetta S. Wilkinson, Deceased.

Luella Kimball, Executrix of said estate having filed in said Court a petition praying for license to sell at private sale the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described.

It is ordered, that on the 12th day of April, 1938, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, he and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said Court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted.

It is further ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known address as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eclectic, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

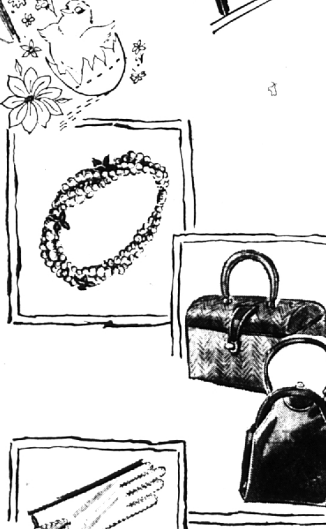
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NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Township of Bloomfield shall be held at the Bloomfield Township Office, 4210 Telegraph Road, on Saturday, April 5, 1938, at 1:00 o'clock p.m.

ROBERT H. DUDLEY Township Clerk (12-4)

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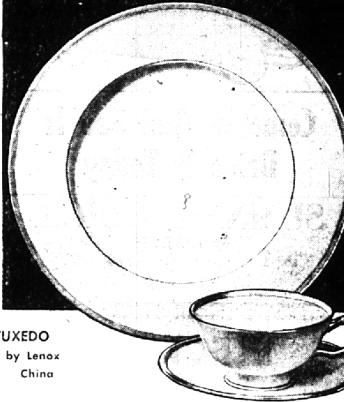
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