B'ham Masonic Temple Sold

By LARRY ROY

The Birmingham Masonic Temple, Woodward and Canfield, has been sold to a major national Masonic lodge located in Detroit. The property, valued at $4.5 million, was sold to the Tamarack Masonic Lodge, a branch of the Masonic Temple in Detroit.

The sale of the building comes as part of a larger effort by the Masonic Temple to acquire property in Birmingham. The Masonic Temple has been looking to expand its presence in the city for several years.

The Masonic Temple is a private club that is open to members of the Masonic order. It is a place for members to come together to socialize, learn about the history of the Masonic order, and participate in various activities.

The sale of the property was finalized last week. The Masonic Temple is planning to move its operations to the new location as soon as possible.

Hills Schools Face Building Shortage

By RICKY ROY

The Birmingham School District is facing a significant building shortage, with many schools in need of new or expanded facilities. The district is currently looking into ways to address this issue.

According to district officials, the need for new buildings is due to a combination of factors, including a growing student population, outdated facilities, and safety concerns.

The district is considering a variety of options, including bond referendums, private-public partnerships, and other funding mechanisms. The goal is to provide a quality education to all students, regardless of where they attend school.

The district is working with architects and engineers to develop plans for new or expanded buildings. The process is expected to take several years, but the district is committed to addressing the issue as quickly as possible.

Cost Estimated At $6 Million: Expect Election

By RAVI ROY

A building program costing an estimated five million dollars was recommended to the Birmingham Schools Board of Education at its meeting last week. The project is intended to address a number of facility needs, including new classrooms, updated structures, and safety improvements.

The estimated cost of the project is $6 million, which is expected to be covered through bond financing. The district is planning to hold a bond referendum in the near future to finance the project.

The Birmingham Board of Education is expected to vote on the bond proposal at its next meeting. If approved, the bond referendum will be held in the fall of 2023.

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BY BRUCE SPAN

When the concept of a county government was first proposed in the 1800s, it was intended to serve a different set of needs than those that exist today. The idea was to bring power and authority to the local level, to ensure that decisions were made close to the people who would be affected by them.

However, as society has changed, so have the needs of local governments. Today, counties are faced with more complex issues than ever before. They must manage transportation, public safety, education, and a host of other services that were not even considered when the county government concept was first introduced.

In addition, the needs of rural and urban areas are vastly different. A county government must be able to address the unique challenges of each area, while also ensuring that all residents have access to essential services.

In light of these changes, it is clear that the original concept of county government is no longer adequate. A new approach is needed to ensure that counties can effectively meet the needs of today's society.