

To Our Friends.

When trading with any of our advertisers... we will be a great favor to us if you mention the fact that you noted our advertisement in our paper...

HOME NOTES.

Now doth the "punky" little wife improve the sunny hours... "Squidies" across the street... White "Flowers" is told to "skit down"...

Sprinkle the streets. More water, Mr. Village Board. Council proceedings in this issue. Don't miss the B. H. S. concert tonight.

The base ball season has opened in Birmingham. Andy Prince and family left Monday noon for Nebraska. Don't miss it. What? The high school entertainment tonight.

Please notice A. K. Parks' change of advertisement in this issue. Don't let Baum's sprinkle wagon get out of town. We need it. We want to hear from all our county correspondents every week.

Covenant meeting at the Baptist church exhibition afternoon, May 3. Junior exhibition is coming—May 2nd and 23rd. Come one, come all. The W. H. M. Society will meet with Mrs. David Roy, Thursday, May 8.

Miss Grace Robbins of Clawson called on her Birmingham friends Monday. Where are our electric lights? We need 'em bad. Can't we get Royal Oak's plant?

Better begin to practice vegetarianism with meat and butter at sky-high prices. Frank Cobb is learning to be a conductor on the Sherman street car line in Detroit.

Remember the high school entertainment at the M. E. church this Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Escar Houg of Royal Oak.

Miss Libbie Goodwin, who has been dangerously sick with peritonitis, is improving. Mrs. Burleigh Randall of Northville called on Miss Carrie Van Every one day last week.

Miss Maud Gates of the Oxford Leader spent Sunday among her many Birmingham friends. Notice change in time table of the D. & M. division of Grand Trunk System on Nos. 15 and 16.

Walter McBride, who is employed in Harper hospital during his vacation, spent Sunday at home. The Bank of Birmingham has added some very handsome furnishings to its office equipments.

Oakland county will be entitled to twenty-three delegates in the next Republican state convention. The Ladies' Literary club will meet with Mrs. Stearns next week. Subject, "Our Own Government."

The Pontiac Gazette compliments Birmingham on her choice of the modest pansy as the village flower. Is any movie being made to give our people what they want—a look-up, an increased water supply (and light)?

The boys of this town have gone marble mad and Saturday was a busy day among the curbstone speculators. Don't forget to bring your chink, yourself and family to the Junior exhibition, May 22nd and 23rd. Everybody invited.

Chas. H. Schlack & Co. have something to say to our readers in this issue which will be worth their time to consider.

We call the attention of our lady readers to the new advertisement of McKennie & Schulte, the Pontiac milliners, which appears in this issue.

Don't forget the Ladies' Aid meeting and ten-cent supper at the M. E. church this Friday afternoon. Super ready to serve at 5 o'clock. With this issue we begin our 25th year of the ECENTRIC. Just think of it—a quarter of a century. Gee whizz! But we are an old pair of ducks.

Cowslips and dandelions are in bloom and people who love "greens" can now indulge in the "delicacies of the season" to their hearts' content.

The Village Improvement Society have placed pansy seed on sale at half price. Next year they hope to make a free distribution of flower seeds.

The Presbyterian W. F. M. society will meet at the church next Wednesday, May 7, at 3 p. m. All the ladies of the congregation are invited.

Elocution lessons are flying fast. If anyone has any talent along that line now is the time to coin a fortune, training juniors for their exhibition.

Louis Roy, who has just completed a business course at Gutches college, has secured a position as bookkeeper in Detroit and commenced work Monday.

On Wednesday last Master James Montgomery celebrated his fifth birthday anniversary and received a dandy express wagon that is the pride of his heart.

The L. O. T. M. tea meeting will be held at the hall next Friday evening, May 9th. Refreshments to cents. Everybody invited. Flora Mudge, Secretary.

H. A. Irish of Detroit will promptly and satisfactorily fill any and all orders for paperhanging sent to him, care of J. G. Quanten, Birmingham. First class work guaranteed.

This is a great season for carpenters, painters and paperhangers in Birmingham. Surely we shall have a neat, attractive village over the spring house-cleaning is over. The many compliments paid our printers for the fine work done on the programs of the Literary club show that there is no need of sending away for work in their line.

B. Y. P. U. business meeting Tuesday evening, May 6, at the home of Mrs. Eldred. A program will be tendered after the business session. Everybody welcome and no charge.

The dancing party given by the young ladies at Library hall last Friday evening was a very pleasant and successful affair. About thirty-five couples attended. Dainty refreshments were served.

The chap that took a new dog chain from Ed McHugh's dog and then let the dog go, will save himself worlds of trouble by returning the chain. He was cutely discovered and is known—nuth ced.

Last Saturday night—dark as tophet—moon rose at 10:42 (18 minutes before 11), not a light from Main street to the mill, either on Maple avenue or cross streets. And yet if we say a word we are growlers.

The monthly bulletin of vital statistics shows that there were 50 deaths in Oakland county during the month of March. Of the causes resulting in the 50 deaths four were pneumonia, two violence and two cancer.

A soldiers' monument with four tablets, on which will be inscribed the names of all soldiers who enlisted in the civil war from Oakland county, is to be erected at the junction of Oakland avenue and Saginaw street in Pontiac.

Married, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams, on Wednesday, April 30th, Mr. William Hutchinson of New York City and Miss Annie Adams. The happy couple will make their home in New York City.

Because some people waste water and violate the law is no reason why the innocent should choke with disgust. Let our authorities make an example of some lawbreaker and show that laws are made to be enforced. Half of our people don't know it.

The drawing for the L. O. T. M. quilt will take place in connection with the tea meeting next Friday evening, May 9th.

The editor of the Farmington Enterprise received an Easter greeting in the form of a nicely made standing. It read below "Easter Greeting. Alone in the wide, wide world..."

Local fishermen might paste this in their hats: "It shall be unlawful to catch or attempt to catch by any means whatever, in the inland waters of the state, any black bass from and after the first day of April up to and including the 20th of May."

Wm. H. Cady, a unique character of Orion and a pioneer of Michigan from its territorial days before its admission to the union as a state, is dead at the age of 77 years.

Summing up the forecast for May, Rev. Ir. Hicks predicts that generally it will be a fine month for pushing the work of the season. There will be some abnormal local rain storms, with scattering tornadoes...

The following are among the recent real estate transfers: Arabella A. Miller to Thomas A. Bigelow, pt sw 1-4 sec 31, Bloomfield, pt sw 1-4 sec 36, West Bloomfield, \$4,668.

Samuel Groves has made the A. D. Shadbolt house shine like unto a green bay tree. A new coat of paint on the house, appropriately trimmed, makes the old place very attractive.

"You can't keep a good man down" applies to towns, villages and postoffices just the same, for on the last day of the month, the last hour of the day, the last minute of the hour and the last second of the minute...

This seems to be an especially prolific year for tarantulas in the banana business. Last Saturday Miss Lou McLeod found a dandy big chap in a bunch of that tropical fruit at John Hanna's store...

After May 1 Pontiac banks will accept no money on deposit on which they will pay more than 3 per cent, and on June 1 they will reduce the rate of interest on all deposits from 4 to 3 per cent.

Wes. Faint, while on a trip last week at Davison, ran against our old former citizen, the Hon. James Frost, and found him the Grand Mogul of Davison, Lapeer county, Mich.

Birmingham is rushing recklessly into the vortex of spring improvement schemes. Electric lighting, street sprinkling, free mail delivery, no-expectation-on-the-walks, a village flower, general cleaning up of

The lecture, "Highways and Byways of Jerusalem," with a stereopticon illustration, by Dr. John May at the M. E. church last Friday evening was fairly attended, but not as well as it should have been.

Billiousness is a condition characterized by a disturbance of the digestive organs. The stomach is debilitated, the liver torpid, the bowels constipated. There is a coating of food, pain in the bowels, dizziness, coated tongue and vomiting.

Ascarets are a common ailment of the young. They are often found in the bowels of children. They cause pain, itching, and discomfort. Ascarets are easily treated with a simple remedy.

Ascarets. Beware of the dealer who tries to sell "something just as good."

The streets and yards, a stick-no-bills-on-anything sentiment and an anti-giggle-in-church movement are among the desired and desirable reforms mentioned and mentionable.

The Village Improvement Society offer a prize of \$1.50 in cash for the best window garden (plants in boxes) grown by a boy or girl under 14 years of age.

A year ago a grand rally of all the Maccabees in Oakland county was held at Pontiac, at which time a mammoth crowd and the features of the day took on a Fourth of July celebration look.

A Baltimore paper says: The common people, whom Abraham Lincoln said "The Lord must have loved, since he made so many of 'em," can not afford hot houses and conservatories...

The free rural mail delivery routes are at last in active operation from the Birmingham postoffice. The routes are under the management of Messrs. Risseau, Schnoover and Weston...

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Everything home-made and palatable. Parcels checked free. Birmingham people specially invited to come to this restaurant and be at home.

Clarence L. Cowles, Architect, 81 and 23 Chase Block, Saginaw, E. S. Mich.

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Seasonable Goods At Popular Prices. CLOTH DEPT. Ladies' High neck, long sleeve, and short sleeve...

LADIES' CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR. Our line of Ladies' and Children's Spring Underwear is very complete. Ladies' Vests, high neck, long sleeve, and short sleeve...

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