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**To Our Friends**  
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THE PUBLISHERS.

**HOME NOTES**

The Exchange Bank opens every morning at 8 o'clock standard time and closes every day at 4 o'clock standard time; Sundays and holidays excepted.

Clarkston Masons are planning a new lodge room.

Dairy farm to let on shares. Address Box 5, Birmingham, Mich.

Mrs. Sarah Carter, who has been dangerously ill, is on the gain now.

Mr. Thomas, formerly of the Clifton House, Pontiac, has secured the Hodges House.

House for sale. Lot No. 5, Randall's subdivision. Apply at the house. Mr. Kight, owner.

Clarence Bailey, of Watkins, N. Y., is visiting his brother, Irving Bailey, of Pierce Street.

Mrs. Emma C. Tibbitts is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ellen Bowers near Farmington, a good time.

Henry G. Kyle, of Farmington, has been the welcome guest of Harry Jenkins, of L'Anse-au-Loup, the past week.

The L. O. T. M. will give a supper Friday evening, Jan. 25th. These are enjoyable occasions. All are invited.

Mrs. H. Parry, of Detroit, has been a welcome visitor at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bortle, of Ann Street.

Until further notice the Sunday afternoon service at 4:15, will take the place of the seven o'clock service at St. James church.

It costs money to be naughty. The total amount of the fines collected in this county from Jan. 1, 1906, to Jan. 1, 1907, was \$23,517.

James Cromie of Warren, Mich., at Riegl's mill house in Detroit, fell down stairs, breaking his left leg near the hip. To-day.

The subject for Dr. Welton's lecture at the Baptist church next Sunday evening will be "The Great Sin and the Flood Which Followed."

While leaving the Baptist church last Sunday night at Pontiac, Mrs. R. G. Allen, of that city, fell, sustaining a serious fracture of the hip.

Miss Winnie Blair entertained a few friends at her home last Saturday evening. The evening was pleasantly spent with cards and refreshments.

The Ladies' Literary Society cake sale last Saturday netted the society over \$15, which applies to the rest room for the court house at Pontiac.

The special services at the M. E. church are continuing with increasing attendance and results. They will continue next week. All invited.

Dr. James Miller, son of our James A. Miller of Southfield Avenue, has had Gov. Warner's case all through. Quite a doctor for a Birmingham boy.

Warner—Charged of a large sum by a competent man and wife. Under a stand their business and not afraid of work. Used to cows. Inquire at his office.

Charles E. Tombs is busy in his new position as bank examiner. Was in Bay City last week and this is his 11th Detroit. It is a busy job but Char. E. likes it.

S. H. Bortle has been having a serious time with his eyes. A specialist of Detroit has been in charge and now things begin to look brighter than ever for the old veteran.

The St. James Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. Dr. C. M. Ryan, 174 W. 24th Thursday January 24th. A supper will be served at 4:30 p. m. Price to everybody, 10 cents. All invited.

There will be a shadow show at the pleasant home of E. S. Green in Franklin, Friday evening Jan. 23rd, for the benefit of the Junior class of the B. H. School. Price restricted to \$1.25.

Going the ball, and the guns, and fling the starchy banner out! Why? Because, recently the stork left twin boys at the home of H. O. Messmore, of Utica, Mich. Hello Grand-pops!

Don't kick because the rest on your postoffice box has been raised. You is no worse off than others; the raise is general all over America. The local Postmaster is not responsible for the change.

You all know Dick Daniels, the genial gentleman who has been engaged in the agricultural implement business in this vicinity? Yes? Well, Dick has bought out a nice store, the Block, Detroit, and with him success with a big S.

You are invited to attend a dancing party given by Franklin Court Imperial No. 85, F. of A., at Franklin public hall Friday evening, Jan. 19th. Grand Commander, Mrs. Sarah LaTour will be present. Refreshments will be served and a good time for all. Members are urged to be present.

Officers of the Lodge Macabees will be installed at the Lodge room next Saturday evening, Jan. 19th. Grand Deputy, Commander, Mrs. Sarah LaTour will be present. Refreshments will be served and a good time for all. Members are urged to be present.

Thousands of persons buried their clothes with potatoes. A large number of the bodies now in use prepared to be made of ivory, bone or horn, are in reality made out of the common potato, which when treated with certain acid becomes almost as hard as stone.

After a deliberation of 16 hours, the Circuit Court jury in the case of William H. Hart vs. A. S. Marble brought in a verdict giving the defendant \$7.07. Judge Smith has not yet made his decision as to who shall sustain the costs in the case which will amount to considerable.

Mrs. Mary Bray, who lives near the school house, got into a mix-up with a keg of coal in a stove and a can of kerosene oil. She was severely burned about the face and head. Her arm and hand were also burned. While out of a serious nature the burns are very painful.

About fifty members of the Troy U. P. church, completely surprised Miss Mabel Todd, at her home, Tuesday evening January 16th, '07. After a bountiful dinner, which was heartily enjoyed by all, she was presented with a well filled purse to allow the appreciation of her services as organist.

A man who lives south of Clawson took a city paper in preference to his home paper because he read more paper for the money, was the subject of an advertisement of a fire-escape which would be cashed on receipt of \$2. He sent the cash and in a few days received a copy of the New Testament.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, of Boise City Idaho, have for their Western home tomorrow, Saturday. They have had a most delightful visit the past few weeks but are longing for the West. No amount of urging could coax Mr. or Mrs. Mark Hall to go with them for a visit although it was tried to the limit.

George Rymal, who is on the Michigan farm 3 miles north, and 2 miles east of St. Hill, will sell out at auction, Wednesday, Jan. 23rd, at one o'clock p. m. Everything will be sold as he has no more tools, household goods, etc., etc. M. H. Blunt, auctioneer. J. E. McClelland, clerk. All are invited.

That most successful and very interesting drama, "Rubeena's Triumph," will be given at Livestock Hall, Wednesday evening, Jan. 23rd. After repeated and urgent requests, the young ladies who make up the cast of this play have consented to repeat it. There will be a full house so early if you want to see it.

Although Miss Minnie Wilson is nearly all last week with tonsillitis, and Mrs. I. H. Wilson, had a severe headache, they managed to hospitably entertain Mr. E. L. Bors, of Detroit; Mr. Earl Goodison, and his Ethel Blackstone, of Rochester, Mich.; and Mr. E. L. Harrington, of Pontiac. All have a joy and most enjoyable day.

For the first time every newspaper in Central Michigan appeared January 19th without the railroad time-table, says a press dispatch. The media have all called no desire to pay for the publication and the newspapers will refuse to run the tables unless paid for it at special rates. The action is the result of the new railroad rate law.

Recent visitors at The Maples, the pleasant home of Capt. Hiram Hill and wife, corner Adams Ave. and Beverley Road, were Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Johnson, of Monroe, Mich.; T. M. Colville and Miss Julia Colville, of Detroit. These visitors with forty or more others, the last two weeks, had a grand time at the Maples ring out good and loyal.

There will be four eclipses in 1917, two of the sun and two of the moon. A partial eclipse of the moon on Jan. 23 will be partly visible in United States, and a partial eclipse of the moon on July 21, visible in North America. The total eclipse of the sun on Jan. 14, and the annular eclipse of the sun on July 10 will not be visible in North America.

It is very seldom that Birmingham goes to bath at Galveston Beach, Galveston, Texas, but one of our very best ladies, who is tending the South, sends us a beautiful souvenir card with the name of a salt water clinging to it even now, and a wife's startling information that she washed her feet there Jan. 6, 1907. Say sister, watch out for saltcracks.

This very day Editor Mitchell and family are eating muskrat at Monroe, Mich., with the Eastern Michigan Press Club. The Club are the guests of the Business Men's Association at the Monroe Press people. The nights will be exhibited, and the convent, nurseries and quarries visited, winding up with a banquet and we are promised it won't be all rats either.

**Charm for Women**  
Nothing leads more to persimmon than a clear, rosy skin, and nothing is so sure to free the skin from dark spots, pimples, and blotches as the Dainty Laxative Tablets. Sec. Whitehead & Mitchell, 156th

Some time during Sunday night last an attempt was made to burglarize the hardware store of J. M. Lawson of Royal Oak, a large store, was forced through the front door. Evidently the men became suddenly alarmed for they left their job half finished and nothing was secured by them. The work was of a bungling order and it is thought that the attempt was made by local talent.

When James J. Davenport calls on you with his all metal bread and pastry board, don't turn him down, and decide right then and there, that you do not want it. You do. Hear his tale. He has something you really need even if you do not know it. The only board that will not wear, crack, collect germs, nor sour. Easy to clean, and in fact in article that should be in every kitchen. We are happy. We have one. Write for James J.

It is not all cavalry men who can ride a horse in a graceful manner nor can similes be worked out by algebra. But information comes that our Birmingham boy, Capt. M. O. Bigelow, is now making a trip as a nominal third officer on board a steamer trading in the far East. Mort has a two-months leave and will visit Australia, Japan, China and many other places too numerous to mention. He promises to keep a diary and furnish us a copy when his trip is completed.

First lessons for the advanced class in dancing were given by Prof. Whitman last Tuesday evening. Forty-eight members composed the new class. The three-step and gavotte were taught and nearly every member, from previous drilling, danced both new figures right away. Miss Essie Kamman, his accomplished pianist from Detroit, presided over the words of praise by her accurate playing, which to the class is a great help. Time enough yet for a few more to join.

Two sporty boys like to have gotten into a serious mix-up with the law last week by carrying the seat at Lone Pine, that stands just outside the gate there for people waiting for a car or for anyone else who wishes to rest. The smart boys carried the seat away and threw it over on the steam railway's land near John Benedict's. The next thing they threw was a chill when interviewed by Sheriff Greer. They returned the property at once and will never again meddle with things that don't belong to them.

"There are a number of girls in the world, the girl who works and the girl who gads. Commend us to the former. Work lends dignity to a pretty girl, is an added charm to her. The girl who gads, God bless her, combines the useful and the ornamental. She might get added, roll on sofas, goods and read story books, but she prefers to be of some account in the world and goes out as stenographer, teacher or saleslady or housekeeper and bravely makes her own way in the world, the girl who gads, and of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Don't fail to read in another column the splendid offer made to this village by the Ladies' Library Society. For over thirty years these women have worked for this village. They are now able to offer to the village 2,400 volumes in the fine property on one of our main corners. Now gentlemen let not your utter in public spirit by not taking up the offer. Let us give for its acceptance at the March election. Wake up and let us save this library and corner lot, the Library and Municipal Building of Birmingham.

Strange things happen, and when such things happen they are strange. Such things that in the late R. R. wreck between Baltimore and Washington, where 33 were killed, and as many more injured. Mr. Prector, of Detroit, a traveling agent for a Detroit firm, was on the train with his wife and child. He was the first who would have received a seat. Think of this. We know not what a day may bring forth, and in the H. H. wreck at Baltimore, and the Astoria car loss by accidents. J. ALLEN BRIZLOW, AGR.

One thing can be truthfully said of the teachers in our schools at the present time, and those employed for the ensuing year, that their daily walk and conversation, and their moral lives are such as to form a grand example for their pupils. Our pupils can safely follow the example of their teacher. "When there'll be called up yonder," the teachers of our schools can all answer "present." Good morals and good manners are taught in schools, and the worthy example set by our present corps of teachers has a great influence in molding the character of the youth of our city.

A most pernicious practice and a waste of money is the fool free distribution of seeds by Congress. Congress annually appropriates \$242,000 for the distribution of common garden seeds, such as peas, beans, turnips, radishes and squash. Add to this the \$250,000 cost of the Patent Office in delivering the seeds and we have nearly half a million dollars a year deliberately wasted in order that Congressmen may recall their existence to their constituents. More than \$5,000,000 worth of these cheap common seeds have already been distributed. A determined effort is now to be made to put an end to this needless waste of public money. It is opposed by the leading agricultural press, without an important exception as far as we know—by the National Garden, State Grange, and agricultural societies.

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All this happened near Warren, just over the county line. During the absence of the teacher Johnnie wrote on the black-board: "I can hug the girls the best of any boy in school." On her return the teacher, who was a female and just past 20, asked who wrote the above on the board, and was informed that Johnnie was the guilty party. She at once told him to remain after school. After a number of boys loitered about the building until Johnnie appeared and asked him if the teacher whipped him, I asked him, when Johnnie said: "I won't tell you what she did, but it pays to advertise."

Miss Mollie Smith has resigned her position in the department store of M. Levinson of this place, where she has been employed for the past seven months and has accepted a position under the Chicago and Eastern Illinois R. Co. at Danville, Ill. Miss Mollie served as chief assistant in the Birmingham post-office for over eight years, almost five years under Geo. H. Mitchell and four years under John Hanna, giving good satisfaction to all. Since which time she has held position of trust in Detroit, among which were the World's Sunday Supply Co., and the Crown Hat Mfg. Co. The position at Danville is one of responsibility and trust and one that a lady has never held before. While we all congratulate Miss Mollie upon her good luck in receiving such a offer, her many friends, not only in this city but in this part of Michigan, are sorry to know that she is going. She will be missed.

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\$12.50 Wilton Rugs, \$23.00 value, for \$19.50.  
\$6.75 Wilton Rugs, \$14.00 value, for \$11.00.  
\$18.36 Wilton Rugs, \$2.00 value, for \$1.60.  
And other styles in proportion.  
\$12.50 Axminster Rugs, \$22.50 value, for \$19.50.  
\$12.50 Axminster Rugs, \$22.50 value, for \$19.50.  
\$3.10 Axminster Rugs, \$20.00 value, for \$17.75.  
Best Agna Ingrim Carpeting, 90c sort, for 79c yard.  
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METHODIST—Rev. W. A. Kisheloff, Pastor. Sabbath services—Preaching at 10 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. on first and third Sundays. Morning service at 11:30 a. m.; Evening service at 7:30 p. m. on first and third Sundays. Business meeting first Monday evening of every month. Social service Saturday evening of every month. All standard time. All are welcome to these services.  
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UNITED PRESBYTERIAN—Rev. John W. Wood, Pastor. Services held on standard time. Business meeting first Tuesday of the month. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Ladies' Aid Society Thursday, 2 p. m. Jr. M. Society, P. U. business meeting first Tuesday of the month. Social service Saturday evening of every month. Young people's service at 7:30 p. m. Young people's service at 7:30 p. m. Social service at 7:30 p. m. Come, worship with us.  
BAPTIST—Rev. H. F. Walton, Acting Pastor. All services on standard time. Morning service at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 11:30 a. m. B. Y. Y. meeting 6:30 p. m. Evening service at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Ladies' Aid Society Thursday, 2 p. m. Jr. M. Society, P. U. business meeting first Tuesday of the month. Social service Saturday evening of every month. Young people's service at 7:30 p. m. Young people's service at 7:30 p. m. Social service at 7:30 p. m. Come, worship with us.  
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