To Our Friends

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THE PUBLISHERS.

HOME NOTES

There is more than one back yard in the down town district that needs the attention of the village officials.

Have you ever noticed the flower beds in front of the Methodist church in Pontiac? Those people are up with the times.

A vacant lot in the center of our town is being used for a cow pasture, much to the annoyance of every one in the vicinity.

The flower beds at the Baptist church have been put in order, the lawn mowed and altogether it is one of the very neatest spots in town.

Peter Kerr has a new auto, and it is a beauty. He and his family certainly do enjoy it. Seems to be that you ain't livin' unless you have a buzz wagon.

My house and lot for sale, situated on Ann Street, and as fine and cozy a home as can be found in this village. Apply to Samuel Bortle, Birmingham. 21june

Our Village Improvement Society put the fountain at the depot in order, and the grounds are nicely kept by those in charge. The place is a credit to our town.

Parties secured options on the P., O. & N. R. R. stock and if they should consummate the deal, we understand that it will be equipped as an electric railroad.

A Michigan editor is sued by a woman because he said in the obituary that her husband had gone to a happier home. It doesn't always pay to tell the truth, even when writing an obituary.

Have you got your flour sifter or bread box yet at Spencer & Wolcott's? One or both does not cost a penny. Call and ask about how to get one. The gentlemanly lady clerks will be glad to explain.

Miss Clara Benedict, who has been a student of Prof. Benham, of the Michigan Conservatory, for the past year, gave a very interesting piano recital at the conservatory Thursday afternoon, June 6te.

A professor has discovered among ancient ruins what is supposed to be the eleventh commandment. The text is as follows: "Emas rof yltpmorp hteyap uoht sselnu, regnawsa a daer t:on tlahs uoht."

A careful girl will "do up" her hair in a hard knot when her best beau comes. Being in a hard knot it is that much harder to muss and will add greatly to the young man who sees his duty and performs it.

Is your boy on the road to become a cigarette fiend? Are you sure he isn't or do you only hope so and think so? Even if you are a smoker yourself, keep the boys from it if you can, at least, until they are of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Craft, of Columbus, Ohio, enjoyed Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. N. T. Shaw. Mr. Craft is a brother of Mrs. Shaw, and judging from the noise from the South, they all had a real old-fashioned visit.

Pastures to let for horses and cattle, 1½ acres 4½ miles north of Warren, the late George Chapman farm.—Plenty of good water. Inquire John Diselqof on the premises, or George P. Eckstein, 24 Miller St., Mt. Clemens.

Have you seen R. F. D. No. 4's new rig for carrying mail? It must be seen to be appreciated. It looks easy riding and must be, or that there Wood man would not have invested in it. He is not riding around all the time for his health.

A Marlette citizen recently took his wife to a physician. The doctor put a fever thermometer in the lady's mouth and in about three minutes, just as the doctor was going to remove the instrument, the husband, who was unused to such prolonged silence on the part of his partner, said, "Say, Doc, what will you take for that thing?"

Last week the home of Mrs. W. I. McClelland was sold to Adam Gray for $3,000. We understand that there is a chance that the D. U. R. will secure the warehouse next to Nixon's store for a passenger waiting room and a freight depot. This expanding company has secured the contract to do expressing of the great United States Express Co., to all points reached by their system. This of itself is a big thing, and makes Birmingham a regular office of the United States Express. It seems to us that it is a big thing, with a big T, for the D. U. R. people.

For sale cheap: a nearly new three-burner Quick Meal gasoline stove. Come quick and get a bargain; call at the barber shop of Taylor Bros., Black. Ask for Fred Taylor. june22

Recent visitors at the pleasant home of John O'Connell and wife, at Council Bluffs, were Miss Pearl Rook, of Columbiaville, Mich., Mrs. M. R. Barner son and daughter; and Mrs. I. Terry and son.

What J. M. Beddow says: "I inclose a check for $1 for which please start your bloomin' paper to me. I have been trying to get along without its moral help for some time, but can't stand it any longer."

Frank Blakeslee has just received a new stock of those popular Swastika pins. Everybody gets one for the good luck it brings. Prices run from 15c to 35c. 'Stick pins, brooches, hat pins, etc. Call and see 'em.

Mr. and Mrs. Bortle wish to thank the Birmingham ladies for their many kindnesses and for the nice collection of flowers sent to the invalid, which have gone a good ways to cheer up the sick one. These acts can not readily be forgotten.

The big Welch touring car that you see going about town quite often is the new one recently purchased from the Welch folks by Miss Addie Sly. We wouldn't dare to say how many thousand plunks it cost but it is one of the very best that this celebrated factory turns out, and no expense has been spared to make it the safest, fastest and best machine made. Of course Miss Addie will never break our speed ordinance, but that's not saying she can't if she wants to. Next to owning such an establishment ourselves, we had rather she would have it, for the happiness she gives others in giving them a spin over old Oakland.

Work has been begun for G. H. Mitchell on the house owned by him and occupied by Mrs. Randall for the past seven years. When the work is done, you will fail to recognize the old yellow house. It will be transformed into a two-story double house. Each side will have three bed-rooms, with a bath room, etc. It will be furnace heated and will have all the modern adjuncts that go to make a desirable home. It is a toss-up where Mitchell lives when the work is finished, whether he moves or stays where he is, is what keeps him guessing. Anyway there will be two more houses to rent in Birmingham. Guess the demand will be supplied.

The finest and biggest farm in the township of Bloomfield belongs to Manley Davis and his sister, of Pontiac. It is the old Eli Baker farm close by the trolley road at Circle, right in the heart of Bloomfield Hills, a most valuable piece of property. Nearly 300 acres of the choicest farming lands that ever lay out of doors, and enough of it to call it a ranch. It has natural advantages that make it a desirable fruit farm, and this far-seeing couple have had set out 5,000 fruit trees of the choicest varieties of peaches, pears, plums and apples. In a very short time when these trees begin to bear fruit, the profit is almost incalculable. Good luck to the young investors.

Messrs. Cobb & Cobb are overhauling their drug store and making great improvements. They have placed a large and splendid prescription desk across the back of the store—a great help and something no one will appreciate as much as will the workers behind it, as now they have a good light and plenty of room. A new soda fountain will be installed. It is here ready to be set up and will be put into commission just as soon as possible. This is something that the public will appreciate, as it is modern and convenient and a thing of beauty as well as use. Their large and constantly increasing trade demanded more room and increased facilities for doing it. When all is finished and everything settled in its place, you will not look further for a satisfactory place to do business in.

Years ago, about 28 we think, we asked the then supervisor of our town, to tell us the assessed valuation of the township. He threw a fit all over himself and said; "Don't you do it—worst possible thing you could do for your town. Why! those fellows at Pontiac will see what we are worth and increase our taxes." We couldn't see then, nor can we now, what's the diff. So here goes for the assessed valuation of the township of Bloomfield, which, according to the report of our worthy and efficient Supervisor Porter, reads like this; real estate, $1,869,430.00; personal, $831,450.00; a total of $2,700,830.00. Guess this is going some. For the village say, which you will have a chance to pay next month, we find the assessed valuation of this township is; real estate, $625,100.00; personal, $362,070.00; a total of $388,170.09, nearly a million of dollars for this quiet little village of the plain, and we are going too, just like the rest of the township.

The rabbit hunter, who has been secretely using a ferret when in quest of the cotton tails, will have to run chances of apprehension at the strong arm of the law no longer. Hereafter one may hunt rabbits in Oakland county to his heart's content. Several years ago a statute was passed by the legislature forbidding the use of ferrets in a number of counties, including Oakland. Notwithstanding that the law forbid, ferrets were secretely used and no one complained. Rabbits multiplied fast and the woods and fields of old Oakland have been over-run with them to the detriment of young orchards. Now their extermination is to be somewhat encouraged. Representative Cowdin introduced a bill, which has already passed the legislature, repealing the law which forbid the use of ferrets in the hunting of rabbits and local nimrods will no longer be compelled to keep up that fiction of blowing the bunnies out of holes with a rubber hose.

Mr. Vickery, of Detroit, gave us a short pleasant call on Thursday.

Mr. John O'Connell, wife and Miss Esther, all passed a pleasant day in Detroit one day last week.

Regular meeting of Birmingham Chapter, O. E. S., Wednesday evening, June 19. M. GRAVELIN, Sec.

WANTED—A girl for housework. Good wages. Apply 382 Pennsylvania Avenue, or to Dr. E. Mather, 80 Park Place, Detroit, Mich. 2t

There will be a regular meeting of Birmingham Lodge No. 149 K. of P., on Monday night, June 17th. Work in the rank of Knight.

Get the habit and get a Bread Box free. Ask Spencer & Wolcott how it is done. Buy Hard-Pan Shoes and get your money's worth. Ask Shorty.

The Ladies' Church Society of the First Presbyterian Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Albert Adams on Wednesday afternoon, June 19. All are invited.

A. H. Prager, of near Pontiac, gave this office a pleasant call Monday. This veteran cigar-maker looks as young as he did 30 years ago and is still making good cigars.

Mrs. 1. Lee Truax is home with the two little axes from an extended visit with relatives in the great State of Wisconsiu. We notice I. Lee's face is much shorter. Cause why?

Next Thursday May 20th is the regular monthly meeting of Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M. Work on 3rd, followed by a banquet, and a few remarks. All members are urged to be present.

The Library question is still in the air or rather on the table. (See council proceedings.) W. D. Clizbe, stands for, and Atty. A. P. Jacobs against the acceptance of the library property by the village. Both leaders put forth a great many reasons why their side is right. Will troubles never cease.

Here is the way the man who snores starts trouble: His snores awaken the dog. The dog sets up, howls and awakens the man. The man swears at the dog and awakens the baby. The baby yells and awakens the mother. The mother "combs" the old man down and he turns over and goes to sleep and starts the fun all over again.

The rural phones are now so numerous that, with the assistance of rural mail delivery, they are making the farmers the best informed and most up-to-date class of people you meet. Almost any farmer you meet can tell you more about the news of the world than the average man living in town with the same, or better advantages.

About this time Mrs. David Rainey is starting for her western home, and to join her husband in Alaska. She travels all alone, and before she reaches him will have covered more than 4,500 miles by land and water. For all this great distance, she will not change cars over three times. Her many friends wish her a safe and pleasant trip.

Harry B. Wattles, the well known dairy farmer of Troy, is making the dairy business a glittering success. Mr. Wattles milks 40 cows, employing four men in so-doing. He is quite enthusiastic over the patent milkers. Says that it will cost him $500 to pipe his barn and install a gas engine and the milking apparatus, but he thinks in the end he will save money.

The concert given under the auspices of the Girls' Friendly Society, at the Library Hall last Friday evening was a success in every way. Twenty young ladies, of Detroit, forming a Glee Club did give our people a successful surprise and great pleasure. Readings by the Misses McClellan and Bortle added much to the entertainment. The voices in the club were fine and their efforts were cheered to the echo.

One of those fire extinguishers sold by Ira Johnston, prevented a big fire in one of our business houses one day last week. A rattling big fire had got a pretty good start, and on being smelt out by the alert proprietor, he took his the little fire extinguisher and very easily smothered it out in no time at all and with no alarm to the people trading in the store at the time. Say, they are great—those extinguishers.

The pupils of Miss Lewis gave her a glad surprise last Friday night. After she had recovered from her surprise and confusion enough, she ordered up the ice cream from Cobbs', and this with what the surprisers brought, gave them a most jolly evening. Another surprise party among the children was given to Master Merritt, and there too the children had a most enjoyable time. Two parties and a grand concert all in one evening is enough to make us all sit up and take notice.

Attention! Knights of Pythias of Birmingham Lodge. Pontiac Lodge, K. of P., extends an invitation to Birmingham lodge to attend Memorial day services Sunday, June 16th, at 2 o'clock in Castle Hall.

Capt. and Mrs. H. Still, of The Maples, are in attendance at the Knights Templar Conclave held at Saginaw this week. Mrs. Still is still visiting in the Saginaws but the industrious captain has returned home to tend the farm.

Royal Oak has grown so much and so fast that our postmaster, John Hanna, got lost there last week Wednesday looking for the bakery. He fell into Justice Rose's office and got a safe, sure and pleasant steer for the bakeshop.

Real estate is up in the air 'round the depot. Tuesday, Theron B. Smith sold his Maple Avenue property to Eugene Smith who will move into it at once. T. B. Smith and wife will summer at their Pine Lake cottage and think over what they will do and whither they will go when camping time is ended.

If you will make inquiry it will be a revelation to you how many succumb to kidney or bladder troubles in one form or another. If the patient is not beyond medical aid, Foley's Kidney Cure will cure. It never disappoints. All druggists.

SPECIAL MENTION

All-Wool Extra Super Ingrain Carpeting, all good designs, 59c a yard, and the extra heavy at 69c a yard.

Splendid Tapestry Brussels in good designs and extra quality, 65c a yard. We sell 24-inch for 75c a yard. We sell 27-inch for $1.00 a yard.

Our Special White Habutai Silk does not discolor when washed, wears like iron, being made by Japs on hand looms—1-yard-wide at 50c, 59c, 75c and $1.00 a yard.

Handsome Wilton Rugs, 27x54, $1.35 each.

Stylish Axminster Rugs, 27x48, $1.98 each.

Seamless Wilton Velvet Rugs, 9x12 feet, $22.50 each.

Superior quality Wilton Rugs, 9x12 feet, $35.00 each.

All other Rugs in stock equally low in price. Large assortment.

Ruffled Mull Curtains, ample size, 49c pair.

Couch Covers, Portieres, etc.

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Real Shanghai Silk Duck, a pure Silk white fabric that washes satisfactorily. Ideal for Waists and Dresses. We sell 24-inch for 75c a yard.

All-Wool Velvet, heavy grade, 80c yd. Handsome Mattings from old Japan and China, from 15c to 35c a yard.

White Wash Silk, Shanghai, hand-made —no other Silk outwears its much used for undergarments—1-yard-wide at $1.25 a yard.

We enjoy the reputation of selling the best Black Silks in Detroit. Our prices are always less than elsewhere.

Parsifal Silk in white. We are assured by ladies who have tried it that it wears like iron and tubs like cotton—22-inch at $1.00 a yard.

Raise squabs; start right; Get Willcox's mated Homers, banded and registered. Also one Cornell incubator for sale cheap. Capacity, 216 eggs. NORTH WILLCOX, Northside Farm, Royal Oak, Mich. 14june

A meeting of the B. H. S. Alumni will be held Saturday evening, June 15th, at the home of Mrs. Guy Taylor on Pierce Street. A large attendance is desired.

The B. H. S. Alumni dues, which are now due, may be paid at this office.

Miss Lena Woodward, of Detroit, has been happily entertained by Mrs. Capt. Still, of The Maples.