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**To Our Friends**  
When reading with any of our advertisements, either in Birmingham, Pontiac or Detroit, it will be a great favor to us if you will mention the fact that you noticed their advertisement in our paper. A word of praise, at the time of reading, does us nothing and benefits no one. Will you be good and do so?  
**THE PUBLISHERS.**

**HOME NOTES**

Sad to say, "Lone Pine" sign has gone away.  
Saturday, April 18th, born to Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Green, a son.  
Just see what local option has done to the postoffice shade trees.  
W. H. Carter spent Saturday and Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. G. A. Bingel.  
Miss Beatie Carter has been spending the last two weeks with her sister of Belleville.  
Miss Lillian Schram, of Detroit, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Young Easter Sunday.  
Royal Oak seems to be a Mecca for M. D.'s. The numbers flocking in point to a rapid growth of that little city.

WANTED: Four teams to haul logs for which the regular price will be paid. Apply to W. D. Millspaugh, Birmingham.  
F. J. Douglas has moved into his new home, the Houghton house on Martin street. A new coat of paint makes it shine.  
Will the lady who has the W. L. C. book, "Present Day Egypt," kindly return to the library as the book must be shipped May 1st.

Easter services at all the churches were largely attended and gave the highest satisfaction to the large concourse that attended.  
Wanted to rent, a seven room house in desirable location, from August 1st. Will lease for one year. About \$12 per month. Address, Eccentric.  
Frank Blacklesie spent a lovely day in Detroit last Sunday and we have his word for it that the lid was blown away off. Gin fizzes? Eh Frank?

Miss Hattie Hoiser, of Amy, visits Mr. Fannie J. Shain's home, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Van Auker, of Potterville, also visited Mrs. Fannie Shain.  
All the members of the Georgia Hoyt dancing class are especially invited to the informal assembly next Tuesday evening, April 30th, at the S. and S. hall.  
Mrs. H. J. Myers, of Bloomfield, returned on Saturday from a week's visit in the western part of the state, and reports having had an excellent time.  
Camp 6522, Modern Woodmen of America, neighbors attend. Important business to be brought before the lodge Tuesday April 28th. All be sure and come.

The Young People's society of the First Presbyterian church will hold their regular monthly meeting at the home of Miss Rena Denison, Tuesday April 28th.  
Ask Wm. Parks what he thinks of store teeth. His new ones from the foundry of Johnston & Crawford are dandies. Mr. Parks is now anxious for the green-iron season.  
Attention! R. A. M. No. 95, Special Convocation, Birmingham Chapter, 93, R. A. M., Monday evening, April 27th. Wm. Work, p. and M. E. Degress, J. A. BIGLOW, Secretary.

The new common council have made arrangements to use their own property and hereafter will meet in the Library hall and the two iron cages will also be housed in this public building.  
Back again in the harness is William E. McClellan who has bought the feed store of Saterlee & Buttraw and will again furnish the farmers all they may desire in the way of feed, etc.

The Langley will contest case is on. A sister-in-law, of the late Thomas Langley, with two daughters, Thomas, Detroit, are the prosecutors. Mrs. Cora Westlake is the defendant. The case involves considerable property, and many anxious Birmingham people, as witnesses, are in attendance at the Court house in Pontiac these days. That is the reason we are a little shy on news this week, for Miss Lucy Ward is one of the main witnesses.

Tuesday was devoted to Forestry and Town Improvement, by the Women's Club. Roll call was responded to, by items on subjects. All the Women's societies had been invited to send delegates, and these told what their societies would do for Town Improvement. Mrs. VanSycle, of the Detroit Woman's Club, gave a paper on Forestry; Mrs. Donaldson, of Detroit, gave a talk on birds; Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hupp, Misses Hubbard, and Smith furnished music. The following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote, not only of the club but of all present. "Resolved, that Woman's Club protests against the destruction of our trees, and that they request the Village Board to enforce the law that forbids the cutting of a tree without their consent, and that when such permission is granted the owner be required to remove the stump.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Smith are visiting relatives at Jackson. They will be away for several weeks. Good luck.  
Two old time subscribers stopped their paper this week. Did local option cause it? We put it. Had we "kidded" them?  
Those beautiful framed pictures in the window of Spencer & Ferguson's store are given away absolutely free. Call, do your purchasing there, save your money and when you have your goods, take home one of those fine works of art.

Mrs. Mattie Cummings is in attendance at the Woman's Foreign Missionary convention held all this week at Clon, Michigan.  
Church society and Mrs. Cummings is representing the Franklin Methodist Protestant church.  
Five No. 25 Ladies of the Macabees of the World met in the hall on Monday evening. At every meeting this hive growing in both numbers and interest. At this meeting the guards christened themselves, "The Alberta Guards," after the District Commander, Mrs. G. A. Droelle.

Last Friday afternoon two little tots aged three and five years, children of Mrs. Glenn David Pontiac, fell into the Clinton river while playing. But after an exciting chase were rescued. Paul, the three year old, floated two blocks, went over a dam and was fished out unconscious but was resuscitated.  
Newspapers can sometimes be brutal in publishing things that have no use in a newspaper. A careless word can sometimes blight a reputation, much more a careless item in a newspaper. An editor owes it to his readers to be careful to publish nothing that will injure them or place them in a false light.

About the busiest man now a-days is Cassius H. Carter, who has assumed his office as township treasurer and these duties along with his trade as a painter, paper hanger, and decorator keeps him just on the jump. He also sells wall paper and cheerfully furnishes estimates. He will sell you glass and do your glazing. Can one man do more. We would like to know.  
We are informed by the editor of someone's leading paper, Mr. Bradgton, that Birmingham has been lucky in securing the services of Prof. S. M. Dudley of that city for our next year's Sept. 20th. School. Mr. Dudley has all the qualifications to make a most successful S.P.T., and we are sure our school will lose none of its prestige under the coming man's care and control.

The "yard of pennies" collection was gathered in last Wednesday at the regular monthly meeting of the Freshly In ladies. The collection was immense nearly a peck of pennies being brought in. They counted over 6,000 and now the ladies are to have a boiling day, to clean their coin.  
This meeting was at Mrs. George H. Ferguson's, of Southfield avenue, and a nice afternoon was pleasantly passed.

The Modern Heating and Plumbing company under Julian Loet's management is doing a fine and satisfactory job at the big summer home of W. W. Chittenden at Bloomfield Hills. This company is ready right now to heat and plumb your house and build from the cellar bottom to the chimney top. Estimates will be cheerfully furnished and you may know before you sign at all, just what your job will cost you in cash. A proper guarantee will be given with all contract work.

We presume that some people think newspaper men are persistent donors. Let a farmer place himself in a similar position as to what he would not do the same. Suppose that he raises a ton and a half of corn, and his neighbor should come and buy, and the price be one dollar or less, and says, "I will pay the amount in a few days." As the farmer has no ready cash, he will be small about the matter, he says, "All right." Another comes the same way, and another, until the whole thousand bushels of corn is trusted to a thousand different people and to one of the different persons comes himself about it, for it is a small amount they owe the farmer and of course that will not help him any. He does not realize that the farmer has fritted away his entire crop of corn, and that his value is in a thousand little debits, and that he is seriously embarrassed in his business, because his debtors treat it as a little matter. But if all would pay him promptly, which they could as well as not, it would be a large sum to the farmer and would enable him to carry on his business without difficulty.

Business called us out to Cranbrook the other day and we were most hospitably entertained in a short visit with Mr. H. W. Booth, father of George G. Booth, the owner of Cranbrook. Mr. H. W. Booth has an acquaintance that runs through thousands through his many articles of interesting and amusing readings headed "Peripatations of a Church Tramp." These writings appeared in the Sunday News Tribune some time ago and ran for several weeks furnishing much information in a very readable way. The Big Booth home which is rapidly approaching a finish, is fast perking up as an army of expert workmen can make it. It is a wonder. This house of castle rather with its long acres of high hills and low valleys, its lake, its many rills and landscape beauty, both natural and made, has no equal in the state of Michigan. Trespassing is not allowed here, no wonder. One day last week, a man had to go and was off two miles from where they were doing their best to shoot a couple of blue herons or cranes that were thinking of settling down in the waters of Cranbrook. Vandalism! It will not be contented here but the men who are all completed we understand that Wednesday of each week will be a genuine day of welcome to people who wish to view this wonderful scene.

Housecleaning is becoming prevalent. Mrs. Emma Parks, sister of Mrs. I. N. Baker, is quite ill at this writing.  
The roast beef supper of the L. O. T. M. was a fine success both socially and financially.  
Guilty or not guilty, everybody is agreed that Percy Bowen was tried by a jury of his peers.  
Weather prediction for May in Oakland county: Apparently dry, but probably a heavy dew in sundry secluded places.

Mrs. Lena Wilson has been chosen as delegate to the bi-ennial review of L. O. T. M. to be held in Toledo, Ohio, in June next.  
Saginaw is in a state of despondency, finding that it will cost the city \$50,000,000 to get a supply of pure water. Next Friday old Oakland gets it for nothing and about half the people are in despair over that too.  
Our infant industries must be protected. Uncle Sam and the Detroit police force have joined hands and declared for the closed shop in behalf of the American Federation of Labor. All who are not members of the Union must go.

Mrs. W. B. Carter has been spending the last three weeks with her daughter, Mrs. G. A. Ringel, of Belleville, and while there was royally entertained by Mrs. Post and sister, Miss Hester, Mrs. Robson and daughter, and also the Misses Lilly.  
The progressive pedro party given by the Lady Macabees of the World, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Smith, one evening last week, was a well attended. First prizes were won by Volney Nixon and Mrs. J. H. Backborough.

The Oakland Motor company, Pontiac's newest automobile industry, will make and market 500 cars this year. At a recent test the Oakland car, run from Cleveland to Buffalo, a distance of 212 miles, at an average speed of 25 miles an hour without accident.  
Mr. Eugene Brooks has caused his army of friends much alarm by being very ill, but at this writing is somewhat better and promises soon to be around again. We certainly hope so; good men are scarce and when 'Gene remains indoors we are certainly very lonesome.

A wedding in Birmingham. Married at high noon at the home of the bride Sunday, April 7th, Rose Hutchinson and Miss Mary Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Howland. The happy couple took a short trip and will settle on the farm north of our village.  
"ye editor" that fishing was real good at the mill pond. One boy had hooked and pulled in a bluegill, and another boy while up to shore when two other boys jumped on the big fish's back but after all he escaped. Makes us wish we were a kid again.

Do you know that when you pay your bills promptly that enables somebody else to pay theirs promptly, and that this money is kept in circulation and times this improved? An honest man gives a pleasure in paying a bill promptly, but the idea of ever having to pay at all is what hurts the dishonest man.  
The dancing class of Miss Georgia Hoyt of 1908 are getting for which invitations are out. This party comes off Thursday evening, April 30th. Fine music will be on hand. The pleasant and popular teacher has invited her intended to be present and all will be happy. Dancing begins at 8. Bill 50c. Home early.

By a vote of 26 to 3 the board of supervisors declared Thursday morning that local option had carried by 79 votes. The Pontiac brewing company will go to the courts, and it is said the Pontiac saloonists will demand licenses May 1 and as of course, they will not be granted, they purpose asking for a mandamus and fighting it all over again.  
Our new miller at the Birmingham Mills wants the farmers of this vicinity to know that, having purchased the said mill property from G. H. Saterlee, he is ready to do custom, grind and feed grinding of all kinds; and to families and all purchases from that he will turn out the best grade of flour possible at prices as low as any. Mr. Maugh has been a miller since he was big enough to be anything, and is a good, hard-working, honest fellow. Drop in and see him the mill, and you will turn out the best grade of flour possible at prices as low as any. Mr. Maugh has been a miller since he was big enough to be anything, and is a good, hard-working, honest fellow. Drop in and see him the mill, and you will turn out the best grade of flour possible at prices as low as any.

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**IF YOU HAPPEN**  
To need a supply of groceries, the best that money can buy - fresh and clean - call on us.  
Note the Following:  
 Fancy Swiss Fond Orange 25c  
 First-class Bananas 15c, 30c, 40c  
 do. Jack Horner Almonds 25c  
 Fancy Calif. Peaches 20c  
 do. 10c  
 Fancy Calif. Apples 15c  
 3 lbs. for 25c  
 Calif. Dates and Figs per lb. 25c  
 Fancy Imported Figs, 15c  
 Parsnips, 8c for 10c  
 Vegetables, Cucumbers, beans, 10c  
 Eggs, per doz. 25c  
 Dairy Butter, lb. 30c  
 House-Cleaning Specials  
 10 bars Soap Laundry Soap 25c  
 4 lbs. Mottled German 25c  
 6 lbs. White 25c  
 Powder 10c  
 Extra fine 4-lb. Broom 25c  
 Talcum Powder 10c  
 Canned Goods  
 Calif. Peas, per can. 25c  
 Calif. Peas, per can. 15c  
 California Plums, per can 20c  
 Jack Horner Almonds 25c  
 Salmon, 2 for 25c  
 3 cans Early June Peas. 25c  
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 3 cans Campbell's Beans. 25c  
 3 cans Star-Bright Tomatoes 25c  
 Crockery  
 Dinner Plates, doz. 85c  
 Small Plates, doz. 60c  
 6-piece Toilet Set. \$1.25  
 Flower Pots, all sizes

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Prompt Delivery

Wedding rumors are floating all over our little village.  
The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church will meet at the church, Friday afternoon, May 1st. Supper, 12 cents. Ready to welcome, local time. All are welcome. M. BLAKESLEE.  
Query? Did Postmaster Hanna change his shade trees before surgeon Dan Cavanaugh operated on them? The Handy Daniel a potato license to perform operations on the unsuspecting?  
Did you notice John Hanna's totem poles? Looks like we lived in Alaska. Say, which is the worse, to cut a tree from the top down, or to cut it down from the bottom up? Don't know 'I ask!

Mrs. W. R. Mason, of Montreal, has been visiting her parents, Mr. A. O. Smith and wife, of Maple ave. On her return home to Quebec, she and her husband will immediately start on a four-around the world.

**Pale, Thin, Nervous?**  
Then your blood must be in a very bad condition. You certainly know what to take, then take it - Ayer's Sarsaparilla. If you doubt, then consult your doctor. We know what he will say about this grand old family medicine.  
This is the first question your doctor should ask. "Are the bowels regular?" The blood of that action of the bowels is absorbed into the system, and is the first step toward a new blood, regular by taking laxative medicine. Ayer's Sarsaparilla.  
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AND ALL  
THE FURORS OF ALL OUR MEDICINES.  
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**Wanted For Sale For Rent**  
FOR SALE - Choice settings of Rhode Island Red Eggs, \$1. per setting of 13. These are from the finest birds and the best ever of Birmingham. \$4.25  
Piano, \$25.00, elegant mahogany upright. Will take horse or cow and balance cash or time. For further particulars address 160 Hendrix avenue, Detroit.  
FOR SALE - Quantity of dirt for grading. Inquire of E. C. Gardner, Birmingham. Phone 108. L. 417.  
House and lot in Flint within four blocks of the Buick Motor Engine Works; worth \$1800, can be traded for a house and lot of equal value in Birmingham or pay for same promptly. This is a fine farm land near Birmingham. Any one interested please call at Mitchell at the ECCENTRIC office. A machinist could get work at Buick's the year round at good wages. \$4.25  
FOR SALE - 25 Thoughtful Brown Lecher chickens, including two roosters. A. E. Rosso, Willow avenue, Birmingham.  
FOR SALE - House and lot in Birmingham on Forest ave. Two blocks from electric line. Finished in oak, upper and lower story. Heated with new furnace both floors, gas, basement under all, bath room on first floor. For particulars address box 83 Birmingham.  
HOUSE TO RENT - Inquire of E. A. Parks.  
WANTED - Hickory, White Oak, Hard Maple, and White Ash, in any quantity for which we will pay cash. Call at BIRMINGHAM HANDLE CO.

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Yard-wide Pongee Silk, natural, per yard, \$1.25 and \$1.35.  
We offer a choice assortment in Novelty Pongee - stripes, check and mono tone effects. They are correct for tailored waists and suits; are very new; yard, \$1 and \$1.10.

**BLACK DRESS GOODS**  
LEADERS FOR THIS WEEK  
Pure Worsted Panama, best color, 50c value, for 38c.  
Smooth All-Wool Panama, 75c quality, for 50c.  
Oman Serge, sold everywhere at 58c, for 50c.  
Special Suitings for coat suits, beautiful herringbone design; \$1.55 value for per yard, \$1.10.  
45-inch Pure Wool Twine Cloth, like heavy Etamine, \$1.25 value, at 75c.  
Fancy Stripes Voile - We offer for Monday only, one of \$1.50 quality at \$1.25.  
\$1.25 quality at \$1.  
54-inch Chiffon Panama, beautiful color, evening, a bargain at \$1.

**DRESS GOODS IN COLORS**  
A wonderful variety of designs, all the newest shades. You are invited to see them. We maintain a few 45-inch invisible checks and stripes in all the popular shades for spring. Correct weights for Tailor Suits and Dresses at \$1.  
44-inch German Suitings, in all the new current grey tones from the very light shades to the dark shades; in plain and fancies; at \$1, \$1.10 and \$1.25.  
Invisible Stripes in the new browns, tans, cognac and Admiral Evans blue; special for tailor suits at \$1.50.  
50-inch Tailor Suitings, invisible herringbone stripes with small white hair-line. This style cloth very desirable at \$1.75.  
44-inch Fancy Mixed Stripes, confection styles, greys, tans and new greens, from the best German manufacturers - offered at \$1.25.  
50-inch London Stripes - greys, tans and cognac and blues; this cloth makes a rich handsome tailor suit at \$2.  
Muslin Sacques and Kimonos  
Just received, a complete assortment in both light and dark colors, at 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.50 and \$2.95.

**KIMONOS**  
Just received, a fine line of imported long silk Kimonos, in all the latest designs, made in the empire and made of the best fabric. In the best line of these goods we have shown. Prices \$5, \$6, \$7.50 and \$8.

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New lightweight materials, in black, blue and brown, ruffle-trimmed, with hemstitched hem. Regular value \$1.50. Bought cheap and offered to you at \$1 each.

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