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To Our Friends

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THE PUBLISHERS

HOME NOTES

FOR SALE—Ice box in good condition. Inquire of Mrs. Levi Allen. 2t

Miss Minnie Burnett has accepted a position at Shain's soda fountain.

The ladies of St. James' Guild will hold a food sale Saturday afternoon, at Parks' meat market, beginning at two o'clock.

Mayor Johnson, of Pontiac, has the contract for replacing the Vhay home, destroyed by fire last winter. Ground was broken Wednesday for the new structure.

WANTED—An intelligent, competent bookkeeper, who is good cook and a good home for the right person. Give references and address, X. Y. Z. Lock Box 44, Birmingham.

WANTED. Ten or twelve tons to haul gravel; also three or four men to shovel. Apply to George H. Fowler, Highway commissioner of Bloomfield, Pontiac, or to Thomas H. Cobb, town clerk, Birmingham, Mich.

FOR SALE—House and two acres of land with small fruit, also household furniture, two bed room suites good as new, and three feather beds. All sold cheap. Address Ann Duffy, east Southfield Burg, R. P. D. 1, Birmingham.

Earl Mudge and Emory Hanna ran another race Tuesday afternoon, the latter winning by about four feet in a dash of about 80 yards. Mudge stumbled at the start, giving his opponent the lead which was easily maintained to the finish.

On Thursday evening of last week about 30 ladies from Detroit, members of the Diamond lodge, Daughters of Rebeccah, gave Mrs. Frank Sherman a genuine surprise. Music, dancing, games, etc., assisted in making up a most enjoyable time.

The Womens Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church will meet with Mrs. Guy Watkins, corner of Brown and Southfield aye., Thursday, June 17th, at 7:30 p. m. This will be our annual meeting. All are welcome. SECRETARY.

New books in the library: Fifty-four—forty or Fight, by Hough; Harper's Machinery book for boys; Roanoke Red Gate, by Nicholson; The Spell, by Orcutt; Rose McLeod, by Alice Brown; Will Shakespeare's Little God, by Clark; The Young Financier, Wick of Sea Lyons, In the Open, by Stoddard; Ten Weeks with a Circus, by Otis.

The city tax rate in Pontiac is \$2.45 per \$1,000 higher than last year, and is due to local option. In Detroit the rate is boosted about \$3 per \$1,000 due doubtless to a greater number of saloons per capita than in any other place in Michigan. "You pay your money and make your choice." And speaking of taxes, they will be a few higher in Birmingham this year.

For 2 months past William H. Smith, of Maple ave. has been coveting over around and under the states of New York and New Jersey, having a good time visiting his daughter, Belle Ward and other relatives. Being handy to the big city, Bre'r Smith did the Great White Way, Broadway to the heart's content, and saw many wonderful sights, and—blast if they all didn't seem to agree with him.

Brae Burn, the magnificent property of W. J. Chittenden, shows what money and labor can do under the guidance of a good manager, which Mr. Chittenden has proved himself to be. Two years ago the site was a level gravel pit. Today the grounds are nicely graded, covered with grass, trees and shrubbery, with handsome residence and substantial outbuildings, all electric lighted. The latest improvement is a beautiful hedge of lilacs along the entire front of the grounds.

Communicated: A very quiet home wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blakelee a week ago Tuesday evening, when their daughter, Grace Mae, was united in marriage to Mr. Frank C. Deer. Miss Francis Boughner acted as bridesmaid and Mr. George Deer, of Ann Arbor, accompanied the groom. Promptly at 8 o'clock, the Mendelssohn march played by Miss Evelyn Deer, the bridal party took their place in the archway beneath the wedding bell. The arch was beautifully decorated in white with a back ground of lilacs of the valley. After the ceremony the party passed into the dining room, which was handsomely decorated with lilacs and white carnations, where a dainty luncheon was served. The bride was dressed in cream silk tulle and carried a shower bouquet of pink roses while the maid of honor was dressed in pink silk tulle and carried white roses. Rev. Jameson tied the knot.

Less than two weeks to commencement.

Will the Board of Review have a meeting this year?

Don't forget the food sale for the Village Improvement society June 19. Said a member of the south-siders, "well, those north siders got the most runs, but we had the most errors."

Another display of a fine extinguisher at the Library corner Saturday evening. Of course it was a success.

Robert S. Arthur, aged 86 years, drowned himself by putting his head in a water trough at West Highland, on Thursday last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Peter Hill, of Lennon street, at the corner Saturday day last, which was held at the home of Dr. J. L. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller, of Detroit, gave us a friendly shake as they passed by Wednesday. They look like they were in the line for a member of the State Board of Registration in medicine is spending three days in Ann Arbor this week examining students.

Birmingham Lodge No. 149, K. of P., has accepted the invitation of Pontiac lodge No. 19 to assist the latter in observing Pythian Memorial Day on Sunday next.

The Sigma Tau sorority were entertained at the home of Miss Aggie Herblon last Friday evening and five young ladies of the high school were initiated into the society.

LAST—A mahogany spirit level and a large monkey wrench between the brick yard and the post office. One dollar reward will be paid to the finder by leaving them at this office.

The basket auto announced in last week's Eccentric was to appear for inspection in this village last Saturday morning, failed to appear. You can't sell stock by disappointing the people.

FOR SALE—Fully equipped pile driver with capstan and outfit complete. Also one bay mare 12 years old, two sets of singleness, light road wagon, on a lot of dry, stove wood. Inquire of Mrs. Helen Whitcomb, Birmingham, 1 mile north and west of Erit's mill.

A subscriber to the street sprinkler sends in a vigorous kick because the sprinkling man and his sprinkler does not, as yet, lay the dust. The talking made the same complaint to the ECCENTRIC. Just hold on boys, give the sprinkler and the driver a chance and if they don't do better, we will join you Saturday and Sunday this week should flow.

One of the most beautiful luncheons given in Birmingham for some time was that of Mrs. A. Whitehead, on Wednesday afternoon of last week, in honor of the Misses Charlotte Blanding and Anna Hulbert. The table was decorated with American Beauty roses and the place cards most appropriate for the occasion. The invited guests were the Misses Blanding, Anna Hulbert, Luana Blumsted, Grace McBride, Ruby Jamieson, Mabel Campbell, Floy Courtright, Isabel Campbell, Marian Robinson and Helen Hulbert.

Everybody attending St. James' church or considering themselves in any way connected with St. James' parish is cordially invited to take part in an informal social gathering in the vestry of the church at 7 o'clock on Thursday evening, June 17. There will be a few little things done by way of entertaining those who come, and thoughtful refreshments served. You aren't asked to bring anything but a happy frame of mind, nor to give anything but cheerful greetings and to get acquainted all around. Remember the date, Thursday, June 17, at 7:30 p. m.

THE ECCENTRIC recently stated that "for some time past all library books returned from houses where there has been sickness have been thoroughly disinfected." How does that help the Wicks which have been circulating for months past, many of them going into homes where the white plague has been? Is it reasonable to expect our librarian to know of every case of sickness in a town of 1500 inhabitants?

Did anyone ever hear of disinfecting one room only of a house where there had been smallpox? Then why disinfect a dozen books only out of two or three thousand? A lady from Missouri.

Pat McLaughlin has some good news for the farmers. He says the potato bug has had its day and that there will be none this year. He says he has been watching all the spring for some sign of the old hard-shelled fellows who always have been on hand early in the season, but has seen none. The potato bug has been exterminated and all the rest of us will join him in acclaiming the glad news and hoping that Pat's opinion is right.

We'll buy the best quality of potato drink for the man bringing us the first potato bug.—Holly Herd. Sorry to say Pat is mistaken. In this neighborhood the old reliable is found sitting on the garb in overcoat and earlugs, waiting for the potato to show up.

The Entree Nons Club, of which this has had most delightful meetings throughout the winter, had its grand finale last Saturday, with the 12 members, of which the club is composed, were gathered in a day at Pine Lake. The first stop the young ladies made was at the Sly Farm, where the Misses Adair and Sarah Sly gave the girls a joyful good time and served a most beautiful and delicious luncheon on their broad veranda. From the Sly Farm, Miss M. J. Hulbert, as driver, conducted the party safely to the Interlaken at Pine Lake, where at 5:30 a course dinner was served.

The table was beautifully decorated and everything perfect in every detail for the occasion. The party followed by dancing and about 8 o'clock the happy couple turned homeward.

Looks as though the growing season was almost here.

James Cannon, of Southfield, took an auto ride one day last week.

A gang of men is busy cleaning up on the old Stevens farm north of here. Mr. and Mrs. Cotton, of Detroit, called on their numerous friends Sunday last.

The state of Michigan has trained 35,000 young men and women at its university.

The Oakland Electric company has put in a set of fans in Charles Shain's drug store.

Michigan was the first state in the Union to establish a complete school system, the Compulsory Education Law, which was held at the home of Dr. J. L. Campbell.

Isn't it about time that street lamp on Woodward, just south of Maple avenue was put in commission again?

The Serrell will contest has been settled out of court, Harry Serrell conceding his sister \$45,000 and upward.

That street sprinkler is just about what was needed. And when the really dry weather comes it will be more welcome than ever.

The rain on Friday night made extra work on the new telephone building on Pierce street, by caving in a lot of dirt on the partially built wall.

The big man may lay down on the little fellow, but it is just as well to bear in mind that the prize pumpkin at the fair seldom makes the best pie.

The senior class of the high school were royally entertained at the home of Mrs. Starr, the music director, at her home near Royal Oak last Thursday evening.

The Ladies' Aid of the First Presbyterian church will meet at the home of Mrs. Albert Adams on Wednesday of next week at 3 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

Medaunt G. Crawford and J. L. Campbell will give an "at home" in honor of Miss Lou MacDougal tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Crawford.

Frank Deer and his bride of a week have settled down in their cozy home near Maple avenue and it would think they had been housekeeping all their lives. Frank had got so he can say "my wife" without blushing.

Tuesday evening the Young People's society of the First Presbyterian church held their June meeting at the home of Miss Blanche Heth. At the close of the meeting the society presented Miss Lou MacDougal with a beautiful hand painted dish.

Mrs. William Bristol celebrated her 89th birthday anniversary on May 31st. Last Monday she was visited by several guests made from Lemora grown in her own home in Southfield. She has always resided within half a mile of where she now resides.

The next meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will be held Thursday, June 17, at Mrs. Wm. Hamm's. This meeting held in the country in June is always one of the treats of the year and very enjoyable, and we hope as many as possible will be present.

For some time past there has been considerable rivalry between Earl Mudge and Emory Hanna as to which was the fastest sprinter. Thursday during the ball game, they pulled off in an impromptu race around the diamond both making the circle in 16 seconds. They will run again at a future date.

The 26th annual reunion of the Campbell family was held at the home of Dr. J. L. Campbell, on Maple avenue, on Saturday last. The reunion was held on the wedding anniversary of Mrs. Welcome Campbell, this year being her 71st anniversary. There were 54 present and all had a very pleasant time.

An exchange says: Small men with small purposes do not help to make a town lively or a progressive. The man who never contributes to public enterprise or voluntarily assists in supporting any of the public enterprises is not worth coaxing to remain a town, and should be moved out; it is always a matter of congratulation. It is units and not mere cities that count for something. "Be a unit."

A town is greatly judged by its schools and churches. Our churches are a credit to a city of this size. Our church buildings are not large but neat and inviting and our pastors are pulpit orators, the equal of which one seldom finds outside the metropolitan cities. Our schools are equally good, in most respects. Our buildings are all that could be desired; our teachers are the best of the money and are careful and wise school board can employ, and if our schools do not come up to the perfection line the fault can be traced to the pupils themselves, who fail to appreciate the advantages a generous public has given them.

It is a true saying, "you can't saw wood with a hammer," and it was forcibly brought to mind one day last week when an industry which had laid idle for a year or two, "was being brought to life and put upon its feet. One of our foremost professions, all men expressing himself as being heartily pleased at a temporary drawback. It is claimed there are more people in Birmingham who persistently brought to life and put upon its feet than any other place in the state. Just lay aside the little hammer and saw wood for a while. Don't knock. Be a booster and help the town that has made you what you are.

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FOR SALE—3-acre farm all under cultivation. One building, 100 ft. long, 12 ft. wide. Four miles from railroad station, in a well-located town. Good crops of corn, wheat, etc. from Grand Rapids to Ludington, which is now to be had in any quantity. Call on No. 1 block, 101, the very best land, very rich soil, and very good water. This farm and holder to go with the farm. One-half mile to church and school. This farm will take \$10,000.00. To make a quick sale will take \$8,000.00 cash.



A Good Square Loaf

Of bread is what we give you for your money. By "square" we do not refer to the shape, but to the quality and size of the loaf.

The Size of the Loaf

You can see at a glance. The quality will be apparent as soon as you begin to eat. Some of the very finest bakers in town have given up home baking, and are using our wonder. Why?

F. J. WARNER

H. W. BAXTER

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- Graduation and Wedding Gifts
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Repairing of All Kinds

Promptly done.
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ELLIOTT-TAYLOR-WOOLFENDEN CO.

Woodward and Grand River

In Our Shoe Department

We are showing a complete assortment of Women's, Misses' and Children's Boots, Pumps and Oxfords. In all leathers—Tans, Blacks, Taupe Greys and Bronze, Ooze Calif, Patent Calif, Russian Calif, Mat Calif and Vici Kid, in the newest designs for Spring and Summer. Boots and Oxfords \$3.00. A few Specials \$3.50. The Elliott Shoes fit your feet. See our New Eclipse Tie, the newest pump creation in Tan Calif, Patent Colt, Taupe Grey and Black Ooze Calif. Our Special, \$3.50.

Our New 3-Eyelet Ties in Tan, Gun Metal and Patent Colt are one of our newest effects in Low Cuts. All leathers, \$3.00.

In Button Oxfords in Patent Colt and Tan Calif with Brown Ooze Tops, with light and medium weight soles and Cuban heels. Very snappy for dress and street wear. All styles, \$3.00.

Misses' and Children's Ankle-Strap Pumps and Oxfords in Brown Kid, Gun Metal calf and Patent Colt, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00. The newest style for girls in low cuts.

Specials for This Week

- LOT 1. Women's \$3.00 Lace Boots, all leathers and most all sizes. Reduced to \$1.95.
- LOT 2. Women's \$3.00 Oxfords; all leathers; turn and welt soles; most all sizes. Reduced to \$2.38.
- LOT 3. Misses' \$2.00 3-Strap Roman Sandals, with patent vamps. Reduced to \$1.48. Sizes 1 1/2 to 2, all widths.
- LOT 4. Infants' \$1.00 Shoes with Kent slip soles, narrow widths. Reduced to 29c. Sizes 4 to 6, to close them out.

ABOUT ADVERTISING—NO. 8

The Cellar Hole and the Sewer Hole

By Herbert Kaufman.

A coal cart stopped before an office building in Washington and the driver dismounted, removed the cover from a manhole, ran out his chute, and proceeded to empty the load. An old negro strolled over and stood watching him. Suddenly the black man glanced down and immediately burst into a fit of uncontrollable laughter, which continued for several minutes. The cart driver looked at him in amusement. "Say, Uncle," he asked, "do you always laugh when you see coal going into a cellar?" The negro pattered around for a few moments and then holding his hands to his aching sides managed to say, "No, sah, but I just bust when I sees it goin' down a sewer."

The advertiser who displays lack of judgment in selecting the newspapers which carry his copy often confuses the sewer and the cellar.

All the money that is put into newspapers isn't taken out again by any means. The fact that all papers possess a certain physical likeness doesn't by any means signify a similarity in character, and it's character in a newspaper that brings returns. The editor who conducts a journalistic sewer finds a different class of readers than the publisher who respects himself enough to respect his readers.

What goes into a newspaper largely determines the class of homes into which the newspaper goes. An irresponsible, scandal-mongering, muck-raking sheet is logically not supported by the buying classes of people. It may be perused by thousands of readers, but such readers are seldom purchasers of advertised goods.

It's the clean-cut, steady, normal-minded citizens who form the bone and sinew and muscle of the community. It's the sane, self-respecting, dependable newspaper that enters their homes and it's the home sale that indicates the strength of an advertising medium.

No clean-minded father of a family wishes to have his wife and children brought in contact with the most maudlin and banal phases of life. He defends them from the sensational editor and the unpleasant advertiser. He subscribes to a newspaper which he does not fear to leave about the house.

Therefore, the respectable newspaper can always be counted upon to produce more sales than one which may even own a larger circulation but whose distribution is in ten editions among unprofitable citizens.

You can no more expect to sell goods to people who haven't money than you can hope to pluck oysters from bushes.

It isn't the number of readers reached but the number of readers whose purses can be reached that constitutes the value of circulation. It's one thing to arouse their attention, but it's a far different thing to get their money. The mind may be willing, but the pocketbook is weak.

If you had the choice of a thousand acres of desert land or a hundred acres of oasis, you'd select the fertile spot, realizing that the larger tract had less value because it would be less productive.

Just so the advertiser who really understands how he is spending his money does not measure by bulk alone. He counts productivity first. He takes care that he is not putting his money into a sewer.

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IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE
WHOSE CAT'S TAIL IS IN THE DOOR

It makes a difference whether you get your Coal in the summer or not.
First, and quite important, it is cheaper.
Second, and quite as important, you get better coal.
Third, you have it over; and there comes a peace of mind.

IF YOU ARE THINKING OF PLACING
AN ORDER FOR LUMBER

Consult us. An estimate will cost you nothing, and it will likely save you money.

T. B. SMITH

The Lumber and Coal Hustler
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A COMPLETE LINE OF

OXFORDS

For CHILDREN'S DAY

A very fine assortment in tan, black and patent leather. Sizes complete. All prices. Make your selections early.

BAREFOOT SANDALS

A full line of Children's Sandals for hot-weather wear.

Henry Pauli

Pontiac

Showing the Statements of
The

Royal Oak Savings Bank

As called for by the State Banking Commissioner

Deposits	Assets
Dec. 31 '07 \$ 53,008 47	\$ 72,232 47
Feb. 14 '08 66,991 12	90,991 12
May 14 '08 106,755 56	110,946 83
July 15 '08 105,000 69	129,238 79
Sept. 23 '08 110,768 03	135,539 88
Nov. 28 '08 122,740 58	148,282 44
Feb. 5 '09 132,044 45	157,298 53
April 28 '09 138,737 48	165,208 34

We respectfully call your attention to our continuous and steady growth.

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