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To Our Friends

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HOME NOTES

Albert Stanley and Miss Marie Hurley, of Detroit, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Beuger.

New books at the library: Weather by T. Inning, For the Honor of the School, both by Harlow.

Good seed potatoes, New York Rules, the best ever. Call on Thomas Cook, Birmingham, for delivery.

Do not forget the Village Improvement food sale. Everyone invited to contribute as it is for the whole village.

A big family reunion at David A. Lewis', Wednesday all day. Big outdoor dinner and barbecue. Ah happy.

Berry pickers can get their card picking cards, just as they want them, at a reasonable price at the Electric office.

Miss Daisy Durkee is now angel of the office. She is learning the art, preservative of all arts, and is advancing right along.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Harvey, and the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McHugh over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Quirk, of Toronto, Ontario, were happy callers on their many Birmingham friends on Tuesday of this week.

John McCarroll wants to rent his house to a man and wife to be paid for all or in part by his board. This is a fine chance for some one who wants to rent a house.

Good horse barn and hen house for sale cheap; also several hundred cement blocks. W. C. BURR, Woodward Avenue, two miles north of Birmingham.

Hon. Patrick Kelly delivers the commencement address, June 23, at the Methodist Church. Mr. Kelly is well known by our townspeople and his address promises to be interesting.

WANTED—An intelligent, competent housekeeper, who is good cook and good for the right person. References required. Mrs. Harry Pierce, Southfield Avenue, Phone 97-1.

The annual food sale of the Village Improvement society will be held tomorrow (Saturday) June 12 at 3 p. m. in the lower west rooms of the library building. Entrance at the south door.

The K. of P. lodge will hold memorial services Sunday, June 20. Every brother is requested to be present. Meet at Castle hall at 1:30 standard time. Now please come brother. Sec'y.

If the people on the south side of Birmingham were awakened from sound slumber about 12 o'clock Saturday night last, and saw a strange apparition, just turn over and sleep sweetly, for 'twas nothing more than three boys doing stunts.

Gage Wheeler, of Tacoma, Wash., and L. Corey, of Toledo, Ohio, were guests of Mrs. N. M. Corey, of this village, the early part of this week. Mr. Wheeler attended the big Shrine meeting at Louisville, Ky., last week and took a turn up into Ohio and Michigan looking up relatives.

Guess it will be a busy day on Wednesday, June 30, for some people. Invitations are out for a St. James' Church wedding that afternoon of Miss Charlotte Blanding and Knox Poppleton. Within the hour Miss Lou MacDougall will be married to Dr. Walter McBride, of Portland, Michigan.

L. H. Houghton is a Birmingham public benefactor. He is building two handsome houses in that unglorified hole on Southfield Avenue. One house is well under way. T. H. Borden is doing the boss carpenter. The other will soon be started. No one but L. H. could conceive of such a good way to fill an unglorified hole in the ground.

Alfred Massey, a wealthy Englishman, says American boys are brighter than English boys. He does not appear to know why. One of the chief reasons why young America is bright is because it tips the cap to no square, squirreling or other condescending overtones. And in addition to this he may find by listening to the conversation of Uncle Sam's sons and daughters that each and every one has a towering ambition; not one will stay in a particular class if he or she can see a way of getting higher.

Miss Marion Porter gave a miscellaneous shower at her home on Woodward avenue on Thursday evening of last week in honor of Miss Lou MacDougall, whose marriage to Dr. Walter McBride, of Portland, will take place the last of June. Miss MacDougall was presented with numerous gifts in a very unique manner, each being brought by a special messenger boy. At the close of the evening a delicious lunch was served in the dining room, which was very prettily decorated, the color scheme being pink and white.

THE FISHER WILL

Class night at the Methodist Church, June 22.

Go and hear Floyd Campbell sing on class night!

David Roy is again on duty at the power house.

Frank Rose will sing on commencement night, June 23.

Pretty near the 4th of July and not much hot weather as yet.

The Atlantic monthly and Bird Lore are on the reading table at the library.

Please remember the dues at the cemetery. Mrs. E. A. O'Neal will be glad to cross your name off from the list.

Weekin' time on the D. U. R. Three gangs of men on this division, cleaning tracks.

Calaustrate address by Rev. W. H. Jamieson, June 20, at the Presbyterian Church.

When you go to Shain's fountain ask for a bucket. It's the latest way to serve ice cream. Try it.

A. T. Gibbs, of Royal Oak, was a welcome visitor to this office, Wednesday.

Otto John Bell, of Clawson.

Martin H. Blunt, the silver-tongued orator, of Warren, is safely home from a two-weeks visit with friends and relatives in Missouri.

All vases, cans, etc. placed in the cemetery must be placed even with the surface of the ground. The fine for this purpose cost five cents each.

The foundation wall of grouting for the Telephone Block is solidly finished, and John Felder, assisted by Ren Shadbolt, is busy laying on three courses of cement blocks—the best manufactured by George W. Cray.

Will the friends of our Village Improvement Society, who live out of town, please contribute to our annual food sale, Saturday afternoon, June 19, at 2 o'clock. Eggs, cottage cheese, etc., thankfully received.

The linen shower given by Mrs. Geo. Mitchell, for Miss Lou MacDougall, was a jolly social affair. Thirty-five ladies were present and the shower was fine and valuable. Luncheon was served and a most enjoyable afternoon was passed.

The Misses Helena Breitenbach, Cecilia Calton and Shirley Duntz, of Detroit school ma'ams were the happy guests of Miss Mary E. Utter, and the ECCENTRIC office was blessed too, thank you. All this on Wednesday. Good time! Ask em.

Tuesday of this week will carry handed a fine big contract for cement blocks, numbering nearly 5,000, with an immense foundation wall of cement grouting. Mr. Halstead, who purchased the Sarah Stevens property, is the new Bloomfield Hills home builder.

Richard L. Keiser took the contract for filling in and grading the grounds about the St. Clair-Edison Co.'s pretty office building on Pierce street. The job was well done, the ground is seeded, and Mr. Murtie, the polite and pleasant man in charge of the plant, is justly proud of his new surroundings—and so are we.

Real, active, energetic work has begun at the Birmingham Brick & Tile Yard. John L. Keyser is general manager of the whole plant, as well as contractor for the building of the telephone office building to be erected by Whitehead & Mitchell. Mr. George Evans, a brickmaker of experience will operate the plant, while half a dozen broad-shouldered men will all help to make the business profitable.

Mrs. F. G. Crawford and Mrs. J. L. Campbell very pleasantly entertained a party of friends at the home of Mrs. Crawford Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Lou MacDougall. Progressive pedro was the diversion of the afternoon, after which Master Donald Plumstead gave a recitation which was greatly enjoyed. At the close of the afternoon a delicious lunch was served. The house was beautifully decorated in pink and white.

Eugene Hanna, charged with deserting his wife and family, appeared before Justice A. W. Campbell, late Saturday afternoon and was given 30 days in which to make good. He promised to return to his family and report to the Justice at the end of that time. He left home the second Sunday in March, telling his wife he was going after a Sunday paper, and did not show up again until Thursday evening, when he was immediately rounded up by Marshal Smith, and taken to Pontiac. Mr. Hanna is now ready for any job of blacksmithing or horseshoeing at the Richardson shop, and hereafter will be good, as good can be.

"Once in a while you find a weak-kneed fellow who says "advertising doesn't pay." We never argue with such a one; it would be time lost. If he has failed to notice that all great industries and millions of smaller concerns in this country have been built up and prospered by advertising, why he is beyond hope if advertising does not pay, why is it our most successful business men advertise? The trouble is the doublet one drops one end of advertising into the drop ocean and expects to stir it to its depths. Keeping thoughtfully truthful and everlastingly at it is the way to get astonishing results.

Any lady reader of this paper will receive, on request, a clever "No-Drip" Coffee Strainer, supplied free from Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wisconsin. It is silver-plated, very pretty, and positively prevents all dripping of tea or coffee. The Doctor sends it, with his free book on "Health Coffee," simply to introduce this clever substitute for real coffee. Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee is gaining its great popularity because of its absolute purity and healthful flavor; second, its absolute healthfulness; third, its economy, 14 lbs. 25c. to 20-minute boiling. "Made in a minute," says Dr. Shoop. Try it at your grocer's, for a pleasant surprise. Sold by all grocers.

THE FISHER WILL

Maxwell M. Fisher, of Detroit, Leaves an Estate Worth \$2,000,000 to Mostly Birmingham Heirs

The widow, Mary Adelaide Fisher, son, Albert C. Fisher, and grandchildren are beneficiaries in the will of the late Maxwell M. Fisher, which was filed in probate court on Thursday. The will is dated Dec. 21, 1899.

The Fisher estate is largely left in trust, the Union Trust Co. named as trustee when the millionaire was declared incompetent, continuing in custody of the property. The legacies to the Fisher heirs until the death of the widow and son, are in the form of annuities. After the death of the two latter heirs, the estate is to be divided exactly as though Maxwell Fisher had died intestate.

Mrs. Fisher is left a life estate in the Woodward avenue home, and an annuity of \$4,000. Albert C. Fisher is left a life estate in his home on the Oakland county farm, and an annuity of \$800. In case the farm is sold by the estate the annuity of the son is increased to \$1,200 and \$5,000 is set aside to provide him and his home in Detroit. The other bequests are as follows: Robert L. Fisher, \$400; Emily Fisher Colby, \$300; David G. Fisher, \$200; Eva Fisher Tharby, \$300; Mary B. Fisher, \$300; Adelaide E. Fisher, \$300; Alice B. Fisher, \$300; Beattie Fisher, James B. Fisher and Russell H. Fisher annuities respectively of \$300, \$200, \$200 after each attains the age of 14 years. The deceased left his diamond shirt stud to his grandson, Robert L. Fisher, and gold watch and chain to David G. Fisher.

PLANTING TIME.

This is the time for planting seed. And 'tis also the printer's time of need. Sow with seed and lettuce too. And say the printer whatever is due. Good and build yourself an onion bed. And remember the printer must be fed. Sow several rows of early peas. And say for your last year's winter, please. Dig the crop—just about each winter time. And if you want your paper drop us a line. Plant some potatoes to put in cash. And remember the printer is short of cash. Fix up a hill or so of beans. And with the editor divide your means. If watermelon you'll need a sack. And the editor's pants need one more patch. And pay up your subscription, plant your own, and you'll make a big crop—same as the other.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BIRMINGHAM, June 14, '09.

Regular meeting according to law. President Dames in the chair. Trustees present—Crawford, Smith, Spencer and Schlaack.

Trustees absent Mills and Wilkinson.

Schlaack moved, supported by Smith, to allow the following bills:

WATER WORKS.

J. R. Bickleside 112 24
D. U. R. 60 12
Standard Oil Company 16 79
Norfolk & Chesapeake Company 48 82
E. B. Wilkinson 10 10
Walker Manufacturing Company 46 43
Lee Stanley 4 75
E. Randall 50 00
Sam Masters 2 25
Nate Fall 88 00
William Reynolds 11 11
Dan Castelle 21 74
McMarble 9 90

GENERAL EXPENSE.

Sam Masters 125 00
William Reynolds 16 82
John Allen 14 00

Frank Haeraman 11 00
D. U. R. 60 12
C. E. Smith 52 45
Union Carbide Company 70 70

Crawford moved, supported by Schlaack, to transfer \$100 from Water Works Fund to General Fund; also \$100 from Water-Works Fund to Highway Fund.

Ray Keyser, Clerk.

GEORGE E. DAMES, President.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The sophomores had a class party last Friday night at the home of Miss F. Crawford.

The Birmingham high school baseball team defeated the Royal Oak team here last Friday. Earle Mudge's star catch was the feature of the game.

The final examinations will begin this week Friday.

The new tuition law, in which a pupil lives, having no high school, will pay the tuition for the pupil to go to the nearest high school, will not take effect until next year.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES

Themes: Sabbath morning, at 10 a. m. standard time, "Christian Humility" Phil. 3:1-4. The same at Troy at 1:30. Evening at 7 p. m., "Judgment" 2 Cor. 5:10-11.

There will be an offering lifted in both churches for the benefit of Muskingum college on next Sabbath. Let us do all that we can for this worthy and useful institution.

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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 Slice of the Loaf

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Brooches Gift Links
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Mantle Sets
Hand Mirrors
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Woodward and Grand River

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See our New Eclipse Tie, the newest pump creation in Tan Calf, Patent Colt, Taupe Grey and Black Ooze Calf. Our Specials \$3.50.

Our New 3-Eylet 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 Calf 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 straps. 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. 1

The Doctor Whose Patients Hang On

By Herbert Kaufman.

Out in China all things are not topsy turvy. Physicians are paid for keeping people well and when their patients fall ill their weekly salary check is stopped. The Chinese judge a medical man not by the number of years he lives, but by the length of time his clients survive.

An advertising medium must be judged in the same way. The fact that it has age to its credit isn't so important as the age of its advertising patronage. Whenever a newspaper continues to display the store talk of the same establishment year after year, it's a pretty sure sign that the merchant has made money out of that newspaper, because no publication can continue to be a losing investment to its customers over a stretch of time without the fact being discovered. And when a newspaper is able to boast of an honor roll of stores that have continued to appear in its pages for a stretch of decades it has proven its superiority as plainly as a mountain peak which rises above its fellows.

The combination of stability and progress is the strongest virtue that a newspaper can possess. Only the fit survive—reputation is a difficult thing to get and a harder thing to hold—it takes merit to earn it and character to maintain it. There is a vast difference between fame and notoriety, and just as much difference between a famous newspaper and a notorious one.

Just as a manufacturer is always eager to install his choicest stocks in a store which has earned the respect of the community, just so a retailer should be anxious to insert his name in a newspaper which has earned the respect of its readers. The manufacturer feels that he will receive a square deal from a store which has age to its credit. He can expect as much from a newspaper which is a credit to its age!

The newspaper which outlives the rest does so because it was best fitted to—it had to earn the confidence of its readers—and keep it. It had to be a better newspaper than any other, and better newspapers go to the homes of better buyers. Every bit of its circulation has the element of quality and staying power. And it is the respectable, home-loving element of every community—not the touts and the gamblers—toward which the merchant must look for his business vertebrae—he cannot find buyers unless he uses the newspaper that enters their homes. And when he does enter their homes he must not confuse the sheet that comes in the back gate with the newspaper that is delivered at the front door.

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You will find that every pair is made of the best material, and that they are made right. Give us the pleasure of showing you, anyway.

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Pontiac

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