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B'HAM SCHOOLS

Rev. R. Eugene Griggs Visits our Schools and Says We Should be Proud of Them.

The residents of Birmingham have a very commendable pride in their schools, and well they may, for in the judgement of the writer there is no village of 1600 population in the state that can boast of such good schools as we have here either from the view point of buildings and equipment, or the character of the work that is being done.

I visited both schools very recently, and by request of the Editor of the Eccentric," I will give in a brief way, a description of the schools and some dea of the work they are trying to do.

The old school building on Martin street, generally known as the High School because it contains that branch of the work, is a first class structure and to the stranger who enters it for the first time, a surprise, because it is so large and well equipped for a village of this size. In fact this building is as good or better than the average in the county seat town of from 5,000 population and upward.

In this building we found the Subprimary with pupils from five to six years of age, and a second grade, both of which are included in what is generally designated as the first grade work.

Miss Laura Carpenter is in charge of the first division and Miss May Irwin is over the second. Fifteen new pupils have entered this grade, and the Aldine system of reading has been introduced with very satisfactory results.

The second grade is in charge of Miss Edith Carey from Mt. Clemens who is making good in her department.

The third grade is under the direction of Miss LuVerne Chubb who is doing very satisfactory work.

The fourth grade is taught by Miss Bessie Townsend and one of the largest in the school.

From this we go to the eighth grade which is under the supervision of Miss Margaret Bennett and is doing excellent work.

In the High School department we find Miss Mildred Connely installed as principal, with the following assistants mathematics, Miss May Geach; English, Ruth Colvin; History, Laura Carpenter.

Miss Rhoda M. Starr is our very successful and satisfactory Superintendent of schools.

Mr. Geo. B. Parkhill is the science teacher, which includes Chemistry, Physics, Bottany, and Physiography while Music and Mechanical drawing is taught by Miss M. E. Starr.

We will now go down on Purdy street to the new Barnum School building recently erected at a cost of $25,000. If we were surprised when we entered the old building we are simply delighted when we enter this beautiful modern structure. It is practically fire proof, with a cement staircase and fire escape, and the building could be emptied in a few minutes should a fire occur.

It has a splendid system of heating and ventilation by which warm air is poured into the rooms by a large fan, thus renewing the supply every five minutes.

Space will not permit us to do justice to this building, in all its various rooms and departments, so you must visit the school and see for yourself. It is surrounded by three acres of play ground with an athletic field and when grading is complete, will be the finest public building in our little city.

Mrs. Easterday is Principal of this school, and is assisted by Miss Ina Mills, fifth grade; Miss Emily Walker, in the sixth grade; and Miss Elizabeth Kinney in the seventh grade.

We note with pleasure that all of the teachers of both schools are graduates of the State Normal School, and this fact together with the splendid buildings and their equipment reflects credit upon the school board which is composed of the following gentlemen: Mr. R. J. Coryell, President of Board; Mr. E. R. Smith, Mr. Wm Walker, Mr. Chas. Shain, and Mr. Cassius Carter.

Those of us who pay taxes feel that our schools are costing us a large sum, but it would seem that it is worth while to have the best for the good of the future generation, and that we have such splendid schools is an attraction for people to locate here, and as our population increases, the tax may be less. We are all proud of what we have and glad to have others come in and enjoy the benefit of it.

R. EUGENE GRIGGS.

Pains in the Stomach.

If you continually complain of pains in the stomach, your liver or your kidneys are out of order. Neglect may lead to dropsy, kidney trouble, diabetes or Bright's disease. Thousands recommend Electric Bitters as the very best stomach and kidney medicine made. H. T. Alston, of, Raleigh, North Carolina, who suffered with pain in the stomach and back, writes: "My kidneys were deranged and my liver did not work right. I suffered much, but Electric Bitters were recommended, and I improved from the first dose, now feel like a new man." They will improve you, too. Only 50c and $1. Recommended by C. J. Shain and Cobb-Stanley-Harris Co.—Adv.

FINAL PROGRAM

A Fine Program to be Given at the Baptist Church by High School Literary Society.

The High School Literary Society Will present the final program of the year at the Baptist Church on Tuesday evening April 29th at 7:45 o'clock. The program is made up largely of musical numbers. The boy's glee club will appear twice and the girls chorus once. Mr. Ellsworth Plumstead has been secured to give several reading and a mixed quartette will present a cycle of songs by Lohr. The members of this quartette were heard in the concert "The Rose Maidens" given recently by the Birmingham Choral Society. Mr. Langstaff who sang the leading role of this Cantata will take part.

This program is given under the auspices of the Athletic Association and the usual charge for the paid Literary meeting, 15 cents, will be made. Don't forget the date, Tuesday, April 29th at the Baptist church 7:45 p. m.

Coughs and Consumption.

Coughs and colds, when neglected, always lead to serious trouble of the lungs. The wisest thing to do when you have a cold that troubles you is to get a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery. You will get relief from the first dose, and finally the cough will disappear. O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Alabama, writes: "My wife was down in bed with an obstinate cough, and I honestly believe had it not been for Dr. King's New Discovery she would not be living today." Known for 43 years as the best remedy for coughs and colds. Price 50c and $1. Recommended by C. J. Shain and Cobb-Stanley-Harris Co.—Adv.

33 YEARS AGO

What Happened in Birmingham as Published in The Eccentric 33 Years Ago this Week.

By E. M. M.

D. R. Hogan of Charles City, Iowa, arrived at his brother's, J. R. Hogan, on Saturday last.

1200 Mackinaw trout averaging about an inch in length were put into Wing Lake on Saturday last by Messrs. Durkee, Bigelow & Co.

Died—April 17 at Ausable Mich J. W. Glennis, son-in-law of Mr. M. I. James of this village.

Died—April 16 Miss Kittie Randall only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Randall age 14.

The Birmingham School Lyceum has just purchased another valuable work and placed it in the school room, Lippincott's Biographical Dictionary.

Sidney Drake returned home from his winter's sojourn at Corunna on Friday last.

Mrs. C. A. Brush, while on a visit in Detroit, received as a present a rare natural curiosity in the shape of a white Mexican dog.

Mary McCracken of Troy had a touch of paralysis last Wednesday. She is attended by Dr. Carlos Glazier.

Everyone is buying—Zimmerman's Atmospheric Washer manufactured by H. Irving & Son. E. Lamb and Henry W. Randall are agents for Oakland co.

The Right of Way

Has to be given Harvell's Condition Powder, which for over 70 years has been the standard of excellence. Why? Because the ingredients are so well balanced that every particle of the powder performs its proper share in the work of restoring healthy conditions in your stock. Put it in the feed and note how they will improve in flesh and spirits under its influence. Price 25c per package. Sold by Cobb-Stanley-Harris Co.—Adv.

Birmingham Drum and Fife Corps.

We have organized a Drum Corps of five pieces, two fifes two snare drums and a bass drum and are ready for business. We were out and serenaded Mr. Heth and family Saturday night and had a fine time, many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Heth.

JEROME FOOT, fife Major national assistant Civil War musician of Mich. Division.

Recommended for a Good Reason.

C. H. Grant, 220 Waverly Street, Peoria, Illinois, says: "Backache and congested kidneys made me suffer intense pains. Was always tired and floating specks bothered me. Took Foley Kidney Pills and saw big improvement after third day. I kept on until entirely freed of all trouble and suffering. That's why I recommend Foley Kidney Pills. They cured me." For sale by all druggists.—Adv.

"Birmingham the Pride of Old Oakland", "Birmingham the Beautiful" and many other dainty names for our village got a big set back on account of the dust nuisance last Sunday. With trolley cars eight to the hour and autos and motor cycles three to the minute, the dust kicked up was something horrible, terrible and disgraceful to a town claiming a name for beauty.

OUR BIG FIRE ANNIVERSARY

Sunday Morning the Old National Hotel Nearly Passed Out on Fiery Wings.

The old National Hotel, now named Birmingham Inn and owned and managed by James F. Wooster at this writing is still standing but that is about all.

About 3:30 Sunday morning the roof or under the roof was discovered to be all on fire. It was a rather strange acting fire too, just smouldering, smoking and burning without a blaze. The alarm was promptly given, the fire department (volunteer) promptly began work, and it was work. The boys from all over town turned in. The water works with Ellsworth Randall was right on board with a good supply of the goods —water— and after sounding the alarm the fight began, and fight it was.

About 11 o'clock the fire was out and so was the contents of the big hotel. Everything soaked and water dripping from the roof wet everything and all things.

How the boys ever put out the fire is a wonder, but with our water works water pressure, and our volunteer laddies we can do it every time. Marshal Reed was on hand working, President Daines gave orders and the ladies as well as the men with Boy Scouts for assistants all worked to save.

Mr. Wooster expresses himself as perfectly satisfied with the efforts of all his friends and thanks all most heartily.

His insurance calls for $6,000. Albert W. Campbell is the agent who wrote him up. The Mich. Fire and Marine Co. has $3,000 on the building while the American Central St. Louis Mo. has $2,000 on the building and $1,000 on the contents. We think the full amounts should be paid and no doudt will as no one will say there is any value to the building as it now stands.

One of the eargest workers all black with smoke, grime and hard work was told by an on looker what and how to do certain things during the rush of the fire. The worker replied: "Take your hands out of your pockets and do a little work yourself. It wont hurt you, and don't be bossing your betters."

Great praise is due to our Boy Scouts for help during the fire. Under the lead of Earl Barr the Scout Master they were marshalled into line and rendered great help with their bucket brigade.

The Birmingham Inn since Mr. Wooster bought it has been improved, remodelled and made over so that with its imposing pillars in true Colonial style it was handsome and had a most enviable reputation. The building was a frame structure two stories high with a frontage on Woodward avenue of 125 feet and a depth of 75 feet. It had 55 rooms.

The loss is great. At this writing and until the Insurance adjusters get through with their work Proprietor Wooster is unable to say whether he will make any effort to rebuild the hotel but is of the opinion it is too far gone to attempt to rebuild. The bar was located in the Southeast corner of the building and like the rest of the house, was badly damaged by smoke and water.

Mr. Wooster has the foundation completed for a new store building just south of the hotel and may rush that to completion and use it for a saloon. He also owns the motion picture show north of the hotel.

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A CARD OF THANKS AND PRAISE.

I want to thank the citizens of this village, for the good work done at the fire of the Birmingham Inn Sunday morning. Too much praise cannot be given to those who worked so faithfully and daringly, when it looked so much like a lost cause.

I do not forget the Boy Scouts; they certainly did their share. It was a case of fire fighting that every citizen should be proud of, and shows what can be done where everybody tries.

I want expressly to commend the boys who had charge of the hose, and al who assisted them in their dangerous task, and the good order they maintained.

GEO. E. DAINES, President.

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Old Soldiers Will Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

Senate Bill No. 60 has become a law and we enclose you a copy of the enrolled bill, which should be read in every Grand Army Post—the Officers and Comrades are requested to secure the name, post office address, company, regiment, date of enlistment, and date of discharge, of every comrade that was a member of any regiment that took part in the Battle of Gettysburg, they must have been members on July 1st-2nd, and 3rd, 1863—and send said names and information to—Henry Spaulding, Lansing, Michigan, Secretary of the Gettysburg Commission. As soon as the names with other information as above are received at this office, the applicant will be sent a card to fill out (written plainly) and returned promptly to this office, and if found correct after comparing it with the records here in this office, he will be sent at once an order on the railroad ticket agent good to Gettysburg and return, the Comrade when he presents the order to the railroad agent will have to get some one to identify him as the identical person named in the order. The state only furnishes transportation to Gettysburg and return, the General Government sleeps, and the state of Pennsylvania feeds them while there. The applicants must get their names in by the first day of June 1913.

Gettysburg Committee,
GEO. W. STONE, Chairman
HENRY SPAULDING, Sec.
EDWIN R. HAVENS, Treas.

Send all communications to
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Garrick Theatre.

On Monday evening, April 28th, patrons of the Garrick Theatre, Detroit, will laugh at the lines of their great great grand parents enjoyed in "She Stoops to Conquer", and they will share with Annie Russell's Old English Comedy Company in the wit and laughter and jollity of Oliver Goldsmiths comedy of eternal youthfulness. Once again the genius of Goldsmith will make its appeals and the clarity of the lines, the sparkle and wholesomeness of the comedy will make Annie Russell's coming doubly welcome. Miss Russell will portray the charming and volatile Kate Hardcastle, Oswald Yorke will be seen as Young Marlowe and George Giedens as the roistering, joke-loving Tony Lumpkin. The play will be repeated on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday and at the Wednesday and Saturday matinee.

Miss Annie Russell has just brought to a happy conclusion one of the most ambitious projects of her professional career. With the endorsement and patronage of a group of distinguished men and women, Miss Russell under took to give a season of nine weeks of English classical plays at the 39th Street Theatre, New York, and formed for this purpose a good stock company, composed of players trained in the requirements of old English comedy, vivacity, refinement, good direction and training. Beside Annie Russell, Oswald Yorke, and George Giddens, the cast includes. Fred Permain, John Westley, Ffolliott Paget, Henrietta Goodwin and twenty others.

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NOTICE TO WATER TAKERS.

Water rates will be due May 1st. and will be collected by the Village Treasurer, Charles B. Randall, at the First National Bank. A reduction of five (5) per cent will be given by all who pay their water rates on or before the 10th of May. 1913

DAVID BELL,
Village Clerk.

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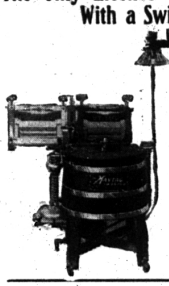

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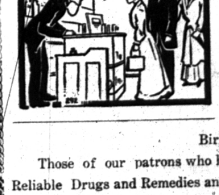

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