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RETROSPECTION!!

These News Items Were Published in THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC Just One Generation Ago.

Oh, Susan!

Henry Negus is home again.

Miss Kittie McKay is visiting in Detroit.

Great display of holiday goods at Corson's.

Mrs. E. A. Randall is contemplating a trip to California.

Miss Thorpe has opened a German school in Franklin.

Mr. H. A. Poppleton, of Boston, is visiting his father this week.

John Hanna is on the sick list. What, oh, what can the matter be?

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wooster are visiting friends and relatives in Ypsilanti.

Frank Jenks' cat had 18 kittens recently. Fact. Vouched for by Ed. Beardslee.

Mason Leonard bought H. W. Randall's oxen at auction on Saturday last. Price $104.

Miss Gee, of Pontiac, visited her relatives, Frank Allen's family of this place, last week.

To Mrs. David Hanna on Tuesday, November 29, 1881—twin boys. David has our congratulations.

A. H. Whitehead, the brother of our senior editor, made us a pleasant visit last week.

Ira Chatfield is caring for a sick student at the Michigan Military Academy at Orchard Lake.

Mrs. McA. Randall is visiting relatives in Dundee this week and Mack stands his grass widowerhood like a little man.

Master Willie Taber is happy over a watch presented to him by his very generous father. It's a daisy, open-faced silver concern and manufactured by the celebrated Elgin Watch Co., of Illinois. We have one of our "ownest own" and know they are good.

Will Eldred shouldered his little gun about two weeks ago, braced up, spit on his hands and departed for the wilderness of Saginaw county in quest of wild game, having just procured a barrel of salt to preserve his venison. He came home last week and the entire score foots up two sick looking squirrels. Comment is unnecessary.

Over 1,000 people attended the auction sale at E. R. Adams farm last Wednesday. It was the biggest and most successful sale ever held in these parts. W. H. Camp, auctioneer; A. A. Rust, clerk.

The persons who take prominent parts in the Public Lyceum Friday evening, December 16, are as follows: Singing by Misses Dora Beattie, Belle Smith and Edith Leet; Declamations by Ed. Smith, U. G. Race and P. McDonald; Readings by Mollie Smith and Ona Furman; Essay by Libbie Allen; Instrumental music by orchestra, Mr. Sherman leader. "Thus saith the Oracle" will be revealed by H. T. Randall and Miss M. Simpson. Others will appear in dialogs, tableaux, etc. Mr. Walker, of Pontiac, will also give us a treat from his guitar and mouth organ accompaniment. Fifteen cents will be charged for admission. All proceeds are to buy books for the use of the school.

Some cowardly, treacherous and unhung rascal poisoned George Tom's setter "Grouse," on Monday. The dog came down town with his master that morning and probably picked up some poison on the street, and died in intense agony in a few minutes. Grouse was one of the very best trained bird dogs in the country and his owner has repeatedly refused large sums of money for him. Just why anyone should poison a dog which attended strictly to his own business and never molested anyone, we are unable to discern.

The Meanest Man in Town

Is the one who is always cross, disagreeable, short and sharp in his answers. In nine cases out of 10 it is not the poor fellow's fault—his liver and digestion are out of order and he feels miserable. Are you getting into that condition? Then start at once taking Dr. Herrick's Sugar Coated Pills for your liver. They will clean you out, vitalize your blood and put your digestion in good order. Price 25c per box. Sold by Cobb & Jennelle.—Adv.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

The undersigned will receive taxes for the Township of Bloomfield as follows: At Bell & La Joie's meat market, Tuesday, Dec. 15, 22 and 29, 1914, and Jan. 5, 1915; First State Bank, Birmingham, Friday, Dec. 11 and 18, 1914, and Jan. 8, 1915; at the County Treasurer's office, Pontiac, Saturday, Dec. 12, 19 and 26, 1914, and Jan. 2 and 9, 1915.

11dec DAVID A. BELL, Treas.

Frank Allen, of Port Huron, is a guest of his mother, Mrs. J. Mettdaugh.

The lady who left her muff in the post office can have it by calling for it. It's waiting.

Garrick Theatre.

"In the Vanguard"

"In the Vanguard," written by Mrs. Katrina Trask in the cause of humanity, and presented under the personal direction of Jessie Bonstelle, the well known stock actress, will be seen for the first time in Detroit at the Garrick theatre, on next Monday evening. It is a remarkable play in many ways. It preaches a tremendous sermon without violating the canons of art. It treats of the most hideous survival of barbarism with grace and gentleness.

Its story is simple yet strong; filled with sparkling dialogue, with pathos and with a dramatic quality that holds an audience in its grip to the very last word. A nation is engaged in war in defense of its national honor. Its men enlist, and its women, even more patriotic than its men, despise any who show signs of cowardice. The conventional clergyman accepts the popular opinion and forgets that his Master said that the peacemakers and not the war makers are the blessed. Only one man keeps his head. He is a man who has heard the call to social service, and knows that obedience to that call demands greater courage and offers a harder fight and promises a nobler victory, than the call to arms.

The company of eminent actors includes Pedro de Cordoba, H. Cooper Cliffe, Hugh Dillman, Rockcliffe Fellowes, Louise Rutter, Ruth Chester, Kathleen Comegys, Enid Grey, Marjorie Day, Maude Howell, Gertrude Workman, Richard Lyal, Selma Romaine, Perry Hopper and others.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of 10 are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give $100 for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY, Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.—Advertisement.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

The rector is very much encouraged by his people's faithful attendance at the services and their sincere interest in the parochial activities. The Bible schools are enjoying the palmy days of their existence. The children give their entertainment on Christmas eve and it promises to be exceptionally fine. You can't afford to miss it.

Are you saving your used magazines for the Periodical Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary? Call the Misses Taliaferro, telephone 188. The young ladies will gladly explain the plan and your magazines will be collected.

The Christmas services will be Holy Communion at 6:30 and at 10 a. m.

At Christmas time our thoughts are properly centered in the children and our aim is to do for them, so the rector is arranging a number of baptisms for Christmas-tide. The unusually large number of unbaptized children in our village worries the minister. Call Mr. Kraft (186 ring 3) and fix on a time and do for your little one that that you have been promising to do.

Mr. Kraft especially invites men to service on Sunday morning as he hopes to have something to say of interest and help to them. The service is at 10:45.

If the rector has not called on you lately, tell him of it.

The new offering envelopes will be sent out at the first of the year. Have you asked the vestrymen to send you a set? Everyone feels so much more a church member when they are contributing regularly.

P. A. Morgan, Gore, Georgia, had occasion recently to use a liver medicine, and says of Foley Cathartic Tablets: "They thoroughly cleansed my system and I felt like a new man—light and free. They are the best medicine I have ever taken for constipation. They keep the stomach sweet, liver active, bowels regular." For sale by all druggists.—Adv.

OBITUARY.

FREDERICK G. BAILEY

Frederick G. Bailey died December 2 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. R. Ferguson. Mr. Bailey was born in Bath, England, in 1827. He came to America in 1832 and to Michigan in 1845. His life has been the busy one of teacher, merchant and farmer. He was a long time resident of Venice, Shiawassee county. Mr. Bailey leaves a memory of strict integrity and kindliness as a legacy for his children to cherish. Funeral services were held at his late home on Friday, conducted by Rev. Hanks, of Owosso, after which the remains were interred in the family lot in the Venice township cemetery near Corunna.

A fine fall of snow set the shovelers working Wednesday morning.

CITIZENS' LEAGUE

Elected Officers at a Meeting Dec. 7 Paving of Woodward Avenue Discussed.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Citizens' League, held December 7 at Birmingham Club House, there were present Messrs Harris, Field, Gordon, Herbison and Dr. Shaw and Crawford. Chas. E. Jones acted as temporary secretary vice Dr. Jamieson who was absent.

The meeting was called for the election of officers for the ensuing year and to fill vacancy on the board. Mr. Hewitt was elected a director in place of Mr. Rousseau, resigned. H. George Field and Frank Standart were returned to the offices of president and vice president and Dr. Crawford was chosen treasurer and Dr. Kraft was made secretary. It being deemed best judgment to have the league officered by men who spent most time in Birmingham.

President Field reported that he had forty-seven signers for the Chautauqua. Dr Shaw suggested that it was not too early to commence to get ready to start the Home Coming Week celebration.

In the matter of paving Woodward avenue, while the league took no definite action, or formed no opinion, it was the sense of the deliberations that the material selected should be the best for the purpose, regardless of first cost, but as Mr. Gordon remarked, "High price does not always indicate best value." It was reported that creosote block could be laid for $60,000.00 for the mile. With the village paying 40 per cent and the abutting property owners 60 per cent, after deducting the D. U. R. share, which would be between the tracks and 16 inches each side, the creosote blocks would cost less than $100.00 per 30 ft. lot. Concrete reinforced, similar to the good stretch that skirts Royal Oak, would cost in the neighborhood of $30,000.00 per mile.

An adjourned meeting of the Board will be held Monday evening, December 21, to select committees. Members who have not paid their dues for the year 1915 are requested to see Dr. Crawford at an early date, and citizens of Birmingham or vicinity, who are interested in co-operating in regard to civic work of Birmingham, are invited to make application for membership and remit the annual dues of one dollar.

This—and Five Cents.

Don't miss this! Cut out this slip, inclose 5 cents to Foley & Co., Chicago Illinois, writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a free trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for coughs, colds and croup—Foley Kidney Pills and Foley Cathartic Tablets. For sale in your town by all druggists.—Adv.

UNION SERVICE

The churches of Birmingham will unite in a union service next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock to hear the reports from the Boys' Conference held recently at Ann Arbor. This was the greatest gathering of boys ever held in Michigan or any other state in the Union. There were about 5,000 boys present and among the prominent speakers that addressed them was Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan. There were about fifteen boys from Birmingham present and no doubt excellent reports will be given. The meeting will be held in the Methodist church. Everybody welcome.

The Dairyman Says

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ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed at Birmingham, post-office for week ending the 12th day of December 1914

Adams, Mrs. Mary E.
Beaggy, W. J.
Culver, Chas.
Kamin, Mr. Lee (Spe. Del.)
Orrill, Mrs. George
Revard, Mr. Clarense
C-o Wm. Thumps
Taxbox, Mr. Francis, Rte. 1.
Vaughn, Mrs. C. N.
Wesley, Mrs. Christine
Zacharias, W. H.
Zink, Mike

CARDS.

Brooks, Stanley
Poets, Mrs. Josie
Valkearing, Joe

Anyone calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised."

George H. Mitchell, P. M.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church will meet at two o'clock Tuesday, December 15, in the parlor of the church. Mrs. Aldrich has the program. Mrs. G. J. Gage, district corresponding secretary, will give an address. Supper from four to five. All are welcome.

Miles Theatre.

The former Winter Garden star, Gertrude Barnes, will top the bill at the Miles next week. Miss Barnes is known as the "Oh, joy" girl, and her songs are all calculated to drive dull care away. She carries an elaborate wardrobe, changing costumes with each number. The added attraction will be Murry Livingston and company in the dramatic playlet, "The Man from Italy," heralded as a big attraction of unusual merit. Andy Rice, the Hebrew comedian, in his favorite skit, "Rice and Old Shoes," will be the third feature, and will have the spot down next to close. Other acts announced are: Sigsbee's Dogs, a standard animal novelty; the Four Hurculano sisters, India rubber queens; Rockwell and Woods, "two noble nuts," and the photo comedies.

A Test for Liver Complaint—Mentally Unhappy, Physically Dull.

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BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL NOTES

The operetta, "On Plymouth Rock," which was given at the Baptist church last week by the sixth and seventh grades, under Miss Clara Starr's supervision, was a great success. Dorothy Leland made a very enchanting little Priscilla and was made love to in a charming duet, by Donald Plumstead, as John Alden. Victor Peck was a very pompous Miles Standish, John Harris a most dignified Governor Winslow, and Ruth Saltzer a very severe and correct Dame Goodly. Eugene Eckfield as Massasoit, Ernest Teichman as Qudequina, and Harold Shaw as the Medicine Man were the leaders of the Indians. The choruses were all extremely good. The Puritan maidens sang several very pretty songs and danced a stately minuet with the Puritan youths. Miles Standish drilled his soldiers very amusingly, and the Indians gave a most thrilling war dance. Much credit is due Miss Emily Walker for her part in the preparation of the operetta. The other numbers on the program were a Gypsy dance by the sixth grade girls, recitations by Marion Leland and Frederic Swartz, songs by the third and fourth grades, selections by the High School orchestra, and a clever little Whitier play, in which Florence McKinney, as Barbara, coy ered herself with glory.

Thursday, December 3, Rev. Mr. Conley addressed the Barnum school at their regular chapel exercises. He spoke of the cheerfulness and courtesy which we owe to our neighbors, especially in this season of thanksgiving and good-will.

Of the 44 children in the fourth grade 22 were neither absent nor tardy during the month of November. Consequently they won the quarter holiday, this month, for the best attendance record.

Miss Bennett has succeeded in making the eighth grade room very attractive with new curtains at the windows and doors and many plants and ferns.

The pupils of the fourth grade have completed a very interesting butterfly box. The butterflies were caught by the children and arranged in imitation of a case of butterfly specimens which hangs in their room. Miss Hanna intends to continue this work in the spring, specializing in the collection of moths.

Twenty-six children of the second grade were neither absent nor tardy in November.

The second grade has already begun to make little booklets for Christmas.

Prompt Action Will Stop Your Cough.

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U. P. Church Notes.

SERVICES AT BIRMINGHAM

Sabbath School at 1:30 o'clock.

Preaching services at 2:30 o'clock.

Y. P. C. U. at 6 p. m.

Preaching on Sabbath evening at 7 o'clock.

Wednesday evening Prayer-meeting 7:15.

SERVICES AT TROY CHURCH.

Sabbath School 9:30 a. m.

Preaching service at 10:00.

All are cordially invited to attend these services and your presence will be appreciated.

WILSON REID, Pastor.

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Dec. 11 and 12

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3 cans Corn	23c
3 cans Peas	23c
1 bottle Catsup	5c
1 can Tomato Soup	5c
7 bars White Laundry Soap	25c
1 full pound Guaranteed Baking Powder	15c
3 boxes Matches	10c
7 Grape Fruit	25c
3 large cans Milk	25c
6 small cans Milk	25c

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CHORAL CHORUS

One of the finest numbers on the program of the concert to be given in the near future by the Birmingham Choral Society is a male chorus of over 25 voices. Many of these voices have sung together in the past, with the result that they blend with an unusually good effect. Besides this chorus, there are two numbers in preparation by the Choral Society Glee Club. The Christmas concert, with which the society opens its series, will be held the week after New Year's in the Methodist church. Nearly all the music is Christmas music, which will be quite in keeping with the holiday spirit. Brewer's cantata, "The Holy Night," is the biggest work attempted. The choruses are very beautiful and there are besides solos for bass, soprano, tenor and contralto. The Jerusalem Chorus from Gounod's Gallea is to be given as a single number. The chorus has just begun work on Haydn's "Creation," as the Christmas program is nearly finished.

Announcement as to the exact date will be made in next week's issue.

Your Cold Is Dangerous—Break It Up Now.

A cold is readily catching. A run-down system is susceptible to germs. You owe it to yourself and to others of your household to fight the germs at once. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is fine for colds and coughs. It loosens the mucous, stops the cough and soothes the lungs. It's guaranteed. Only 25c at your druggist's.—Adv.

One of the pleasant events of the week was a dinner given by Mrs. Uriel McFawn on Tuesday evening in honor of her husband's birthday anniversary. Christmas colors were used in the dining room and crimson festoons, reaching from the chandelier to the table corners were held in place by dainty candlebra. The souvenirs were hand painted place cards bearing a tiny likeness of the host, while the host's card showed a likeness of his wife. Covers were laid for 15 and all enjoyed a pleasant evening. The affair was a complete surprise to Mr. McFawn.

J. E. Ballard, P. O. inspector, this week checked up Postmaster Mitchell's office and gave it a clean O. K. The R. F. D.'s as well as the P. M. needed no "shaling."

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