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Postoffice Directory

Summer Schedule

Eastern Standard Time.

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GEO. H. MITCHELL, P. M.

Home

Mrs. Caleb G. Jackson is with her daughter in Cuba.

One of the finest Pedro Club parties in Southfield this season was the one held last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Walmsley of R. R. No. 1. Young and elderly people had their full of fun, relaxation and enjoyment.

The Andrews Asphalt Co's. men all knocked off Monday. They struck for a 10 hour a day work and the bosses were only too glad to quit. Weather bad and cold. No more street work until next summer. The D. U. R. are pegging away and will do so until they are fixed up for the winter.

Oh, say! If you want a package of these beautiful and useful envelopes for home use and to help the celebration of Oakland county's first centennial anniversary doings, just call on Mrs. G. H. Mitchell and if you feel so disposed, for one dollar to help along the good work you can get given you a valuable gift worth keeping. Ask for them. She is anxious to sell out her stock and help along the good cause.

From the Seymour Acres farm adjoining the village on the east side, Luther S. Trowbridge, of Grosse Pointe, has purchased for $50,000, 70 acres in Troy township, in the Woodward avenue district, from John B. Adams, Miss Margaret D. Adams and Mrs. Anna Adams of Birmingham; Alexander and Mrs. Nellie Adams, of St. Joseph, Mo., and Mrs. Anne Hutchinson, of Detroit. This is some sale and only a starter for the big deals to come and smaller ones also. But all these deals pale into insignificance compared to the purchase recently by the Ford Motor Co. of 14 acres adjoining their plant on the north for which they paid $100,000.00 per acre, giving $1,400,000.00 for that patch of land.

A representative gathering of business men attended the meeting of the council Monday evening, December 13, to discuss with them the calling of an election to submit to the people a proposition for change of our charter. A petition to this effect had already been presented to the council, signed by upwards of 150 of our voters. There is a large and well defined movement among the voters for a commission form of government, which has been so successfully operated in Des Moines, Iowa, Dayton, Ohio, Cadillac, Port Huron, Harbor Beach, Wyandotte, Jackson, Pontiac, and many other points in the state and United States. An informal discussion developed an unofficial promise to call such an election at the earliest practical time. It is believed the time is ripe for a change of this kind, developing a government which is more readily adaptable to the needs of our growing village.

We don't see the use of money going out of our town for an investment. Do you? Here is Mr. Wood whom we all know, who has the best proposition of its kind ever offered to a village. We refer to his offer to go in with one or any number of people in an investment to put up and run an ice plant. This is no chance game. The Birmingham mill pond water is anything but sanitary. Getting it from the pond mixed with manure, dirt and other offal too bad to mention is bad enough, but when it is owned by private parties and becomes a lake, there perhaps the owners will not sell the privilege. Then what? Mr. Wood's plan is right, and we hope he puts it through. It is a safe investment and properly managed will bring rich return to its investors. While on the subject of investments, we would not overlook the Smith-Weier Truck business. This is a fact. This needs no word from us. It has been tried out in various ways and those who know prophesy a big plant and a most successful business right here at home and owned by home people. With all our business enterprises, old and new, our old town is going to flourish as never before. Paved streets, electric lights, sewers, cement walks all over town and last but not least, free delivery of our mail.

Carl Gilson, of Toledo, is the guest Birmingham friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Higby were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Newell at Mahopac.

Called by the illness of his daughter, Mrs. D. B. Dory, Addison Seager has gone to Dalton, N. Y., for a few days.

Josh Billings, the old-time humorist, once said: "The man what works for nothin' and boards himself, just about earns what he gets." That applies to the printing business, as well as other lines.

Henry J. Bowers is celebrating the 50th anniversary of his wedding day. While being ill at his home, it did not spoil his pleasure for he received a postal card shower to remind him of the fact.

One of the young men of the Birmingham Baptist Baraca class will give a short gospel talk preceding the pastor's sermon next Sunday evening. A welcome is given to all who come to the service.

Last week was a very important week and Monday night in particular was very important to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Porteous, who welcomed to their home a Porteous baby boy who weighed 11 pounds right from the start.

After three months of fine touring in the far west, Messrs. Clyde Babcock and Earle Mudge have returned home looking fine. They saw everything—both big expositions, up and down the Pacific coast, the Grand Canon, the Yellowstone Park and, well, just ask 'em about the rest.

Regular winter now. Old thermometer hangs around 10 degrees and it makes the cool fly. Good skating on the pond makes the boys and girls happy and gives them all the exercise necessary. We almost had sleighing, but as it was we noticed some brave ones out on runners.

Have you called on the first National Bank in their new quarters yet? The handsomest finished off banking room in old Oakland county. That is not all. If you call before they are all gone you will get as a souvenir a beautiful calendar and a good lead pencil. If they don't give you one, ask for it. We did.

The first snow storm of the season began last Sunday and came down right good and plenty. The old snow shovel was got down from its dusty place, wiped off and set to work early Monday morning, though some of our people got busy on Sunday night, believing, no doubt, the oetter the day the better the deed.

Brother Bingle, formerly D. U. R. conductor, but now an honest to goodness farmer, son-in-law of W. B. Carter who lives near Belleville, ran in a minute last Saturday night to tell us he was Prosperous with a big P. Farming for money profit, independence, happiness and solid contentment cannot be beaten. Try it a year or so and report.

The Christmas program at the Methodist church will be presented next Thursday evening at 7:30. A cantata rendered by the children and young people of the Bible school and the church choir will be the feature of the entertainment. The public is cordially invited, and all who attend are asked to bring two or more potatoes to be distributed among the needy.

The evangelistic band of Baraca boys from Highland Park closed the special meetings at the Baptist church last Friday evening. The meetings by some were regarded as the best ever held in the church. The boys won for themselves a warm place in the hearts of all, and it is earnestly hoped that this will not be the last time that they assist in gospel meetings here.

Tuesday night Volney Nixon and wife took a sleeper in Detroit, and Thursday morning the birds singing outside of their car window woke them up in St. Petersburg, Fla. We are soon to have an exodus of the most of our best people who will all flock to the Sunny South before many days. Volney will visit Cuba and Porto Rico before he returns and if Mrs. Nixon keeps real well she, too, will go 'long.

Albert Steinman, a rising young man of our town, has bought a new machine for making cripsettes. He has it now running in full blast. He does his goods, which are a sweetened roll of good popcorn, up in sanitary waxed paper and sees that all is clean and handed over to the public in a very satisfactory man er. Aside from selling to the retail trade he supplies dealers and we trow that the young man will excel his fondest hopes. Business is good right from the start.

Dr. George B Clarke is a very busy D. O nowadays. With offices at Detroit, Royal Oak and Birmingham he has no time to lose. A new gilt and black sign on the Telephone Building tells the public where his office in Birmingham is and he is kept busy right there all the time he is in Birmingham. We would not miss telling you that Mr L. H. Chappell is responsible for the pretty sign, as well as many of, if not all the fine business signs you see all over town in good teat and colors. Chappell is certainly an artist in his line.

Did you ever see the store windows in Birmingham look any prettier than they do now? We never did. It goes to show that our merchants are all of them live wires. Just stop and see the handsome ornamentation of the windows. They all show taste and money spent to produce the effect. We heard a good lady say that she bought all her Christmas gifts in our old town, because she found prices were even better than in the big city and she avoided the shoving, pushing and crowding that she experienced before when buying there. All our dealers have full stocks and they are priced right.

Real winter weather.

Only six more days to Christmas.

Going to hang up your stocking?

Glenn Bingle was a Saturday guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Carter.

Ray Vanderford, of Romeo, spent Sunday with Birmingham friends.

See "The Fotygraft Album" and laugh yourself to death, so say we.

The Banner League will give their bazaar at the town hall, Southfield, Friday evening, December 17. Everybody come.

The Y. M. C. A. had charge of the meeting at the First Presbyterian church Sunday night. A very interesting program was given.

R. E. Griggs, the insurance man, is giving free to all comers, blotters of all sizes, memorandum pads, pencils, vest pocket diaries. Just the thing for Christmas.

Elmer O. Dana is retiring from the laundry business in favor of D. W. Barrett, an experienced laundryman, who will endeavor to deserve your generous patronage.

Mesdames J. T. Norton, E. K. Griggs, C. E. Hadden, F. H. Dean and J. F. Jackson, of Rochester, Mrs. H. D. Coleman and Miss M. Coleman, of Detroit, and Mrs. R. R. Brooks of Rameo, were recent guests of Mrs. F. L. Torrey.

Mrs. W. P. Carter and daughter Lillian entertained the Mistletoe Club at their home on Brown street, last Wednesday afternoon. First prizes were won by Mrs. John Berry and Mrs. Nellie Bittner; second prizes by Mrs. Mark Shain and Mrs. Carter, hostess. Next meeting will be held at Mrs. Abel's next Wednesday.

The Baldwin Public library will have a tree sometime during the holiday season. All gifts will go to the Blanche VahLeuven Brown Home for Crippled Children. All the children of Birmingham are invited to give of their Christmas stores to go to these little folk on crutches and in wheel-chairs who look forward to the Christmas season.

The following officers were elected to lead Birmingham Lodge, No. 149, K. of P., next year: C. C., Clare C. Stewart; V. C., Frank Cobb; Prelate, Geo. A. Newman; M. of W., L. H. Rousseau; K. of R. and S., Thos. Harris; M. of F., A. J. Gould; M. of E., Chas. A. Wilcox; M. at A., Geo. Edwards; I. G., G. E. Daines; O. G., M. S. Leach.

Mrs. C. C. Morrow leaves tomorrow to visit her son, Rev. O. W. Morrow, in VanWert, Iowa. From there she goes to Modesto, Calif., to visit her daughters, Miss Leatha and Mrs. Wm. Lester, the latter whom she has not seen for eight years. Mrs. Morrow will be greatly missed here, as she has won many friends. Especially will her daughter here, Mrs. Conway, miss her.

The Birmingham Inn has really more business than it can entertain at times. It has been said a hotel in Birmingham could not run without a bar. Mr. Walter Allen disproves this statement, and has all he can attend. Here you can have a room without board, or board if you wish, or you can eat at the lunch counter. It's all the same to Walter. We are glad he is so successful.

A real thing seat hog was encountered on a Pontiac car Monday evening. The fellow had appropriated one half a seat for a bird cage, and when asked to lift the cage got up and said he would rather stand than remove the cage. But he soon espied another seat and settled down in comfort, thus holding down two seats while the car filled and ladies were made to stand. And that without protest from the conductor, too.

There will be a Birmingham colony down at St. Petersburg, Fla., or do they now call the town Petrograd? Ed C. McBride and family, Mr. and Mrs. Platten have gone and soon Mrs. M. E. Hemenway and Mrs. E. F. Peabody expect to start, and last but by no means least, just received a card from C. Lewis that Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Sabine were enroute for the same old town. You will remember Mrs. Sabine as Miss Ida Corey whose home is now Malden, Ills., when she is not touring the world.

Did any of our readers ever see "The Fotygraft Album?" The most unique book of the age. Drives away the blues and tickles you to death—a most. A little girl, Rebecca Sparks Peters, shows the album to a neighbor calling, tells who, what and why they are. Takes you back forty years, and our word for it, you will smile in spite of yourself to see the old style photos. The Eccentric office has a few for sale. Price 50c and $1.00. These last are like padded seal and should be seen to appreciate. Ask Mitchell.

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ORDER FOR PUBLICATION.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.—Circuit Court for the County of Oakland in Chancery. Charles Higby, Complainant, vs. Polly Wilbert et al, Defendants. At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 7th day of December, A. D. 1915. Present, Hon. Kleber P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the Estate of

LEMUEL STICKNEY, Deceased.

Warren C. Hyde, administrator of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased, by and before said Court, it is ordered that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate. It is further ordered that the 8th day of April, 1916, at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.

KLEBER P. ROCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

(A true copy.)
JUDSON A. FREDENBURGH Probate Clerk. 17-3dec

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ELIZABETH A. HILLIARD, Deceased.

William Hilliard having filed in said Court a petition praying that a certain instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, now on file in said Court, be admitted to probate, and that the administration of said estate be granted to Frank Hasbrouck, the executor named in the will, or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered that the 31st day of December, A. D. 1915, at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and further ordered that publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

KLEBER P. ROCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

(A true copy.)
JUDSON A. FREDENBURGH, Probate Clerk. 13-3dec

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ORDER FOR PUBLICATION.—Probate Court.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1915. Present, Hon. Kleber P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the Estate of

SYLVANUS A. HILLIARD, Deceased.

William Hilliard having filed in said Court a petition praying that a certain instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, now on file in said Court, be admitted to probate, and that the administration of said estate be granted to Frank Hasbrouck, the executor named in the will, or to some other suitable person.

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Judge of Probate.

(A true copy.)
JUDSON A. FREDENBURGH, Probate Clerk. 13-3dec

Detroit United Lines

Birmingham Time Table

Eastern Standard Time.

SOUTH-BOUND — Limited — 6:47 a. m.

Locals—6:55 a. m., 7:15 a. m., 7:55 a. m., 8:55 a. m., 6:17 a. m., 6:37 a. m., 7:17 a. m., and every 20 minutes to 5:57 p. m., 6:22 p. m., and half-hourly to 9:22 p. m., 10:22 p. m.; 10:52 p. m., 11:52 p. m.

North-bound Locals—5:48 a. m., 6:20 a. m., 6:40 a. m., 6:58 a. m., and every 20 minutes to 4:38 p. m., then every 15 minutes to 6:38 p. m., 6:58 p. m., 7:13 p. m., 7:53 p. m., 8:33 p. m., and half-hourly to 10:33 p. m., 11:33 p. m., 12:03 a. m., 12:33 a. m.

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TUESDAY
JULIA DEAN
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WEDNESDAY
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THURSDAY
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