THE

BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

Devoted to Our Own Locality—We Labor for Its Interests

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CUT THE WEEDS

Noxious Weeds Being Cut by Village. Notes on the Paving, Water Main and Public Affairs.

Weed cutting on private lots about town goes on merrily. The boys are certainly making ugly places look fine. A few people don't just like to pay for the work done, but most people fall in line and are delighted. Those not wishing to have the weeds cut by the town and expense charged in taxes will have to see to it themselves before the public mowers come that way.

Vacant lot owners must remember that an ugly vacant lot cuts the value of every lot and home on that street. Weeds and tall grass harbor mosquitoes and flies and disease. A lot that is worth owning is worth keeping clean.

Wild carrot and sweet clover are spreading rapidly in town and must be exterminated. A spud or spade should be used on them and on dock also. They should be cut under ground. Citizens should teach the children to hate these pest. Nobody should allow these noxious plants to exist in their sight, whether on their own lot or not. Along with "swat the fly" place this other slogan, "cut the weeds."

The paving is going on rapidly. The cement curbs and driveways are over half done on Woodward avenue. The objection to paving this year has been removed by the Andrews Co. giving a written guarantee that should the paving or curb anywhere sink over trenches or ditches they will repair same. The paving foundation of six inches of concrete has been changed to five inches reinforced everywhere by Kahn mesh reinforcement. The supervising engineer declares that the pavement will thus be 25 per cent stronger. The expense is the same.

The pavement from Hamilton street north was to be narrowed up to the same width as that south on Woodward, 11 feet between car track and curb, but the council has widened it to the bridge, so that it will be 16 feet.

The water main has been extended to the limits on east end of Forest avenue.

Several blocks now have curbs filled with dirt which improves the streets materially. Paving helps other parts of the town as well as the streets paved. Many people have availed themselves of the chance to get dirt for filling at one-quarter the usual price. The abutting property owners get dirt free.

Superintendent of Public Utilities D B. Wilkinson has phone No. 62 at his house. Deputy Clerk Thomas E. Harris has phone No. 311, located at the city hall, where in the day time from 7 a. m. to 5 p. m. the superintendent, clerk and city engineer may be called. The water works phone is No. 4, night and day. Fire call and police call is No. 154 located at jail and firemen's club room in city hall. In case of a fire and you wish to turn in an alarm, call central and say slowly and plainly, "Fire at No. —— —— street." The operator will call No. 4 at once and then No. 154. Place these numbers where you will not have to look for them.

An Easy, Pleasant Laxative.

One or two Dr. King's New Life Pills with a tumbler of water at night. No bad, nauseating taste; no belching gas. Go right to bed. Wake up in the morning, enjoy a free, easy bowel movement, and feel fine all day. Dr. King's New Life Pills are sold by all druggists. 36 in an original package, for 25c. Get a bottle today—enjoy this easy, pleasant laxative.—Adv.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH NOTES

St. James' church services for the ninth Sunday after Trinity: 9:45, Bible school; 10:45, Litany, Holy Communion and sermon.

Kindly note that there will be no early service on Sunday, as the rector will be at Royal Oak for a 7:30 a. m. service.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at Birmingham Michigan, Postoffice on July 31, 1915.

Allen, Miss May
Brown, Mrs. I. M.
Crapo, Mr. and Mrs. James
Holmes, Master John
Drake, Mrs J. Walter
Torrand, Miss Dollie

POSTAL CARDS.

MacGluch, Miss Rhea
Himeline, Mrs. L.
Frow, Mrs. Agnes
Edgerton, Roy (2)
Chapman, Miss Lucile

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

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They Write Every Day.

Every day Foley & Co. receive letters from grateful men and women, telling how Foley Kidney Pills cured them of backache, sore muscles, stiff joints and other kidney and bladder troubles. Is very quick to relieve lumbago and rheumatism due to kidney trouble. No other remedy has a longer record of cures. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

"CLEANUP" BRIGADE AT THE STATE FAIR GROUNDS IN DETROIT YEAR AGO

THE above photograph pictures the boys who attended the State Fair Boys' school in 1914, ready to begin their early morning cleanup at the grounds. The youths represent all Michigan counties and are sent to the State Fair school as a result of having passed successfully examinations which are conducted by the county school commissioners. The boys do not regard their daily task as work, but take great delight in looking after the grounds.

During the time that the boys are in Detroit they are guests of the State Fair management at the grounds. Tents and cots are provided for the youths, and they have a regular outing as well as receiving instruction during the day.

POSTOFFICE NEWS

That the Birmingham Postoffice Is Rapidly Forging Ahead the Following Facts Show.

Eighteen or twenty years ago the present postmaster instilled the first automatic lock boxes ever placed in Birmingham under Grover Cleveland. They were 43 in number and are on duty yet in first class condition. Very recently W. C. Jenks placed 36 more steel lock boxes, of an improved kind, and in less than 24 hours two-thirds of these were quickly taken. There is a possibility of some time Birmingham having free delivery. If the earnings of the office should increase $3,000.00 per year, free delivery would be ours. All can help by patronizing their own office. If all the stamps cancelled here were sold here, free delivery would come. Our rural patrons can help by buying all stamps used here from their carriers. Buy 500 stamped envelopes, name the farm and get them for only $10.62. This gives you 500 envelopes best quality, colors if desired, for only 62c. Think it over.

Every little helps. Buy at your own home postoffice. Increase its sales and you help that much towards a free delivery system for Birmingham, the pride of old Oakland. The carriers are all anxious to make good showing of stamps and envelope sales, so you can help their standing by buying stamps from them. Their sales help the postoffice receipts and by buying and boosting altogether, everyone can help.

Just to show you that business at the Birmingham postoffice is not going backwards, we are going to show you that there is a gain every month over the corresponding month in the year previous. Before giving these figures Postmaster Mitchell informs us that every month since he took charge of the office only one month shows a decrease, a falling off, and that is the month of September, 1914, which was $8.73 less than the earnings of the office in September, 1913. But every month since beats the same month in the year previous. Read and reflect.

Rec'pts of office for month of	1914	1915	Increase
January	$706.42	$728.08	$ 21.56
February	414.01	463.86	47.85
March	509.79	577.08	67.29
April	560.24	593.58	33.34
May	436.46	567.19	130.73
June	466.07	527.29	61.22

The increase for the first six months in 1915 is $362.09, which is a pretty good showing for Birmingham.

Rec'ts of office	1913	1914	Gain
September	$466.63	$457.90	$ -8.73
October	589.82	719.43	129.61
November	440.99	626.08	185.09
December	772.71	777.72	5.01
	1914	1915	
January	706.42	728.08	21.66
February	416.01	463.86	47.85
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These figures show a net gain of from $21.66 to $130.73 per month and amounts for the six months of a net gain of $362.09. We certainly do grow as a postoffice.

Tired, Aching Muscles Relieved.

Hard work, over-exertion, mean stiff, sore muscles. Sloan's Liniment lightly applied, a little quiet, and your soreness disappears like magic. "Nothing ever helped like your Sloan's Liniment. I can never thank you enough," writes one grateful user. Stops suffering, ach-s and pains. An excellent counter-irritant, better and cleaner than mustard. All druggists, 25c. Get a bottle today. Penetrates without rubbing.—Adv.

25 YEARS AGO!

Ite is Published in the Eccentric a Quarter of a Century Ago This Week.

Miss Milligan, of Cadillac, has been spending a few days with Miss Cromwell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Irving took the trip to Port Huron last week.

J. Allen Bigelow's cottage at Cotumabi Bluff, Watkins Lake, is occupied this summer by Mr. Whittemore's family of Detroit.

Do you want some village property by the acre? If so call at the real estate office of Whitehead & Mitchell and get a chunk (11 acres) at a price per acre lower than Royal Oak land sells for.

Won't some humane society send a missionary to this town? The way horses are mistreated in some parts of our town is a shame to the owners and a sorrow to those who see it.

When are we going to have the bee for fixing up the park? Everybody wants to go to it. Then with a park at one end of the town and nice depot grounds at the other (and we are going to have them when we get the water) we will be a town to be proud of.

"You must look to friends, not relatives, for kindness and favors," remarked Mrs. S. H. Beekman as she celebrated her 72d birthday at her old farm home last Sabbath, entertained and made joyful by the family of her tenant, Mr. O. B. Moore, who this season has made the old farm boom and blossom.

The twins, the Messrs. Searle, of Southfield, moved into town the fore part of the week and celebrated the event by breaking accidentally with a stone one of F. Hagerman's large plate glass windows. Damages at least $100.00.

An alarm of fire on Monday forenoon last made our citizens wish that our water works were in operation. The alarm was caused by some clothes covered with paint in a closet in the residence of Wesley Faint on Maple avenue. A few pails of water extinguished the blaze after the wood work had been charred and other damage done and the family frightened nearly to death. The loss is fully covered by insurance. Cause, spontaneous combustion.

The last three issues of the Eccentric at this this time contain an ordinance concerning the water works of the village of Birmingham and establishing rules, regulations and penalties for the government of water consumers, licensed plumbers and others.

When Hot Weather Oppresses.

When you feel oppressed, dull, stupid, are short and languid—do not blame it all on the weather. Heat will not affect you so much if the bowels are regular. Foley Cathartic Tablets are ideal for indigestion and constipation. They relieve sour persons of that bloated, heavy feeling. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

EASTERN TIME

Sunday morning, preaching 10:30.
Bible school at 11:45 a. m.
Juniors at 3:30 p. m.
B. Y. P. U. at 7:00 p. m.
Evening preaching service at 8:00.
Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 8:00.

All are welcome.

G. L. CONLEY, Pastor.

Mrs. Hattie Burns has as her guests Mrs. Lizzie Donahue and daughter, of Jackson, and the Misses Hilda and Fanine Elliott, of Detroit.

Garrick Theatre.

"The Argyle Case"

Thrills and plots will prevail at the Garrick theatre, Detroit, the coming week, when the Bonstelle company will offer the Harriet Ford and Harvey J. O'Higgins exciting tale, "The Argyle Case," played at the Detroit opera house last January by Robert Hilliard and company. Asche Kayton, the detective, is a man that compels admiration, even more resourceful than Sherlock Holmes and compelling in his ability as a logician. It is doubtful if a stronger detective play than "The Argyle Case" has ever been produced, a bit of work replete in clever dialogue, action and the air of mystery which means so much, all knit so closely together as to compel a fever heat interest from the very rise of the curtain until its fall on the last bit of action and last spoken words.

Asche Kayton is called in on the case of John Argyle, a millionaire found murdered in his own library. Kayton's psychic powers and those of deduction lead him to follow an entirely different line of reasoning than that followed by the police and other detectives. Incidentally the auditor is initiated into the mysteries of the dictograph, finger prints and other agencies employed in the detection of crime.

Wanted Now.

Right now, when hay fever is attacking its victims and when asthma is causing so much distress, there is a demand for Foley's Honey and Tar Compound—the remedy that brought relief to thousands in previous years. Don't continue to suffer. It will help you. Contains no opiates. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

FROM HEADQUARTERS

This shows what one Birmingham boy is doing:

Headquarters Western Department, Special Orders } San Francisco, Cal.
No. 156. } July 12, 1915.

Extract.

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3. Captain Mortimer O. Bigelow, 1st Cavalry, now at the Presidio of Monterey, California, will proceed at the proper time to Fort Douglas, Utah, and the State Reservation, for duty as instructor at the state camps of instruction to be held at those places for the Organized Militia of the State of Utah from July 18 to 31, 1915, inclusive, and during his tour of duty at the camps will make the required field inspection of the cavalry troops of the Organized Militia participating in the encampment. Upon completion of the duty he will return to his proper station. The travel directed is necessary in the military service. [11932.]

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By command of Major General Murray:

JAMES B. EWIN,
Department Adjutant.

U. P. Church Notes.

SERVICES AT BIRMINGHAM

Sabbath School at 10:30 o'clock.
Preaching services at 11 30 o'clock.
Y. P. C. U. at 7:00 p. m.
Preaching on Sabbath evening at 8:00 o'clock.
Wednesday evening prayer meeting, 7:45 Eastern Standard time.

SERVICES AT TROY CHURCH.

Sabbath School 2:30 p. m.
Preaching service at 3:30.

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

WILSON REID, Pastor

"YOUR RAILROAD ROUTING CHANGED AND A WATER TRIP ARRANGED."

D. & C. Lake Line Accepts Railway Tickets.

All classes of tickets reading via the Michigan Central, Wabash and Grand Trunk Railways, between Detroit and Buffalo in either direction, are available for transportation on D. & C. Daily Line Steamers. This arrangement enables the traveler between Eastern and Western States to forsake the hot, dusty cars and enjoy the delights of a cool night's rest en route. Send 2c stamp for booklet and Great Lakes Map.

Address Dept. R,
DETROIT & CLEVELAND NAVIGATION Co., Detroit, Mich.

NOTICE TO BRIDGE CONTRACTORS, BIRMINGHAM, MICH.

Sealed bids will be received at the City Hall office in the Village of Birmingham, Michigan, until 4:00 p. m., August 7, 1915, at which place and hour they will be publicly opened and read, for furnishing materials and construction of a new bridge over the River Rouge in said village. Detail plans and specifications of said bridge may be seen and examined at the City Hall office in said village.

The right to reject any or all bids is hereby reserved.

PHILIP SCHLAACK, President.
EARL A. MUDGE, Clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith and daughter, of Holly, are visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Hale and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Newcomb are spending a few days at Sylvan Lake.

Phone 65 Phone 38

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Plain or in Salads, or in many combinations they lend themselves to pleasing the fastidious taste, tempting the appetite jaded by the Summer heat.

Japanese Crab Meat, Shrimps, Salmon, Lobster, Tuna Fish, Imported Sardines.

Celery and Cabbage to go with 'em.

Salad Dressing---Durkee's, White House, Royal Premier.

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Olives all ways, and Pickles galore.

Vegetables, a full assortment.

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Brick, Swiss, Fancy Cheeses. Also just a few PRIME OLD NEW YORK CHEESE for the lover of ripe, nutty-flavored Cheese.

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Japans of superlative quality. Blacks, Red Cap, Salada, Lipton's, English Breakfast, Fetley's, Oolongs, Orange Pekoe form the base for grand Iced Tea.

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Fancy Groceries

NOT HOW CHEAP BUT HOW GOOD

No other store follows the market as closely as we do. When the market price drops, our retail price is reduced accordingly without waiting to dispose of stock we had bought at the higher price. We want to, and do, give our customers the benefit in every transaction. That's why we have been known as Birmingham's Greatest Grocery for past years. Our constant aim—a square deal to all.

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STRAWBERRIES
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PINEAPPLES

These fruits arrive daily and are of the best quality. Get our prices. They are right.

Fruit Again

Ripe Cantaloupe, Fancy Ripe Peaches, Oranges, Lemons, Grape Fruit—in fact we carry a complete line of Fruit and Vegetables at all times.

Coffee Department

In this we lead them all. The Coffee that's all Coffee is our old familiar brand—**PATHFINDER.** It's the greatest Coffee ever sold at **30c** per pound. Don't pay 35c and 40c—**PATHFINDER** is better. The high price gives you no better flavor. A pound today is convincing.

If there is anything in our line you want, and want the best, **Phone 222.**

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POPULAR PLOWS

The Oliver O-98 and O-99

are especially popular where new ground is being opened up—and in sections where stones prevail, the steel beam plow takes the lead, its great strength being a very desirable feature where it is subjected to severe strains and severe usage.

Fitted with reversible wings and slips, with solid shares as extras, if desired.

Jointers or hanging coulters, as well as rolling coulters can be supplied on these two plows.

The usual Oliver quality—the best.

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EAS'EM EASES ACHING FEET

It will take but a few minutes the first thing in the morning and your feet will be comfortable all day long.

No matter how much you are on your feet

Nyal's Eas'Em

will make them feel good

Just dust a little into the shoes and on the stockings the first thing in the morning—you will forget all about your discomforts.

Eas'Em absorbs any moisture and checks perspiration

—the feet do not swell and will not ache.

A large package—comfort for the entire summer—25 cents.

When we had a chance to get the exclusive selling agency for Nyal Family Remedies we jumped at it. They are known among all druggists as the highest quality line on the market, and are owned by a great firm of manufacturing chemists, famous for 50 years.

COBB & JENNELLE

Clover Hill Park

One-half mile south of Birmingham, on the Fifteen-mile Road, just east of Woodward. The finest Subdivision between Detroit and Birmingham. We are selling beautiful large Lots very low. Pick yours out **now** before Woodward Avenue is opened. You can double your money on this property. See us today. **Easy terms.**

OAKLAND REALTY CO., Wooster Building

Remarkable Watch.

In a costly watch that has been made for exhibition purposes there is a wheel that makes a revolution only once in four years, operating a dial that shows the years, months and days.

True to Type.

"The Cantonese—These grand opera phonograph records are no good. I can't get anything out of half of them." The Salesman—"They are our finest achievement. You can never tell when these records will sing. They're so temperamental."—London Opinion.