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LEGALS.

Friends
OTHERS who are requested, when they have time, to call on the legal notice in this paper. By so doing they will be able to save a great deal of money.

Postoffice Directory

Eastern Standard Time.
Office opens at 8 a. m.
Office closes at 7 p. m.
Western Mails leave office at 8:05 a. m. and 1:55 p. m.
Eastern Mails leave office at 9:05 a. m., 12:35 p. m., and 6:50 p. m.
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Ray Vanderford of Royal Oak has been a recent caller.

Miss Jennie Clark has bought a home on Reuben Court, Pontiac.

The winter tax rate for Birmingham is \$16.30 on a thousand dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Aras Lybner, spent Sunday with Mrs. Swan on Townsend Street.

O. E. Valentine of Rose is visiting his brother James Valentine on Southfield Avenue.

Mrs. R. Bird, Detroit, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bird, Thursday, December 13.

Miss Stella Halsey of Monroe spent the week and with Miss Nina McWab on South Woodward Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Spicer gave a party recently for their neighbors at their home on West Maple Road.

Mrs. T. B. Smith entertained the Presbyterian Church Society at her home on Oakland Avenue, Wednesday, December 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Jones, Mrs. James Matine and Mr. and Mrs. George Withers will start soon for St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carson, J. Nealson, and Miss Della Carson all of Detroit spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Penfold on Purdy Street.

The Woman's Literary Club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. M. Reynolds on Bates Street.

On that day canned fruit and Christmas gifts were received for the Florence Crittenden home in Detroit.

The Compositors Club gave a farewell dinner at the home of Dr. Campbell in honor of Charles Schrie and family, they left for Camp Carter on Friday of last week.

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Some slush Wednesday.

Shortest day of the year today.

Hope you have something besides holes in your socks.

James Camp is seriously ill at his home in Bloomfield Hills.

The W. C. T. U. met with Dr. Joseph Gibson Wednesday, December 13.

Wesley Gibbons started Monday for Tampa, Florida, where he will spend the winter.

The First Baptist church will hold its Christmas exercises in the Church Monday evening.

Howard McCallan of Ann Arbor is visiting at the home of Mrs. Polly Bray on South Woodward Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Watkins returned Saturday from a motor trip to South Haven, stopping Friday p. m. in Camp Carter.

The Friday Bridge Club will meet this afternoon (Friday) at the home of Mrs. Herbert Poppleton on East Maple Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rainey entertained the St. James' Episcopal choir last Friday evening at their home on Oakland Avenue.

Dr. and Mrs. Cleveland and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brooks started Monday night for St. Petersburg, Florida, to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Heth have returned to Rantoul, Ill., after visiting the former parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Heth. Mr. Heth is stationed at the aviation field at that place.

William Caswell and Lawrence Peffer both of Pontiac pleaded guilty Monday in Justice Campbell's Court, each to a charge of being intoxicated on a D. U. R. car Sunday night and each paid \$10 fine and \$8.40 costs.

Governor Sleeper is asking members of the legal, medical and teaching professions and all other persons to proffer their services and material assistance as they can offer to assist the local boards in making out questionnaires of registrants for the army.

Mr. Charles Allen has been notified that his successor will take charge of the post office in Royal Oak on April 1, 1918, unless he releases from his duties before that time.

But inasmuch as he probably could not be relieved until after the hard work at Christmas time anyway, he expects to remain until spring.

Wm. Burke, contractor on the new Baldwin High School, arrested by Deputy Sheriff George Stephenson, on a charge of assault and battery, the complaint being made by Frank Clark, another contractor on the new school.

He pleaded not guilty Thursday December 13, in Justice Campbell's court. The case was adjourned for trial to December 20.

The Knights of Pythias lodge elected the following officers for the year: George Newman, chancellor; command; Frank Cobb, vice-chancellor; Arthur Switzer, secretary; George Scott, master of work; William VanEvery, inside guard; Louis Rousseau, outside guard; Charles Wilcox, master of exchequer; Claire Aldrich, master of finance; W. D. Clizbe, keeper of records and seals.

The association of members of the Local Advisory committee for Bloomfield and vicinity are Thomas H. Cobb, Chairman, with the following members: Charles J. Shain, A. Whitehead, Charles E. Jones, Rev. W. C. McKnight and George H. Mitchell. Their office is in the Shaw building and it is open for business all the time. Receivers of Questionnaires take notice. Go to any member with your troubles.

Mrs. Glendower Turner, formerly instructor at the String Dancing Academy of Detroit, will start a dancing school in Birmingham, Saturday, January 5, classes to be conducted in Johnston-Shaw Hall. The younger children will meet from 3 to 5 o'clock and the High School, Senior class, at 7:30. Miss Turner will arrange adult classes or private dancing clubs for those interested. Also private lessons in fancy or ballroom dancing by appointment.

The Detroit Aldermen make monkeys of their curious cut-up and capers and imagine they can run the D. U. R. when they cannot run themselves.

By a recent action of theirs, the congested conditions is much worse than ever, the time of traveling is much slower and difficult. In his opinion the D. U. R. should have an increase of fares and be entitled to it. No one can say but their expenses have increased in proportion to everything else. Be reasonable.

Postmaster Mitchell has received thirty stamps and war savings certificate stamps, and they are now on sale at the post office. These war stamps make an attractive investment for persons of small means. Sixteen thirty stamps at 25 cents each, with 12 cents additional if paid before January 1, 1918, entitle the owner to one \$5 war savings certificate, payable January 1, 1923. For \$4.12 you receive \$5.00 after five years. This is equivalent to a 4 per cent compound interest. Liberty Bonds pay day 4 per cent straight interest.

Miss Reba Schlaack entertained with a very pretty party Saturday evening. The guests were artistically decorated in Xmas colors. The guests were: Mesdames Thompson, Bonnar, Van Zandt, Catharine Leland, Helen Walker, Harriette Field, Charlotte Gibson, Reatrice Stanley, Alice McKinnon, E. Margaret Young, and Mary Walker, and Messrs. Lyle Smith, Harold Shaw, Fred E. Thomas, L. L. Lusk, Walter Rogers, E. V. Edwards, George Staler, Milwaukee Roberts, "Claude Morrow," Huck Parry, Edwin Gagnon, and Lloyd Bell. It was an occasion of real joy.

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Stamps are due.

Have you paid 'em.

"Merry Christmas."

The postoffice is one busy place this week.

Mr. Ernest Burrows, of Camp Carter, was home Sunday.

Two car loads of coal were received by dealers here Tuesday.

Both banks and the Eccentric office will be closed all day next Tuesday.

Mrs. Myrtle Kline of Belleville is visiting her mother, Mrs. R. Colby.

Howard Bell, the florist, has put up another big addition to his greenhouses.

O. E. Valentine of Rose has purchased the Bliss house at 247 Townsend Street.

Mrs. Mina Mills of Pontiac, spent Tuesday here with her mother, Mrs. J. Baldwin.

Just right—the pavement in the private driveway between the Field and National Bank buildings.

There are altogether too many motorists on this town today at night without having lamps lighted.

Mrs. W. T. Clark has returned to be home at River Rouge after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts.

The Young Woman's Sewing Society of the United Presbyterian Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Mack Hunt, Woodward Avenue, Monday evening.

Says an Eccentric reader: "Why is it that people in Birmingham cannot get coal for cash, while Bloomfield Hills district is supplied by the carload?" Give it up.

Mrs. G. O. Williams of Rockford, Ill., who has been spending some time with her sisters Mrs. Julia Perry and Miss Chapman, left Monday for St. Petersburg, Florida, where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

The fuel administration is authority for the statement that, the annual output of coal has been increased approximately 50,000,000 tons, the increase in consumption caused by the war is 100,000,000 tons. An instance cited is that of the Bethlehem Steel Company, which demands an increased coal supply of approximately 3,000,000 tons a year.

Help for the Salvation Army of Pontiac will be welcome, so writes Adjutant James E. Hoare in reply to a note of inquiry. "We shall very much appreciate having the clothing and will collect it as we have formerly done."

All who who are asked to help in this work, give anything that can be used, to men women and children, but please do not give worthless articles. Packages for this good work can be left at the store of Mr. Charles Peck, West Maple Avenue. "He whistles quickly gives twice."

Charles Neldredt, age 55 years, a meat cutter, whose home is in Pontiac, dropped dead Thursday night December 13, in Walters and Seager's meat market on South Woodward Avenue in Birmingham, where he was working. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at his home on Williams Street, Pontiac. Burial took place in Pontiac.

He is survived by a widow, three sons, Charles W., 18, Robert, 15, Joseph, 14, and a daughter, Natalie, 12. The Neldredt family were formerly of Brown Street, Birmingham, until three years ago when they moved to Pontiac.

Mrs. Hattie Burns of Stanley Street sometime last November, started out on a visiting trip. It proved to be a hoodoo trip with a big H. While visiting relatives at Benton Harbor, with two other ladies she was a victim of one of those bad breaks. Three ladies were badly hurt. After this misadventure went to visit her sister Mrs. Lizzie Donohue at Jackson. One day in this city, while stopping off at a street car, another one bumped into the one she was alighting from, throwing her clear over the top of the car. The car was injured caused five weeks in bed with a physician in close attendance. After recovering, with a visit to her brother Elias in view, a neighbor kindly offered to take her and the rest over in his auto. They accepted. While backing from the yard, he backed into a milk wagon, the horse pulling it plunged through the rear of the auto, tore out everything then ran away, driving, milk came all over him. Did Mrs. Burns and the other ladies experience a narrow shock? Ask them. Mrs. Burns is now "at home" enjoying the safety and quietness that Stanley Street affords over its entire length. She is doctoring her nerves. It is probable that some time before she starts on another trip.

ORDER APPOINTING TIME FOR HEARING CLAIMS.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Probate Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 26th day of November, A. D. 1917, present, H. H. Smith, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of HENRY WOOD, Deceased.

Edmund Wood, administrator of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against and estate be limited, and the place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said estate, and before said Court, it is ordered that four months from this date, to-wit: for creditors to present claims against said estate. It is further ordered that the 25th day of March, A. D. 1918, at 10:00 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 estate.

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Classified Liners

Under this heading—30 words or less, 1 time 25c; 2 times 40c; 3 times 50c; 5 times 75c. Cash with copy.

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE.

OR SALE—Six-room House, 52415 1st. Inquire 505 Am Street, or J. W. Cobb's Drug Store. dec17

FOR SALE.

I HAVE A COMPLETE OUTFIT FOR heating and lighting, which has been in use in my house for years, but electric lights and city gas have made it useless to me. I will sell the complete outfit for \$50—it cost me more than \$200. Just the thing for farm or summer cottage. Made and guaranteed by the Detroit Heating & Lighting Co. A. Whitehead, 11 National Bank, Birmingham. tf