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GEO. H. MITCHELL, P. M.

Samuel Lamb is very ill at his home at Big Beaver.

Alex. Cannon is ill at his home on Southfield avenue.

Compared with January, February, 1918, is a perfect gentleman.

Our entire force of compositors, Miss Hazel Wendorph, is on the sick list.

Brother W. H. H. Codnor has a few words to say this week from All Over.

F. & A. M. Lodge No. 44 had a banquet Thursday evening in its lodge rooms.

Girden Leech, of Port Huron, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. William S. Walker, in Troy.

The D. U. R. men of this place had a dancing party Tuesday evening in Odd Fellows' Hall.

William Thompson and Ray Mitchell are ill with pneumonia at their homes in Southfield.

Mrs. Lena Wilson, of Detroit, spent Monday at the home of Mrs. Willis Carter, on Brown street.

The Red Cross Society, of Southfield, will meet today at the home of Mrs. Caleb Jackson, in Southfield.

Alex. Adams of St. Joseph, Minnesota, has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Adams, on Adams avenue.

Preston Gray, of Camp Custer, Battle Creek, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gray, on South Woodward avenue.

A supper for the men of the First Presbyterian church was held Friday evening (last) at the home of Mr. Erwin on Southfield.

Edgar Guest is Hooverizing on his Breakfast Table Chat. Thinking, perhaps, that an abbreviated breakfast can get along with a shorter "chat."

Spring is almost here. The baseball schedules are out and the small boy is monopolizing the clean spots on the sidewalk for a game of marbles.

The Oakland County Association of the Modern Maccabees held an all-day meeting Wednesday in its lodge rooms. A pot-luck dinner was served.

The car men of Birmingham and vicinity held their annual dance in the Masonic hall Wednesday evening February 12. It proved a very successful social event.

The regular meeting of the W. F. M. S. of the M. E. church will be held at the home of Mrs. Rice on West Maple avenue, Thursday afternoon, February 21.

The Ladies' Church Society of the First Presbyterian church will meet Wednesday February 20 at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Elmer Huston, Woodward avenue.

Advertisers are again cautioned that copy for changes MUST be in the printer's hands not later than 9 a. m. Tuesday morning of each week. Yes, the printer is busy too.

The next big event for Birmingham is to be that Big Big Boys Conference Friday and Saturday February 22 and 23. Help us get ready for it and show our visitors the best time they have ever had. Remember February 22 and 23rd.

The business and professional men of Birmingham are forming an organization for athletic pursuits. The present plan is to secure an athletic coach and practice one evening each week in the new high school gymnasium. The membership, we hear, is reaching close to the century mark.

The sleet storm Friday night caused a general traffic tie up. On North Woodward avenue a wire of dangerously high voltage was found down about 9:30 o'clock Friday evening. The street was patrolled for public protection and the D. U. R. line car began immediate repair which remedied the situation only after several hours work.

On Friday evening February 8, the Young Ladies Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian church gave a congregational social in the parsonage. Notwithstanding adverse weather conditions, there was a large attendance and all had a happy time. Those who were there are still saying to those few who were absent, "You don't know what a good time you missed".

Last Saturday the cement bottom was put into the septic tank in Southfield park. The very day the digging was finished, the severe cold came on, but as mild weather comes we will complete it. Besides being about 175 feet around the top and 35 feet deep, there will be 24,000 pounds of steel reinforcement used and nearly two carloads of cement. This tank would have been made three years ago had the State Sanitary Engineers allowed it. But owing to too much surface water getting into it the State authorities ordered us to install more water drains. This has now been done and it appears now that the completion of this Imhoff Septic tank will be the last big thing done by the old council government.

Frank Marble, of White Lake, was a caller Sunday.

Fred Hoffman is very ill at his home on Adams avenue.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Simons, of Watkins street, a daughter.

Gerald Bell has returned from a visit with relatives in Detroit.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ford, of Poppleton avenue, a daughter.

Miss Mary Walker spent the week-end with Miss Georgine Clark of Detroit.

Mrs. Jack Somby, of Clawson, is ill with appendicitis in Harper hospital, Detroit.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Clintonsmith a son. Doing fine Charles Lawrence.

Mrs. David Anderson, who has been ill at her home on Oakland avenue, is recovering.

Fred King is very ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Gibson, at Sylvan Lake.

Mrs. C. B. Haynes, has gone to Negaunee, U. P., to visit her son, Dr. H. B. Haynes.

The Ladies' Aid society, of Clawson, met Wednesday with Mrs. Albert Todd in Troy Township.

Mrs. Augusta Dennison is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Stearns, at Richmond.

Mr. F. F. Kraft, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Camp Custer was home visiting his family the past week.

Victor McKinley, of Camp Custer, Battle Creek, is ill with mumps. Mr. McKinley was formerly of this place.

Mrs. Mabel Crofter, of Detroit, has been a recent guest of her mother, Mrs. Julia Adams, on the West road.

Mrs. John Clarkston, of Chicago, Illinois, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burt, in Bloomfield Hills.

Robert Johnson, of Camp Custer, Battle Creek, is visiting at the home of his father, Charles Johnson, at Franklin.

The Red Cross rooms, in the Baldwin High School, are open now every day excepting Saturday from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Morgan Rundel has returned to his home at New York City, after visiting his father, Julius Rundel, on East Maple avenue.

R. H. Moore, of Louisville, Kentucky, is spending a few weeks at the home of his brother, C. T. Moore, on South Woodward avenue.

Miss Myrtle Gordon and Miss Luella Murdock, of Northville, have been recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bailey, on Brown street.

The Willing Workers Society, of Southfield, had a valentine social Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David McKinley, in Southfield.

The Presbyterian Church Society will meet Wednesday afternoon, February 20, at the home of Mrs. Elmer Huston, on North Woodward avenue.

These heatless, joyless days have not been without their benefits. Many a man long a stranger in his household, has become acquainted with his family. Nowhere else to go.

The annual business meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Peter Anderson, on Oakland avenue.

Mrs. G. H. Greer is very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Clue, on Orchard Lake avenue, Pontiac. Mrs. Greer formerly lived with the Clue family, on the Long Lake Road.

Mrs. Fanny Boulmer received a telegram Saturday from Washington, D. C., informing her that her son, Sergeant William Boughner, of the U. S. Army, and who was on the Tuscania, is safe at Londonderry, Ireland.

The Knight of Pythias will celebrate two important events Tuesday, February 19. The anniversary of the founding of the order in 1864 and the dedication of the Roll of Honor. Besides an interesting program it is hoped we shall have a letter from absent members.

Among the concerns that should be in a position to declare a fancy dividend on the season's business, in spite of the war, are the snow shovel factories.—Detoit News. Judging by the sidewalks in Detroit (and some other places) the snow shovel factories should be in the throes of bankruptcy.

Leo Frue, who is a fireman at the Pontiac State hospital, pleaded guilty Wednesday afternoon, February 6 in Justice A. W. Campbell's Court, to a charge of being in an offensive state of intoxication Tuesday night on a D. U. R. car, and paid $15 fine and $10 costs. The arrest was made by Deputy George Stephenson.

A surprise party was sprung on Mr. William Walmsly of Southfield, on Saturday night. Played pedo to their hearts content; supper was served and Mrs. Vister Spicer and Mrs. Robert Chisuss helped serve. Everybody enjoyed the evening. All went wishing another good time. 19 friends were included in the party.

"One of the most persistent popular beliefs that the Michigan State Fair is year by year striving to overcome is that which treats the Fair as an annual exposition devoted exclusively to livestock and farm crops. The original idea of a country fair, it will be conceded, was an exposition of this sort, but the modern State Fair goes beyond the point where well-bred animals and farm crops are the sole objects of interest. In recent years our Michigan State Fair has established all sorts of competitive events between human beings, and the broad idea behind these events is to build up a better race of citizens—present and future. For several years we have had a Better Babies Contest. Then for the young people, we have held all sorts of competitive events in which both mental and physical skill was required of the victors. In a word, we have been striving to make the Michigan State Fair a great annual exposition that would be a physical and mental uplifting force instead of a mere show place for the fattest steer or the biggest head of cabbage." This year beautiful cups (sterling on bronze) will be awarded as first prizes to contestants who make the greatest physical improvement in themselves during the next six months. The prizes will be awarded on September 7 during the Fair held August 30 to September 8. The winners are not likely to be those who are in good physical condition when the contest opens, but it is more probable that the winners will be found among those of frail physique at the present time and who during the next six months go about the work of developing their bodies by systematic daily exercise, right eating, right breathing and in general, right living. No entry fee is required for the Body-Building Contest, but those who are planning to enter should make inquiry at once in regard to the various details of the contest and to have their entry recorded before March 7 at the office of the Michigan State Fair, 502 Bowles Building, Detroit, Michigan. Blanks will be furnished on application.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lowe, of Brown street, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bachter, of Bloomfield Hills, a daughter.

Miss Catherine Watson, of Detroit, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. McDougal, on Henrietta street.

Don't forget that a year ago today sunrise occurred on exactly the same time as this morning.

The employes of the Olympia Automobile company of Pontiac, gave a dancing party Tuesday night in Johnson-Shaw hall.

The fireflies along Woodward avenue through the township of Bloomfield, are more ornamental than useful. In this time of coal shortage why not push the bleak button and save both power and dollars.

This is the time of year when you can get in a full working day of daylight by the use of sun time. Eastern time compels you to arrise long before daylight and central time compels you to light up before quitting work. Why not save oil and electricity by using the Lord's time?

The Forestry and Town Improvement committee of the Woman's Literary club, in charge of Mrs. Geo. Slater, has been fortunate in securing Mr. Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools, to address the club on "Forestry" at the next meeting, February 19, at the home of Mrs. Wm. Hartman, 214 West Maple avenue. Each member may bring a friend.

Under the auspices of the Woman's Literary, Mrs. Leota Potter will present the opera, "Cherry Blossom," in the Baldwin high school auditorium, date to be given later. Committees in charge of arrangements are: Business, Mrs. Geo. Slater; decorations, Mrs. Lillian Wightman; costumes, Mrs. Pearl Taylor. This will be a real musical treat for Birmingham, and half the net proceeds from the sale of tickets will be given to the Red Cross.

Our Tuesdays are meatless—our Wednesdays are wheatless; we're getting more eatless each day. Our home it is heatless—our bed it is sheetless, they're all sent to the Y M. C. A. The bar room is treatless, our coffee is sweetless—each day we are getting poorer and wiser. Our stockings are feetless—our trousers are seatless; ye gods! how we do hate the Kaiser!

W. S. DeWitt, who spent the last two summers in Birmingham, and who is now secretary of the Orlando Board of Trade, writes that Messrs. Curry and Phillips, of this village, called at the Board of Trade headquarters, Orlando, Tuesday, January 29. They were highly pleased with Orlando, but did not make a lenghty stay as they were bent on seeing other places of the State. Mr. DeWitt had a pleasant visit with these gentlemen and was pleased to learn of his friends, who find they must remain in Birmingham regardless of the cold weather and the shortage of fuel.

Somebody is going to tell on you if you don't pay your income tax. Congress has fixed it so that somebody must tell, whether he wants to or not. One section of the War Income Tax Law, exhaustively comprehensive in scope, requires every person without exception, and every corporation, partnership, association and insurance company, in whatever capacity acting, who paid $800 or more to another person, corporation, partnership, association, or insurance company as interest, rent salaries, wages, premiums, annuities, compensation, remuneration, emoluments, or other fixed or determinable gains, profits and income, to report the name and address of the person, corporation, etc., to whom the payment was made, together with the amount of the payment to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington, using a form prescribed for the purpose—Form 1099, now to be had from all collectors' offices. The forms must be filled out and returned on or before March 1, 1918, accompanied by Form 1096, which is a letter of transmittal and affidavit certifying the accuracy of Form 1099. Collector.

THE GROCERY MAN.

'Tis fine to be, 'tween you and me, the retail grocery man; to sell the cheese, yeast cakes and teas, by a cash or credit plan. To greet the folks with bran new jokes, when your feet are aching fierce, then get some lard by digging hard, from the bottom of a piece.

'Tis fun to play, about all day, for the jolly grocery man, who opens shop, at six o'clock and never can quit till ten. 'Bout all he does is answer the buzz, of two or more telephones; then get the stuff, if there's enough, for orders from Brown and Jones.

'Tis fun to chase about the place, in a retail grocery, where lemons spoil and high test oil spatters on your toggery. Where one will make the sad mistake, of putting up cheese for tea; and then must go ten blocks or so to make it right, you see.

On quiet days, the grocer plays, just sorting peaches or yams; or sprouting spuds in worn out duds, or scraping the mould from hams. He candles eggs and grates nutmegs, and washes the dusting cloths; and holes he pegs in leaky kegs, then he starts a hunt for moths.

But of all ills, the grocer's bills keep his nose right on the stone; and woe the day he does not pay, and thus his just debts atone. In vain he tries to realize a few copecks from accounts; and if he fail, he's off to jail till he pays the said amounts.

Oh, yes; it is the only biz, for it takes no sense at all to make a wad from prunes and cod and a large supply of gall. Now if you itch, to soon get rich, just start a grocery store; all you will need, if you succeed, are the things I've named before.

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ORDER FOR PUBLICATION General.

State of Michigan, in 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 4th day of February, A. D. 1918. Present, Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of

GEORGE H. CASTLE, Incompetent.

Julius F. Rundel, guardian of said incompetent, having filed in said Court his final account, resignation, petition for the allowance of the same, the discharge of said guardian, and the appointment of a successor,

It is ordered that the 23d day of February, A. D. 1918, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition. It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by 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.

ROSS STOCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
GEORGE A. BROWN, Probate Register. 1-15

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No. 8073.

State of Michigan—In the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland. In Chancery. Herman W. Meinke Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Jesse Oakley, Richard O. Davis, and Lewis Oakley, Executors of Samuel Oakley, deceased, or their successors or assigns; Samuel Hastings, Louis W. Oakley, Mary Oakley, Sarah Oakley, Reuben Vanlien, Henry N. Walker, Charles B. Lansing, John Townsend, John Townsend, Jr., Edward Townsend, Marianna Townsend, Laura S. T. Walsh, Julia T. Monroe, Abby T. Lansing, John T. Lansing, Charles A. Lansing, The unknown wife of Shubael Conant, The unknown wife of William C. H. Waddell, The unknown wife of Josiah R. Curtz, The unknown wife of Ebenezer Jessup, Jr., The unknown wife of Elon Farnsworth, The unknown wife of Samuel Oakley, The unknown wife of John D. Brown, and The unknown wife of John Winder, or The unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns of each and every of them, Defendants. At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the city of Pontiac, County and State aforesaid, on the 8th day of January, A. D. 1918. Present: Honorable Kleber P. Rockwell, Circuit Judge. In this cause it satisfactorily appears to the court, by the sworn bill of complaint filed in said cause, and the affidavit of Clinton McGee, for and in behalf of the said plaintiff, that the above named defendants are necessary and proper parties to said cause, and that the present whereabouts of the said defendants, or their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, are unknown and cannot be ascertained: On Motion of Pelton & McGee, attorneys for Plaintiff: It is ordered that the said defendants in Jesse Oakley, Richard O. Davis, and Lewis Oakley, Executors of Samuel Oakley, deceased, or their successors or assigns; Samuel Hastings, Louis W. Oakley, Mary Oakley, Sarah Oakley, Reuben Vanlien, Henry N. Walker, Charles B. Lansing, John Townsend, John Townsend, Jr., Edward Townsend, Marianna Townsend, Laura S. T. Walsh, Julia T. Monroe, Abby T. Lansing, John T. Lansing, Charles A. Lansing, The unknown wife of Shubael Conant, The unknown wife of William C. H. Waddell, The unknown wife of Josiah R. Curtz, The unknown wife of Ebenezer Jessup, Jr., The unknown wife of Elon Farnsworth, The unknown wife of Samuel Oakley, The unknown wife of John D. Brown, and The unknown wife of John Winder, or The unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns of each and every of them, Defendants, cause their appearance to be entered in said cause within two months from the date of this order, and that in default thereof the said bill of complaint be taken as confessed by the said defendants or their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns. It is further ordered that within twenty (20) days from the date hereof, the plaintiff cause a copy of this order to be published in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper, printed, published and circulating in said county of Oakland once in each week for six (6) successive weeks, or that a copy of this order be personally served upon each of the said defendants at least twenty days before the time prescribed for his hdr. or their appearance.

KLEBER P. ROCKWELL,
Circuit Judge.

Countersigned:
FLOYD B. BABCOCK, Clerk.

Take Notice that this suit is commenced, and is brought to quiet title to the following described premises, situated in the village of Royal Oak, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, and more particularly described as follows:—The West half of the east half of the Southwest quarter of Section Thirty-six (36), Town One (1) North, of Range Eleven (11) East, Michigan.

PELTON & MCGEE, Attorneys for Plaintiff, Business Address—Pontiac Michigan. 18 Jan—1 Mar.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Elmer O. Mutchler and his wife, Lena Mutchler, of the City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, dated the 8th day of February, A. D. 1917, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, on the 24th day of April, A. D. 1917, at 10 o'clock P. M. of said day, in Liber 327 of mortgages, on page 382-383, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice for principal and interest the sum of two hundred ninety-four and fifty-two one-hundredths dollars ($294.52) and an attorney fee of thirty dollars ($30.00) as provided for in said mortgage, it is expressly agreed by the terms of said mortgage that should any principal or interest be not paid at the end of thirty (30) days from the time it is due, the mortgagee can, at his option, declare all of said principal and interest due, and more than thirty days have elapsed, and said interest not having been paid, said mortgagee hereby declares all principal and interest is due and payable, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of February, 1918, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, the undersigned will, at the easterly front entrance to the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, that is the place where the circuit court for the county of Oakland is held, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: Lot 26, D. Hall Ridge Addition, in the City of Pontiac, Michigan. Dated November 9th, 1917.

DANIEL L. DAVIS, Mortgagee,
M. D. DAVIS, Attorney for Mortgagee
601 Majestic Building, Detroit, Mich.
16 Nov.—8 Feb

No. 11401.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland. Harold M. Merritt, Plaintiff, vs. Michigan Land and Home Company, a corporation, et al, defendants. At a session of said court, held at the court house in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 8th day of January, A. D. 1918. Present, Honorable Kleber P. Rockwell, circuit judge. In this cause it appearing by affidavit on file, that Harold M. Merritt, one of the defendants, is a resident of this state, and that process for his appearance was duly issued, and the same could not be served by reason of his absence from, or concealment within the state, and it appearing by the affidavit on file that the present whereabouts of the said Harold R. Merritt cannot be ascertained:

On motion of Pelton & McGee, and Peter H. Bromley, attorneys for the plaintiff: It is ordered that the appearance of the said defendant, Harold R. Merritt, be entered within three months from the date of this order, and in default thereof, the said defendant be adjudged and decreed to be in default as confessed as against the said Harold R. Merritt. It is further ordered that within twenty days from the date hereof the plaintiff cause a copy of this order to be published in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in said county, once in each week for six consecutive weeks, or that a copy of this order be personally served upon the said non-resident defendant, Harold R. Merritt, at least twenty days before the time above prescribed for his appearance, and the plaintiff cause to be sent to the last known postoffice address of the said defendant, Harold R. Merritt, a copy of said order, same to be sent by registered mail, and to be published herein.

KLEBER P. ROCKWELL,
Circuit Judge.

Countersigned—
MAUD E. MIDGLEY, Deputy Clerk.
PELTON & MCGEE, and
PETER H. BROMLEY,
Attorneys for Plaintiff, Business Address—Pontiac, Michigan.
25 Jan.—8 Feb.

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