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LEGALS.

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Postoffice Directory

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GEO. H. MITCHELL, P. M.

For sale cheap, $5.00, a second hand small office desk. Can be seen at the Postoffice for a few days. George H Mitchell, P. M. 2

Funeral services will be held Wednesday for the two 12-year-old boys who were drowned in Strait's lake Sunday, Rome Hosner and Harold Hallet of Pontiac.

A letter from Herbert Hilton of Pontiac, written in France, mentions that when he was wounded and sent to a hospital he found that his sister was a nurse in the adjoining building.

Barney Childers, formerly of this place, is being brought back from Savannah, Ga., by Under Sheriff Mack Hunt and Assistant Prosecutor George A. Dondero, on a charge of embezzlement from the Mellen-Wright-Stevens Lumber company of Birmingham. Childers has been sought for over a year.

The six-year-old suit of Anson Green, Grand Rapids contractor, against the township of Royal Oak is being heard in circuit court. Green is suing to collect a bill for building a pavement in the township. Royal Oak claims the pavement was not satisfactory and Green says he was not allowed to finish it. The pavement in question has since worn out and has been replaced.

A great number of excellent animals will be found among this lot and doubtless can be purchased at a reasonable figure. These animals all passed Government inspection when purchased, have had very little if any service and have been at this Camp since first purchased. A good halter will be given with each animal. The terms of sale are either currency, certified or cashier's check.

Dear Editor to us: Since Mrs. Chas. E. Arthur stopped writing missing the good Birmingham people whose acquaintance I made during my two years stay there, I hope they are all well and enjoying the winter much better than last. Have seen no sight of snow here excepting that which is visible on Mt. Hood 50 miles away. I am liking Portland Oregon very much and find many attractions here.

The holiday business at the P. O. is slowing down. Never before has the office done so great a business. The cash receipts show it and the help know it. Fewer complaints as to lost packages, damaged packages, and delayed packages this year than ever before and the office received a congratulatory letter from P. M. General as to the dispatch and quantity of mail handled quickly and with so little friction.

The pretty white brick bungalow on Greenwood Ave., belonging to Mr. Charles Batchelor was destroyed by fire Monday of this week. Fire is supposed to have caught from the furnace. The family leaving house about nine o'clock. Mrs. Batchelor returning first at about three o'clock found her home in ruins. Loss $6000. Before the fire was discovered the inside of the home was a mass of flames and although prompt and willing help came to the rescue it was of no avail. Soft coal is supposed to be the starter of this loss. People using soft coal should never fail to put furnace or stove fund by it for the first one generation will go off with an explosion and may cause more and greater losses. Watch out. Keep the Home Fire Burning, but do not run away and leave them.

Tuesday afternoon Lewis M. Ball did receive a sad telegram sent by friends of the family of Mr. Will Nichols of Morrell, Neb. In it he was told of the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Will Nichols at that place. The telegram gave no particulars only to state that his death was caused by an automobile accident and that Mr. Nichols' brother-in-law, a Mr. Rose, was seriously injured. Mr. Nichols was a brother-in-law of our townsman Walter Nichols.

Mrs. Nichols and children left with their daughter, Mrs. Nellie Nichols, Friday p. m. Neighbors gave their assistance to relieve all real help needed and sympathy was expressed by a host of friends to both families thus suddenly bereaved. At this writing no new developments have been received as to how the tragedy occurred.

Did you ever have a newspaper and have Uncle Sam telling you how long you can read your paper to subscribe? Telling you what size you must make your paper? That no dead heads must receive your paper? No copies sent out by you that are not paid for? We have. And that brings up to us the fact that in a short time we hope to be able to print all our paper and not use what are called "patent insides." And the sheet will be enlarged, too. And the time is not to the point that some of our subscribers are some what in arrears. Now please look at the date after the name on your paper or the wrapper and see if it has passed. If the date is in the misty past U. S. P. O. regulations have taken effect and the Christmas bills just look down into that old purse again and see if you cannot find a dollar or more that is due for this great moral engine. If you find it, don't stop to put on your hat or wraps but just you run to the Eccentric office and see the broad grin or smile that will rush over our placid face as we gleefully write you a receipt for the amount thus contributed. Try it just for luck. Hopefully Yours.

Announcement was made last Friday by the Christmas Carolers of Detroit of receipts by the various groups of carolers of $4,629, all of which is to be used for the Children's Aid Society. These earnings are an increase of $1500.00 over the receipts of one year ago. Birmingham's first activity in co-operation with the Detroit Carolers was inaugurated for Xmas Eve of 1917. There was but one group of Carolers here and the receipts were $5.00. The movement was considerably enlarged this year and in spite of the extremely severe weather there was singing by six groups of Carolers and contributions were received to the amount of $51. The carolers were able to reach only a limited part of the homes that had placed welcoming candles in their windows, and those who have worked energetically for the movement, hope that next Xmas the Carolers will be able to reach every home interested in the perpetuation of this honored custom.

Do you feel it? The days are getting longer measured by God's time.

Miss Maude Gates, of the Eccentric was called to Flint this week by the serious illness of a near friend.

Miss J. Helen Bingham, of Detroit, Mrs. Marjorie Carson, of Royal Oak, guests of Emeline Mitchell, Sunday.

If you are not a member of the Red Cross, The First National Bank and Miss Sarah E. Sly are prepared to enroll you.

Miss Virginia Hartwell home from Traverse City, Mich. for one week's visit. She is training as Red Cross nurse in Traverse City State hospital.

The Ladies' Church Society of the First Presbyterian church will meet at the home of Mrs. Chas. Wilcox, 760 Pine street Wednesday January 15 at 2 p. m.

Rhea Schlaack, of this place, Maurice Monle and Donald McGowan, of Pontiac, the Pontiac High School Debating team will debate with the Port Huron High School, January 10 at Port Huron.

Dr. Daniel W. Campbell and family and Mr. Charles J. Boyer, and family, of Detroit spent New Year's day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Campbell, enjoying a fine New Year's dinner and a Merry time.

Dr. Arthur W. Newitt, formerly House Surgeon at Providence Hospital, Detroit, has been honorably discharged from the army. Dr. Newitt is now practicing in Birmingham. His office is in the Ford block.

The Knights of Pythias last week enjoyed a fine banquet but next Tuesday night, January 14, they devour a 25 pound beef roast at 6:30 and follow that by the Third Rank. The members may be absent, may be not.

The community will give a chicken pie supper at the parlors of the Big Beaver M. E. church on Friday evening, January 17. Tickets are 50 cents, while children eat at half price. The net proceeds will apply on the debt of parlors.

Word has been received by Mrs. J. M. Alt of the severe wounding of her brother, Corporal A. W. Bartholomew. Rev. Bartholomew who held a pastorate in Golconda, Ill., left that city last June for overseas, and was in active service till late October when in one the last battles he received sort of an injury, the nature of which is not yet known by his friends here. His recovery is reported as certain, and he is expected in the near future, when he will make his home for some time with his brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Alt.

Dr. L. J. Courts, Osteopathist, after nearly 14 years of the most satisfactory and successful practice both professionally and financially in Pontiac, has gone to Detroit to meet further successes. She is now comfortably situated at No 10 Virginia Park avenue where she will be pleased to have all her old friends and patrons call and make her and her sister, Miss Emma a visit. She will continue practicing at the home and will in good time have an office down town. She instructs all her old old time Birmingham friends that the latch string is always out and a hearty welcome awaiting her.

The home of Mrs. McCann, on Baldwin avenue was prettily decorated in Christmas colors for a sute tide, miscalle given on Saturday, December 21st, when the talented pupils of Mrs. Pearle Porter Winkler presented a most interesting program. Marion Elizabeth Trumbull contributed two clever readings to the afternoon's entertainment and Hattie Elizabeth Ferguson pleased the children by singing "Santa Claus Will Come Tonight," and "Don't You Think You'll Like To Be a Soldier." While refreshments were being served Miss Marguerite Young, of Detroit, sang, "O'er Those Tears" and for an encore, Tadmann's "Send Off The Sky Blue Water." Mrs. Winkler was repeatedly congratulated on the progress her pupils have made while under her tutelage.

"You man of Birmingham who Knock the disadvantages of residing in a small town and who are anxious to take advantage of every convenience and luxury at hand are missing out on one of the most splendid organizations possible in a small town. You complain that your muscles owing to lack of proper trimming are not equal to the task of splitting kindling wood or tending to the furnace. Mister you should feel ashamed to make such an excuse when we have in our midst facilities for muscle—building which can rival those of our neighbor village Detroit. The Men's Gym Class is a second year organization which has weekly use of the splendid Baldwin Gymnasium and which is well conducted and of sufficient benefit to make it a worth while organization. The dues are only $1.00 for the winter term consisting of probably twelve meetings. For further particulars inquire of Mr. Walter Johnson who has been elected president of the 1918-19 year. The next meeting of the class will be held in the gymnasium at 8:00 o'clock sharp on Thursday evening of next week.

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North-bound - 7:18 a. m., and every 30 minutes to 8:18 p. m.; then 8:58 p. m., and every 30 minutes to 12:58 a. m.

Locals, Birmingham to Pontiac only, 6:00 a. m., 6:22 a. m., 6:52 a. m.

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Mrs. Nellie Dombrowski of Troy has filed divorce proceedings against John Dombrowski.

Birmingham Temple No. 24, Pythian Sisters, will give a dancing and card party on Friday evening, January 17 in Castle Hall. Everybody is welcome.

Years ago the Town Treasurer collected taxes by the month or week, and filled out his own tax receipts. Mr. Haines, our 22nd collector and his able assistant give four days each week and both are very busy and kept in line there.

The official call for the state republican convention is out. It will be held at Lansing, Mich., Tuesday, February 18, 1919. This great gathering will be held in the Prudden Auditorium. A delegate for every 200 voters gives the Convention only 1761 delegates. Oh Oakland will send 2 delegates and they will all be there without a doubt.

The New Years party given by the Pythian Sisters was a success, over 60 guests being in attendance and the ladies realized a handsum sum. The hall was very prettily decorated with bunting and flags. Progressive 500 was played. Maude Berry and Gert Jackson received first prizes, and Mr. and Mrs. Ward the consolations. A dainty lunch was served after the dance and the evening was devoted to dancing.

One of the most thriving sporting enterprises is the old and original Birmingham Gun Club and it never was more alive than this day. The annual election officers was held very recently and the following officers were elected to carry on the grand and healthful pastime. President, W. M. Story; vice Pres., Philip H. Schlaack secretary, J. Bert Peabody, treasurer, Frank Schlaack. All were re-elected which proves that they are on their job, business and sportistically.

Uncle Sam is going to have an auction, and strange to say Martin Blunt or C. P. S. Price are not mentioned as auctioneers. A mistake has been made by some one. Anyway, the sale will be held next Tuesday at Camp Custer. At which time there will be sold 564 horses and mules. Don't get it in your head that this stock is worn out and damaged goods. They are being sold because Uncle Sam has no further use for them. BUY A MULE OR HORSE AND GIVE IT TO A DISCHARGED SOLDIER.

Chas. J. Shain, the Rexall druggist, who was special Enrolling Agent for the United States Merchant Marine during the war, has just been appointed permanent Enrolling Agent for the United States Shipping Board Recruiting Service, by Henry Rowell, the director. Official notice of Shain's appointment was received here today from Recruiting Service headquarters in Custom House, Boston. Unusual opportunities are offered the American youth who desires to serve in the United States merchant service. Boys who have had no sea experience are given free training, with pay, on one of the several specially fitted training ships of the Recruiting Service, and then are landed on active duty in the highest paid merchant marine in the world. Travel, adventure and career lie before them under the Stars and Stripes. Owing to the rapid delivery of new cargo vessels the demand for trained seamen is increasing, and a special campaign to recruit young men for immediate training is now under way. Detailed information regarding the opportunities in the merchant service can be obtained from Mr. Shain.

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