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BEWARE OF GET-RICH-QUICK SCHEMES

BEFORE YOU INVEST YOUR MONEY IN A QUESTIONABLE ENTERPRISE, WRITE THE SECURITIES COMMISSION AT LANSING.

These are the days of "wildcat" financial schemes. The return of the country to a condition of stable equilibrium in finances has been accompanied by an unprecedented crop of ventures, for the consummation of which the public's money is being sought far and wide. Almost every plan promising is being used to cajole and coerce investors into get-rich-quick schemes, which on their very face are practically but private "stages" for a few promoters.

The Michigan Securities Commission is doing its level best to protect the investing public in Michigan, from the millionaire with lots of ready cash to the small saving bank depositor who possibly sees a chance to treble or quadruple the interest his money will draw while safely in a bank vault.

The Michigan Securities Commission stands ready at all times as a part of its duty toward the public which created it, to give the best available information on any proposition which may be advertised, or for which investments are solicited. To that end inquiries on schemes which are advertised in a community will be answered promptly as possible. Bankers who learn of some new alleged opportunity, or editors approached with advertising should either write or wire and thus help protect the public.

The mails are already being used to an alarming extent to interest the richer class in farming communities in southwestern oil schemes which bear all evidence of being wildcat. We have been solicited by some oil promoters and asked to trade ads or space for stock, a plan what a should brand the live-wire advertisers on every face.

Many people consult the Michigan Securities Commission when they hear of new schemes and this is what every person should do who is invited to invest in some questionable enterprise. Write the Securities Commission at Lansing before you speculate with your money.

PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES

On the evening of July 7 a delightful time was spent by the members of the library club in discussing books and the place they play in our life. Each member told of a book she had read since the last meeting, giving a brief outline of the story and telling why she had enjoyed it. Among those present were:

"There's the Lady of the Decoration," by Frances Little. I must tell you about this. "The Shepherd of the Hills," by Harold Bell Wright, is the story of the shepherds in the hills, down in Missouri—Zona Gale, one hour out in Illinois. Actually, each the life of a book, seems half completion.

"Have you a book called Proverbs, by Solomon?"

"The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse." Was the best story written of war? It is certainly a description of South American life, the War, and ending with the ghostly horsemen galloping through. A jewel of a book, with its quaint, allegorical setting.

"There's Ireland." Was turned upside down this summer, and all the boys and girls are applying for jobs. Of course, it's so awfully interesting.

One small scientist has borrowed the local books, the flower books, and now he's reading the Butterfly Book.

We heard two Detroit librarians talking. One said, "They have two libraries out at Birmingham." Verily, we have! Where they have one central library, for most small towns, like Royal Oak, we have the public library and the high school library, with all the standard authors, dictionaries, encyclopedias, etc., in both places. In the various school rooms, there are books suitable for the various grades. All told Birmingham has probably twice as many rooms, with as much work undertaken. Including the Sunday School and private libraries, one feels inclined to wonder just how much in the world of literature is available to the children of the little folks.

THE CANNING CENTER

The Birmingham Canning Center had a very happy time on Tuesday. After their canning was finished, they all walked over to Vhay's lake, went bathing and ate their picnic luncheon. Mrs. John Marlotte and Mrs. Alma McClellan took charge of the girls and brought them safely home. The girls all were delighted with the outing, and are anxious to go somewhere every Tuesday, after the canning at the center. The teachers at the center wish to announce have visitors from Birmingham and the adjoining towns, at any time. It is an inspiring sight to see the white capped girls busy with the pieces—a canning, sorting, a real useful art, being kept in thrift stamps, and at the same time having such a fine social time.

Come along, girls, next Tuesday, and you will be just delighted. Catch the car at Lafayette and Lincoln at 1 p. m. car for Lincoln Center.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

CORNER BROWN AND WOODWARD.

DAVID H. CURRY, PASTOR.

Morning worship at 10:30, including sermon by pastor.

Sabbath school, 11:45. Bring the children for we have a class for you and them.

Junior league at 2:30. All children invited.

Young people's meeting at 6:30. A live meeting and the discussion of a practical subject. Come and give your views on the question.

Evening worship at 7:30. Good music and a real gospel message.

Choir practice every Thursday at 7:45.

MUCH BUILDING IS UNDER WAY

Thirty-three New Homes Said to Have Been Started in Past Sixty Days

Birmingham has a decided building boom at present. It is said that thirty-three new homes are now under way, which have been started within the past two months. The cost of these buildings will range from $1,000 to $12,000 or more, probably averaging about $8,000. Mr. Macallum is building two fine homes on West Maple and Oakland avenues, another high class structure is being put up by Mr. Law on on West Maple, and the West Maple job was under way for 15-18 days, among other worthy of special note.

PLACE WOMAN ON BOARD

Mrs. Arthur Hartwell One of Two New Members Elected Last Week

Excitement ran high in school circles last week, when it became either rumored or declared in the various cabinets, that for the first time women were entitled to place citizens on the board of education, and women being one of the two new members elected at the board of education meeting last week. The new members elected were Mr. Arthur Hartwell, of 211 Brown street and Mrs. Fay, of Elm and avenue, to succeed Mr. Frank Shaw and Mr. Fred Lee. Mr. H. H. McBride was re-elected for a three year term. The two retiring members were T. E. Lincoln and Dr. D. H. Fry. The board, as now made up, is composed of Messrs. Harris, Hartwell, Lincoln, H. H. McBride, Mr. Hartwell and Mr. Tinney.

The board met Thursday night and elected the officers for the coming year. Mr. Harris was re-elected president, H. H. McBride re-elected secretary, and T. H. McBride re-elected treasurer. Mr. Tinney was made vice president of the board.

THE GARDEN CLUB

Another real fun show in Birmingham. The good, dried up weeds had to make way for flowers, after the fashion in which it looked as if the Garden Club had set their stakes. Now we will chance to see flowers, weed rather they been so slow in their seed. Out from down before the weed, a chance to show what they are, there will be that many to whom weeds take the substance, as a form the necessary vegetables and fruits.

One visitor on Woodward avenue, a few days ago, was heard to say, "I'm disgusted in beautifying the town, some of the Garden Club will set after her neighbor who owns a lot of vacant property, and compel him to clean up and cut down the weeds. Let Mr. John the club and be glad to give his aid."

That is a valuable suggestion, and we feel that it would be worth the money, for the Garden Club, very young now, and all we can do is to educate, we need fun and we have enough money in the treasury to pay someone to go about town, cutting down weed patches, vacant and those other work, which is all very necessary, but which, at times, money and time. If each Lady in town would send in the one dollar for a year, just think of what we would accomplish.

We need your good will and your dollar. If you live in Birmingham and want to see the town improved and made more attractive, send in your dollar and the executive board will know just how much they can depend upon, for the plans they have in mind.

NEW SUBDIVISION GETS IMPROVEMENTS

Highland View addition No. 1 to the Village of Birmingham, laid out by T. E. Smith and Knox Poppelton, will soon have all its water mains completed, while the sewer work already has been done. This is the first subdivision to come into the village under the terms of the ordinance, adopted about a year ago, requiring all new additions to put in water mains, as well as sewers, and other improvements.

The new subdivision is located north of Oakland avenue and east of the Grand Trunk tracks, extending to Adams avenue, the eastern village limit. The plat was accepted by the Council on June 2.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed at the Birmingham, Mich., postoffice, for the week ending July 19, 1919:

Allen, Mrs. Crystal
Kerhoff, Jennie
Kerhoff, Frank
Mitchell, Mr. Raymond
Miller, J.
Oldrich, Mrs. Elmora, care Edna Richardson
Rotell, Cpl. Fred J., care Mrs. Merle Nye
Wellwood, Mrs. Hazel
Lawson, Mr. Adam

Postal Cards.

Allen, Mr. Edwin
Brown, Harry
Barrett, Mrs. Jack
Mrs. Cook
Doody, Pvt. Charles
Gradey, Julia
Kurton, Robert
Nemesie, Miss Ida

Mr and Mrs. J. D. Knowles and their daughter Louise, of Rochester, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Harvey, Gardenia avenue. Miss Louise is also spending the week with the Harveys.

UNITED STATES "BABY BONDS" ARE NOW ON MARKET

OVER THREE MILES OF ROCHESTER PAVEMENT COMPLETED

such rapid progress is being made by contractors building the Royal Oak-Rochester Boulevard pavement that indications now are the portions of concrete will be finished before the freezing weather sets in. Completed the paving will extend 12 miles.

Approximately three and a quarter miles of the surface have been poured by the two contractors, R. E. Baker and J. P. LaDue, who commenced work at Big Beaver and proceeded in both directions. The Baker firm having the contract for the northern section. Of this something more than two miles have been poured while the LaDue crew has built a little more than a mile.

Some delay has been caused the contractors say, by the inconvenient matter in which materials must be hauled to the job, from Royal Oak where they are shipped on rail. Further delay has resulted from allegedly mis-shipment of stock as well they maintain.

DECIDE UPON FIRE TRUCK

Manager Lowman Is Instructed to Purchase Gramm-Bernstein Machine

At the regular adjourned meeting of the meeting Monday night, the council instructed Manager A. Mitchell Lowman to purchase the Gramm-Bernstein Motor fire truck, made at Lima, Ohio, and the delivery of the truck will be completed within a few days. H. E. Sutphen of Columbus, Ohio, sale man of the company, was here a few days in the month, and expected back for the next meeting of the Council. The Gramm-Bernstein truck is equipped with different kind of apparatus before choosing the one to approve, the council made a tour.

The truck a combination chemical and hose truck, having four-gallon Holloway type copper chemical tanks, and will be equipped to carry 1,200 feet of hose, ladders and one of hydrants. It will be equipped with a Stromberg carburetor, having pneumatic non-skid tires and other up-to-date features, and altogether will serve as a model to communities in the state.

The decision to get a thoroughly up-to-date truck at this time, to replace the present apparatus, was proved by the attitude adopted from the fact that the city has suffered from a conflagration in Birmingham, which depended on the village fire fighting force to put it out.

In connection with the municipal fire, will provide for delivery of the truck in about sixty days.

Mr. Sutphen, salesman for the manufacturers, was among the visitors the machine manufactured by, as he thought so well of Birmingham that he has seriously contemplated making his home.

PASS RESOLUTIONS PROVIDING FOR PAVING

Resolutions were passed by the Village Council, Monday night, providing for the paving of portions of several streets on which petitions had been presented recently. The paving consisted in the resolutions included that on West Maple, from Eaton to the bridge, on Brown, from Pierce, from Maple to Martin. It is expected to pass other resolutions covering three more blocks of Pierce street, which will be made up into other paving districts. The resolutions provide for the placing of 80 per cent of the cost on Brown street, against the village at large, on Pierce street, 162-3 per cent, and on the two portions of West Maple, 77 and 62 per cent.

It also was decided to put in a sewer on one side of Elm street, where has been some discussion locally as to whether the placing of this sewer will destroy the gravel placed there recently, but this will not be disturbed to an extent.

A sidewalk has been ordered constructed on the south side of Bowers, from Elm to Woodward avenue.

WATER COMMITTEE TO MEET ON JULY 21

Much interest is being taken in the next meeting of the local committee of fifteen, which has been appointed by the city of securing a larger water supply for Birmingham. The meeting meeting takes place on Thursday of next week, July 31, and it is expected that definite steps will be taken at that time.

Chairman Clarence Vaet of the committee has been away this week, but will return early next week.

CAMPING PARTY

Several of the young people in town are planning to go camping for a week or ten days. The high dog of Sand, and the great one in apple, during the season, on the Two Lakes. The 3, will determine how lengthy the stay will be. Mrs. S. H. Wightman will chaperone the party, which will include Mrs. Beatrice Bratt, Jr., Mrs. Margaret Schwartz, Miss Evelyn Fetter and Masters Manley Baldy and Lyal Wightman. They all need the fresh air, and we hope all will return home much improved and rested.

Dr. J. R. Hayhow, Oak Ridge, has sold his home to H. G. Dwyer of Grosse Pointe. Dr. Hayhow's family will make their home for the present with Mrs. Hayhow's mother, Mrs. Davis.

SUPREME COURT DECIDES LOCAL CASE

Decision of Judge Lamb Confirmed in Action of Swan vs. Stevens

In the case of Swan vs. Stevens, the Supreme Court handed down a decision on Thursday last, in favor of the defendant, confirming the decision of Judge Lamb, which put the case in the circuit court of Oakland county, rendered about a year ago from which an appeal was taken by the plaintiff. The case was brought by Mr. Swan and Elizabeth Kemp, deceased, against the estate of Sara Stevens, deceased, to have a deed set aside by which Mr. Kemp had conveyed to Mrs. Stevens a Tuxedo-road street in Mrs. Stevens' name. For the benefit of the estate of Mrs. Stevens, were protected by Mr. Minnie T. Fox, executrix of the will, ably by the firm of Hoyt, Hoyt & Hoyt of Detroit, Probate and supreme court judges.

LIEUT. TOM WOOD AT CAMP GRANT

Local Boy Expected Home in Few Days After Long Stay in France

Lieut. Tom Wood, son of Mr. Mrs. Wood, of Lincoln avenue, Washington avenue and brother of Mrs. H. H. McBride, arrived at Camp Grant near Chicago, on Sunday, has landed at Newport News, and is now in Illinois, pending his discharge, which may come in a few days. Lieut. Wood was in the service of Uncle Sam for three years, and in France for the past year, and has been in the service for the past two years.

A letter received after the Armistice stated that the return trip across the Atlantic on the Leviathan, took up ten days. Lieut. Wood went out with the Rainbow division, and was in the thick of the fighting in the Argonne.

MAKE INSPECTION OF BASEMENTS

Local Officials Find Conditions Fair in Most Local Structures

Mayor Mills, Mr. Malcolm Lowman, Nick Monroe made up a committee of health officers, and inspected the basements of the business section of the village, Monday afternoon, and found the conditions fair, on the whole. The inspection was made in the interest of the health of the village, and there should be no cause for complaint, as the people should be in a position to improve.

Local men have been talking of the need of a city hall, for the present, and the inspection of the basements, was made with the idea of providing a place for the work of Sealer of Weights and Measures, who is now in a position to give a good report, and the city hall, in the opinion of the law, is a place for sprinkling and other measures, recently adopted.

CLAWSON PEOPLE COMPLAIN OF PAVEMENT

The county board of road commissioners announced that yesterday at a meeting held in Pontiac, a delegation of Clawson and vicinity to discuss the condition of the Royal Oak-Clawson pavement, which the latter asserts is unsatisfactory in spots. Clawson people recently filed a complaint with the road commission alleging that in the stretch built by the LaDue construction company, contractors, last fall defects have developed which should have set up the complaint. The complaint was brought to the county road office together with specimen chunks of concrete which the Clawson men declared they had picked up in the ditch along the paving. Engineers say the road appears to have been struck by frost while being laid last fall. The patches have since been placed on the pavement by county repairmen, but the question of more permanent repairs will be discussed at tomorrow's meeting. It is likely that the feasibility of resurfacing the road in the matter adopted by Wayne county to rebuild worn out surfaces may be taken up.

PERIOD OF ENLISTMENT SHORTENED IN U. S. NAVY

The Navy Department has authorized enlistments in the navy for a period of two thirds of four years at the option of the applicant. The former term of enlistment was for four years only but men may now enlist for two or three years if they prefer.

Men desiring to apply for enlistment can obtain application blanks by writing to the officer in charge, Navy Recruiting Station Detroit, Michigan and free government train fare will be furnished to those to Detroit, Michigan. If they fail to pass the physical examination free transportation will be furnished them from Detroit to their homes.

GEORGE TRICK DIES

George Trick, 73, for many years a resident of Oakland county, died last week at his farm at Franklin and Square Lake roads in Bloomfield township, after being confined to his bed two weeks.

He is survived by the widow, one daughter, Jennie, at home, and a son, Walter, of Detroit, besides two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Bush, of Berrien county, and Mrs. Jennie Burst, of Grand Rapids.

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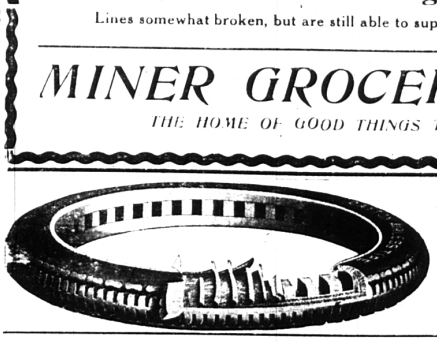

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PROGRAM

Belle Barker in "The Make Believe Wife" is the attractive film attraction at the Oakland Friday and Saturday. Lovers of Belle Barker will see them, and she is inspiring to more than other recently reel of photoplay stars. They are will also be on the program.

Sunday brings Tom Mix a popular favorite in the Lasky Bi-Sexual a photo and the thing western play that will stir you up. A Larry Semon comedy, His Hoss, Sweet Home Mutt and Jeff, and News Weekly, all rounded out a bill.

"THE BIGGEST SHOW IN TOWN"

Marguerite Clark in Lois Hope, a pleasing comedy drama, is on for Monday and Tuesday. It contains plenty of laughs and amusement for all.

Wednesday brings Vivian Martin in "Little Comrade," a farmerette picture that will amply please, and on Thursday, Bryant Washburn in "Putting it Over" a comedy of a young man's practical joker, that occasionally has a Jack-Tire.

Friday and Saturday brings America's sweetheart, Mary Pickford, in "Capt. Kidd, Jr.," her last Artcraft release. Its one that pleasingly fills out an ideal hot weather week's amusement.

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Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.
Evening service, 7:30.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:45.

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Mrs. J. Tainter Kingan and daughter, Miss Constance, University street, went to Wisconsin yesterday to visit relatives. Miss Margaret is visiting her aunts in Canada. They will be gone until September.

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REV. P. M. MACKAY, PASTOR.

10:30—Morning worship with sermon. Subject, "The Saints' Letter." 11:45—Sunday school.
6:30—Young people's meeting.
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