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HAIL & FAREWELL

After 41 Years the Eccentric Changes Ownership—Frank E. Van Black Is the New Proprietor.

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The above conversation is alleged to have taken place about 41 years ago when the perpetrators of the [illegible] were contemplating the initial issue of the Birmingham Eccentric upon a financial basis of a pitiably few dollars, a morale of unbounded confidence and an absolute absence of literary ability of any class whatever. And now we are called upon to make a [illegible] exit as editors and proprietors and witness the upstart [illegible] of the new boss.

Folks, meet Mr. Van Black, of Highland Park, Mich., who will hereafter, as purchaser of the entire outfit, assume the delightful responsibility of steering this literary phenomenon over the tempestuous waters of these troublesome times.

In referring to the early history of the Eccentric we hesitate to entre too much upon reminiscence, lest we forget, and take up the entire space of this issue, and we cannot recall the memories of such men and women as were active in Birmingham affairs in the days of our first issue without referring to many good people whose bones are at rest, whose souls are with the saints, we trust; but we cannot resist the temptation to recall from our vault of memories those days, the following, featuring the appearance of our "clever" who was supposed to have delivered him self of the following epitaph:

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Such follows an eloquent appeal for cash on subscription, of course, with the invariable consequence in case of failure, that we go into hibernation and names woodchuck and bear, until such time as we could stick our noses out of the hole and truck our olfactory nerves to tell us if the pastepot and office towel had thawed out sufficiently to warrant the resumption of business. It is safe to say that our former friends responded to our appeal as they never fail to do, for we bite no lapses in the publication.

A few of our oldest subscribers will remember when the Eccentric was slightly larger than a postage stamp, and we, personally and individually have a distinct recollection of a time during the first year of our publication when we arrived at the inevitable period attained by all country newspapers and discovered that financial ruin had overtaken us and our exchequer was in a condition complared with which the historical cupboard of a certain dame celebrated in nursery rhymes would furnish a feast for Lucullus. To trim it down we were busted. And then some. But we couldn't cease publication and be honest. We owed several hundred subscribers various portions of the time for which they had subscribed, and we had no money with which to reimburse them so we had to resort to a very slim amount of credit and a degree of diplomacy whose volume has never ceased to be a cause of wonderment even to ourselves to this day. But it carried through to the renewal period of our initial subscription list and we have never failed in either quality or credit or bunk since that time, and those who had steadily predicted our downfall now came forward and vowed that they knew we would succeed all the time and those who had helped with their faithful dollars and support didn't say a word. Wouldn't that jar you?

In taking final leave of our subscribers we sincerely regret the severance of the pleasant and profitable relations existing for so many years, but take comfort in the fact that the capabilities of our successor, the publication which he will give the paper and the personal attention which has been always deserved and never received, will give to our readers the first-class newspaper which Birmingham deserves and requires in these stirring times of building and business, progress and "pep."

Therefore, your hail to the newcomer need be no less sincere than our farewell to the old-time friends and patrons of other and happier days.

WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL.

THE "REET-CAR MAN.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

Notice is hereby given that the tax roll for the Village of Birmingham is now ready and in the hands of the Treasurer. Taxes may be paid at the office of the Village Treasurer up to and including the 16th of July without an extra percentage, and from the 17th of July up to and including the 16th of August may be paid with an additional charge of 1 per cent. After the 1st of August 4 per cent will be added. This is in accordance with the Village charter.

By order of the Village Commission.

VIOLA LA GRANT
Village Treasurer.

Note—Positively no money will be received after 3 o'clock each day.

HE IS PLUM FULL

Plumstead, of East Maple Avenue, Quits Work and Joins the Ohio Bankers Out On a Toot.

On Board the Nirvana, 6-24-19.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Remember Wm. S. Wright? I saw him yesterday in Duluth. At the request of Mrs. Clements I called on them. We talked over Birmingham. I never saw people so glad to see someone from somewhere before. Mrs. Wright vows she is coming to Birmingham this summer, says she wishes they had never gone away.

They were surprised to know of the changes that have taken place since they lived there. I am on a wonderful trip that came to me like a "bolt from the blue." I am with the Ohio Bankers' Association on their tour of the Great Lakes. Hank said I could lay off for a week and pick up this extra "chaser."

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P. S. I feel like a bona fideer on this trip. Nothing to do but eat and sleep. They have a million plant and [illegible] Had a mighty [illegible] and a sacred concert on the trip. I have worked. Was glad I did. I have to work for narat. The [illegible] PLUM

Dangers of Hot Weather.

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UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

CORN. PERRY AVE. AND ELM STS.

TASCO H. CURRY, PASTOR.

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

Sabbath school, 11:15. 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.

TROY U. P. CHURCH.

Crooks and Starr's Roads.

D. H. CURRY, PASTOR.

Services every Sabbath.

Public worship and preaching by pastor, 2 p. m.

Bible school, 3 p. m.

You are always welcome at this cozy country church where you will be at home in work and worship.

Dumas Phenomenal Writer.

The elder Dumas, in one phenomenal year, actually turned out volumes at the rate of one a week.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HYGIENE

CHAUTAUQUA LECTURE BY RED CROSS NURSE

Stella Fuller, Who Served in Italy During the Great War, to Speak Here.

Back from the war hospitals of Europe, Miss Stella Fuller, Red Cross nurse, will tour the Redpath Chautauqua in a new and far reaching public health and community welfare campaign.

Miss Fuller comes with the sanction of the American Red Cross and her return offers a specific answer to the question of what the Red Cross is going to do in time of peace. Her ap-

Miss Stella Fuller.

[illegible] in line with a new policy of the American Red Cross. This policy includes such vital questions as public health nurses, home hygiene, home care of the sick and cooking.

Miss Fuller, who is a graduate of the Milwaukee Training School, was assigned to foreign service and was a member of the American Red Cross Tuberculosis unit in Italy in both army and civilian service. She comes to her lecture with a wonderful background of experience gained by her work overseas. She brings to her audience the lessons she learned in the great base hospitals in France and in the evacuation stations of Chateau Thierry and the Argonne.

Creosoted Trestles the Safest.

Creosoted railroad trestles are more nearly fireproof than those built of unpreserved timber, as their sound surfaces do not retain stray sparks.

SOUTHFIELD U. P. CHURCH.

Telegraph and Redford Roads.

REV. W. T. ARMSTRONG, PASTOR.

Preaching service 11 a. m.
Sabbath school 12 noon.
Young People's meeting 8 p. m.

He Was Almost Past Going.

"I suffered with kidney trouble for three years," writes D. Bell, St. James City, Fla., "and for six months I have been almost past going. I began taking Foley Kidney Pills, and before I used two bottles my pains were all gone." Relieve backache, rheumatic pains, stiff, swollen joints, sore muscles.—Adv.

Phone 38 Phone 65

The anniversary of the Independence of our great country will have a deeper significance to all loyal Americans than ever before.

The War Is Over

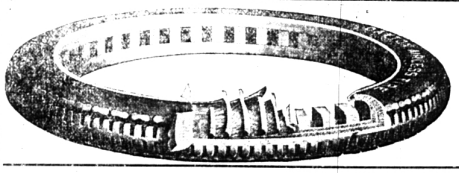
Let Peace be accorded joyous acclaim.

Our stock of good eatables for picnic purposes and the home is complete and we welcome your commands.

Fruit
Vegetables
Delicatessen
Quality Groceries

MINER GROCERY CO.

THE HOME OF GOOD THINGS TO EAT"



Famous Dayton Airless Tire

Of great interest to Automobile owners.

SAMPLE ON FLOOR

Green & Heacock

Brownell Street

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at Birmingham, Michigan, Postoffice on June 21, 1919

Mrs. James Atwell (2).
Wm. Coleman, care of Kahn Farm, No. 2 (3).
Mrs. Alfred Deay.
Mrs. F. Ferguson Foote.
Mrs. Paul Parks.
Mrs. George Poole.
Mrs. E. E. Reynolds.
Mrs. Flora Rockwell.
Harry Van Syele.
Mrs. George Wilson.
Master George Whittlesey.

POST CARDS.

Mrs. M. Crarie.
A. Putnam.

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

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

Talcum Powder

Special Introductory Sale

21¢

War Tax Paid

Cobb's Pharmacy

Oakland Theatre

Pontiac

PROGRAM

Friday, Fourth of July, and Saturday the 5th, brings a big double offer ing to the Oakland in the presentation of "The Better Ole" or the Romances of old Bill and Fatty Arbuckle in "The Sheriff" his latest and best comedy in a year.

Sunday sees Alice Joyce in her new production "The Third Degree" adapted from the Adams Theater Detroit. It is a wonderfully dramatic picture, one of the best ever shown in the Oakland. Comedy and News reels complete the program.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday bring the timeliest picture of the year "Bolshevism on Trial". It is distinctly unusual, not a propaganda picture or a war picture, but a well constructed story taken from Thomas Dixon's novel "Comrades" and possessing a good love story running through it.

Thursday brings Dorothy Dalton in "Extravagance", in which the old adage of a "wife carrying more out the front door on a spoon that the husband can bring in the back door on a shovel", is clearly defined.

On Friday and Saturday Dustin Farnum in "A Man in the Open" and the second Cannibal picture "Captured By Cannibals" will be shown.

OAKLAND REALTY CO.

List your property with us for sale or rent. Come and see our Bargains in Farms and Village Property. Let us show you for rent cheap a good modern House, all furnished, close to Woodward Avenue and business center. Continental and American Fire—Globe and Travelers Indemnity Insurance Companies.

SEE LYNCH, Room 6, Levinson Bldg., Tel. 143 F-2 & 431 F-3

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.

Services at Church Building, Woodward Avenue, south of D. U. R. Waiting Room.

Sunday 11:00 a. m.

Sunday School same hour.

Wednesday evenings, 8 o'clock.

All are invited.

Free Reading Room, open daily, except Sunday and holidays, from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m., and Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00 p. m.

THIS IS FOR YOU.

Patronize and pay for your paper.

Praise other people or put your tongue in your pocket.

Trade all you can, take all the goods you can and tear down as little as you can.

Believe that your neighbor is as good as yourself, as worthy as yourself, and as honest, for the chances are that he is more so.

If you can't drive a bargain, don't interfere with somebody else's bargain. The bargains of your neighbors benefit you some.

Don't criticise your friend or your neighbor in any respect until you have reflected to see whether you may not be cheerful, vigorous and then get business and you will be glad.

A CHEERING WORD.

N. M. House., Ind., June 26.

Mr. Geo. H. Mitchell,
Birmingham Eccentric,

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I am sending you herewith a P. O. order for two to restore myself to good standing with the B'ham Eccentric. I plead not guilty to the heinous offense of allowing my only really funny paper to go to seed. Only yesterday I discovered that I have been delinquent since last August 21. Please forget it and keep on doing the best you can for B'ham and your old friend and well wisher.

FRANK BUNCHER.

The Test that Tells.

There is only one real test for a cough remedy, and that is use. S. M. Oliver, Box 192 R. F. D. 5, Greensboro, N. C., writes: "Foley's Honey and Tar is just fine. I keep it in the house all the time." It soothes and relieves hay fever, asthma, coughs, colds, croup, and bronchial affections.—Adv.

Oakland Theatre

PONTIAC

ALICE JOYCE
Vitagraph Star, in scene from "THE THIRD DEGREE"

Mon., Tues., Weds., July 7, 8 and 9 **Sunday, July 6**

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

EARL R. RICE, PH. D. PASTOR.

Telephone 289.

Regular services Sunday:
Public worship 10:30 a. m.
Sunday school, 12 noon.
Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.
Evening service, 7:30.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:45.

All our services are bright and happy with good music and cordial welcome. The pastor will kindly respond to all calls.

Overheard.

"Poor man! She makes him shake in his shoes so much he wears out his socks in no time."—Boston Transcript.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

REV. P. M. MACKAY, PASTOR.

10:30—Morning worship with sermon. Subject, "The Sardis Letter."
11:45—Sunday school.
6:30—Young people's meeting.
7:30—Evening service. Subject, "How to Rest."
Wednesday at 7:45, praise and prayer meeting.

JNO. D. RIKER, M. D.

Practice limited to EYE, EAR, NOSE, THROAT

PONTIAC, MICH.