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taining to them.  
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**W. C. Edwards** of Milan was here  
Wednesday.  
Walter Allen is spending the sum-  
mer at Crystal Lake.  
Mrs. Henry Flowers is ill at her  
home on Southfield avenue.  
Harry Barton has sold his property  
on Oakland avenue to Pontiac parties.  
Who wants to buy a hand stand?  
Woodford has one for sale, only one  
young and in fine shape.  
Miss Helen Brickman of Pontiac is  
visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Daven-  
port of East Maple avenue.  
Mrs. G. C. Lyman and two chil-  
dren returned home Thursday after  
spending two weeks with relatives in  
Indiana.  
There were 31,000 Smiths in the  
American army, not counting the  
Schmidts, of which there were also  
quite a few.  
Miss Helen Brown entertained the  
Oakdale Yacht Normal class of 1914  
Saturday afternoon at her home, 203  
North Woodward avenue.  
Miss Tillie E. Walker, returned  
home Monday of the week from a  
short visit with her brother, Will,  
and sisters, all at Fowlerville, Mich.  
Robert Allison and Clarence Rich-  
ter, former classmates at the school  
at Ludington as delegates to the  
state farmers' convention, being held  
at Detroit.  
Just a little rain once in a while  
and we do not get it. It showers  
all around us but to come right down  
in goodly supply right here at home,  
the Palmyra and Detroit seems to  
have forgotten Detroit.  
When on May 1 the soda fountain  
cashiers began to collect from the  
Michigan Department of Revenue and  
two-cent taxes, they started a de-  
mand for one-cent pieces that has  
flooded the United States mints and  
caused the government to issue a  
one-cent piece with orders for mil-  
lions of them. To meet those orders  
the Philadelphia and Denver mints  
have been making the new piece  
most exclusively, and the output has  
increased to two million a day.  
G. W. Dickinson, secretary-man-  
ager of the Michigan Department of  
Revenue, has ordered the issue of  
additional pavements to take care of  
the concessions which have reserved  
space for this year's fair. Big in-  
creases in space have been made for  
all exhibits. "From present indica-  
tions," Dickinson said, "it is cer-  
tain there will be double the number  
of exhibitors in every department  
this year, over the number last year.  
The statistics and figures of the  
general prosperity of the country."

There were 3,974 deaths reported  
to the Department of Statistics dur-  
ing the month of April, 1919.  
This number corresponds to an an-  
nual death rate of 13.6 per 1,000 of  
the total population. In addition to  
the above there were 281 stillbirths  
reported as deaths. There were 908  
births returned to the department  
as having occurred during the  
month of April. This number cor-  
responds to an annual birth rate of  
26.1 per 1,000 estimated population.  
A decrease of 256 births is noted as  
comparing with the month immedi-  
ately preceding.

Deputy Sheriff Van Deusen and  
Marshal Cobb of Holly brought into  
the Michigan Department of Correc-  
tional institutions two men who had  
pleaded guilty before Justice Miner and been given  
30 days each on the county road  
work. The two men, who were brought  
in from Royal Oak by Deputy  
Sheriff Wheeler and Patrolman  
Smith, had been attending to the  
highest point it has ever reached.  
"Sardines in a can do not  
begin to compare with the condition  
of the men existing at the jail. In  
order to sleep, the men are divided  
into two shifts, past sleeping nights  
for the other half of the road  
crew as it were."

Here he is over at Northville, Road  
what the Record says: "Henry Ford  
and two novelists are in town Tues-  
day." To the Record Mr. Ford stated  
that he was very favorably impressed  
with Northville and hoped to be able  
to get together with the city fathers  
on the proposition of power sites.  
He thought the prospects were good  
for the completion of the project.  
The contentment of the town with  
Ford a pretty little lake on which,  
Mr. Ford said, small boats may be  
used and a few bathers taken care  
of. Mr. Ford looked and his great indus-  
trial burdens do not seem in the  
least to have given him a care-worn  
appearance.

Sales of savings stamps and certifi-  
cates will be relied on by the treasury  
department to supply a large part of  
the government financial needs dur-  
ing the period of transition and the  
third campaign started during the  
war will be continued as a normal  
part of the government's fiscal policy.  
"We've got to borrow more  
money to meet our obligations," Sec-  
retary Glass told the officials of the 12  
federal districts, gathered to discuss  
plans for the third campaign in the  
next six months. "To get the money  
we must sell more savings stamps  
and certificates." Then why should  
so many of our patriotic citizens cash  
their W. S. stamps when good old  
U. S. needs the money more than  
ever?

A most praiseworthy object is that  
undertaken by the Detroit committee  
for the fatherless children of France,  
of which W. T. Barbour, of Briar-  
bank, is the chairman, and A. White-  
head, of the First National Bank of  
Birmingham is the local representa-  
tive, and the assignment of eight chil-  
dren as our quota is so small that we  
hope it will be filled at once. The  
sum of \$36 will pay for the care and  
support of a child for a year, which  
amount may be paid in full in  
advance, but in monthly or quarterly  
payments. Not one cent of the money  
subscribed is used for the expenses of  
the organization, but is given direct  
to the support of the little French  
children. Ask Whitehead for full  
details of this very commendable  
charity.

Columbus, Ohio, has made prepara-  
tions for handling more than a half  
million visitors in the Methodist Mis-  
sionary Centenary celebration, which  
will open June 20 and continue  
until July 13. Hotels, public build-  
ings, private homes, fraternal soci-  
eties and institutions of all descriptions  
have been commended to house  
this army. In addition a tent city,  
with the capacity of the largest army  
campment, has been erected. Mayor  
George Karb, in a statement issued  
today, invites the world to Columbus.  
"We can take care of everyone who  
comes, no matter how many and,"  
he asserts, "we have prepared for  
a half million and we have reserve  
supplies for that many."

An operator's license for running  
an automobile will be required of  
every person in Michigan after Aug.  
14, when the new law goes into ef-  
fect. No person under 16 years of  
age can be licensed or can legally  
drive any kind of motor vehicle af-  
ter that date. All automobile ap-  
plication blanks as soon as possible,  
fill them out and mail them to the  
office of the sheriff, who is re-  
quired to approve them. The applicant  
then forwards them to the secretary  
of state, who will forward them to  
the necessary license. The fee which  
must accompany the application sent  
to the secretary is 50 cents. The  
license will be printed on cloth stock  
the same as the state hanging licenses  
and must be carried by the driver. A  
question which has arisen since the  
law was put on the statute books is  
as to whether regularly licensed  
chauffeurs will be required to carry  
the driver's license in addition. Lo-  
cal officials are in a quandary about  
this phase of the law and will get a  
ruling from Lansing.

The mission circle of the Baptist  
church will meet Saturday afternoon,  
June 26, at 4:30 o'clock, at the home  
of Mrs. P. M. Mackay, 218 Oakland  
avenue.  
At a meeting held in Ukiah  
last week it was voted unanimously  
that this enterprise of water  
works be abandoned. This will make  
Ukiah the finest hotel village in Michi-  
gan with one exception.  
Mrs. George Yates formerly of  
Highland Park, is successfully recov-  
ering from an operation for appendi-  
citis, which was done at Harper  
Hospital in Detroit. Her many friends  
rejoice with her over her sure and  
speedy recovery.

A committee of 15 prominent men  
has been appointed by the village  
commission to investigate the water  
conditions of the village, to find out  
just how many could be found where  
by our shortage of water could be  
permanently relieved. This is a very  
urgent matter and it is justly  
feared that some of the more  
investigations of these men.

Have you met Earl Mudje yet?  
Hurrah for the boy, he is back again  
after an absence from our school  
camp here and has been seen many  
a wonderful sight. It is hard to get  
any of the returned soldiers to tell  
of their experience, but if you would  
hear of one tell a tale that would  
show what stuff the Yankee doughboy  
is made of. He looks like he had  
been in a hard fight for a minute.

Herbert Haynes and Miss Isabelle  
P. Reid were joined in wedlock at  
the home of the bride's parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. Stewart Reid, of Southfield.  
Rev. Wm. T. Armstrong officiating.  
The bride was attended by her sister,  
Miss Elsie Reid, and the groom by  
his brother, Mr. James Haynes. The  
groom has just returned from over-  
seas where he nobly spent the  
major portion of his youth for which  
we contend. We wish them a prosper-  
ous, long and happy life.

Mrs. Will Deer, Jr., and Miss Ruth  
Fishburne were united in a most  
glorious shower at the former's home  
on Park street in honor of Miss Evelyn  
Deer, whose marriage to Mr. Ray-  
mond Wheeler will take place Sat-  
urday. The out-of-town guests were  
the Misses Kathryn Parr of Albion,  
Florence Woodriff of Flint, Charles  
Streeter and Mabel Verbeek of Pon-  
tiac, Viola and Aline McCully of De-  
troit. The bride-to-be received many  
beautiful and precious gifts.

Last Monday afternoon Marcus B.  
Beardslee, aged 81 years, was buried  
in Greenwood cemetery. He died in  
Detroit last Friday, but was an old  
resident of Birmingham, his father  
being Morrison Beardslee, one of  
Birmingham's pioneers, whose home-  
stead was a well known one at  
Carpenter's nursery. He was a brother  
of E. L. Beardslee, who lived for  
years on Southfield avenue, and  
was the father of Mrs. M. L. Beardslee  
and a niece, Mary L. Beardslee, at  
his late home on Melbourne avenue,  
Detroit.

Now then, all you folks who want  
to see the prize garden right now,  
just pass along the grounds of Mr.  
John Bortie, corner of Chester and  
Martin streets. Here is the most ad-  
vanced garden truck we have yet seen  
this season barring none. The ground  
is worked to a finish and as for  
roofing, Beardslee grows 500; if  
one should poke its head up it  
would go back again just from shame  
to sit itself in so refined a place as  
a garden. Take note and see if Mr.  
Bortie is not a winner of the big prize  
later on from the Nature club.

Major Ezra Mathewson of the U. S.  
army was a cadet in the first  
true office Monday last. Us old time  
remember the Major as a Bir-  
mingham boy and a high school grad-  
uate from the Birmingham school.  
Ezra has a son of 22 years who also  
served his country in the late war.  
The visitor is a fine soldierly looking  
man, straight as an arrow and every  
inch a soldier. We are glad of his  
success and progress. He pro-  
mises that his brother, Leo, will probably  
make a visit to Birmingham some  
time next month. We hope to see  
him here as a survivor of the Bir-  
mingham hearts, especially the older  
folks who remember him well.

**Mixing Tobacco.**  
The mixing of light and dark tobac-  
co is a thing of comparatively recent  
date. A man from London found his  
pipe tobacco was nearly exhausted, so  
he cut up a cake of chewing tobacco  
and made a mixture. He continued to  
smoke the blend, and meeting a friend  
who was in the trade, he gave him a  
sample. The friend said that the first  
smoking mixture was soon before the  
public.

**Nell Gwynne Custom.**  
The custom of placing an orange on  
a plate near the door of Savoy chapel,  
London, the Sunday after Christmas  
is probably a survival of the custom  
which prevailed at this chapel after  
the death of Nell Gwynne. In those  
days it was usual, in memory of the  
orange-girl, to put a large orange  
burned and a kindly gift of aims  
to place an orange on the plate when-  
ever aims were distributed.

**Electric Light in Vatican.**  
Electric light was used in the Six-  
th chapel of the Vatican palace for the  
first time on the occasion of the  
third anniversary of the coronation  
of Pope Benedict XV. In former years  
candles were used to light the chap-  
el which is dark except on sunny days.

**The Old Story.**  
We asked our house for a man  
that would make for plain living and  
clear thinking, and the man we took  
after was one of our grand old  
fathers and thousands of his kind—  
Grand Rapids Press.

**Perfume Their Dead.**  
Natives of Torres Strait Islands to  
the north of Queensland, have some  
peculiar burial customs. One is the  
smoothing the bodies with chop per-  
fume, the remainder being corked in  
the bottle and left on the grave. In  
some cases a chop-stick is put in  
the grave and this custom is usually  
marked by a three-days' gorge on the  
part of the relatives of the departed.  
The young and middle-aged being stu-  
pid to any odor, but more by viz  
gross dining and singing.

**Or Chewing Gum.**  
"No, Willie," explained grandpa,  
"false teeth are not stuck with tooth-  
paste."

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