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HOME

Both banks and the Eccentric office will be closed all day Friday, July 4.

When the "luxury tax" began to be collected on May 1 an extra demand was seen for cigarettes and the government has been turning them out at about a million a day.

The women of St. James' Episcopal church will hold a general food sale on the afternoon of July third in front of Birmingham Meat Market on Woodward avenue.

Mrs. Lynas Bookham, 70, died last Thursday at her home at Big Beaver. She is survived by her husband. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at her late home with burial in Union corners cemetery.

H. W. Harpster of Pontiac, an experienced attorney, will be in the office of V. L. Lockrow, justice of the peace of Birmingham, every Wednesday. He will be glad to meet any one who has any law business to transact. Call and get acquainted.

Word has been received that Capt. J. Preston Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam F. Gray of south Woodward avenue and who is in the army stationed at Schnectady, N. Y., was badly burned about the face and eyes when a bottle of ammonia which he had in his hand exploded. He was taken to Albany, N. Y., to an eye specialist.

A big touring car bearing the license number 82426 and bought in Detroit, Pontiac, recently one morning ran amuk on the main street here and before it was stopped by the driver had left a path of wreckage behind it. The most serious damage done was at the Boughner Bros. garage where it smashed the filling station standing near the curb, into small pieces. After the episode the car was driven toward Pontiac at a high rate of speed. Patrolman Richard Lake this morning visited the sheriff's office at Pontiac in an endeavor to learn who owned the car, but the license book at the office did not contain he number. An effort will be made to get the name of the owner through Lansing authorities.

A branch of the League of Catholic Women for Royal Oak and Birmingham was formed on Wednesday of last week, June 18th. Father Needham after a few words of approbation introduced Mrs. C. A. Skae, President of the league in Detroit, who has just returned from a conference with the national league officers in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Skae spoke at length of the wonderful national program which has been arranged. Mrs. C. C. Sullivan, of the Detroit League took the chair and the following officers were elected, Pres. Mrs. Edward Goodrich; first vice pres., Mrs. Chas. Greig of Birmingham; second vice pres., Mrs. F. J. Hoffman; third vice pres., Mrs. G. C. Burnham, recording secy., Mrs. E. B. Treharne; financial secy., Mrs. Wm. Maynard; treas., Mrs. E. J. Ponkey and corresponding secy., Naomi Wright. The following committee for the membership drive was formed; Mrs. James Haggerty, Mrs. John Hodge, Mrs. F. J. Hoffman, Mrs. B. F. Cassidy, Anne Hodge, Mrs. Chas. Greig and Mrs. J. E. Donnelly of Birmingham. The ladies have made some progress in their work and will thoroughly canvass both parishes. As soon as a board of directors is decided upon the branch will organize its work as applied to Royal Oak and Birmingham.

And while it is true that "the Lord helps those who help themselves," the stunt can be overworked.

Miss Leatha Morrow is visiting her mother, Mrs. C. C. Morrow, and sister, Mrs. C. E. Conway on Bates street. Miss Morrow was superintendent of nurses in the Columbia hospital in San Jose, California.

Charles Olson of Detroit was arrested last week by Deputy Richard Lake of Birmingham on a charge of speeding on Woodward avenue. He pleaded guilty the same afternoon in Justice Lockrow's court and paid $10 fine and $4.55 casts.

Hundreds of dead fish are floating on Lake Orion and everyone in wondering what killed them. The wind brought them to the shore and bushels of fine sunfish, roach and bass is the toll of the mysterious dying of the finny tribe.—Orion Review.

People of note traveling about the country as observed by the Royal Oak Tribune: Miss Catherine Hartwell and Miss Emma Mitchell of Birmingham and Miss Helen Bookham of Detroit were guests Sunday of Mrs. Marjorie Carson, 112 Oakdale street.

At this writing Miss Mary E. Utter is at Atlantic City and just enjoying the sights there to be seen and enjoyed. She has been in New York city for the last two weeks and saw everything there worth seeing. We hope to see her home in a week or so.

Word has come to us that after five weeks' illness from brain fever, Donna Gene, 15-months-old daughter of Mrs. Marjorie Crane, Ashers of Seattle, Wash., passed from this life June 8. She was the only granddaughter of Mrs. Bessie V. Crane, who at one time resided here.

The young men of Troy United Presbyterian church and a number of their friends were entertained in Rev. D. H. Carry's home Monday, June 16. A very enjoyable evening was spent playing games after which ice cream and cake was served. They have a standing invitation to come again.

The game and fish law of 1917, making the season for small mouth black bass open July 1, was repealed at the last session of the legislature and both small and large mouth bass can be caught with a hook and line beginning June 16. No bass under 10 inches in length or more than 10 to a person in one day may be taken.

On July 1 the rates of postage will go back to the pre war basis, viz.: 2 cents per ounce or fraction on letters and 1 cent for post cards. More stamps than are used before July 1 should not be purchased as they cannot be redeemed, says Postmaster Mitchell. The rate on drop letters remains the same as at present, 2 cents per ounce.

The Ohio Review answers a woman question: Has it ever occurred to you, Orion women voters, how many men sat on the election board? Why, there were seven men when two women could have done all the work they did. The women never had such a job on their hands that the men were all handsome and they just sat there and loafed pretty.

The Romeo village council has appropriated $800 for the purchase of electrical pumps to supplant the steam pump in use at the pumping station for the past 27 years. It is estimated that with the use of electricity to operate the pumps an amount in excess of $1,400 per year will be saved. If it is good for Romeo, why not for Pontiac? The good old Edison Co. is right here and all ready to convert up.

Mrs. E. Koll Bullock and granddaughter, Miss Mabel Bullock, of Pontiaka, Alta., were the guests of Mrs. George H. Mitchell on day recently. Traveling nearly three thousand miles for a Michigan visit is the record of these ladies. Before returning to their northwestern home, they will visit other relatives in both the upper and lower peninsula of Michigan. They are veritable tourists of the first water.

The Rochester Clarion has said something this time: Listen: The main order commencements of the R. H. S. are being mixed, and as is the usual outcome of mixing from eight stories of mixed names. The work is inferior to that which would have been turned out of other local office, had the printing been done at home, as it certainly should have been. We are now anxiously waiting to see what kind of a "mixup" the concern gives of the exercises of our schools in general."

A very enjoyable sociable was held on the lawn of the United Presbyterian church on June 21. Samuel Howling proved himself a successful salesman at the lemonade table. Edgar McBride and Arthur Gould at the candy and ice cream counter and Charles Hoffman showed his ability, not in selling Toledo Scales on that particular occasion, but in selling so many find home-made cakes. Mr. Baker, Mr. Foote, Mr. Jones furnished the music in most acceptable manner. A nice sum was realized to go toward purchasing fans for the church auditorium.

One of those good fine motherly sweet looking ladies past 60, asked P. M. Mitchell if he knew how she could get fine of those old fashioned Rockingham ware pitchers displayed in the snow windows of Haines & Bell, last Sunday. She was seated in an auto, while the man power was in Pingell's getting sodas for the crowd. Of course our townsman liked her at once for she would weigh at least, 250 in her bear skin wrap. Telling her that he would find out in ten minutes if she would wait that long, she replied that she would wait 20 minutes if necessary. Mitchell then tried Schultz, the clerk. No result. Next, Daines, same result. But wih Wiley, he got action. After Wiley heard what she wanted, and that the customer who was a frail delicate creature, and would not probably last until he arrived if he did not hurry, Wiley came up on a run in just four minutes and none only sold one of those brown growlers, but three, and other novelties that abound in their interesting windows.

Miss Kittie Mooney called on Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Randall last Sunday at the Taber home, and all enjoyed a fine visit.

Last week the printer was told by the Birmingham Bakery to advertise a small loaf for 10 cents. He made it small enough surely—¼ lb. loaf. The fact is, you can get the biggest one-pound loaf that can be made for 10 cents. Try it and be convinced. Quality—none better.

Visitors at the Hartwell home, 213 Brown street, are Mrs. Hartwell's mother and sister, Mrs. Chas. Moody and Miss Grace Moody from Circleville, Ohio. For over Sunday last the family entertained Major Daniel Hayes, of the U. S. army. Major Hayes whose home is at Bay City, has recently come home from over the water, where his work won for him much praise and honor.

Miss Agnes S. Williams, of Rockford, Ill., visited with her aunts on Ferndale avenue the past week. Mrs. Julia Perry and sister, Miss Chapman. This young lady is some traveler and is homeward bound from a winter passed in the south and the Golden state, California. She is an observing young lady and can entertain very nicely and interestingly in giving an account of her travels.

Say, have you a violin or a wicked little fiddle among your entertaining instruments that belong to Geo. H. Mitchell? He has two and has loaned them to friends and right now does not remember who has either one of them. Perhaps the memory of the loanees will come back some day, and he surely hopes so. If you have a fiddle you don't own, offer it to Mitchell and if it is his, he will buy the "body."

Hurrah. Word has come from over the seas that our former mail carrier (village) is coming home and may be here by the glorious fourth. We hope so, for no more diligent boy on the war has been than our own Lloyd Symons. He has been a railroad man and has helped to place the boys all nearly at the front, and has been just as busy and patriotic and patient in handling them back. He will be among the very last to start for the good old U. S. A.

The greatest celebration in the history of Lake Orion is promised this year, and will cover a period of four days starting Thursday, July third. Dancing and many other amusements are scheduled for this day as well as a splendid display of fireworks at night. On the fourth Capt. Blondell gives two exhibitions of the Tuscania disaster and the destruction of the ship Wm. P. Frye, with gorgeous fireworks displays. Many features are promised for the fifth and sixth as well.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized at Holland & Mowe and Miss Belle E. Schreiber on Wednesday, June 18, at 4 p. m., in the home of the bride on Forest street. The invited the immediate members of their families to meet with them on that occasion and requested their pastor, Rev. David H. Overholt, to tend. Young J. Moore, brother of the groom, was his attendant and Mrs. Grace S. Williams, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Following the ceremony, a reception for her was served at the bride's home, after which the newly-weds went off for their wedding trip. They are now at home to their host of friends and their new address is Oakland avenue, Birmingham.

Say, have you noticed that big bird's head and bill and neck set up in the windo wof the Birmingham Hardware Co.? We don't just remember the name of the monster but it once belonged to an article that is the largest that flies and the fiercest. With one bite of its immense jaws it would take a man's arm off easily. It was killed by a world traveler of the name of Bullard, and the yarn he is exciting to hear told. For days it eluded its hunters and at last was caught napping on the top of an immense iceberg four hundred feet high. The untiring hunter was half a day working over equipping it for a shot, and after wounding the mighty bird, it took three more bullets at close range to finish the man eater. Ask Mr. Slusser what the name of this is for he knows and won't tell. A kid told him earlier the other day that the bird was a quail. Is it, said the printer, I thought it was a canary.

We have often wondered what is that makes so many people sore at the D. U. R. and especially in Detroit. The government has given the railroads, the telephone company, the telegraph companies, a good big raise and no one objected. The D. U. R. with fares just the same as 20 years ago asked for a small raise for a transfer and such a howl as went up from the people would wake the dead. The men want more wages, the company realized that they were willing to pay, and to give it, but could not without a raise of fares. Detroit will not concede a raise. Why not? The company with wages more than double what they were 20 years ago and every building expense more than trebled in cost, is expected to do the unbelievable. Pay the men 60c per hour and run at the same fare as they did when the men received 18 to 20c per hour. How does the city figure. One day's expense of jitney riding cost the laborers and the riding public more than the penny transfer would cost in a month. We think that the city does not intend to give the D. U. R. a chance to live if they can help it. It looks that way to a country chap. We are willing to pay a fair price for the service and wonder how long a private individual could be made by law to continue a business that he knew and everybody else did that it was a losing business. Detroit will soon vote on the propoition of bonding the city for $10,000,000 to construct street car lines in competition with the D. U. R. We don't think it will have a chance to carry at all. Since the city's conduct in the late strike it looks to us that the company tands higher in the opoinion of Detroit citizens than before the tie-up, and in the same proportion apparently the cause of municipal ownership has weakened.

Dr. L. G. Campbell, late captain in the U. S. army, is home now for good and he is no more pleased over the change than his many friends who rejoice with him over his good luck.

Last week Mrs. George Fletcher and George R. Ferguson as delegates for the Woman's Benefit association of the Maccabees attended the annual meeting of the state at Houghton. They had a good week of it and returned all safe and well pleased with the treatment they received from everybody.

Any one lot a fine slick pretty poodle? The very finest has come to town and has selected Mr. Slusser of the Birmingham Hardware Co. for his new owner. This dog is a beauty, has a fine jeweled collar and when he came to Mr. Slusser he was freshly laundered and as white as a snow drop. No doubt his owner is wailing for his return—or her?

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