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The weather is warming up in spots.

If Heine don't sign soon, he'll have to resign.

But Morgan the firemen's entertainment tonight.

Perhaps some of the boys will celebrate July 4 in Berlin.

Barber Adams' shoe shining parlor is meeting with success.

Motorman W. J. Water is again on duty after a severe illness.

Rocky must have made another donation—gasoline is now 24 cents.

The Juniors will give their play at Baldwin auditorium next Friday evening.

Show that you appreciate the work of your fire department by buying a ticket for "patriotism."

Commenting tomorrow, and continuing during the summer, this office will "close" on Saturdays.

If Germany don't sign a "treaty of paper," it will have to entertain company all summer.

Died at Huron, Mich., Sunday, May 1, Mrs. Wm. J. Taber. Funeral will be held Tuesday, May 9, with interment at Oakland cemetery, Adrian, Mich.

Mrs. Marjorie Carson and son Donald of Royal Oak were guests of Miss Elmeline Mitchell last Sunday. Did they talk? When. Dad just couldn't sleep a bit.

Wm. Smith, after taking this interesting and notorious periodical for over 41 years, has stopped his paper. He goes to New Jersey with his daughter, Mrs. Leslie, and she takes it, and all agree that one copy in one family is surely enough for a lifetime. We hope they will both be long-lived.

Lieut. Ralph Coryell just back from "overseas" and the only soldier that joined the aviation game. He has been in active service for over a year and came through in fine shape and without a scratch. At the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening, he delivered a fine address which was most interesting to a large and appreciative audience. He will be "overseas" again on Monday, when he spoke very feelingly as to what he saw last Mothers' Day. This time every woman he met, both in France or Belgium were only black, deep black, not a vestige of color, as all were mourning the loss of husband, father, son or brother. His remarks were to the point and he was listened to, very attentively.

Our annual smash up on the P. & M. R. occurred recently and 20 freight were smashed up and totally ruined. This happened at the split switch at South End of our freight yard. A broken brake band dragging, sticking in the split. All day the wrecking crew furnished the village people a show to go and see things cleared up by an immense wrecking crane. Ten of the cars were empty and ten loaded with railroad ties. The amount of damage was slight compared to what it would have been had they been loaded with autos or flour.

At the end of the day, the foreman of another freight carrying live stock, cattle and hogs, looking back saw sparks flying from the split, stopped the train at this spot and found a broken beam dragging which would surely have caused another wreck at the same spot. It's a hoodoo.

While we are busy making the world safe for democracy, what's the matter with making the United States safe for decency and humanity?

And now comes an old-fashioned excursion, a S. S. excursion to Belle Isle from Milford, June 21. We hope it's warm by that time and the sun shining.

The Birmingham Improvement Society listened to a splendid lecture on shade trees Monday night. The society meets every Monday night at High School to complete plans for the summer.

Some men in Oakland county are saying that if the automobile traffic keeps up even concrete or brick roads won't stand the strain. By golly, then we'll have to put steel roads.

The stone foundation of the new apartment house now being built by Mr. P. R. Smith, corner of Pierce and Merrill streets, is finished and it now looks as if we would have a fine edifice there and one that no one can take exception to.

Any dealer needing the new proprietary stamps that are now required to be attached to goods sold can now get them at the postoffice. The postmaster has just received a large supply of ones and twos, and they are much needed just now. Any dealer violating the law in regard to their use will meet with a heavy penalty.

A warning that seed of a very low grade is being shipped into Michigan by three or four mail-order dealers in nearby states is being sent out by the State Laboratory at East Lansing. Com complaints from all parts of the state indicate the sale of a large amount of this impure seed, much of which is in violation of the Michigan seed law.

George Blackmer has bought out the business of J. M. Jones at the D. U. R. waiting room, and the fine stock of cigars, candy, tobacco and news depot all are now under Mr. Blackmer's management. The business is good and Mr. Jones' only regret for selling was that he could not give it his best and his best was Blackmer the best of success and he deserves it.

Just lacking a few days of being one year in the great war, George Moore of Troy, Mich., again, he came unexpectedly to his parents and family and you ought to have seen the meeting. He was in a machine gun outfit and has seen much service, and aside from his gun work was sent out night several times as a scout for "Man's Land" scout outfit. He proved himself a brave boy, saw much, saw little and his real glory was in the fact that he was a soldier, and a fighting quality of all Michigan soldier boys. We are proud of him and all the rest.

Capt. George P. Heyden is being taken down to his practice after over a year's absence. His new home will be on Oakland avenue and he is about ready now to give calls.

Friday at the Baldwin high school chapel he gave the students a glimpse of his life in the war and was listened to. He told anecdotes and anecdotes out of his experiences there and as one of the boys expressed it, "this talk was altogether too short." Michigan boys are returning now very fast and it is promised that by August the first day all American soldiers across the water will be back home again. Hasten the day.

It now looks very much as though the new D. U. R. car line would reach Royal Oak this year. This line is an extension of the Oakland avenue line and will come into Royal Oak from the east on Fourth street. The grading on the road from Detroit to Royal Oak is practically completed and the rails are laid to the Eight-mile road. The D. U. R. is adopting the modern type of construction in building this road and the expense per mile will be big. They are using bridge work of steel material for suspended viaducts and the largest viaduct for these arches rest on huge cement blocks. Only a single track is laid thus far, but the span of the arches will accommodate two tracks.

The postmaster called on the Birmingham trio at the Harper hospital one day very recently and found them all in excellent health and very happy. Mr. W. C. Harris of Woodward avenue is the dean of them all. He has been in the hospital for a month, and hopes to come home this week. John N. Hech was the next found, and although he has even the old boy in better spirits than then, still after what John had been through we were pleasantly disappointed to find him talking of coming home next week, and we hope he will. Mrs. Elmer C. Huston was the last one of all to call on us. She is a nurse, the men folk will be a bit sore over this but it is the truth. We found the good lady in good spirits and in excellent humor. All are being cared for in the way that has given this great institution its deserved name of "conqueror of states."

We do hope to see all three home again soon and all entirely recovered from their ailments.

Birmingham's high school baseball team will continue one day recently and were confident of a victory over the local high school squad. They had an excellent team and the first few innings things seemed to favor the suburban aggregation. Birmingham made no score the first but the score resulted in the visitors having seven points to their credit while Pontiac had only two. Coach "Doc" Jones' men were not idle a minute and gradually crept up on their opponents. In the seventh inning the local outfit added one more run which won the game. Money was responsible for the last run, hitting over the banks of the pitcher and into the left garden, bringing home Jones. The line-up: Pontiac—Steele, Baer, P. Logic, C. Vreeland, D. Boardman, Ch. McCalm, Sam. Dickie, J. Moloney. If, Clark, C. Jones, P. Birmingham—Morrow, P. Schlaack, C. Groves, B. J. Hayes, D. F. Groves, Ch. Smith, C. Baynes, H. Tyle, C. Hunt, Jr.

Rev. D. H. Curry is visiting friends in the vicinity of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, Pa.

Don't fail to hear Mr. Sincer in the United Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning and evening.

The H. G. F. I. Construction Company hands out to its bargains, but the printer lost the copy, so you will have to call on the Field building and find out particulars.

The Ladies' Church society will hold their annual experience social in connection with the monthly meeting Wednesday, May 21, at the home of Mrs. Ruebe, Oak street.

A merchant who thinks he can get along without the use of advertising is like the girl who thinks she can catch a husband by not bothering with nice clothes. Advertising has made many a store, just like clothes has won many a husband.

A most interesting and helping address was given by Mrs. MacQuinn at 2:30 p. m., in Mrs. MacQuinn's home on Hannah street, on his people hear him on Sabbath day in the United Presbyterian church.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. Slusser on Thursday afternoon, May 22. Roll call will be on South America and subject of the program will be a general discussion of the fifth chapter of the study book.

Four candidates presented themselves for the civil service examination held at the Baldwin high school last Saturday, under the supervision of Miss Gladys E. Parks, clerk at the P. O., and who is clerk of the examination board. The names of the four taking the examination are Henry B. Winger, Cleon C. Hoover, Leslie Looney and John Clouston. It will be some time before the result is announced.

"Bone dry," as applied to prohibition, has nothing to do with bones. Ninety-nine people out of a hundred do not know it—perhaps the percentage is greater—but with the war over and the war time product to be spoken of only in a whisper, it is interesting to note that Bone happened to be the name of the sheriff at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, who kept Chippewa county in such good shape that the author of Michigan's law honored him by naming the law the "Bone dry" law.—E. A.

W. C. T. U. Birmingham—The April meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held with Mrs. Looney on Tuesday evening, a very interesting program on Child Welfare. The chief speaker being Mrs. M. M. Moore, who gave an excellent talk on Community Recreation and Amusement. A good attendance reported and eight new names were added to the roll, making the total membership 82. The May meeting will be held on May 17, 2:30 p. m., with Mrs. Froward as the speaker.

There is one automobile in Michigan to every 12 persons and the state in per capita automobile ownership leads all other states of the Mississippi river. Nebraska leads the country with an auto to every 7.8 persons, while Michigan is in tenth place. The figures show that there are 262,125 automobiles in Michigan, which has a population of 3,150,000. The five leading states are Nebraska, California, Iowa, South Dakota and Montana. Automobile experts say that it would be possible to move the population from these states in a very short time without railroad assistance.

Zanesville, O., claims the honor of sending to the shoot of the Birmingham Gun Club two birds on Monday, the winner of the regular club event. J. H. Stevens broke 47 out of 50 and was awarded first prize, while Porritt came second with 45 in 50. Phil Schlaack and Ford of Indianapolis were tied for third, with 41 each. In the one day shooting event Ford took first, breaking 16 of 25 birds, while Stevens of Zanesville took high in the doubles with 22 of 24 birds, while Ford was second with 20 in 24. After the shoot, refreshments were served in the club house. Out-of-town guests included Messrs. Hodges of Battle Creek; Stevens of Zanesville; Hubert of Saginaw; Ford of Indianapolis; Hall, Grinnell, Miller, Haverstock, Garrel and Pierson, all of Detroit; and Ouman and Bone of Pontiac.

Last week Friday evening the Baldwin school auditorium was nearly filled with an interested audience called together to listen to a Christian Science lecture delivered by Wm. D. Kilpatrick, C. S., of Detroit, member of the board of trustees of the mother church, First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston. The speaker was introduced by W. J. Renke. He said in part: "The world's interest today in Christian Science lies in the world's necessity for Christian Science. Long-suffering humanity is in sore need of a life, vital, dynamic, constructive, spiritual, religious awakening—an awakening predicated, not on hectic outbursts of fanciful, fanatical fervor and temporary enthusiasms, but on a world-wide formalism, something besides the hollow mockery of creed and ritual, and something besides religion that offers mere speculative, future possibilities in place of a truly Christ-like religion that can point to its present works as evidence of its divine authority. Humanity has arrived at the point when it demands a religion which is not a mere wholly true, untaunted by human opinions and conjecture, without one element of error, founded on the Bible and restoring the teachings and works of the Master. That is what the world demands today, and that is why it is turning to Christian Science. The proof of its divine origin rather than its profane has set the face of the world towards this religion."

The condition about April 1 of the commercial peach crop was 84 per cent of normal compared to the final percentage last year of 52.4, according to the Bureau of Crop Estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture. No quantity estimates were given, but the bureau, assuming that adverse conditions do not affect the crop later, said that the April 1 condition report indicated that the 1918 peach crop may possibly exceed the very light crop of 20,516,000 bushels in 1918 by as much as 10 per cent, and may equal, if not exceed, the 28,901,000 bushel crop of 1917, condition generally throughout the peach regions are excellent, says the bureau but emphasis is placed on the temporary nature of early peach reports.

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