BIRMINGHAM EC

FORTY-SECOND YEAR. NO. 1. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, MAY 2, 1919.

FOUID MURDERED

Benjamin Bigler, Former Drayman of Birmingham, Killed and Left in Mrs McGraw's Barn Yard.

Lying face downward, the skull crushed in two places as if by a blow from a blunt instrument, the body of Benjamin Bigler, 54, formerly a draymar in this village, was found about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon by Mrs. A. C. McGraw back of a barn on the McGraw farm about half a mile north of Birmingham on the Woodward road. The man disappeared Wednesday, April 16, it is known that he had a considerable sum of money in his possession the day before he was missed and the fact that a leather strap which was fastened to a gold watch carried in a small pocket in his trousers was cut and practically all his money was gone, leads the police to believe robbery was the motive for the crime.

Drs. Nesbitt and Hilty of this village, who held a post mortem examination over the body at the Bell undertaking establishment Saturday night, declared the man had come to his death from blows on the head from a blunt instrument.

Bigler, who was a brother of Mrs. Carrie Knowles of Birmingham, had been rooming at the home of Mrs. J. K. Robinson of 124 Vinewood avenue. He left her home after breakfast Wednesday morning, April 16, and was expected to go to the home of William H. Murphy, opposite the McGraw farm on Woodward avenue. When he failed to appear his friends and relatives were puzzled But did not suspect he had met foul play.

In the man's clothing was found his bank book which showed withdrawals of $102.50 April 4, $50 on April 8 and $25 on April 16, the day he disappeared. Only a $1 bill was found loose in his pockets when the body was first discovered, but a more careful search later brought to light $1.50 in change in his trousers. The stub of a theater ticket dated April 12 indicated that he had attended a Detroit playhouse on that night. While a gold watch which he carried in his trousers pocket was not disturbed, the watch fob piece which he carried in an inside vest pocket was cut and missing.

While the officers are not fully decided regarding the time the body was taken to the spot back of the McGraw barn where it was found Saturday, they are inclined to believe it was the night of Wednesday, April 16, for on that occasion Mrs. McGraw says she heard the two family dogs bark a great deal near the barn in the latter part of the evening. Mr. McGraw was attending a banquet in Detroit but when he returned home at about 11:30 o'clock he told him of the evident excitement the dogs had showed and he went to the barn to see what had disturbed them. He says he found some of his horses had kicked a door off its stall and believing this to have been the cause of their barking invest ated no further. The McGraws say their dogs have frequently barked at rabbits under the barn so they thought it nothing unusual on this night.

Several days before the body was found Mrs. McGraw found a man's necktie and handkerchief along the road which runs from Woodward avenue past their home. Both were stiff and she says she was unable to tell whether this was caused by rain or might have been due to saturation with blood which was washed partially away by later rains.

Justice Victor Lockrow of Birmingham empaneled the following jury for an inquest to be held Friday morning at 9 o'clock: Tunis Meiser, E. J. Randall, F. W. Clark, Charles C. Osborn, George L. Scott, W. Penwarden.

The funeral will be held from the chapel of Jonas Bell here this afternoon with burial in Orion.

Mr. Bigler was a brother of Mrs. Carrie Knowles of Birmingham, Mrs. John Newark of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Marshall Bigler of Pontiac. He was a member of Court Mayflower, Foresters of America.

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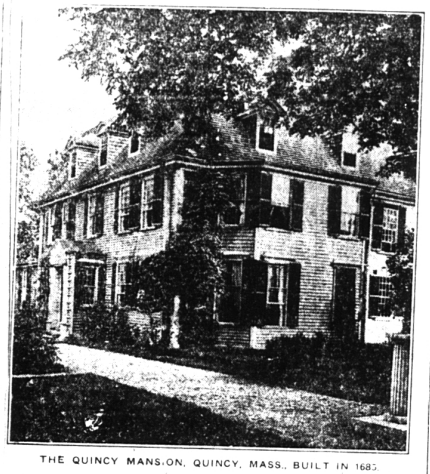

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"CHRISTIAN SCIENCE THE LAW OF GOD."

I have chosen for the subject of my discourse "Christian Science; The Law of God."

Present day interest in Christian Science is finding expression in a demand for a wider dissemination of its message of hope and good cheer—a hungering and thirsting for a fuller understanding of this pure gospel of the Christ. It is being universally asked: What is Christian Science? What does it teach? What are its accomplishments? On what scientific basis does this religious movement within the short span of a generation comma the respectful consideration of a re[illegible]

It is the purpose of the Christian Science literature of Christian Science church services and of Christian Science lectures to answer these questions, and, if, perchance, we shall have been able this evening to throw some little gleam of light on that book of all books, the Holy Bible; if, perchance, we shall have been able to awaken the smouldering spark of hope and encouragement in the breast of some sin-burdened, sick, hopeless or suffering man or woman we shall consider the hour well and profitably spent.

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 live, vital, dynamic, constructive, spiritual religious awakening—an awakening predicted, not on hectic outbursts of fanciful, fanatical fervor and temperamental, mesmeric enthusiasm, but an awakening resulting from sober, prayerful, thoughtful and sanctified convictions. The world is demanding something besides mere formalism, something besides the hollow mockery of creed and ritual, something besides a 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 arrives at the point where it demands a religion which believes to be wholly true, untainted 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, my friends, is why it is turning to Christian Science. The proof of its divine origin rather than its profession has set the face of the world towards this religion.

Since the coming of Christian Science to the world religion and materia methods of healing have undergone some radical and startling changes.

HAVE YOU SUBSCRIBED?

Voluntary subscriptions for Bonds of the Victory Liberty Loan received during the voluntary days which opened the drive at this writing $62,[illegible]0 has been subscribed of the $164,000 quota. Let every one subscribe to his or her limit as our duties are just as binding now as when the boys were on the firing lines. Make victory complete. Only by finishing the job can this be done. Only by providing the money to gather up the loose ends and round off the rough projecting points that still remain. Our boys made victory! It's our duty to make it complete by an overwhelming subscription to the Victory Liberty loan.

Detroit set the pace for the entire country by reaching its quota of 55 and a half millions in eight hours, and still going. Up to Wednesday night the sales had reached 81 and a half millions of dollars.

Canvassers will finish our Victory Loan quota and the township and village will surely be "over the top."

THE PASSING WANDERER.

Editor Eccentric: Regarding "A Wondering Taxpayer, who has taken exceptions to efficiency in the local police department, I would like to ask "A. W. T." would you stand barricading the street to halt the speed fiends, allowing them full swing with the attending risks? or would you cause the guilty ones when discovered? I have noted in every other city that I have been in that the motorcycle "cop" invariably traverses just a little faster than the fastest in order to make a capture. How otherwise? And because all machines are unfortunately given to making a staccato machine gun noise when driven under full power and that power strained.

There really should be no kick in the officer who announces himself as being a participant in the race for right and sometimes must go more than a mile a minute perhaps. He is hired to enforce ordinances made by popularly elected representatives of the community. No one questioned the speed or noise of the fire laddies' machine.

With respect to the parking spaces of village employee's motors, I see no reason for any remarks beyond giving a comparison. Suppose some one was hired to guard "A. W. T.'s" chicken coop, it is likely he would place a guard in a position which would cause a hindrance to quick action. Not likely, for I suppose "A. W. T." likes his chicken.

And last but not least, I have heard an old "saw" about "the makes the most noise who has no tin can." The police department I would encourage to say, would appreciate any and all complaints to come first hand. Hammers are more practical in this age of strife if used for the building up business.

TRANSIENT OBSERVER.

THE SENATE'S ATTITUDE.

In an especially patriotic and brilliant address delivered before a large gathering of Michigan Democrats in Detroit recently, Hon. Homer S. Cummingham, chairman of the national committee, commented upon the attitude of certain members of the U. S. senate toward President Wilson and the League of Nations as follows:

"It is said the covenant is vague. That argument has been advanced against all the great documents of history. The same assertion was made with reference to the Magna Charta, the Petition of Rights, the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. If President Wilson should suggest that we ought to obey the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule, there would be learned senators who would argue that the doctrines are too vague to be understood and are certain to lead America into trouble. And I tremble to think what would happen to the Lord's Prayer if it were submitted to the senate for ratification."

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at Birmingham, Michigan, Postoffice on April 26, 1919:

Charles Brown, care of Michigan Hospital School.
Mrs. James H. Baldwin.
Mrs. Joseph K. Maynard.
Mrs. William Robinson, R. F. D. 2.
Seeley Bros., Boy 36.
Miss Esther Schoenborn.

POST CARDS.

Miss Lucille Bell.
Mr. Herbert Moore.
Mrs. Wm. Robison.

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

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

MUCH INTEREST

Is Manifested Here in the Child Welfare Tests—Same Will Be Continued.

The Child Welfare Department of the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense is represented in Birmingham by a local committee of the following ladies:

Mrs. Peter McKay, chairman.
Mrs. E. A. King, vice chairman.
Mrs. W. Wood, secretary-treasurer.
Mrs. Chas. Parks, vice chairman.
Mrs. John H. Marlotte, pub. chairman.

Mrs. Caroline Bartlett Crane, chairman of the Michigan division sent to this committee a complete set of child welfare posters. They may be seen at each place where tests are held.

To Mrs. E. A. King's untiring efforts much credit is due for the growing interest in these tests.

The third test was at the Baptist church last Friday afternoon. Mrs. McKay called attention to the fine poster and showed how helpful and instructive they may be to all who have the care of children. Mrs. Geo. Jackson gave an interesting reading followed by a delightful social hour, during which attractive and proper refreshments were served to the appreciative little people.

Twenty happy youngsters enjoyed the generous and kindly hospitality of the Baptist ladies. Ages were from seven weeks to five years and ranging in weight from 8 3-4 pounds to 38 pounds, and in height from 12 to 40½ inches.

The slogan of this organization is: "Get a square deal for children."

Save 100,000 babies during childdriven's year.

Next test at the First Presbyterian church. Bring the babies.

Names of children present: Margaret Jenks, Helen Dennis, Beatrice Grooms, Julia Simons, Margaret Louise Steere, Edith May and Geo. E. Gould, twins; Rhuamut Gould, Merritt Olesen, Elizabeth Anna Olesen, Julia Maria Harris, Edward A. Weber, Fern Elizabeth Weber, Laura Ellen Anderson, Margaret Ellen Anderson, Chas. Wm. J. Porter, Edith Lucy Porter, Alta Mae Patchell, Dollie Georgena Whittaker, Phillip Stephens.

He Does Heavy Work.

"I do heavy work, and that is a strain on a man's kidneys," writes Bert Dawson, Canton, Illinois. "My trouble started with severe, sharp pains over my back. I bought a bottle of Foley Kidney Pills, and before it was gone my pains had entirely left me. Then banish rheumatic pains, backache, soreness, stiffness. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

U. S. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

County for which held—Oakland, Mich. Places of examination—Birmingham, Fenton and Pontiac. Date of examination—May 10, 1919. To fill a vacancy at Birmingham, Davisburg and Royal Oak and other vacancies as they may occur on rural routes at postoffices in the above named county.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for rural carrier at the examination place or places mentioned above. As a result of this examination an eligible register for the above-named county will be established, from which it is expected that certification will be made for filling the vacancy in the position of carrier on the rural route at the postoffice mentioned above AND OTHER VACANCIES ON RURAL ROUTES AT POSTOFFICES IN THAT COUNTY AS THEY MAY OCCUR IN THE FUTURE, unless it is found to be in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer or promotion.

An eligible register for the position of rural carrier for each county is maintained. A rural carrier after one year's satisfactory service may be transferred to the position of clerk or carrier in a first or second class postoffice, railway clerk, or other position in the classified service, subject to such examination as may be required by the civil service rules.

A STEADY READER.

Neosho, Mo., April 24, 1919.
Editor Birmingham Eccentric—

Dear Sir: It is time for the sending of another dollar. You certainly must have great faith in my sending the dollar, as the paper keeps a-coming every week, though time is past due. Excuse delay. Address to Mrs. Means Moorman, Neosho, Mo., R. D. 7.

P. S.—Have had a delightful spring. Good crops, oats sewed here Marc 1 are growing well. Corn is all planted, some through the ground. Early radishes, lettuce and onions in use now from our garden. Good prospects for a bumper crop of fruit of all kind. Strawberries ripe in two weeks—if Jack Frost keeps away.

Yours truly,
E. A. M.
of Old Missouri.

The high power electric system of the Edison Co. are setting their big poles and putting on the cross arms in the mile running east from Cutting's store these days. This system starts from Mt. Clemens and goes to Pontiac.

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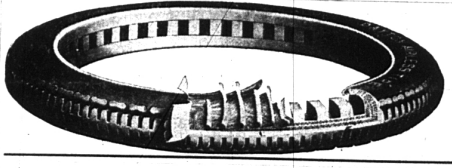

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Mr. Bridge delivers milk in morning now instead of at night.

Frank Cutting has made and put up a number of fine bird houses in his home yard.

A soldier friend Sundayed with Joseph Jennings at his home half mile east of Troy. Joseph has received his discharge from army service.

Oakland Theatre

Pontiac

PROGRAM

Tonight and Saturday Wm Farnum in "Riders of the Purple Sage" and Fatty Arbuckle in "The Cook"—Another of those big double bills.

Sunday the 3rd brings Tom Mix in "Fame and Fortune" A tale of warm hearts and cold lead.

Monday and Tuesday Triumphant return of "The" picture of pictures, "Mickey" with captivating Mabel Normand in the lead. Also big added attraction. Martin Johnson's "Cannibals of the South Seas" the most wonderful travel pictures ever made.

Wednesday brings Lyman H. Howe's Travel Festival of 12 big Features—Seat sale opens Monday. May 5. Seats reserved.

Thursday Vivian Martin in "You Never Saw Such a Girl."

Friday and Saturday—Dustin Farnum in Lane Grey's Western novel "The Light of Western Stars" and Billy Parsons in "Proposing Bill."

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