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Geo. H. Mitchell, P. M.



Don't fail to hear A. E. Greenleaf, singer, and Mrs. Greenleaf, elocutionist, at the Baptist church Thursday, May 8.

A good lady sends us the following article, it is too good to be lost. "An old maid is like drowning—a really delightful sensation when you cease struggling."

Look, May 2, 1919, and extract it from May 1, 1918, and that will tell you how old the Birmingham Eccentric is this issue. All these years owned by the originators and proprietors. Some record for a country village, hey?

Newly hatched chicks need little or no food for the first two days, according to the poultry department at M. A. C. Just before emerging from the shell, chicks absorb the yolk of the eggs into their bodies and use it for nourishment during their first 60 or 72 hours.

Forty-one years ago the present pages of the Birmingham Eccentric were the first issue of this paper on the presses of the Pontiac Bill Poster. After four weeks he ceased, getting lack of the 14 years ago. The name of Whithead and Mitchell have appeared continuously as publishers since the commencement.

This is the kind of a letter the wretched editor, to receive: "Eccentric, Mich., April 29, 1919: Please extend my subscription to the Eccentric for another year. Have taken the paper for years and make it like an old friend whenever it fails to come. Will include the needed dollar. Your, Mrs. W. J. Craft."

Many farmers of the state are faced with serious planting problems because of the fact that frequent rains have kept them from seeding spring grains at an early date, according to Prof. J. E. Cox, of the M. A. C. farm crops department. Oats and barley may still be planted in proper season, but large acreage of grain are certain to be planted late.

Mrs. William Coulter of Detroit, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Packard, 214 Park street, for the past two months, and both ladies and all of the family have enjoyed the visit very much. When you consider that the good lady Mrs. Coulter is 82 years of age and travels alone and goes about quite a good deal, you can see that she is some better than the ordinary, and she is.

The demonstrations at Caldwell, May 1, and at Ann Arbor, May 9, are the first of a series of demonstrations which will be held in the spring during the next two months. The direction of the field management is being handled by the farm mechanics department at M. A. C. and dozens of tractors will be used in the demonstrations, which are expected to show the practicability of agriculture on Michigan farms.

The Ford Motor Co. was the only manufacturer of any note in the United States that did not call upon the government for assistance when it received one up in return. To Mr. Ford turned back to the government every dollar of his share of the profits, and the Ford Motor Co. is the only corporation in Michigan which is not protesting about the amount of its war taxes and prices just the same as in this new Wilson administration.

William G. McBride has acquired the property of Bert H. Hovey on Ann street—a wise purchase.

C. W. Bruce and wife are back home again in Birmingham. They were with their daughter, Mrs. Grace Dennis, in Detroit.

Adam F. Gray has a fine and good-paying position in one of the factories at Pontiac. His work is easy, good pay, fair hours and why should the spirit of mortality worry?

Haken to this, Preston Gray promoted from private right up to the line to a captain was honorably discharged and immediately enlisted in the regular army for three years. He is going some for a Birmingham boy, hey?

Where does all the booze come from that exhilarates some of our best citizens. Seems strange that it is so easy to get after all the hindrances that is supposed to be spread over the sale of the demoniac of the demon's drink—near here.

A fine warm rain Sunday night just fixed things all right for growing. Many gardens are in trim for a growing season, and plenty of the owners of gardens, lawns, fruit trees, foliage and shrubbery are looking for prizes to be held in the school year at the Garden and Nature club.

A man from Thomas says there is going to be a big production of wheat by the end of the year. He says to blame farmers for getting hold of that guaranteed price while the grabbing is good. That is, if the price of wheat is extra money will buy. And we're going to improve the roads to make the going easier.

It is interesting to know that the many busy housewives of Birmingham are going to do now that Mrs. Minnie McDonald has gone to Pontiac for her new home. She was the mainstay for many families needing help in their work, and was a cheerful and kind many a housewife miss the good old soul. We hope she may return some day and make her home in the city.

Watch out for the public examination of rural carriers and clerks to be held May 10 next. The examination will be held in the school building and accommodations are ample for all who may want to take the exam. Miss Gladys Parks, the efficient examiner, will be on duty and ready for as many as wish to come. She has already conducted two examinations before this and is correctly appreciated.

Here is good news. Miss Ethel Bassett, the efficient help at the drug store of Charles J. Shan, took a course in the drug law and passed the state examination, going through with a very high percentage, and is now a fully authorized pharmacist in the state of Michigan, but we have no doubt but that she will be on duty and ready for as many as wish to come. She has already conducted two examinations before this and is correctly appreciated at all times.

The funeral of F. W. R. Perry, 60, who died of pneumonia Tuesday afternoon at his home at 143 Palmer street, April 27, was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at his late home with burial at Greenwood cemetery, Birmingham.

Survived by a widow, Mrs. Harriet Perry, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Stratton, of Detroit. Mr. Perry was president of the Detroit and company. Mr. Perry was formerly Miss Harriet Peabody of Birmingham.

If Birmingham does not have better roads it won't be long before it will. The ladies interested in this great work have been diligently progressive and hard workers. All are interested in making the work along and no one can be better blessed than the babies unless indeed it might be the mother who also receive instructions and information in the care of these little ones that the benefit cannot be estimated with the babies and their food mamma.

The recent congress passed a general pension law for the widow of a man who served in the United States army, navy or marine corps during the war with Spain, and who is without means of support and more than her daily labor and does not have an actual net income exceeding \$250 per year. Upon proof of his death was the result of his service, the widow will be placed on the pension roll at the end of the month from the date of her application.

Quite an auto day for Bham people going to Ann Arbor was last Sunday. Let's see, M. C. Howard, his wife, T. C. Hoteling, wife and two daughters, the Misses Marguerite and June, and Miss Gladys Parks. While they may not of the university city did not greet them personally he sent the city clerk and the visitors were made glad and happy by being cared for in the most hospitable manner. Nothing is so good for Birmingham.

Prof. William Henry Harrison Cook was in town one day last week accompanied by his guitar.

After many years of mail carrying almost 15, Adam F. Gray has resigned. He has been a most faithful worker, and like the others received less thanks and more blessings of the good people of Birmingham than any other man in any public capacity, or in any other line of business. His place is filled by Mr. Cleon C. Hoover, who takes up the business like a old stager. It won't be long though before he will begin to see grey hairs in the crown of his head, for it seems to be the rule. He is making real good and has the promise of a rattling good mail carrier. We hope so.

Mr. Hinehoff is building a new house on the lot known as the Chat House place.

Owner of dogs who have not paid their dog tax may have until the 15th of May to pay the same. After that time the assessment roll which will be May 1.

One fellow says buying bonds now is like paying for a dead horse. Who dare you tell that to some father or mother who gave a son in the battle over there—Parma News.

A clever solicitor worked several good clients for gasolene for the past few days, taking notes for \$12 each. The notes were sold to the local garage, and the solicitor will own all the land adjoining him. His last purchase being the home of J. R. Rogers on Park street. Nothing succeeds like success. Here's to the tonsorial art business.

Charlotte is the first Michigan city and probably the first in the country to have a no-tail quota for the Victory Loan. Thirty-eight workers and bankers subscribed for the quota of \$100,000.

The pupils of Miss Marguerite Clark, assisted by Miss Florence Padlock, soprano, and Miss Virginia May, alto, will give a recital at the Methodist church next Monday, May 5. The public is invited.

A bill passed by the legislature and signed by the governor, increases the rate for all legal printing from 20 cents to \$1.20 per folio. The rate had been in force since the year 1890. Every printer knows, conditions have changed mightily in that time.

It may not be pleasing to those who own property, and to the mass of people thoroughly endorse the income tax and the inheritance tax. The latter will be increased by one-half and increased taxation along these lines.

A. L. Nogue who has been deputy county school commissioner under L. Craft for four years, has resigned the position to accept one in the office of W. W. P. Charles, state dealer of Pontiac. Mr. Nogue will retain his position as one of the county school examiners and as county treasurer.

Attention R. A. M. Regular convocation of Birmingham chapter No. 93 R. A. M., Monday evening, May 5. Companions there is work in sight to keep the officers busy three months each week for three months, and it should entice every member to give his support. James H. Terry, H. P. J. A. Bugbee, secretary.

Eastern Star Chapter, M. 220, elected the following officers at their regular meeting April 27: W. W. H. Taylor, president; Charles K. Taylor, M. A. M. Nellie Wood, secretary; Hattie Todd, treasurer; Carrie Smith, Con. A. G. H. A. C. Charles K. Taylor, First Alternate; Hattie Todd; Second Eva Swaman; Third, James T. Taylor. A special meeting will be held Wednesday evening May 7, for initiation of three candidates and installation of officers.

Nothing succeeds like success. In Lillian Curtis, whose practice in Sothing was most effectively built up by a knowledge of her chosen profession, she has a fine example of personality after about three months living at 40 Virginia Park Avenue, has bought the elegant home built by her father, the real estate man, M. W. O'Brien. She has a rapidly growing practice in her new home and is one of our city's most successful. He made welcome to her own home.

Editors are born boosters. The other day the editor was solicited to join a lodge and was handed a petition printed by a supply house in another city. He got a fan from a merchant in a government stamped envelope and a glowing testimonial statement. He made a purchase at a store and got a duplicate bill printed at Chicago and wrote a check for the amount. He printed the bill, how can an editor expect to join lodges and pay his bills on such terms as this? He is a good fellow, people to trade at home? Editors have to be born boosters, prepared to live on a herring and stand for anything—E. X.

Royal Oak people ought to be thoroughly familiar with the procedure of effecting an organization. We can organize all night long, but the record has proven that, but after we organize we too often quit. Our organizations have a very brief existence. We are all too busy giving much attention to elaborate and sometimes fancy machinery for doing business, but the product we turn out is not always creditable. We have organized for the moral betterment of the community, for civic improvement, for municipal protest, for industrial and commercial activity, and what not, and about as far as we ever get we quit. The only organization that has succeeded in this line is the one that was organized to do good. It is not always creditable. We have organized for the moral betterment of the community, for civic improvement, for municipal protest, for industrial and commercial activity, and what not, and about as far as we ever get we quit. The only organization that has succeeded in this line is the one that was organized to do good. It is not always creditable.

Frank Leonard did some fine plowing with his tractor first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Sullivan ate Saturday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wood.

The Elliott relatives from Pontiac were dinner guests at the G. S. Elliott home Sunday.

Henry Bradford and Miss Reed of Casson, Sunday at the home of Mrs. Mamie Phillips.

Leslie Phelps is having a hundred dollar check made out on his lot in the M. A. C. building.

Mrs. Bill Appelman's sister from Portland, Oregon is visiting her relatives in Troy on Monday.

Cheer up. Toy will be a paced street car before the booster bill is allowed to be torn all up again. That road bed's all right for the kind.

A. M. Blood, who owns two town lots in Niles subdivision, is soon to be bought for a new house by Lyman Bell and wife come home from Cleveland in March, but he has given up the idea of building a new house. While Mrs. Bell is staying with relatives in Flint.

The Woman's Lullaby Club will hold its last meeting at the home of Mrs. C. E. Burman, 107 Bates street at 11 o'clock. A pot luck dinner will be served.

The Misses Minnie White and Marjorie Kinkley, Renel McKinley and Walter Balko spent the Easter holidays at Mr. Balko's sisters at the Hotel Lenox Monday night.

Tuesday evening, "History" S. H. Wilkinson came home from the war for good, having been honorably discharged from U. S. service at Camp Center, Harlow Groves, another Birmingham soldier boy returned with him, also honorably discharged. Both boys look like happy and healthy. Nearly two years ago "Buster" left a cigar stub in a hole in the post office and it was there awaiting his return. He hasn't smoked it yet, may he be quit.

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