BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

FORTY-SECOND YEAR. NO. 4. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, MAY 23, 1919. WHOLE NUMBER, 2,135.

SEES HIS BOYS

"Chan" Blair, Janitor of Armory at Pontiac, Gave and Received the "Glad Hand" with Company E.

Among those present Sunday to greet Michigan's returning soldiers was "Chance" Blair—Chauncey L. Blair, if you demand precision.

Chance is a stripling of 76. He is janitor of the armory in Pontiac, and the members of A company, 120th Machine Gun Battalion, are his boys. He taught 'em how to be soldiers before the war ever started. He knew because he soldiered from '61 to '64 under McClellan and Thomas, and under the "Little Fellow."

So Chance came down from Pontiac early Sunday morning to meet his boys. Under his arm he carried four precious boxes of cigars he had purchased with his own money. You will agree the cigars were a pretty generous gift. Cigars are high now, and janitoring is not as lucrative as it might be.

Naturally, Chance got all mixed up in the crowd at the Michigan Central Station. He tried to tell them how it was; that he had to get through and into the freight rooms on account of his boys and his being there to meet them?

But the crowd didn't seem to understand and Chance probably never would have seen those boys of A Company had not Patrolman William Snowden rescued him late in the afternoon and escorted him through the lines to a seat on a box inside the freight building.

Chance was a mite tuckered. Also he was a mite vexed. He said Detroit crowds didn't have much sense or they'd have let him through without all this fuss. Didn't they know his boys'd be furious if he wasn't there to mee them?

Onlookers soothed him and said, "Yes, yes," and hoped inwardly the boys of A company had not forgotten the existence of Chance after two years of France and war. The onlookers knew such a thing would break Chance up. There was an eager look in his old eyes—as though he had been waiting, waiting for his boys to come back.

Adroit questioning by Superintendent Rutledge of the Police Department brought out the testy admission that Chance hadn't eaten since breakfast, but he wasn't very hungry. So they hustled him into the Red Cross Canteen and filled him.

And he came out and said Detroit people were just all right. He went in there and had supper with some sure-enough high-up people; chief o' police, mayor and other high-up people; they ate together and were mighty nice to him, he said.

Onlookers remembered how the personnel of units in the field changes constantly, what with casualties and replacements and the like. They hoped inwardly there would be at least one or two men in A Company to remember Chance. He did seem so set on meeting his boys.

Then A Company came. Chance tottered around the corner with his precious cigars under his arm. A bit outlandish he looked in his G. A. R. hat and his modern campaign coat that he had picked up in the Pontiac armory.

The company was at attention as Chance neared them. Onlookers hoped earnestly—

And then a boy spied Chance. He yelled. The company was no longer at attention. They leaped at Chance and literally mobbed him. Their commanding officer started to remonstrate. He saw Chance and smiled and sidled over behind the tumultuous boys.

They hugged Chance and kissed him and pounded him. Tears ran down his wrinkled face. He swore back at them as affectionately as they swore at him. They picked him up and carried him out into the crowd on their shoulders. Chance and his boys.

Cut This Out—It Is Worth Money.

Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, inclose with 5 cents to Foley & Co., 2835 Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic Tablets. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

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Young people's meeting, 6:30.

Evening worship and sermon by pastor, 7:30.

Wednesday evening, 7:45, congregational prayer meeting.

Boy Scouts Friday, 7 p. m.

Choir practice Friday evening, 8.

Don't forget food sale Saturday in A. and P. store under the auspices of the choir of the United Presbyterian church.

KILLED BY A CAR

John Hardenburgh Struck by a Southbound Interurban While Picking Flowers.

John Hardenburgh, aged 67 years, of 66 Brighton avenue, Highland Park, was instantly killed Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock when a southbound interurban car struck him in the head, fracturing his skull. The elderly man was driving north on the Woodward avenue pavement with his wife, his son, J. C. Hardenburgh, and the latter's family. At Slaughter's crossing their machine developed engine trouble and the son stopped to remedy it. His father, who had been riding in the rear seat, got out and was picking flowers along the southbound tracks for his grandchildren when the accident happened.

Mr. Hardenburgh was somewhat deaf and did not hear the approaching interurban or the warning call from his wife. He was leaning over with his head directly over the track so that the terrific blow nearly severed it from his body.

Coroner O. C. Farmer and Deputy Isaac Royal were summoned from Pontiac immediately, and it was decided that no inquest was necessary after investigating the circumstances of the tragedy and taking the statement of the son. The remains were removed to the Bell Undertaking establishment here to be taken to Redford for the funeral. Conductor King and Motorman Smith were in charge of the ill-fated interurban.

Before moving to Highland Park about a year ago Mr. Hardenburg owned the grist mill at East Farmington, where his family had lived many years and are well known.

What One Mother Does.

Mrs. P Bennett, 7 Wawayanda Place, Middletown, New York, writes: "I have given Foley's Honey and Tar to my little boy, and cannot recommend it too highly, as I think it is the only medicine for coughs and colds." Fine for croup and whooping cough, as well as coughs and colds. Contains no opiates. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

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Office First Ass't P. M., Gen'l.
Washington, May 19, 1919.

The attention of the Department has been called recently to the fact that practically all mailable parcels that are carefully wrapped and securely tied for mailing reach their destinations in good condition and that complaints of damage in transit result almost entirely from faulty wrapping.

All postmasters are directed to instruct employes to exclude from the mails all parcels which are insecurely wrapped or tied. Postmasters will give this requirement as much publicity as is practicable. Copies of these instructions may be posted in the lobbies and in all practicable ways brought to the attention of post office patrons.

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Sunday school, 12 noon.
Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.
Evening service, 7:30.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:45.

All our services are bright and happy with good music and cordial welcome. The pastor will kindly respond to all calls.

PED BO K WHAT.

Oakland county has a considerable quantity of red rock wheat this year. Much of this wheat comes directly from inspected seed and is eligible to registration. We do not urge here that every man growing this wheat, who can, get his grain passed by the inspector. However, any wheat grower who likes to grow pure seed for market and desires to become a grower of such stock, had better get in contact with the crop improvement association of Michigan, and not only become a retaker member, but get inspection regularly and get the benefit of his care and extra work in better prices paid for seed stock. Members of this association propose to carry on an advertising campaign in other states this summer and a large demand for this most promising new variety of wheat is expected on all hands. The county is just getting awake to the possibilities of this great Michigan grain and its sister star, Roman Rye. For inspection, applications must be in before June 10 or applicants will be refused inspection. We desire to get in touch with any grower at once if he desires to supply pure imported seed to the trade this year.

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." They banish rheumatic pains, backache, soreness, stiffness. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

ARE TO BANQUET

Brotherhood of Methodist Episcopal Church Will Hold Annual Feast Next Monday, May 26.

The Brotherhood of the M. E. church will have their semi-annual banquet and evening's entertainment next Monday night, May 26. At this time the ladies are included. The banquet is to be served at 7 p. m. and after the feast all adjourn upstairs for the musical entertainment. Now this musicale is going to be the best ever. The Brotherhood orchestra of 12 pieces furnish the instrumental music. The Glee club from the Thomas Normal Training School of Detroit give the vocal selections. This is a club of 15 young ladies all trained to perfection. The evening's entertainment will be the very best offered to our people in many years. The following is the program:

1. Orchestra selection.
2. Group of songs by Glee club.
3. Vocation.
4. 'Cello solo.
5. Group of songs by Glee club.
6. Vocation.
7. 'Cello and violin duet.
8. Group of songs by Glee club.
9. Orchestra selection.

E. E. Cowan is the one gentleman responsible for this great chance of Birmingham people to have and enjoy an evening's enjoyment and our people should show their appreciation by turning out in large numbers and have one good time.

A free offering will be accepted at the door.

It was moved by Commissioner Schlaack and supported by Commissioner Quarton, that the following preamble and resolution be adopted. Whereas Monday, May 12, 1919, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. was theretofore fixed by this Commission as the time for the meeting to hear suggestions and objections to the construction of an eight inch lateral sanitary sewer beneath the surface of Purdy street from a point in said street where the center line of George street if extended will intersect said Purdy street, thence running Southerly in said Purdy street in substantially the center thereof a distance of 800 feet, and to the main be benefited by improvement and constituting special assessment district for sanitary sewers No. 10, according to the map and diagram thereof now on file in the office of Village Clerk, and the estimated cost of such improvement which is also on file amounting to $2629.00 persuant to a resolution of the Commission passed on April 28, 1919, and

Whereas due notice of said meeting has been given in the manner required by law to each person within such assessment district owning property liable for special assessment for such improvement and the Commission has met on this 12th day of May at 7:30 o'clock p. m. for the purpose aforesaid, and due hearing has been given to all persons making objections and suggestions to the proposed improvement; therefore, be it

Resolved that an eight inch lateral sanitary sewer shall be constructed beneath the surface of Purdy street from a point in said street where the center line of George street if extended will intersect said Purdy street thence running Southerly in said Purdy street in substantially the center thereof a distance of 800 feet, and to the main trunk sewer already constructed in Frank street and now crossing said Purdy street, and be it

Resolved that the lands and parcels of lands fronting and abutting on said Pierce street shall constitute a special assessment district to be known as special assessment district for sanitary sewers No. 10 upon which shall be levied and spread a special assessment according to benefits for 5-6 of the entire expense of said improvement amounting to $2190.83 which assessment shall be payable in five equal annual installments the same to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of conformation thereof; and be it further

Resolved that 1-6 of the entire expense of said improvement amounting to $438.17 shall be born by the Village of Birmingham, and be paid from the General fund. Be it further

Resolved that the assessor of said Village is hereby directed in persuance hereof to make a special assessment according to benefits on the taxable lands and premises constituting special assessement district for sanitary sewer No. 10 for the sum of $2190.83 and to report the same to this Commission with all due haste.

Roll Call: Yeas 3; Nays 0. Motion carried.

R. Alaver, Nichols Sierra and Robert Cortwright, all of Toledo, were arrested last Friday by Deputy Richard Lake of Birmingham, on vagrancy charges. They pleaded guilty the same day in the justice court. Alaver was given 30 days in the county jail, Sierra was sent to jail for 10 days and Cortwright was given 45 days.

THE OPENING GUN

For Michigan's Own and Only Big Fair for 1919 Is Fired by Manager Dickinson.

Between three and four thousand Michigan school boys will participate in the examinations for representatives to the Boys' State Fair School for 1919. On May 9, in the 83 counties of the state, these contests were held under the direction of the county commissioner of schools, the master of the Pomona Grange of the county and the president of the Farmers' institute.

The Michigan State Fair each year is host to nearly one hundred boys, representatives of the various counties, during the ten days of the exposition. The State Fair recognizes the paramount advantages to the commonwealth of a widespread campaign of education among the future farmers of the state, and conducts this school as an incentive to betterment of agricultural and live-stock conditions.

G. W. Dickinson, secretary-manager of the Fair Association, takes personal charge of arranging an intensive course of study in the latest and most modern methods of farm procedure. He secures the authorities along these lines to talk and demonstrate to the boys while they are guests in Detroit. Boys between 14 and 18 years of age are eligible to take the examination if they have a diploma from the regular eighth grade. A list of questions, prepared by the State Fair, is forwarded to the examining board of each county.

Interest in the Boy's School increases year by year, and the influence in this work is felt throughout the state. Hundreds of boys in the eighth grades study during the entire winter to fit themselves for the examination in the spring. In addition to the educational advantages, the Fair executive arranges a series of entertainments and amusements for the boys. A small tent city is put up on the Fair Grounds for their accommodation.

It was moved by Commissioner Schlaack, and supported by Commissioner Quarton, that the following preamble and resolution be adopted. Whereas Monday, May 12, 1919, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. was heretofore fixed by this commission as the time for the meeting to hear suggestions and objections to the construction of an eight inch lateral sanitary sewer beneath the surface of Maple avenue West from a point in the center of said street situated 30 feet West of the Westerly line of Bates street thence Westerly and in substantially the center of Maple avenue West to the Easterly line of Southfield avenue thence following the line of said Maple avenue West somewhat South of the center line therefor, to the Village limits, a distance of 2130 feet, 5-6 of the entire expense of which shall be paid by special assessment against the lands to be benefited by such improvement and constituting special assessment district for sanitary sewers No. 9 according to the map and diagram thereof now on file in the office of the Village Clerk, and the estimated cost of such improvement which is also on file amounting to $4665.00 persuant to a resolution of the Commission passed on April 28, 1919; and

Whereas due notice of said meeting has been given in the manner required by law to each person within such assessment district owning property liable for special assessment for such improvement and the Commission has met on this 12th day May, 1919, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. for the purpose aforesaid, and due hearing has been given to all persons making objections and suggestions to the proposed improvement; therefor, be it

Resolved that an eight inch lateral sanitary sewer shall be constructed beneath the surface of Maple avenue West from a point in the center of said street situated 30 feet West of the Westerly line of Bates street thence Westerly and in substantially the center of Maple avenue West to the Easterly line of Southfield avenue thence following the line of said Maple avenue West somewhat South of the center line therefor to the Village limits a distance of 2130 feet, and be it

Resolved that the lands and parcels of lands fronting and abutting on said Maple avenue West shall constitute a special assessment district to be known as special assessment district for sanitary sewers No. 9 upon which shall be levied and spread a special assessment according to benefits for 5-6 of the entire expense of said improvement amounting to $3887.50 which assessment shall be payable in five equal annual installments the same to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of conformation thereof; and be it further

Resolved that 1-6 of the entire expense of said improvement amounting to $777.50 shall be born by the Village of Birmingham, and be paid from the General fund. Be it further

Resolved that the assessor of said Village is hereby directed in persuance hereof to make a special assessment according to benefits on the taxable lands and premises constituting special assessement district for sanitary sewer No. 9 for the sum of $3887.50 and to report the same to this Commission with all due haste.

Roll Call: Yeas 3; Nays 0. Motion carried.

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Oakland Theatre

Pontiac

PROGRAM

Today, Friday, is the opening of a picture long to be remembered by its viewers—it is Cecil B. De Mille's special production, "Don't Change Your Husband," starring Elliott Dexter and Gloria Swanson. Those who saw "Old Wives for New" should see this especially as it is the companion picture. On Saturday the same program is offered.

Sunday brings the peer of character actors, Frank Keenan, in "Todd of the Times," a comedy newspaper yarn that will satisfy and delight all its viewers. "A Lady Bell-Hop's Secret," a two-reel comedy, Mutt and Jeff and a news weekly complete the bill.

Monday and Tuesday brings a good double bill of Douglas Fairbanks in "Arizona," taken from Augusta Thomas' famous stage success, and Smiling Billy Parsons in "The Jellyfish." "Arizona" was one of the greatest stage successes for years.

Wednesday and Thursday nights brings an entertainment given by the Pontiac Lodge No. 810, B. P. O. E., "'Atta Boy," a merry melange of maids and melodies, providing mirth, song and dance. Seats reserved at Fowler's drug store and Oakland theater commencing Monday, May 26.

Friday and Saturday, May 30-31, brings a special Decoration Day program in the offering of Wm. S. Hart in "The Breed of Men." Hart in the role of "Careless Carmody" becomes sheriff and in the character creates action enough for anyone. Chester Conklin and Louise Fazenda in "The Village Chestnut," a Mack Sennett comedy, and a news weekly complete the show.

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