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GEO. H. MITCHELL, P. M.

Have you bought that bond yet?

The Germans have finally reached Paris!

Birmingham has not only had its clean-up day, but it's to be clean all summer.

Burt, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pepperall, is still serving with the Marines in the West Indies.

The printer has not said anything about the recent cold weather blasting his peach buds, because all his trees were winter killed a year ago.

Claude Webster, of Detroit, was arrested Friday by Deputy Lake on a charge of driving his automobile on the wrong side of the street. He pleaded guilty Friday afternoon in the justice court and was released on suspended sentence by paying $4.55 costs. Leo Twedell and H. R. Dunning, of Detroit, each paid a fine of $10.80 for speeding. Mrs. S. D. McClellan and John Wisenberg, of Detroit, each paid a fine of $10.80 for the same offense.

Harvard Claxton, R. L. Stoddard and Mrs. S. D. McClellan, all of Detroit, and H. T. Wicks, of Saginaw, were arrested recently by Deputy Lake of Birmingham and Deputy Squibbs, of Pontiac, on charges of violating the automobile speed law and there are more to follow. They pleaded guilty in Justice Virgil Lockow's court. Claxton and Stoddard each paid a fine of $10 and $4.45 costs. Mrs. McClellan paid $10 fine and $4.55 costs and Wicks paid $10 fine and $5.80 costs.

Several people of Clawson have organized the Clawson Civic League, the object of which is to secure as many improvements as possible and to better living conditions generally. It has a definite program laid out, and whether or not the village is incorporated, the people of the village are going to benefit by the efforts of the league. The officers are: Thos. P. DeClairs, president; Grant Schell, vice president; Mrs. Florence DeClaire, secretary; Fred Siggs, treasurer. Membership is open to all Clawson people who want to see the village grow and improve.

The weighing and measuring of children under school age is a very interesting part of the government plan for keeping track of the physical development of the "power of the nation," with the purpose of improving it wherever possible. We need all our little soldiers of peace and their physical fitness is as important to the nation as that of the soldiers of war. All of the churches have co-operated with cradle roll parties except the Episcopal church and their party is to take place Friday afternoon, May 9, at 2 o'clock in the church parlors. After that days will be set for the work to be completed in one of the school rooms where all children not included in the cradle roll parties can come and be examined. Last Friday 18 babies were weighed and measured in the Presbyterian church and their average of physical development would be hard to beat. Following is a list of their names: Dorothy Elizabeth Porritt, Ruth Alvina Porritt, Mary Margaret Webber, Helen Louise Ives, Harriet Elizabeth Sarvis, Robert Dotson, Isabella Hassberger, Ernest Hassberger, Dean Gordon Beier, George Bruce Johnstone, Robert Johnstone, Edith Ruth Rainey, Harold Williamson, Janet Elaine McCarthy, John Erwin, Flora Bell Erwin, Robertson Ross, Bernard Shattuck.

Virtue is a fault with some people.
To err is human, to forgive—is not.
No one observes applause for doing his duty.

Every person has some good point—look for it.

A large voice is impressive until it gets oppressive.

There is no fool like the fool who tries to fool himself.

When a man keeps telling what he is going to do we fell inclined to start him on the way with a little assistance in the rear.

The many friends of Mrs. E. C. Huston will be pleased to hear that she is very comfortable after a severe surgical operation at Harper hospital Monday of this week.

Mickey says: "Hello! Is this Mr. Harris, President of the Board of Edukasion? Say! We use Hammermill bond an' we hev got Copperplate Gothic, an' I ken print as good as a real printer. So you won't hev to send out of town the nex' time yuh need letter heads."

Here's a man wanting t exchange a nice little farm of 30 acres and a comfy house and lot in the village of Columbiaville, Lapeer county, for a Birmingham home. Somewhere around $6,000 would make an even trade. If interested ask Whitehead & Standart Co. about it.

Died Saturday, May4, after a long and painful illness, Mrs. Emma Hoffman, wife of Charles R. Hoffman. Her funeral was held from the Baptist church the following Monday. Mr. Hoffman and family wish to thank the many friends for kind words, sympathy and help during their sad bereavement.

Attention R. A. M. 9. Special convocation Birmincham Chapter No. 93 R. A. M. Monday evening, May 12. There is much work on hand, and it is desirable that the chapter can have most, if not all, completed before the weather. Work begins at 7:30 Monday evening. James H. Terry, H. P.; J. A. Bigelow, secretary.

Pvt. Oley Bell, who has returned from overseas with the A. E. F., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pepperall, 604 Bates street. Pvt. Bell enlisted in the Ohio National Guards two years ago, but was transferred to the A. E. F. He was wounded while fighting in the Argonne Forest, received an honorable discharge and returned to his home in Logan, Ohio.

We are pained to say it, but the truth must be told. Our people seem most indifferent as to the success of the "V" or Fifth Liberty loan. At this writing only about $72,00 has been subscribed, while the quota is $162,000. Many people also are cashing in their War Savings Stamps. Cashing these in to buy a bond isn't helping your Uncle Samuel. Keep them—get the interest—and help. The screws will have to be tightened we fear. Personal visits are being made throughout Birmingham and Bloomfield township and cases of refusal are being brought to the attention of the war board for explanation, just as was done successfully in previous campaigns. Following this policy, the workers say they will easily fill the quota and secure a liberal margain before the chase ends.

The first livestock entry to be made for the 1919 Michigan State Fair, August 29 to September 7, was filed by William Newton, a veteran sheep breeder of Michigan. Mr. Newton, who is 90 years old, made a special trip on Sunday from St. Clair, Mich., to the home of Secretary-Treasurer G. W. Dickinson in Pontiac, to file his entries and pay his fees. This exhibit at the ensuing fair will be the fifty-fifth consecutive showing he has made at the State Fair, having started contesting in 1864. Mr. Newton entered ten pens of sheep containing seven different varieties, and purchased his 1919 membership in the Michigan State Agricultural Society. The Michigan farmer is the oldest sheep breeding specialist in the state. During the past half century he has made many trips to England, where he purchased sheep for importation into Michigan.

This from the Pontiac Press Gazette will make many auto speeders shed tears of sorrow that the kid missed and proved a failure. Deputy Sheriff Squibbs yesterday had an adventure while hiding in the woods near the Barber pond on the Woodward road, watching for speeders. Sitting with his back against a tree he was suddenly surprised to hear the sing and thud of a bullet as it hit the tree. A minute or two later he heard the hum of another passing so close it was uncomfortable. Getting behind the tree he listened and finally located the spot the leaden missiles were coming from. He circled around to the opposite side of the pond where he came upon a young boy about 11 years old who was shooting at some object in the lake. He stopped the boy shooting and took the gun, a .22 caliber revolver away from him. The bullets which came so near hitting the officer had glanced off the water.

The Village Improvement Society held its annual meeting May 5 and elected officers as follows: President, W. D. Clizbe, vice president, Fred S. Ross; secretary, Mary E. Utt; treasurer, Mary A. Satterlee. This society was incorporated many years ago by Miss Martha Baldwin, Mr. Clizbe and many others to beautify Birmingham by cultivating taste for learning art, architecture, trees and landscape gardening. Though not intending to limit the work at any time, it was decided to give earnest attention to trees and parks this year. The society wishes to help set hundreds of trees of proper variety and to aid in the priming and caring for our beautiful shade trees all about town. The trees both natural and transplanted are what makes as call it beautiful Birmingham. Newcomers and old residents, come let's get together on this shade tree subject next Tuesday night, May 13, at the high school. Practical talk on trees will be given by Mr. Coryell of the Coryell nurseries. Every tree lover should be present.

Holly was the first in the county to go over the top in the Victory Loan. Her quota was $59,252 and over $60,000 was realized. Hurrah for Holly.

The fragrance of flowers strewn upon the casket may rise with the spirit to heaven, but to the lifeless clay about to be returned to Mother Earth their beauty can not atone for neglect suffered during its living hours.—Codnor.

Soldier boys are beginning to be very numerous in our midst. The uniforms look good to us and we are real glad to see the boys returning and best of all while many of them have had hard experiences they now look fair fat and as good as forty.

Under the revenue act of 1918 persons who carry on the business of operating or renting passenger automobiles are required to file a return and pay a tax of $10 per year on autos having a seating capacity of more than two and not more than seven.

We omitted the fact in our last week's issue to tell you that the opening of the New Birmingham Market was a decided success. The financial end was a glittering success. The proprietors, Messrs. Bartraw and Wooster, are perfectly satisfied with their outlook.

At the final inquest into the death of Benjamin Bigler, which was held Friday by Dr. A. W. Newitt and Dr. P. D. Hilty, in the Dane and Bell undertaking establishment, it was decided that the man came to his death by being struck on the head by a blunt instrument.

If there is one thing more than another old Jpuiter Pluvius is trying to do, it seems to us that he is doing his best to make our boys recently returned from "over there" feel at home, by almost continually sending down floods of rain on their devoted heads as well as our bald one. Please dry up a little, won't you, Jupe? We all voted "dry" weeks ago.

Our old friend, John H. Heth is at Harper hospital having been through a successful operation that has been a source of trobule and pain for many years. The success of the operation was A-1. John is comfortably roomed and bedded on third floor at this hospital and will be pleased to have his old time friends call when in the city and it is convenient.

The Eastern Star lodge has elected the following officers for the year: Worthy matron, Sylvia Terry; worthy patron, Charles Kamine; associate matron, Nellie Wood; secretary, Hattie Todd; treasurer, Carrie Smith; conductress, Agnes Deer; associate conductress, Blanche Green; first alternate, Hattie Todd; second alternate, Eva Newman; third alternate, James Terry.

T. C. Hoteling, wife and two children with "Buster" Wilkinson in the new Sedan took a trip northward as far as Carson City, Mich., a distance of 149 miles. They started Saturday afternoon in the bir rain storm and all back on the job Monday morning. They went to visit Mr. Hoteling's father, whose health is very poorly at the present time. The adventures of this trip would fill a book.

Who should Motorcycle Officer Carroll bring into Justice Lovejoy's court early Monday evening but Captain Frank L. Doty, ex-prosecutor of Oakland county and but lately returned from overseas. Captain Doty admitted he was going some on the Highland road but the court was inclined to be lenient on the ground that he might have forgotten that he was in an automobile instead of a flying machine and that his valiant service as an aviator entitled him to some consideration.

We are all of us mutually dependent upon the other. A woman with overwrought nerves is hardly a sane creature, and the reflex of her sufferings and irritability is felt in a degree by all her household. It does more harm than she can ever make amends for by overwork. The hasty word, the unjust inuendo, reach far and are not soon forgotten. There are few things in all the world more cruel and far-reaching in its effects than injustice to a little child, who can comprehend no excuse for it; yet how often are little children thrust off rudely by overworked mothers, whose pride has compelled them to put many unnecessary tuckings and puffs in her dainty little gowns, but who has forgotten all the child's needs of tenderness and spiritual care.

Once upon a time several moons ago, Edna Parks, daughter of the late Paul Parks, was a B'ham school girl. Later she married Dr. Peck of Denver, Colo., who is a most successful practitioner in the western city. Once annually Mrs. Edla Park Peck has to choose whither she will go for the yearly outing, and always it is a choice between Birmingham, her old home, or Santa Catalina Island, Avalon, Calif. This year the California Island pulled too hard for her to resist. Michigan's most beautiful beauty spot of the world she sent us a beautiful booklet descriptive of the beauties that she is enjoying, and artistic photos of the many attractive views which are so numerous there. She also writes: "We are taking our annual outing at this place—this place where one leaves all the world behind and one's thoughts go back to their childhood—to their old home Friends. You may have been here, if not, I wish all the B'ham people could come. They are deserving of the best. Upon my honor I have nothing to sell here. Here one forgets the day of the week, the month or the time of the year—but rest. Each year I think I will go back to Birmingham and then after all I cannot resist coming here." Well, after looking over the pretty booklet and seeing one day's catch of fish, yellow tails, the glass bottom boat, flying fish, big sea bass, sword fish, a monster, ole Ben the pet seal of the island, and whom Mrs. Peck claims is an old friend of her's for many years, sugar loaf rock and 100 more veritable wonders we sure do get the fever to go also. Then there comes the thought of cash to go with. We at once come back to earth and eat our codfish as usual. Selah.

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We notice in the late casualty list the name of Fred Ford, Birmingham. This death will make the fifth fatality from this region.

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