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BIRMINGHAM RESIDENTS ORGANIZE CIVIC CLUB

MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND ORGANIZATION PERFECTED.

Birmingham has a new organization pledged to the active and continuous boosting of this community for the best of residence. It is known as the Birmingham Civic Improvement association, and at its second meeting last Wednesday night, held at the home of James S. Hasbergen, Yorkshire road, the details of organization were perfected.

The first task, which the association has undertaken is securing a new school for the east side of Birmingham. It is held that the constantly increasing automobile traffic on Woodward avenue is too great a danger to the lives of the 160 children who must cross the railroad and the D. U. R. tracks four times daily to the other school. Also, the increase in population already is taxing school facilities to the utmost and unless a new building is provided for, it will have to be put on half day sessions. It is pointed out that the property valuations rapidly the cost to the village will be greater the longer the valuation delays the purchase.

At the Wednesday night meeting a petition calling on the school board to convene in special session to consider the school meeting was reported as having been united by more than the necessary number of citizens. It will be presented to the board immediately, together with suggestions as to available sites.

The new organization, while concentrating just now on the school question, plans to consider any problem of interest to the community as a whole. It is felt that providing adequate school facilities and distributing them fairly is but one of the several methods open for attracting the large influx of new residents of the better class and thus greatly increasing property values in this village. Whatever promises to make Birmingham bigger, better and more prosperous in general, a better place in which to live, will be assisted of the active and energetic support of the Birmingham Civic Improvement association.

The following committees were appointed: Membership, Walter Johnson H. G. Field and George Johnson; entertainment committee, C. A. White, C. C. Wells and L. Hoenshansen; publicity, F. E. Van Black, Jos. T. Henshaw and Russell Gorsline. A special committee consisting of Charles A. Fang, James S. Hasbergen and William H. Wilmot was appointed to take up with the Birmingham Improvement association with the final consummation of the two bodies.

Dues in the new organization were fixed at $5 a year. Officers are as follows: D. Schlaff, Russell Gorsline, president; James S. Hasbergen, secretary, Charles A. Fang, treasurer, William H. Wilmot.

The next meeting will be held at the home of L. Hoenshansen, 414 Park avenue, Residence Park next Monday evening. All citizens of Birmingham interested in the consistent and continuous boosting of this community are invited to attend.

CLAWSON REGISTERS NOV. 22-29

PRELIMINARIES TO INCORPORATION ELECTION DEC. 16 ARE ANNOUNCED.

For the purpose of registering and completing a list of the qualified electors residing in that part of Royal Oak township included in the proposed village of Clawson, the registration board of Royal Oak township will be in session at the Clawson garage from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. on Saturday, November 22 and Saturday, November 29.

The special election to vote on the incorporation of the proposed village of Clawson and to elect five charter commissioners to frame a charter to be submitted subsequently, as well will be held at the Clawson garage from 7 A. M. to 8 P. M. Tuesday, December 16.

Hold Parent-Teacher Meeting.

The second meeting of the Log Cabin Parent-Teacher association was held Friday evening at the school building.

The program was:

Community singing; debate, Does Education Pay?" affirmative, G. Bromley; negative, C. Wells; solo, orchestral music; solo, "Perfect Day," Mrs. Frances E. Hathorn, quartet, in charge of Principal Walter J. Wacker; community basket social hour.

REPORT OF ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION

That a job of a housewife is a dangerous occupation so far as tuberculosis is concerned is evident by the data published from a chart prepared by the Michigan Anti-tuberculosis association showing the percentage of deaths of the diseases of tuberculosis in Michigan in the different occupations, and also showing the per cent of deaths from the same seven occupations:

Housewives 23.9, 22.8 dis. students 6.3 dis. laborers 8.4, 13.6 dis. factory people 7.5, 3.7 dis. clerks 5.2 dis. farmers 3.5, 6.6 dis. doctors 3.4, 3.2 dis.

A view of these figures the Michigan Anti-tuberculosis association believes that all classes should help along Christmas Seal sale Dec. 1 to Dec. 25 when it is proposed to sell 15 million seals in Michigan to finance the campaign against tuberculosis in this state during 1920.

Mrs. Eugene Smith entertained her Sunday school class at her home last Saturday evening.

Don't forget the card party at Castle Hall, Thursday, November 20.

EDGE G. CHAPMAN, late organist and choirmaster St. John's Episcopal church (Royal Oak), teacher of piano and organ. For terms apply 314 Lincoln ave., Birmingham, phone 543. 41p

BIRMINGHAM MAN RECEIVES PRAISE

RICHARD B. HOWITT RECEIVES A LETTER OF THANKS FROM MAJOR GENERAL.

A letter recently received by Richard B. Howitt of this village from Major General W. M. Black, chief of engineers commend Mr. Howitt's services during the war. The letter follows:

The demobilization of the army having made further sacrifice on your part unnecessary, I wish to convey to you his appreciation of your efforts in behalf of your country during the recent emergency. The engineers of the United States have by their patriotic and self sacrificing conduct well merited greater thanks and appreciation than it is possible for me or any other one man to give them. I am sure, however, that when it is possible to relate in full the services of the splendid army of American engineers, both overseas and in this country, that the people of the United States will show appreciation of their efforts in no uncertain terms.

That you have been one of the engineers and have contributed your part toward this successful accomplishment commands in itself an honor great in degree and that is appreciated in opinion. Permit me, however, to extend to you my personal thanks and those of the corps of engineers for your efforts and assistance.

Very respectfully,
W. M. BLACK,
Major General Chief of Engineers.

SAMUEL GAYLORD FORMAN VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA

Samuel Gaylord Forman died at his home at Wing Lake Wednesday morning, about 11 o'clock. He had been ill with pneumonia for several days.

He leaves a widow and three sons William, Harold and Leland.

Plans for the funeral have not been made at the morning.

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL NOTES.

Mid-semester examinations were held last Thursday and Friday.

The Red Cross has added a ready blanket to the hospital equipment for the school's use.

Birmingham certainly has more than its share of dogs and the school grounds are a favorite resort for them each morning from 7 to 9 o'clock. At present every time the bell rings. Just why this condition exists is hard to understand, but it is hoped that the co-operation of all will help to overcome the abuse this nuisance now that six children and adults have been bitten by a dog with rabies and have been sent to Ann Arbor for treatment.

The football games last Saturday on Ferndale Field with teams from Birmingham and Ferndale resulted in a split. The second team was defeated 1 to 3, but the first team easily ran up a winning score till at the end of the day 31 to 6 in favor of Birmingham. Next Saturday the return games at Morton.

Armistice day was celebrated by having a brief patriotic program in each building. The students of the Baldwin High school are considering the gift of a bronze tablet with the names of all participants in the great war as a memorial at the end of the present school year, and it is probable that the present class will have the matter in charge.

WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB MEETING

On Tuesday afternoon the Woman's Literary club met at Mrs. Hitty's on Woodward avenue.

The program for the afternoon was divided into two parts, first a paper "The Fascinations of the Bible," by Mrs. McKnight, and secondly a unique presentation of the "Parables of Jesus," by Mrs. McKay.

Mr. McKnight's paper was scholarly, full of humor and spice to the most.

Mrs. McKay treated her subject quite originally, illustrating by means of costuming, music and tableaux the most beautiful of Jesus' Parables "The good Samaritan" and "The Prodigal Son."

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Wightman on West Maple. The object for study is Slavic literature, especially Russian. There will be extra music.

CHORAL UNION HOLDS FIRST MEETING

The Community Choral Union held its first meeting Monday night in the School Session room of the High school. There who came seemed very enthusiastic over the program for the six months' work which Mrs. Welch outlined. The invitation to sing is to embody universality. Any who wish to embody universality. Any who wish to High school students of 15 or over are urged to join. The fee for the 24 or more lessons to May 15 is $2.00 payable quarterly offered us for studying chorus work under a real director is a most excellent and unusual one. The regular practice hereafter will occur Monday evenings at 8 o'clock in the Senior Assembly room at the High school.

Letters from Austin R. Parks, Stanley Gray, Ed Parks, Earl Mudge, Clyde Babcock, et al, tell about their enjoyment of the country round about Jacksonville, Fla., and their intention to journey on to Palm Beach where they intend to pass the winter among the oranges and alligators.

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ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

Nov. 2, 20th Sunday after Trinity
10:30 a. m., Holy Communion.
12 m., Church school.
7:30 p. m., Evening prayer.

LOCAL NOTES.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold their bazaar and supper at the church on Wednesday, Nov. 19. There will be booths of aprons, towels, plants and bulbs, and fancy articles for Christmas gifts, grab bag and pop corn. And a good roast pork supper served at 6 o'clock. Come and have a good time and help the ladies.

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Now you wouldn't ever suspect such a thing of staid old citizens like Ed Lamb and Adam Gray but our information is reliable and dependable. It was like this: They were coming home one night this week from their work in Pontiac, when Biff, Bang, Zowie and their auto was in a head-on collision with another machine, and our two citizens landed in the laps of two ladies in the middle of the wreckage. And it took a long, long time to extricate 'em. But it is to laugh, fortunately, for there were no casualties in the mix-up, except to the two autos, which were a total wreck.

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Rev. George W. Bates of Detroit will give a stereopticon lecture next Sunday at 7:30 p. m., at the Baptist church.

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The postoffice department has added 10:45 early to the village carriers' service. A vacancy exists at the postoffice to be filled at once. Boy or girl over 16 years of age is eligible. Call at postoffice for particulars.

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A delightful affair scheduled is the card party which the Pythian Sisters will give in Castle hall in the afternoon of Thursday, Nov. 20.

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The youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs. Alan Dodge of Highland Park died Nov. 5 of diphtheria. Mr. Dodge and family were formerly of this place.

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William Davenport returned from the Pontiac city hospital last Friday morning.

What is the matter with you young unmarried people of Birmingham? Why let the married people have all of the parties this town?

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There is talk of tearing down our one theater and putting up an auto station in its place.

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Irene Phillips underwent an operation at Harper hospital for appendicitis last week. She is getting along nicely.

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Mrs. Julia Perry and Miss Chapman left Tuesday morning for Santa Barbara, Cal., where they will spend the winter.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harvey White of Royal Oak visited their daughter, Mrs. Harry Mudge of Oakland avenue on Sunday.

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Mrs. Wilmot of Detroit spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilmot of Maple avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. August Heinze spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. P. C. Davenport of Oakland avenue.

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The Philathea class of the Baptist church will give a banquet Friday evening at the church.

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Edwin H. Brown has returned from Chicago, where he has been attending a convention.

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Mrs. Harry Van Denburg is slowly recovering at Ann Arbor hospital.

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Mrs. Gutcher spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Ike Scott of Flint.

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Miss Catherine Ferguson spent the week end with her parents in North Farmington.

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Miss Jane Chandler of Grand Rapids is spending several days with Ethel Hatfield of 329 Argyle avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Petry, Jr., are spending the winter at St. Petersburg, Fla.

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Stewart Hinshaw of Toronto and the Misses Grace and Catherine Hinshaw of Royal Oak were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hinshaw of Yorkshire road on Sunday.

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J. M. Clement, who has been away all summer, has returned and is back at work in his blacksmith shop.

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Gaylord Forman is still very ill with pneumonia.

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Mrs. Minnie Barnes is visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Williams of Willits avenue.

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Mrs. Ernest Bell of Indiana has been visiting Mrs. Mary Tabor.

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Mrs. A. O. Hadden was a caller in town on Monday.

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The Knights of Pythias gave a fish supper in the hall Tuesday evening.

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Mr. S. H. Wightman recently returned from Pittsburg, Pa.

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Mrs. A. McClelland and friends motored to Flint last Sunday.

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The Married People's club has been a wonderful success, but owing to the growth of the hall, it has been necessary to close the membership.

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S. H. Wightman was in Lansing on business this week.

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Homer Leonard has sold his property on Ferndale avenue to Detroit parties.

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Mrs. Frank Deer is visiting relatives in Cass City.

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E. R. Smith, Jr., has returned from a business trip thru the northern part of the state.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Spencer, who live north of this place, twin sons.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson left Friday for Louisville, Ky.

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RUDOLPH BURTRAW KILLED BY TRAIN

MRS. BURTRAW INJURED—ACCIDENT OCCURRED AT FIFTEEN-MILE CROSSING.

Rudolph Burtraw, 33, a resident of Greenwood avenue, was instantly killed at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening when his automobile was struck by a fast limited train on the Detroit United Railway tracks at the Fifteen Mile road crossing. His wife, Mrs. Margaret Murray Burtraw, a teacher in the local schools, suffered bad cuts and bruises, but was not seriously injured.

The couple were on their way to the home of Mr. Burtraw's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Burtraw, who live on the Fifteen-Mile road, when the accident occurred. According to the story told by Mrs. Burtraw, the driver was unable to see the approaching train clearly on account of the side curtains on his car. The Grand Trunk and D. U. R. tracks are parallel at this point, and a Grand Trunk freight train was standing nearby. A brakeman at the crossing motioned for the train to come forward, but Burtraw took this as a signal for him to proceed and drove directly in front of the interurban. The car was thrown 20 feet and completely demolished and Burtraw was dragged 200 feet beside the tracks a short distance from where the car was struck. Mrs. Burtraw was discovered in the wreckage of the car and her husband dead when picked up by the crew of the car, and his body was taken to Dolsen & Bell's undertaking parlors. An examination showed that death was caused by the skull being fractured.

The dead man was formerly president of Birmingham and received his education in the village school. He was employed as a stenographer by the D. U. R. up to a few years ago, but has since been working at the Ford Motor plant in Highland Park.

Mrs. Burtraw's former home was near Battle Creek. She is under a doctor's care at her home here.

Besides his wife and parents, Burtraw is survived by a brother, Lloyd of Pontiac.

The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon from the home of the parents on the Fifteen Mile road.

ORCHARDS PROFIT BY FALL PLOWING

RUSH OF WORK MAY INTERFERE IN SPRING—CONDITIONS MUST BE RIGHT.

By plowing their orchards in the fall whenever conditions permit, fruit growers could save time and much of the press rush of work, according to C. P. Halligan, head of the horticultural department at the M. A. C. Acre-a-day fruit spring plowing is believed preferable but in many cases the work may be done in the fall with perfectly satisfactory results.

Orchards that are in sod may be plowed or disced in the fall provided conditions are not favorable to washing," says Prof. Halligan "on the other hand orchards that have been seeded to cover crops frequently kind that live over winter, such as vetch, clover, or rye should be left un-plowed in the spring to serve as a winter cover to prevent deep freezing, and to produce more growth in early spring before plowing time.

It is a common fault with many growers to plow too late in the spring, turning sod or cover crop under after the soil is dried out pretty well, and therefore failing to work-in soil moisture.

When orchards are plowed in the fall, the soil should be left in the rough, cloddy condition and not harrowed and rolled until spring.

NEW BOOKS IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Soul of Ann Rutledge, Babcock; The Resurrection of Miss Cinthia, Kinsley; Love Stories, Barbour; Anabasis, Morgenthau; Story, Social and Economic Force; American History, The Lamp in the Desert, The Young Woodley, Van Druten; Bishop Sisters Family Reunion, Treasure Island, Widow O'Callaghan's Boys, The French Twins, Farnsworth; Stories, The Gladiator, Eaton; Mating, The Years Between, Education of Henry Adams, Kenilworth, Ida Rose, Jack and Jill, Rose in Bloom, Green Timber Trail, Bell; Public Woman's Woman, Michel; Recollections of Fifty Years, Gunn; Story of the Rainbow Division, World Patriots, Reversion of Brain Reed; Telephone and Telegraph Engineer Handbook, one of the I. C. S. hand books.

William Brown is ill at his home on Bates street.

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RECENT POISONING NOT DUE TO METHOD—TESTS FOR CANNED PRODUCTS GIVEN.

Word comes from the Michigan Agricultural College that the cutting out of sugar with that institution has added their voice to the chorus of those that there is no blame accruing with the cold pack method of canning fruits and products, and that recent deaths from botulism happening in Detroit of people who had eaten ripe olives were in no way connected with cold pack canning.

The Boys and Girls' club leaders under whose direction a great deal of this type of canning has been done at Michigan have the hearty endorsement of state dairy and food commissioner, Washington authorities, and the bacteriology department at the M. A. C. in their statements that the cold pack method is safe. R. A. Turner, state leader of club work at the college, has the following to say about botulism poisoning:

Investigation has proved that the botulinus poisoning is exceedingly rare as it can only occur in food which has a special kind of bacteria. This method is in those put up by the cold pack canning process. Only two cases of poisoning have been traced to canning by the cold pack method and of fact, the latter case of the poisoning known were traced to sausage indicating that canned goods are not the ones to which this danger may occur. However, because of the length of time of cooking of cold pack canning, all authorities are unanimous in pronouncing it absolutely safe and most likely to stop the development of the germ, and therefore the best method of preserving known at present.

According to bacteriologists, botulism is not due to the germ itself but to the toxic which it produces. This toxic is destroyed by heat. The organisms which can grow in both brine and sugar solutions, produces the most powerful poisoning known. It is impossible to destroy the germs in fruit canning enough, food or infected will cause off a putrid odor.

In the case of the olives which caused the recent deaths, this odor was released by the characteristic odor of the brine in which the fruit was canned. That the fruit had been left lie before put by the factor is at one of the clues to that the people ate the fruit before they picked it up and by thinking it was over ripe. Such is not the case.

The advice given to all housewives concerning the eating of their canned food is:

First. The canned fruit should look fair. There should be no evidences of the products having swelled. The jar must have a good seal. Experiments show that botulinus poisoning is stored with the botulinus germ soon took bulks and swell. About the top of the glass jar there are soon visible signs of working.

Second. Note the odor of the food. It should not be putrid or have any "off" odor.

Third. If it is at all suspicious, do not taste food. Heating the food to boiling 212 degrees for ten minutes will destroy the toxin, making the food safe. If in doubt destroy the food, it should be boiled and it is chilled to form being served.

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MAD DOG BITES TWELVE

ANIMAL KILLED AND HEAD SENT TO ANN ARBOR FOR ANALYSIS —AFFECTED AT ANN ARBOR.

A dog owned by Mrs. J. Fitch, of South Woodward avenue, but several persons here last Saturday, before it could be killed.

After the canine had been shot, its head was sent to Ann Arbor for analysis and Sunday word was received that the dog had been afflicted with hydrophobia.

The persons bitten were: Mrs. J. E. Brown, Miss Madeline Maynard, Carl Cole, Fannie Cole, Arnold Cole, Geo. Cole, John Reeder, Harold Reeder, Gerald Curran and Peter Sandusky.

After receiving word from Ann Arbor that the dog was afflicted with hydrophobia, it was decided by those bitten to take the Pasteur treatment and were taken to Ann Arbor Monday morning.

Recent advices from Eugene Brooks and wife tell about their very delightful entertainment at Denver by Edwin Cannon, an uncle, for California, where Brad Arrington is daily expected in the form and in good health and spirit, with comfortable apartments rented for the winter and a hearty welcome from the Brooks family now located in Los Angeles.

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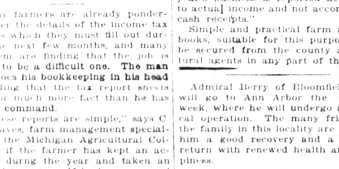

SCRATCH HEADS OVER INCOME TAX

LACK OF DEFINITE FIGURES MAKES FILLING OUT OF BLANKS DIFFICULT.

Many farmers are already pondering over the details of the income tax reports which they must fill out during the next few months, and many of them are finding that the job is going to be a difficult one. The man who does his bookkeeping in his head is finding that the tax report sheets call for much more fact than he has at his command.

These reports are simple," says C. H. Graves, farm management specialist at the Michigan Agricultural College, if the farmer has kept an account during the year and taken an annual inventory. If he has no record of his year's business, however, making the report is a difficult process.

"Rulings of the commissioners of internal revenues permit farmers to report on the inventory basis, provided they keep some system of farm accounts that is accredited by the department. This is by far the easier and better method, because each year's business is reported according to actual income and not according to cash receipts."

Simple and practical farm account books, suitable for this purpose, can be secured from the county agricultural agents in any part of the state.

Admiral Berry of Bloomfield Hills will go to Ann Arbor the coming week, where he will undergo a surgical operation. The many friends of the family in this locality are wishing him a good recovery and a speedy return with renewed health and happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burton have returned from a trip to Oil ity, Pa.

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