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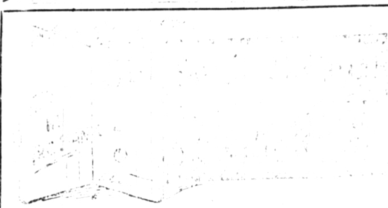

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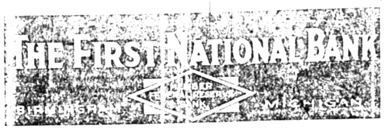

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Sunday :: Night

Sermon Subject:

"A Man's Home Life"

JOSEPH DUTTON

Pastor

Jan. 11, 7:30

Lost anything? Advertise for it in an ECCENTRIC want ad.

A. A. Faurot of Indiana and Miss Annis Faurot of Detroit were recent guests at the home of Mr and Mrs I. N. Baker of West Maple avenue.

Mrs. Minnie McClellan of Ann Arbor spent New Year's at the home of Mr and Mrs Melvin Deer.

Miss Elizabeth Bray is recovering from an operation.

Leslie Saville has resigned from his position as city mail carrier.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Simpson of Daines street is recovering from the grip.

Mrs Wightman and Mrs Diack attended the concert given by the Flonzaley orchestra Wednesday afternoon at the studio of Mrs. McKenzie Woods at the Lyle apartments, Detroit.

George D. Edwards left recently on a business trip to Chicago and Milwaukee.

Bobbie Marlott is recovering from measles.

Mrs C. J. Burkman was called to Hancock on account of the death of his father, Nels Burkman.

The two Hatching children are recovering from measles.

Thomas Koontz is very ill with pneumonia at his home on Bates street.

Israel Gravlin fell and broke his arm on an icy walk last Saturday.

Capt. J. Preston Gray and Sergt Herald Delbert have returned to Schenectady, N. Y., after spending the holidays at the home of the former's parents, Mr and Mrs. Adam Gray of South Woodward avenue.

Mrs. Frank Shattuck was recently called to Battle Creek on account of the illness of her mother.

Edwin Deer is recovering from the measles.

LOCAL NOTES.

Troy United Presbyterian church held a fine entertainment in the church house Christmas eve. The church was very beautifully decorated and Santa Claus was very generous in behalf of those present. He presented quite a number of greenbacks to their pastor, besides the good things they brought to his home.

The bazaar and supper which was held recently at the United Presbyterian church was a decided success.

Mr and Mrs Charles Aspinwall of Troy announce the marriage of their daughter, Elda B. Aspinwall to Frank G. Terry on December 24th, in Oakland, California. Miss Aspinwall has been employed by the National Twist Drill & Tool Co., of Detroit the past five years, in the capacity of private secretary. Mr. Terry is an officer on the hospital ship "Comfort," and has been in the navy sixteen years.

Mr and Mrs Terry will make their home in Vallejo, California, for the present.

Maude Curry is sick with measles at her home, 509 Bates street.

Mrs. Draine is visiting her daughter and son, Mrs. C. C. Hoffman and Mr C. C. Hoffman, 297 Frank street.

A very fine cantata was put on in the United Presbyterian church Dec 23. Each member of the school received a box of candy. Santa Claus presented the pastor, Rev. D. H. Curry, with a small purse containing several gold pieces.

Cleaning the wells which supply Birmingham with water has brought about a big saving in vacuum pressure at the water works. It was formerly necessary to maintain a pressure of 22 pounds. After cleaning several of the wells the pressure required is only 14 pounds.

The annual meeting of the Baptist church was held New Year's afternoon. The election of 1920 officers took place:

Treasurer—Caleb Jackson.
Clerk—Wilber McAlpine.
Deacon—Floyd Buck.
Trustees—Mrs. F. Burnett and Charles Todd.
Superintendent of Sunday school—Leland Bunyan.
Chief usher—Charles Newman.

Revival meetings are being held at the First Baptist church by Evangelist Alexander Torrie, B. A. For 12 years Evangelist Torrie has held "revival missions" throughout Canada, and the United States, in Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational and Baptist churches. His sermons are splendidly clear and convincing and his work in the after meeting both sane and majestic. It is said of Mr. Torrie that he is a man with a message and burning zeal for souls. Music for the meetings is furnished by a special choir. Mr. Torrie has charge of the singing.

The W. C. T. U. will meet Wednesday afternoon, January 14, with Mrs. Bert Peabody, East Maple avenue.

The conservation department of the Federation of Women's clubs in Detroit will give a card party Friday afternoon, January 23.

Four passenger trains and a number of freight trains were stalled in Holly as a result of an accident at the Pere Marquette and Grand Trunk crossing when cars were derailed. No one was hurt.

"A Man's Standard" was the first of a series of four addresses which are being given on the Sunday evenings of January at the M. E. church. Later subjects will be: "A Man's Home Life," "A Man's Work," and "A Man's Religion."

School opened again on Monday. There were a number of pupils absent on account of measles.

Mr. Thomas Edgard took a number of his friends to watch night service in the city New Year's eve. They all had a splendid time.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Troy United Presbyterian church met Thursday, Jan. 7, with Mrs. M. C. McGaw.

Mr. Elmer Cronin and Miss Sarah Parker were united in marriage by their pastor, Rev. D. H. Curry, Dec. 30, 1919, after which they departed on a wedding trip to New York.

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WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB RESUMES ITS WORK.

First Meeting of New Year Held January 6th at Home of Mrs. Charles J. Shain.

The Woman's Literary club resumed its work on January 6th, when it met with Mrs. Shain on Pierce street.

The roll call was responded to by ideas for labor saving in the home.

Two excellent papers were read, "The House," by Mrs. Bell, and "The History of Housekeeping," by Mrs. McBride. Mrs. Alexander Torrie of Toronto sang one vocal number. A profitable discussion of home problems was conducted by Mrs. McKnight.

The meeting of January 13 is to be with Mrs. A. E. Roco on Hamilton street.

The club membership has reached the fifty mark.

TEMPLE THEATER TO BE TORN DOWN

The Temple theater will be torn down the first of March. The ground has been purchased by the Federal Oil company and a filling station will be erected where the theater now stands.

It is hoped that a new theater will be built in this town soon. It is a long way to Pontiac and Detroit when you have two or three hours you would like to spend in a show.

MRS. JULIA VAN EVERY DIES NEW YEAR EVE

Mrs Julia Ann Van Every, 84, died of senility Wednesday night of last week at 12 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nat Hubby of Walnut Lake.

The funeral was held at the Franklin M. E. church Saturday afternoon with burial in the Franklin cemetery.

MRS. BLODGETT PASSES AWAY.

Mrs. Lydia V. Blodgett, 63 years of age, died of apoplexy at her home on the 13 Mile road Sunday night. She was the wife of the late Herbert S. Blodgett, who died last week.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. W. J. Class of Detroit, and two sons, Leslie L. and Lee C. at home.

The funeral was held at the residence Tuesday afternoon with interment at Roseland Park cemetery.

MANY TOWNS EMPLOY CHORAL DIRECTOR

Every Community Needs More Singing —Birmingham Should Have More of It, Too.

Every community needs to do more singing, to that end many towns employ a choral director, merely as a civic investment.

Birmingham seems to be so apathetic about music that newcomers assume there is neither musical talent nor musical appreciation here.

People who have been in the habit of attending musical entertainments and of belonging to musical organizations elsewhere, lament the utter lack of such opportunities in Birmingham.

Why can not this town become more favorably known in this respect? There should be community singing in all centers where groups of people gather. One most worthy effort to awaken musical interest being made by Mrs. J. E. Welch of a mixed musical program is to be given, the chief feature of which is the oratorio by Maunder called "Penitence, Pardon and Peace." Other numbers are being rehearsed by various groups within the chorus.

Those who have ever belonged to the Chautauqua choruses or the choral union at Ann Arbor feel the old thrill returning, for the leadership of this chorus is of the same high quality as it is of those others.

Stork Welcomed in Holland.

A stork is treated with great respect in Holland. The house selected by the stork for a resting place is considered fortunate, and special facilities are provided by the householders to enable it to build a nest comfortably. At The Hague many of these birds are maintained at public expense.

Worst Enemy of Birds.

The great horned owl is the worst of the owl family as a destroyer of game and poultry. He even extends his depredations to rabbits and other fur-bearing animals, and if he discovers the sleeping place of a covey of quail he will clean them up to the last bird.

"THE BUILDERS' SHOP" just wants to tell you that we thank you for the very nice X'Mas business that you gave us, and that next X'Mas we are going to give you a very much better and a larger selection of Holiday goods than was ever shown in Birmingham before. Thank you.

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL NOTES

Sir John Foster Fraser, of Great Britain, will lecture in the Baldwin auditorium on the Lyceum course Wednesday evening, Jan. 14, on "A Diplomatist at Large." Sir John talks always from first hand information. He has been in the center of world affairs for years. He has visited 59 different countries, more than any other living man, and he brings to his lectures a wealth of experience-gained knowledge.

Now that America is playing so important a part in world affairs, it is surely the duty of the citizens of the United States to get into touch with the greater problems, and surely also, there is no better man qualified than Sir John to assist in this work. His lecture, "A Diplomatist at Large," is a great study of international affairs.

Sir John is not a lecturer in the usual meaning of the word. He is not gesticulatory, never orates, and does not believe in peroration. He knows too much to seek such adventitious aids. His voice is singularly clear and musical, and the first thing which attracts the audience is the literary flavor of his language. He has the rare faculty of explaining the most complicated international situations in clear, crisp words, unfolding picture after picture so that listeners sit entranced.

School Notes.

The next basketball game of the season will be played in the Baldwin gym on Friday night, Jan. 8, with boys and girls teams from Holly. The games will commence at 8 p. m. Admission 15 and 25 cents. The Pontiac team will play here Friday night, Jan. 16.

The debating team, consisting of Arthur Hartwell, Thelma Morrow and Mildred Tootacker will go to Fenton Thursday night, Jan. 8, to debate the affirmative side of the question "Resolved, that congress shall adopt a system of universal military training for all ablebodied male citizens between the ages of 18 and 45 years." On January 24 a team will debate Plymouth or Northville on the same question.

The board of education will receive bids for 15,600 of school site bonds on Thursday, 8 p. m., Jan. 8, at the office in the Baldwin high school building.

ADVERTISEMENTS—ECONOMY.

Housewives, this is for you. You enjoy making the rounds of the local stores in your search for the most economical purchases to satisfy your needs and desires. In these days of high prices and stomach economy you keenly enjoy the privilege of shaving off a penny or two. Before you make your next rounds go carefully over the ads in this paper, make note of the different offerings, and look them up personally. You may have the rare distinction of shaving off a few cents—and that is going some these days. The ads turn the trick.

"HANDS ACROSS THE SEA."

"Hands across the sea," cemented more tightly during the war, have little on "Hands across the Detroit river," according to statistics furnished the Eccentric today by the Michigan State Telephone Co.

A. M. Carter, traffic superintendent of the Detroit division of that company, states that an average of 1,800 completed calls per day for Windsor originate in Detroit, while approximately 1,200 calls for Detroit originate in Windsor daily. This means an average of 3,000 completed connections by wire, between the two cities each 24 hours, by far the greater number being business matters. In the main excellent service is secured, particularly since the completion of the new connecting cables.

These figures, by the way, show a considerable increase in international wire business at this point during the past twelve months, which indicates that there will be a far greater increase during 1920.

SOCIAL NOTES.

A leap year dance will be given at the Johnson-Shaw hall on Friday evening, January 23. It will be given under the auspices of the Misses Ruth Wall and Kathleen Van Zandt.

The young people of the Highland Park State bank gave a dance at the Johnson-Shaw hall last Saturday evening. The music was furnished by our Birmingham "Happy Four" orchestra.

The Married People's club gave a dance in the Johnson-Shaw hall on New Year's eve. The hall was decorated with Christmas trees and Christmas lights. A number of floor lamps and pieces of furniture helped to make the cozy corners very attractive. All kinds of favors to make noise were given the guests just before 12 o'clock. They certainly made enough noise to bring in the New Year right.

Several of the High school girls gave the first leap year dance of the season at the Johnson-Shaw hall last Friday evening. Music was furnished by the Luscomb orchestra of Detroit. A number of college boys and girls were present.

A very enjoyable New Year's party was given to a few of her friends last Tuesday by Miss Winona Singers of Park street.

Mr. and Mrs. Welles entertained at a New Year's dinner New Year's eve a number of their friends.

The firemen held a New Year's eve supper in their hall on East Maple avenue Wednesday evening.

The Queen Esther held their regular meeting at the church Monday night. A happy program of amusements were enjoyed by one and all.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Banes entertained the class of 1917 at their home on Friday evening. The members of the class present were: The Messrs. Dale Harbison, Hyman Levinson, Walter Rogers, Edward Smith, Kenneth Bingham, Ray Tuxworth, Robert Peck and Lorne Shippy and the Misses Irene Phillips, Esther Smith, Derua Davenport, Bertha Brook and Isabelle Banes. The evening was spent in playing games. Light refreshments were served.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Smith entertained at dinner Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Groves have moved from Maple avenue to High street.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Deer entertained at a New Year's dinner a number of friends and relatives.

We want to wish you a Happy New Year and want to thank you for the very nice business you gave us last year and hope to give you more reasons to give us more business in 1920. "THE BUILDERS' SHOP."

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