THE ECCENTRIC

BIRMINGHAM

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BOOST BIRMINGHAM BUSINESS

Every resident within the Village limits should be an ardent admirer of the progressive spirit of his town. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the need for increase in local business. The merchants here will extend themselves to the utmost to cater to your individual needs. Therefore you should give them as much of your business as possible. If Birmingham is ever to become unified—if people desire the goods of the world brought to their very doors, they should enter heart and soul in patronizing our local merchants. For knowledge of just what is on sale in the Village, just glance over the advertisements in this paper. Every business man's name herein mentioned will do his utmost to fill your wants—**Boost Birmingham Business.**

ECCENTRIC-ITIES

Who put the "Hoo" in Hoover?

"Hoover's Name On Two Tickets"—headline. What food show is Herb now conducting?

Better pay strict attention to your chickens these days—feed 'em much and often. Easter'll soon be here you know.

On account of the severity of the "Flu" in Oakland county, the "Older Boys" of the Y. M. C. A. conference scheduled to take place in Oxford March 5, 6, and 7, has been postponed until March 19, 20 and 21.

Office rentals have advanced in Birmingham about 300 per cent since a year ago. Tough on the tenants but tangible evidence of the advance in real estate values.

Who was it that said "many are called but few chosen?"

Not the Telephone company, for, verily they saith, "many are chosen but few are called."

Since the government has decided to return the railroads to their owners when will the D. U. R. realize that car riders are, in a sense, stockholders? What is more annoying than a flat car wheel? You said it—a cold car!

Poor Newberry! Wonder if they'll name a cigar after him? Just think of all the popular brands we have now: Anna Held, John Drew. What?—why of course Newberry is R. G. Dun. Probably the reason why Newberry's plans are going up in smoke.

Ten years from now ... [illegible]

Did you ever stop to think that Birmingham has cleaner snow than either Pontiac or Detroit? An investigation of the snow's surface even days after the last snow fall will reveal no darkened tinge to the frozen crystals. Evidence of the cleanness and purity of local ozone.

Ted Sheridan goes around with a smile on his face these days. Ted says there is "lots" of property changing hands—which only proves that Birmingham is a good place in which to live.

Birminghamers are eligible to register for the spring election any time in the village clerk's office.

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Jay Edwards, local job printer, reports business on the increase. Jay says, "Spring weather brings lots of business."

It looks about as tho all the candidates for village offices to be elected March 8 only need to vote for themselves—the ballot contains but one name for each office.

Frank L. Clark, of 604 Ann street, announces that he will open up an office in the near future in the Levinson building. Mr. Clork says that he will engage in the contracting and building business.

When you need something for the home—why go out of town for it altogether? Cast your eyes about in some of the local stores—they probably have just what you want.

The Village annexation project, to be voted on April 5, this year, will need the support of every local citizen at the polls. The petition, praying for the annexation, was passed upon in Pontiac February 17, by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

'Twas one of the coldest days of last week when a woman, accompanied by her four-year-old son, stepped from an interurban car on Woodward avenue. "Oh, Mama!" exclaimed the child, pointing over to where one of the local citizens stood, "see that big black bear standing up against the post." The mother looked over to where the object of the child's admiration stood—it began to move and as it turned around disclosed the countenance of Nicholas Mooney, minion of the low, who sports a big black overcoat.

A WOMAN'S LOVE

I am the hope of ages past,
I travel o'er the world so vast,
Wherever man does dwell I live;
I ask for nought; 'tis mine to give
To all who seek the realms above.
I am a good, pure woman's love.

"Airman Drops Five Miles Out of Clouds"—headline. What's matter? Didn't St. Peter open the "pearly gates" for him?

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS OF 1920 PAVE WAY TO INDEPENDENCE

The 1920 War Savings stamps are carmine in color and bear the head of George Washington. The price for January is $4.12 and it increases one cent a month to $4.23 in December. The 25-cent Thrift stamp also is on the market and is used as formerly to evidence payments on account of War Savings stamps and certificates. The 1920 War Savings stamp in size approximates the larger stamp used in 1918. It will have a maturity value of $5 January 1, 1925.

War Savings stamps of the series of 1918 and 1919 shall not be affixed to War Savings certificates of the series of 1920 and War Savings stamps of the series of 1920 shall not be affixed to War Savings certificates of 1918 or 1919. War Savings stamps of one series affixed to War Savings certificates of another series will not add to the value thereof. Thrift stamps, as such, are not directly redeemable in cash, but each Thrift card will, as usual, have spaces for 16 Thrift stamps. A filled Thrift card may be exchanged for a War Savings certificate stamp, series of 1920, at any post office or other authorized agency. As usual, post offices will require a written demand ten days in advance before payment will be made before maturity and such War Savings stamp certificate must be surrendered for payment within 60 days after such demand. Otherwise the demand will be deemed to be waived.

WAY TO KNOCK OUT H. C. L.

"Only the most determined efforts toward thrift, economy, saving and simple living," said William Mather Lewis, director of the savings division, treasury department, "will bring about a reduction in the high cost of living, the stabilization of national industry and commerce, and the continuation of prosperous condition."

START TO BUILD A FORTUNE.

Rome wasn't built in a day. It went up stone by stone. Fortunes are not built in a day, either; they are built dollar by dollar. Commence building your fortune today by investing in Government Saving Stamps and keeping it up throughout 1920.

Peruvian Rain Tree.

It is estimated that one of the Peruvian rain trees will on the average yield nine gallons of water each day. In a field of an area of one kilometer square, that is, 5,250 feet each way, can be grown 10,000 trees separated from each other by twenty-five meters. This plantation produces daily 395,000 liters of water.

Snowballing in Summer.

On the hottest day of the year in Chicago, with the mercury 98 degrees above zero, a crowd of boys on East Austin avenue amused themselves by throwing snowballs made from a drift of snow that steadily increased in size until it was more than three feet deep. The snow was being scraped from the pipes of a refrigerating company, on which it collects sometimes to a depth of six inches. It is scraped off every day.

Honor Not All Gutenberg's.

Printing is said to have been introduced to the world Aug. 14, 1437. John Gutenberg stands at the head of the early typographers, supported by the genius of Schoeffer and the generous patronage of Faust. Gutenberg used only blocks, and to Schoeffer is due the movable type cast from matrices. Caxton, who introduced the art into England, began life as a trader, but learned printing at Cologne. The first printed book on record is "The Psalter," which John Faust and Schoeffer published at Metz in 1457.

Safeguard the Family.

If there is a bottle of poison in the house, says the Philadelphia Record, insert three pins in opposite directions in the cork. This will make it impossible to remove the cork without being reminded that there is something unusual about its contents. It is a safety device that cannot be improved upon.

How Do They Know?

The total weight of all persons in the world is estimated at 100,000,000 tons.

AUCTION

M. H. BLUNT, Auct.
W. E. BLUNT, Clerk.

Having decided to quit farming I will sell at Public Auction on the premises known as the "Dan" Parks farm, 5 miles south of Birmingham, on Southfield avenue, 4 miles of Royal Oak on 10 Mile road, 4 miles north and 2 miles east of Redford, beginning at 9 o'clock,

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1920

HORSES—Chesnut mare, 8, 1400; Brown horse, 10, 1400; Bay mare, 8, 1400; Bay mare, 12, 1450; Brown mare, 12, 1450; Black horse 6, 1500; Gray mare, 4, 1250; Buckskin mare, 8, 1200.

CATTLE—Holstein cow, 5, due Mar. 25; Holstein cow, 8, due Apr. 5; Holstein cow, 5, new milk; Holstein cow, 5, due May 10; Holstein cow, 4, new milk; Holstein cow, 4, due Mar. 25; Holstein cow, 3, new milk; Holstein cow, 4, due Apr. 15; Holstein cow, 5, due Mar. 25; Holstein cow, 3, due Mar. 20; Holstein bull, 20 months old; Holstein heifer, 21 months old; two calves, 6 months old; Calf 4 months old; two calves, 3 months old.

MISCELLANEOUS—2 Geese, gander; about 50 hens; 3 shoats about 150 lbs. each; about 40 tons A-1 baled hay; Maple Leaf grinder, 10 inch bars; Deering corn binder; Deering grain binder, nearly new; Keystone hay loader; Side delivery rake; Farmer's Favorite 11 hoe drill; Little Giant potato digger, nearly new; Corn King manure spreader; Hoosier corn planter; Oliver riding plow; Iron Age 2-horse cultivator; New Deere 2-horse cultivator; American 2-horse cultivator; Champion draw cut mower; Wheelbarrow grass seeder; Oliver 99 walking plow; Oliver 42 walking plow; Planters Jr. 1-horse cultivator; set of 3-horse eveners; steel roller; two spring-tooth harrows; 60-tooth drag; emery wheel with jack; 3 1-2 inch Weber wagon; 3 1-4 in. Weber wagon, nearly new; Heavy market wagon; pair bob sleighs, nearly new; Wagon box; flat rack; gravel box; ice rack and tongs; 160 feet new hay rope; 150 feet hog rope; new Louden car, hay fork and pulleys; Wheelbarrow; 1 3-4 Mogul engine; International pump, engine and jack; Cauldron kettle; water tank; kerosene barrel; about 200 bushels oats; about 25 bushels seed barley 2 years old; about 200 bushels ear corn; Hinman milking machine; 2 sets double harness; heavy truck harness; milk wagon; 2 buggy poles; 12 feet of ensilage; single harness; large quantity corn stalks; drive belt; good cow dog; forks and shovels; tank heater; cross-cut saw; disc harrow; Fairbanks platform scales; about 40 grain bags; chicken coops; set 6,000 wagon springs; Hocking Valley corn sheller; [illegible] seed corn; 2 horse blankets; [illegible] blankets; hog crate; Peninsular range; New Art Garland base burner; Royal Oak heater; Kitchen [illegible]

TERMS—[illegible]

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[illegible]

For PRESIDENT
William B. Brown
Thomas L. [illegible]
FOR COMMISSIONER
[illegible]
FOR VILLAGE CLERK
Thomas F. Hart
Signed THOS. F. HART, Village Clerk

Dated Feb. 14, 1920.

REGISTRATION AND ELECTION NOTICE

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

[illegible]

RACHAEL GROVES, Deceased

[illegible]

BEWARE of BUBBLE SCHEMES

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BIRMINGHAM SHOE SHOP
[illegible], Prop.

"LEST YOU FORGET"
ALBERT J. LAING
[illegible]
29 [illegible] Maple St., Birmingham

NOTICE

Bloomfield Democratic Township Caucus will be held in the Town Hall of said Township at 4 P. M. March 13, 1920, to nominate candidates for Township offices for the ensuing year and transact other business as may be brought before it.

Samuel C. Mills, Chairman.

NOTICE

Bloomfield Republican Township Caucus will be held in the Town Hall of said Township at 2 P. M. March 13, 1920, to nominate candidates for Township offices for the ensuing year and transact other business as may be brought before it.

COMMITTEE

DETROIT UNITED LINES

BIRMINGHAM TIME TABLE.
In effect Nov. 3, 1919.

Eastern Standard Time.

South-bound—Limited—6:55 a. m.

South-bound—4:50 a. m., 5:20 a. m., 5:32 a. m., 5:49 a. m., 5:55 a. m., 6:15 a. m., 6:40 a. m., 7:00 a. m., 7:15 a. m., and every 30 minutes to 3:45 p. m., 4:10 p. m., 4:15 p. m., 4:40 p. m., 4:45 p. m., 5:15 p. m., 5:45 p. m., 6:30 p. m., and every 30 minutes to 10:30 p. m.; also 11:40 p. m.

North-bound—7:15 a. m., and every 30 minutes to 8:18 p. m., then 8:53 p. m., and every 30 minutes to 12:53 a. m.

Locals, Birmingham to Pontiac only 6 a. m., 6:22 a. m., 6:52 a. m.

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