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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

This column will be devoted to the residents of Birmingham who wish to make use of the same for the discussion of all matters pertaining to the welfare of the community.

"GENTLE-LIARS"

To the Editor:

Along with the dandelions and other beasts of the field, at this season of the year cometh the inevitable Fools, meet the spring lar. He has not been hibernating during the winter, but held forth at the club and the corner grocery, and when spring hangs her infant blossoms on the trees and rough winds do shake the darling buds of May," he comes like the roaring lion seeking who will give ear to his wondrous tales.

There's the Egg Liar from Lamphere. Why, a resident of the Lamphere ward avenue section who boasts the ownership of ten hens and a rooster brought in 19 nineteen eggs could "em eggs from his hen-house and told his wife they were the product of that one day's effort of his fowl. Just think of them hens laying an egg and a half apiece, and when his wife inquired about the other four he glibly asserted that the rooster laid 'em. When he told me the tale I asked him what the neighbors thought about it, for that he told enough given to chicken farmings I said the neighbors had not heard of it yet and besides I want none of it business anyhow."

And there's the Fish Liar. He has worn out the tales told around the stove the past winter and now, after a brief sojourn among the rivers and lakes of the northern counties on the local waters hereabouts he blossoms forth and bears his blushing honors thick upon him. You can readily distinguish him from the more common garden variety of liars by his holding his arms like a guide post with his hands from two feet apart (trout) to as far as he can reach (pike or muscalunge).

Then there is the Auto Liar who is careful to tell about his 35 miles an hour only when the speedometers are absent. And I must not forget the Garden Liar who keeps up the continued story of his farming operations in his back yard, and he would think he is cultivating eighteen at least, instead of a plot the size of his dining room.

And there are others, but if we chronicled all the liars the Eccentric would have to issue a supplement. What? Did I understand you to say "How about the Women?" Sorry isn't that just like a man, when everybody knows, if they know anything at all, that women never lie.

WIDOW MACHREE

To the Editor:

"Growth comes by shocks" said Emerson, "the great thinker, and "Events ought not to govern policy, but policy events," said the wise Napoleon.

How well Emerson knew his countrymen! For here in America, the policy is not thoroughly gone over and decided upon until a shock often some hideous calamity has situated us to our depths. Then we know "something" must be done, but then it is often unfortunately late!

Particularly is this true in reference to the great unrest in America today.

The great Frenchman knew that the wiser course was to think clear and THROUGH the entire situation, and that if a nation, or a block can be sent which would not have adequate safety means to fight it.

My letter of last week made clear the fact that I have no thought to rob anyone of their truths, but to give them another viewpoint.

The people of North Dakota have expressed themselves very emphatically as to how they feel toward the socialistic tendencies of the Non-Partisan League administration, and the next section in that state must learn a lesson for all of us Atom South Dakota.

Of those one good action had come in the foreground thanks to the eclipse of the insidious destructive forces in the background.

RICHARD R. HEWITT
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Birmingham, Mich.
May 18, 1920.

To the Editor:

Eccentric Eccentric

It is a habit with the unthinking those days when they run across anything they do not like to see phrases one of the anti-Americanism, the other "pro-Germanism."

Therefore we find Major Hewitt following up his first off-hand labeling of the Committee of 48 as "Bolshevism" with another equally off-hand label, "pro-German." And his elaboration of this theme is as muddleheaded as is his nebulous appeal to the foregoing "Bolshevism." most elemental facts of developments.

If pro-Germanism means anything it means adherence to the doctrine by force of arms of the Kaiser's ownership of our rivers. This I thought it wise to be quite sure that Major Hewitt meant when he said "pro-German." In the Year of Grace, 1920, I do not demonstrate it with its shameless disregard of the rights of the government. We have seen Pennsylvania municipalities deprived of the right to their ruthless suppression of Constitutional rights. We have seen it raise its black and dastardly head in a score of places in the last two years. And if Constitutional government is going to live in this country, it will be because such movements as the Committee of 48 dare to fight for it.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

"Who are in control of the Committee of 48 today?" Major Hewitt asks, but does not answer. "Who is furnishing the vast sums of money for their propaganda?"

"There is no mystery about these matters. Every letterhead of the Committee of 48 tells who is its control. J. A. H. Hopkins former national treasurer of the Progressive party, is national chairman. Howard R. Williams, veteran of two years' service in France, is one of the vice-chairmen. J. W. McConaughy, formerly with the Committee on Public Information is the other. Other committee members include Bishop Charles S. Williams of Detroit, head of the Episcopal diocese of Michigan and one of the most noted pastors in the country, Charles H. Ingersoll, head of the great Ingersoll watch factory, Dudley Field Malone, former collector of the Port of New York, Lincoln Colcord and William Marion Reedy noted publicists, and others."

Have any of the men ever been called "pro-German?" Undoubtedly. Major Hewitt has labeled them all so with one short sentence and it may have been done before. Americans are prone to dismiss opposition by sticking a label on it. Republicans used to be called "Black Republicans" and "Abolitionists" when those two terms were as convenient derogatives as are Major Hewitt's catch phrases now.

But I venture to assert none of them ever did or dare do anything more "pro-German" than did President Wilson when he said "we have no quarrel with the German people, nor any with German government." And the American government when it placed its stamp of approval on the Mannerheim government of Finland set there by the Kaiser's troops and seeking one of the Kaiser's sons as a King.

As well accuse Senator Knox of pro-Germanism because he wants to make peace with Germany.

As for the last sums for propaganda, you say of a certainty what the Committee of 48 has received or spent in Michigan would not have paid one of Senator Newberry's "Bolshevik lieutenants" and the same holds true of other state. Every cent has come from members of the Committee like myself.

Major Hewitt says he has seen the "movement" of arms of the Committee of 48 and apparently he agrees with them, but shies off at a name of law. Permit me to invite the Major to become a member of the Committee and to counteract with his name these names he does not like. There is no more democratic movement in America today. It is from it that the Democratic party was formed from the united wisdom and desires of a hundred and every member who joins now has equal opportunity to decide what the permanent platform and course of action is to be. Major Hewitt apparently believes pro-German organizations should be in, within the old parties. Socialists, Williams and other members of the Committee of 48. Let him add a second to those. He says he did not like some of the members of Committee of 48. Is he then determined to form a one-man party of his own or is he going to work with the means at hand? Both are open.

Major Hewitt has a perfect right to stay outside of the Committee of 48, but I maintain that neither he nor anyone else has a moral right to label these patriotic men and women "Bolshevik" or "pro-German" without proof that they have praised Bolshevism or coddled autocracy, either in Germany or anywhere else.

To my mind the greatest bulwark we have in this country against both pro-Germanism and Bolshevism is just such movements as the Committee of 48, which is determined to remove the causes that lead to Bolshevism and to fight with all its might that authocratic Kaiserite tendency that has raised its head in our midst.

And if it is NAMES that Major Hewitt is afraid of, I submit to him the choice between those I have mentioned or any others in the Democratic ranks against such as Bryan, Polk, Charlie Murphy, Thaddeus Sweet, and others of this, like in the old parties.

We stand squarely on the Constitution and our platform can be summed up in two words, public ownership and private liberty.

Yours truly,
Ellsworth Plumstead.

To the Editor:

Decoration day or Memorial Day here and Birmingham is all across with the exception of those laying the last quiet resting places of those whose lives were spent here and because of those lives the town is what it is today. Some have died of old age, others and some in another, and the life of Martha Baldwin seems to have been one of the prominent ones that have been allowed to remain. Having at the time when women were not supposed to understand the needs of the community, she was conceived as a help in the light of intelligence only a women of great force of character and unbounding love for her town's welfare could have handed the Commonwealth and accomplish the things which she did. The public library, the beautiful high school, the play park for the children, the Baldwin avenues, are really the outstanding points in Birmingham's pride. Martha Baldwin started all of those improvements and organized the first improvement society which was the second civic association ever formed in the United States. She was the first woman to be on the municipal board, out of the town and improved the railroad station premises, she entered was unthinkable for the betterment of Birmingham was concerned. Few villages in the United States can boast of having been possessor of such a loyal unselfish benefactress. In view of these noble deeds of Martha Baldwin, it seems only fitting that on this and every Memorial Day the school children receiving the benefits of her foresthought, should gather the wild flowers from the woods and lay them with proper ceremony on her last resting place.

Sincerely,
MRS. S. H. WIGHTMAN.

"Snow-flake" bread is made every day in Birmingham. It is fresh, it is good. It is what you want. Try it at your grocers or call at A. R. Craig's, N. Woodward ave. adv.

READ ECCENTRIC WANT ADS.

The Household Pet Up a Tree

VALUATION IS $4,785,250 HERE

Birmingham Averages Increase of 25% Business Frontage and New Construction Receive Greater Boost

After more than six weeks of intermittent work on the part of Supervisor Luther D. Allen and Assor William G. Olsen, assessing for the valuation of Birmingham property, including personal, were completed Thursday morning.

An increase of approximately 25% was placed against the Village at large while new subdivisions together with business construction since the last assessment in 1919, received an additional 10% raise according to officials. The total personal and property valuation as given out as $4,785,250, as against $3,531,700 at the last assessment.

"This increase was based mostly on the great rise in Birmingham real estate values," declared Mr. Olsen, in speaking of the raise, and is not, in proportion, any greater than in other years. Birmingham enjoys a close proximity to Detroit and Pontiac. Birmingham is unequaled in Southern Michigan as an ideal residence section, our cost of conducting Village government is one of the lowest in the state, our increase of population in the past year, are the chief things responsible for the increase in assessments."

Both Mr. Olsen and Mr. Allen stated that they had very few "kick" from property owners relative to the increase in assessments. Mr. Allen has a few days work left on assessing Township property.

Based on the allowance by the Charter, according to Thomas F. Harris, Village Clerk, approximately 1½ of the total assessment can be collected for Village use. Whether the Commission will lower the tax rate I do not know, stated Mr. Harris, Thursday morning, but, in the light of the proposed budget for 1920, I hardly think they will. If they do not, about $71,000 could be collected for use in Village government."

It is stated that, since the official figures on the 1920 assessment have been turned in, members of the Commission will take up, at their earliest convenience the outlining of the new budget for this year.

ORION SEASON OPENS MAY 29

Great Variety of Attractions Provided For This Popular Resort This Summer.

The season at the Lake Orion resort will open Saturday, May 29, and there will be three days of special events to launch the opening. Great improvements have been made during the winter and spring. Park Island has been the scene of great activity. The park has been leased to Thomas M. Reid of Jackson, Mich. A large restaurant and coliseum building has been erected, soft drink stands, bowling alleys, skee ball outfit and other attractive games have been installed. A new high circle swing has been placed on the lake front and at night this will be brilliantly illuminated. The dance hall has been remodelled. In addition to dancing there will be cabaret specialties by entertainers every night except Sundays, until Labor day. Bellevue hotel is now open for guests with Mr. and Mrs. John C. Tompkins as managers. The large fleet of passenger boats, launches, row boats and canoes are all refitted and ready for the opening day. Nearly all of the cottages are rented and inquiries for accommodations indicate that Lake Orion will have the biggest season in its history.

You can find a new and complete stock of PYREX glassware at THE HARDWARE HOUSE OF McBRIDE 108 N. Woodward Ave.—adv.

For flowering shrubs that WILL GROW call H. F. Klein, phone 126-F-15.—adv.

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PERSONALS.

Harry Lowe of Brown street is constructing a new home on Flood street.

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Henry Keener of Detroit who has been visiting friends here for several days, returned to his home.

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Miss Maude Camp of South Woodward avenue has been at her home for several weeks. Her condition remains serious.

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Tuesday afternoon, members of the Pythian Sisters Lodge entertained at a card party in Castle Hall. It has been noted as one of the most delightful afternoons on record.

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Members of the local Pythian Sisters Lodge spent last Tuesday in Flint where they attended the Pythian convention.

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Mrs. Foley of Purdy street has been removed to her home after having undergone an operation on her eye. She has been in a Detroit hospital for some time.

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Miss Irene Sutter of Clawson, who was serious injured in a wreck which took place last Friday afternoon between Birmingham and Royal Oak, when a Detroit United Railway car ran heading into a truck of the Detroit Sanitarium, is improving nicely. She is able to walk for several days by using the crutches.

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Mr. John Clements of New Baltimore was called in to arrange the new front of Brown street last Saturday afternoon in Detroit. The work was a quite affair, only the immediate family being present. Mr. and Mrs. Toomey are now the home on Brown street in this village.

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Miss Minnie Peck of Maple street spent last Tuesday in Flint.

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George Bordand of Flint was the week end guest of friends in Birmingham. He is a frequent visitor here.

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Miss Edna Smith, of Towanda, ill has had as her guest for several days relatives from the northern part of the state.

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Oxford town persons who work in Birmingham and included the name of Miss Grace A. McKinney who was buried Monday afternoon, are Mr. and Mrs. Tubbs and William McKinney of Howell; Mr. Belle Bell of Detroit, Cameron King and John Bishop of Fairgrove, Miss Anne Young of Pontiac, Mrs. Belle Williams of Holly and Mrs. Belle Mrs. Jane Wright and son Gordon of Pontiac.

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Mrs. Fred Fisher of North Woodward avenue has been spending the spring months with her mother in Detroit, who has been ill for some time.

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A telegram reaching this city Tuesday morning stated that Harold Shaw who has been ill at Silver City, New Mexico for several months is improving nicely. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Shaw of South Woodward avenue.

NOTICE, PLEASE.

We are glad to get "copy" for the Eccentric, but and we want to EMPHASIS THIS POINT we must have it either typewritten or in legible longhand. Copy sent in in hydro-written form will be given the preference because longhand is sometimes difficult to read, and because our time is somewhat limited, we make this announcement.

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A number of Eccentric subscriptions are now past due. Instead of sending out the usual letter, thus calling attention to that fact, we're going to issue these collectors as a reminder. Look at the yellow slip on which your address is printed—if the date it bears has already passed into the records of Father Time, then it's up to you to send in your renewal. HELP US MAKE THE ECCENTRIC A BETTER PAPER BY KEEPING YOUR SUBSCRIPTION PAID IN ADVANCE. THANK YOU.

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NOTICE

Monday, May 31, 1920, Decoration Day is a Legal Holiday and the banks will not be open for business.

FIRST STATE SAVINGS BANK
FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Bonstelle Company In "Billeted" at Garrick Theatre.

For the second week of her Detroit engagement Miss Bonstelle has selected of the Margaret Anglin comedy "Billeted" from the pens of F. Tennyson Jesse and H. M. Harwood. While the title would suggest a war theme and play the writing is a delicious bit of comedy told in gay breezy scenes and semillakes with epigrammatic speeches.

The play has been described by critics as "A Comedy of Errors," and the story evolves along with the kindliest sarcasms of keen cut and delicious comedy made possible through the distinct types, which the authors have used with which to people their story. Popular priced matinees will be given on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, while summer prices will prevail at night.

GUN CLUB TO GIVE SHOOT.

Among the coming events which are looked forward to with much pleasure and interest is the register of Annual Decoration Day Shoot to be given by the Birmingham Gun Club Monday, May 31. This Tournament will be conducted under the American Trapshooter's Association rules. The regular program will start at 10 A. M. but at 9 A. M. the traps will be open for practice. It is planned to hold the shoot whether the weather is clear or stormy. Lunch will be served at noon. A La Cobb. There are to be three classes with four events for each class. They will be classified as follows.

Class 1, 90 percent or over, C class 85 to 90 percent, class B, under 85 percent. Shooters will be classified according to their official average and known ability. The program of events has been planned as follows: Event 1, 15 targets, entrance $1.50. 2nd event, 15 targets, entrance $1.50. 3rd event, 20 targets, entrance $2.00. 4th event, 15 targets, entrance $1.50. 5th event, 10th event, 20 targets, entrance $2.00. 7th event, 15 targets, entrance $1.50. 8th event, 15 targets, entrance $1.50, and the 9th event, 20 targets with an entrance fee of $2.00. The total number of targets to be fired with the entrance fees amounting to $16.00. The Birmingham Gun Club will add $125.00 in cash, with $15 to each event.

SCARCITY OF NURSES IN OAKLAND COUNTY

An intensive campaign for enlisting nursing recruits has been conducted all week throughout Oakland County. Mr. Murphy of the county nursing force addressed the young women of Baldwin High School, urging them to take up the nursing profession as their life work.

In order to meet the shortage now existing in nursing ranks, more young women must respond to the urgent call. The profession has never been overcrowded and at this time there are not sufficient nurses available for the ordinary calls of home and hospital, should an epidemic occur many lives would be lost by reason of this dreath of trained nurses.

Michigan seeks 1,000 nursing recruits, and fathers and mothers are urged to encourage their daughters to enter this service.

Should they not care to spend a lifetime in the work, the training fits them for an intelligent care of the sick in their own homes, and gives them the experience that will be invaluable.

Detailed information will be furnished any one interested in the subject.

Carry home a loaf of "Snow-flake" bread. Too made in Birmingham. Our cakes and pies are unequaled. Try them. A. R. Craig, N. Woodward ave.—adv.

If you are tired waiting for the paper you have ordered by mail, come in and let us show you our stock.

THE BUILDERS' SHOP
Phone 346.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES SUNDAY

All Local Churches to Join in Union Services; G. A. R. and Gate War Veterans to Attend.

Special tribute in the way of Memorial Day exercises will be observed in Birmingham Sunday evening, May 30 at 7:30 o'clock, when members of all the local churches, together with survivors of the Civil, Spanish-American and the late World wars, shall meet at the First Presbyterian church.

Among the churches represented with their respective pastors are: First Presbyterian church, Rev. W. C. McKnight; First Baptist church, Rev. P. M. MacKay; United Presbyterian church, Rev. D. H. Orris; M. E. church, Rev. Joseph H. Burns; and St. James church (Episcopal), Rev. C. H. McCurdy.

Members of Birmingham Lodge No. 41 F. & A. M. will meet at the lodge rooms, either in the city or Oakland, then march to the church in a body.

All the veterans are said to be, about nine survivors of the G. A. R. in Birmingham, some will attend the services according to Fred Quarton, who has been instrumental together with John Heth, in getting the various churches to join in the movement. A number of the members of the late war are also expected to be in attendance.

Scheduled for the program for Sunday night is an address by Rev. P. M. MacKay, together with talks by the various pastors. Special music will be rendered by members of the choir of the First Presbyterian church. Rev. McKnight will be in the pulpit.

A great gathering is looked for to mark the annual Memorial Day exercises.

OBITUARY.

Milton J. Arthur, 4 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hedcock of Ann street, died at his home May 17 after an illness of six days. Mr. and Mrs. Hedcock came to Birmingham in April from Southfield, where Mr. Hedcock was raised.

Milton leaves two brothers or sisters and was the only grandchild in the Hanna family. He is survived by his grand parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanna, of Ann street with whom he and his parents have been residing since coming to Birmingham. Rev. J. H. Burns officiated at the funeral service which was held from the home, 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon May 19.

Burial was at Greenwood cemetery. The floral offerings were especially noted by the many friends and relatives who were present at the services.

Miss Grace A. McKinney of Town send street died at the home of her brother, John, in Flint last Friday. Death was caused by a complication of diseases, following several month illness.

Miss McKinney has reached the age of 52 years and for 37 years has been a resident of Birmingham. She was born in Redford, and she was a beautiful character, her pleasant manners and her kind words she has made numerous friends both in Birmingham and Flint where she had lived besides the many she had made with those whom she came in contact. Her parents were William and Nancy McKinney.

She had four brothers and no sisters, all of whom are dead with the exception of John W., who resides Flint. Miss McKinney for many years had been an active member of the Cemeteries church at Southfield. She was very active in all church work. Rev. H. A. B. French, pastor of the Cemeteries church, officiated at the funeral services which were held from the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McKinney, of Purdy street, Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with burial at Greenwood cemetery.

"EXHIBIT DAY" HELD AT BALDWIN HIGH SCHOOL

The various grade rooms of the public schools had many visitors on last Friday when was observed as Exhibit day. The boards and walls were covered with specimens of the work in arithmetic, geography, language and other subjects including such as painting, drawing and hand work.

The Baldwin high school entertained visitors in the evening. A wireless telegraph institution was in operation in the physics room, and a wireless plane was shown in the manual training room by Harry Brooks, builder of Flint. There was an excellent display of finished work which came furniture. The boys in the Latin class proudly exhibited a model of Caesar bridge over the Rhine.

The domestic science display was along the novel lines. There were calculated and enticing rations for sick and well. The baked goods made the mouth water.

The display of the domestic art department was more complete than year ago. Gowns and hats galore made it difficult to choose the best.

The agriculture department on the top floor showed soil and milk tests, a model farm and many interesting phases of agricultural life. An incubator family claimed it was so proudly over prospective chickens.

At 8:30 every one repaired to the gym where a fine physical training exhibition was given by the boys and girls.

Men's short sleeve union suits $2.00 value at $1.79 all next week. Birmingham Department store.—adv

Filipino Wife's Status.

In the Philippine islands, when women marry, they go into partnership with their husbands. While the men handle the workers, the women attend to the finance, act as cashiers, pay the workers and oversee much of the business. They also have equality with the men in everything except voting.

Our special blend coffee at 50c is a wonder. Miner Grocery Co.—adv

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Birmingham Lodge No. 41, F. & A. M., is reported busily engaged these days in turning out candidates. Last week nine men entered the order.

We are in receipt of a letter from W. W. Henry of Sunset Crest, Birmingham, who is stated that it is said to be one hot here in St. Petersburg, Florida, for his son, who expects to be Birmingham very soon. Mr. Henry says he is a regular nut on the fine sand, mentioning more than once that he is going to get a double fumigation on those flea pesters who have made the trip here.

Birmingham is to enjoy a treat in the form of a 3 reel photo play, "Sunset Sam" at the Lyceum theatre, full carnival. The program for the occasion of the Lyceum's opening in Tuesday night, June 1, will be a "Sunset Sam" comedy, "Sunset Sam" and "Sunset Sam." The picture will be shown in Lyceum theatre Monday and Tuesday.

Rev. W. C. McKnight of the First Presbyterian church, is the happy recipient of a Ford car. Under ordinary circumstances, the Ford would be a commonplace occurrence, but the Ford in question was purchased by a subscription of nine members of the church, and it is expected that within a few days a crisp dollar will have been pinched.

At the installation of the Eastern Star officers which was held recently, the following officers were installed: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Will Wood; Associate Matron, Mrs. E. L. Eddy; Worthy Patron, Edward Hoyt; Conductress, Mrs. Will Cole; Associate Conductress, Mrs. Ella Hoyt; Secretary, Mrs. L. Todd; Treasurer, Mrs. A. E. Pierce; Adv. Miss Ethel Kirk; Miss Pomona, Esther Shelton; Miss Flora, Mrs. Ella Hoyt; Ruth, Mrs. Electa Todd; Esther, Mrs. L. Todd; Ruth, Mrs. Electa Todd; Martha, Mrs. Randall; Warder, Mrs. Randall; Sentinel, Mrs. Randall.

On A. W. Nesbitt's top floor last week was held the meeting of the Birmingham Board of Education at which the annual plans for the health and safety of school children were turned from the superintendent of health. The doctor suggested the employment of a permanent nurse, together with the services of a trained nurse. No action was taken on the matter, although it is believed that the suggestions will receive the support of the Board.

Birmingham's health conditions are as near normal as possible, according to Health Officer Dr. Newitt, only a few cases of measles and one of scarlet fever are prevalent, he said.

Wm. G. Olsen, city of Birmingham, has volunteered the department last week as a member of the staff of the Village Commission in an effort to obtain more efficient examination in relation between the summer station and the fire barn, at which place is installed telephone service to subscribers for slow speed, quick communication and a direct transfer. New lines are being installed in Pierce Park. The Commission stated they would consider the project.

SCHOOL NOTES

The Board of Education has received and approved the preliminary plans for the proposed school on Adams avenue and are instructed to advertise for bids for the erection of the building. It is probable that the proposed for a bond issue to build the school will be submitted to the voters of the district at the annual meeting in July.

The finest shows and concerts especially, taking place in Lyceum auditorium on Thursday evening June 3.

POSTOFFICE BUSINESS INCREASES

That Birmingham is now soon leave a more metropolitan position in her great increase in business is the opinion of General H. Mitchell, postmaster, who made the statement this a few days ago.

Christmas is usually our biggest week stated the postmaster, but the last week ended May 15 was exceeded Christmas business by more than $100 in receipts. The money order business here in April approximated $10,000 in receipts and over 2000 stamps sold to the amount of $1,000. More money stamps were sold that month than ever before, one local firm making over 20,000 pieces of matter.

Mr. Mitchell also declared that he would use every endeavor to have regular city delivery installed. As a quick means of obtaining this the postmaster requested that all residents purchase their stamps here, for it appears that the total receipts of any postoffice govern the kind of service allotted to it. Some of this suggestion were carried out and every Birmingham with business in other cities would concede to this suggestion. Birmingham would no doubt profit, it is stated.

If you want to save some money, buy your all-leather shoes at Young's Shoe Store, 155 N. Woodward ave. Birmingham, Mich.—adv.

Japanese Barberry, Mock Orange, Bridle-Wreath and Japanese Roses for sale by H. F. Klein, phone 126-F-15.—adv.

Whenever you are in need of first-class taxi service just call up at phone 301, Birmingham. Day or night service guaranteed. RAY T. ERLING, BIRMINGHAM GARAGE.

Men's $3.00 Dress Shirts $2.69. See them in our window. Birmingham Department store. M. Levinson, Prop.—adv

When you start preserving think of THE HARDWARE HOUSE OF McBRIDE 108 N. Woodward Ave. where you can get preserving kettles of from one to twenty quarts.—advertisement.