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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.

To The Editor:

In your issue of April 16th, there appeared on the front page an item which took of the future plans of the Village Commissioners concerning the sidewalk on the east side of Woodward avenue between Oakland and Hamilton. The thought was also expressed that when these plans had been carried out, "one of the eyesores of the Village" would have been removed.

An eyesore, indeed! Six or eight fine old trees crowning the edge of a grassy slope presents a view that truly must be pleasing to all but rose beauty cuts in a monotony of straight lines and concrete walls. To express that appreciation for love of nature, that dwelt just outside of the spirit of the Creator, one looks in a street that is becoming a thoroughfare of commerce rapidly enough to realize the fact.

Since when did grass and trees become a blot on any street? Can these things have to go when houses demand the space they occupy? But now, no such demand exists, contrary to the proposed plans, would be almost like vandalism.

The houses perched high on the brink of a 12 foot concrete retaining wall would be eyesores of beauty would they not? And should little children happen to live in such homes wouldn't it add to their mother's peace of mind to be constantly haunted by a front yard menace?

Grass and trees and happy nodding of gay, drab concrete walls and broken legs, which does the least want. Yours truly,

CHAS S. KINNISON.

Birmingham.

(Editor's Note.) The news item referred to was prompted wholly by a zeal for Birmingham's future, as Village is about to appeal to the courts for the Commission to act in the matter of Birmingham with beautiful trees perhaps obstructing plenty of work to be done in the large parks in the way of improvements.

To the Editor—My letter from Tennessee giving definitions of the several parties was intended for enlightenment for those who care to investigate for themselves, as of R traitor—are those which we ourselves find.

You, however, did not give me definition of the Committee of 48 as a "Pro-Germanism," with the other "church," so called, by your later correspondent.

Having received the call to St Louis, where some very earnest and serious minded met to discuss way and means to carry on the work started by the National Progressive party in 1912, also all of the literature since issued, I am very well read upon the high ideals and "statement of aim" and subsequent paper, all of which were mailed to me as a progressive up to a short time ago.

No one questions the spirit of the lives of those original 48 but like so many altruistic predecessors they but created a "Frankenstein" over which they have lost control. Who are in control today? Those so fine furnishing the vast sums of money for their propaganda? Look over some of their names, their localities their activities during the war, then investigate, do not accept my word.

There is a great unrest in our fair land and, many of the men in office are in a measure responsible. However, I have had my lesson, who pray, elected those men? High ideals will not go to borrow, "political action" does not begin. Right?

Men who really have at heart the welfare of humanity, must work and with the means at hand, has there ever been any of these high ideals, attending in numbers large enough to count village, city or township caucus, county or state conventions? Has there ever been enough of the men who really vote, go to polls and vote at any one meeting to form a corporal's guard?

Reform must come from within with the tools of the enemy, not so many real Americans, regardless of ancestry or birthplace, to permit of "something RADICAL" being done to change the present political set of things. Our government is all right but politics is a business and, until such times as when men who are sincere will attend the caucus, convention and the polls, in large enough numbers to have a voice in their own business, that is what the government is, taking position out of the hands of the professional, all other gatherings in halls or elsewhere, to hear Altruistic speeches, so called, are like unto sidewalk flag waving patriotism.

Get together, on the inside building up, do not tear down, from the outside, an ounce of action in a man, is worth more than a ton of "gas"

RICHARD B HEWITT.

Major Engrs. R. C.

To the Editor:—

In looking in reply to the column of last week's Eccentric regarding the cold hearted officials and firms of Birmingham, I do not look at the write up in that way. I think the man who criticize the writer for his attitude in judging the horrible depression and the awfulness of the night be crime, which might be imposed upon those poor helpless people who are at the mercy of the lumbermen.

I gather wish to congratulate the writer for his unusual ability to bring before the people of Birmingham and vicinity a scene that is not even paralleled by the sinking of the Titanic or the burning of Iroquois and causing a general uneasiness through the village and surrounding country with a sensation equal to the thrills of the Armenian massacre. Such a writer is to be congratulated, and undoubtedly will receive doubly the comment when the people learn that this Edgar Allen Poe dream, originated from nothing and has no foundation.

I wish to state that the citizens of Birmingham and the one-half mile district that was voted upon for annexation, that no official statement has ever been made regarding the annexation of this district from the village to an industrial standpoint. We are friendly to the outside territory and are glad of our surroundings. We glory in Birmingham, but because they do not see the points of enterprise as was brought out in the annexation proposition, no reason the Village should look with disfavor toward the district, nor should the village of Birmingham be nothing else but a friendly fraternal organization. Therefore the people should impress upon the minds of every leader of the Eccentric that only a minority are not in accord with its purpose and desire of the welfare of home and for future satisfaction of readers to regard such sensational stories from a literary standpoint and be governed accordingly.

MAURICE LOWMAN.

LOCAL "ROADS AND PARKS" COMMITTEE MEETS

Gathered together in the offices of Birmingham manager H. Johnson, chairman of the Parks and Roads committee of the Birmingham Civic Association, including with E. L. Cowles, Jas. Hassberger, Charles Eaton and E. Parcell, all members of that committee met last Saturday afternoon to discuss several matters pertaining to the village.

It was decided to write a letter to Birmingham road commissioners in regard to the condition of the work of repairing the road between here and Detroit, as much of the road has been badly cut up.

The condition of several swamps in the village lands were discussed and it was decided to call the attention of village officials to the wretched condition of the swamp lands in order to avoid a possible epidemic of sickness.

It was also that the contractor for the Maple avenue sewer has been cleared from the road bed at the end of the line, the committee decided to get up with village authorities in the matter in order to avoid the accumulation of the road offer from building, thus causing a rough pavement. The removal of all rubbish from the sewer ditches was also discussed, and the matter will be taken up with the proper authorities for the paving.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

The collectors of dues of the Birmingham Cemetery association announce that all lot owners not must be called upon for dues. The dues are to be given to Miss Anne Sparks or Miss. O'Neil. These are the appointed members that there are less than 30 days left before [illegible] Day.

Let's render the Weather Man vote of thanks for smiling upon us during the past few days.

The Women's Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church will hold an all day session at the church May 13. Potluck dinner will be served at 12:30. A relay program has been arranged. The Crusade of Compassion is the aim of the meeting. Members are asked to be prompt at 1 p. m.

Get your Spring tonic in at the Water pub, water, where and then.

Miss Georgia Goss, of the United Presbyterian church, entertained the members of her Sunday school class at a Shadow social at the church Tuesday evening. About 35 were present and the proceeds from the shadows amounted to $21. This will be added to the "New World Movement" fund. Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Summer is here! A sure sign when a dog goes mad poor dear, perhaps he was thirsty.

M. L. Taylor of 135 West Maple street will be the host at a family reunion over the week-end, given in honor of his brother, Sergeant Earle Taylor, who returned Friday from four years of service with the Second division in France. Relatives have been planned for him including a chicken and the other party on Friday evening. Invitations have been issued to a number of out-of-town guests.

Unless Birmingham gets a water supply soon we'll probably have to use paper plates and our fingers for forks. Oh, well, we'll still have water!

Officers and members of the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church met at a conference last week to discuss plans for the ensuing year. Many interesting and instructive talks were delivered. There were 50 persons present.

Modern definition of "water"—something that Birmingham needs but must get.

The Girls' basketball team of the Baldwin High school was delightfully entertained at the Temple theater last Saturday afternoon by a relative of Miss Esther Reynolds, in Detroit.

Wonder if all the nearby artesian wells belong to a union—they're all not on strike these days.

W. C. Harris, village attorney, reported to the Commission Monday night that he that the bill presented against the village by Clarence E. Brown, of 513 Pierce street, claiming damages to the extent of $474, was not valid. Mr. Harris stated that the village had no responsibility in the matter of an icy walk that Brown alleges caused him to slip and receive injuries on last February. The commission requested Mr. Harris to write Brown to that effect.

READ THE COREY MILLINERY ADVERTISEMENT ON PAGE 8 of this issue—adv.

Just the thing to bring joy to the heart of every Kiddie's a new pair of ball bearing roller skates at the HARDWARE HOUSE OF McBRIDE 108 N. Woodward ave., Birmingham—adv.

NOTED GEOLOGIST TO SPEAK TUESDAY, MR. BUSINESS MAN'S DAY HERE.

In an effort to place before the public a world picture of underground conditions in which [illegible] Birmingham is to be found, following a special session of the Commission of Public Welfare held last Monday night, Dr. Alexander Winchell, geologist of the University of Michigan, will be the guest of the Birmingham Business Men's association next Tuesday, May 11.

It is hoped to have a large and representative gathering in attendance. Professor Leverette is familiar with local conditions having made a geological survey of Birmingham and vicinity.

A large gathering of [illegible]

PLUMBING ORDINANCE TO BE FRAMED

It is understood that the recent [illegible] of Commissioner Harris, chairman of the public welfare committee, to the effect that the present plumbing ordinance be revised, will be taken up at the next meeting of the commission Monday night in an effort to overcome the [illegible] which [illegible] which state that [illegible] returned to their original [illegible] following are contained in the [illegible] Harris proposes to [illegible] add an amendment [illegible] making it necessary to [illegible] stead of digging up all [illegible] flood both pipes. It is [illegible] that, although the roads have been rolled, rainy weather would [illegible] to the settling of the [illegible] with this leaving the [illegible] ditch.

BODY OF UNIDENTIFIED MAN FOUND NEARBY

Clad heavily in winter clothing, believed by police to have been the victim of foul play, the [illegible] of an unidentified man was found [illegible] in a field Thursday afternoon [illegible] the Willow Creek road, two miles west of Birmingham.

An investigation conducted by local and Pontiac authorities leads to the belief, it is said, that the body was dragged to the spot along [illegible] three months ago, and left there hidden by the heavy growth of grass. The recent burning of the grass by farmers, preparatory to planting the field, revealed the body to the children.

Dr. C. Farmer, undertaker from Pontiac, was called and the body was removed to Pontiac for identification. With the exception of a pair of shoes and a mud ticket made out in a Detroit restaurant, no marks of identification were found in the clothing. Because the clothing were so [illegible] dead man were of fine texture, and since no other valuables were found within them, police offer the theory of murder committed following robbery.

Little seven-year-old Lorrie Manchester, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Manchester, of North Woodward avenue, was slightly injured when an automobile, driven by a man whose name police did not mention, struck her while crossing at the corner of Maple street and Woodward avenue, early Wednesday morning. Stopping his machine the driver, accompanied by several passers-by, took the child to her home.

The Village officials recently received $5,000 from the county treasurer at Pontiac, the money being back taxes for the past two or three years. This money, according to Village Clerk Thomas Harris, will be distributed to the various Village funds.

The Young People's society of the United Presbyterian church held its regular business meeting and social at the church on Tuesday evening, May 4. Refreshments were served by the members of the True Blue class of the Sabbath school to those present and games were indulged in to the delight of all.

Wander over to Baldwin High auditorium the night of May 13—you'll hear lots of music, see various modern dances all part of the play "Detour"—get your tickets of Shain's drug store. Admission 50 cents—adv.

MOTHERS' DAY PROCLAMATION By the Governor

Although [illegible] Mothers' Day [illegible] Mothers' Day [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]