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NEW ODD FELLOWS TEMPLE TO BE OPENED NEW YEAR

Members and Citizens Lead Helping Hand in Hastening Completion Of Handsome New Building

The spirit of co-operation which exists between the members of the local Odd Fellows order, is shown in their work on the new Odd Fellows temple, located on Pierce street at the head of Martin street. Work on the building was resumed this fall, after it had been discontinued in the late spring, owing to existing conditions. There are a number of men at work all day and with the exception of two or three paid workmen, the remainder are giving their services to push the work along as rapidly as possible.

The upper floor of the building was ready for plastering the latter part of last week, and the men had started on the basement, where they are putting in the cement floor. The windows are all in and piping throughout the building has been completed.

On the upper floor will be located the lodge rooms and the parlors. The main hall of this floor will be completed so that entertainments of any nature can be held there, including dances, motion picture shows, banquets, receptions and other similar affairs. It is planned to hold the formal opening of the building the first of January when a large entertainment and reception will take place. At that time a banquet will be held and it is expected supper will be served. However, plans have not been completed for the banquet.

"The work is being rushed," said C. H. Carter, secretary and treasurer of the organization, "and we expect to do the final work the latter part of December. The willingness of the men of the building to give their services and their time for the completion of the building at an earlier date, indicates the high degree of the spirit of the people of Birmingham. We have only had to ask for the assistance of the men of the village who is willing to help."

"It is this spirit," continued Mr. Carter, "that has enabled us to have the building at all. With all the men and women, who make up the order, we are assured of a well organized and permanent organization striving for the interests of all, which is well established in our new quarters."

The women are also doing their part. They meet several afternoons each week, in the homes of the various members, and sew on fancy articles for the bazaar, the success of which will be dependent upon them. They are planning quite an extensive social program for the latter part of the year, following the completion of the new temple. So far this fall, a number of smaller affairs have been arranged by them, including baked sales, entertainments, thimble parties, etc.

Plans for the opening of the temple and the bazaar are being worked out and according to Mr. Carter, will be made known within the next few weeks. In the meantime the men who are engaged in the actual work of completing the building, will be rushed in their work so that nothing will be left undone when the building is opened to the public for inspection in 1922.

THE WORD "REALTOR" IS LOADED WITH DYNAMITE

Real Estate Men May Not Use It Unless Members Of The National Body

"The word 'realtor' has come into general use. There seems, however, to be considerable confusion in regard to the correct meaning of the word, and its origin," says J. B. Howarth, president of the Birmingham Real Estate Board. Mr. Howarth explained that "realtor" is defined as a real estate broker who is a member of a local board having membership in the National Association of Real Estate Boards, an organization incorporated in 1908 for the advancement of interests of real estate brokers and the protection of the public from unprincipled agents or brokers.

"The exclusive right of members of the local board with the National Association to use this title was confirmed by judicial decision in a case in which the National Association and the Minneapolis Real Estate Board brought joint action against the N. W. Telephone Exchange Co. and thirty-six individual defendants in the district court of Hennepin county, Minn. The telephone company was enjoined from designating anyone as a realtor in its telephone book who was not a member of the Minneapolis Real Estate Board. All the defendants submitted to that decision. The word is not copyrighted.

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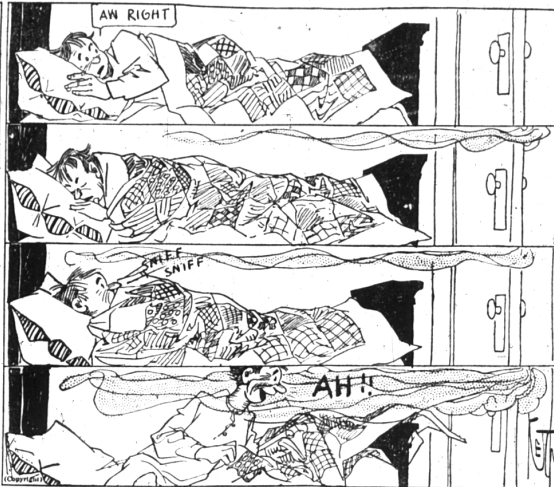
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Buckwheat Cakes



First Down and Six Months to Go



BEAUTIFUL HAND-PAINTED CHINA ON EXHIBITION

Collection of Ceramic Art Pieces Done By a Birmingham Woman Are In Big Demand

Even the most exacting housewife will find it difficult to see anything but perfection in the large number of hand-painted china pieces being shown in the windows of Daines & Bell, on North Woodward avenue. The collection was made up of pieces that have been done by Mrs. Wylie E. Bell, one of the cleverest artists in this kind of work in or near Detroit.

The collection includes pieces of all descriptions, from very small china articles, to large cake plates and fruit bowls. The work is executed quietly, done and seems almost faultless in detail. The designs are different from the ordinary china painting designs and are proving their worth by the demand that has been made on Mrs. Bell for orders since the placing of the collection in the window.

Among the pieces that have attracted unusual attention is a cake plate with a spray of quaint yellow roses trailing around one side and fading into a cream and finally into the natural tint of the plate so artistically that one can easily imagine it as having life. Another piece is decorated with the unique design of health, which is almost a perfect reproduction of the blossom. Other articles in the collection are painted with designs of forget-me-nots, lilies, chrysanthemums, wild roses, holly, blackberries, huckleberries and peas and many other distinctly clever designs.

PERSONALS

Rev. and Mrs. Scott Westerman of Clayton, Mich., were in Birmingham on their Thanksgiving Day, at a family dinner at noon. Alfred Black, for whom Mrs. Reed is housekeeper, also enjoyed the day at the Reed home.

Miss Nora Fingle, who underwent an operation in the Pontiac City hospital, several weeks ago, has recovered and is able to be out of doors again.

The Birmingham schools were closed Thursday and Friday of last week, owing to the Thanksgiving Day. Nearly all of the teachers who live in other parts of the state, spent the time home and returned for school Monday. Many of the students took advantage of the vacation and enjoyed good bathing and peas and baked turkey at grandmother's house.

Lectures on practical psychology and the sub-conscious mind, which were given in Birmingham two weeks ago, followed by a series of lectures at the Arrior Hotel, were repeated in Royal Oak this past week. Mrs. Julia Church Wilcox and James J. Keeler delivered the lectures and conducted the classes in Birmingham.

BALDWIN HIGH TO GET AN ALLEGORICAL PAINTING

Centennial Pageant Typifying "Our Flag" By Local People, Perpetuated On Canvas

The Bloomfield Centennial committee of 1916 will present to the Baldwin high school on Friday, Dec. 9, at 10:30 a. m. in the senior session room at the chapel exercises to be held at that time, a beautiful allegorical painting "Our Flag." Readers of the Eccentric will remember the Oakland County centennial celebration held in Pontiac on August 24, 1916. Bloomfield was represented in the pageant given in Pontiac that day, by a float showing the interior of a log cabin of 1819 with Misses Elizabeth Floyd and Helen Shaw and Messrs. Ralph Corryell and Spencer Wilsey busily engaged in pioneer occupations while Donald Plumstead and Russell McBride served as guides and attendants.

The general chairman for Bloomfield township was Mrs. Sarah E. Sly. The Float committee was N. E. Daines, chairman, Mrs. T. B. Smith, Mrs. Seymour Adams, Mr. Robert Porritt, Mrs. W. J. McKinney, Mrs. W. D. Clizbe, Miss Susan Brownbridge. The Souther committee was Mrs. N. T. Shaw, chairman, Mrs. George Mitchell, Mrs. W. J. McKinney, Miss Mary Satterlee, Miss Susan M. Trowbridge, Miss Mary E. Utter, Mrs. E. R. Smith, and Dr. C. M. Raynald. J. A. Bigelow and A. W. Anderson, the Besses Post had charge of securing names of former residents of Bloomfield.

After paying all bills, the sum of \$40 remained in the hands of the committee and it was finally decided to buy a picture to be presented to the Baldwin high school, as a memorial of the occasion. As has before been stated, the presentation will be made at the chapel hour, 10:30 a. m., Friday, December 9, in the senior session room, and a cordial invitation is extended to all interested to be present at that time.

Dancing classes will be started in Birmingham the afternoon of Dec. 1 by Miss George Hoyt of Pontiac, who has been established as an instructor in that city for a number of years. Ball room dancing, nature dancing and rhythmic dancing will be taught and classes will be held in the music studio of Mrs. Welch in the First State Bank building. Evening classes will be started soon and for the present will be by appointment. The class is now being organized but owing to limited space, will be limited this winter. Boys and girls from the age of four to 14 may become members of the classes.

Gaylor Simpson of Daines street, has been in a serious illness for the week and is thought to be in a critical condition at present. All of his children have been called home. The cure and recovery will be reported.

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HER BEST SERIAL STORY RUNNING IN THE ECCENTRIC

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KATHLEEN NORRIS

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She began writing in 1910 and has contributed short stories to McClure's, Everybody, Atlantic, American, Ladies' Home Journal, Woman's Home Companion, Saturday Evening Post, Pictorial Review, Good Housekeeping and other publications.

Ellsworth Plumstead of East Maple avenue, has returned to Birmingham and will remain here for the winter, according to his plans at present. Mr. Plumstead has been in the South-eastern States since last February in a dramatic reader, as a member of the Radcliff Chautauque System of Washington, D. C. He stated this week that he would rest from his work this winter, unless it might be to do a little local entertaining until next February, when he will again go with the Radcliff System.

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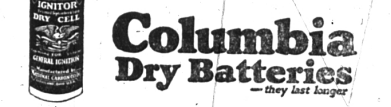
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