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A DEATH TRAP

That's a pretty hard description of a certain street intersection in Birmingham, but true, nevertheless. It relates to that part of the local high way where West Maple and Southfield avenues meet. Sunday witnessed two accidents in that district. In one of them a woman, a passenger in a large automobile, when the car in which she was riding collided with another, was seriously hurt. A little more speed on the part of either of the drivers would probably have resulted in a fatality.

Something should be done by local officers to guard against future accidents at this intersection. If necessary, the speed limit on either West Maple avenues could be so regulated that the danger possibly would be lightly restricted.

Both Southfield and West Maple avenues offer fine roads to the motorist. A slight pressure on the accelerator by the driver of any car will correspondingly increase the speed of the car; and the driver of a car (possibly because of his connection with the human family) will generally, when on good road, try to go "just a bit faster." And this possibility is augmented when the driver of a car does not realize that danger lurks so near.

As a car going west on Maple avenue cannot see whether there is a car coming north on Southfield, cannot see whether there is a car coming west on Maple, because of the high bank along the sidewalk. There lies the "death trap."

Of course, we can't blame anybody for this intersection being built the way it is—Nature had it in mind in long ago. But we do believe that the Village Commission will take steps to immediately erect signs erect a "silent policeman" or even build a gate, if necessary, to avoid future accidents at this point.

CLASSIFIED ADS

A splendid opportunity is given readers of the Eccentric to test out the "pulling power" of a "want ad" in an announcement found on page three of this issue. You are requested to send in your classified ad, not to exceed 21 words, and it will be printed free of charge in the issue of October 14—next Friday.

There is hardly a family in or near Birmingham that cannot use the classified section every week. Isn't there some little thing that you want to buy? Some little thing that you want to sell? Or some little thing that you need to swap? Sure, there is! And you need not think that a classified ad will sell only a small thing—it will sell ANYTHING—anything that is listed among the wants of the human family.

So, if you want to take advantage of this offer, send in your ad at once—we'll do the rest.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

Forty Four Years Ago
A new floor has been laid in the bar room of the National Hotel. It is of ash and cherry stripe and makes a beautiful floor.

F. Hageman, secretary of the Birmingham Aid Society, has sent a check to the Detroit News amounting \$12.95 for the yellow fever sufferers.

R. C. Cummings of Southfield, the well-known manufacturer of wagons, carriages and sleighs, called on us this week and reports business very good in his line.

The ladies of the M. E. church turned out last week and gave the church a thorough cleaning.

A grand entertainment will be given in Library Hall Friday evening. Everyone welcome to 10 cents.

Twenty Five Years Ago
Birmingham is soon to have a winter club.

Overcoats at K. H. Travers', Detroit, \$1.00 each.

The Village Improvement Society want each of the following varieties of trees for the park, one tulip tree, one dogwood, one ash and one sassafras. Won't some of their former friends donate them?

Roasted coffee, 20c; 19 lbs. granulated sugar, \$1.00. Whitehead & Mitchell.

Dear Eccentric:—What do you think is the wisest course for a paper to pursue, "what is one devoted to its own locality and laboring for its interests?" I do not mean best for the paper but best for the dear locality. You criticize careless officials, dirty streets and neglect of things generally; you are giving notice to outsiders that such things be, if you never criticize these things they grow and grow until your good village loses its name and everyone gets careless. The village paper is the only thing that can write these things, and your paper has done much to make this fine town what it is. Which is best, "ought?" Please answer in the next paper. A Citizen.

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COBB'S BATS.—adv.

"PRESS PICKINGS"

With plans for the immediate acquisition of a clubhouse, the Oak Ridge club, including in its membership residents of Pleasant Ridge and Rosswood, was formally organized last week at a meeting in Odd Fellows hall. Charles Staff, president and Edward Goodrich, secretary.

The voters of three districts authorized at a special election Saturday week the consolidation of districts 1 and 6 of Lyon township and 7 of Midland township into a single district, the Taylor school on the Milford-New Hudson road. The vote stood 71 in favor and 13 opposed to the proposition. New Hudson has a brand new modern school building, so that phase of the matter did not cut much of a figure.

The Michigan Truck and Lumber company at Redford is now employing more men than it has for some time, of since the beginning of the present industrial depression. Their work is largely for the Ford Motor Co.

The body of Private Seymour Skitt, one of the Holly boys to give up his life in France fighting for his country, was laid to rest in a beautiful and costly cemetery Sunday afternoon, with military honors, the services being under the direction of American Legion, Holly.

A joint meeting of the Fernalde Board of Commerce and the Central Efficiency club closed with the opening of Fernalde's first citizenship school, which was held Thursday afternoon, October 6, 1921, in the auditorium of the Lincoln high school at 8 o'clock sharp.

The beach pavilion at Island Lake burned early last Wednesday, the loss estimated at \$10,000. It was owned by George J. Williams. It is planned to rebuild it of fireproof material.

Owing to the extreme hazard connected with children crossing the streets in going to and from the three local public schools, the Royal Oak board of education has written a communication to the city commission has asked that a committee be appointed by the board to consider the question of a police escort for school children.

Oscar McComb is busily engaged in putting up his new barn on his farm between Edgewood and Fenton to replace the one destroyed by fire some time ago. He has a barn which is the best of its kind in the county. Fred Johnson of Fenton, furnished the orchestra and Mr. McComb says to that effect one who attended had a good time.

Royal Oak city's proposed charter, approved Wednesday by Alex. J. Groesbeck, will be submitted to a vote of the people Tuesday. A mayor, seven city commissioners, a justice of the peace and constable will be elected on that date.

Unique in the history of the churches of Edgewood was the triple stone laying event which took place Sunday. The laying of the corner stone of the Edgewood Methodist church and the Methodist Children's Home which was to have taken place last Friday, was postponed on account of bad weather. In the meantime the Clarenceville church project so far advanced as to have one laying of its own.

The Eighty-third Annual session of the Universalist Convention of Michigan was held in Farmington on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 6th and 7th.

An ordinance providing for the establishment of a bus line, either publicly or privately owned, and operated on a fixed schedule, will be suggested to the trustees of Ford Village Oct. 14 if the U. R. H. has not already done so.

Charles Edwin Jones, a Michigan corporation, and C. C. Battelle, defendant and cross-defendant. Notice is hereby given that a writ fieri facias in the twenty-fifth day of July in the year nineteen hundred and twenty, of the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland in favor of J. A. Jones, plaintiff, against the Michigan Corporation, and C. C. Battelle, defendant and cross-defendant, in said county to me directed and delivered, I did on the 12th day of July, D. 1921 levy upon and take all the right, title and interest of the said Charles Edwin Jones in and to the following described real estate, that is:

The west 18 feet of lot 28 Brown's Addition to the Village of Birmingham as recorded in the Village of Birmingham on page 84 Oakland County Records; Lot 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 of Valentine's Addition to the Village of Birmingham as recorded in liber 11 of plat 59 of plats, Oakland County Records; Lots 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54 of the subdivision of the Village of Birmingham recorded in liber 4 of plats on page 40 Oakland County Records.

and a George Blakeley's plat of the Village of Birmingham excepting the west 18 feet thereof as recorded in liber 2 of plats, Oakland County Records; Lots 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64 of the subdivision of the Village of Birmingham recorded in liber 10 of plats on page 10 Oakland County Records.

Lot 31 of Residence Park re-subdivision of the Village of Birmingham, according to plat recorded in liber 12 of plats on page 12 Oakland County Records. Notice is hereby given for sale at public auction or vendor to the highest bidder the east 1/2 of the court house in Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, on the 12th day of November next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

JAMES B. BUTLER, Sheriff of Oakland County, Mich. By HAROLD D. COLE, Deputy Sheriff.

Dated the 11th day of September, 1921. RACE HAAS & ALLEN, Attorneys for defendant and cross-plaintiff, 1124 Bank Bldg., Detroit, Michigan.

LITTLE JOURNEYS OF A BIRMINGHAM PHILOSOPHER

Ten years is a long time for a one-time professional man to forego the pleasures of a vacation. He has been formally organized last spring and getting weary of watching the speeders on Woodward Avenue from the vantage point of the philosopher's retreat on the west side of the corporation headquarters.

So, on August 30th, after giving my property interest in the woods of my good friend, Milo Rowe, the youngest old man in Birmingham, I purchased a ticket for the Woodward, Mich., via Michigan Central R. R., with stopover in the beautiful city of Ann Arbor.

Ann Arbor is really the queen of Michigan small cities, and while I would like to tell readers of the Eccentric some of the charming things about the great university town, my space will only permit of a brief review of some of the things that I observed there, during which I called on each of the prominent real estate and insurance men whom I met in my journey to and from the city.

It has several manufacturing industries, the largest of which is the Hanchett Swage Works, whose founder and president, Mr. Volney Hanchett, was my host during my visit there. It also has several furniture factories and a large flour mill, as well as many minor industries.

The institution for which it is best known, however, is the Ferris Institute, founded by our ex-governor more than 25 years ago. Mr. Ferris began his private school in a room over a store, but now occupies a number of large buildings covering several acres of ground and has an average enrollment of about eight hundred students from all over Michigan and adjoining states.

The first Mrs. Ferris, whom we had the pleasure to know, was his associate teacher in the Ferris Institute in all his years, a most charming woman, who died some four or five years ago, leaving a large and comfortable home.

During our stay in Big Rapids we took a day off to journey across country to the west side of the county, to the county seat of Isabella county, 44 miles. Mr. Pleasant is also an educational center, being the home of the State Normal School, which is a large institution, though not quite as important as the one at Ypsilanti.

We looked in upon the county fair while there and while, of course, it would not compare with our state fair, yet it was quite a creditable exhibition of the products of a very prosperous county. The horse races and automobile races were the chief side line attractions.

Mr. Pleasant is a well-kept town with modern improvements and high taxes, though not as high as in Birmingham.

We left Big Rapids for home on the morning of Sept. 9th, but we had been home only a few days when through the courtesy of our general friend, Mr. E. R. Smith, our vacation experiences were to be enlarged by another delightful auto journey to nearby towns. We visited Redford, Plymouth, Farmington and Northville all in one day and, lived to tell the story. We had not visited Redford in several years, and found that it had grown wonderfully on that time.

They are the same distance from Detroit as Royal Oak and as taking on city sites, though they are worse off for water than we are, being dependent on wells for drinking purposes, and the water from the little river is unfit for domestic use.

Farmington is looking up though it has yet the appearance of a small country village, while Northville is very much like the average back country town. But Plymouth is the gem of all the villages around Detroit, except possibly Birmingham.

Situated only five miles farther than we are from the city, they have a delightful village, with wide streets and beautiful homes, and an unfolding picture of a city of the future.

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supply of finest spring-water from the hills of Northville and the village of Farmington. R. EUGENE GRIGGS.

But, all in all, Birmingham still looks good to us as E. R. says, so we shall settle down for a while, and try to help friend Averill edit the Eccentric at ten dollars a day and a free subscription, while we watch our doors again.

Miss Esther Reynolds, who has been suffering from an attack of diphtheria, has recovered and is out of doors again.

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