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KINDNESS AND COURTESY

These are about the most admirable traits that any human could attempt to cultivate,—and Village President Clizbe is handing to the people of Birmingham a package of axioms that would augur well for anyone to think over. Kindness and courtesy can be exemplified in every act of human life—even to the obtaining of a sufficient water supply for Birmingham, or the floating of a bond issue to carry out any civic project.

We have watched with a good deal of close attention the actions of the worthy Village President since he was elected to office at the special election in the fall of 1920. There is no doubt in our mind regarding the sincerity of purpose and steadfastness of pursuit that marks the actions of Mr. Clizbe. He is first, last and always for the Village of Birmingham; for the greatest good to the greatest number—according to his lights.

But a New Era has dawned on our community life. We are no longer the little "Four Corners" that we were 40 years ago, when Mr. Clizbe first made his appearance in Birmingham. We are a product of modern life and we need modern methods to cope with our community needs. Mr. Clizbe was first elected to fill out the unexpired term caused by the resignation of Thomas Luscombe. His platform was based on the assurance that Birmingham would get more water—last spring—which fact impresses our townsmen with favor toward the Village Commission. Mr. Clizbe was again elected, last spring, on the "record of the past and the promise of the future." Records stand, but promises are not fixed standards.

The Eccentric supported the Village Commission's bond issue to cover the cost of erecting a 300,000 gallon steel storage tank. Although that bond issue did not get the favorable verdict of the people, the Village Commission, acting in an emergency, ordered the tank and it is not yet in operation.

Mr. Clizbe published a letter in last week's Eccentric relative to a meeting of the Citizens' Water Commission. A close analysis of that letter reveals nothing but destructive criticism. Although he wishes that "co-operation and courtesy" may result between the Village Commission and the Citizens' Water Commission, he does not, by the tenor of his letter, set a good example for others to follow.

The people of Birmingham are not asleep on their rights. They want water above everything else. They don't care who gives it to them, as long as they obtain it at a minimum cost. If the Citizens' Water Commission comes across with better and cheaper plans, the people will undoubtedly buy from them. The people, after all—(the majority of them)—reserve the right to "reject any or all bids."

But right here let President Clizbe take notice: The people of Birmingham are not going another summer without water enough for all purposes. And they want some sort of a project for a definite water relief started before the snow flies this winter.

It is about time that Mr. Clizbe put into action the above caption. Kindness and courtesy, in the dictionary, are merely definitions—and so is water.

What we need in this town, it would seem, is kindness and courtesy exemplified—not to mention a sufficiency of good water flowing through our Village mains.

IT'S OUR WORLD

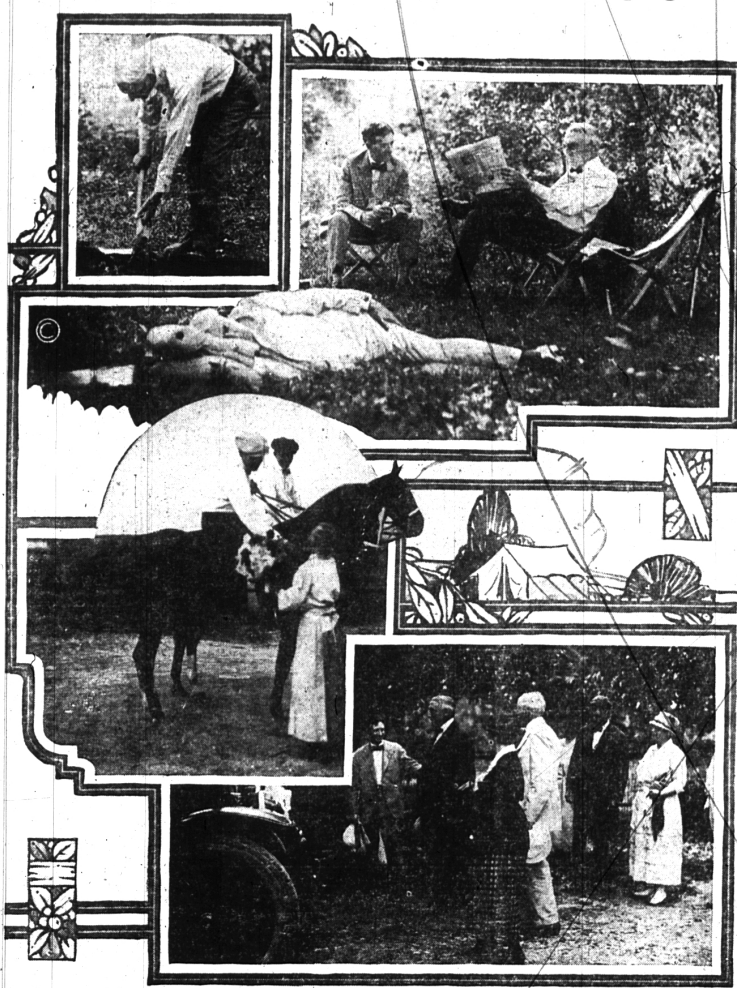
and it's not a bit better than we attempt to make it. Sherman knew a thing or two when he remarked about it many years ago—we all admit he was right, yet what will we ultimately do about it?

The need was shown when Cain slew Abel—ships and millions of finely dressed soldiers—the result, not to mention the pitiful conditions of humankind that exist the world over.

Let's do a little "s'posin'." Here we live, in the beautiful spot called Birmingham. To insure a certain amount of law and order; to provide against the spreading of fire; to have good health, clean streets, water mains, sewers and our educational facilities, we are compelled to pay taxes. This tax money, collected each summer, pays for our Village needs.

Over the Bloomfield Hills—just a few miles away—lies the city of Pontiac. We are on friendly terms with her, but—"just s'posin'"—one or the other of us conceived the idea of enlightenment, of reaching out and, by force, taking what belonged to us, what would happen? We all know. Immediately our respective officials would get together and formulate plans to obtain a vast array of

President Harding Thoroughly Enjoys "Roughing It" in Mountains With Edison-Ford-Firestone Camping Party



Upper left: Henry Ford, chopping wood. Upper right: President Harding and H. S. Firestone discuss the morning news; Thomas A. Edison in the foreground resting. Center: President Harding accepting a bouquet of flowers from an aged woman residing near the camp. Lower: President Harding, on his arrival, greets his fellow campers.

THESE are those who may claim recently concluded a unique camping trip through the Maryland and West Virginia mountains. It was a genuine "back to nature" trip for the campers, who sought to shun as much as possible the spotlight of publicity which continuously plays upon each of them. The president was obliged to return after a brief outing because of the

press of official business, but Mr. Ford brought with him a thoroughbred horse continued into the heart of the hills, from his Ohio farm for the night. While in camp, the president and his friends, it was once more members of the party made aside one of these spirited animals their own, kindly, assisted in the that the president took his first ride camp chores, went fishing and fol-in years. He expressed his enjoyment the usual routine of the time-out of the experience and his physician has suggested first he can tour.

One of their favorite recreations, issue the practice for his health. The play recorded in liber 42 of plat on page 12 Oakland County Records. All of which I shall expose for sale at public auction, or venditor to the highest bidder at the front door of the court house in Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, on the 16th day of September next at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

JAMES S. BUTLER, Sheriff of Oakland County, Mich. Dated the 20th day of July, A. D. 1921. RACE, HANSEN & ALLEN, Attorneys for defendants and complainants. 1727 First Bank Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

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