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WATER—AGAIN.

Some Village was facetiously remarked early last spring that "the only place we can find an abundance of water these days is in the columns of the Eccentric."

To a certain degree he was right. We dare say that the word, "water," has probably been repeated often in the Eccentric during the past year and a half than any other noun. So much for that.

President Clizbe, in a letter published in last week's Eccentric, says "we expect the huge storage tank will be in full running order by the time your next Eccentric is printed. Then we shall have good protection and this vast quantity of water will be ready for any emergency, summer or winter. It can be used in season for lawn sprinkling. This tank will prove to be a great blessing to many an emergency for years to come."

That the storage tank in question will prove a good thing for Birmingham is undoubted by all. It will hold in reserve a supply of water, available for pumping purposes, that could not be taken at one time from the wells. Whether or not this tank could supply the entire Village with sufficient water for domestic and garden use is a question that cannot be solved this year, inasmuch as the summer, now past, will not necessitate the use of water for sprinkling purposes. As far as having sufficient water for domestic use this winter, we would have it without this tank as a reserve supply, as we have had in past winters.

Since we are then assured of sufficient water for domestic use, and since we will not require water for garden or lawn, it remains to be seen whether or not the water stored in this tank, added to that which is daily pumped from the wells, is adequate to combat possible fires.

There is one thing that the people of Birmingham should insist upon: the actual possibility of pumping in to the downtown district 1,500 gallons of water, at 55 pence per inch, per square inch, per minute. This amount, of water, we are told, is demanded by the Michigan Inspection Bureau to allow Birmingham a continuance of her present insurance rates. If Birmingham then complies with this demand, she must pay out greatly increased insurance premiums. We have been told that this increase in insurance premiums alone would approximate \$9,000.00 per year. And this sum, of money, in the last analysis, is paid for by the entire population of Birmingham, and they get no additional water supply for the expenditure.

President Clizbe knows that the Michigan Inspection Bureau requests an increase in water supply to the business district. He knows that the steam pump in use at the water works can deliver less than a quarter of the amount of water needed to meet these requirements. He has stated that the water main coming up West Maple avenue from the water works station is far too small to properly supply the town with all the water needed—even the we do have enough water supply at the station.

The people of Birmingham elected the Commission primarily on their promise to obtain a permanent water supply. This Commission has installed a tank to augment the present water sources. Well and good—now what we want is a permanent supply and pumping machinery and mains to carry this precious fluid into every home.

The people of Birmingham would like to hear from President Clizbe and Commissioners to thank and Brown relative to this permanent water supply—not to mention meeting the requirements of the Michigan Inspection Bureau.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

Forty four Years Ago
Bill Smith wants 5,000 bushels of elder apples. Will pay 10 cents a bushel.

Of nine men who have been captured in the Village this summer for crimes, eight of them have been rounded up by Jim Beatis.

Immense quantities of eating apples are being shipped from Birmingham this fall at \$1.00 and \$1.25 per bushel.

Those enterprising, go-ahead drivers, Frank and Carter, struck another fine flowing well for San Solta, on Tuesday last. This is the second flowing well these boys have struck for Mr. Solta within a short time.

In the corner of Frank Ford's new brick house we stuffed a copy of the Birmingham Eccentric, the Post-Examiner, the Free Press and the Pontiac Gazette, along with a written paper. Where will we be when they are unearthed?

A handsome assortment of hairbrushes and eyeglasses at Hagerman's.

Twenty Five Years Ago
There has been depression in every

line of industry. The annual report of the fourth assistant postmaster general shows an extraordinary decrease in the number of mail robberies during the past year.

Apples are being box by the carload for 10 cents per one hundred pounds by outside parties for cider.

In Michigan last year there were 37,904 persons who had children in marriage. This is an increase of 1,464 over the preceding year. It looks like matrimony is actually getting popular.

There are stalks of corn on exhibition in the postoffice that are 17 feet high.

The Ladies' library contains 30 volumes of French history, biography travel and historical fiction.

Collars seven cents each at Hudson's, Detroit. Also cuffs at 12 1/2 cents per pair.

The State Board of Equalization have finally made their report and, while they have cut down the valuation \$24,000.00, yet Oakland County came in for a raise. The former valuation of Oakland County was \$29,000.00 and now it is \$30,000.00. It was ever thus. Wayne County received a raise of \$15,000.00.

"PRESS PICKINGS"

During the past few days two men were being drilled at the water works park in Rochester. And now it is reported, to use an old expression, that the "water" is burning. Both wells are of approximately 81 feet in depth and flow an unusually large quantity.

The body of Lewis Clark reached Milford last week from Oxford, and was buried with military honors under the auspices of the Ernest Oldenburg Post, Sunday afternoon at Oak Grove.

Miss Nola Vincent, of Milford, is rather proud of the fact that last week she received from the State Board of Equalization a pin and emblem awarded for passing a life-saving contest. While at Cambridge this summer, the body of the young ladies took the test given by a crew from the life-saving station at Travers City and Miss Nola was one of a dozen who met the requirements.

Oxford, last Sunday, paid homage to its first returned soldier, Private Arthur L. Hill, who gave his life in the World War.

The Northrop Lumber Company has been given a free site by the Village of Orion.

The 250 acre farm and building owned by Samuel C. Hill, situated just south of Orion Village, is reported sold to the Lake Orion Summer Homes Company, consideration \$10,000.00.

At the W. C. T. U. convention at Oxford last week, a silver medal was offered for the best delivered recitation on such subjects as "The Peace of the World," and Mrs. A. D. Baldwin, a native of Orion, in the platform, carried off the prize.

At a special election held in Oxford village last week, the sum of \$31,000 for the purpose of paving Washington street in Oxford went down in defeat, losing by 19 votes.

"The peach orchard of Frank Bowman, of Romeo, produced 1000 bushels of fruit during the season, while the orchard of John R. Davis, of a yield of 250 bushels and the Mount-ain View orchard produced over 8,000 bushels."

Oakland is to have a new voting precinct in water supply to the business district. He knows that the steam pump in use at the water works can deliver less than a quarter of the amount of water needed to meet these requirements. He has stated that the water main coming up West Maple avenue from the water works station is far too small to properly supply the town with all the water needed—even the we do have enough water supply at the station.

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GIFT-GRAIN PLEA LAUNCHED FROM HISTORIC FARM

EMERGENCY BOARD ORGANIZES
AT HOME OF WHITNEY WATKINS
KINS IN JACKSON COUNTY;
ISSUES NEAR EAST APPEAL.

100,000 BUSHELS REQUIRED TO RESCUE DYING CHILDREN

For the first time in the annals of an American relief organization, a farm—one of the oldest and finest in Michigan—served as the meeting place recently of a State-wide group assembled to appeal to their fellow farmers as a class to contribute to the State's relief of children in a foreign land.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Whitney Watkins, of Watkins Farms, in Jackson County, were the hosts of the Emergency Grain Board of the Michigan Committee of Near East Relief, and immediately after lunch on the board formally organized itself and named an executive committee to launch and manage a campaign among the farmers of the State for 100,000 bushels of grain, or its equivalent, to be sent as Michigan's share of America's gift of 5,000,000 bushels, now being collected, to Armenia, Syria, Assyria and adjacent lands of Asia Minor. Resultant of starvation and exposure there, cholera and typhus have broken out, and thousands of helpless children and helpless adults are dying in the streets and by the roadsides.

Governor Phone Board.

Kept by official business from attending the meeting as chairman of the Near East Committee, Governor Goessbeck telephoned his regret from Lansing to Watkins Farms, and sent to the meeting a letter of appreciation, a letter backing the campaign.

Former Lieutenant Governor Loren D. Dickinson, chairman of the organization, presided as temporary chairman, and these officers were elected for the board: Chairman, Herman H. Halliday, of Lansing; Councilman, Arthur J. Smith, of South Haven; Professor David Friday, president-elect of Michigan Agricultural College, secretary; L. Whitney Watkins, of Manchester, executive committee—Mr. Halliday; Professor Friday and Mr. Watkins. Other members of the Emergency Grain Board are: James W. Smith, of South Haven, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau; Grant Slocum, of Detroit, president of The Gleaners; A. B. Cook, of Romeo, master of the State Grange; T. R. Waterbury, of Detroit, manager of the Michigan Farmer; Forrest Lord, of Mt. Clemens, editor of the Michigan Business Farmer; Frank B. Drees of Lansing, secretary of the Michigan Bean Jobbers Association; former State Senator Charles B. Scully of Alton; A. Edward H. Allen, of Adrian, farmer, and Alfred Allen, president of the Michigan Association of Farmers Clubs.

Under Historic Roof.

In welcoming the guest, Mr. Watkins spoke feelingly of the pride he has as a farmer took in having the first meeting of such an organization as the Emergency Grain Board on his farm which his grandfather, coming here from New Hampshire in 1832, had selected, and under the roof which for 84 consecutive years had sheltered his parents—the home to which the fourth generation, three sons, will return as farmers when they have finished their studies. Mr. Watkins concluded, "in the response the farmers of Michigan will make to this humane appeal for food for starving children, Christian people across the seas who are tillers of the soil too, for I know the homely, kindly, sympathetic spirit to help which is to be found everywhere in the farmhouse of this State."

Mr. Dickinson spoke briefly of his complete confidence that the farmers as a class will ensure the success of the campaign for grain.

Divine blessing on the appeal was invoked by the Rev. E. H. Huelsner, of Alton, a New East field worker recently returned from Asia Minor.

Halliday: "Up to Us."

Chairman Halliday expressed vigorously the sentiment: "This undertaking of mercy, here dedicated in this historic farmhouse where sympathy for suffering has abode through the generations, we must push forward, and show that Michigan farmers are prepared to do their full share in the national undertaking."

Director Spillans outlined briefly the immediate need for 5,000,000 bushels of grain from America—100,000 bushels from Michigan.

Former Senator Scully likened America in this undertaking to the "white ship of mercy"—the hospital ship which follows the fighting fleet. He reminded the farmers of the State that the charges often in being made them in the cities that they in their organizations "never have put anything big across because they never hang together," and he held this as an unequalled opportunity for them to disprove that charge by "joining hands across the farms" and co-operating with the Farm Bureau, the State Grange, The Gleaners, the farm clubs and other agricultural organizations for the immediate success of the grain campaign.

PERSONALS

In the spring Miss Elsie Doying, of Merrill street, will complete her course of music at the Detroit Conservatory of Music. It is the intention of Miss Doying to be able to teach her art in the public schools when she finishes the study. She has had a great deal of experience for a pupil her age, and is considered one of the most apt students in her class at the Conservatory. She is now engaged part of the time in teaching a class of ten pupils in Birmingham once each week.

An interesting and somewhat unusual party was given last week by Miss Kathleen Van Zandt of Dewey street, when she entertained a number, street, when she entertained a number of her friends, both Birmingham and through the State, in the "Volanda," a special D. U. R. car, which carried the party to Jackson. Along the route the young people stopped at several places where they had refreshment and, at Spillans, had lunch, later stopping at their destination for the theater. Two young women from near assisted the young people in their journey. They were the Misses Elsie Cobb, of Oakdale, and Sally Brennan, of Bloomfield Hills.

Guy Shattuck was elected Keeper of Records and Seals, and Charles Jones, Master of Finance, of the Knights of Pythias, a week ago last Tuesday evening.

Miss Bata Patton, a resident of Garson City, has arrived in Birmingham and is making her home with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Patton, at T. C. Hoteling, of Merrill street. She accepted a position last week in the office of Mr. George Raynolds.

ARISTOCRACY in ice cream, PEELERS' Men in Birmingham, GUARD 33 Birmingham Creamery—adv.

DURAND CIGARS, very mild, adv.

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dollar per 10,000 of farm value was a fair proportional figure upon which to base the various county quotas throughout the State; and on this basis the board, operating through the farm organizations, will go to the farmers for Michigan's share in the grain gift.

Mr. Waterbury and Mr. Lord gave assurance that the farmers of the State will heartily endorse and support the grain appeal, and both were of opinion that the full amount required for the State's quota will be forthcoming in a very short time.

Letter to Farmers.

At a meeting of the executive committee held immediately after adjournment of the board the following letter was made public:

To the Farmers of Michigan:

From the Emergency Grain Board, Farms, Manchester:

"With children dying in their mother's arms of starvation; with cholera and typhus spreading; with the population perishing in such numbers that the larger cities wagons twice daily remove the corpses from the streets; with knowledge that food must be procured, transported and carried into the interior before these dread conditions can be overcome, the Executive Officers of Near East Relief recognize the absolute need for an immediate campaign for grain for the relief of the Near East."

"These men, who at their own expense had gone into this region of misery and death to verify the reports of these dread conditions and to procure facts upon which to base the next year's relief program, realized that not half the story had been told. Unhesitatingly they issued the order for a 'Nation-wide grain-giving'."

"The wall of the starving people of Armenia and its neighboring lands has been heard throughout America. The Michigan Committee of Near East Relief has been created to bring the appeal for these people, of whom eight per cent are farmers, to the farmers of our own State."

In Death's Shadow.

"This year, today, you yourselves suffer the effects of short crops. But over there? The only harvest those unhappy people have had in more than five years has been the daily harvest of the dead; picked up in the streets; by the child waylaid of the Great Mountain; in the desolated farm valleys of Armenia; on the scorched floor of a desert whose only shadow of refuge for them has been the shadow of the wing of Death."

"We have been chosen to present to you their plight, and being of you, we do not think it too much to ask that you will sacrifice, that they may live."

"The need which America is called upon to meet is for 5,000,000 bushels of grain and wheat. Michigan's allotted share is 100,000 bushels."

"The records in the Michigan office of Near East Relief disclose many individual contributions by farmers. But this is the first time in Michigan the call has been sent forth to farmers as a producing class."

"We recognize that you may not be in a position where you can contribute either corn or wheat. You may prefer to make a contribution of money; or you may desire to contribute in any other way. The choice of your gift rests with you. Our thought is simply this:

"Every farmer in the State should contribute to the success of this appeal in behalf of these starving people—our allies in the World War, the oldest race of Christians."

One Dollar in \$10,000.

"The distribution of Michigan's county quotas is fair. It represents a contribution equal to one dollar in every \$10,000 of farm value."

"This appeal, to be of any benefit in the present crisis, must be met before November 1, 1921, in order that the grain may be milled, transported across the seas, and delivered into the interior before the snows of early winter block the roads in Armenia and the Near East. This is an opportunity for life-saving service which may but once be offered."

"BUT ONE—shall pass through this world but once. Any man who therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it—I shall not pass this way again."

"Faithfully and confidently yours,
"EMERGENCY GRAIN BOARD,
"NEAR EAST RELIEF."
"HERMAN H. HALLIDAY,
Chairman.
"DAVID FRIDAY,
Vice-Chairman.
"L. WHITNEY WATKINS,
Secretary.
"A. EDWARD HILLENDEAN,
JAMES NICOL,
"GRANT H. SLOCUM,
"A. B. COOK,
"T. R. WATERBURY,
"FORREST LORD,
"FRANK B. DREES,
"CHARLES B. SCULLY,
"ALFRED ALLEN."

The Buchanan Pocket Billiard room, 127 East Maple avenue, has been thoroughly redecorated and is in readiness to receive patrons again, according to the manager.

Mrs. H. C. Murray, of South Woodward avenue, has been confined to her home about two weeks with a severe attack of the grippe, but is much improved and is out-of-doors again.

Mrs. S. H. Wilkinson, of Stanley avenue, returned home last week-end after having spent a week with friends at Vernon, Michigan.

Miss Louise Robinson, of Orton, has returned to her home. She visited friends and relatives in Birmingham several days of last week.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Circuit Court for the County of . . . No. 7315
Charles Edwin and cross-defendant
Plaintiff and cross-defendant
H. A. Jones Real Estate Co., a Michigan Corporation, and C. C. Battelle, Defendants and cross-plaintiffs, vs. Charles Edwin Jones, plaintiff and cross-defendant, and in county, to wit: Oakland County, Michigan, did on the 23rd day of July A. D. 1921 levy upon and take the title and interest of said Charles Edwin Jones and to the following described real estate, to-wit: The east 1/2 of lot 20 in Brown's Addition to the Village of Birmingham as recorded in Liber three of plate on page 48, Oakland County Records.

Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 10