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FOR FORTY-FOUR YEARS

This issue of the Birmingham Eccentric marks the beginning of the forty-fifth year of its publication. Forty-four years ago Messrs. Whitehead & Mitchell conceived the idea that the then little "four corners," known as Birmingham, was worthy of a newspaper. They believed in the future of their town enough to invest a large amount of this world's goods in the necessary type and other materials necessary to the printing of a newspaper, as well as to carry on a job printing department. And Birmingham has, we are glad to say, given its continued support to this early project.

During these forty-four years there have been 2288 issues of the Eccentric printed and circulated among its subscribers. These 2288 publications have revealed to the world the life of Birmingham during this time. Every birth, death and marriage (even the rate of taxes for each year) has been chronicled in these columns. An attempt to cover the news of the community has been made as well, and articles that would bring about a closer spirit of brotherhood and kindlier feeling have appeared each week.

The population of Birmingham has changed mightily during these forty-four years. People have come and gone—some few of them have remain. We have on our subscription list a good many who have taken the Eccentric from the time it was given birth, and we hope to retain their patronage until the Grim Reaper calls them to other lands. Panics have descended upon the land—yet, during these forty-four years, the Eccentric has faithfully appeared each week—sometimes at a loss to its owners.

We do not wish to brag about The Eccentric. However, the publisher of any small town newspaper can say just the things that we venture about our paper. And what we shall say about The Eccentric, as related to Birmingham, cannot be said by the publishers of any of the metropolitan dailies that circulate in Birmingham. What we say is this: There is no publication that circulates within the village of Birmingham that is as eagerly looked for, as devotedly read, as religiously followed and believed in as The Eccentric. Rather a bold statement, some of you may opine. But, we can reply: truthful, nevertheless.

Can you imagine what your town would be like without a newspaper? It would be like a body without a spirit living within. We make no attempt to create sensational news stories; we cannot afford to print costly pictures and other material in our paper—but we do print the little things that are dear to the hearts of local residents, the personals, social activities, and the proceedings of our community life. We avoid the sensational for the homely, the little tinges of life that mean so much to "Mrs. Jones and Bill Spilvens."

The Eccentric as it appears today is not the acme of our idea of a real weekly newspaper. As time goes on we shall, to the best of our ability, enlarge our plant equipment, thus making it possible to print a larger and better newspaper. To accomplish this, however, we need the support of Birmingham. We want the people of Birmingham to really feel that The Eccentric is **their newspaper**—and to feel at liberty to use it legitimately whenever they can.

And so we begin the forty-fifth year of the life of The Eccentric. May it far surpass those years that have slipped into the scales of yesterday; for, when all is said and done, unless the newspaper in a community prospers and grows, the town itself will not advance. We believe in the future of Birmingham—help us to do our part in bringing it about.

It would seem, then, that water contained in a steel tank is against the wishes of some of the local people.

Six years must elapse before the words "obey" and "with all my worldly goods I thee bestow" are stricken from the marriage ritual of one of the church denominations. Can you picture a love-lorn lad and his lass waiting that long? Neither can we.

Cheer up! The Summer tax is less than half of what you'll have to pay next winter.

It is rumored that some of the local boys intend to let their locks grow unmolested until they resemble the present "bobbed hair" of the girls. Oh, well—anyway, fellows, you can do one thing that the girls can't—you can grow a beard.

Now that the girls are wearing "knickers", why doesn't some manufacturer market a sort of new half-hose—something to compare with men's sox? That would give the "knicker" factories a chance to induce the women to wear long trousers—and then we wouldn't have any trouble about clothes, unless the men started wearing dresses.

Birmingham still remains the best place in the world to live in.

There is no better place in Oakland County to get your printing done than at The Eccentric office.

DURAND CIGARS, very mild. adv

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

Forty-Four Years Ago

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A fine show will be given at the place of James Beattie next week. Everyone welcome and you are assured of a good show because John R. Nye is manager, director and property man.

Luther Stanley is taking township assessment and the solemn wail of the disconsolate dog owner is heard in the land.

A man in this town has been assessed $27 for his dogs.

A sidewalk has been ordered on the south side of Brown street, starting at Sagmaw (Woodward) and continuing for several blocks.

A. C. Ellis trimmed the long row of fine maple trees in front of the hotel last week. They sure look great.

Garden seeds at three cents a package at the feed store.

The old woolen mill at Flint is running again and is employing 12 men.

A military company has been organized in Holly, sixty men strong.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

This week the Birmingham Eccentric starts on its 20th year.

The students of Royal Oak celebrated Arbor Day by planting a number of trees in the high school yard. A great deal of effort was exercised in planting these trees and it is expected they will all live to a good old age.

A large dancing pavilion is being erected at Walnut Lake. A number of cottages are also being put up there this summer. It is thought this resort will become one of the liveliest in this county soon.

Wide attention has been aroused concerning the voting of an addition to our present school building, next Monday. Some of our most prominent citizens are quoted herewith. Some are in favor of it and some are not. We feel sure that in twenty to thirty years these men who are against the proposed plan today, will be able to look back and see their mistake, if they do not see it through. Those for it are: F. Blakeslee, E. C. Poppleton, E. R. Smith, W. B. Carter, A. Whitehead, Wm. Manser, Rev. Hiram Hood, George E. Aldrich, George Purdy, Frank Young, L. B. Peabody, F. G. Pearsall, Ed. O'Neil, F. Hagerman, M. R. Blair, Charles Parks, Charles H. Schlaack, Eugene Brooks and Mrs. L. H. Sawyer. Those against the plan are: Dr. C. M. Raynale, A. Partridge, John Hanna, Volney Nixon, Pinder Worth, Charles R. Hoffman, George Gedds, M. D. Masters, Al Hutton, John Baldwin, A. Blakeslee and J. Allen Bigelow. We would like to be living in years to come to see how they feel then. Hope we are.

The grading of the hills between here and Pontiac by the Oakland Railway Co. is a wonderful piece of work.

"PRESS PICKINGS"

Arrangements have been completed for establishment of a Presbyterian church at Keego Harbor.

The Little Theater, Pontiac's newest shrine of the thespian art, will be opened to the general public this week.

O. D. Thompson, 36 years old, superintendent of schools in Romeo for 25 years and commissioner of schools for Macomb county for 10 years, died last week Tuesday. He was a Civil war veteran.

Action taken by the board of Royal Oak township in refusing to pay more than $50 for fire calls in the township, will leave most of the rural sections of Royal Oak without adequate fire protection.

Every veteran, ex-service man or woman in Royal Oak township will be interviewed during the coming week by representatives of Frank Wentland post No. 253 and the local unit of the American Legion auxiliary. A census of veterans of the World War will be taken. Every veteran will be asked 48 questions and his answers made a matter of record. When the national census is complete, the national headquarters of the Legion expects to have a concise and complete record of every man and woman who was in service.

Paving of John R. road between the Seven and the Eight Mile roads by the City of Detroit, is now assured, by the award announced last week by A. V. Belknap, Oakland county highway engineer, who has received official notice from Joseph R. Martin, commissioner of the Detroit department of public works.

Members of the Clarkston Leaders' group, at a meeting last week in Clarkston, decided to take some action if possible to prevent the abandonment of the Red Cross nursing work now being carried on in three townships by Miss L. Laurandeau.

Fire, caused by a painter's blowtorch, destroyed the $50,000 home of George H. Yerkes, Northville, formerly prosecuting attorney of Wayne county, Wednesday.

Sergt. Milan Pratt, in charge of the State Police post at Farmington, was instantly killed recently when his motorcycle crashed into the concrete abutment of a bridge on the Plymouth road a mile and a half from Wayne.

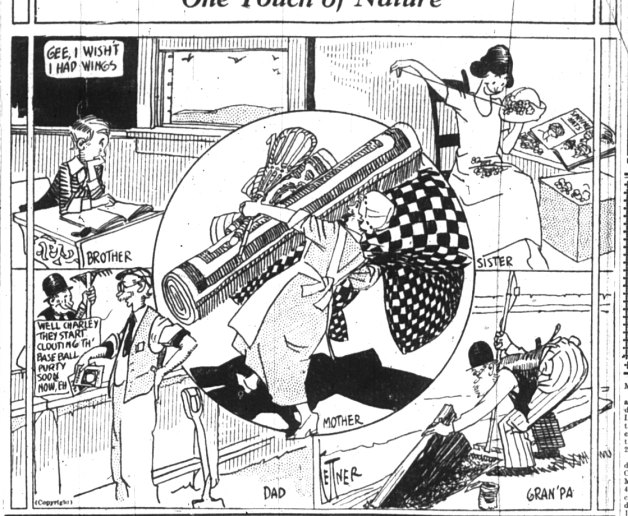
Miss Neva Lovewell of South Lyon, has been engaged by the U. of M. to manage the fund raising campaign for the projected Woman's League building on the campus. It involves a cost of $750,000.00 and an endowment of $250,000.00.

During March the payroll at four of the largest factories in Pontiac reached a total of $572,941. These factories were nearly closed down only a few months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moergeli and daughter, Ellen, have moved to Birmingham and are making their home at 511 Watkins street. Little Miss Ellen has entered the grades in the Hill school.

DURAND CIGARS, very mild. adv

One Touch of Nature



SEEKS RECRUITS FOR CAMP CUSTER

Major Richard B. Hewitt Appointed Chairman By Government; 90 Applicants Wanted From County

PEACE-TIME ARMY

Camp Custer is again taking on an air of activity; officers and men are being moved from Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., and reserve officers and fortunate candidates for the Citizen's Military Training Camp will attend this camp for the training period, in accordance with the plans of the War Department, it was made known this week.

Major Richard B. Hewitt, a resident of Oakland avenue, Birmingham, and connected with the 85th Division Headquarters, has been assigned to act as chairman for Oakland County and will conduct all preparatory work in connection with sending the boys from this county to the training camp.

"This is a part of our National Defense Act," said Major Hewitt, "that permits of maintaining a peace-time army with a minimum of training, the Commanding General of each corps area being directly in charge of their respective camps. These camps are not, as some seem to think, for the reformation of incorrigible boys. Candidates should be of high standing in their community with a high standard of intelligence, as the White and Blue courses are preparatory for officer material for the National Guard and Officers Reserve Corps."

These camps afford an exceptional opportunity for young men between the ages of 17 and 35 to have a four weeks' outing, camp life and physical development, out-of-doors games and sports; expert and individual medical attention; removal of any minor bodily defects; social recreation; lectures; vaudeville, moving pictures; amateur and dramatic musical entertainment and voluntary religious exercises for men of all faiths. The government will pay the full expenses of transportation, subsistence, quarters, uniforms, equipments, laundry service, medical and dental care.

Major Hewitt said that young men having seen service during the late World war, desiring to keep up their military training should take advantage of these White and Blue courses to fit themselves for commissions in either of the above branches of the army.

In accordance with the Defense Act, the number of candidates are limited to one for each 1,000 inhabitants, thus limiting Oakland county to 90 applicants. All applications must be in by May 31st for the 1922 camp, according to Major Hewitt.

Besides the general chairman of preliminary arrangements, there are also branch chairmen who will be assigned to the various townships. Examinations of candidates from Birmingham, Farmington, Pontiac and Royal Oak will be made (by appointment) by Major George P. Raynale, 324 First National Bank Building, Birmingham. Candidates from Holly, Orion, Ortonville, Oxford and Rochester by Captain John B. Bachelor, 47 North Washington street, Oxford, Michigan.

Mrs. Bertha Penwarden, a former instructor in the Birmingham schools, has been spending the winter at Miami Beach, Fla. According to word reaching here this week, she is now taking a course in special work at the Columbia University, New York City.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE HERE SUNDAY

Baldwin High School Holds Large Crown to Hear Address By Frank H. Leonard Of Boston

Christian Scientists and many other interested persons from all over this part of Michigan gathered at the Baldwin high school auditorium last Sunday afternoon to hear Frank H. Leonard, C. S. S., a member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Mass., deliver one of the most comprehensive lectures heard in Birmingham on the subject of "Christian Science" in several years. The largest number of people to hear a lecture of any kind made up the audience Sunday and listened to the address which is quoted in part as follows:

"Whenever I hear or think of that quotation from St. John, 'And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free,' I likewise think of the question asked of Jesus, 'What is Truth?' And perhaps the most interesting thing, so far as I am concerned, in the entire quotation is the fact that Jesus did not answer that question. He practically said: If in view of everything that you have known to be done in Judea under my ministry you are still asking the question, 'What is Truth?' then no words would ever convey one single item of information on that point.

"Truth is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Truth never began and it never will end. Truth is always good, it is always pure, it is always lovely, and it always accomplishes just one result, and that is the fruitage of God. Humanly speaking we could not build this building if we did not have Truth, for, humanly speaking, nothing on earth could be accomplished were it not for Truth. Why, as a matter of fact, you cannot even lie until you know the truth. Have you ever thought of that? Because a lie is a misstatement about Truth. And so you see the whole of our investigation and research along all lines will lead us straight and absolutely to the contemplation of Truth.

"Christian Science brings this Truth to us in such form and manner that the little children understand it. They understand it so well that they are every day of their lives doing wonderful things to bring out the realization of Truth.

"Please do not think that we Christian Scientists imagine that we have a peculiarly close position relative to God. There is not a statement that we are indicating or mean to indicate that we think God loves us better than He does anybody else. He does love us. His attitude towards all His children is the same, and never changes. Truth is irresistible, irrefutable and irreversible and is equally applicable by all.

"The Bible to the Christian Scientist is not essentially a church book. Of course, he uses it in church—but where else? Why, it is his book. To the business man it is a business book. To the housekeeper it is a book of rules telling how to keep house comfortably, pleasantly and harmoniously. To the child in school it is the text book which teaches that child how to think. And to every man, woman and child on earth it the foundation of right thinking wherein we may find our freedom.

"But, my dear friends, there is a great difference between creed and religion. Religion demands of us that we shall work constantly and continuously to think right, and consequently to do right. Well, one might say, it is pretty hard work, to be a Christian Scientist. Consider, however, your human experiences, and all of the human differences between persons, and you will find it is pretty hard work not to be one. The fact is, that you have had enough trouble in the experience you have had, and you would like to change it if you could. We have all had that suggestion. No, it is not hard to be a Christian Scientist, not as hard as it is not to be one.

"Some person maybe asks the question: 'Do you ever use your religion for the solution of your financial problems?' We most assuredly do, and why not? Well, then, some one of you says that the Bible says that the son of man had not a place to lay his head. Yes, it does say that, and on the basis of that we have been taught from generation to generation that Jesus was poor beyond the expression of words. But if we are thoughtful, and become familiar with the conditions and circumstances of the age in which he lived, we shall see that he simply made reference to the fact that like all religious teachers of that time, he wandered continually from village to hamlet, doing the work of a man of God as he saw it, and resting peacefully with some true believer wherever the shades of night found him, because the Bible tells us that at the time he made that statement he was clad in a seamless garment, the most expensive form of clothing that they knew in those days. Poor! Why, the riches of Jesus were beyond human computation or expression. He made the greatest demonstration of provision that the world has ever known anything about.

"What do you say? You say that your money will do just such and such a thing, just so much, and that is all that it will do. Well, so long as you count your dollars that way that is all they will do for you, there isn't any question about that. But do you remember the multitude which Jesus fed with the few loaves and fishes? Do you remember that five thousand had all they could eat, and that after they had finished there was more left over than when they had started?

"You, yes, you say, but that was Jesus. He said that if we believed on him we should do the things that he did. Are you going to let God be true and believe it, and let every man be a liar, as the result of the human theory of limitation?

"We shall find that the more we turn to know God as Christian Science teaches God to be, the more loving we shall be, the more consciousness of Life we shall have, the more Truth we shall discern, and as every step presents itself unto us, the more shall we become conscious of the Principle of right thinking, so that we can make no mistake, but shall go on with the light which never lost a cause which called to it for healing; and the more we cling to that, the more shall we have that Christ mind which enable us to do for ourselves and for others even in this world the healing from every discord that seems to afflict us."

"An Old-Fashioned Mother," a play presented by the members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Birmingham, delighted a large audience at Franklin hall Friday evening. The production was given very successfully in Birmingham several weeks ago.

MORTGAGE SALE.—Whereas Charles Edwin Jones and Edith J. Jones, his wife, made and executed a certain mortgage, bearing date the 25th day of April, A. D., 1919, to Leonard H. Clemett, which was recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the county of Oakland, State of Michigan, on the 15th day of April A. D. 1919, in liber 248 of mortgages, on page 206;

And whereas the said mortgage has been duly assigned by the said Leonard H. Clemett to the First State Bank of Milford, Michigan, by assignment bearing date the 4th day of November, A. D. 1919, and recorded in the office of the said register of deeds on the 15th day of November, A. D. 1919, in liber 249 of mortgages, on page 205, whereby the said mortgage is now owned by the said First State Bank of Milford, Michigan)

And whereas the amount claimed to be due upon said mortgage at the date of this notice is the sum of four thousand one hundred eighty-five and 92/100 ($4,185.92) dollars for principal and interest, together with the sum of twenty-six and 75/100 ($26.75) dollars taxes and the attorney fee of thirty-five dollars, as provided in said mortgage, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt now remaining secured thereby, or any part thereof;

And whereas more than thirty days have elapsed since default was made in the conditions of said mortgage, and more than thirty days have elapsed since said interest and taxes became due and payable, and the said First State Bank has elected to declare and does hereby declare the whole amount secured by said mortgage due and payable as provided in said mortgage, whereby the power of sale contained therein has become operative;

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that, by virtue of said power of sale, and in pursuance thereof, and of the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, at public vendue, to the highest bidder, at the front or easterly door of the court house, at the city of Pontiac, in said county of Oakland, that being the place of holding the circuit court within said county, on Monday, the first day of May, A. D. 1922, at ten o'clock in the forenoon; the description of which said premises contained in said mortgage is as follows: The land, premises and property situated in the Village of Birmingham, County of Oakland and State of Michigan, described as follows, to-wit: Lot numbered four (4) in Residence Park Subdivision according to a plat thereof recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for said County.

Dated January 30th, 1922.

FIRST STATE BANK, of Milford, Michigan, a corporation.

Assignee.

DONALD F. NOBLE,
Attorney for Assignee.
Business Address: Milford, Michigan. 1

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And whereas the amount claimed to be due upon said mortgage at the date of this notice is the sum of four hundred one hundred eighty-nine and 94/100 ($4,189.94) dollars for principal and interest, and an attorney fee of thirty-five dollars, as provided in said mortgage, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt now remaining secured thereby, or any part thereof.

And whereas more than thirty days have elapsed since default was made in the conditions of said mortgage, and more than thirty days have elapsed since said interest and taxes became due and payable, and the said First State Bank has elected to declare and does hereby declare the whole amount secured by said mortgage due and payable as provided in said mortgage, whereby the power of sale contained therein has become operative;

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Dated January 30th, 1922.

FIRST STATE BANK, of Milford, Michigan, a corporation.

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MORTGAGE SALE:—Default having been made for more than thirty days in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Tunis W. Miner and Amy Belle Miner, his wife, to J. Ward Parks and Mary E. Parks, his wife, dated the 30th day of November, A. D. 1917, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1917, in Liber 245 of Mortgages, on pages 368-369, and the said J. Ward Parks having died Jan. 18, 1918, leaving A last will and testament which was admitted to probate in the Probate Court for the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, on the 22nd day of February, 1918, by the terms of which all the right, title and interest of said J. Ward Parks was bequeathed to said Mary E. Parks and said estate having been declared settled and said property set over to her by said Probate Court on June 24, 1918, whereby Mary E. Parks became and is now the sole owner of said mortgage and note accompanying same; on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, and insurance, the sum of Four Thousand Two Hundred and Six and 85/100 Dollars ($4,206.85), and an attorney's fee of Thirty-five dollars, as provided for in said mortgage together with any amount that may have been paid for taxes and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the money secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Notice is Hereby Given, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Saturday, the Third day of June, A. D. 1922, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, Central Standard Time, the undersigned will, at the easterly entrance to the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, with interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to-wit:

Commencing at the southeast corner of the west half of the southeast quarter of Section Eleven (11) North, Range Ten (10) East, Michigan; thence south eighty-eight degrees west on the section line, Nine (9) chains, eighty-three and one half (83½) links; thence north two degrees west forty-one chains, forty-eight (48) links to the quarter section line; thence south eighty-eight and one half degrees west east on the quarter section line, nine (9) chains, eighty-three and one half (83½) links; thence south two degrees fifteen minutes east forty-one (41) chains, (10) links to the place of beginning, being the east part of the west half of the southeast quarter of Section Eleven (11), Town One (1), North Range Ten (10) East and containing forty-one acres more or less. Township of Southfield, Oakland County, Michigan.

Dated March 7th, 1922.

MARY E. PARKS, Mortgagee.
ARTHUR E. TRIPP,
Attorney for Mortgagee.

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Miss Agnes Chalmers, a resident of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was in Birmingham last Sunday to attend the Christian Science lecture at the Baldwin high school. Miss Chalmers was on her way to New York City where she will meet Lady Astor who is to tour the United States. Miss Chalmers and Lady Astor have been close friends for several years, the former having spent several weeks at the home of the latter directly after the late World war. Miss Chalmers will probably see parts of America in company with Lady Astor.