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PROGRESS, ART AND NATURE

Someday when all our waterfalls are running through pipes to keep the wheels of "progress" turning; when our trees shall have disappeared to provide paper, construction material and fuel for an extravagant world; when our beautiful hills are covered with a luxuriant growth of shacks; when our grand national parks shall have become mere cheap amusement places; when our small lakes and rivers are lined to their very shores with packing-crate houses and "hot-dog" stands, ah, then, and not until then, can we rest satisfied with our magnificent accomplishments and feel that the triumph of "art" over nature is complete!

However, here in Michigan we are at least as progressive as the rest of the population. Our waterfalls have almost been eliminated. Our once beautiful lakes are becoming hedged around with dwellings whose inhabitants are so fond of the water that they must needs step into it from their back door steps instead of walking a block through the "hot-dog" concrete roadways skirt the water's edge, bursting into the scenery of a piece of cast iron pipe in a bowl of daisies. We prefer riding in automobiles, and have forgotten to use our legs. We find it too inconvenient to explore the byways on foot and insist that we be perfitted to view them from the cushions of a limousine—or a Ford. Hence our natural beauty spots are rapidly diminishing, for utility is our king and pleasure our God, Amen.

Certain "promoters," fearing that a "beautiful little mountain glen is not so "popular" as it should be, are willing to resort to jazz bands and merry-go-rounds to make it so. Who are they? Surely we are far ahead of the ancients. Who thought of such a thing in Homer's time? Yet any school kid of today knows that if a thing isn't popular, something is wrong with it. Following out the same line of reasoning we may suppose that the writings of Shakespeare, Hugo, Ruskin and others are being rewritten entirely, while it is evident that Michael Angelo, Turner and their brethren didn't know much about what is attractive.

But let us leave tallies aside and give the matter serious thought. Not many of us are true lovers of nature, strictly speaking. In general, we all like people enjoy at times the green verdure of the country and the quiet of the woods, but they are not interested in any great extent in delving into the secrets of the wild, like Audubon, Burroughs, May and their kind. Still they would not care to see all the woods and fields and wild places destroyed. This is evidenced by the fact that they go in droves from the city to the country to picnic and camp. Therefore, somebody should be empowered to protect these rural districts from the onslaughts of those who through greed or thoughtlessness seek to spoil their natural beauty.

Considering the question of utility first, which really need not be far from the artistic, we believe that the forest conservation program mapped out by Albert Stoll, Jr., Secretary of the Michigan State Conservation Commission, should certainly be put into effect. In addition we think that Oakland County should take steps to acquire forest preserves such as those adjacent to Chicago in Cook County, Illinois. The people of that place now possess thousands of acres in its natural state, free and open to the public, forever and preserve has its guardians, appointed by the county. Wild flowers are protected by law and all visitors are required to burn their own trash before leaving.

With the growth of Detroit it is evident that more and more prospective residents are going to select Oakland county as their home. It is also plain that more free recreation grounds are going to be needed. Just to present Oakland county has many fine lakes and groves of trees, but each year sees more dwellings and business houses encroaching upon what is rightfully public domain. It detracts from the beauty of our lakes to have them lined with houses, and besides the public cannot trespass upon private property. There is no logical reason why Oakland county should not be able to have the finest system of forest preserves in the United States. They do not require the expenditure of huge sums of money as do city parks, for there are no "improvements" such as concrete walks and flower beds. All they ask is a little supervision and moderately decent care.

What do you think, folks? The subject of weather may be taboo among the high-brows, but it must be said that a little more rain would be a great help.
It may be remembered that the D. U. R. cars were once red and yellow. Perhaps with a good scrubbing they might be so again.

If the water shortage isn't relieved, Birmingham residents may soon be seen setting out pans and tubs when it rains.
Another man has been proclaimed that he will run for U. S. Senator from Michigan. That makes four men who "have come to the aid of their party." Why not make an even dozen. "Variety," 'tis said, "is the spice of life."

Despite the decrease in telephone rates in Birmingham, it is to be hoped that the service will not take any service at all we wouldn't have any service at all.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

Forty-Four Years Ago
Judd Warner killed a mammoth rattlesnake last Monday. We own its rattles. Come and see 'em!

Mrs. J. N. T. of Southfield is one of your smart little women. She can do all her own housework, ride a reaper and care for the numerous wants of a family of five months old baby. How's that for business?

The editor of the Pontiac Enterprise has had his pants half-soiled, his hair cut close, and his life insured. He is a man of five months old, says, "The Pontiac girls are the slowest and stupidest in the United States." Now girls?

A large and handsome monument was recently set in the Birmingham cemetery, last week, by Stephen Baldwin of Detroit, to the memory of his mother and father. The base is four feet square, upon which rests the plinth, which has the name "Baldwin" inscribed on it. The height of the entire monument is nineteen and one-half feet and is a credit to the manufacturer and an ornament to the cemetery.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
Birmingham enjoyed its finest Saturday night last week. The town was full, hitting peaks at a premium. Two different patient meddler fakers were haranguing the crowd—the band played—the small boys who cry "candy" all over the town. The band broke up the medicine selling and no doubt 'twas better for our people that it did.

The "West End Park" has been mown every two weeks this summer. The trees are growing well, the north end is grassed over, even the unsightly hydrant is covered with a flowering vine. The Village Improvement Society has held the lease less than a year and if it improves at this rate during the whole year, it may be, has to run, we shall have at least one pretty corner.

John Hanna, our live and enterprising meat dealer, is the very first business man to have a lettered delivery wagon to haul his immense trade. It's a daisy and adds to John's business in no small way.
Some parties who have nicely kept their noses out of business along the edge of the street, thinking, no doubt, that it is the duty of the village to cut down the weeds, but isn't it a little foolish to spoil all the effect of your grounds by refusing to do five minutes' work?

PRESS PICKINGS
The Village of Ferndale voted \$60,000 to build a new school last week.

The annual Chautauqua at Oxford, just closed, proved a great success. The village of Bedford is starting this week a series of motion picture shows. Motion pictures, dancing and band concerts will feature these free concerts given by the merchants there.

Paving on Lafayette avenue, from First street south to Ten-mile road, will be the principal road improvement undertaken by the city of Royal Oak in its 1922 program. Acting on a petition now on file, the commission Monday night passed the necessary first resolution for a 26-foot pavement and curb on this street, one of the three north streets leading from the city of Royal Oak. The other two streets, Main street and Washington avenue, are paved.

Forming of an organization with the general object of selecting Wilford E. Ostrander, Ferndale contractor and builder, to succeed G. Ross Thompson as the Oakland county road commissioner was effected at a meeting of 35 township political leaders held in the office of J. A. Beridge Tuesday evening of last week. Ostrander will be a candidate for the Republican nomination at the primaries on September 12.

The Lake Orion Bible Conference opens July 30 and closes August 7. Divines from all parts of the country will be in attendance.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
Ladies wore bustles.
Operations were rare.
Nobody swears in a fly.
Nobody had seen a sile.
Nobody had appendicitis.
Nobody wore white shoes.
Cream was five cents a pint.
Most young men had "livery" bills.
Cantolopes were maskings.
You never heard of a "tin flate."
Doctors wanted to see your tongue.
Milk shakes were a favorite drink.
Advertisers did not tell the truth.
Nobody cared about the price of gasoline.
Farmers came to town for their mail.
The hired girl drew one-fifty per week.
The butcher "threw in" a chunk of liver.
Folks said pneumatic tires were a joke.
Nobody "listened in" on the telephone.
There were no sane fourths, nor electric meters.
Straw hats were burned instead of baled.
People thought English sparrows were "birds."
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THE DAILY NEWS

By Clarence Allen

Two women went a-motoring
And o'er the road they sped;
The one at the wheel
Spied a wral of seal,
And forgot to look ahead.
(Two ferals tomorrow.)

A gent who had a motor car
Went whizzing past the others,
He used no horn
To foot and warn
His unsuspecting brothers.
(He leaves a family of four.)

M. Justa Jay was a speedster nut
Upon busy streets;
Who "beat the trains a mile";
Was a bit of floss
That made M. Justa smile.
(His body's at the morgue.)

A. Dumbell that he'd learn to drive
Upon busy streets;
He stepped on the gas
And sought to pass
In three and one-half feet.
(He may recover.)

O, thus we see them every day,
Their names in news sheets spread:
Sad fame to be
Upon busy streets
When "beat the trains a mile";
(SAFETY FIRST.)

BIRMINGHAM HOLSTEIN LISTED IN TEST RECORD
One of the purchased registered Holstein-Friesian cows, owned by A. W. Copland of Birmingham, Mich., recently made 21.2 lbs. of butter in seven days, according to the latest bulletin of "Reported Tests of Holstein-Friesian Cows," published bi-weekly by Malcolm H. Gardner of Delaware, Wis., superintendent of Advanced Registry of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. This cow, Segia Camilla Pieterje at the age of three years and eleven months, produced 57.3 lbs. of milk and 17.0 lbs. of butter fat in seven days, equivalent to the above amount of butter. This is an excellent record.

W. H. Brown, former village manager: "A statement was printed in the Eccentric two weeks ago, quoting Cassius Crawford, county drain commissioner, as stating that the sewers in Birmingham were too small to care for the town correctly. Mr. Crawford is not entirely right in this. Nearly all of our main sewers are large enough, but most of the storm drains are not."
Rev. Jos. Dutton, in his Sunday morning sermon, was quoting the above statement, who live among the beautiful surroundings of the Bloomfield Hills, and who have the privilege of arriving in the midst of such beauty."

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WE HEARD IT SAID BY—
By Clarence Allen
Two women went a-motoring
And o'er the road they sped;
The one at the wheel
Spied a wral of seal,
And forgot to look ahead.
(Two ferals tomorrow.)

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Taxpayers in the Village of Birmingham are notified that the annual Village tax will be due on and after July 15, 1922.

From July 15 to August 15 there will be no penalty attached; from August 15 to September 15 a penalty of one (1) per cent will be charged; after September 15 four (4) per cent penalty will be charged.

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