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OUR BUSINESSMEN.

This editorial is addressed primarily to the businessmen of Birmingham. It will deal with a present lack of unified co-operation and community spirit that exists among them.

We do not wish to reflect in any way upon the many private citizens in Birmingham who have, from time to time, placed their time, services and even money for the furtherance of community interests.

But there is vast need in Birmingham of an organization that functions as a Chamber of Commerce; an organization that would represent everybody and every good thing in the Village; a sort of organization that would see the need of things and then go after it.

True, we have the Birmingham Real Estate Board. This Board has done several things to advance the welfare of the community, and its name implies, it deals mostly with the problems of a real estate man and his profession—it cannot function as the representative of all the people.

There is a good deal of wealth manifest in Birmingham. There are a good many merchants in the town who are vitally interested in the welfare of its people. They declare that their town is the finest place on earth to build and maintain a home.

Their individual efforts to make Birmingham bigger and better as compared with what might be done if they are banded together in a solid body, are as a whisper to a shout; they all have their own cheers ready to spread afar but are not heard because there is no strength and volume to their voices. They do not yell together!

Last Friday night a banquet was given at the Odd Fellows' Temple for the benefit of the High School basketball teams. It was supposed to have been sponsored by the businessmen of Birmingham. But, although we counted as many as a dozen or fifteen local merchants in the crowd, it can be truthfully said that the affair did not have even a lukewarm support by businessmen of Birmingham. And Birmingham is supposed to be a real basketball town!

If a man is engaged in business and shows no real interest in doing everything he can to make that business a success, he is bound to failure. If a number of men are engaged in their respective businesses in a town and do not do everything they can to make their town a success by lending their concerted effort, the town will not get very far.

One thing is certain, Mr. Birmingham Businessman, unless you and your fellow-merchants get together and build an organization in this town that will act as a Chamber of Commerce, you will not get your share of business from the rapidly overflowing bowl of Detroit's suburban-bound population.

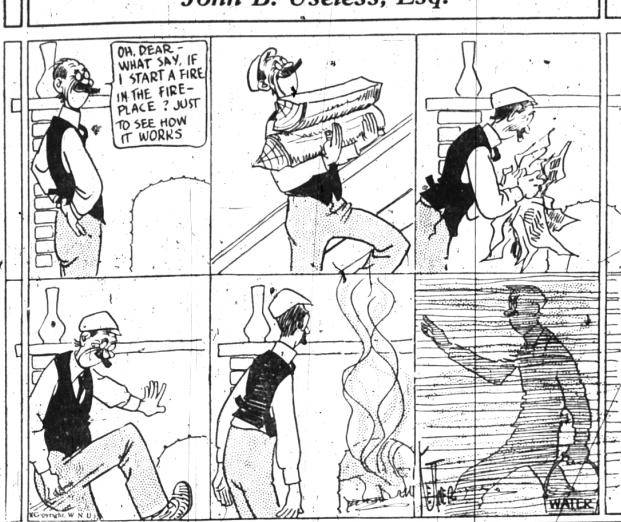
Can you imagine what we would do in Birmingham without our Village officials? How would we administer the various public conveniences that we now enjoy? How would we obtain new sidewalks, pavements, more water or levy and collect taxes without proper representatives of all the people?

Then how can we make Birmingham "bigger and better" without a representative body of businessmen who will work together to advance the interests of the community—it is easy. Alone, our voices are as lost in the wilderness; blended together, we can be heard everywhere.

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John B. Useless, Esq.



SHORT AND MAYBE SNAPPY

High street, formerly occupied by Ben Bitters. The L. G. Club meets next Monday evening with Mrs. Raynald. Review of books four and five and first lesson of six.

Miss Lola Wilcox enjoyed the April shower while calling on friends in Rochester Sunday evening. Mrs. Elenezer Slabides is visiting friends in Saginaw.

Frank Pearsall has purchased and taken possession of the Orr residence on High street. George Purdy will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Pearsall.

The Tuesday Club will meet with Mrs. Hemenway next Tuesday evening, April 25; lesson last two chapters in "Song of Life".

The Misses Bessie and Grace Robbins have a fine new bicycle. We hope that you and the ground do not often meet.

Mathew McBride has let a contract for a new barn. The J. L. Hudson Co., of Detroit, was advertising "Values in Ladies' Spring finely trimmed hats at \$3.95".

What woman nowadays who prides herself in her mode of dress would miss that price? Miss Anna Brown has returned from Monroe Academy.

Mr. Huff and two daughters gave a temperance lecture at the M. E. church last Monday evening. Everett Lockwood and Ben Rumph started for Dakota Tuesday. Ben, if you happen to meet any dangerous wild beasts out there give them your team-bug.

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Someone has figured that the velocity of a golf ball leaves the tee drive of a good player is about 200 feet a second, or 135 miles an hour. It is suggested that this information be sent to Warren G.—he may be interested in finding out if he is a good golf player or just president of the United States.

Printing was invented in the middle of the fifteenth century and we're still making the same old wisp cracks that paragraphers made then—only they're dressed up a little differently.

They do say that Alvin Knight and Miss Belle Eisey were married at Pontiac last Tuesday. They started on an eastern bridal tour immediately.

Mrs. Spencer Wooster gave a birthday party last Wednesday. A large number of relatives and friends enjoyed the company of the comely host and hostess, and wished Mrs. W. many happy returns of the occasion.

Mrs. C. Utter has been building an addition to her house on Mill street. It is nearly finished and improves the house greatly, besides adding to the comfort of its occupants. L. Simpson is the builder.

Wouldn't Bert Nixon like to have caught those boys taking muskrats out of his traps one morning last week?

Samuel James fell from the roof together, we can be heard everywhere. Let us seriously recognize our lack of co-operation and discard it for that far better attribute; namely, unity of thought and purpose.

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Willie Wilson has been seriously ill this past week, having had several hemorrhages of the lungs. We are very glad to hear that he is improving.

Mr. Fields has taken up his abode in Bert Campbell's new house on

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live, where United States soldiers smashed through the German lines and turned the tide of the war. The American Legion is seeking to keep alive the memory of the heroes who gave their lives in the world war by raising an endowment for the permanent care of their graves. Contributions may be made to local posts or forwarded to Dr. Frank B. Broderick, state welfare officer, 214 Lincoln Building, Detroit, Mich.

FUNDS OF INCOMPETENT VETS TO BE GUARDED

The American Legion national rehabilitation committee has started a campaign to raise the money allotted to incompetent ex-service men administered through their guardians, must be spent in the proper manner and for the benefit of the unfortunate veterans have diverted the funds assigned by the government to their own use, affording the plan for whom the money was intended only the bare necessities of life.

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Mr. Business Man

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Mr. Robert B. Harkness, state commander of the Legion, keeps in close touch with the institution. From his professional viewpoint, he regards the hospital as a wonderfully efficient enterprise and his interest, as well as that of other Legion officials, is to keep it at tip-top usefulness.

It Is Our Daily Task

to consider and solve the printing problems of our customers, and each one we solve gives us just so much more experience to apply to the next one. This is what keeps us busy—this is why we are best equipped to do your printing in the way it should be done. So, pose your job to us to submit specimens and quote price.

THE GRAVES OF YANKS WHO DIED IN FRANCE

The spots on this map show the location of graves of "Yanks" who died in France during the world war. It will be noted that the greatest concentration of graves is in the region of the Meuse-Arnonne offensive.

G. A. JACKSON

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in said court of said Court held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 23rd day of March, A. D. 1923. Present: J. W. Ryan, Clerk of said Court. In the matter of the estate of Emily R. Schickel, deceased. Estate having first in said court a petition praying that the administration of said estate be committed to said Clerk, or to some other suitable person, to be ordered. That on the 23rd day of April, A. D. 1923, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, the following Order was read and approved for hearing said petition: That the Order be given by publication of a copy of the Order on each week for three consecutive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County. ROSS STOCKWELL, Judge of Probate.

Packard-Charlton Bldg. Co. 425 DIME BANK BLDG. DETROIT Phone Cadillac 5564. Present: J. W. Ryan, Clerk of said Court. Frank S. Packard, Cecil F. Charlton

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