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OUR BASKETBALL TEAM

Although defeated in the second game played in the finals in the Class B tourney held at Ann Arbor last Friday and Saturday for the championship of Michigan, the Birmingham high school basketball team deserves a great deal of credit for their fighting spirit and the splendid showing made at Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor.

Starting the season with only fair prospects, the team, under the direction of Coach J. W. Barton, in order to close the boys had become a smoothly working organization. It was team play that made them successful. Birmingham should be proud of the record made by their high school basketball team and perhaps could learn something from the teamplay methods used in a basketball game.

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While the manager of a Detroit delicatessen store was preparing sandwiches ordered by two men, one of them shot him twice. The manager, it is said, could not account for the shootings as neither of the men were regular customers.

A sign on the front of a Pontiac second hand store on South Saginaw streets, says, "Wanted—Customers."

According to reports, Berlin night life is hit by lack of fuel. With no fuel for fire, the Germans have food thought on the Ruhr situation.

A New York judge says it's all wrong for any other country to get this country to run off to Paris to get divorces. It is to be admitted they should be patriotic and patronize home lawyers.

It is over, that it will soon be time to say her a full hat. A Detroit man shot his wife in the arm during an altercation. No fears are felt for the husband as he is being held by the police on a charge of felonious assault.

Four burglars while attempting to haul a safe into a motor car were taken into custody by police officers. One of the burglars, who was carrying a saw, was shot by the police.

"A Full House" is a gay farce, reads a headline in a Detroit newspaper. But it is no laughing matter when another fellow has "four of a kind."

Asbestos production in Canada showed a revival during 1922, it is said. Dr. King Tut, we might further increase production of this material by taking one or two overcasts made of the stuff along with us as a precaution.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS
Forty-Four Years Ago
Miss Kitty Randall is dangerously ill with typhoid fever.

Die!—At the residence of his brother-in-law, P. C. Simonson, Monday, April 4, of consumption, Thomas Bally, brother of Mrs. Mary Crombie, Mrs. P. C. Simonson and Miss Phoebe Bally.

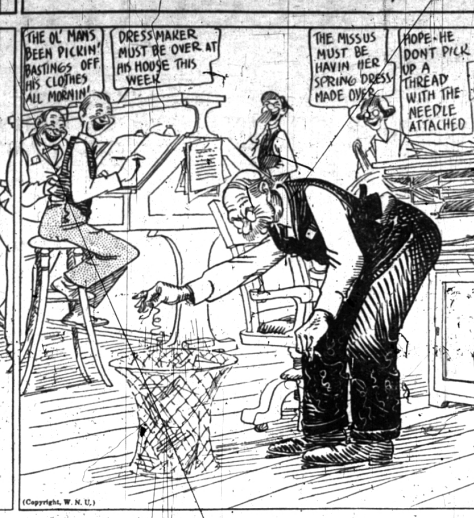
U. W. Bruce of Clarkston has again taken an interest in our village. His household gods arrived in the part of the week. We cordially welcome Mrs. Bruce to renewed pleasant associations with hosts of old friends.

At the Republican caucus held at Bloomfield Center, April 4, the purpose of choosing delegates for the county convention, the following named gentlemen were selected: Luther Stanley, Thomas Wycoff, J. S. Stockwell, Chancy Blair and William Satterfield. This is the primary step toward making a president.

Last Tuesday J. O. Beattie made another successful arrest of a toll rate runner. This gentleman had a decided Jewish cast of countenance, and his sole occupation was the carrying of old rags, etc. After Jim had made the arrest and brought him to the National Hotel, the prisoner, under a conviction fit, begged, cried, tore his hair and hat, screamed, kissed Jim's hand, and finally fainted dead away when Jim brought out the handcuffs to enforce order. He returned, however, to his senses and C. M. Raynald, paid a \$15 fine and "let out."

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About This Time of Year



THE OL' HANS BEEN PICKIN' BASTIN' HIS COXIES ALL MORNIN'
DRESS-MAKER MUST BE OVER AT HIS HOUSE THIS WEEK
THE MISSUS MUST BE HAVIN' HER SPRING DRESS MADE OYK
HOPE-HE DON'T PICK UP A THING WITH THE NEEDLE ATTACHED

SHORT AND MAYBE SNAPPY
By S. L. S.

WE ARE NOT BEGGARS

W. E. Barton, president of the Eco City Improvement Association, in the expression of his neighbors in an article in The Eccentric last week, is of the opinion that Birmingham wants something for nothing from all adjacent territory on propositions of annexation. We think that Mr. Barton is rather hasty in his conclusions.

Records of municipalities show when per territory is added to an already thriving town or city, that the burden of taxes falls heaviest upon taxpayers who already live in highly improved districts. In the case of Eco City—of any other territory for that matter—being taken into Birmingham by annexation, in the long run the present citizens of Birmingham would receive less value per dollar of taxes paid than would the people in the newly annexed territory.

Anybody who has done any investigating into matters relating to taxes can testify as to the inequality of the whole present system of receiving and expending the tax monies. We do not mean that any robbery of the public till has taken place, but it is almost humanly impossible to exactly and precisely give to every citizen, all the time, value received for his tax assessment.

As we see it, the only reason Birmingham has for wishing to annex adjacent territory is to avoid later duplication of public utilities. Birmingham realizes that adjacent territory will grow; that with this growth will come the need for sewers, water mains, good streets, police and fire protection, and many other present-day necessities. Will each of the growing subdivisions nearby install all these things when they might benefit by a similar perfected installation now used by Birmingham?

We believe that any offer of Birmingham may make toward the annexation of any adjoining territory is in the nature of a courtesy to the latter place. Birmingham should not get down on its knees and beg anybody to "come in"; rather should it sit upon its throne and let the other fellow be the supplicant.

Ancient Superstition
Fearing was considered essential at weddings in early times, and if a youngest daughter married before all the other sisters they must show at the wedding without shoes. This would prevent the ill luck and procure them happiness.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago
Last Tuesday evening Mrs. Betty Blumberg of near Birmingham, and Mrs. E. E. Chan of near Southfield, were married at the home of the bride, Rev. Eugene Allen of Clinton, by the Rev. J. W. Barton, the best wishes of numerous friends.

He doesn't say much, does the Sheriff, Giver, but he's there with the Wilfing Dive into the Old Water whenever some Worthy Project in the House Town needs Financial Assistance, which is the Kind of Conversation that Counts.

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 15th day of March, A. D. 1923, the Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

MORTGAGE SALE—Defendant having been made in the condition of the mortgage of Charles Edwin Jones and Edith Jones, his wife, of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan, National Bank of Birmingham, Michigan, a Federal banking corporation, which mortgage was dated the 25th day of September, A. D. 1921, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland, Michigan, on the 24th day of October, A. D. 1922, in Liber 209 of Mortgages, on page 224, on which mortgage there is due and unpaid at the date hereof the principal and interest, including and taxes in the sum of \$1,000.00 and no suit or proceedings at law and in equity have been instituted to recover the same or any part thereof.

THE PRESS PICKINGS
R. D. Fobin, Holly business man, who is a collector of antiques, has been showing a unique display of articles, some of them over 100 years old, in his office window.

Last Saturday evening the final number of the Clarkson lecture courses was given by Dr. William Rader, who will speak here in Birmingham April 3, was the speaker of the evening.

Orion is to have a Chautauqua and Summer School during the months of July and August, according to reports coming from that village. A number of lecturers and musicians have been engaged for the occasion. It is planned to make the program a permanent summer feature there.

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With all of Holly's factories running at peak production the housing problem is one of vital interest this spring. At least 400 men are now employed here who would move here if there were available houses. Considerable building activity is anticipated during the coming season. R. Day Patterson, manager of the Michigan Truck and Lumber company, states that every day he is receiving inquiries regarding lumber for building purposes to be used in the near future.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE—In the matter of the estate of Mary A. McDonald, Deceased. The undersigned having been appointed executor of said estate, and having been allowed by said Judge of Probate to file for examination and adjustment of said estate, in which he will meet on the 23rd day of May, 1923, at 10 o'clock A. M. of each day at the First National Bank of Birmingham, in the Village of Mountain Brook, in the County of Jefferson, Alabama, for the purpose of adjusting said claims.

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