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It is an established fact that the merchant who advertises wants to make his customers a service of SELLING his merchandise cheaply.

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Sec. Edwin Denby Writes An Exclusive Article For Eccentric- "Our Country"

DISCUSSES IN INTERVIEW THE PRESENT ATTITUDE OF JAPANESE AND ENGLISH TOWARD THE UNITED STATES

With the express purpose of securing for the Eccentric not only an interview with Secretary of the Navy Edwin Denby but an exclusive article for this paper written by him, the editor went to Mr. Denby's summer home at Clintonville last Saturday, where the Secretary has been staying since the latter part of July. Mr. Denby's home is a large, but unpretentious, white frame dwelling, situated but a few feet from the shore of Lake Oakland.

EDWIN DENBY

Mrs. Denby, an excellent type of American womanhood, came to the door. She had been playing the piano. She would ask Mr. Denby if he could come down. The large living room was simply but tastily furnished and on a little table beside the door stood a row of books, among which were "Peck's Bad Boy,"\ "T. Tembaron," "Undertow," "The Wicked Marquuis" and "The Last Voyage of the Donna Isabelle."

In a few moments Mr. Dénby, who had been working in his room upstairs, appeared. He is a man of huge proportions, and an inquisitive but kindly face. Democratic he is, even in attire, for his shirt was of gray cotton, his necktie refused to be centered, and his shoes had on them every mark of use. Sitting down in front of the mammoth fireplace Mr. Denby said, "What shall we talk about?"

He had read in the paper that morning of the death of Japan's great leader, Baron Kato. "Baron Kato was a fine, sincere and peace-loving man, and I believe that he was a good friend of the United States," said Mr. Denby. "It took a great deal of courage to uphold such principles as did Baron Kato at the time of the Armament Conference. I think now that Japan is very friendly toward the United States. There is no reason why we should be otherwise."

When asked what he thought of Senator Couzens stand on 5 per cent beer, Mr. Denby said that he didn't want to make any comment on state affairs.

And then he spoke of the University of Michigan, and the coming football game between the United States Marines and Michigan. "I hope it's a great day, for the Marines have been planning on it ever since the arrangements were made. They have been saving their pennies. We expect to take 1500 Marines to Ann Arbor." Mr. Denby is a graduate of the college of law at the University of Michigan.

On the French invasion of the Ruhr he said little. "It is too ticklish a proposition. The President is the only one who should assert himself on such a question. I think opinion at Washington is varied."

Mr. Denby firmly stated that he believed the relations between the United States and England to be without friction. "I believe that all of England's leaders are of the friendly attitude toward us, and I think they voice the opinion of the English people."

In speaking of his stay in Clintonville, he said: "I am taking a vacation (and here he smiled) but a vacation doesn't mean an absence of work. My stay here will end all too quickly."

"Wasn't it marvelous the way the people accepted Mr. Coolidge after the death of President Harding," the Secretary said slowly. "Mr. Coolidge is a fine man. The Country was very fortunate in having such a man as Vice-President."

Here the Editor asked Mr. Denby to write something for the Eccentric. "Yes, I will. But what shall I write on?" He was asked to write on any subject that he might choose. "All right," he said, "I'll write something and mail it to you for your next issue. But," he added with a smile, "you may not want to print it."

The article which Mr. Denby wrote, "Our Country," contains no startling revelations or ostentatious phraseology, but is eloquent in its profoundness of thought and simplicity of expression. The letter which accompanied the article is as follows:

"I send you enclosed a short bit which I have called 'Our Country.' You may use it if you wish in the paper for which it is written. With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,
Edwin Denby."

Whytemere Gardens Now In Full Bloom

BEAUTY REIGNS IN DISPLAY OF DAHLIAS AND GLADS

A scene which will please the most exacting of flower lovers and color enthusiasts is that of the Whytemere Gardens in Bloomfield Hills, where in full bloom are dahlias and gladioli of all hues and sizes.

W. N. Whittemore, of the Gardens, has spent years in the growing and developing of both dahlias and gladioli and probably never have his efforts brought forth such perfection and splendour as is evident in the blossoms this year. Of special interest is Mr. Whitemore's perfumed dahlia, created by scientific hybridizing. He has also improved the cactus dahlia so that it has a straight stem and a strong neck.

Most unusual are Mr. Whittemore's gladioli, some of which are seven feet tall with the blossoms seven and one-half inches across. They are of a myriad of colors, red, pink, yellow, salmon, purple and mixed.

Rural School Books at Shain's: adv18-19

Is A Justice Of The Peace A King

Probably believing in the old maxim that the king can do no wrong, Justice of the Peace Frank E. DeGaw of Detroit, came out Southfield avenue a few days ago with his foot hard on the gas. Deputy Dexter happened to be in the vicinity and told Mr. DeGaw to tell his story to Justice of the Peace Buck. Mr. DeGaw did this, acknowledging his speed to have been more than the legal 35 miles per. As a result Judge Buck fined him $5.00 and $10.00 costs.

The next day Detroit's Justice of the Peace informed Judge Buck that he was going to appeal the case to the Circuit Court of Oakland County. On what grounds? Judge Buck says probably on some little technicality, such as forgetting to swear in the officer that caused the arrest.

Huston Building Nears Completion

It is expected that the new Huston building, on Wodward avenue north of the Post Office, will be completed in about two weeks. One side of the building will be occupied by the Post Office, while names of the other tenants have not been made public. According to Mr. Huston the second floor of the building will eventually be used for appartments, but it will not be finished this fall.

OUR COUNTRY

By EDWIN DENBY

(Written exclusively for the Birmingham Eccentric.)

The spirit of American democracy was well illustrated this month when the great tragedy befell our people. Theoritically the office of President is never vacated. In San Francisco President Harding was suddenly and quietly taken by the death that must come to us all. As quickly as the news could be communicated the father of the vice-President, a magistrate, administered the oath to Calvin Coolidge, and the President of the United States carried on. The machinery of Government went on without accident or jar. The American people, plunged into grief over the loss of Harding of the clean mind, pure spirit and lofty ideals, accepted without question and with full confidence Coolidge, earnest, able and strong as the rocks of his native state.

Then came the Majestic funeral, stately in its utter simplicity. Not in exaggerated display but in emotion deep felt and simply expressed the people showed their love for their fallen leader in the long journey from coast to coast. A myriad of men, women and children with bared heads, standing mute by the wayside night and day, were his mourners.

Then came the last rites of burial. The simple service was conducted from the home of his father, a small white frame house in the town of Marion, Ohio. How like our country as we love to think of it, were these two historic scenes: the funeral of President Harding and the inauguration of President Coolidge. A frame house and an old father in Ohio, where the mighty dead found his eternal rest. A frame house and an old father in Vermont where the new chief magistrate said the few words that cast upon his shoulders the awful burden of the Presidental Office.

The picture will forever illumine the pages of our history. It depicts the spirit of the Republic. We who have seen these things must resolve anew to protect and defend the Republic of our fathers and the Constitution upon which it rests.

Two Games Down For The Week-End

Knight's Nine To Meet North Farmington And Royal Oak Aggregations

Two games which promise to be of interest to the fans have been scheduled by the Knights of Pythias nine for this week-end.

On Sunday the K. P. team will meet the North Farmington aggregation on the latter's grounds at the end of the West Maple avenue pavement on the Orchard Lake car line. The game is scheduled for 3 o'clock.

Munger will be on the mound Labor Day when the K. P.'s cross bats with the Royal Oak Athletic Club, who claim the championship of Royal Oak, earned by having defeated the K. P. Merchants. The game will be played on Barnum Field and is scheduled to start at 3 o'clock.

The Knights of Pythias team were defeated last Sunday by the Berkley Athletic Club, 11 to 10, in a hotly contested battle on the Berkleyites' field. Munger pitched excellent ball for the K.P.'s, allowing only eight hits.

$6,000 Estate Willed By L. H. Chamberlin

By terms of the will of the late Lewis H. Chamberlain, Civil War vetern, who died August 12 in Birmingham, his $6,000 estate goes principally to his two sons, Frank W., of Orion, and DeWitt, of Birmingham. Mementos of the war were left to grandsons. Lewis C. Chamberlain is to receive the shattered pocket knife the elder Chamberlain carried in the war and the bullet with which he was wounded on February 7, 1865. Frederick W. Chamberlain is to get the sword and leather scabbord carried by his grandfather in 1865. Eight grandchildren will share in distribution of $600.

MADGE HART IVES will resume her classes in Piano, Sept. 1st. Mrs. Ives is a pupil of Prof. Barth, Berlin, Germany, and of Prof. Altrocchi, Florence, Italy. If desired, younger pupils may do all practicing in lessons. Studio—Community House. Phone 761. adv19-20

Wanted—Girl to assist dressmaker. Phone 175-J. Mrs. C. E. Jewel, 209 Daines St. adv19

FUEL OIL FOR SALE
Would like to divide a car load of fuel oil with someone in Bloomfield Hills. Price very low. Phone 455-M. adv19

BRUNSWICK RECORDS at Leonard Electric Co., West Maple Ave. adv19tf

ILLNESS FATAL TO MRS. SAM E. GREEN

Passed Away Last Friday At Her Home At the Age Of Seventy-One

BORN IN OAKLAND CO.

Mrs. Sameul E. Green, 71 passed away at her home at 107 Brownell street last Friday night after a lingering illness. She was a life-long resident of Oakland County.

Mrs. Green, who before her marriage was Mary E. Rainey, was born in the Township of Troy, Oakland County, Michigan February 10, 1852. On May 19, 1870 she was united in marriage to Sameul E. Green of Franklin, Michigan. To this union seven children were born—Lyman, Frank, Jennie, Ezra, Joseph, Ella and May. Three of this number have passed away, Ezra in the year 1903, Lyman in 1919 and Frank in 1920.

Mrs. Green leaves to mourn her loss, a husband; four children, Jennie Warden of Ludington, Joseph, of this city, Dr. Ella Green of Detroit, and May Frue of Pontiac; a sister, Mrs. Sylvester Mosher of Holly; a brother, Dr. John Rainey of this city; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Franklin Cemetery, Monday, with Rev. Peter McKay in charge of the services. Members of the Birmingham Masonic Lodge acted as pallbearers.

Among those who attended the services from other cities were Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Mosher, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Wright and Miss Smith, of Holly, Mich; Dr. and Mrs. Ellis Green, Miss Sylvia Herrick, and Mrs. Slater, of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Rainey and Mrs. W. Ewing of Tustin; J. M. Beddow and family of Southfield; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warden of Ludington.

On account of Monday being a holiday the regular Commission meeting scheduled for that evening has been postponed until Friday evening, a week from today.

Real Estate To Sell or Rent. We will write Fire, Tornado, Compensation, Public Liability, Plate Glass, Burglary and Automobile Insurance. Automobile insurance in old line companies and Auto Owners' and Cadillac Mutuals.
OAKLAND REALTY CO., T. D. Lynch, Mgr. Room 6, Levinson Bldg. Phone 143-F2 adv40tf

RETURN TO TEACH AT BALDWIN HI

The above are all former teachers at the Baldwin High School and will teach there again this year.
Top row, left to right—Beryl Peacock, English; Rose Fearron, English; Mabel Stickle, French; Gladys Barker, History; Madeline MacGregor, English.
Middle row, left to right—Jeanette Krickard, Coach; W. S. Toothacker, Science; Cloe Hardy, History; Blanche Priest, Drawing; Ann Harris, Mathematics.
Bottom row, left to right—Rhoda Densmore, Mathematics; Almira Bassett, Latin; Myra Grattan, Music; Mrs. Freda Hart, Domestic Science; Florence Ackerly, Geography.

COMMISSION ASKS BOND APPROVAL

Request Affirmative Vote On Fire Pumper And Library Heating System

$17,500.00 IS INVOLVED

The following communication, relative to the issues at stake at the special election next Tuesday, Sept. 4, was received at the Eccentric office this week and is published to enlighten local electors:

To the Citizens of Birmingham:

On Tuesday, Sept. 4, you are requested to go to the polls and express your opinion on two matters of interest to the welfare of Birmingham.

First, the expenditure of $5,000.00 for the installation of a steam heating system and the remodeling of the fire department quarters in the Baldwin Library building.

Second, the expenditure of $12,500.00 for the purchase of fire pumping apparatus.

The necessity of the first proposition can hardly be disputed. The library building will in all probability be utilized for its present purpose for several years to come and the present method of heating is not only inadequate, but expensive and extremely hazardous. During the last winter there was in use one hot air furnace, four coal stoves, two electric heaters and one oil heater. With all this equipment it was totally impossible to provide a comfortable degree of heat during the colder weather and the fuel expense was very high at the same time. The fire truck motors also cannot be kept warm enough to make the instant start required of them for proper fire protection. The state fire marshal has inspected the present heating system and condemnited it as very dangerous and apt to cause a serious fire at any time.

The sum of $3,000.00 is estimated to be required for the purpose of installing the steam heating system, including the construction of a boiler room and new stack.

The balance of the $5,000.00 asked for is to be used for the purpose of remodeling the quarters of the fire department and making various necessary repairs to the building. Provided a new fire pumper is purchased it will be absolutely necessary to do this remodeling in order

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Auto Is Turned Over; 1 Killed, 1 Injured

HIGHLAND PARK MAN FATALLY INJURED ON ROCHESTER ROAD MONDAY

Howard Furlong of Highland Park, was killed, and Michael Long of Detroit, badly injured in an auto accident on the Rochester road early Monday morning. The men were driving toward Detroit when a heavy truck backed out of a driveway forcing Long's machine onto the D. U. R. tracks, where it overturned. Furlong was hurled from the machine, receiving a fractured skull, and died before medical aid could be summoned. Long was taken to the Pontiac hospital.

Township Takes 2 Subdivisions

The Golf View Heights And Meadow Brook Estates Plats Are Accepted

Acceptance of the two subdivisions by the Township Board of Supervisors has been announced by Township Clerk R. Y. Moore. The subdivisions are known as Golf View Heights and Meadow Brook Estates.

The Golf View Heights subdivision is owned by John P. Rabaut, et al, and Walsh, James and Wasey are acting as the sales agents. It is located across from the Birmingham Golf Club, and is comprised of 34 acres, part of which is the Case farm. Small summer homes will be built on this subdivision, designed with the purpose in view of attracting golfers.

The Meadow Brook Estates, which comprises 154 acres, was formerly the McBride farm of West Maple road. It is owned by D. A. and R. B. Marentette of Windsor, etal. Hall, Doyle Co. of Detroit are the agents. This subdivision was accepted with a bond as a plat in the Township.

Charter Committee To Be Named Monday

President McBride, last Monday evening, offered to the Commission a list of names of men to serve on a committee whose duty it will be to investigate the present Village charter, and offer suggestions as to its revision. These suggested revisions will be placed on the ballot at the spring election, and will be voted on by the people of the Village.

Action on the list of named proposed was deferred until next Monday night, when the members of this committee will be appointed. It is probable that the committee will consist of five men, two of whom will be the Village Attorney and the Village Manager. The other members will undoubtedly be selected on the basis of their knowledge of and interest in Village affairs.

SNOW SUB. ACCEPTED BY VILLAGE OFFICERS

Acceptance in the Village of what is known as the Snow Subdivision was made Monday evening by the Commission. This piece of land is the northern end of the property owned by Mrs. Emma Snow. It extends from the Campbell Subdivision to the Adams road south of East Maple and is comprised of approximately seven acres, all of which have been platted into fifty and sixty foot lots. The installation of sewers and water mains on the property is nearing completion.

MRS. C. M. THOMPSON CALLED BY DEATH

Extended Illness Is Fatal To Wife Of Local Retired Methodist Minister

FUNERAL HELD MONDAY

Margaret H. Thompson, wife of Rev. C. M. Thompson, died at her home on Ferndale avenue Friday evening, Aug. 24, after a lingering illness caused by hardened arteries. She has been a sufferer during most of her three years residence in Birmingham.

Mrs. Thompson was born 65 years ago in Hastings County, Ontario, the youngest daughter of John and Mary Hargan, natives of the province of Belfast, Ireland. On Aug. 1, 1878 she was united in marriage to Mr. Thompson and proved herself a capable, suitable helpmeet in the arduous, exacting duties of a minister's wife. Mrs. Thompson was well known in every parish where her husband has been pastor during her forty years residence in Michigan. In Midland, Oxford, Houghton, Sault Ste. Marie, Marquette, Sepena, Lapeer, Fenton, Hudson and Tecumseh she has a multitude of friends who cherish her memory. The floral offerings and messages of sympathy in evidence at the time of her funeral bear eloquent testimony to the high esteem in which she was held.

Mrs. Thompson is survived by her husband and three children—Mrs. Edna G. Plumb of Highland Park; L. H. Thompson of Ingersoll, Ont., and C. Earl Thompson of Detroit. The funeral services were held Monday, at 11 o'clock from the home on Ferndale avenue, and were in charge of Rev. E. G. Warren, D.D., of Detroit, superintendent of Detroit district of the Methodist Church; Rev. Dr. Fruit of Detroit and Rev. W. E. Marion of Pontiac read Scripture lessons. Rev. J. S. West of Birmingham offered prayer and Rev. A. R. Legg, and, D. D. of Port Huron gave the address. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Sidney D. Eva of Farmington. The pallbearers were all clergymen friends of the family. The burial was at Roseland Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Thompson was an ideal wife, mother, friend and neighbor, and a most devoted christian.

POST OFFICE CLOSES AT 10:00 A. M. ON MONDAY

On Monday (Labor Day), the post office will close at 10 A. M. All groceries will be open until 10 A. M. and drug stores will observe their regular hours.

EDITORIAL ELICITS RAPID RESPONSE; REPLACES LOST VILLAGE RECORDS

H. H. Barnett, of Pontiac a registered engineer who has been called in to advise on various Village engineering problems in the past, is a staunch believer in thoroughly perusing the columns of the Birmingham Eccentric. Not only does he read this paper, but he quickly acts upon any suggestions printed therein.

Last week we carried an editorial entitled "Gone, But Not Forgotten." It related to the disappearance of various village records, upon which were mentioned maps and diagrams of water mains, sewers, etc. It set forth the fact that the village manager did not have on file certain needed records—and for one of two reasons, viz.: they had never been made or, if made, had been carried away by their makers.

That's the reason that Mr. Barnett appeared, in Manager Starr's office Friday morning of last week with an armful of records which he made for Birmingham. If anybody who reads this has any other records that pertain to Village projects, and will turn them in, Manager Starr will be greatly obliged. So will the rest of Birmingham.

SCHOOLS OPEN NEXT TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Buildings Are In Excellent Condition For Students This Year

MANY TEACHERS BACK

Thirty Who Taught Last Year To Return; Eighteen New Faculty Members

Vacation days are about over, and the Birmingham public schools will open Tuesday, Sept. 4, for the school year of 1923-1924. Careful repairs have put the buildings in excellent condition for the coming year, and a large increase in enrollment over last year is expected. However, due to the increase in capacity brought about by the completion of the Adams school, every child will have a seat for a full day's work, and no half-day sessions will be necessary except in the kindergarten.

Parents of children who have moved to Birmingham since June should present report or promotion cards to the principals of the respective buildings at the time when the children enter on Tuesday morning. No change has been made from last year in the grade school boundaries. Children east of Woodward will attend the Adams; the Barnum school will care for children west of Woodward to Bates and south of Brown; the Maplecrest school is for the children in the first four grades in that subdivision; and the Hill school cares for the remainder of the district.

All pupils in Grades 7-12 will be up in the Baldwin high school building which is to be enlarged during the coming year.

A general meeting for all teachers will be held on Monday, Sept. 3, at 3:00 p.m. in the Baldwin high school building. The plans for the school year will be discussed and arrangements made for the formal opening and classification of pupils on Tuesday so that regular work may commence on Wednesday. While many changes have occurred in the teaching force of last year from resignations and several from marriage, the vacancies have been filled with good, strong candidates and a very successful school year is anticipated.

The list of teachers, the departments they are in, their homes, and the length of time they have taught in the Birmingham schools, is as follows:

Baldwin High School — Clarence Vliet, superintendent, 8 years; Melvin C. Hart, principal, 2 years; Cloe Hardy, senior session room teacher, History, Oberon, ½ year; Madeline MacGregor, English, Ann Arbor, ½ year; Mabel Stickle, French, Throop, Ogdy, 2 years; Almira Bassett, Latin, Marysville, Tenn., 2 years; Ann Harris, Mathematics, Clarkston, 1 year; Rose Fearron, English, Sparta, 2 years; Beryl Peacock, English, Odessa, ½ year; Rhoda Densmore, 9th grade session room teacher, Mathematics, Osceola, 6 years; Jeanette

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SCHOOL BOY DIES FROM SHOT WOUND

WILMOT COONEY ACCIDENTALLY SHOOTS SELF WITH PISTOL

Wilmot Cooney, only son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cooney, of Wing Lake, died of blood poisoning Saturday night, August 24, at the Grace Hospital, Detroit. The poisoning was caused by a bullet wound, received when the boy accidently shot himself with a loaded pistol, the bullett entering his leg just above the knee. Wilmot, who was but sixteen years old, would have been a senior in the high school this year.

The funeral was held at the home of the boy's grandmother, Mrs. Robert Allan, in Franklin, Monday, Aug. 26, at two o'clock, Rev. E. V. Dunlavy of St. Clair officiating. A number of his classmates attended the funeral, and several of the boys acted as pallbearers. Interment was made in Franklin cemetery.

ROUGE SEWER CONTRACT AWARDED BIDDERS

Work was started last week on the River Rouge intercepting sanitary sewer by Kevorkian & Hogatian, contractors, who were awarded the job when their bid of $26,420.25 was found to be the lowest submitted. The project, which will handle all sewage now emptying into the River Rouge, is the largest single sewer job ever undertaken by the Village, according to Charles Plumstead, Village Treasurer.

The original estimate, prepared by Manager Starr last spring, was for the sum of $40,325. At the annual Village election last March this issue was voted down by the people. It was later approved by them when again submitted in June. It is expected to have the new sewer completed by November of this year. It begins at a point in Rouge Park, and extends along the course of the River Rouge to the southwest corner of Birmingham where, at a future time, a modern sewage disposal plant will be erected.

EXCLUSIVE GIFT SHOP
Mrs. F. H. Sirling and Miss Sirling announce that it is to be known as The Green Pheasant, Gift Shoppe on the Hill. Made to order gifts. Phone 175-J. Mrs. C. E. Jewel, 209 Daines St. adv19

Wanted—Woman for general housework, no washing. Phone 175-J. Mrs. C. E. Jewel, 209 Daines St. adv19