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BETTER PAY YOUR TAXES

BETWEEN August 1 and August 31 one (1) per cent penalty will be imposed on all taxes collected; from September 1 to October 31 four (4) per cent penalty will be imposed on all taxes collected; the tax roll will be returned to the County Treasurer at Pontiac November 1, after which all taxes will be paid there and an additional ¾ per cent penalty will be imposed for each month or fraction thereof that taxes remain unpaid.

Up to November 1 Village taxes will be collected in the office of the Village Clerk of Birmingham.

(Signed)

CHARLES PLUMSTEAD,
Village Treasurer.

CLASSIFIED ADS

UNDER THIS HEADING—"For Sale", "For Rent", etc., per word 1½c; for each consecutive insertion of same ad, 1c per word—minimum charge 25c. CASH must accompany each ad.—absolutely no ad. charged.

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FOR SALE—One Dining Room Set and one Sewing Machine. Cheap. 408 Park. Phone 447-M. 19

FOR SALE—Garland Heating Stove as good as new. $20.00. Mrs. S. D. Evans, 318 Harmon. Phone 179-J. 19

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MISCELLANEOUS

CERTAINLY we are still Dry Cleaning and Dyeing for particular people. Gravlin & Gravlin. Phone 154-R. 8tf

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. F. H. Stirling and Miss Nims will open a shop to be known as The Green Pheasant Gift Shoppe at 131 West Maple Ave. about Sept. 15. Artistic Pottery, Imported Linens and Dainty Gifts will be handled exclusively. Formal announcement of opening will be made later. 19*

PHONOGRAPH REPAIRING. We repair all makes of talking machines. Work called for and delivered. Write Cable Piano Co., 88 South Park St., Pontiac. Phone 979. 19*

FOR RENT—ROOMS

ONE clean newly decorated furnished room for rent. Phone 664-W. 19*

FOR RENT—Beautifully furnished heated bedroom, private home, for teachers or gentlemen. Owen, 613 Floyd St. 19*

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HOUSEWORK; girl for general work, country girl preferred. No washing; small family. Cranbrook Road near Woodward. Mrs. R. W. Yeats. Phone 475-M. 16tf

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—Good light Surrey and single harness. Hen house 7 x 14. All clean. Phone 630, Birmingham. 18-19*

FOR RENT—HOUSES AND APARTMENTS

MODERN furnished home with three bedrooms for rent. Call 563. 19*

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE

LOT FOR SALE—50 x 145 ft. on Henrietta St.—just opened. First class location. Pear trees and other small fruits on place. Inquire 2585 Blaine Ave., Detroit. 17-19

FOR SALE—Small Store, 14 x 16. All sealed with electric light fixtures in. $300 cash. William Kiley, 15 Mile Road. Box 63. 19*

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HOUSEMAN, first class on heating and general repairs, wants position. Apply Box 63, Eccentric Office. 19

Growing Sponges From Seed.

So important has the sponge become in every day life that it is now grown from "seed" like ordinary land plants. Before this the finest sponges came from the Mediterranean.

Godspeed.

Old Lady (seeing her niece off)—"Good-by, Emily! God be with you till you get to Langaa—after that you won't have to change trains."—Klodstrans, Copenhagen.

Horses Lost in Bull Fights.

Something like 30,000 horses are killed in bull fights in Spain every year.

AUTO BIG HELP TO STATE FAIRS

The importance of the automobile in the development of the State Fairs is being emphasized more and more every year, according to George W. Dickinson, secretary-manager of the Michigan State Fair which will be held in Detroit from August 31 to September 9.

"There was a day," Mr. Dickinson said, "when many persons thought the passing of the horse would doom the fairs. But the result has been just the opposite.

"The large number of automobiles relieves the heavy traffic on trains during fair time with the result that the motorists and those remaining railroad passengers all travel in comfort.

"This encourages many more farmers to bring their families to Detroit for the great exposition. In fact the automobile has just about brought the fair to the front yard of every farmer within a radius of 75 miles.

"We expect to do a great deal more for the accommodation of touring motorists this year. We had a camp for them last year where, for a reason[illegible] motorists put their cars [illegible] and sleep in them. It [illegible] popular with them."

Cutty Stools.

The creeple or cutty stool was a stool once used in the Scottish church for punishment of offenders against chastity. The sinner was required to sit in full view of the congregation, and at the close of service, rise for reprimand by the minister.

Address Bright Sayings.

Our son, three, was watching his grandpa skinning squirrels. He said: "Grandpa, let's plant their tails in the garden, then there will be more squirrels and you can shoot them again next year."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the Village Commission called to order by the President at 8:00 P. M. Monday, August 27th, in the Village Hall. Present President McBride, Commissioners Bell and Bingham and Manager Starr.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed.

Moved by Comm. Bell that Note No. 119 on W. Maple Sewer Fund No. 9 for $140.00 be paid with the interest, $4.90. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

Moved by Comm. McBride that Note No. 118 on the Pierce Street Sewer Fund No. 8 for $400.00 with interest of $14.00 added. New note $414, be renewed for six months. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

Moved by Pres. McBride that Note No. 117 on Bates Street Sewer Fund No. 19 for $187.16 be renewed for 3 months, and the interest, $6.58 be paid. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

Moved by Comm. McBride that Birmingham Lodge No. 547, I.O.O.F., be given permission to establish booths between the sidewalk and curb along Pierce Street between Martin and Merrill Streets during their Carnival to be held the latter part of September or the first part of October. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

Moved by Commissioner Bingham that the plat of the 'Snow Subdivision' be accepted by the Village. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

Moved by Commissioner Bell that the bond of the Detroit Mantel & Tile Co. as licensed electricians be accepted and put on file by the Clerk. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

Moved by Commissioner Bingham that the bill of the Birmingham Paving Co. amounting to $148.03 be paid from the Street Fund. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

Moved by Comm. Bingham that the Commission enter into a contract with Louis Kevorkian and Thomas Hogatian, co-partners, doing business as Kevorkian & Hogatian, to build and construct an intercepting Sanitary Sewer, to be known as the Rouge Intercepting Sanitary Sewer, for the sum of $26,429.25 and that the President of the Village and the Clerk of the Village be hereby authorized to execute said contract. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

Moved by Comm. Bingham that the Village Commission authorize the President and Clerk to enter into an agreement with George Scott as Trustee of the East Maple Gardens Subdivision to furnish said Subdivision with Village water. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

There being no further business it was moved by Pres. McBride that the meeting adjourn. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

CHARLES E. PLUMSTEAD,
Deputy Village Clerk, acting in absence of Hazel E. Clark from the Village.

CHURCHES

Southfield United Presbyterian Church

Rev. W. T. Armstrong, Minister. Preaching every Sabbath morning 11 a. m. Sabbath 12, noon, Mr. Charles Parks, supt. Young Peoples meeting 8. p. m.

St. James' Episcopal

Sunday Sept. 2, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity. First Sunday of month, Holy Communion 10:30. Sermon by the Rector, Rev. C. H. McCourdy.

At The Methodist Church Sept. 2-23

10:30 A. M. Holy Sacrament; 12 Sunday school; 6:30, Epworth League; 7:30 Evening service Theme, "The Cross and its Power"

Monday evening a meeting of the Official Board. Every member should be present. Wednesday evening is the hour for prayer and praise. As the time for special meeting draws on let us pray for the success of the work. Friday afternoon the Ladies Aid Society will hold their meeting at the residence of Mrs. J. Bert Peabody on E. Maple St. Special business is to be considered.

United Presbyterian

Morning Worship, 10:30 a. m. Sermon theme, "A Worthy Citizenship.", the fifth of a series of sermons on Philippians. Bible School, 11:45 a. m. A review of the life of the great apostle, "Paul's Contribution to Christianity." Young People's meeting, 6:30 p. m. "Lessons from the Psalms: a Singing Psalm," Ps. 96. Evening Worship, 7:30 a. m. Beginning a series of messages from the life of Elijah—"A man from the Frontier." Meeting for Prayer, Wednesday evening at 7:30. Leader, Mr. William Hardison. Women's Missionary Society meets in the church on Thursday at 2:30 p. m.

The Birmingham Gospel Tabernacle of the Christian and Missionary Alliance

(Corner of Bates and Merrill)

Saturday night street meeting at the corner of Pierce and Maple Sts. at 8 p. m. Everybody is invited to be present. Sunday morning service at 10:30. Communion theme, "The One Mediator Between God and Man." Sunday school at 11:45. Junior Young People's at 6:30. Sunday evening service at 7:30. Mr. Richard Carter of Nova Scotia will speak. Everybody is invited to be present. There will be no Tuesday meeting on account of the election.

Christian Science Society

Services at Church Building, Woodward avenue, south of the D. U. R. waiting room.

Sunday, 11 a.m. Sunday school, same hour.

Wednesday evenings 8 o'clock.

All are invited.

Free Reading Room, open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Wed. from 7 to 8 p.m.

First Presbyterian

Sunday, Sept. 2, the pastor, Rev. W. C. McKnight, will occupy the pulpit and preach. The morning service will begin at 10:45, and the subject of the sermon will be "The Silence of Scripture." Sunday school will meet at 10 o'clock. There will be no evening service. The pastor hopes for a good attendance. Visitors and strangers welcome.

Old New Orleans.

In New Orleans, during the carnival season, many of the old dances are still practiced on Claiborne street in the French section. This is across the old basin which was dug from Bayou St. John, and many of the older Creoles of this section boast that they have never been across Canal street on the American side of the town. Also, far up the river on St. John's night in mid-June, the old hoodoo rites are still kept up in isolated places.

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CHURCH TRAMP ARTICLES

Having To Do With a Real Revival Of Religion In Christian Homes By GENERATION AND REGENERATION

The Birth of Holy Children (1. Cor. 7:14) and Their Nurture By Christian Parents, in Christian Homes, Directed and Supported By The Christian Churches.

(Editor's Note: This is one of a series of articles that appeared in the Detroit News-Tribune between the years 1899-1910. They were written by Henry Wood Booth, of Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, under the nom de-plume of "Lex." Although we, perhaps, may not agree with all that "Lex" has written, still we believe them of sufficient value and interest to our readers to reproduce them in The Eccentric.)

MAY, 19, 1907.

Why Do Not Protestant Children Go To Church? Parental Authority, Leaving Babies in the Lord's Hand. Clothes and Conversion. Who Is Head of the Family?

Oldtme Protestant Christians often wonder what has become of the children who used to go to church. Twenty-five years ago, here in Detroit, I myself used to fill two pews, in the church which I attended, with members of my own household, and I am not a Mormon either—far from it. In every Roman Catholic church in Detroit, I believe—in every one that I have attended, at any rate—there is a special children's mass every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. On these occasions the churches are well filled with children, adults being charged 10 cents admission—as a sort of fine, I suppose, for not getting up and being present at the regular early mass which is said an hour earlier than this one. Where are the Protestant children at this hour? Where are they two hours later, when their parents are, or ought to be, at church? Why are the children not at church?

The reason why children are not seen in Protestant churches on Sunday morning is simply because they "don't want to go." And, modern, twentieth-century Protestant parents decline to compel their children to go to church. In fact, very few parents now "compel" their children to do anything. In the question of church going they think it is a matter "so sacred, so personal, so vital, that the child should be left to his own choice." Nothing could be more nonsensical than such an assumption. It is based on a false premise. And that is that every individual child is born into the world with a ready-made conscience, which is an all-sufficient guide, and if followed will lead its owner into all truth, without authoritative training of any kind. It is not true, as John Locke proved years ago, that man is born into the world with any such innate moral sense. He is born with the materials out of which a conscience may be formed, by education, observation and experience, but even then conscience, although never to be disobeyed, is ever an unreliable guide—it is a judge rather than a guide.

God's revealed will is the standard of right and not the human conscience. And God is his own interpreter, by his Spirit. "If any man will do His will he shall know of the doctrine." But, the parent is in the place of God to the young child. Parental authority precedes any sense of divine authority. A recent writer says: "It is absurd, monstrous even, to suppose that a parent of 40 should permit a child of 4 years to choose its moral course. It is only less absurd that a child of 10 or 12 should be thrown wholly upon its own moral choices. A perverse child of 4 who does not choose to say his prayers, or a perverse boy of 10 who does not choose to go to church, should be constrained to do so, and if constraint is not sufficient, compulsion should be used. The only question in the case is as to the time of life in a child when compulsion ought to cease. But, that is another matter.

I would advise all loyal Baptists to leave the babies in the Lord's hands and go out after the poor sinners.—Correspondent Canadian Baptist.

That's exactly what thousands of good evangelical Christians, who are not Baptists, as well as those who are, are now doing, to the neglect and ruination of their own families. Where both cannot be done, I would rather advise that sinners be left in the Lord's hands and that the babies, who have been placed in their parents' hands by the Lord, be carefully and religiously and piously nurtured and brought up in his fear and admonition. It is far more important that one boy should be prevented from becoming a thief than it is that any thief should be reclaimed. And it is equally, nay, important that one girl should be restrained from becoming a harlot than it is that one harlot should be rescued. So, again, it is more important that a holy Christian child (1 Cor. 7:14) should be "lost" than it is that any other child whatever should be "saved."

Modern emotional, spasmodic revivalism allows children to grow up in the glory and admonition of the devil, and then "goes out after" the very same children after they have become "poor sinners" and attempts to "convert" them. Nine-tenths of the people converted at the big hooray revival meetings were the children of Christian parents, and the scriptures assure us that if those children had been "trained up in the way they should go" they would "not have departed" therefrom, so as to need this revivalist conversion (Prov. 22:6). Protestant "parents," if they consent to let the Lord send them any children (Psalm 127:3), and if they are "faithful to their church," not off to the Sunday morning service and leave their children at home to feast on the comic section of the Sunday paper. They not off to the Wednesday night prayer meeting and allow their children to run the street while they are gone; or they neglect their children are allowed to come in and play with them—which means that the children are allowed to indulge in precocious gallantries among themselves, and so they have "beaus" and "sweethearts" before they have shed their milk teeth. Then when a noted revivalist comes along these same "active church workers" join the choir of several hundred voices, and their own church is closed, "in order that all may take part in the revival." It is then that these same parents, if they have a wayward son or a wayward daughter—and they usually have—a son who is more fond of billiards, base ball, burlesque, Balzac and Paul de Kock than he is of the Bible—or a daughter who "delights to dance," play cards, gossip, or do any earthly thing rather than "be religious." It is then I say, that such people make "a special effort" to get such sons and daughters to "go to church" in hopes that they may there "be converted." Great system! Isn't it?

A correspondent of the Living Church is greatly concerned to know whether it would be possible to convert the heathen of climes where clothes are a superfluity of a positive evil, without them. Could the heathen not be "good with out clothes?" he asks, and then adds: "If you say No, I reply that with them we are not always good morally either."

Few realize how much clothes have to do with religion and morals. As soon as Adam and Eve came to a knowledge of their condition by nature they made themselves aprons. The man with the legion of devils, when he came to his right mind, clothed himself.

In days gone by men dressed more elaborately than did women, and women then everywhere occupied a subordinate position. But this is a feminine age; they women dress gorgeously and the men with modesty—and as "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery," so they great majority of men now go "masked and" thus flattering the women by imitating them. "The superior sex," because superiorly dressed, is already clamoring for "equal rights." But, unless the men do something to tone down the women's plumage, or increase the impressiveness of their own, the said "superior sex" will never be content until they have made their "superiority" dominant.

The bible, in both the Old and the New Testament, positively forbids the assumption by women of authority over men, and bids them to be in subjection to their own husbands. This fact, I think, has much to do with the shouting off of so many women from the Christian fold, and that such have gone off and set up new religions of their own, in which the female element invariably predominates. Women, who are parties to this usurpation make a great and a fatal mistake. There cannot be two heads to anything. Headship implies authority, and, as I said last week, authority and responsibility go together. If the man is head, he is the supreme authority in the household; he is responsible for the exercise of his authority, and the woman, being subject to him, is relieved of that responsibility. But if the woman relegates the man and assumes the headship herself, "the body is on the other leg"—she is responsible. Quite often a man is glad to have his wife do this. "Oh, my wife runs the house," he says, "and I mind my business and thereby furnish the wherewith." That sounds very fair, but it will not work. There are lots of things connected with the bringing up of a family which no woman can do as he can. I need only mention the bringing up of boys. But, I will now only refer the reader to the scriptures themselves, and men and their wives will do well to open their bibles and read therein. It will be noticed that in all my articles I give the chapter and verse for numerous passages of scripture. I do this because I want every reader to get familiar with the bible, the source which are able to make men wise.

It will be a good exercise of Sunday afternoon, or at any time, for parents or children, or both, to search out the following passages of scripture and read and study them. They all have to do with the family or some member of it: Gen. 3:14-19; Ex. 10:2, 20; Lev. 19:3, 32; Deut. 4:9, 5:16, 6:6-9, 11:19, 21; Josh. 24:15; Psalms 127:3-5, 128:1-4; Proverbs 1:8, 9, 6:20-22, 10:1, 13:1, 24, 15:5, 20, 17:6, 19:18, 29:15, 17; Eccl. 12:1, 13, 14; 22:24, 25, 24:21, 25:7, 21, 29:3, 15, 17; Joel 2:16; Mal. 4:6; Luke 18:14-17; Mat. 15:4-6; Eph. 6:1-4; Matt. 18:3-6; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 1:17; 2:51; Rom. 1:30; 2 Cor. 6:14-18; 7:1; 11:2, 3; 12:14; 1 Tim. 5:4, 8; 2 Tim. 1:5; 3:2, 4; Tit. 2:4; Heb. 12:7-9; 1 Pet. 3:1-7; 1 John 2:12-14; 3:1, 2; 3 John 4.

Dress the children in the morning, week days, in the clothes they will wear during the day, and let them go to school in them, if they are able to go, and not be ashamed of them, if they are not able to go, because of their ragged condition.

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