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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

One instant shines through all the centuries when all else fades and crumbles into dust—a lowly manger birth! Compared with this man's proudest moments are ridiculous! What conqueror, in all his majesty, has left behind so great an heritage to humankind as did this infant babe? Not one! His Love is ours eternally!

Oh, Christmas! Who would dare destroy the day and fill the hearts of men with selfishness, with greed, with envy, malice, hatred, death? A year's five thousand wakeful hours of sin will fade before its few short hours of Love! One flame will light the void! Unselfishness, forgiveness, gladness, smiles, the joy of giving, sweet hope, the laugh of childish innocence—all these belong to Christmas! Mists that rise condensed of human spite, whose foul miasm breathes slander and spits tongues of livid hate, all these disperse and flee before the Son!

Let orthodoxy vanish, dogmas, creeds, and stones of temples fall if Time so wills; the Light remains! And by it radiance dim earth becomes a star whose gleaming dust dispels the terror of the clouds above! For Love and God are indispensable!

On Christmas Day let voices rise in song, in joyous mirth! Let willing hands perform in charity! Let eyes flash messages of cheer and sympathy, and tongues speak words of faith and hope! For these are golden hours! A Merry Christmas, friends; God keep you all!

(Reprinted from the Eccentric of a year ago.)

WHY HOLD UP WOODWARD WIDENING?

Going on the premise that a wider Woodward Avenue would decrease the risk and number of automobile fatalities on this thoroughfare, no one can therefore dispute the plausibility of completing the widening process at once. Any individual who does any thing that hinders the State from acquiring a sufficient right-of-way between the Eight-Mile Road and Pontiac is not only stopping natural progress, but he is aiding in filling our hospitals and morgues with injured and killed human beings.

There was a time when citizens placed the welfare of the community above their own petty selfishness. In the old days when co-operation was the only thing that kept the Thirteen Colonies together, few of our original Americans did anything that would tend to wreck the machinery of good government. In the old days, when Woodward Avenue was nothing but a tangled stretch of woods and undergrowth, neighbors banded together and cleared out a decent thoroughfare to carry on transportation; and when Chief Pontiac marked out the narrow trail from the Detroit River to Saginaw, who can deny that the heathen Red Man did not lend a friendly hand when obstructions of Nature threatened clear passage?

And now, in this so-called enlightened, intelligent age, why can not all people be public-spirited and aid a most worthy cause? The State of Michigan asks for a free right-of-way from Detroit to Pontiac; Governor Groesbeck declares that the cost of building the road will be borne by the entire State—and yet we are informed that large property holders along the way are holding out for the payment of something they could easily afford to give free! The relative increase in the value of their property when Woodward is widened would more than repay them any present loss.

There is—there can be no sound argument against the collective donation of frontage for a Wider Woodward Avenue!

CHILDHOOD'S HAPPY DAYS.

One of the happiest days of anyone's life is when he or she graduates from school or college. Whw can dispute the fact that as much happiness attends the renion of schoolmates of a half century ago? The reunion in Birmingham's "Old Red Schoolhouse" two weeks ago will be a red-letter day in the lives of those who attended. What scholar in life's stern school will not admit that childhood is one of his most cherished possessions—thus happily has God given us memories to recall. Who would not rather have a dozen "stubbed toes" than a bruised knuckle occasioned by tinkering with his automobile?

"TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION."

Witness the case of Michigan's lawmakers, each sworn to uphold the statutes of State and Nation, yet most of them refusing to carry out the laws relative to reapportionment of senatorial and representative district. Last week, by an over-whelming vote, they "scrapped" Wayne County's right to an increase in senators and representatives in Lansing. Isn't it about time that the body politic paid more attention to the caliber of its public officials? "Taxation without representation" started a war with England and the Thirteen Colonies; will it disrupt the United States?

Christmas, to many people, means just "Santa Claus." To others, it is remindful of the birth of The Saviour of Mankind. At this time we are asked to believe that "it is better to give than to receive."

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held in the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 17th day of December, A. D. 1923.

Present: Hon. Ross Welkell, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Matthew D. Groves, Deceased.

Effie G. Groves, executrix of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the 28th day of April, 1924, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

ROSS STOCKWELL, Judge of Probate.

A true copy. DAN A. McCAFFEY, Register of Probate. 35to37

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IF I WERE GOD.....

By George Rodgers Averill

If I were God and lived in regions far above the noise
And rabble of the earth below, the greatest of my joys—
If I could mould and Shape the destinies of men
And their fair mates, and all who dwell in glen
And woodland, and in the deep, dark sea—
I think that I would leave things as they be.

If I could send a soul to live in common clay;
Give it brains and beauty, work and play—
Just as an asset to its span of life on earth
I would no doubt give at the same time birth
To some mis-shapen, dwarfed, and crying clod—
For such is Law of Contrast, were I God!

Just as the sunshine seems more radiant, grand,
When clouds so dark and gloomy cover land;
Just as the pristine sweetness of the morning dew
Enhances Nature's loveliness, what seems to you
And me so useless, and so stern, unjust,
Should strengthen in our hearts that mystic Trust
That lives in all things—high and low—
For such was written years and years ago.

Oh, were I God, and not a son of Eve,
I would no doubt be moved to weep and grieve
As did His Son who died upon the Cross
To save His brethren; we must make the loss
Of His great self—removed from earthly strife—
The Guiding Star of each and every life;
The Chord to which we must attune the soul,
If we would reach that high, celestial Goal.

Yes were I God, the earth—called God's footstool—
Would be to living things a large, vast school,
Wherein each soul must prove it worth to me.
I would not change the things which seem to be!

And in this crucible of Love and Hate I'd mix
A quantity of Charon's River Styx;
A bit of heaven's blue, a smile, a frown,
And social ostracism, great renown;
And sickness, health and pots of yellow gold
And lives too young to live and some too old;
And all the things which are to us a care—
The clasp of Friendship's hand, the stranger's snare;
And, when this pot was boiling, I would place
Within its seething self—the Human Race.

Then like a chemist, decomposing coal,
I'd watch minutely each and every soul.
The souls that struggled and survived the flames
Of human impulse would then find their names
Upon the scroll of Heaven's Register, above,
For here I take to me the ones I love.
And souls that made no effort for to rise
Against their weakness—when their feeble cries
Were sounding through the world of things that are—
I'd send them Satan as their guiding star.

For Satan is my slave—I do but tell
The Law of Contrast: Love, Hate,—Heaven, Hell.

LIVIN' ROOM LYRICS

By CHARLES S. KINNISON of Birmingham

THE WAY OUT

Though trouble and pain may beset you,
And life seem encircled with care,
Though sorely you're hit, Old Boy, don't you quit,
Don't ever give up to despair.
For however heavy the trouble
It never can put you to rout.
So tighten your grip, and stiffen you lip;
There's always some way to get out.

For God never sends us a burden
Too heavy for man to sustain,
And though we may fall, the great and the small,
We rise and go forward again.
Although for a time, you are baffled,
And filled with a spirit of doubt,
Though bitter your cup, don't ever give up.
There's always some way to get out.

Our trouble seems always the biggest
And hardest to bear, at the first—
Our mind's in a haze, we think in a daze,
The first shock is always the worst.
But though you be staggered and dizzy,
And weak at the knees from the clout,
Don't ever give in, for still you may win.
There's always some way to get out.

So don't let your courage forsake you,
Although in your heart you are sick.
Continue to try till the day that you die—
Be valiant though hurt to the quick!
And however heavy the burden,
In courage and valor be stout—
Keep ever in mind you're certain to find
The God-given way to get out!

The following bills were allowed by the Oakland County Board of Auditors for the Month of October, 1923.

Name	Amount Claimed	Amount Allowed
Fred Dernberger	$ 21.00	$ 21.00
Chases	119.59	119.59
Wigg's Fair	5.25	5.25
A. W. Wilson	20.00	20.00
John Fraser	42.00	42.00
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	.77	.77
Harold Coe	15.52	15.52
White Sewing Machine Co.	92.50	92.50
Chas. Gow	229.00	229.00
Smith Printing Co.	185.50	185.50
H. P. Gaukler	9.00	9.00
Adam Laidlow	50.50	50.50
Rochester Auto Garage	29.97	29.97
Barden & Williams	11.20	11.20
Lyle Nash	14.50	14.50
F. H. Poole	486.00	486.00
Hubbell & Co.	108.30	108.30
Frank Schram	12.90	12.90
E. Stewart & Sons	11.14	11.14
American Railway Express Co.	4.10	4.10
Roy Rost	101.50	101.50
Burt's Garage	14.04	14.04
J. A. Stephens	100.38	100.38
H. H. Farmer & Son	16.00	16.00
Michigan Sign and Decorating Co.	25.00	25.00
John Baum	68.40	68.40
Bert Williamson	40.00	40.00
Chas. E. Groves	15.79	15.79
Frank Elwell	26.30	26.30
Dr. Joseph Chapman	17.00	17.00
Eastern Brown	24.56	24.56
J. B. Ford Co.	16.27	16.27
E. B. Hodges Motor Sales	18.78	18.78
J. M. Furman	34.00	34.00
James Curran	9.00	9.00
Fred Hale	6.00	6.00
Chris Hornbeck	19.50	19.50
Detroit Towel Supply Co.	3.00	3.00
Gregory, Mayer & Thom Co.	26.25	26.25
Cudahy Packing Co.	9.60	9.60
George German	20.62	20.62
R. A. Teeter	194.91	194.91
Mrs. James Butler	10.07	10.07
Voctor Althouse	22.33	22.33
Russell Sage Foundation	55.60	55.60
Shore Acres Creamery	34.36	34.36
Vern Schoff	56.75	56.75
James S. Butler	57.37	57.37
Dr. I. H. Neff	5.70	5.70
B. & B. Battery Service	1.00	1.00
M. E. Taylor	23.57	23.57
Dr. Robert Baker	7.50	7.50
W. B. Alexander	11.85	11.85
W. B. Chatterson	2.40	2.40
Mrs. F. J. Chapman	6.30	6.30
Campbell & Hood	72.92	72.92
Fred E. Watkins	90.75	90.75
Pontiac Provision Co.	79.40	79.40
Oakland Oil & Gas Co.	98.02	98.02
Dr. Chas McMehen	12.00	12.00
Gregory, Mayer & Thom Co.	18.76	18.76
Frankel Mfg. Co.	41.00	41.00
Wigg's Fair	19.05	19.05
Clark Wheaton	13.50	13.50
Floyd Robinson	22.90	22.90
Slater Const. Co.	85.43	85.43
E. Seeterlin	42.00	42.00
F. J. Vanatta	13.95	13.95
Barden & Williams	4.75	4.75
S. H. Burllngham Co.	.85	.85
R. A. Teeter	2.53	2.53
Willard Wilcox	30.00	30.00
H. A. George	2.20	2.20
C. E. DePuy	13.70	13.70
Western Union Telegraph Co.	4.23	4.23
Birmingham Eccentric	108.00	108.00
H. O. Wint	259.92	259.92
Benson & Co.	25.00	25.00
C. W. Smith	12.05	12.05
Smith-Skelton Printing Co.	67.52	67.52
Berta Purser	42.00	42.00
Losee & McDonald	11.72	11.72
Oliver Co., Inc.	31.95	31.95
Public School Publishing Co.	41.35	41.35
Pontiac Accessory Co.	30.70	30.70
Electric Housekeeping Shop	43.23	43.23
George Hoyt	15.00	15.00
I. J. Coffin	62.00	62.00
George Pickering	48.60	48.60
Winter Davis	47.20	47.20
M. Lamberston	34.10	34.10
Verne C. Elwell	10.10	10.10
Claude Wilson	65.00	57.00
University of Michigan	3.00	3.00
R. F. Moylan	3.60	3.60
The Holly Herald	2.15	2.15
Michigan Printing Co.	8.50	8.50
Dr. W. L. Dumond	15.00	15.00
Dr. B. M. Mitchell	9.50	9.50
Whitfield, Walter & Dawson	268.58	268.58
Cloonan's Drug Store	10.65	10.65
The Backenstose Co.	15.65	15.65
Harry F. Colby	114.70	105.40
Doubleday-Hunt-Dolan Co.	199.23	199.23
Purser Fruit Co.	188.49	188.49
Sheill Baking Co.	143.09	143.09
A. A. Holcomb	21.00	18.00
Huron Garage	2.84	2.84
Dr. B. M. Mitchell	15.00	15.00
DuBois Soap Co.	7.80	7.80
RUTH GILLOE, Clerk.		

WILLIS M. BREWER, Chairman.

PATTERSON & PATTERSON, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, PONTIAC, MICH.

MORTGAGE SALE

DEFAULT having been made for more than thirty days in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Stephen A. Bone, Jr., and Enid M. Bone, his wife, to Pontiac Commercial & Savings Bank, of Pontiac, Michigan, a Michigan Banking Corporation, dated the 6th day of January, A.D. 1920, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on the 6th day of January, A.D. 1920, in Liber 260 of Mortgages, on page 50, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, and taxes, the sum of Twenty-two Thousand One Hundred Sixty-one Dollars and Twenty-two Cents ($22,161.22) and an attorney's fee of Thirty-five Dollars, ($35.00), as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Thursday, the 13th day of March, A.D. 1924, at one o'clock in the afternoon, Central Standard Time, the undersigned will, at the Easterly Entrance of the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, with seven per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to wit: Property situated in the City of Pontiac, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, described as follows: Lot numbered twenty-six (26) Voorheis Addition Number Two (2), City of Pontiac.

Also, Lot One (1) Bartlett Addition, City of Pontiac, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Also, following property situated in the Township of Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan; Lots Thirty-five (35) and Thirty-six (36) Bloomfield Hills Addition to the Township of Bloomfield, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Also, Lot Twelve (12) of Silver Beach Subdivision, being part of Section Eleven (11), Township of Waterford, Oakland County, Michigan.

Also the following described land situated in the County of Cheboygan, Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:—

Lot Number Two (2), (also known as the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter) and Lot Number Three (3), (also known as the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter) of Section Twenty-two (22); and the south half of the southwest quarter and the north half of the southwest quarter, and the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter, and the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter, and the west half of the southeast quarter of Section Twenty-three (23); and the northeast quarter, and the north half of the southeast quarter of Section Twenty-six (26); and the west half of the northwest quarter of section twenty-five (25), all in Township Thirty-seven north Range three (3) west, Michigan.

PONTIAC COMMERCIAL & SAVINGS BANK, Mortgagee.

PATTERSON & PATTERSON, Attorneys for Mortgagee. Pontiac, Michigan.

Dated December 19th, 1923. 34-46

MORTGAGE SALE

DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Dorothy Oliver Chandler and Emil Beetrice Chandler, his wife, of Royal Oak Township, Oakland County, Michigan, to First State Bank of Royal Oak, Michigan, dated the 30th day of October, A. D. 1920, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the county of Oakland and State of Michigan, on the 3rd day of November, A. D. 1920, in Liber 261 of mortgages, on page 362, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Three Hundred Twelve and 43/100 ($312.43) dollars, and an attorney's fee of Thirty and no/100 ($30.00) dollars, as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Saturday, the Fifteenth day of March, A. D. 1924, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the undersigned will, at the Saginaw Street entrance of the Courthouse in the City of Pontiac, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the county of Oakland is held, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, with seven per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to wit:

Lots Two Hundred Forty-nine (249) and Two Hundred Fifty (250) of Benjamin F. Mortensen's Pleasant Gardens Subdivision of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section Seventeen (17), Town One (1), North Range, Eleven (11) East, Royal Oak Township, Oakland County Michigan. Recorded in Liber 14 of Plats, page 30. According to the recorded plat thereof.

FIRST STATE BANK OF ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN, Mortgagee.

GEORGE A. DONDERO, Attorney for First State Bank of Royal Oak.

Dated, December 3, 1923. 33-45

DONDERO, HOWARTH & HOXIE, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, ROYAL OAK, MICH.

MORTGAGE SALE

DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Liberty Ice Company, a Delaware corporation, of Royal Oak, Michigan, to First State Bank of Royal Oak, Michigan, dated the 29th day of December, A. D. 1921, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the county of Oakland and State of Michigan, on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1922, in Liber 261 of mortgages, on page 100 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Fifty-two Hundred Nine and 2/100 ($5209.02) Dollars, and an attorney's fee of Thirty ($30.00) and no/100 dollars, as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Saturday, the Fifteenth day of March, A. D. 1924, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the undersigned will, at the Saginaw Street entrance of the Courthouse in the City of Pontiac, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the county of Oakland is held, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, with seven per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to wit:

The South One Hundred (100) feet of the East Fifty (50) feet of Lot number Fifty-three (53) of Truesdell's Addition to the City of Royal Oak, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Oakland County, Michigan.

FIRST STATE BANK OF ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN, Mortgagee.

GEORGE A. DONDERO, Attorney for First State Bank of Royal Oak.

Dated, December 5, 1923. 33-45

DONDERO, HOWARTH & HOXIE, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, ROYAL OAK, MICH.

MORTGAGE SALE

DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Liberty Ice Company, Royal Oak, Michigan, a Delaware Corporation, to First State Bank of Royal Oak, Michigan, dated the 24th day of January, A. D. 1923, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the county of Oakland and State of Michigan, on the 29th day of January, A. D. 1923, in Liber 261 of Mortgages on pages 572-573, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Thirty-six Hundred Forty-six and 31/100 ($3646.31) dollars, and an attorney's fee of Thirty and no/100 ($30.00) dollars, as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Saturday the 16th day of March, A. D. 1924, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the undersigned will, at the Saginaw Street entrance of the Courthouse in the City of Pontiac, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the county of Oakland is held, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, with seven per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to wit:

The South One Hundred (100) feet of the East Fifty (50) feet of Lot number Fifty-three (53) of Truesdells Addition to the City of Royal Oak, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Oakland County, Michigan.

FIRST STATE BANK OF ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN, Mortgagee.

GEORGE A. DONDERO, Attorney for First State Bank of Royal Oak.

Dated, December 5, 1923. 33-45

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