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MUST SUSTAIN LEADERS

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What one thing won the war?

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The community must be built on a firm foundation. We can look for no help outside. We must be united, or we will fail.

If we pull in opposite directions we, the community, will suffer. China has 400,000,000 men, each one of whom can outwork an American. Russia has a large population, and great natural wealth, yet neither China nor Russia are prosperous. They lack real leaders.

Must Sustain Leaders

Birmingham must sustain its leaders if they are to guide the way. When we give them the largest measure of support, then we can hold them accountable for the progress of the community. We have seen that whatever prosperity comes to this city as a result of their effort is shared by you and me and every single individual in the community.

This is democracy in its highest form.

With the merchants of Birmingham there is no inducement in running up a record for sales this month compared with last month, or with last year. If that were their aim, they would be unworthy of the confidence placed in them by the people of this community. Their purpose is to make Birmingham strong and prosperous, and in the realization of this purpose you benefit as much as they. Your wants, and those of your family, must be supplied, whether you buy here or elsewhere. If you buy elsewhere, and your neighbor buys elsewhere, the movement of money—which constitutes the sinews of our local business system—will be away from Birmingham. Home trade will suffer, merchants will have to go out of business, stores will become vacant, houses will be for rent, taxes will go up on your property if schools, roads and other improvements are to be maintained at the present standard.

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But when you buy at home, there is an entirely different picture to print. The money goes the rounds and leaves strength and confidence behind with every transaction through which it passes. You save what would otherwise be wasted in an expensive shopping trip to the city. Increased trade means a larger assortment of goods offered by the home-town stores. All the buildings are occupied and more are needed. Everywhere there is confidence. New buildings go up, and property values rise. Your house and your lot increases in value, sharing in the general prosperity, by which all profit.

Add To Peace Of Mind

No falling off in your standard of living, as there is when times are bad. The comfort and well-being of your family add to your peace of mind. You have no cares and no worries. There is no need to take your boys and girls out of school to help support the family. They enjoy a healthy, wholesome youth, and they enjoy the training that it to fit them for useful manhood and womanhood.

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And Bill Resents All Such Things

Deputy Sheriff Jake Levi of Big Beaver, had too much of a good thing on his hands when he arrested Wm. Breitmeyer at Big Beaver for being drunk and disorderly last Monday evening. On their way to Pontiac Breitmeyer strongly resented the curtailment of his freedom, and the manner in which he did this resulted in Deputy Levi finding himself on the ground in a position unbecoming to an officer of the law.

After reaching Birmingham Deputy Sheriff Levi had had enough, and not relishing the thought of taking Breitmeyer any further, turned him over to Motorcycle Officer Clark Green. Breitmeyer showed very good judgment in respecting Officer Green's size, and without any further objections submitted to being taken on to Pontiac and turned over to Sheriff Butler of Oakland county.

ECO CITY STEADY IN IT'S GROWTH

Contracts Let On Sewerage, Water And Sidewalk Improvements

NEW THEATRE PROBABLE

Eco City is growing. Its growth is more certain with every swing of the carpenter's hammer as new houses are built. It is more assured with every new improvement that is added for the comfort and convenience of the people. And a greater certainty of its growth is assured because of the progressive character of its population.

The Leinbach-Humphrey Co. has entered a contract with the T. C. Brooks Co. of Jackson, to install sewers and water on the property lying east of Woodward, and at the present time, negotiations for the building of sidewalks are being carried 6n.

With these improvements and excellent transportation facilities, and with the probability of rapid transit and the best of schools, Eco City anticipates a population of nearly 4,000 within a few years.

Motion Picture Theatre Possible

The Leinbach-Humphrey Co. has been approached by a group of responsible business men, desiring to construct a motion picture theatre in Eco City. However, these plans are not far enough advanced to state definitely the location.

Land has been purchased for the location of a Protestant church in Eco. A considerable piece of land located on Bennaville avenue, near Woodward avenue has been chosen for the site. Plans are being made for extending Bennaville around a full city block. A community house for church socials and entertainments, 50 feet wide by 72 feet long, will be erected at once.

SHOOT EVENT WON BY F. HOLZNAGLE

Birmingham Man Awarded State Doubles At Petoskey

5 LOCAL MEN AT MEET

Frank Holznagle of Maple road, was awarded the state championship on the double targets by finally defeating William Cavender of Detroit, after the two had tied for first place among fifty other entrants in that event at the state shoot of the Michigan Gun Club League held at Petoskey last Friday and Saturday. There were 101 contestants from throughout the state entered in the 1923 shoot and while few records were broken, all of the contests were exceptionally close.

Accompanying Mr. Holznagle from Birmingham were J. Bert Peabody, secretary of the Birmingham Gun Club; Robert Porritt, Fred Douglass and Harry Potter. The party left Thursday by auto, returning Monday, stopping enroute to spend Sunday night at Mr. Potter's cottage on Higgins Lake. The 1924 shoot will be held in Detroit.

LOCAL BOY WITH MINNEAPOLIS FIRM

H. Kenneth Bingham, son of Commissioner and Mrs. Charles A. Bingham, has accepted a position for the summer with the DiGorgia Fruit Corporation in Minneapolis. He will act in the capacity of assistant to the manager.

Mr. Bingham has been attending the Michigan Agricultural College for the past two and a half years, and will return next fall. He will graduate the following June.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S PARTY TO CONVENE JULY 20-21

On Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21, the seventy-fifth anniversary of the first Equal Rights meeting held in 1848, will be celebrated at Seneca Falls, N. Y. A delegate from Birmingham will probably attend.

Friday evening a reception will be tendered the visitors by the mayor and officials of Seneca Falls and the conference will be opened by Mrs. Oliver Belmont, president of the National Women's Party. Saturday, morning and afternoon, business meetings will be held. Sunday morning committee meetings will convene, in the afternoon a pilgrimage will be made to the grave of Susan B. Anthony in Mt. Hope cemetery.

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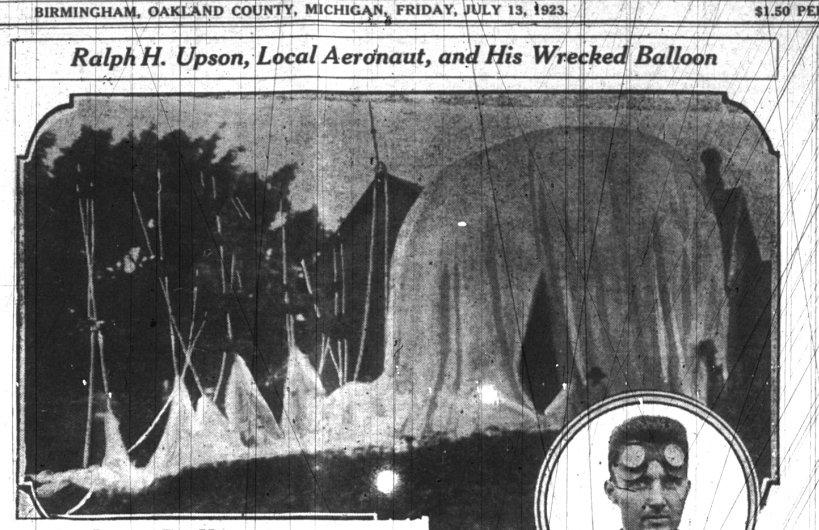

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Birmingham Balloonist Describes Thrilling Fall From Above The Clouds

Drops Over a Mile In Six Minutes And Lands In Farmyard

Winner Of Three Nationals And One International Race

In his home at 312 South Woodward, Ralph Upson, Birmingham aeronaut, entered in the American National Elimination Balloon Race, told how he and his aide, C. C. Andrus, meteorologist for the United States Weather Bureau station at Due West, S. C., fell over a mile in six minutes, landing in a farmyard near Wapakoneta, O., at 2 a.m. Thursday, July 5.

"I'm sorry we had the accident, only because it disappointed my friends by putting me out of the race," said Mr. Upson. "The fall was a thrilling but not unpleasant experience, and it provided the one final test of the balloon, which otherwise would probably have never been given the new ship."

Mr. Upson was one of the most prominent of the thirteen entrants in the race, for not only has he won three national races and one international in the past ten years, but also because he was flying an unique ship of his own design. He and his aide left Indianapolis at 11 o'clock the morning of the Fourth, with 12 other balloons. His balloon had been behaving wonderfully until midnight, and then Upson went to sleep, leaving his aide in charge. At 2 o'clock he was awakened by an explosion caused by too high a compression in the envelope. They began to descend rapidly, and Upson had just time to cut the control ropes which permitted the lower half of the balloon to fold into the upper, forming a perfect parachute, carrying them safely to the ground a short distance from a farm house.

Mr. Upson moved from New York to Birmingham with his wife and three children last October. He made his first balloon flight in 1906, at the age of 18, from the Champs Elysees, Paris.

"I don't do much active work in balloon flying until 1913," said Mr. Upson, "and then I decided that if I wanted to enter in any of the races, I had better secure a license. I received my license in June of that year, and in July I was entered in the American Elimination Race which I won. This put me on the Gordon-Bennett team which competed in the International race, and I won that also in October, 1912. In 1914 I loaned my balloon to my aide, who entered another National Elimination Race and won that.

"During the war I did little balloon flying, but in 1919 I was again fortunate in being able to win the National race, flying 1,050 miles from St. Louis, landing up near Montreal. Two years later I flew from Birmingham, Eng., to northwest Wales in the International race, but failed in my attempt to cross the Irish Sea. However, I did win the American National race of that year."

Mr. Upson made a short flight from the Ford plant in Detroit a month ago and expects to make three or four more flights during the summer. He is chief engineer with the Aircraft Development Corporation, General Motors Building, Detroit, and at present is engaged in the development of an all-metal airship, which he hopes will be practically indestructible as far as fire is concerned.

"I just fly for the fun that is connected with it. It has a certain appeal that holds one, and Mrs. Upson doesn't worry for she knows that it is comparatively safe and that fatalities are practically unknown. She herself would much rather go up with me in a balloon than ride down Woodward avenue in an automobile. Mrs. Upson has flown a number of times in both aeropanes and balloons and once flew with me from Paris to London. We both like it, for it is good, healthy sport—and safe."

The sad fate met by Lieutenants Roth and Null is only the second instance of fatalities in the balloon racing history of the United States, according to Mr. Upson.

AUTHORIZES BUILDING OF TWO NEW SEWERS

At the Commission meeting Monday evening, authorization was made for the construction of two lateral sanitary sewers, one in Henrietta street and the other in Watkins and Wallace streets. Five-sixths of the expenses of these sewers and the full cost of the remainder of these improvements are to be paid for by special assessment against the lands to be benefited.

The Henrietta street sewer will begin at the intersection of Henrietta and Frank streets, and extend north on Henrietta street a distance of 515 feet, at an estimated cost of $1200. The Watkins and Argus street sewer will begin at the intersection of Watkins and Wallace streets, and extend north on Watkins street, a distance of 1290 feet, and at the intersection of Watkins and Argus streets, extending east on Argus street a distance of 350 feet, at an estimated cost of $4,013. One-sixth of the cost of the installation of each sewer will be paid for by the Village.

COMMUNITY HOUSE FETE

On July 26, the executive board of the Birmingham Community House will stage a fete on the estate of George T. Hendrie of Bloomfield Hills. The proceeds of this affair will go to the maintenance of the Community House for the coming year. There will be an afternoon and evening bridge, a cafeteria supper at six o'clock, followed by dancing on the second terrace upon a specially constructed platform. Fuller details of this fete will be announced next week.

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1st Nat'l Bank Fire Was False Alarm

The Village fire department was called out Tuesday during the rain to extinguish another "fire" at the First National Bank. The report was turned in by a local man who noticed the smoke issuing from the roof of the building, and when the firemen responded they were unable to discover the origin of the smoke until the janitor led them to the small hot water heater in the basement of the bank.

The rain had run down the heater's small chimney, which is flush with the top of the roof, and onto the fire, causing the heater to smoke. The fire department was called out once before for a similar "fire" at the First National Bank.

EASTERN STARS GIVE GARDEN PARTY TONIGHT

At 7:30 this evening Eastern Stars, Masons and their friends will leave the Masonic Temple for a garden party that is to be given by the local members of the Eastern Stars at the home of Kristen Thompson on Quarton Road. Dancing, games and races will be featured during the evening and light refreshments will be served.

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Negro Settlement In Bad Condition

At a special meeting held last Tuesday by the Bloomfield Township Board and the officers of the City of Pontiac, relative to the annexation of the negro settlement south of Pontiac by the city, it was decided to put the issue to vote at the spring election next year.

The settlement, which is 3 miles long and one-half mile wide, has been the cause of a great deal of trouble during the past year to both the Township Board and the city officials. The settlement, which is populated by negro and white laborers, has no water system or sewers and only a few street lights. As it is not in Pontiac it does not come under the control of the city police department, and there is little respect for law and order. Two negro deputies are stationed among the people, but they have little control. Many of the laborers who were buying their homes on contract, lost everything in the slump last year, and are now compelled to house their families in anything that may afford some sort of a shelter. The settlement is a breeding place for sickness and vice. There are only three or four wells from which the people may secure water.

Pontiac's sewerage and water systems are so laid out that it will necessitate only the minimum amount of expense to extend them into the settlement, thereby alleviating many of the deplorable conditions which exist at the present.

OAKLAND CO. HAS NEW MOTOR PUBLICATION

The first issue of the Oakland County Motorist, the official publication of the Oakland County Automobile Club, has been introduced to the public during the past week. The magazine, which is to be a monthly publication, is eight by ten and a half inches in size and contains twenty-four pages. Harold W. Sadler is the managing editor and the associate editors are Wells G. Brown and James H. Lynch.

The contents of the first issue are exceptionally well planned out, there being a leading article entitled "Less Than Two Years Accomplishments" by Wells G. Brown, who makes a survey of the work done by the Oakland County Auto Club since the fall of 1921. The Editor has written an analytical article, in which he offers a method for solving the used car problem and thereby assuring both the purchaser and the dealer of a square deal. An article by E. F. Hallock entitled "Breaking In the New Car" is two pages of common sense that will save the motorist many trials and tribulations.

Besides the general articles in the first issue, there are a number of special features such as a list of the official Oakland County Auto Club garages, a humor department, and a full page spread of pictures headed "Oakland County Ways" occupies the center of the magazine.

The Oakland County Motorist is to be sold for ten cents a copy or a subscription price of one dollar a year. It is distributed free to all members of the Club. The Eccentric is printing the magazine.

During the terrific thunderstorm of last Friday morning, lightning struck the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Ewer of North Woodward avenue, just north of the village limits, doing considerable damage to the roof. The fire that ensued was quenched by the heavy downpour of rain that followed. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

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LOCK DOORS, SAYS OFFICER LAWLER

The merchants of Birmingham are careless as regards the locking of their places of business for the night, according to Officer Richard Lawler who is on night duty. Officer Lawler, in making his rounds, has found a number of store doors unlocked and has had to notify the owners and warn them against further negligence.

"Such carelessness is uncalled for," said Officer Lawler, "and under these conditions if a burglary were to occur, we would have but slight chance to catch the offender. Birmingham has had but few burglaries and we are doing everything we can to keep this number down. I hope that the merchants will co-operate with us, and make an effort to see that their doors are securely locked before they leave their places of business for the night."

WALTON AGREES TO SELL WELL SITE

Offers the Village Twenty Feet At Fifty Dollars Per Foot

WASEY HURLS THREAT

Commission Accepts Offer But Lawyer Slow To Act

Through his attorney, Edward G. Wasey, Eugene Walton made an offer last Monday evening to the Village Commission of the west twenty feet of his land fronting on Lincoln avenue, at $50 a foot. The Commission accepted the offer. This is the price that was awarded Mr. Walton for his land in the condemnation suit tried before the local Justice Court three weeks ago. At the time, Mr. Walton was dissatisfied with the valuation price set, and appealed his case to the Circuit Court at Pontiac. Village Attorney Frank L. Doty had arranged with the circuit court judge, Frank L. Covert, to have the hearing within the next two weeks.

In appearing before the Commission on Monday evening, Attorney Wasey made Mr. Walton's offer, and then told the Commission that if they didn't accept the offer he would "tie up the works" for two or three years, and that if in the meanwhile they pushed the condemnation suit, he would see that the bond issues were tied up for an equal length of time. Commissioner Bell accepted his challenge, and Commissioner Bingham expressed the opinion that Attorney Wasey would be a very undesirable citizen if he were to resort to such action for such fees as he would receive as Mr. Walton's attorney.

Though the Commission had previously asked for 25 feet, the 20 feet which Mr. Walton has agreed to sell will be sufficient for the well site, though conditions will be crowded as the building to house the pump will be 15 feet wide. Mr. Wasey intimated that he would have the deed in the hands of the Village Attorney last Tuesday, but up until late yesterday afternoon no definite action had been taken. Manager Starr said that work would begin on the well site within 30 days after the turning over of the deed, and that the Village would have water within 60 days from the time construction was started.

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SCHOOL BOND ISSUE GETS BIG MAJORITY

People Favor $97,500.00 For Addition To Baldwin High School

310 VOTES CAST

H. B. Clement, R. J. Taylor Re-elected Trustees Of Board

An overwhelming expression in favor of the methods used in conducting the affairs of the school district was shown Tuesday night when over 300 residents of the district met in the Baldwin high school auditorium and placed their stamp of approval on the several issues at stake. The $97,500.00 bond issue for building an addition to Baldwin high school, won by a large majority, while H. B. Clement and Roy J. Taylor, trustees of the Board of Education, were re-elected for terms of three years each. It was also voted to engage another school nurse for the coming year.

Of a total of 310 votes cast on the bond issue, 202 were favorable and 108 opposed it, while there was one spoiled ballot. A majority vote was all that was needed to assure the passage of the issue.

The annual meeting was opened at 8 o'clock Tuesday night with H. B. Clement, president of the board, presiding. The reports of Secretary Roy J. Taylor and Treasurer Fred V. Quarton were read and received the approval of those present. Treasurer Quarton closed his report with the statement that the financial condition of the school district was never in better shape than at present.

Vliet Reviews Progress

Superintendent of Schools Clarence Vliet gave a review of the progress of the schools on the educational side during the past year. The Maplecrest building had been erected and the top floor of the Adams building completed, which gave enough new grade seating to care for the rapid increase in enrollment due to the number of families which have moved to Birmingham during the past year. The influx of children in the upper grades had taxed the capacity of the Baldwin high school and had made an addition necessary.

The educational tests which have been given during the year have shown that were quality of work done by the grade pupils in the essential branches has been above the average, while the high school tests have also given very satisfactory results, according to Supt. Vliet.

Supt. Vliet also said that of the 53 pupils who were graduated from the high school in June, many would continue their education with a college course. Reports have shown that the Birmingham high school graduates who have attended the various colleges and universities during the past year, have made excellent records.

Superintendent Vliet thanked the taxpayers and the Board of Education for the loyal support given the teaching force and assured them that the greatest effort would be made by every member of his force to secure value received for every dollar invested in the schools of Birmingham during the coming year.

Taylor Defeats Wasey

When the time arrived for electing two trustees to fill the expiring terms of H. B. Clement and Roy J. Taylor, the former appointed Charles J. Shain, local druggist, as temporary chairman of the meeting. Mr. Shain announced that nominations were open for the election of Mr. Taylor's successor. Following a short speech in which the services of Roy J. Taylor as a member of the school board were lauded, Arthur Wasey, of Pleasant avenue, nominated Mr. Taylor. E. G. Wasey of Harmon street, was also nominated. With these two men to select from, a ballot was taken, the result of which showed 245 votes for Mr. Taylor and 49 for Mr. Wasey. Mr. Taylor was declared the winner and will remain a member of the Board for three years.

No opposition was shown when the name of H. B. Clement was mentioned for the office to succeed himself, although it was rumored that there would be one. Despite the fact that Mr. Clement stood alone on the list for the office, a ballot was taken and he received 247 favorable votes. Like Mr. Taylor, he will remain on the Board for three years.

Mrs. Charles J. Shain of Pierce street, was elected a trustee of the Library Fund for the ensuing year, succeeding Mrs. Leigh Lynch of Oakland avenue, in that office.

To Pay Board By Year

It was voted upon by those present to pay members of the Board $10 per year, as during the past year. A good deal of discussion took place when this question came up. W. D. Gilbert, of West Maple road, first, in making the motion that a certain sum of money be paid for each meeting attended. Lee White of Brookside Drive, in a few clear-cut words, declared that the placing of a premium on attendance was not conducive to good business, and added that "I would rather pay a Board member $150 to stay away for a year—if he didn't want to come—than to let him

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Wilson D. Harbinson of Birmingham, who graduated from the Michigan Agricultural College last month, had the distinction of receiving his degree in company with the largest senior class ever granted diplomas at the state school. It was the sixty-fifth annual M. A. C. commencement.

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