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MERCHANTS BACK TOWN'S WELFARE

Co-operation Of Business Men Contributes To the Upbuilding Of Our Community

PROSPERITY WITH US

Local Merchant Has No "Get-Rich-Quick" Scheme To Put Over On Public

The ambition of every merchant in Birmingham is to make this town the best along the line.

This may be a selfish object on his part, but the fact remains that he can prosper only if all the Village thrives, for it is obvious that little money will be passed over his counters by people who have no money to spend.

On the other hand, if there is no idleness among the people and all the families in town are living in comfort, with every prospect of good times in the future, their well-being is reflected in the trade that comes to the merchant's store.

No local merchant, however, depends on mere wishing to bring prosperity to this town and to make it grow. He does not doze in his easy chair and dream dreams about outsiders coming in to settle, without helping to create a magnet to attract them. When he argues for better schools and improved streets, it is not in the expectation that his share is to be mere words while other property owners foot the tax bills.

Merchants Back Town

If that were all there is to it for him, he would not deserve to be a partner in the successful achievement of this community.

Every merchant in this town backs up his confidence in this town, in its prosperity and the prosperity of those in it and in its future as a rising member of this splendid community wealth, with its hard-earned dollars. Before he can obtain a cent of profit, he must offer a big stock of the goods the public wants, attractively displayed in a conveniently arranged store of adequate size, with all necessary equipment for handling his goods expeditiously, and with well paid, courteous sales people whose paramount purpose is to render service to the trade. Not until this investment has been made and this plant is set in all its completeness before the people of the town can he hope to get back even so much as one cent of profit.

It is a big risk to run. If immediate profits were his only boject, he never would take this chance. He could invest his money in dozens of other propositions, make more money and make it without waiting so long.

Faith In Town's Future

At the prevailing prices of merchandise in the big city markets, and at the values of property in Birmingham today, it is easy to calculate the dollars and cents equivalent of the faith which every business man in town has in the future of our Village. If you look closely, you will find that every one goes the limit of his ability in this direction. This holds for the general store, the grocer, the drygoods merchant, the flour and feed store, the hardware dealer, the hardware store, the tinsmith, the furniture man, the notions and specialties store, the jeweler, the shoe store, the harness shop, the garage man and all the rest. Their investment is such that there can be no question of days, weeks or months with them, as to when they can quit with a "pile." Theirs is no get-rich-quick scheme. Once they locate, they become fixtures and nothing short of a considerable term of years suffices to win for them even a fair return for their money. To leave before their business, and the business of the town were squarely on their feet, would be poor business policy; to leave after prosperity had come would be folly.

Does not such a citizen deserve your co-operation?

No group of citizens are greater boosters for the schools than the merchants. It means greater opportunities for the generation that comes after them. They reap little direct benefit, but they bear the greatest share of the tax burden, because of the larger valuation of their property. Every family benefits, its boys and girls being helped on the road to better citizenship. In the same way do the business men contribute to libraries, churches and other agencies, as well as take a leading part in patriotic celebrations and community activities, lecture courses, concerts for the public and similar movements.

Making For Convenience

The farmer must drive his team or his truck to the merchant's store, whether the road is good or bad. Thus it is not self-interest that prompts the merchant to urge good roads. Besides, he is taxed for them more than the man with a smaller property. The same is true of the sidewalks for those residing within the town's limits. Corner lights are in the same class, to mention also ether lighting for homes, water and sewer. All these make for safety, comfort, convenience, and a higher standard of living for all. Fire protection is another civil boom which the merchant urges and for which he pays his just proportion, sharing its benefits with all.

This is the man on whose progressive leadership the future of the community depends. To trade with local merchants means dollars for you.

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Question: When Is A Road-Hog?

What promises to be an interesting case will be tried before Judge Buck at 2 p.m. next Tuesday. It will involve a legal interpretation of the phrase "road-hog", and upon the definition of this term and its significance will probably rest the judge's decision concerning J. E. Holmes, Ferndale, vs. F. Riddell, Detroit.

Holmes, a building contractor of Ferndale, charged Riddell with being a road-hog, and offered this as an excuse for running into Riddell's car last Tuesday and throwing it against the curb at the intersection of Woodward and Maple. State Trooper E. J. Hathaway brought the two men before Judge Buck and placed an additional charge against Holmes for driving without his driver's license. Both men were dismissed upon their promise to appear at the Justice of the Peace's office next Tuesday. Holmes was on his way to attend a funeral when the accident occurred.

CLIZBE CHANGES MIND ABOUT OFFER

Notifies Commission Monday That He Has Withdrawn Offer for Well Site

PLAN WAS REJECTED

In response to the Village Commission's counter proposition made last week relative to the purchase of land from him for a well site on Lincoln avenue, W. D. Clizbe has withdrawn his original offer to sell a piece of land 25 feet square at a total cost of $150.00. He appeared in the Village Clerk's office Monday morning of this week and handed over to Clerk Hazel Clark the following communication:

July 2, 1923.

Village Commission,

Gentlemen:—The proposition I made you last week touching a well site, having been rejected by you, is now withdrawn by me. Yours,

W. D. Clizbe

Members of the Commission made very little comment relative to Mr. Clizbe's withdrawal, other than to say that they were not surprised.

K. P. Lodge Holds Outdoor Initiation

Open Air Ceremonies First Of Their Kind For the Local Chapter

The first outdoor initiation of the Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 149 of Birmingham was held Thursday evening, June 28, in the orchard on the farm belonging to Ross G. Adams, R. F. D. No. 2. The Knights resorted to the open-air initiation of their neophytes in an effort to avoid the warm weather. The ceremonies took place under the full of the moon, and later refreshments were served to the more than a hundred Knights who were present.

Twenty-five automobiles conveyed the members and their candidates to the Ross farm, the place of destination being kept secret by the leader until their arrival.

A special meeting of the lodge will be held Tuesday, July 17, at 8 p.m., at which time the Rank of Esquire will be given. All members are urged to attend, as the evening's program will be unique in every detail.

NEW ROOM SECURED FOR JUSTICE COURT

The office of the Justice of the Peace will be moved into room No. 4 above the First State Savings Bank as soon as redecorations now under way are completed. Justice of the Peace Buck will have his private office in Room 6, authorization for the rental of this room being made by the Township Board at their last meeting which was held Monday evening, July 2. All documents and records used by the Township Board will be kept in this room.

The securing of an extra room will be welcomed by the jury, who hitherto had no place in which to convene while making decisions on cases. The court proper will be held in Room 4, in which a raised platform is being constructed which will add materially to the legal dignity accompanying the hearings.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS NOW LODGED IN NEW QUARTERS

In all appearances the growth of the community is being felt in all departments of our public work. Bloomfield Township officials who up to quite recently have had no business offices, are now in their new quarters in the First State Savings Bank building. The lack of a business home has long been felt by the Township. Probably no greater cause for this long-felt want was the inability to place the records of the township and as per the different officers safely lodged in one place.

Word has just been received of the arrival of Mrs. Polly Bray and children at Glen Rock, Wyoming, last Thursday. They made the trip west by motor and will remain there indefinitely.

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OFFERS SOLUTION FOR WATER NEEDS

Rex Humphrey Declares Birmingham Must Get Supply From Detroit

REDFORD NOW DOES

Would Have Villages And Subdivisions Get Together To Plan Supply From Fourth City

That the problem of obtaining sufficient water in Birmingham has aroused the the interest of others than those who live in our Village is manifested in the following letter received at the Eccentric office yesterday:

July 3, 1923.

Birmingham Eccentric,
Birmingham, Michigan

Gentlemen:

I have been following the discussions in the Birmingham Eccentric relative to a water supply for Birmingham, with considerable interest. This is not a new problem; it invariably comes when a village grows into a city.

The history of Detroit suburbs will show that it is practically impossible to pump enough water out of wells in the ground to supply several thousand families adequately. Every dollar spent by Birmingham in drilling a 12-inch hole in the ground looking for a subterranean lake, will be wasted.

Redford labored with this problem for years and finally solved it by extending the Detroit city water along Grand River avenue to the village. Birmingham will have a population of 20,000 people within ten years. Today its future is the most promising of all Detroit suburbs. Adequate water supply is absolutely necessary to the enjoyment of a home. Birmingham can have its choice of the people leaving the city for the suburbs; however, the growth of Birmingham will actually be in proportion to the excellence of its city improvements.

When the Village Commissioners of Birmingham meet in conference with Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak and the subdivisors and property owners along Woodward avenue join in a combined effort to secure Detroit city water, then Birmingham's water problem will be solved and not until then.

Yours very truly,
Leinbach-Humphrey Co.,
Rex Humphrey, Pres.

The Law Am Just But Take Yo' Time

"Ah pours a thousan' cylindahs ebery day when Ise dere at Mistah Ford's place on de Rouge Ribah," sighed Mr. J. B. Saylor yesterday in Chief of Police Anderson's office, "an' Ah hates like mighty sin to hol' back Mistah Ford's work for him by bein' away all dis time."

It seems that a car was crowded into the ditch on the Pontiac road during the traffic rush Wednesday, and the number of Saylor's car was the one reported as that which did the crowding. State Trooper Hathaway apprehended Saylor and brought him and his car into Birmingham. Saylor waited around the Chief's office the better part of yesterday, for neither the Chief nor the Justice of the Peace had heard anything about the matter and Saylor had to remain at the police station with "ma puddle jumper," as he calls his Ford, until Trooper Hathaway filed his report.

"Ah's takin' consulshun by bein' shore there's some misinformashun goin' about for Ah remembahs seein' only one cah in the ditch and Ah was so fah away when it happened that Ah couldn't hab made mahself undahstood by dem people in it without sin' a telemfone. The law am just, so Ah ain't afraid but Ah does hate to stay away from dat Rouge Ribah place. You know how it am, sah, when youse got a fine wife and two little pickaninnies callin' you daddy."

In spite of the fact that we didn't have a wife or two little pickaninnies calling us daddy, we thought we knew.

HERBERT S. CASE JOINS THE STAFF OF ECCENTRIC AS M. E.

The publisher of the Eccentric is pleased to announce the acquisition of Herbert S. Case of Sault Ste. Marie, to the staff of the paper. Mr. Case, who graduated from the University of Michigan this spring, took a four year course in journalism at Ann Arbor. He was president of Sigma Delta Chi, the University's newspaper fraternity, for two terms. Mr. Case will become managing editor of the Eccentric.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Marion Mudge, daughter of Mrs. Almira Mudge of Hamilton avenue, to Mr. Oliver McKinley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McKinley of Pierce street. The wedding will take place some time during the Fall.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the kind friends and neighbors for the beautiful flowers sent to me. Especially do I wish to thank the Birmingham Masonic Chapter No. 93, and the Baptist Banaca class and Mrs. R. K. McClellan.

adv11 Mrs. Dale Carter.

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To the People of Birmingham:

The Board of Education of Birmingham has called a special meeting of the legal voters of District No. 1 Fractional, Bloomfield, Troy, Royal Oak and Southfield, the Birmingham school district, for Monday, July 9, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Baldwin high school building to pass upon the proposed bond issue of $97,500 to enlarge the Baldwin high school building. The reasons which impel them to do so are as follow:

There are approximately 1100 children in the Birmingham district who attend school. 700 of these are in grades below the seventh and are cared for in four buildings—Hill, Adams, Barnum and Maplecrest. 400 are in grades seven to twelve and attend the Baldwin building. 100 children are promoted to the Baldwin building each year, 20 non-residents enter the 9th grade, 25 or more new residents enter the high school when they move to Birmingham while 60 will graduate making a net gain for the year in the Baldwin building of from 65 to 85 at the present time.

The Baldwin building is now at its capacity and must be enlarged to care for the increased attendance. More class rooms and larger rooms for certain branches of the academic work are absolutely necessary. The space devoted to commercial work must be doubled, the science laboratories enlarged, the mechanical drawing and art department increased and better provision made for music teaching. The addition on the Chester street side of the present building will give 16 additional rooms for these purposes. These rooms will increase the capacity of the Baldwin building to 700 pupils—an increase of 300 over the present attendance. If all of the space is not needed at once for the high school, the rooms are so planned as to be available for grade use to relieve congestion in the Hill building. The exterior style of the addition is harmonious with the present building. Since the addition was contemplated when the original building was built, its construction is made possible with minimum changes in the present building, and with relative low cost for the space added. The original building and furnishings cost $214,000 for 400 pupils. The addition which will care for 300 more will cost but $97,500, which will give a building to care for 700 pupils at a total cost of but $311,500. It is safe to say that the completed Baldwin high school building will have the lowest unit cost per pupil of any modern high school building in the state of Michigan. The heating and ventilating plant will be enlarged with a view to care for further additions.

The Board of Education is convinced that Birmingham is to have rapid growth and that the Baldwin building must be enlarged again in the near future, but the present addition is a logical step toward this larger building and is demanded by the prospective attendance for next year.

It is a fact that many people move to Birmingham for the opportunities their children have to attend good schools. 100 more families are to come to Birmingham within the next half year to live in the houses now under construction. The school building program must keep step with the house building or half day sessions will become necessary.

We trust you will attend the special election and vote "Yes" on the bond issue.

Respectively,
BOARD OF EDUCATION.

--And So The Dogs of Birmingham Will Promenade For Us Now

The Canine Contingent of Birmingham is "up in feet" concerning the ordinance which was passed by the Village Commission Monday night, prohibiting all privileges to members of the dog family that are usually extended to respectable citizens who go about their own way keeping their noses out of others' business. No leniency was shown them—both young and old, male and female must pay the consequences for the indiscretions of a few silly flappers who led their admirers too merry a chase over the lawns and gardens of human beings who could not appreciate such a violent means of love making.

From now on it looks as if it will be a case of the survival of the unfittest, as far as members of the contingent in Birmingham are concerned, for puppies are strictly forbidden to bark, yelp or howl—and what puppy that didn't bark, yelp or howl would amount to anything when it reached the voting age? It remains to be seen whether puppies will exert their rights as puppies, and exercise their lungs as much as they darn please, thereby making themselves liable to a sentence of not less than deportation or not more than death, or condescend to the will of man and be adhere to the conventions of the Village as recently set down for them to follow.

The new ordinance, which will make bolshevists and radicals out of otherwise peaceful and law-abiding dogs, and which has been given no less common a name than merely "No. 107," further prohibits any dog to walk down the street, shop or window gaze, gossip or flirt without wearing a number, which will leave him or her with no more privacy than a goldfish. And this number must be the extent of all ornament. No beads, bracelets, fraternity or lodge emblems, or other jewelry may be worn on any occasion, social or otherwise. However, a collar must be worn,—even during the warmest weather, and low-necked dresses and collarless shirts will be tabooed. The hitherto ever-changing fashions will change no more! Milady is doomed to an existence of the commonplace, and her husband fares no better.

What good collie would want to spend the remainder of his life behind the kitchen stove? What robust spaniel would be satisfied with a lifelong existence in the parlor? What blue-blooded Airedale wants to be confined to a secret while the young master is playing in the front yard? What good Great Dane wants to lead the life of a Pekinese, and what good is a Pekinese or ball of fuzzy stuff anyway?

The only house that the Birmingham dogs will have from now on for a little real dog-pleasure, will be to be captured and taken to the dog pound. Here they can mix with their fellow associates, and enjoy a bit of pleasure for forty-eight short hours, or until they are either called for by their owners or put up against the brick wall of the Village hall, blindfolded, until one of the bullets of the croo-el policemans' finds its mark. Not a very doggy existence to look forward to.

NEW HUSTON BLOCK NEARING COMPLETION ON N. WOODWARD

Work on the new building being erected for E. C. Huston on North Woodward avenue, is being pushed forward rapidly. The concrete basement is finished and the side walls are going higher and higher. Already some beams have been placed and, before long, the construction will have the outward appearance of a finished building. It is intended to have one section to be used as a post office and another as a store. All modern, upto-to-date apartments will occupy the space on the second floor.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Shepherd of Birmingham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lucile Marian, to Truman Joseph Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. William I. Fisher of Pontiac.

The best Ice Cream sold in Birmingham is called "Peerless." Ask for it when you want good ice cream. adv6tf

HATS CLEANED

Bring 'em in. I guarantee satisfaction. Augustus Hakim, 114 East Maple Ave. adv6-7*

LOCAL FIRM DOES RECORD PAVING CONTRACT IN OWOSSO

Construction of one mile of slab concrete highway through St. Charles has been completed by the Taylor Construction Co., of Birmingham, making trunk line No. 47 available as a route to Owosso, as announced by the road commission. To the satisfaction of the road commissioners, the Taylor Company has shown record speed on the job. They moved their machinery to the road in May and completed the entire job in less than two months.

Mrs. W. C. McKnight and sons, James and George, left Friday of last week for Chautauqua, N. Y., where they will remain for the summer. Rev. McKnight left Tuesday for East Lansing, where he was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. H. C. Rather, over the Fourth.

The Citizens' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. in their 24th year have over $900,000 in policies in Oakland, Macomb and Lapeer counties. Dwellings only insured. Rates per thousand for last seven years $1.25. See P. T. Foote, agent for Birmingham, if you want to make a change in your company. adv8-9-10-11

WELL CASE IS NOW IN CIRCUIT COURT

Walton Makes Appeal To Higher Tribunal Monday Of This Week

SEEK TRIAL AT ONCE

Village Attorney Duty Petitions Court For Special Trial To Avoid Long Delay

Dissatisfied with the award of $50 a foot for 25 feet of his land on Lincoln avenue, which the Village Commission seeks as a new well site, Eugene Walton Monday of this week appealed his case to the Circuit Court of Pontiac. Village Attorney Frank L. Doty is now making a strenuous effort to have the case tried as soon as possible, instead of waiting until the September term of the Court, thus making it possible to start the drilling operations in the near future.

Two weeks ago this condemnation case was tried in the local Justice Court and Mr. Walton was given $50 a foot for 25 feet, instead of $100 which he had previous asked. Monday morning of this week he made to Village President Biddle the proposition of having the Village accept 12 feet instead of 25. According to Mr. McBride, no price was mentioned, when he immediately told Mr. Walton that the Village would take no less than the desired 25 feet.

The Village Commission feels sure that Mr. Doty will be able to have the case tried within the next week or two, as the imperative necessity for additional water in Birmingham is recognized by all concerned. Village Manager Starr said this week that part of the equipment for drilling is now in Birmingham and that the balance of the apparatus can be brought here shortly after the land is actually acquired.

School Matters Up For Solution

The annual meeting of the legal voters of School District No. 1 Fractional of the Townships of Bloomfield, Troy, Royal Oak and Southfield, the Birmingham school district, will be held in the Baldwin high school building in Birmingham on Monday, July 9, at 7 o'clock p.m. Central Standard Time, for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before the meeting.

At this meeting the reports of Secretary Roy J. Taylor and Treasurer Fred V. Quarton detailing the financial expenditures for the past year will be presented to the voters for their approval.

The terms of two trustees, President B. F. Clement and Secretary Roy J. Taylor expire this year and it is understood that they are candidates for re-election.

Among the other questions to be decided at the annual meeting will be the authorization of the hiring of a school nurse and the selection of a resident of the district to serve on the Scholarship Fund, the term of Mrs. Leigh Lynch having expired. The Board of Education hopes to be able to report concerning the Barnum Field condemnation suit which has been set for trial, Thursday, July 5.

Ample time has been provided for all who attend the annual meeting, either before or after the same, to participate in the special bond election which has been called for Monday, July 9, in the Baldwin high school building to authorize the issuing of $97,500 of bonds to enlarge the Baldwin building. The polls of the bond election will be open between 4 o'clock p.m. and 10 o'clock p.m. Central Standard Time. This bond issue is to provide the funds to add sixteen rooms to the Baldwin building and make necessary changes in the heating and ventilating plant in order to care for the increased attendance in the six upper grades of the Birmingham school system. Inasmuch as this addition was contemplated in the original plan of the building which is now at capacity, 400 students, it is anticipated that it will find general support among the voters and funds be authorized to provide for adequate and necessary expansion in the near future.

FLEXOTILE PRODUCTS CO. OFFERS 8% STOCK

The Flexotile Products Co., one of Birmingham's leading industries, is offering at this time to the investing public an 8% participating preferred stock issue in order to take care of the demands which the building activity has forced upon it.

John Searight, president and treasurer of the company, says, "as a preferred issue every dollar will be fully protected by quick assets at a ratio of two dollars for every dollar of outstanding preferred. Holders of such will have first call upon all dividends and after 8% has been paid to $50,000 outstanding common, the preferred stockholders will divide all surplus profits 50-50."

The issue is only $50,000 and as we go to press Mr. Searight informs us there is every indication that the entire amount will be subscribed by local investors.

The Birmingham Gun Club will hold a special shoot on Saturday, July 21. There was no shoot on the Fourth of July. The next regular shoot will be held Wednesday, August 1.

Chairs recaned, made as good as new. Call at 108 N. Chester St., or phone 202-R. adv19*

OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN

Dr. Mabel Campbell, Levinson Bldg. Phone 105. Office hours: 9-12; 1-5. Other hours by appointment. tf

OBJECTS TO USE OF CHURCH NAME HERE

United Presbyterian Church Supt. Asks That Eccentric Act Against Rev. Curry

FIVE YEAR FEUD

Split In Curry's Former Flock Opens Way To Two U. P. Churches In Our Village

Apparently the trouble which began some five years ago between the Rev. David H. Curry and the Birmingham United Presbyterian church, and which developed into a feud between Rev. Curry and the ecclesiastical powers governing the United Presbyterian church of North America, resulting in Rev. Curry's expulsion from the Birmingham church, has come to a definite conclusion. The Eccentric is in receipt of a letter from Rev. W. J. Grimes, which is explanatory in itself. The letter reads as follows:

Birmingham, Mich.
June 30, 1923.

Editor of Birmingham Eccentric,
Birmingham, Mich.

Dear Sir:—

My attention has been called to a church notice appearing in your issue purporting to relate to a Birmingham United Presbyterian Incorporated Church.

As the Superintendent of the Synod of Ohio and having the oversight of the United Presbyterian work in the State of Michigan, I wish to notify you that there is no such United Presbyterian Church. The only United Presbyterian organization in Birmingham is that meeting in the United Presbyterian Church located at the corner of Woodward and Forest, which congregation is regularly organized under the jurisdiction of the Detroit Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church with the Rev. S. Irvine Acheson as Stated Supply.

I trust that you will regard this information as authentic. If you desire supporting evidence it can be furnished. In common with our United Presbyterian people in Birmingham I would very much appreciate your refusal to insert any further church notices referring to United Presbyterian church services, save those which come from the United Presbyterian church of Birmingham.

Rev. Mr. Acheson is the only United Presbyterian minister at present residing in Birmingham.

Yours very sincerely,
(Signed) W. J. Grimes,
Superintendent of the
Synod of Ohio.

The Eccentric investigated the validity of Dr. Grimes' statements and found that Rev. Curry was no longer a United Presbyterian minister but a Congregational in denomination, preaching to a group of people who have organized themselves under the laws of the State of Michigan under the name of the Birmingham United Presbyterian Church Incorporated. A bill of complaint, filed by Elizabeth Y. Hutton notary public, on the 20th day of March, 1921, reads, in part: "1st. That the Birmingham United Presbyterian Church is a corporation, duly organized under the laws of the State of Michigan. That its articles of association were executed on the 8th day of December, 1920, and that it is incorporated under Act 206 of the Public Acts of 1897, as amended by Act 123 of the Public Acts of 1913 of the State of Michigan."

The church of which Rev. Curry is the pastor is not recognized and does not come under the jurisdiction of the Synod of Ohio of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, but is incorporated under the state laws. And until the Birmingham Eccentric is in possession of proof to the effect that the Birmingham United Presbyterian Church incorporated is not official, and does illegally infringe upon the rights of other organizations, it will continue to publish the notices of the church in the same manner as it does those of other religious organizations.

Village Celebrates Safe and Sane Fourth

From all indications Birmingham celebrated the Fourth of July in an entirely satisfactory manner. From the fireworks, which began to make themselves noticeable a number of days previous to the commemorating the Declaration of Independence, and which lasted until well after midnight of the Fourth, there were no accidents in the Village other than a few burns which necessitated no more than the same remedy as that used for kerosene. A great many of the families who had cars spent the day at nearby lakes, and as this was anticipated there were no preparations made by the Village Commission for a public celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bedlow and Mrs. Sarah Aldrich of Pierce street, motored to Mt. Pleasant recently to attend the play, "The Devil's Disciples," which was directed by Bedlow brother, Prof. Ira Bedlow, of that city. Prof. and Mrs. Bedlow returned to Birmingham with them.

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