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ABOUT THAT TANK.

About two years ago the Village Commission, under the regime of former President W. D. Clabe, set out a proposition to Birmingham citizens to erect a 300,000 gallon steel storage tank at the water works station.

However, an election was held and the people voted against the issuance of \$10,000 worth of bonds to pay for it.

The greatest hindrance to a peaceful settlement of the problem lies, we believe, in this fact: at a public mass meeting held in the Baldwin High School, at which time Mr. Clabe appeared in a speech favoring the tank.

After the election returns were counted, and the bond issue found to have been defeated, Mr. Clabe, W. B. Brown and Philip Schack, who then comprised the personnel of the Commission, went ahead and ordered the tank under an "emergency act" in the state law which empowers officials of any incorporated community to use their own judgment in expending public money for the meeting of any condition attending fire, famine or flood.

And so the tank arrived in Birmingham, was unloaded from the railway cars and soon flaunted its cylindrical shape upon our landscape.

Notes against the Village were given in payment for the cost of labor and materials for the tank. When the first 90 days had passed, and the notes fell due, they were renewed by the Commission under Mr. Clabe for another 90 days.

Then came the change in the personnel of our Village Commission. J. H. McBride supplanted Mr. Clabe as President, while David A. Bell took over the duties of retiring Commissioner Schack.

Again the notes fell due. As we remember, just before they became due several local citizens secured an injunction in the Pontiac Circuit Court, restraining the new Commission from renewing or paying any part of the notes soon due.

These sixth-graders are on the right road. Let's hope they continue with their excellent work in the mastery of the art of spelling.

Bottle Flies



FEDERA PROHIBITION BUREAU

SHORT AND MAYBE SNAPPY

By S. L. S.

An Ohio chiropractor and a doctor will fight a duel with germs to test the value of their respective schools of science.

Squirrels are now appearing in the cities, notably after the ranks of them who have been driven before them.

In his bill of divorce an Oakland County man claimed he had to wash his wife's neck and ears.

"Only a few more weeks until the porch swings will wish people would sit on the couch once in a while."

A man arrested in Detroit for simple larceny caused officers some little concern.

Hard roads cause little worry to the traveler who digs in.

More than 12,000,000,000 letters are handled in the United States postoffice every year.

Some of the women prisoners lodged in Detroit's new police headquarters complain of their quarters not being home-like.

If a man whines about everything, it does not necessarily mean that he is a howling success.

PRESS PICKINGS

Both Democratic and Republican parties in Oxford have nominated candidates for township tickets to be voted upon at the April election.

Also at Holly the Republicans and Democrats have nominated complete township tickets to contest the election in April.

The athletic association of the Holly high school will present the farce-comedy, "All Mistake," Friday, April 6, to help defray the expenses of the basketball team at the state tournament.

David Woodruff, of Farmington, for the past twenty years a motorman on the D. U. R., has received a promotion as a reward for faithful and conspicuous service.

Louis C. Crampton, representative in Congress from the Seventh Michigan District, has sold his newspaper, the Lapeer County Clarion, published at Lapeer, to Forest Lord, of Mt. Clemens.

There will be two tickets in the field at the annual township election at Farmington on April 5.

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HOME TOWN HELPS



FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

Forty-Four Years Ago

The graduating exercises and concert of the Birmingham High School took place last Friday evening in the Chapel Room of the school building.

The surprise party held at Mr. Cracker's Thursday evening of last week was well attended.

Arthur Groves and Charlie Anderson started for Colorado a few days ago.

Matt Erving and wife, of Southport, took their departure for Detroit last night.

Mrs. Emma Johnson has returned from Ann Arbor, where she has been making treatments for her eyes.

James Boyd, of Grand Rapids, a brother of Mrs. Jessie Frink of this place, and S. T. Boyd, of Troy, were married in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ross left for an extended trip to the West recently.

Twenty-Five Years Ago The latest and best, and we may say, the greatest improvement which has been proposed for this town, is the starting of an electric lighting plant.

If H. H. Martin, an electrician stopping here, is expecting a franchise from the Town Board, and if secured and a sufficient number of citizens having their homes or stores lighted by this subtle agent, electricity, they will be in a position to say what an improvement this would be for our Village by this most wonderful and useful invention.

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Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale



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MICKIE SAYS—



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close to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County. ROSS STOCKWELL, Judge of Probate. DAN McGAFFEY, Probate Register.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the first day of March, A. D. 1923.

First National Bank, trustee of said estate, having filed in said Court its annual account of the administration of the estate and allowance thereof.

It is further ordered, that the 16th day of July, 1923, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, of said Court, be and it is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said estate.

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