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LOCAL BOYS TRY FOR STATE TITLE

Birmingham Basketball Team At Ann Arbor Today To Play Against Opponents

MEET SEVEN TEAMS

Contesting For Class B Championship Of Michigan; Left Last Night

Fighting their way to victory over three opponents out of four, the Birmingham high school basketball team at the Class B district tourney held in Ypsilanti last Friday and Saturday, earned the right, as runner-up in the tourney, to go to Ann Arbor this week to fight it out with seven other teams for the State title in their respective class.

Last night the boys representing Birmingham left for Ann Arbor. The first game was probably played this morning, but at a late hour no word has been received as fo what team they played or the score.

Meeting Ypsilanti Normal High as their first opponent in the district tourney there last Friday morning, the Birmingham age men took the Normal bunch into camp, 21 to 17. In the first game Howe, Birmingham forward, made three field baskets, Symons, running guard, cuped two, Paterson, center, got one, and Edwards, the other forward, registered one and shot seven out of eight fouls. Patenaude, guard, and Pederson played exceptionally fine defensive games, it is said.

In a rough and tumble game Birmingham defeated Hillsdale Friday evening by the score of 29 to 15. Edwards, local forward, had a good evening, getting five field baskets.

Forced to play two overtime periods to win the decision, Birmingham defeated Mt. Clemens 19 to 17, in the third game they played in the district tofirney Saturday morning. The game was exciting during every minute of play, according to those who witnessed it.

After playing a hard game Saturday morning with Mt. Clemens, Birmingham played the fourth and last game with Ypsilanti Central Saturday afternoon. Like the game in the morning, it was necessary to play two overtime periods. In the end Ypsi was victorious, 29 to 26. Local supporters declared the boys were tired out from the game they played with Mt. Clemens in the morning.

The teams playing at Ann Arbor today and tomorrow for the State title of Class B are Ishpeming, St. Joseph, Niles, Alma, Mt. Pleasant, Petoskey, Manistee and Ypsilanti Central.

BAPTISTS HOLD OPEN HOUSE

On Friday evening of last week, the Baptist church held their Quarterly Open House. A large attendance enjoyed the program, the social hour and the outlook of the work as presented by the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Arthur Peck and Mrs. A. J. DeVlieger sang a duet; Leland Bunyan presented a comparative statement of the work of the Bible school during the past five years; Mrs. Leland Bunyan gave two readings; Miss Moon gave a piano solo; the Baracca Male Quartette sang two numbers and Wilber McAlpine gave a survey of the progress of the church and the present outlook of the church numerically and financially.

Refreshments were served and a social time was held in the church parlors.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Wooster, who have been spending the past six weeks in Florida, returned to their home on Frank street Monday of this week.

There will be a card party at the home of Mrs. Rich, on the Rochester Road, opposite the Big Beaver church on Friday evening, April 6, at eight o'clock, under the auspices of the Big Beaver Hive, No. 408, L. O. T. M. Pedro and 500 will be played, prizes being given for both games. Refreshments will be served.

A pupils' piano recital was held at the home of A. R. MacGregor, corner of Hanna street, Thursday evening, by members of Miss Elsie Doying's first and second grade classes. Besires the selections by the children, Miss Ruth Maynard sang "Boat of Mine" and "Ho! Mr. Piper."

Manager Starr said this week that he would start trimming a number of local trees that suffered from the sleet storm last spring.

FOR SALE

Three tube radio set, in walnut cabinet—with storage battery, B batteries, tubes, Western Electric phones and loud speaker. With this set concerts have been heard from Cuba to Los Angeles. Complete, set up in your home ready to run for $125.00. 615 Floyd St. Phone 797. adv49

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear daughter, Evelyn, who died March 29, 1921.

"I cannot say—I will not say
That she is dead. She's just away
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
She has wandered into an unknown land,
And has left us dreaming how very fair
It needs be, since she lingers there,
Think of her still as the same, I say,
She is not dead,—she's just away".

Her loving mother and father,
Lucille and Loyal Campbell.

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Joseph Green is busy preparing for his Auction Sale which will be held April 7 at 126 Brownell St. adv49-50

OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN

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ECO CITY AGAINST ANY ANNEXATION

W. E. Barton, Head of Eco Organization, Gives Reasons For Opposing the Plan

"A great majority of the residents of Eco City are against being annexed to Birmingham." That was the belief expressed this week by W. E. Barton, president of the Eco City Improvement Association, when interviewed by the Eccentric on the question of becoming a part of Birmingham.

Mr. Barton stated that a mass meeting of the citizens of Eco City will be held in a week or ten days and that this question will be put up to them for an expression.

"Of course, one can never forecast accurately the outcome of any meeting," continued Mr. Barton, "but I believe that local people will not accede to the wish that they become a part of Birmingham. In a statement that J. H. McBride, president of the Village of Birmingham, made to his fellow-Commissioners several weeks ago, it appears to us that all that is wrong of us is our tax money.

"We understand that President McBride laid particular stress on the fact that, since Eco City already has sewers, water mains and streets, there would be little improvements necessary there, thus making it a good investment for Birmingham. No, until Birmingham can offer us something more tangible in the way of public utilities, the people of Eco City will struggle along with their own organization."

OERTELS SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON

Pair Arrested Here Last Fall Convicted In U. S. Court At Detroit

Mrs. Martha Oertel, who, with her husband, William F. Oertel, of Pontiac, were arrested in this Village on December 9 last on the charge of violating the postal laws, were convicted on March 22 and sentenced last Monday before Judge Charles C. Simons of the Federal Court at Detroit.

Mrs. Oertel received a sentence of five years in the Caldwell Reformatory in New Jersey and her husband was sentenced to three years in the federal prison at Atlanta.

Mr. Oertel and his wife had been posing as Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Willetts of Birmingham, and obtained money from many department stores in middle western cities. From police records, Mrs. Oertel being first convicted of shoplifting in 1891. Later they were taken to the county jail awaiting transportation.

TRUCK DRIVER ESCAPES INJURY IN ACCIDENT HERE

S. L. Billings of Detroit, a driver for Newcomb-Endicott Co. of that city, came within an ace of death Wednesday afternoon about two o'clock, when the truck which he was driving was struck by a southbound interurban car of the D. U. R. The accident took place on South Woodward avenue just below Frank street. The driver, not seeing the oncoming car, swung his truck onto the tracks, coming in contact with the interurban, nearly demolishing the front of his machine. He had on a truck load of furniture when the accident occurred, the furniture being slightly damaged.

The Village Commission Monday night discussed for some time the probability of installing sanitary sewers on the following, Birmingham streets, Argus and Chester where new streets are to be opened, on Ridgedale avenue between Lawndale and Worth streets, and on Knox street from Worth to Poppleton and on part of Poppleton avenue.

This week Mrs. W. A. McGregor of North Woodward avenue, is the guest of relatives in Detroit.

Preston Gray, of Oakland avenue, has opened a clothing store in the Stroh Building, Detroit, on Adams avenue. He was formerly connected with the Healy Shops.

Quick response on the part of local firemen Monday afternoon soon extinguished a blaze on the roof of the home of Elmer King, of High street.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. James Collins, and daughter, Bernadine, and Mrs. and Mrs. John Cornell and daughter, Gladys, all of Detroit, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Norton of West Maple avenue.

The Hill school Parent-Teacher Association will hold their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, April 3. There will be a general election of officers. All members are urged to attend.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—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 21st day of March, A. D. 1923.

Present, Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the Estate of Jane Loughlin, Deceased.

Jennie McGlire, creditor, having filed in said court a petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to some suitable person,

It is Ordered, That the 23rd day of April, A. D. 1923, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition;

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

ROSS STOCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
DAN A. McGAFFEY,
Register of Probate. 49-51

FOR SALE

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PASSION PLAY IS DESCRIBED HERE

Mrs. E. G. Potter Gives Interesting Talk To Woman's Literary Club Tuesday

DISCUSS ART WEEK

A very interesting and instructive description of the Passion Play at Oberammergau was given by Mrs. E. G. Potter of Oakland avenue, at the regular meeting of the local Woman's Literary Club Tuesday afternoon.

"Oberammergau" means "Upper Ammer Valley", the place where the play was produced. The exhibition of the Play takes ten hours, commencing at eight o'clock in the morning and continuing until six at night, with a recess at noon.

Mrs. Potter gave a short history of the Play and explained the plot, also a vivid description of the townspeople. The description of the actors was made more real by postcard pictures taken by the tourists and purchased as souvenirs.

The Presbyterian choir rendered two Easter anthems and Winifred Huntoon and Margaret Bell sang "He is Risen".

Mrs. F. S. Rose, chairman of the general committee for Art Week, which it to be held April 19, 20 and 21, announced her committees as follows: Mrs. Edgar Parks, chairman of the exhibit of Community Paintings, Architectural Drawings and Plastic Art, all exhibits to be listed with her as soon as possible; Mrs. Glenn Schlasck, chairman of the exhibit of Arts and Crafts; Mrs. R. J. Taylor, chairman of the exhibit of China Painting. This is to be a Birmingham community affair and anyone having any original work of any sort is invited to participate.

The next meeting of the Club, which it to be an open meeting, will be held in the parlors of the St. James' church. This meeting will be especially interesting to young mothers as talks on nutrition, diet, infant feeding and the general care of small children, will be given.

LOCAL MAN TO APPEAR IN WESTERN THEATRE

Gordon Mendelssohn Will Take Leading Part In Santa Barbara Opening

Gordon Mendelssohn, of "Top Hole", Bloomfield Hills, left Tuesday of last week for New Orleans, from which city he will go to Los Angeles and thence to Santa Barbara, where he will appear in "Top Hole", a play, "Aria da Capo". This play, which was given last summer so successfully in the Booth Greek Theatef at Cranbrook, has been selected as the production to open the new Municipal Theater at Santa Barbara.

The Municipal Theater is located on the same site as an old Spanish playhouse that was built when the Spaniards were in control of California. Lately, considerable remodeling has been done to this old place to make it suitable for the giving of plays and at the same time preserve the beautiful lines of the early Spanish architecture.

"Top Hole", the part Mr. Mendelssohn will play in the forthcoming production at Santa Barbara, is the same role he appeared in when the play was presented at Cranbrook.

Work of directing "Aria da Capo" last year was in the hands of Mr. Mendelssohn and it was declared to have been his efforts chiefly that caused the play to be such a great success.

DANCE DATE CHANGED

The dance to be given by the American Association of University Women Friday, April 6, at the new Community House, has been postponed. The Community House it not yet ready for use. The new date for the dance has not yet been set.

Mrs. C. H. Schlasck, of South Woodward avenue, attended the Junior play, "Jane Climbs a Mountain", at Ann Arbor last Friday evening. Her daughter, Rhea, played the role of the comedienne, "Whitewash Jones".

MORTGAGE SALE—Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage from Charles Edwin Jones and Edith J. Jones his wife, of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan, to First National Bank of Birmingham, Michigan, a Federal Banking corporation, which said mortgage was dated the 29th day of September, A. D. 1921, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland, Michigan, on the 24th day of October, A. D. 1921 in Liber 209 of Mortgages on page 231, on which mortgage there is due and unpaid at the date hereof for principal and interest, insurance and taxes in the sum of $1,056.72 and no suit or proceedings at law and in equity have been instituted to recover the money or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 30th day of June, A. D. 1923 at 12:00 o'clock noon, Eastern Standard Time, we will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the easterly or Saginaw Street entrance to the Oakland County Building in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held) 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 together with attorney fee (25) interest from the date of notice and costs allowed by law and provided in said mortgage including an attorney's fee, said premise being situated in the Village of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan, and described as follows:

Village Lots numbered 21 and 22 of Valentine's Addition to the Village of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for the County aforesaid in Liber 11 of Plats on page 18.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
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Attorney for Mortgagee,
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Dated March 29th, 1923. 49-3

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Birmingham, Mich. adv48

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY SET FOR MIDDLE OF MAY

Several Birmingham residents, getting anxious because the arrival of the spring Robin has directed their attention to overflowing barrels of cans, bottles and other miscellaneous trash, have called the Eccentric, asking when the annual "clean-up day" would occur this year.

When the question was relayed to Manager Starr Monday, he said that the middle of May, the exact date to be announced later, would be the time set for removing from private premises the accumulation of the past winter's debris.

OBITUARY

MRS. LYDIA JANE VAN EVERY

Heart trouble caused the death of Mrs. Lydia Jane Van Every, 67 years old, who died at her home at 502 South Woodward avenue, Tuesday, March 27. She had been in ill health since last December, but it was only last Sunday that her condition became serious.

Funeral services will be held from the home tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock and burial will be made in Greenwood Cemetery. Rev. W. C. McKnight of the First Presbyterian church will officiate.

Born in Southfield township, Mrs. Van Every spent her early life in Franklin. While living there she met and married John D. Van Every in 1876. For 29 years Mrs. Van Every lived in Birmingham. During the past 20 years she lived at 502 South Woodward avenue.

Mrs. Van Every is survived by her husband, two daughters and one son, all living in Birmingham. They are: John D. Van Every, Mrs. Winnifred Cobb, Mrs. Carrie Aldrich and William Van Every.

FRANKLIN NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Walter Wesley and children, Robert and Rosemary, of Detroit, are spending the weekend with Mrs. Bert Bartley.

The monthly business meeting and church supper of the M. E. Church was held Wednesday evening. A potluck supper was served to about 65 people, after which all enjoyed two short reels of moving pictures given by Mr. Coleman, of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Reichoff and family, of Howell, visited a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley.

About 50 friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moreley last Friday evening and gave them a genuine surprise party. Mr. Moreley is moving onto the Brysickel farm on the Square Lake Road.

A moving picture show will be given here Saturday evening by the Men's Bible Class. After expenses are paid the proceeds will go to pay off the Church debt.

Mr. and Mrs. William Spicer spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brebe, of Clarkston, and on Sunday morning they drove to St. Clair and attended the church service of our former pastor, Rev. Dunlavey.

Easter Sunday will be observed here by a musical program. It will be given at the regular service at 11:30.

CLOSE WATER WORKS TO REPAIR FIRE PLUG

Town Without Water For Four Hours Tuesday Morning

Late Monday afternoon a fire hydrant, situated on the south side of Martin street between Bates and Chester streets, burst, flooding the street. It was necessary on Tuesday morning to shut off the water at the pump house between the hours of eight and twelve so as to enable the workmen to remove the old hydrant and to replace it with a new one. The necessity for immediate repairs made it impossible to notify citizens of the closing of the water works station.

MAKING ASSESSMENTS

Fred Quarton, Village assessor, began this week to make the assessments for Birmingham. This work will take over a month and is preparatory to collecting the annual Village tax this summer.

ELECTION NEXT MONDAY

Everything is in readiness for the voters next Monday, April 2, when they go to the polls to vote at the biennial county and annual township elections. Bloomfield Township will, as usual, vote in four precincts.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. J. M. Henning of Townsend street, Wednesday, April 4.

Henry Wood Booth, of Cranbrook has been ill this week at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Paddon and daughter, Elsie, of Windsor, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Fletcher of Yorkshire road, Sunday.

On Thursday, April 5, the Barnum school Parent-Teacher Association will hold their regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p. m. Children's gardens will be the subject for discussion.

The Village Commission Monday night again discussed the matter of engaging an attorney to handle their affairs, but did not decide upon any particular man.

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FOR SALE

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TABLE TALKS ON TAXATION AND KINDRED TOPICS

By "One Who Listened In"

"One virtue of a single tax on ground rent," continued the one who acknowledged as being in favor of the Singeltax Movement, "or site value as some prefer to call it, in lieu of all other taxes, is that it would require no new machinery to put it into operation; in fact, it would simplify the present cumbrous system of raising public revenues. The assessors would have to value the ground only, exactly as they assess it now. The improvements and all personal property would be exempt. The ground lies out-of-doors, is visible to everyone. To value buildings takes experts, and as far as stocks and bonds and other intangible property is concerned (these things that are not wealth but only represent wealth which is taxed elsewhere) it mostly escapes now. So does jewelry, furs, and other personal valuables, but little of which is reached by the assessors. As far as stocks of merchandise in stores is concerned, to tax them means to add to the cost of doing business, all of which the consumers pay.

"The first advocate of this system of taxation was Henry George, called it National Taxation. The people wants of a small, scattered community are small. Each family provides its own protection or goes without. As the community grows, so does the demand for fire protection, police protection, public schools, paved streets, sewers and other public conveniences. Concurrently, with these the rental value of the land increases in direct ratio to the growth of the community. Therefore, what more natural than to take through taxation this increasing rent fund, which now goes into the pockets of the land owners, but which is created by all the community collectively, and with it pay the cost of carrying on the utilities that the increasing population necessitates?

"Granted that this system seems to present some problems that all government must face, the one that will threshem out with those who may care to discuss them—but enough for the present."

DR. W. RADER, FAMOUS ORATOR HERE APRIL 3

Takes Place On Lyceum Program Of Webster Davis, Who Died This Month

The next number of the lecture course in the Baldwin auditorium will be given by Dr. William Rader on Tuesday evening, April 3. Dr. Rader takes the place of Webster Davis, who died suddenly early this month.

Dr. Rader is reputed to be a very fine lecturer. He was formerly of San Francisco, having been pastor of the Third Congregational church of that city and later called to the great Calvary Presbyterian church. In the former church he succeeded Dr. Chas. F. Aked, the world-famous English preacher whom John D. Rockefeller brought to this country. Peter Clark MacFarlane made him the subject of one of his articles in the Collier's Weekly as one of the ten great orators of America.

OPEN OAKLAND HILLS CLUB

In order to accommodate the members of the club, the lobby, locker rooms and grill room of the Oakland Hills Country Club will be opened tomorrow.

Many golf enthusiasts are anxious to go on the links and start the game that has held the interest of a large number of people for the past several years. However, the links of the club will not commence for some time yet. The date of the formal opening will be announced later.

This weekend, Miss Mae Sutherland, of Detroit, will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Parks, of Pierce street.

VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the Village Commission called to order by President McBride Monday evening, March 26, 1923, at 8 o'clock.

Present: President McBride, Commissioners Bell and Bingham. Manager Starr and Clerk Campbell.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved as printed.

93—Moved by Commissioner Bell that we borrow $50.00 from the First National Bank for 6 months, to be credited to the Bates St. Sewer Fund. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

94—Moved by President McBride that interest from $1,375.29 on General Sewer and Paving Bonds be paid from Interest and Sinking Fund; also interest amounting to $228 be paid from the following special sewer funds to the First National Bank: Bates St. Sewer, $51; Merrill St. Sewer, $51; Townsend St. Sewer, $42; Oakland Ave. Sewer, $84; also interest $54 on General Sewer Bonds be paid from the Interest and Sinking Fund and interest amounting to $152 from the following special sewer funds to the First National Bank: Bates St. Sewer, $21; Southfield Ave. Sewer, $12; Brong St. Sewer, $60; Stanley St. Sewer, $48; Worth St. Sewer, $36. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

95—Moved by President McBride that bond of $134.32 be paid from the Hamilton St. Sewer Fund to the Interest and Sinking Fund. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

96—Moved by Commissioner Bell that we allow Gordon Bailey $25 in full payment of damages to car. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

97—Moved by Commissioner Bingham that we borrow $500 from the First State Savings Bank for 6 months to be credited to the General Fund. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

98—Moved by Commissioner Bingham that we pay the Library Board the balance due them from taxes. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

Moved by Commissioner Bingham that the meeting adjourn. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

HAZEL E. CLARK, Village Clerk.

WANTED — 3 furnished rooms, modern, by April 10; prefer private place for car. Man and wife. Lost—Lady's Gray Gauntlet Kid Glove. Address 107 S. Bates St. Phone 462J. adv49

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T. D. Lynch, Manager
Room 6, Levinson Bldg.
Phone 143-F2 adv40tf

HUSTON TO BUILD POSTOFFICE SITE

Will Put Up Two-Story Building Next To Present Post-Office This Spring

REMOVE BRICK HOUSE

Plans are being drawn for a modern two-story building which will be constructed this spring by E. C. Huston, local hardware man, at 129 North Woodward avenue. According to Mr. Huston, the brick house now located on the property, will be removed some time in April and, as soon as the present building is torn down, work will be started on the new store.

On the ground floor there will be two stores and on the second floor will be five-room apartments, which, Mr. Huston says, will be complete and modern in every way.

The north half of the building will be occupied by the postoffice, the government having accepted Mr. Huston's bid on the new postoffice site. What store will be located in the other half of the building Mr. Huston did not say. He stated he had two prospects in view.

On the second floor will be four apartments with all the features to be found in up-to-date dwellings of this nature. It is yet the contract for the construction of the building has not been let. The plans are being drawn at the present time.

LOCAL SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS

Pupils Given a Week Of Rest As World Observes Holy Week

The last vacation of any length which the students of the Birmingham schools will have before the "grind" of this school year has been in full sway this week. "Vacation," that golden word of words which always wears wings upon which always brings much rejoicing and many good times to those who are diligently laboring for a higher learning, always brings happiness to the student. There has been no need for any burning of the midnight oil this week. Apparently a "grade" time is being had by all. The spirit which seems to prevail this week is to "eat, drink and be merry for next week circumstances will be beyond control."

The Birmingham schools closed last Friday afternoon for the Easter holidays, to remain closed until next Monday morning, April 2nd, giving the students a week's vacation. Many of the teachers returned to their homes for the Easter holidays.

GOOD FRIDAY OBSERVED

Good Friday is being more generally observed in this community than in years past. The stores and offices were closed from noon to three o'clock. The usual services of the Three Hours have been held in the Catholic and Episcopal churches, while the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches united in a service at the latter church from one to three o'clock. An address was made by each of the three ministers of the participating churches. In St. James, the addresses were made by Rev. Julius A. Schaad, who came to Birmingham, directly from his work in the South on the National Preaching Mission, for this purpose. Rev. D. H. Curry was present in the chancel and assisted in the service.

Elsie Cobb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cobb of Oakland avenue, will spend the week-end with her parents. Miss Cobb attends the Normal College at Ypsilanti.

Monday, Harvey J. Howe of Bates street, left for a two week's business trip to the West.

Friday, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hancock of Ypsilanti, were guests of Mrs. George Green of Brownell street.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE—In the matter of the estate of Mary A. McDonald, Deceased. The undersigned having been appointed by the Honorable Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate in and for the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims against the said estate, and that six months from the 14th day of March, A. D. 1923, have been allowed by said Judge of Probate to all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present them to us for examination and adjustment, notice is hereby given that we will meet on the 14th day of May, 1923, and on the 30th day of July, 1923, at 10 o'clock, A. M., each day at the First National Bank of Birmingham, in the Village of Birmingham, in said County, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting said claims.

ED. PARKS,
J. BERT PEABODY,
Commissioners.
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PROSPERITY OVER NATION NOW SEEN

Lack Of Common Laborers Points To Short Life Of Wave That Is Sweeping Country

STOCK MARKET UP

Building Boom Is Growing Despite Rising Prices Of Materials And Labor

(Courtesy First State Bank)

Turn wherever you will and you will find boom conditions, actual or in the making. Everybody is buying stocks or planning to buy stocks. Cotton, wool, sugar, coffee and the metals, copper, steel and lead, are moving into new high ground. Production in basic industries is at boom proportions. Corrected for seasonal variation, it is higher than at any time since 1912, with the single exception of the month of May in the year 1917. Railway traffic has likewise been breaking all records for this time of the year. Labor is fully employed and wages are now on a distinctly upward trend. The building boom is growing, despite rising prices of materials and wages.

Prices are rising. Production in primary lines cannot get much higher without enlargement of plant capacity, and seemingly there is little thought of that. It is evident, then, that the danger line cannot be far away. To cross that fine means inflation. The danger line is the approximate point at which production reaches its physical limits, beyond which credit simply raises wages and prices. In its early stages inflation is stimulating, and is always mistaken for prosperity by the majority until it is all over. It is a fair question as to whether or not this country will have another inflation era with its disastrous after effects, but the best opinion is to the contrary, and the early rise in the New York and Boston Reserve rediscount rates indicates that the danger is sensed and that further precautionary steps may be looked for as circumstances warrant action conducive to a more permanent prosperity.

Inventories are believed to be small. It is regarded as a healthy sign that, no huge accumulations of goods are overhanging the market and that the increased demand for credit during recent months has arisen from the larger financial requirements of current production and trade, and not from speculation in inventories.

The drawbacks to the present situation, however, are two in number: First, labor is not benefiting from price advances; and second, it remains to be determined as to whether or not ultimate consumers will pay the advances in finished goods made necessary by current raw material costs. The price for wheat is so largely made by foreign market conditions that inflation in this country would work against the farmer as it would avail him little on his sales, and at the same time enhance the prices of those things he has to buy. Too rapid advances in commodity prices are almost certain to discourage purchases by wage workers and salaried people, and thus automatically assist in checking conditions that would tend to make this prosperity merely effervescent.

M. E. SOCIETY CELEBRATES 25th. ANNIVERSARY HERE

Just 25 years ago last Thursday the local auxiliary of the Methodist Women's Foreign Missionary Society was organized by a group of ten women at the home of Alex Parks, of South Woodward avenue, the house now being occupied by Mrs. Frances Coughlin.

The anniversary was celebrated at the meeting held at the home of Mrs. Fred Pfeifle, of North Woodward avenue, Thursday last. Two charter members, Mrs. Polly Gray and Mrs. Bert Peabody, were present. A brief history of the organization was read and an account of its progress given. That day being close to the 54th. anniversary of the foundation of the General Society at Boston, an account of the progress of the entire organization was also given.

Cake and punch were served by four women who were dressed in quaint, old-fashioned costumes.

Russell West of Pinckney, is home with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Julian West of West Maple avenue.

"Spring Is Here," Say The Kids, As They Gaze On Baseball Goods

While the wind whistled round the corners of the local store buildings Wednesday morning and pedestrians with red faces and overcoat collars turned up about their necks went hurrying on their several ways along windswept Woodward avenue, two small boys stood in front of a local sportswear store viewing the display of baseball goods.

With their small hands thrust deep in their coat pockets, the two lads were gazing with admiration at the gloves, mitts, bats and balls used in the great American game.

Said one of the little fellows, "Gee! ain't that some glove. I'll bet I could pitch better ball if I had that!"

The other lad replied, "Gosh, we got to get one of them baseballs—they're just like the big leaguers use!"

Yes, Spring is here! It did not look like it Wednesday, but even the small boys are talking baseball, so the forerunner to summer must have arrived.

Reserve seats for the Marionette Show at Baldwin Auditorium Monday, April 9, at Shain's. Tickets 50c, 35c and 25c. adv49

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