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"MAIN STREET" LIGHTS.

We would like to transport a bit of New York's Broadway or Fifth Avenue to Birmingham—not that we mean tinkling glasses, laughing women, boisterous men or even the greystone fronts of million-dollar mansions, but just that part of it that Mr. Thomas A. Edison has placed in a bottle. We mean "lights".

A stranger, or even a native, passing through Birmingham on Woodward or Maple avenues after the sun goes down at night, would surely mutter to himself: "Nice little burg; glad they keep the cows and chickens off the streets or else I might accidently use my car for an abattoir. Gee, I'm glad I've got bright headlights or I might run into a tree or sumpin' ".

It is a fact that Birmingham—beautiful, peaceful (except at election time) little community that it has turned out to be—is far behind the times when it comes to lighting its public thoroughfares. Who would think of building a modern house and rely upon everything but enough lighting fixtures to make it habitable in the evening? Nowadays, when we build a house, we generally put one or more lights on the porches to better illuminate the entrances. Every room in the house, from cellar to garret, is also provided with plenty of lighting fixtures. Why can't we build our town along the same lines?

Something ought to be done right away to install a boulevard system of lighting on Woodward and Maple avenues in the business districts. The cost of this would not be prohibitive. Part of the expense might be paid for by the merchants in front of whose places the lights were installed.

We hope the Village Commission will investigate this matter and, as soon as possible, announce to the people that they have found some way to give us more light on these two main streets. It would add to the beauty and attractiveness of our town and as well to the comfort of the citizens.

Good lighting is as necessary as is good water and plenty of sewers.

Let's put a little of New York in Birmingham.

SHORT AND MAYBE SNAPPY

By S. L. S.

Many still believe a motor car to be a luxury, it is said. Those who drive flivvers believe them to be like mosquitoes—a necessary evil.

"Ecorse Boy Reports Year's First Butterfly", says a Detroit newspaper. That's a sign for dad to get the roof or boat in trim for runs across the river—in Detroit.

A London physicist says electric light is making the world blind and advises a return to the candles of former days. Or, better yet, we can stick our fingers in our eyes and make it starlight.

Some fellows are just naturally a bit smart and get promoted; others laugh when the boss pulls a bum joke.

We lamped this question in a book of etiquette: "Should a man precede or follow his feminine companion on a street car?" In this part of Michigan, the strongest usually wins the right to get on first.

If we knew what other people thought of us we'd soon lose interest in our fellow beings.

The U. S. is to help ex-soldiers in buying poultry farms. This interest in chickens is not confined to just ex-service men—although they probably did learn something about it over in France.

"Grocer loses 500 pound safe: accuses burglars", reads a headline in a Detroit newspaper. Police, it is thought, are searching the underworld and hope to nab the crook with the goods on him.

A fellow asked us the other day if a woman who dresses to kill is a murderess. That might bring forth an assortment of answers; one thing, however, must be conceded—she can certainly kill the fat looks of a medium sized pocketbook.

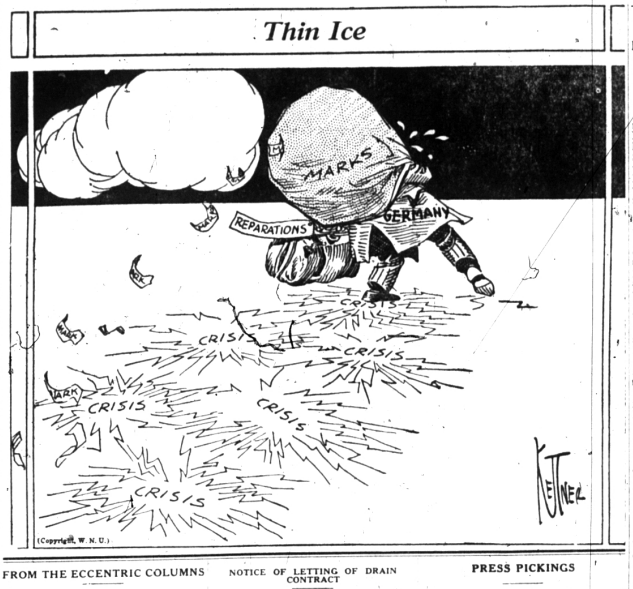
Handshaking and pumping a well without priming it gives you lots of exercise, but "it doesn't mean anything".

REPORT

all the news happenings that come to your attention to this office. It will be appreciated for every piece of news will make the paper more interesting for you as well as others. We want and with your help will print all

THE NEWS

Thin Ice



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FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

Forty-Four Years Ago

Last Wednesday morning Willie Hawthorne's boy, Freddie, while playing on a sulky, had the misfortune to break his leg. This is the second time this winter, both accidents to the same leg. Dr. Rainey made him as comfortable as possible.

William Lamb started for Sand Beach last Tuesday. His family will go by boat, William driving the team by land.

Died, April 2, 1880, Eliza, wife of John Shug, of paralysis, after an illness of four days. Deceased was born in the town of Springfield, Pa., on the fifth day of April, 1812, was married September 11, 1831 and in 1855 came to Michigan where she resided until her demise. She had a family of ten children, nine of whom survive her. In her death her children and companion have lost a friend that was very near and dear to them.

Mrs. J. W. Glennie, of Au Sable, visited her father, M. I. James, the fore part of this week after having visited her daughter, Lizzie, who is attending school at Ypsilanti.

School commenced on Monday of last week with a larger attendance of foreign scholars than usual. When Professor Webster took the school, the total amounted to about $75 per year from foreign tuitions; now it amounts to over $500. A proficient principal and a good corps of teachers will do it everytime.

A C. Ellis returned home last Monday evening from Grand Ledge from the bedside of his father-in-law, Michael Bloomberg. He reports the old gentleman as better than he was last week, but still very low. His ailment is typhoid pneumonia.

John Parks is going to work Robert Solt's place on shares.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

A bonnie lassie arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Russell, of near Southfield, last Saturday morning.

Prosperity has certainly struck John Stabler for he has sold his hand laundry outfit and purchased the machinery for a steam laundry, which he will open up for business next Monday. His new place of business will be located in the Thurlby block on Maple avenue.

About nine o'clock last Tuesday evening, Jesse Caswell had accompanied his sister, Mrs. Goosen, of Detroit, to the Daines street crossing, where they waited for the Detroit car, on which Mrs. Goosen was to return home. Not realizing his close proximity to the approaching trolley, Mr. Caswell held his ground until he was struck by the running board and violently hurled to earth. His right knee was quite badly bruised, a wrist skinned and he was pretty well shaken up. A "good Samaritan" in the form of Glenn Watkins happened to be passing by and he very ably assisted the injured man to his home in what is known as the McHugh house on Woodward avenue. The next day Jesse was glad to lie down but he said he expected to be out soon again. Furthermore, he said "it was all my own fault—I didn't know anything about the running board affair and stood too close to the track. The motorman was not a bit to be blamed". We are glad he sustained no more serious damages.

The house of Thomas Green, located about 3 miles north of here, was consumed by fire last Sunday morning. Insured in the Monitor for $850. Fire is supposed to have caught from the chimney and began upstairs. The house was one of the early dwellings in Oakland county, having been built about 40 years ago.

Revs. Allen and Orr exchanged pulpits last Sabbath, the former occupying the United Presbyterian and the latter the Methodist.

Putting it off today won't get it done tomorrow. An advertisement in this paper today will bring business tomorrow.

NOTICE OF LETTING OF DRAIN CONTRACT

Notice is Hereby Given, That I, Cassius J. Crawford, County Drain Commissioner of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, will, on the 11th day of April, A. D. 1923, at the Village Hall in the Village of Birmingham, in said County of Oakland, at two o'clock, Eastern Standard Time, in the afternoon of that day, proceed to receive sealed bids for the construction of a certain Drain known and designated as "Lincoln Drain," located and established in the Township of Bloomfield in said County.

Said drain is divided into one Section as follows, having the average depth and width as set forth: All stations are 100 feet apart.

Section No. 1 beginning at station number 0 at the lower end of said drain and extending to station number 21 plus 29, a distance of 2120 feet, and having an average depth of 8½ feet.

In the construction of said drain the following quantities and character of tile or pipe will be required and contracts let for same: 400 feet of 15 inch, 1720 feet of 12 inch, 450 feet of 8 inch.

The construction of said drain will include the construction of the following manholes and catchbasins having the location and of the type and size stated for which contracts will be let.

6 manholes and 9 catchbasins.

Separate bids will be received on cement and vitrified crock or pipe. All bids shall be accompanied by a certified check of $500.00 made payable to the County Drain Commissioner. In case of failure or neglect to enter into contract and furnish the required bonds within the time specified, the check shall be forfeited to the county drain commissioner as liquidated damages.

Surety bonds will be required covering the completion of drain also covering County against any damage which may arise while drain is under construction.

Said job will be let in one section in accordance with the diagram now on file with the other papers pertaining to said Drain, in the office of the County Drain Commissioner of the County of Oakland, to which reference may be had by all parties interested, and sealed bids will be made and received accordingly. Contracts will be made with the lowest possible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work, in the sum then and there to be fixed by me, reserving to myself the right to reject any or all bids. The date for the completion of such contract, and the terms of payment therefor, shall and will be announced at the time and place of letting.

Notice is Further Hereby Given, That at the time and place of said letting, or at such other time and place thereafter, to which I, the County Drain Commissioner aforesaid, may adjourn the same, the assessments for benefits and the lands comprised within the "Lincoln Drain Special Assessment District," and the apportionments thereof will be announced by me and will be subject to review for one day, from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon.

The following is a description of the several tracts or parcels of land constituting the Special Assessment District of said Drain:

SECTION 36

The east 150 feet of a 20-acre lot lying between Lincoln Ave., Bates and Pierce Sts., in the SW ¼; a parcel of land on SE ¼ bounded N by Lincoln Ave., E by Parks, S by Oakland Villas Annex, W by Edgewood Ave.; A parcel of land in NE ¼ of NW ¼ of SE ¼ bounded N by Lincoln Ave., Spitzig & Hanna, E by Spitzig and Madison Ave., S by Oakland Villas Annex, W by Hanna; A Parcel of land on SE ¼ bd N by Lincoln Ave., E by Madison Ave., S by Parks, W by Spitzig; Parcel of land on SE ¼ bd N by Lincoln, E by Hanna, S by Parks, W by Parks; Parcel of land in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of SE ¼ bounded N by Lincoln Ave., E & S by Oakland Villas Sub., W by Pierce St.; Lot A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and lots 1 to 60, inclusive, of Oakland Villas Annex; All of Oakland Villas Subdivision.

Village of Birmingham at large.

Now, Therefore, All unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described land, and you, Luther D. Allen, Supervisor, and Fred Hauck, Highway Commissioner of the Township of Bloomfield, and Mrs. Hazel E. Clark, Clerk of the Village of Birmingham, are hereby notified that at the time and place aforesaid, or at such other time and place thereafter to which said hearing may be adjourned, I shall proceed to receive bids for the construction of said "Lincoln Drain," in the manner hereinbefore stated; and also, that at such time and place of letting, from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon the assessment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Lincoln Drain Special Assessment Districts will be subject to review.

And You and Each of You, Owners and persons interested in the aforesaid lands, are hereby cited to appear at the time and place of such letting as aforesaid, and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation thereto, if you so desire.

Dated this 13th day of March, A. D. 1923.

CASSIUS J. CRAWFORD,
County Drain Commissioner.

48-49 County of Oakland.

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 19th day of March, A. D. 1923.

Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the Estate of Martha Cox, Deceased.

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

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

It is further ordered, that the 23rd day of July, 1923, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

ROSS STOCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
DAN A. McGAFFEY,
Register of Probate. 48-49-50

Advertising in this paper will bring good returns on the money invested

PRESS PICKINGS

The retail merchants bureau of Royal Oak was recently organized as a division of the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce. Forty-two business houses were represented on the preliminary roll.

According to reports, Redford business men are agitating the formation of a brass band.

Rochester's so-called "grand old man", Sergt.-Major John J. Snook, 80 years old, died at his home recently after a ten-day illness of bronchial pneumonia. The deceased was born in 1842 on the Canal Road between Utica and Mt. Clemens. He attended school in Disco, Rochester and New York City. During the Civil War he was for several years in active service with the Union forces. In 1866 he was united in marriage to Ella C. Davis. Five sons and one daughter were born to them, all of whom are still living. Thirteen grandchildren also survive.

According to W. A. Putnam, head of the Oakland County motorcycle squad, arrests and prosecutions for the violations of the half-load motor truck ruling are averaging between 15 and 25 cases a day.

Spring vacation in the Royal Oak public schools which was scheduled to begin last Friday has been postponed until today. The change is due to the fact that the new schools, the Whittier and the U. S. Grant, will not be completed as soon as expected.

MICKIE SAYS—

Sticking Type is one thing and *Artistically Designed Advertising* is another. We specialize in the latter—the kind that will make your letterheads, stationery and advertising matter a credit to your business. ¶ See us the next time you need something in the printing line.

Who Are "Your Printers"?

And George Told 'er "'Tis Too Late"

Being the Narrative Of Our Former Postmaster In the Sunny South

MEETS LOCAL PEOPLE

George H. Mitchell, former postmaster, who, with his wife, left for Florida several weeks ago, is evidently having a wonderful time in the Sunny South—at least two letters which came to the Eccentric testify. Following is the first letter, and next week we will print the second, which is postmarked "Havana, Cuba."

St. Petersburg, Flaorida.

Dear Eccentric:

All my life I have heard of the Sunny South, the Sunshine City, the singing birds, beautiful flowers, royal palms, orange groves, alligators, etc., and now I can testify to the truth, that all are as stated. I know it for I have seen it and felt it all—except the alligators.

Go where you will, nowhere can surer clouds of white float in azure blue. Softly the Gulf of Mexico murmurs seems to come to us from the sky, tenderly covering and caressing the pure fine white sand on the beach. And the balmy breeze seems actually too good to be true. This is the Florida of today.

We arrived Sunday in St. Petersburg at 8:00 a.m. on the "Swanee Special," a train direct from Detroit. We were met at the train by Ida and Jim (Ida Belle Corey and Jim W. Sabin, her husband), and were taken to their comfortable home, which is ours, also, as long as we wish to remain.

After dinner, we went to a sacred band concert at Williams Park. There we saw 10,000 others, just like ourselves, taking in the sights and out for fun and a good time.

The next day being Monday, we prowled about a little and were suddenly approached by a lady with an extended hand and with a friendly greeting, she asked, "You don't know me, do you?" I replied, "I just cannot call you by name, but you are the chief and superintendent of the money-order business at Pontiac." "You are right, my name is Oulette, Miss Eva." A short chat followed and she, like everyone else, is having the time of her life.

In the forenoon in Williams Park, we met our old friend and former supervisor, Herb J. Broughton, enjoying a game of dominoes with a bunch of old and agreeable cronies. This game was only one of twenty games of dominoes. Six courts for Roque (improved croquet) were filled with players. Besides roque and dominoes, large numbers were enjoying checkers, chess and quoit pitching (barnyard golf). Each game has its own club members and the number in each club varies from 100 in the checker club to 500 in the quoit club.

St. Petersburg is just a bewildering, fascinating array of gay clothes, beautiful women and grand, noble, elderly-looking men, with a generous supply of flappers. Evening apparel vies with the flowers in beauty and all scenes reflect the care-free, happy life in the Sunshine City.

Thursday, Donald McBride, son of Ed McBride, chauffeur for Joseph Stockwell, his nieces, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Littell, Mr. and Mrs. James Sabin, Mrs. Mitchell and myself) to Passagrille. It was a fine drive over the country roads, through many orange groves, large numbers of the fruit lying on the ground. (No, we didn't).

At Passagrille, that day, a Michigan picnic was held. The Tourist Club held a big dance in connection. Over 400 people were present.

One other thing—you cannot help but notice that the majority of people here are middle-aged or over. Such a number of real, white-haired old ladies I never have seen before. Yet they are all young in appearance, as much a flapper in talking and acting as any we have ever met. The men folks are their equal. They are all out for a good time, and sociable? I should say "yes."

Last night, at the band concert, I sat beside a handsome, white-haired, richly-dressed lady, and by heck! in less than ten minutes she had told me she had just been divorced from her husband in New Jersey, that the judge told her that her late husband had been a brute. Of course, I seconded the motion but told her that it was too late, as I already had a wife.

The postoffice here beats my late one, having cost about $200,000. You will hardly believe but the work is all done out of doors. All the boxes are locked and the mail is taken from the outside, ditto the general delivery, money-order, registry, postal savings, etc.

And the water works. Three wells furnish plentifully, water for the 25,000 users. These wells are of the same kind and put down by the same firm that are bidding for the Birmingham job. Ed McBride sends word to James H. McBride to be sure to put this same kind of a well outfit through and he and the village taxpayers will forever pat themselves on the back.

George H. Mitchell.

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Daily Thought.
It's easy finding reasons why other men should be patient.—George Eliot.

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BIENNIAL SPRING ELECTION AND ANNUAL TOWNSHIP ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the Township of Bloomfield (Precinct No. 1, 2, 3, 4)

County of Oakland, State of Michigan

NOTICE is hereby given that the next ensuing Biennial Spring Election and Annual Township Election, will be held at the usual voting places in each Precinct, within said Township, on

MONDAY, APRIL 2, A. D. 1923

for the purpose of voting for the election of the following officers, Viz:

State—Two Justices of the Supreme Court, full term; two Regents of the University; one Superintendent of Public Instruction; one Member State Board of Education; two Members State Board of Agriculture.

District—Two Circuit Judges.

County—One County Commissioner of Schools.

Township—One Supervisor; one Township Clerk; one Township Treasurer; one Highway Commissioner; one Justice of the Peace, full term; one Member Board of Review, full term; Four Overseers of Highways, District 1, 2, 3 and 4; Four Constables.

Relative to Opening and Closing of the Polls

Sec. 1. On the day of any election the polls shall be opened at seven o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as may be, and shall be continued open until five o'clock in the afternoon and no longer; PROVIDED, That in townships the board of inspectors of election may, in its discretion, adjourn the polls at twelve o'clock noon, for one hour; and that the township board in townships and the legislative body in cities, and villages may, by resolution adopted fifteen days prior to the election and published with the notice of the election, provide that the polls shall be opened at six o'clock in the forenoon, and may also provide that the polls shall be kept open not later than eight o'clock in the evening of the same day.

The Polls of said election will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m., of said day of election, unless the Board of Election Inspectors shall, in their discretion, adjourn the Polls at 12 o'clock, noon, for one hour.

Dated March 14th, 1923.

JAMES W. COBB,
Clerk of said Township.

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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 7th day of March, A. D. 1923.

Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the Estate of William A. McClung, Deceased.

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

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

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

ROSS STOCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
DAN A. McGAFFEY,
Register of Probate. 47-48-49

DETROIT UNITED LINES
BIRMINGHAM TIME TABLE
In Effect June 5, 1922

(Eastern Standard Time)

Southbound Limited—(except Sunday), 6:48 a.m.

Southbound Locals—4:30 a.m., 5:20 a.m., 5:31 a.m., 5:45 a.m.; 5:55 a.m., 6:19 a.m., 6:49 a.m., 7:06 a.m., 7:24 a.m., 7:46 a.m., and every 15 minutes to 6:31 p.m., and every 20 minutes to 10:41 p.m., 11:11 p.m., 11:51 p.m.

Pontiac to Birmingham only—11:30 p.m., 11:50 p.m., 12:10 a.m., 12:30 a.m. and 12:50 a.m.

Northbound Locals—5:49, a.m., 6:23 a.m., 6:50 a.m., 7:07 a.m. and every twenty minutes to 9:07 a.m., then every 15 minutes to 5:52 p.m., (6:05 p.m. Limited), 6:22 p.m., 6:37 p.m., 6:52 p.m., 7:07 p.m. and every 30 minutes to 12:29 a.m., also 12:49 a.m.

FLINT DIVISION

Change at Royal Oak for Rochester, Oxford, Flint, Romeo and Imlay City. Through limited cars for Flint, Saginaw, Bay City at 7:10 a.m. and every two hours to 9:10 p.m.

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