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TRAVEL.

The "broadening influences" so often attributed to travel are manifested by some people in patronizing airs. The immense pleasure of accumulated benefits appear to exert its greatest force in swelling the bump of conceit. Our conclusion is that the influences of travel depend upon the material to be influenced.

Those people who are not broadened by a quiet walk along a country lane or a visit to a neighboring hamlet, will never be broadened by a trip to Rome or Paris. A shallow mind may encircle the world a dozen times and not receive a tenth of the culture that a profound mind will receive in touring its native state. Mileage and quantity are nothing. Observance and quality are everything. William Shakespeare, so far as is known, never overstepped the boundaries of England. Many of the world's celebrities have remained within a comparatively small circumference on the earth's surface.

Observe the hundreds of motorists who pass along Woodward Avenue any Sunday afternoon. The average day's journey is perhaps forty, to seventy-five miles. What do most of them see? Concrete roads and motor cars—little else. Of course the thrill of motion is pleasant, the caress of the breeze is soothing, the picnic dinner is excellent, the swim in the lake is delightful; but beyond the enjoyment of occasional participation can such things be called "broadening"? Hardly.

If your "broadening influence" of travel include going to the woods, to New York, to the Rockies, to Yokohama, Paris, Berlin, simply to indulge in card-playing, tennis or some other limited and concentrated pastime, cosmopolitanism is not your sphere; you are hopelessly provincial. Poker and Pinochle can be played on your dining room table, and tennis and baseball in the next block. Why go so far? Travel without accompanying observation and interest is almost as "broadening" as a good healthy sleep.

CITIZEN'S DUTY TO LIBRARY DEFINED.

Ignorance is the menace of civilization. If America continues to grow the minds of her people must grow. And the schools alone cannot satisfy this need for continuing the intellectual growth of American citizens. In America today, 85 per cent of the boys and girls are in school until the age of fourteen years. After that, but one in five continues school until the age of 18. Then what happens? A scanty few go on to college or university and the others do not. Is this the end of their education then? Must their mental growth cease when the school doors close behind them?

There must be some way out. Some way to continue the educational growth of American citizens. And there is a way. That way is the public library. It is America's continuation school. It is the most democratic of American educational institutions. It is free to every person, color or race, nationality or creed—make no difference. It is free to every person who wishes to read, and who is willing to read. If the schools will only teach the reading habit, the library will educate the world for the public library of America is free to every new idea, free to every fresh point of view; nothing is barred because it is new or radical or different. The public library is free from party politics; it is free from religious intolerance and prejudice. The public library provides information on all sides of every important question—so far as its funds will allow.

The citizen has his duty toward the library. First of all he should encourage larger appropriations of funds. Too many people are being turned away because there are not enough copies of certain books to supply the demand, or not enough money to buy all the books that should be on the shelves. More than half the people of the United States do not have library facilities of any kind. The educational facilities of the library have not been recognized as they should be; with that recognition will come greater service.

Democratic as the library is, its service should be greatly extended. The librarians should be prepared to give more service, more encouragement and sympathy to their patrons, whether to help the half literate foreigner or the scholar. The public should be made to see that the library is a continuation school. While the library is useful and helpful, it has still not reached its maximum of helpfulness and it cannot do so until the people themselves realize what it has to give them.—William Allen White.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

Just Bits of News Cleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of the Birmingham Of Today.
48 Years Ago. Mrs. Thomas Harris (nee Peersall) a daughter, this week.
The "Hungry 9 baseball club" re-organized last Tuesday night.
The town clerk has been very busy the past week qualifying the new officials.
A large sized Big Beaver boy took his girl home from meeting lately and as they parted at the gate he proudly said, "No kiss—No kiss from my darling tonight." "Name" she replied, "I hear these names in your family."

WINDOWS.

I've scrubbed my windows clean and bright And they are such a pleasing sight. My curtains are all clean and neat And I can gaze out on the street And see the lovely azure sky. The happy smiles of passers-by. The children at their merry play. The sunset at the close of day.

How many lovely sights I'll find, If through the windows of my mind, When I have washed and scoured them well, I look, and on the beauty dwell Of all the fine uplifting thought With which the world outside is fraught. What choice of books I'll find to read And other treasures for my need.

And then, the windows of my soul I must attend, because my goal Is just outside for me to see; The better self that I would be; And love and friendship always wait For me. Before it is too late I'll clear from them all trace of strife And then look through them out on life.

—Beatrice McDonald.

Route 4, Box 76, Birmingham, Mich.

Robert Mitchell, who went to Alton, has changed his base to Toronto, Mich.

Mrs. C. Utter has made many decided improvements in and about her residence and has newly built a large and commodious wood and coal shed.

The person who borrowed Jumbo Slade's rule for measuring lumber has one week to return it before Fraga may bring to the court the strong arm of the law for its recovery.

25 Years Ago. "Prisoners of Hope" by Mary Johnston is one of the few new books that seems to attract the first edition. "The Battle of the Strong" by Gilbert Parker said to be even better than "In Seats of the Mighty," and is very new.

Rundel and Leonard will sell a cartload of farm and road horses at auction Saturday afternoon here. All horses guaranteed as represented.

Bicyclers are becoming encouraged by the general appearance of spring.

Born to a son. Mrs. Bert Pebody, April 1, and all doing nicely.

A chimney burning out at the home of Mrs. Nellie Camp one of our last week did considerable damage by destroying wall paper, etc., besides causing the family a genuine scare.

It is as good as an evening entertainment to sit around Whitehead and Mitchell and listen to the ladies of the Eastern Star go through with their work, and then get on to their cake walk step, which from the noise made we think would take the cake in a contest as far east as New York.

Mrs. Alfred Johnston and daughters, Nina and Ethel, have returned from a pleasant visit with friends at Ypsilanti.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Rousseau are to be congratulated on the nuptials for Naugatuck, Conn., where he has accepted a paying position with the American Harrow Company.

A close inspection of the school house during the spring vacation last week under the janitorship of A. J. Hutton showed up well in every respect for the beginning of the spring term. Every room was in strictly first class order as regards cleanliness and readiness.

John N. Heth, of the Well Spring Dairy Co., of Southfield, who has been a faithful deliverer of milk for many years and has been well rewarded at the Eccentric office 100,000 each of pint and quart milk bottles caps of the new kind, in accordance with the requirements of the sanitary law. These are the kind that the health regulations of Detroit make the use of so of course John does the same, to be strictly up-to-date.

While Misses Sarah and Jennie Martin were driving on Main street last week, their horse became frightened, in Travis Sarah's back.

C. S. Travis returned from Parkman, Ohio, Saturday, where he has been for the past month making maple syrup.

Thomas Bruce was married to Mrs. Sarah Chase a few days ago. Mr. Bruce has set up housekeeping on his lately purchased 40 acres.

The officers of the Cemetery Society are ready to receive the dues for the summer of 1924. The collection finds it necessary to enforce the rule which requires payment of dues on time to keep records.

By Joseph I. Corryell et al. The student of human psychology asks himself why some people wish to live out in the country and others wish to live in the most crowded section of our big cities. Some maintain that the instincts of the city dwellers date back to the Stone Age when most of the most successful and ablest (7) citizens dwell in caves of the cliffs. However it is certain that in the Feudal Age the nobles and knights were surrounded by impenetrable castle and that his followers dwell for protection in villages.

While the protection of the city is lacking there is seen to crop up the ancient desire to hold hands and live together. There is a certain satisfaction in living on a country estate remote and yet accessible to the centers of population. Add to this sense of satisfaction the varied activities of the average estate and it is possible to realize the completeness of life that is possible. Some people delight in raising live stock, others in country sports and still others in developing their gardens. To one who has by necessity been forced to live in the cramped cities the very outdoors is a real asset. The average red-blooded American has the true creative instinct. In order to be satisfied he must be constantly developing something. When his business has reached a certain self-sustaining stage he likes to turn his eyes toward the development of his country estate. If his acreage is large enough he can keep building almost indefinitely. One interesting thing about the development of the home grounds is that one can see his work grow and flourish from the start and in time become a monument to his foresight and hard work.

per year. Carried.

Moved by Lynch supported by Quanton that the salary list as compiled for principals and teachers be accepted and that tenders be made the respective individuals at the salary named in each case. Carried. Moved and seconded to adjourn. Carried.

H. B. Clement, President, Leigh Lynch, Secretary, Pro Tem

MORTGAGE SALE

DEFAULTED having been made in the condition of a certain mortgage made by Liberty Ice Company, Royal Oak, Michigan, Indemnity Corporation, to First State Bank of Royal Oak, Michigan, dated the 23rd day of January, A. D. 1921, and recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds for the County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, on the 29th day of January, A. D. 1922, in Liber 104, folio 117, and State of Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid the sum of Thirty-six Hundred and Sixty Dollars, as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law have been instituted to recover the money secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power so contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and executed in Michigan, on the 26th of March, A. D. 1924, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, I, George A. Dondero, Registrar of Deeds of the County of Oakland in the State of Michigan, at the entrance of the Courthouse in the City of Royal Oak, Michigan, will sell to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so above stated on said mortgage, together with interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to wit: The South One Hundred (100) feet of the East Fifty (50) feet of Block Fifty-three (53) of Trussell's Addition to the City of Royal Oak, Michigan, and also the recorded plat thereof, Oakland County, Michigan.

FIRST STATE BANK OF ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN, Mortgagee.

GEORGE A. DONDERO, Registrar of Deeds for the County of Oakland, Michigan, Dated December 5, 1923.

MORTGAGE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the above and foregoing mortgage foreclosure sale is to be held at the Court House in the City of Royal Oak, Michigan, on the 15th day of May, A. D. 1924, at 10 o'clock A. M. Eastern Standard Time.

FIRST STATE BANK OF ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN, Mortgagee.

GEORGE A. DONDERO, Registrar of Deeds for the County of Oakland, Michigan, Dated, March 15, 1924.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

In the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland in Chancery, Village of Birmingham, Plaintiff vs. Samuel L. Allen et al. Defendants.

At a session and court held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, on the 27th day of March, 1924, the following was presented: Hon. Glenn C. Gillespie, Judge of the Court; and the following appearing: the Defendants Samuel L. Allen, Henry Hutton, Mortimer Smith, George Blumberg, George Blumberg, Birmingham Library Association, J. Ten Eyck, et al. their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns; and the Plaintiff, the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper published and circulated in said county, such publication to be continued therein once in each week for six weeks in succession.

It is further ordered that within forty days after the date of this order to be published in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper published and circulated in said county, such publication to be continued therein once in each week for six weeks in succession.

FRANK L. DOTY, Attorney for Plaintiff, 502 1/2 First National Bank Bldg., Pontiac, Michigan.

TAKE NOTICE THAT THIS SUIT involves and is brought to quiet title to the following peace title real estate, to wit: the parcel of land situated and being in the Village of Birmingham, Michigan, and described as follows: Addition to the Village of Birmingham, on the northeast corner of Section 26, Town 23, Range 16 east, according to plat thereof, in Liber 104 of the State of Michigan, Registrar of Deeds Office, bounded on the north and west by the Detroit and St. Louis and formerly owned by Secretary Peck and Francis A. Peck, his wife, and heirs by Woodward Avenue, formerly owned by...

FRANK L. DOTY, Attorney for Plaintiff, 502 1/2 First National Bank Bldg., Pontiac, Michigan.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 24, 1924. The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held in the office at 8 p.m.

Present: H. B. Clement, R. J. Taylor, Fred V. Quanton, R. J. Corryell and Leigh Lynch. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mr. Madison submitted sketches of the proposed Barnum addition and a letter of general approval of the plans from the State Department of Public Instruction.

A communication was received from Mr. W. E. Barton of the Eco City Civic Association concerning a proposed school to be located in the south part of District No. 1. Fractional, Bloomfield, and after discussion the matter was ordered placed on file until the next meeting, April 7.

Moved by Lynch supported by Quanton that the salary list as compiled for principals and teachers be accepted and that tenders be made the respective individuals at the salary named in each case. Carried. Moved and seconded to adjourn. Carried.

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