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(Editor's Note)—The following poem, though not specifically mentioning Easter, has certain things about it, so we are publishing it this week. We crave your forgiveness for inflicting upon you a verse of rather extraordinary length, but the subject is as large as the world and it will afford you as much pleasure in reading it as it has in writing it.)

THREE SEEDS

By GEORGE RODGERS AVERILL

Three Seeds fell from Heaven, the story is told;
Three Seeds—one of life, one of Love, one of Gold.
From the hand of the Master Gardener hurled.
Through the aeons of space in this wonderful world.

The Seed of a Tree

God planted a Seed on the ridge of a hill;
Where the sun shone hot and the winds blew chill;
And the coyotes howled to the blue-black sky.
And the years flew on in their endless flight,
And the Seed pushed up from darkness to light,
And a tree grew large from the Seed; so small,
With outspread branches, gaunt and tall.

The Seed of Lust

God planted a Seed in the heart of His kind;
A Seed grown of love that is promised to bind
To the land of Eternity, all upon earth.
According to Faith and a true herding word.
This Seed was sown deep in passing world.
And as time flew on there was born a we child.

Tossing each soul like a rudderless ship.
Were as naught to compete with the strength of His Seed.
That grew in a Garden with no wanton weed.
For the Hand that made earth and the Heart of His kind
Made the tree on the ridge of the man who was blind.

L'Envoi

Three Seeds fell from Heaven, the story is told.
Three Seeds, one of Life, one of Love, one of Gold;
There's a Gardener still, planting Seeds at His will;
There's a valley before us—beyond us, a hill;
And our steps may grow weary as onward we plod—
So seek then, ye Mortals, the Garden of God!

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS—of Long Ago

Just Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today

45 Years Ago.

Will J. Bell will soon start for Valparaiso where he will establish a museum and manage a book store.

Tommy Harris wants it distinctly understood that he is the father of a bouncing baby boy and not a girl.

Sam'l McCrumb will soon go on the road with a full line of Yankee Notions. He has purchased a span of horses and intends to make some time next month for business.

The doctors are being kept very busy vaccinating the inhabitants of the corporation of this village by order of the village board. Post and Rayne have been appointed and have serped nearly every left arm in town.

Married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. Henry Shuler and Miss Ella Ford of this place, Rev. J. P. Gibson officiating. A large number of friends were present and all went merry as a wedding bell.

Our people should not forget the new legal holiday, "Arbor Day," which is to have place this year and occurs on the 28th of this month and is set apart to plant trees and to set well as well as ornamental purposes. From our exchange we should that the day will be well observed.

Charles McClure successfully raised a barn 22x15 last Friday.

Art Watkins and family have moved into their new house at the corner of street formerly occupied by L. Converse.

The Rhode Island House of representatives have postponed the prohibitory law bill for the next session. A member stated that he was offered \$100 to vote against prohibition.

Late Michigan Patents—Washbench, John Benedict Grand Rapids carpet sweeper, M. Bisset, G. N. Curtis, Cuspidor foot rest, S. N. Rapids, Cultivator, Daniel Everett, Kaminator, Hair curler, F. L. Lindright, Flat Rock, Rein attachment, C. C. Miller, S. Frankfort, "Tripping" device for harvester, F. W. Randall.

Miss Maggie Smith starts this week for Los Angeles, to visit her father, Fergus M. Smith, who is employed at the C. & A. R. at that place.

The latest addition in the line of grocery accommodations is a new coffee roaster at Carson's place. This is the only one in town and will be a great convenience to the lovers of the fragrant cup.

Mr. T. Patch is home from Novesta which has been visiting here. Will and who are doing very nicely in the mercantile business in their new home.

25 Years Ago. The finest collection of potatoes we have yet seen of this variety. One Ira J. Chaffin sent to him from that land by his son Fred who is connected with the hospital at the U. S. Army. Wish we could divide many of the varieties of perennials. If allowed to grow without division they become root bound and lack strength in foliage and flower. Some may be pulled apart but most of them should be cut apart. Cut into fair sized plants and replant. If the plants are too small they will not develop good flowers the first year.

From time to time check up on the arrangement of the garden. They may be able to improve on it. Some amateur gardeners keep charts of bloom during the summer months. They realize that perennials are practically self supporting after the first year and need only cultivation and a new division and transplanting every few years. Perennials are upping up year after year and are able to make a quick growth due to their established roots.

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The perennials may be planted from 12 to 30 inches apart according to the climate and the soil. It is not desirable to crowd the plants as the roots will quickly absorb the available moisture and the plants will dry out during the late summer and look rusty. On the other hand, if the plants are spaced too far apart the general effect of the perennial garden will be too straggly.

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Dr. N. T. Shaw and family are pleasantly located in the Ford block. The doctor's commodious office is entirely separate from his dwelling apartments and is over O'Neal's furniture store directly opposite the furniture store.

The opening of C. H. Schlaack and Co.'s new store last Saturday was an auspicious event in the business annals of Birmingham. It is estimated that over 1000 people visited the handsome store during the day and evening and the exclamations of admiration from many present were evidence of appreciation of a good thing when afforded the opportunity.

VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the Village Commission held Monday evening April 14, 1924, at 8 o'clock.
Present: Mayor, Stain, Commissioners Birmingham and Bell.

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With the advent of the Easter season comes the incentive to cast aside winter raiment and, like Spring, Dress one's self in the new garments of the season. We are well equipped to take care of you and grant your wishes where the spring wardrobe is concerned.

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Calendar Friday, April 18, Afternoon and evening, house open. Saturday, April 19, Morning, 9:30 Blue Bird meeting; club room open for younger boys. Afternoon, club open for boys. Evening, house open.

Monday, April 21, Afternoon, Civic Club, 2:30. Evening, boys' camp cook class. Tuesday, April 22, Noon, Business Girls' Club. Afternoon, Literary Club, 2:30. Evening, Women's Benevolent Association card party.

Wednesday, April 23, afternoon, Young nursery, 1:30 to 5:30. Evening, younger boys in club room. Thursday, April 24, afternoon, Camp Fire meeting.

A microscope which was given by Mr. Standard to the community house has afforded the boys a great deal of pleasure this winter. Mr. George Mitchell and others have given beautiful post cards to be shown in the lantern. The community house wishes to express its appreciation of these gifts.

A first aid kit has been purchased for the community house. At the Business Girls' luncheon on Tuesday, the club was entertained by Miss Naomi Crammer, who gave two piano selections, Beethoven's Sonata Pathetique, and "Carnegie Animals," Rossini's "Shave the Donkey." The matter of supporting the community house was discussed, and it was voted to have the club subscribe to a sustaining membership. After the business of the meeting, a present of two candles and candles was made to Miss Crammer on the occasion of her leaving the club.

Italy is a land of level railway tracks. Very few roads go over crossings. Hitherto each crossing had its signalman, who closed the gates to the train before the train was due to the despair of motorists, who often had to wait half an hour for a late train. Now Mussolini in a force at least at economy has abolished the signalmen and gates and left the public to look out for themselves. How will it answer? There are many more facts than those in Italy.

Your Garden Beautiful

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