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YOUR SOLEMN DUTY

Are you registered on the voting books of Bloomfield township? If you are not, and are eligible, you should do so at the first opportunity—and you can make that opportunity not later than at once!

Of course you want to vote at both the September primary and the November presidential election—you would be un-American if you didn't. So, if you will have resided in your voting precinct at least 20 days directly preceding September 9, and in Michigan for six months, you are eligible to register.

The **ONLY** thing that will perpetuate the government of the United States of America is the use of the ballot by every qualified voter when election time rolls around. It is foolish for us to attempt to tell you that you OUGHT to vote, for you undoubtedly know this already.

But we may remind you of your solemn duty to your government; and beseech, nay, **IMPLORE** you to cast your ballot.

Your first duty, then, is to **REGISTER.**

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Rome endured as long as there were Romans. America will endure as long as we remain American in spirit and in thought.—David Starr Jordan.

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MOTHER'S, WAR WANTS YOUR BOYS!

This is addressed to the splendid women of Birmingham and vicinity, and to all other women who may read it. For it concerns Motherhood's most precious possession, children.

What is the most necessary thing with which to wage a war? It is not money, battleships or airships, powder or generals; it is naught but the bodies and souls of Motherhood's **BOYS** that make it possible to carry on a wholesale slaughter. Boys who were but a few years back, little tots who played about some Mother's knees—these are the most necessary things to carry on war!

We are going to quote from Leo Tolstoy, the famous Russian writer, who probably knew as much about the ills of humankind as any man who ever lived. Tolstoy perfectly describes the processes that carry on a war; we hope that every woman, and every woman's club, will cut out this article and keep it handy where it may be read so often that it may be committed to heart. Then, perhaps, within a few generations, when women really begin to take a hand in the affairs of government, the thought of what war actually brings will easily prevent its happening:—

"The bells will peal, long-haired men will dress in golden sacks to pray for successful slaughter. And the old story will begin again, the awful customary acts.

"The editors of the daily press will begin virulently to stir up hatred and manslaughter in the name of patriotism, happy in their receipt of an increased income. Manufacturers, merchants, contractors for military stores, will hurry joyously about their business in the hope of double receipts.

"All sorts of Government officials will buzz about, foreseeing a possibility of purloining something more than usual. The military authorities will hurry hither and thither, drawing double pay and rations, and with the expectation of receiving for the slaughter of other men various silly little ornaments which they so highly prize, as ribbons, crosses, orders, and stars. Idle ladies and gentlemen will make a great fuss, entering their names in advance for the Red Cross Society, and ready to bind up the wounds of those whom their husbands and brothers will mutilate; and they will imagine that in so doing they are performing a most Christian work. And, smothering despair within their souls by songs, licentiousness and wine, men will trail along, torn from peaceful labor, from their wives, mothers and children—hundreds of thousands of simple-minded, good-natured men, with murderous weapons in their hands—anywhere they may be driven.

"They will march, freeze, hunger, suffer sickness, and die from it, or finally come to some place where they will be slain by thousands or kill thousands themselves with no reason; men whom they have never seen before, and who neither have done or could do them any mischief.

"And when the number of sick, wounded and killed becomes so great that there are not hands enough to pick them up, and when the air is so infected with the putrefying scent of the 'food for powder' that even the authorities find it disagreeable, a truce will be made, the wounded will be picked up anyhow, the sick will be brought in and huddled together in heaps, the killed will be covered with earth and time, and once more the crowd of deluded men will be led on and on till those who have devised the project, weary of it, or till those who thought to find it profitable receive their spoil. And so once more men will be made savage, fierce and brutal, and love will wane in the world, and the Christianizing of mankind, which has already begun, will lapse for scores and for hundreds of years.

"And so the men who reap profit from it all will assert that since there has been a war there must needs have been one, and that other wars must follow, and they will again prepare future generations for a continuance of slaughter, depraving them from their birth."

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WAR: the feast of vultures, and the waste of life.—Byron.

WAR is the business of barbarians.—Napoleon.

The next dreadful thing to a battle lost is a battle won.—Wellington.

O war! thou son of hell, whom angry heavens do make their minister, to throw hot coals of vengeance.—Shakespeare.

TEARS

Dost argue one is weak to cry?
How wrong, how wrong thou art!
For tears are sent to clear the sky,
To cleanse the eye and heart.

As meadows freshly swept by rain
In new resplendence shine,
So tear-washed souls new courage gain.
Infirmity?—divine!

How wise is God! His heavens weep
To soothe the fevered clay.
Who calls the raindrops weak?—they sweep
The weaknesses away!

Let none suppose an honest tear
A sign of failing might;
It drowns is the weakn'ing pain and fear
And starts the heart aright.

—Clarence Edwin Allen.

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

43 Years Ago.

A large crowd of Big Beavers, Clawsonites and Town Liners came to see the ball game which was advertised for Saturday last and which fizzled out with the "Hungries." But the boys were not to be fooled and got up a little game of their own. Two nines were chosen and captained by Chauncey Blair and Nosey Mitchell. The score ended up with Blair's team 16 and Mitchell's 19. Lack of space forbids our mentioning the superb playing done and the wonderful umpiring.

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Bedford A. Blair was made the acceptable present of a bouncing young lunatic last Sunday (weighs 15 pounds, more or less). "Bay" knows we don't smoke but we'll lager all the same.

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Tuesday the second, Mrs. A. M. Bride, a daughter.

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The Birmingham Driving Park Association gives a series of races tomorrow, Saturday, at which time three purses will be trotted for. Conditions: Purses Nos. 1 and 2 are sweepstake purses. No. 3 requires five entries and three starters.

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The picnic at the Lamphire school house was in every respect a success. Miss Kittie Green, the teacher, is obviously popular as a teacher as the boys gave a free entertainment of confectionery and ice cream. Ira Burhans, Jr. and Revi escorted Miss Green to her home.

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It is estimated that there are at least ten brakemen killed throughout the country every day.

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Misses Ada Spears and Carrie Shadbolt are making a tour throughout the state. They visit relatives at Ogden, thence to Rockford, Monroe and other points.

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Alas! The Hungry Nine are "aussgespiel," the German for played out.

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The "Town Line Pounders" pound the Clawson "Pollywogs" tomorrow, at Clawson.

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Commencement exercises at the State Agricultural College will begin on Friday next, August 14.

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Harvey Carter struck a flowing well for Charles Miller on the Boyd Farm in Troy recently at a depth of 50 feet.

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Married: August 6 Mr. Henry Luehs and Carrie Bell Burns; J. P. Gibson officiating.

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Miss Fanny Kudner, an artist of Pontiac of considerable talent, is instructing Mrs. Peter Leogard in the mysteries of portrait painting with excellent success.

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A. J. S. Beer soon starts on the road with G. F. Randall as traveling agents representing D. D. Mallory and Company. We predict a successful business career for A. J. S. B. and Randall too.

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Grandma White has presented F. Beekman's baby with a quilt, made by her own dear fingers. The youngster is about four months old and the old lady is 81 years. There's youth and old age for you.

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Miss Ona Furman closed a very successful term of school with a picnic and other appropriate exercises last Wednesday. She has been teaching in Parker's District and gives universal satisfaction to all. The Birmingham Brass Band under Prof. E. W. Sherman were present and enlivened the occasion.

25 Years Ago.

Hon. Samuel W. Smith returned from Washington last week where he succeeded in making arrangements for increased mail deliveries between Jackson and Pontiac and all points along the line which includes Birmingham. Congressman never misses a chance to look after the interests of his district and we will not forget to look after his interests to his satisfaction at the next election.

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Another daughter gladdens the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thurber.

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The social at the home of George Bingham netted the Young People about $8.

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George Scott and Leverne Levanseler have the job to paint the 3700 poles of the electric road between Royal Oak and Rochester.

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Martin Blunt will be a real estate dealer if he doesn't watch out.

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Swap Social! Where? Why at Harvey White's, Friday, August 18. Everybody bring something they don't want—to swap.

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Sportsmen will please bear in mind that the bird season does not open this season until the fifteenth of October and closes November 30.

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The A. D. Shadbolt property is at last sold, Mr. Samuel Groves being the lucky man to know a good thing when he is up against it. We think that this is a most valuable piece of property and sold at auction away below its cost. Now then if Sam Hawthorne will only buy a place in Birmingham our cup of joy would be full. Hurry up Sam and get in on the ground floor while there is a chair and a hand awaiting you. See?

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John Wanamaker has closed a contract with the Philadelphia Record in which he is to give $100,000 for a page ad for one year and yet there are merchants who say that it does not pay to advertise.

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You must not miss the dance and cake walk given by Court Dewey No. 56 F. & A. M. at Dewey Brothers Grove this Friday evening. Callow's Orchestra will furnish the music. Prizes for the best cake walkers. Dance bill 50 cents.

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Maple avenue looks like a new street now that the stone pile is gone and everything put in first class shape by the residents assisted by the efforts of our first class efficient street commissioner, Mr. Hathaway.

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The July crop report for Michigan estimates that this year's wheat crop will average 5 bushels per acre, the poorest crop in years. The outlook for spring crops is generally very favorable all over the state. The probable percentage of an apple crop has been reduced considerably during July.

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It is estimated that there are 1,000,000,000 old copper pennies somewhere. Nobody knows what has become of them except that once in a while a single specimen turns up in change.

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James Ferry of Los Angeles who has been away from Birmingham for thirty years was the guest of Mr. L. Simpson Sunday.

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Miss Florence Sawyer of Detroit has been visiting Grandpa Sawyer the past month and says Birmingham seems to her to be "dale awful good."

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We may not have mentioned it before but Col. Gardner Shelly, U. S. A., stationed at Iloilo, Manilla, is enjoying his annual vacation, the honored guest of Mrs. E. F. Peabody. The Col. disclaims being with Dewey when the latter worked his shell game on the Spaniards some time ago.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE.

WHEREAS, Minnie M. Poe, made and executed a mortgage bearing date the ninth day of April, A. D. 1923, to the Birmingham Lumber Company, a Michigan corporation, which mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on the 12th day of April, A. D. 1923, in Liber 1045 of Mortgages, on page 74, and

WHEREAS, there is claimed to be due upon said mortgage at the date hereof the sum of Six Hundred Forty-three and 50-100 ($643.50) Dollars, principal and interest, and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the conditions of said mortgage in the payment of the principal sum and interest thereon, and the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative, and

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the East front door of the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County of Oakland, (that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held), on Monday, the 25th day of August, A. D. 1924, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage with interest as aforesaid, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law and also any taxes that may be paid by the undersigned prior to the time of sale, which premises are described as follows:

Land and premises situated in the Township of Pontiac, County of Oakland and State of Michigan, as follows: Commencing at a point on the East line of Section 29, Town 2 North, Range 10 East, forty (40) feet south of the East and quarter post of Section 29, being a part of the West half of the Southwest quarter of Section One (1), and part of the East half of the Southeast quarter of Section Two (2) of Township Two North Range Nine (9) East, according to the recorded plat thereof.

BIRMINGHAM LUMBER COMPANY,
Mortgagee.

KEELING & BOGUE,
Attorneys for Mortgagee
Business Address:
209-213 First National Bank Bldg.
Pontiac, Michigan. 15-27

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 24th day of July, A.D. 1924.

Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Alfred Johnston, deceased.

Edgar A. Parks, 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 he be authorized and appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court, and for the determination thereof,

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 8th day of December, 1924, 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 and for the determination of heirs.

ROSS STOCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
DAN A. McGAFFEY,
Register of Probate. 15-17

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland in Chancery. 11850.

Dan H. Smith, Plaintiff, vs. The unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns of Harriet M. Reynolds, deceased; Sophronia Chatfield, or her unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns; Martin Hill, or his unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns; Ada Shaw, Dilla Washrook, Marion Arnett, John Bookham, Mrs. John Bookham, wife of the said John Bookham, Grace Duller, Maggie B. Bloss, George E. Hill and Phillip Hill, his wife, Frank B. Hill and Helen Hill, his wife, Ida R. Wooley, Ruth E. Brace, also known as Ruth G. Hill Brace, Harriet S. Hill, a minor, Harriet C. Hill, a minor, Myrtle Hill and Mary Hill, widow of Stephen Hill, deceased, Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

In this cause, it appearing that said defendants, the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns of Harriet M. Reynolds, deceased, Sophronia Chatfield, or her unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, Laura Hill Bookham, or her unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, Martin Hill, or his unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, cannot be found after diligent search and inquiry, and that their respective residences and that the residence of the parties herein included as defendants, without being named, are unknown and cannot be ascertained.

On motion of Clark, Emmons, Bryant & Klein, attorneys for plaintiff, IT IS ORDERED, that said defendants, the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns of Harriet M. Reynolds, deceased, Sophrona Chatfield, or her unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, Laura Hill Bookham, or her unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, and Martin Hill, or his unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, cause their respective appearances to be entered in said cause on or before three (3) months from the date of this order and that within twenty (20) days plaintiff cause a copy of this order to be published in the Birmingham Eccentric, said publication to be continued once each week for six (6) weeks in succession.

FRANK L. COVERT,
Circuit Judge.

CLARK, EMMONS, BRYANT & KLEIN,
Attorneys for Plaintiff,
2300 First National Bank Bldg.,
Detroit, Michigan.
Dated July 28, 1924.

The Bill of Complaint filed in said cause was filed for the purpose of quieting title to the following described premises, to-wit: Land situated in the township of Bloomfield, County of Oakland and State of Michigan, described as:

"Beginning at the southwest corner of Section 23, Town 2, North Range 10 E., thence north 1 degree 4 minutes east along the westerly line of said section 845.8 feet to an oak stake; thence south 88 degrees 15 minutes east 661 feet to an oak stake; thence south 1 degree 4 minutes west 839.61 feet to the south line of said section; thence north 89 degrees west along said section line, a distance of 665 feet to the point of beginning, containing 9 acres of land more or less."

15—27

MORTGAGE SALE

DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Charles G. Kibby and Martha E. Kibby, his wife, of Royal Oak, Michigan, to First Commercial State Bank (now First State Bank) of Royal Oak, Michigan, dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1921, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on the 22nd day of December, A.D. 1921, in Liber 241 of Mortgages, on page 146, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice for principal and interest, and taxes the sum of Seventy-one Hundred Four and Twenty Hundredths dollars ($7104.20), and an attorney's fee of Thirty-five Dollars ($35.00) as provided for by law in said mortgage, and no proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, on Monday, the 25th day of August, A.D. 1924, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, the undersigned will, at the Saginaw Street entrance of the Courthouse in the City of Pontiac, (that being the place where the Circuit Court for the county of Oakland is held), sell at public auction to the highest bidder, 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, with seven per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to-wit:

Lot number One (1) and the West One-half (½) of Lot number Two (2) of Ridgewood Re-Subdivision of Lot One (1) of Oakland Place Subdivision of the East One-half (½) of the East One-half (½) of Northwest One-quarter, (¼) and West One-half (½) of Northeast One-quarter (¼) of Section Twenty-eight (28) T. 2 N. R. Eleven (11) East, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Dated May 19, 1924.

THE FIRST STATE BANK OF ROYAL OAK, MICH.
Mortgagee.

BRO. A. DONDERO,
Attorney for the First State Bank of Royal Oak 4-16

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Lot number Two (2) of Ridgewood Re-Subdivision of Lot number One (1) Oakland Place Subdivision, Township of Royal Oak, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan.

THE FIRST STATE BANK OF ROYAL OAK, MICH.
Mortgagee.

BY FRANK T. KING, Cashier.

BRO. A. DONDERO,
Attorney for the First State Bank of Royal Oak. 4-16

MORTGAGE SALE

DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Ada Mettler Caston to the First State Bank of Royal Oak, Michigan, on the tenth day of February, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-three and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Oakland County, Michigan, in Liber 261 of Mortgages on pages 578 and 579, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice for principal and interest, the sum of One Thousand Forty-Six and 62-100 Dollars and Eight Cents ($1046.62) and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, on Monday the fifteenth day of September at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the undersigned will, at the Saginaw Street entrance of the Court House in the City of Pontiac, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, 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 with seven per cent interest and all legal costs, to-wit:

Lots Numbered Two Hundred Sixty-four (264) and Two Hundred Sixty-five (265) of Meadow Brook Addition to the Village (now City) of Royal Oak, Oakland County, Michigan.

Dated at Royal Oak, Michigan, June 19, 1924.

FIRST STATE BANK OF ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN,
Mortgagee.

GEORGE R. HARTRICK,
Attorney for Mortgagee
204-7 New Royal Oak Savings Bank Building, Royal Oak, Michigan. 3-21

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