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DO NOT FORGET THEM

One of the propositions that local electors will have a chance to decide on when they vote April 7 is the plan to impose a one mill tax on Oakland County property to defray the expense of erecting the first unit of a county poor farm. It is only within the past few years that Oakland county has changed from a section of farms to one of industrial and residence activity, and with it a great increase in population. Naturally, there is a proportionate increase in the number of unfortunates. And thus it is that the county finds itself in need of money to care for the old and feeble, the sick and disabled. It is to be hoped that Bloomfield township, including Birmingham, votes favorably on the one mill tax plan April 7.

THE WORLD IS BETTER

Contrary to the opinions one might form from glancing through our daily journals, this old world IS getting better. At least we try to think so. When one is very sick one might have one's outlook on the world become colored with pessimism, forgetting that the great majority of the earth's inhabitants is enjoying quite good health. Even though our national capitol is smeared with the colors of oil, most of the rest of the country is getting along very well. Remembering that human beings are selfish and often filled with petty differences, one must marvel how this old world manages to keep so even a keel.

GOOD FOR OUR TOWN

Nearly 50 men, representing the membership of Birmingham's Rotary and Exchange clubs, meet once a week on the common plane of good fellowship. They eat, they sing, they call one another by their first names; who says that this old town will not become better because of these clubs?

AT LEAST SAY "THANK YOU"

J. H. McBride and David A. Bell recently completed two years of service on the village commission. They spent a good deal of their own time on matters that might benefit the rest of their fellow citizens. For this they should be thanked. And let us not forget, Folks, that they lived within the village income. For this, indeed, they should be commended. Has any one of our readers ever called these men on the telephone, or written them a personal letter, thanking them for their two years of service? This, too, would be a highly commendable thing to do.

JUST A QUARTER

A few weeks ago we attended a meeting of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors. During the meeting a colored preacher from the north end of Bloomfield township made an appeal to the supervisors for funds with which to finish a church he was building. The hat was passed, every man present contributing a sum of money. A great many bills were slipped into the hat. When all had given, and the hat returned to the colored preacher, a rather decrepit, shabby man, evidently a farmer from somewhere in the county, rose from his seat and strode over to the preacher's side. "Here's all I can afford to give," he said as he dropped a quarter into the open hat. We thought at the time that the quarter represented more of the real spirit of GIVING than any of the bills. Undoubtedly God saw the quarter in the hat—perhaps it hid from view all the paper money.

REPAIR OUR STREETS

As this is written, many of Birmingham's unpaved streets resemble a frog pond from which the water has been drained. Recalling village manager Starr's recent annual report, we wonder if local taxpayers will not welcome a real street building program for the coming summer. Certainly ,the village commission will formulate definite plans for re-conditioning local roads, even if special assessment districts must be created to pay for the cost.

DRUDGERY.

"Drudgery is as necessary to call out the treasures of the mind as harrowing and planting those of the earth," says Margaret Fuller. But the mere gift of life is compensation enough, the mere joy of living, to some.

NERO MERELY FIDDLED.

"Speech is the index of the mind" Seneca once told his Roman pupils, among whom was the infamous Nero. But Nero evidently thought more of his fiddling than he did of calling out the fire department when his old hometown burned up. It would seem, then, that Nero's mind was a blank.

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How many of our readers have yearned to meet some notable person of yesterday or of today? Wouldn't it be great to spend an evening with Voltaire, Shakespeare, Longfellow, Hugo, or even H. G. Wells? Then the wish is yours! "Except a living man there is nothing more wonderful than a book! a message to us from the dead—from human souls we never saw, who lived, perhaps thousands of miles away. And yet these, in those little sheets of paper, speak to us, arouse us, terrify us, teach us, comfort us, open their hearts to us as brothers," declared Charles Kingsley.

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1924 is destined to become a banner year for building in and near Birmingham. At present there are 64 houses under construction. That shows where Detroiters go when they want real community life.

THE LEAF DANCE.

"I am giving a dance," said the little red leaf,
"I shall surely dance today;
The wind shall furnish the music sweet,
And care shall hie him away.

"I will dance with you," Said the yellow leaf,
"We will make glad smiles today;
We will trip it lightly o'er each green sward,
And none need bid us "Stay."

We shall join the ranks of the spotted leaves,
Of orange and green today;
We will wring from music, a mad, mad whirl,
And the wind, "On—on" will say.

"We are going to dance," Said some maple leaves,
We are dancing up here today;
On the tiniest tips of the silvery boughs,
That softened their buds in May.

We will give you the 'stately minuet'
As they know it not today;
Then a fluttering breeze, fluted colorful skirts
As they dropped to the sward. "Where away?"

"There's a time to sing and a time to dance,"
"We are going to dance today;"
Said leaves long minute, huddled near the curb,
Then they milled and worried away.

Dance little leaves with your perfect grace
Dance out your heart today;
For prince, or peasant, or potentate,
Could have heart to say you, "Nay."

If all dance were as pure as the little red leaf's,
The church could have little to say,
Of heart-ache, and down-fall, and ruined lives,
Brought about by the Dance of To-Day.

—Grace Kneeland Eldred, Glenrock, Wyoming.

EYES.

(By Beatrice McDonald.)

My baby's eyes are big and blue, and oh so full of love
And just as bright and lovely as the sky is up above.
My boy's eyes too are azure and no finer eyes I know,
Yet daddy's eyes are black as coal. I wouldn't like to show
A preference for blue eyes or black. It really wouldn't do.
I guess I like all kinds of eyes that smile at me, don't you?

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.

Town meeting next Monday and may the best man win. Vote for whom you please. The various aspirants for office are putting in full time.

Married March 23, by Rev. J. P. Gibson, Mr. John McClelland and Miss Mary Shrader, both of this place.

The Hungry Nine baseball team will organize to-morrow night, Saturday, April 2, at Ed Lamb's harness shop. Those interested will please attend.

Rob Herbison has risen to the dignity of mail carrier between the post office and the depot and also acts in the capacity of porter at the station.

As Linas Bookham was engaged in watching Sam Jones make sugar the other day a coal of fire got into his boot and Sam says that altho Linas is not a professional dancer, he went through a performance which would throw all the circus clowns in the shade. Linas knew where the fire was without smelling it.

Thurston Barr is spending the spring vacation like a good boy, sawing stove wood for his father.

All sportsmen interested in the organization of a shooting team known as the Birmingham Gun Club are hereby notified that a meeting will be held at National Hall Saturday evening at which time all are invited to attend.

Married: At the residence of Edwin Baldwin on Wednesday, March 23rd, Mr. James Shain and Miss Fannie Pardee. The young couple have our best wishes and may their future life be as sweet and agreeable as the bountiful supply of cake with which they remembered the impecunious printers.

Allen Bigelow says he got in the mud and water clear up to his ankles while he was fishing one day last week near Gilbert Lake. Nothing surprising about that but when you take into consideration the fact that he went in head first it makes it all the more embarrassing for Bigelow.

Various reports of small pox raging in Pontiac come to us in various shapes and the truth of the matter is hard to get at. That there are several cases now in the pest house at that place there is no doubt, but until the rumors of fencing up Saginaw street and closing of stores take more tangible shape it would be folly to list them.

Mrs. C. Hamilton recently swallowed a fish bone which nearly resulted in her death but the good lady is doing better.

The notorious Bob Williams, the alleged murderer and safe blower, was taken through to-day in a hack handcuffed to detective Bishop of Detroit en route to the jail at Pontiac.

Mrs. Lucius Randall and children are visiting friends in Southfield this week.

25 Years Ago.

Nick Mooney is taking care of Joseph Blakeley, who is sick.

L. H. McDowell and William McCracken of Tuscola took a pleasant trip to Detroit Friday, taking in Belle Isle, Wonderland, Waterworks Park and Windsor and they wouldn't tell where else.

The spelling contest at the high school last Friday was a grand success. There was a challenge between the boys and girls of the high school. The spelling was done before refreshments and we are pleased to say the girls were the winners twice in succession. After refreshments all were invited to spell, Johannah Denning being the champion.

Miss Dora Lamb was the guest of the Misses Koontz here last week.

A jolly party of nearly forty young people invaded the home of Mr. John Currie Tuesday and gave Miss Grace and Roy Currie a genuine surprise. Games and music were enjoyed until a late hour.

Go to L. T. L. entertainment at the Baptist Church, Wednesday evening and enjoy a good program for five cents.

Did we forget to mention the arrival of a little daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Allen about a fortnight ago? We didn't mean to.

Pontiac is evidently on the boom, from a building standpoint, Contractor Prall of that city already having plans for four new residences.

Say, my friend, come and get a good lunch April 3rd after you vote for the men of your choice at the lunch room in the north wing of the Town Hall. All you can eat for 10 cents.

Last Saturday Miss Hazel Carter was surprised by a large number of her school friends, the occasion being her 12th birthday. She received numerous presents which proved the esteem in which she was held by her little friends.

Miss Carrie Poppleton of Vassar College, N. Y., is spending her vacation with friends in Manaquan.

Miss Bertha McCartney of Davisburgh has been visiting at the homes of Jay Hunt and Ben Eldred for a few weeks past. The young lady will soon enter the Detroit business college.

MORTGAGE SALE

DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Liberty Ice Company, Royal Oak, Michigan, a Delaware Corporation, to First State Bank of Royal Oak, Michigan, dated the 25th day of January, A. D. 1923, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on the 29th day of January, A.D. 1923, in Liber 261 of Mortgages on pages 572-573, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Thirty-six Hundred Forty-six and 31/100 ($3646.31) Dollars, and an attorney's fee of Thirty and no/100 ($30.00) Dollars, as provided for in said mortgage, 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 Saturday, the 15th day of March, A.D. 1924, at ten 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 due as aforesaid due on said mortgage, with seven per cent 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 Lot Number Fifty-three (53) of Tendrelle Addition to the City of Royal Oak, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Oakland County, Michigan.

FIRST STATE BANK OF ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN, Mortgagee.

GEORGE A. DONDERO,
Attorney for First State Bank of Royal Oak, Michigan.
Dated December 5, 1923.

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the above and foregoing mortgage foreclosure sale is hereby postponed until Saturday, the 3rd 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,
Attorney for First State Bank of Royal Oak, Michigan.
Dated, March 15, 1924. 48-2

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REGISTRATION NOTICE

For All Elections Monday, April 7, A. D. 1924

To the Qualified Electors of the Township of Bloomfield, Precinct No. 1, County of Oakland, State of Michigan.

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with Act 126, Public Acts of 1917 as amended, I, the undersigned Township Clerk, will upon any day except Sunday and a legal holiday, or the day of any regular or special election or official primary election, receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said Township not already registered who may APPLY TO ME PERSONALLY for such registration, or who may make application for registration by mail or messenger, as provided by Act 37, Public Acts of 1918, as amended except that I can receive no names for registration during the time intervening between the Second Saturday before any general or special election or official primary election and the day of such election.

MARCH 29, 1924—LAST DAY
For General Registration by PERSONAL APPLICATION For Said Election

MARCH 12, 1924—LAST DAY
For REGISTRATION BY AFFIDAVIT. See Below

Notice is further hereby given that I will be at ROOM 8, FIRST STATE SAVINGS BANK BLDG., IN THE VILLAGE OF BIRMINGHAM, on

MARCH 15 and MARCH 22

A. D. 1924, from 8 o'clock A. M. until 8 O'clock P. M. on each said day for the purpose of REVIEWING the REGISTRATION and REGISTERING such of the qualified electors in said Township as SHALL PROPERLY apply therefor.

The name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the precinct at the time of registration, and entitled under the constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election shall be entered in the registration book.

Registration By Mail or Messenger

Under Act 7, Pub. Acts, 1919, as amended, the privilege of absent voters is extended to include registration. They can also register by MAIL or MESSENGER whether absent or not but the affidavit must be received by the Clerk on or before the 10th Day preceding the THIRD SATURDAY before the election.

Affidavit For Registration

STATE OF MICHIGAN } ss
COUNTY OF ..... }

I, ...being duly sworn, depose and say that I am a citizen and a duly qualified elector of the ..... precinct of the Township of ..... in said County ..... of ..... and State of Michigan; that my postoffice address is ..... (R. F. D. No. .....) that I am not now registered as an elector therein and that I make this affidavit for the purpose of procuring my registration as an elector in accordance with the statute, and I solemnly swear or affirm to support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Michigan, and to defend the same against all enemies foreign and domestic.

Taken, subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... A. D. 192..

My commission expires ..... 192..

Signed .....
Notary or Justice.

Registration of Absentee by Oath

If any person whose name is not registered shall offer and claim the right to vote at any election, and shall, UNDER OATH, state that he or she is a resident of such precinct and has resided in the TOWNSHIP TWENTY DAYS next preceding such election, designating particularly the place of his or her residence and that he or she possesses the other qualifications of an elector under the constitution, and that owing to the sickness or bodily infirmity of himself or herself or some member of his or her family or owing to his or her absence from the TOWNSHIP on public business or his or her own business, and without intent to avoid or delay his or her registration, he or she was unable to make application for registration on the last day provided by law for the registering of electors preceding such election, then the name of such person shall be registered, and he or she shall then be permitted to vote at such election. If such applicant shall in said matter, wilfully make any false statement, he or she shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and upon conviction, be subject to the penalties thereof.

Provision in Case of Removal to Another Precinct

Any registered and qualified voter who has REMOVED from ONE ELECTION PRECINCT of a TOWNSHIP, to another election precinct of the same TOWNSHIP shall have the right, on any day previous to election day, on application to the TOWNSHIP Clerk to have his or her name transferred from the registration book of the precinct from which he or she HAS REMOVED to the registration book of the precinct in which he or she THEN RESIDES. Such elector shall have the right to have such transfer made on ELECTION DAY by obtaining from the board of inspectors of election of the precinct from which he or she HAS REMOVED a CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER and presenting such certificate to the BOARD OF ELECTION INSPECTORS OF THE PRECINCT IN WHICH HE OR SHE THEN RESIDES.

Women Electors

The names of all qualified Women Electors not already appearing on the registration list will be registered, in conformity with the foregoing provisions.

ROBERT Y. MOORE,
Clerk of Said Township.
Dated March 2, 1924. 48-49

STAR MOTOR COACH LINE

TIME TABLE—BIRMINGHAM, HIGHLAND PARK, PONTIAC

In Effect December 3, 1923—Subject to Change Without Notice

Southbound—Leave Birmingham 5:20 a.m., 5:35 a.m., 5:45 a.m., 5:55 a.m., 6:05 a.m., 6:20 a.m., 6:35 a.m. and every fifteen minutes to 10:25 p.m., 10:45 p.m. and every twenty minutes to 12:40 a.m.

Northbound—Leave Birmingham 6:05 a.m., 6:12 a.m., 6:25 a.m., 6:40 a.m., 7:00 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 7:35 a.m., 7:55 a.m., 8:10 a.m., and every fifteen minutes to 10:47 p.m. Leave Birmingham 11:05 p.m., 11:35 p.m., 11:50 p.m., 12:05 a.m., 12:20 a.m., 12:40 a.m., 12:50 a.m., 12:55 a.m., 1:20 a.m., 1:35 a.m.

Leave Highland Park—5:32 a.m., 5:44 a.m., 5:56 a.m., 6:10 a.m., 6:25 a.m., 6:45 a.m., 7:00 a.m., 7:20 a.m., 7:40 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and every fifteen minutes to 10:08 p.m. Leave Highland Park 10:08 p.m., 10:28 p.m., 10:45 p.m., 11:00 p.m., 11:15 p.m., 11:35 p.m., 11:49 p.m., 11:50 p.m., 12:10 a.m., 12:15 a.m., 12:20 a.m., 12:25 a.m., 12:45 a.m., 1:20 a.m.

Extra Bus Service between Highland Park and Birmingham via Royal Oak and Berkley. Leave Highland Park for Birmingham 3:23 p.m., 3:38 p.m., 3:53 p.m., 4:08 p.m., 4:23 p.m., 4:38 p.m., 4:53 p.m., 5:08 p.m., 5:23 p.m., 5:38 p.m., 5:53 p.m., 6:08 p.m.

A STAR Bus Noah from Ford's every 7½ minutes, from 3:15 to 6:15 p.m.

DETROIT UNITED LINES

BIRMINGHAM TIMETABLE
Eastern Standard Time

(Effective Oct. 15, 1923)

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

Southbound Locals—4:51 a.m., 5:15 a.m. and every ten minutes to 5:55 a.m., 6:15 a.m., 6:49 a.m., 7:00 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 7:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m. and every fifteen minutes to 6:25 p.m., 6:42 p.m. and every twenty minutes to 11:02 p.m., 11:32 p.m.

Northbound Limited—(Except Sunday), 6:04 p.m.

Northbound Locals—5:57 a.m., 6:23 a.m., 6:42 a.m., 6:57 a.m., 7:13 a.m. and every twenty minutes to 9:13 a.m., 9:28 a.m. and every fifteen minutes to 5:58 p.m., 6:28 p.m., and every fifteen minutes to 7:13 p.m., 7:31 p.m. and every twenty minutes to 12:31 a.m., 12:56 a.m.

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Change at Royal Oak for Rochester, Orion, Oxford, Flint, Romeo and Imlay City. Through limited cars for Flint, Saginaw and Bay City leave Royal Oak at 7:05 a.m. and every two hours to 9:05 p.m.

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Wishing to assist them in the realization of this pleasure trip, we are setting aside Thursday, April 3rd, as Senior Day.

On this day we will present to the Senior Class 10 per cent of our gross cash receipts.

There will be no advance in our prices for this big day. In fact, we are going to give many special bargains which will pay you to take advantage of. All money received on account will be counted as cash sales.

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