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THE MONTH OF MAY

The human race may become bitterly embroiled with international difficulties; wars may be declared and hundreds of thousands die in bloody conquest. Men may build mammoth cities and enterprises, only to see them topple over, despite a vain attempt to keep them together. So rules the brain-storms of man. The God of Nature runs things differently; witness the beautiful green of the grass this time o' year, the bursting of buds on tree the grass this time o' year, the bursting of buds on tree and bush, even the wild things of the air seems gloriously happy as they fill the spring-filled air with their merry chirps. Everything in the boundless out-of-doors proclaims a symphony of peace and understanding in the month of May—if a man could but heed the annual lesson!

Above the indistinguishable roar of the many feet I feel the presence of the sun, of the immense forces of the universe, and beyond these the sense of the eternal now, of the immortal. Full aware that all has failed, yet, side by side with the sadness of that knowledge, there lives in me an unquenchable belief, thought burning like the sun, that there is something to be found, something real, something to give each separate personality sunshine and flowers in its existence now. Something to shape this million-handed labor to an end and out-come, leaving accumulated sunshine and flowers to those who shall succeed. It must be dragged forth by might of thought from the immense forces of the universe.-Richard Jeffries.

GOOD WORK, LADIES

Because of the activity of the Woman's Civic Club during the past month, a group of women in Birmingham have become vastly better informed on matters of govern-ment. This is a splendid thing. This club is but one of thousands of similar organizations needed throughout the entire world. Men and women can do most anything well but the governing of themselves, and any education on the subject should be joyfully welcomed. The intelligent direction of thought on any question will, some day, provide a proper solution for it. We hope the local Woman's Civic Club has held the interest of every member, and that it may become a potent force in the life of this community.

Forsooth, brothers, fellowship is heaven, and the lack of fellowship is hell; fellowship is life and the lack of fellowship is death; and the deeds that ye do upon the earth, it is for fellowship's sake that ye do them. Therefore, I bid you not to dwell in hell but in heavenearth, which is a part of heaven and for sooth no foul part.

JUST BOYS

We put them to bed a half hour ago; with plenty of we put them to bed a half hour ago; with plenty of kisses their Mother and I gently admonished them to go to sleep, and smiled as we heard them chorus "dood night, muvver, dood night, daddy." Then, as two-months'old Susan occupied our attentions downstairs, we looked up as four little bare feet pattered down the steps and Billy and John (looking and acting as only four years and two years can look and act) whole sweet four years and two years can look and act) rushed over to us for another display of affection. They really did not want to go to bed; they think they fooled us—and they did, God bless 'em!

"We are Glad!" These three words caption an advertisement that appeared in last week's Eccentric, and again this week. They are such unusual words that we consider the advertisement worthy of comment. Walsh, James & Wasey Co., realtors, are running this unusual advertisement. Glad for what? Glad to be rendering a SERVICE, if we read the wording of this advertisement correctly. There are six "Becauses" that show why the Walsh, James & Wasey Co. is GLAD. Five of them explain that they are rendering a complete SERVICE to other hummy beings; the sixth morely attack. plain that they are rendering a complete SERVICE to other human beings; the sixth merely states that they are doing "a record-breaking business." Nothing unusual about the amount of business any concern does if real SERVICE lies at the back of it. The Rotary creed that "He profits most who serves best" is easily applicable to any business institution's life—or to an individual.

SUCCESS

Success

Success is the true God of the people. It is an ugly idol with a shining mask. Perched high on the heights of Endeavor, shedding its ghastly radiance on the throng below, it appears as something to be bowed to. Our great leaders, however, with evesight attuned to solar distances, have called Success a hideous thing. There are people whom we say have achieved Success. No, they have only grasped a piece of its mask—gold. A man without money we call a "failure." A Groesub we call a "success."

Not long ago there appeared an advertisement in a certain magazine hearing this caption, so completely typical of the national thought: "FROM \$12 A WEEK FAILURE TO \$7000 A YEAR SUCCESS"—and he was a minister of the Gospel! What a failure Jesus Christ must have been. Not that poverty is a virtue nor wealth a crime. The minister may have earned his \$123-a-week increase. Our point is that an expounder of Christianity may easily be a \$12-a-week "success" and a \$7000-a-year "failure". The same is true of all professions whose substance is chiefly ethical. The amount of a man's salary is in no sense indicative of his value to humanity, nor in all cases even of his value to his employer. For instance. all cases even of his value to his employer. For instance, the true value of salesmanship (i. e. sales-making for profit only) to the world is nothing; whereas the value of the salesman as a man, a force for good, may be greater than that of many a farmer or scientist.

To the truly great man Success is an impossibilit To the truly great man Success is any impossibility. Progress is his goal, and faith and love his motors. We display our national idiocy by our worship of wealth entirely over and beyond our living necessities or aven convenient manipulation. The most bored people on earth are the extremely rich, unless, like Ford and Edison, their wealth is but incidental to their love fit work. A man who slaves all his life purely fo build up a great fortune is several different kinds of an idiod, for in the process of accumulating money he gives up more than his money can ever buy. Great men progress. Tin gods succeed.

It is easy in the world to live after the world's on ions; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the Great Man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude.-Eme

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNSof Long Ago

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

43 Years Ago w desk has come Come in and see

Tom Adams mourns the loss of a price once a week on an everage, this thing goes on long enough, om will be out of horses.

The B. O. Y. S. have another hop at the National Hall next week, Friday evening, when it is expected a goodly number will participate. Very fine music will be on hand and the bill only one dollar. Come one and

Clark Satterlee has been doing a little mining on his own hook on George Simpson's place six miles west of this place and has shipped a carload of iron ore to Detroit to be smelted and if the iron is found to be in paying quantities, of course the mine will be worked to its full-

We hear that J. B. Gates at his annual sheep-shearing took off 25 yearling ram fleeces, averaging from 13 to 25 pounds per head, all high grades and pure bloods.

The running race at Pontiac on Saturday last had four starters, Lord Falmouth, owned by W. B. Drew of this place took the cake and made things lively. The prize was \$30.00.

The Hyde boys have started a drug store in Franklin. May success foll-ow them as they are successful and upright fellows.

ited about town that our friend, J.
Atchinson has passed away from
his earth, is untrue. He was very
lick during the past week but we
re pleased to say that late advices
from us that he is considered out
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The Birningham and Pontiac Plank Road Conpany have fixed up the gate-house just north of the vill-age occupied by George, Blackwell in a substantial and tasty manner. The new order of things is through-by appreciated by Mr. B. with the control of the control of the special control of the control of the control of the special control of the control of the control of the special control of the control of the control of the control of the special control of the control of the control of the control of the special control of the control of the control of the control of the special control of the control of the control of the control of the special control of the control of the control of the control of the special control of the control of the control of the control of the special control of the control of the control of the control of the special control of the c

some in their new paint and general improvements.

The smallpox scare paled into insignificance in the nind of Alvin Knight to Thursday of last week when the family doctor gently whisp-tred in his ear that it was a boy and everybody doing nicely. The young Knight is expected to occupy, store at an early date and Alvin's clothes don't fit him anymore.

Frank German, wife and little daughter, took a day's recreation fishing one day last week and had excellent luck having returned with 200 fish which he generously divided with his neighbors. Frank's new barn is almost finished and looks grand, or will when painted.

A. H. Leet has invented a very useful article in the shape of a potato planter. It looks as if it could not help but work, if it does it must be a very valuable implement. He claims he can plant ten acres a day and it will be a great addition to the potato culture.

Mrs. J. C. Hupp gives a tea her Detroit home for the benefit St. James Church, Friday, May from 3 to M. Everyone invi and expected.

25 Years Ago.

The far-famed Railroad again making his annual t Michigan. On Sunday eve entertained a large audience of the National Hotel of this

Don't miss the excursion to Grand Rapids next Sundays, Fare for the round trip \$1.85. Train leaves Birm ingham at 7:43 a. m. and returns 10:48 p. m.

The Whitney Family Show Com-pany gave one of their select enter-tainments here Saturday evening. A large audience 'was present and everybody got their money's worth.

The department of corresponding secretary has been created in the local Epworth League and Roy Blak-eslee has been elected to fill the of-fice.

Nick Mooney has gone sailing. The dance at Sam Crombie's prov-d a great success last Saturday vening.

James McClure wheeled to Detroit Sunday to spend the day with his aunt, Mrs. Fred White, where he found a number of friends awaiting him and they all wheeled to the Is-land for lunch.

The V. M. C. A., Pontiac, held their first meeting in the new rooms last Sunday with a number of youths from Birmingham prepent. This worthy organization is in a prosperous continuous model of the congratulate them upon securing such fine surroundings.

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The ladies of the Preshyterian Society wish to thank their friends for their generous patronage at the plate social last Friday evening. This event resulted in the contribution of 18 plates and nearly two dollars of the plates and plates and nearly two dollars with the second of the purchase of pitchers for the said society. The attendance was good and all seemed to enjoy the program and lunch prepared for them.

Little Ethel Hubert was surprise Monday by a small party from De troit, it being the anniversary of he seventh birthday. The party consist ed of her aunts, Brs. F. L. Slik, Miss Sara C. Reed, and six little friends.

Miss Bertha Bigelow has returned home after an extended and delightful sojourn with friends in New York City, Boston, and other eastern points.

FOR RENT: A nice home in Birmingham, \$10 per month. Large barn on premises. Listed as one of the best homes in Birmingham with beautiful location.

Dan Campbell visited his sister, Miss Zilla of the U. of M., Saturday and Sunday and participated in the enjoyment of the May Festival.

Anough to will be a great addition to the plotted culture.

Your Garden

Beautiful

By Ralph I. Correll.

In this life it is well to lyan ahead and yet unforseen events raise us to cloudy thy of in the absence of the change our plans at times. A change of occupation may occasion a change of cocupation may desired weather it is to tate to plant anything this year.

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FIRST STATE BANK OF ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN,

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE SALE.

Notice is hereby given that the above and foregoing mortgage sale is hereby postponed until Saturday, the 28th day of June.

A. D. 1924. at 16; o'clock A. M. Eastern Standard Time. FIRST STATE BANK OF ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN, Morigan

GEO. A. DONDERO,
Attorney for First State Bank
of Royal Oak, Michigan.
Dated May 3, 1924.

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