Error Corrected After 50 Years

Last Friday afternoon, after the Eccentric had been routed through the Birmingham postoffice, an elderly little man walked into our office, seeking out the editor. He proved to be C. W. Taylor, of Gray Court, a resident of Birmingham for the past three years and a steady subscriber to his "home town newspaper."

He told us, among other things mentioned in the letter printed below, that he had been on the Chicago Tribune for 27 years, engaged as an editorial paragraph writer. Then we asked him to tell us about the authorship of a certain article in last week's Eccentric—which, you see, folks, has taken over half a century to correct. (Proof that newspapers try to be accurate.) Here is Mr. Taylor's letter:

Birmingham, Nov. 18, 1924.
Editor of the Eccentric.
Dear Sir:

This is not a case of "My attention has been called," but rather "I have read with deep interest" that item in your paper of last week entitled "It's No Joque, Folques," setting forth the tribulations of a certain "Roccay Mountain Cyclone," which was compelled to go to press without any "ephs or kays" in its type cases, attracted my undivided attention at sight, for I may as well confess that I wrote it and perfected it myself, nearly or quite fifty years ago. There is no use in denying it, as there are entirely too many witnesses still living.

In the early seventies I was the editor and publisher of a country paper in Central Illinois, known as the Prairie City Herald," subscription price, $1.50 a year, not invariably in advance, guarantee circulation not less than 500 copies, all kinds of job work at reasonable prices, and I was my own advertising agent, pressman, chief compositor, foreman, local reporter and business manager.

One day when there wasn't much else to do I evolved that little story concerning the "Roccay Mountain Cyclone," and putting it in type myself. Several times in the last half century I have seen it in print, always credited to the wrong paper and this is the first time I have ever taken occasion to mumble a protest, but now let it be here confessed, with suitable apologies, originated in the Prairie City Herald, printed in Prairie City, McDonough County, Illinois, in the year eighteen hundred seventy-something or other. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto et cetera,

Your Faithful Subscriber,
C. W. TAYLOR.

Community House Rummage Sale In Pontiac On Dec. 5-6

The time and place have now been definitely decided upon for the community house rummage sale, to be held to aid in defraying the expense of the late alterations on the community house. The place selected for the sale is a vacant store located on South Saginaw street in Pontiac, between the two railroad tracks. The dates will be December 5 and 6, instead of in November as formerly announced.

Mrs. L. G. Welch is acting as general chairman of the sale. She will be assisted in the accumulation of the rummage by Mrs. T. R. Donovan, and Mrs. W. C. Harris, who have charge of the transportation. Mrs. Raymond Reilly and Mrs. Leslie Morgan are acting on the publicity committee.

A community-wide appeal has been issued for material to sell at the sale. The rummage will constitute everything in the line of clothes, books and household goods or bric-a-brac. The material to be sold is being kept in the community house until the date of the sale and will be called for by members of the committee. Word regarding contributions may be left at the house with Miss Griffith.

The committee selected by Mrs. Welch, general chairman, to assist her at the sale are Mrs. H. J. Connie, Mrs. E. B. Meek, Mrs. Walter Morley, Mrs. Charles Walker, Mrs. Kirke Hoagg, Mrs. E. W. Ilett, Mrs. Ernest Vahey, Mrs. W. G. Wall, Mrs. Robert Chissus and Mrs. L. W. Mix The other chairmen of committees have not yet announced their committees.

URGES MOTORISTS TO DO THEIR PART

"A real man wants to do his share in the promotion of common good," said R. Y. Moore, local representative of the Oakland County Automobile Club.

"Automobiles, of one type or another, have come to be almost the sole users of the highways. Within the short period of 20 years there has been a revolution of vehicular traffic. In the adjustment of this new vehicle and this new means of transportation to the social economy, motor clubs have been indispensable. Every man who owns a machine, exhibits a disposition to do his share when he maintains a membership in his home club. Through the club, in co-operation with other motorists, he does for himself what he could not do single handed. The non-member motorist is a slacker. He reaps where others sow.

"If the duties referred to do not appeal to his sense of fairness, when he goes to travel, the motorist discovers another mighty important reason why he ought to belong to his home motors club. The Oakland County Automobile club is your home club and handles local problems. Local clubs in different cities and towns unite to form state associations in the maintenance of a great national organization. In this way hundreds of clubs—all over the land, are brought into harmonious relationship. They combine to furnish information to other members, to promote good roads, fair taxes, the making of fair laws and the thousand and one things in which motorists are interested.

"Perhaps the greatest feature of this national relationship is in the reciprocity it provides. For 30 years the American Automobile association has held nearly all the motor clubs together for their common good and that of their members. If you are a member of a motor club affiliated with the A. A. A., you are entitled to the courtesies of this great multitude of clubs.

"You may get courtesy without membership—the drivers of the motor clubs are gentlemen. However, you will be regarded as a "muoocher" the motorist's designation of a "dead-head". Those who travel most have learned that in every state in the union and in every county of the world the radiator emblem of the A. A. A. or one of its clubs is worth its weight in gold. For one thing, it indicates that the owner is a man who is doing his share. It is a certificate of good character and good citizenship. It makes you a brother to good citizens everywhere.

"You should be a member of the Oakland County Automobile Club."

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Torrence have invited eight friends and relatives to join their family at Thanksgiving dinner to-morrow at their home on Yorkshire Road.

After spending several days in Howell as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Purdy, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Todd and Mrs. Amanda Purdy returned to their home on Koal Kabin Farm Sunday evening.

At dinner Thursday Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Willson of West Maple avenue are expected to entertain with a family dinner, and have asked Mr. and Mrs. Louis Oberle of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Kirby and family of Detroit to join them.

Obituary

F. B. Dickerson

Freeman B. Dickerson, former publisher and Detroit postmaster, died Saturday evening, Nov. 22, 1924, in his 75th year, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harlow N. Davock on Dewey street. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Dickerson, his daughter, Mrs. Harlow N. Davock, and a grandson, Harlow N. Davock, Jr. The funeral services were conducted at the Davock home on Dewey street, the Rev. Wm. Gantz of Detroit, officiating, being assisted by Presbyterian church. Burial took the Rev. W. C. McKnight of the Firs, place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Mr. Dickerson was well known in Detroit where he conducted a publishing business for 25 years, and for over eight years held the office of postmaster, retiring from this position about 15 years ago. Soon after leaving the postoffice he sold out his publishing business and retired to a farm on Torch Lake in northern Michigan. Five years later he came to Birmingham and went into the real estate business, but after two years retired completely. Since then he has spent the summers in northern Michigan, country which he particularly liked, and during the winters usually visited or traveled.

He had come to Birmingham to visit his daughter, Mrs. Harlow N. Davock, last week, before going to Detroit, when he suffered the stroke which preceded his death Saturday night.

Mrs. Cordelia McStay

Mrs. Cordelia McStay, aged 88 years, died Friday, Nov. 21, 1924, at her home on Pierce street where she was living with her son, Morrell B. Dennis. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 25, at her home, the Rev. T. J. Edwards officiating. The burial was at Greenwood cemetery. Mrs. McStay was survived by her sons, Morrell B. Dennis of Pierce street, and James Mcstay of Highland Park. She was one of the oldest residents in Birmingham, and during her long stay here was very active in affairs of the Baptist church. Mrs. McStay had been ill several months with the heart trouble which finally caused her death.

Mrs. Edith E. Poole

Mrs. Edith Poole of Troy road, died Monday, Nov. 24, 1924, of cerebral hemorrhage as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident Sunday evening, Nov. 16. Mrs. Poole was in her 48th year and is survived by her husband, Francis Poole, and four sons and one daughter. The burial took place Wednesday at Oakview cemetery in Royal Oak, after funeral services at her home.

Joseph Range

Joseph Range of 11 Mile road, died at his home Saturday, Nov. 22, 1924, aged 73 years. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Minnie Baker of Landen street, Birmingham, and a son, Fred, who lives at the home on 11 Mile road. There are two grandchildren, Miss Alice Baker of Birmingham and Joseph Range of 11-Mile road. The burial services, conducted by the Rev. W. C. McKnight, took place at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 26, at the home on 11-Mile road, with interment at Rosedale Park cemetery. Mr. Range had lived in this vicinity for 50 years.

Mrs. Nellie Wood

Mrs. Nellie Wood of Franklin died suddenly at Harper hospital, Detroit, Tuesday evening, Nov. 25, 1924, as the result of an operation. Mrs. Wood was 42 years old and is survived by her husband, Bert D. Wood, and three daughters, Mildred, Charlotte and Wilma. The funeral is to be Friday, Nov. 28, at the home, with burial in Franklin cemetery. Mrs. Wood had lived all her life in Southfield and Franklin.

A Want Ad Costs Little.

VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the Village Commission held Monday evening, November 24, 1924, at 8 o'clock.

Present: President Shain, Commissioners Bingham and Bell.

Minutes of meeting of November 17, 1924, approved as printed.

#71—Moved by Commissioner Bell that the pay roll be allowed as read: George Newman, $73; Mark Addison, $59.40; Charles Higby, $57.60; Wm. Luth, $59.16; Wm. Haspian, $57; John Berry, $54. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

#72—Moved by President Shain that the final estimate of $12,641.73 be allowed Barling & Dull from the sewage disposal plant fund. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

#73—Moved by Commissioner Bingham that the final estimate of $1850.61 be allowed Charles Tisco from the Frank and Pierce Street Funds. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

#74—Moved by Commissioner Bell that the semi-annual interest on bonds amounting to $837.00 be paid from the Interest and Sinking Fund. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

Moved by Commissioner Bell that the meeting adjourn. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

HAZEL E. LAWLER, Village Clerk.

MORTGAGE SALE—Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by E. Ellsworth Ward and Estella E. Ward, husband and wife, dated the 11th day of July, 1923, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan on the 31st day of July, 1923, in Liber 308 of Mortgages on Page 152, and said mortgage by reason of said default having declared had hereby declaring the whole amount of principal and unpaid interest on said mortgage due and payable immediately, on which mortgage the whole amount claimed to be due at the date of this Notice for principal and interest is the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars and Seventeen cents ($3139.17), and an attorney fee of Three Hundred Dollars as provided for in said Mortgage and by law, 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 the 23rd day of December, 1924 at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the said day I will at the front door of the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan (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 on said mortgage with interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum and all legal costs.

Lot No. Fifty-six (56) of Bloomfield High Point Subdivision, of Lot ninety-four (94) of East Bloomfield Highlands Subdivision of parts of Sections Three (3) and Four (4) Town 2 North, Range Ten (10) East, according to a Plat thereof recorded in Liber 14 of Plats on Page 10, as recorded in the Office of Register of Deeds for said Oakland County.

Dated September 18, 1924.

WALTER G. BURKE,
Mortgagee.
A. FLOYD BLAKESLEE,
Attorney for Mortgagee,
Business Address:
Pontiac, Michigan.
23-28

A great variety of baked goods have been promised for the Eastern Star bake sale next Saturday in Schlanck's meat market. The entertainment committee of the O. E. S. is in charge of the sale.

W. A. Stanger of South Woodward avenue, who has been seriously ill at his home for several weeks, is reported to be convalescing and is able to be out again.

That Birmingham Folks May Enjoy Modern Laundry Work

The Modern Laundry Is Establishing a laundry route for Birmingham.

Our representative will stop at your home—we call and deliver. Collections made on Tuesday are returned Friday—Friday collections are returned Tuesday.

A phone call or card to us will bring our representative.

Modern Laundry brings for your enjoyment a fine skill in laundering. Our hand work department prides itself in pleasing particular men—it excels in collar laundering and the hand finishing of the neck bands of shirts. Delicate fabrics such as silks, lingerie, woolens are washed in Ivory Soap. Lace curtain laundering is another phase of the work in which Modern Laundry workers distinguish themselves.

The background is a big, sanitary, fireproof plant—flooded with sunshine—built and equipped especially for the laundry business.

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C. A. WENDELL, Gen. Mgr.

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MORRIS LEVINSON, Proprietor

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Hundreds of our customers have stocked up for Winter during this wonderful economy event. The savings are really remarkable. Grasp this exceptional opportunity—take advantage of the unusual values offered.

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Hosiery Specials
SILK & WOOL STOCKINGS for women; a very fine grade, regularly $2. All sizes. Pair $1.39

ENGLISH RIBBED STOCKINGS for Women; Phoenix full fashioned, heavy winter weight, 75c value. Pair 39c

WOMEN'S FLANNEL NIGHTGOWNS—Of heavy outing flannel cut very full; white and colors; $1.50 values 95c

WOMEN'S KNIT UNION SUITS—"Carter" Knit Merino union suits, all styles; $3.00 values; Very special $1.89

WOMEN'S NEW SWEATERS—Smartest new creations in all shades and combinations. Regularly $8.50. $5.65

FRENCH DRESS FLANNELS—All the newest shades in this popular new material; all values up to $3.00; Yard $1.78

HYTONET HAIR NETS
Double mesh; human hair—the best hairnet made. Regularly 10c each. 2 for 25c

ALL WOOL DOUBLE BLANKETS—Extra heavy, full size; pretty new patterns. Regularly $12.50. Wonderful values $8.95

O. N. T. CROCHET COTTON—all shades and numbers included. Regularly 10c. 3 BALLS for 25c

Footwear Extras!
WOMEN'S NEW OXFORDS—Latest Walk-Over model in black and cordovan; very smart. $7.50 values, Pair $4.45

WOMEN'S OXFORDS, SHOES and PUMPS—Newest effects in patent, satin, kid, and nubuck; made by Peters. All grades up to $6.00. Pair $2.75

PETERS' SHOES FOR MEN—Shoes and Oxfords correct in style and unexcelled for wear, all $6.00 values. Pair $3.85

ALL CHILDREN'S SHOES REDUCED
Buy Ball-Band—the very best—Rubbers Here!

WOMEN'S WOOL SCARFS—Dashing effects in the new high colors; smart combinations; $2.50 values $1.48

FINE CHAMOISUEDE GLOVES
Made by Van Raalte and Adler; popular shades; fine quality. Regularly $1.50. Pair 89c

Men's Suits and Overcoats
Sharp Reductions Offering Unusual Savings
$30 AND $35 SUITS AND OVERCOATS
Big, warm Overcoats in popular shades; smartly tailored 2-pants suits; all wool, wonderful values $19.85
$40 2-PANTS SUITS AND OVERCOATS
Finest all wool suits and Overcoats, newest models and fabrics. Expertly tailored $29.50
MEN'S GOOD $25 WORSTED 3-PIECE SUITS AT $14.65
MEN'S SHEEPSKIN COATS
The warmest coats made; good moleskin, with fine sheep lining. Regularly $12.50 $9.75

MEN'S NEW WINTER CAPS
Large variety of popular colors and patterns. $2.00 values. Special $1.00

'PINKERTON' SPORT COATS—For men who want the newest and best. All wool, in the new colors. Regular $8.50 values $5.85

MEN'S WOOL SWEATERS—Heavy all wool sweaters, fine for all-around wear. Worth up to $2.50 $1.39

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Club to fit the needs of every one—starting with 25c, 50c, $1.00, $2.00, $5.00, $10.00, $20.00 or more weekly.

The Club is not alone intended to have Xmas money but is a splendid way to have money for future needs, such as TAXES, INSURANCE, EDUCATION, COAL, DOCTOR OR CURRENT BILLS.

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