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PREVENTING THE FLOOD HERE

Picture, for a moment, the village of Birmingham situated on the edge of a wide river; everything is peaceful as the water pursues its way through a bed that has been fashioned in the earth through years of endless flowing.

A flooded period is about to begin; for many days heavy rains have fallen, so that the river's banks are overflowing with water that threatens to cover the town. What shall be done? Where shall the water be diverted to prevent inundation and destruction of the entire village of Birmingham? Meetings are held, and the people hurriedly decide on a means to stave off the waters.

Working with might and main, the citizens band their forces together in a valiant effort to save their town—and they finally accomplish the feat.

Analogous to the above river and its relation to Birmingham is the impending problem of putting a trunk line through the village of Birmingham. Threatened on the north and south with flood-tides of ever-increasing traffic, Birmingham finds that something must be done to provide a channel through its confines that will allow traffic to pass through it.

The state of Michigan is definitely determined to put a 204-foot highway through Birmingham; where shall it go? Shall the present Woodward avenue be widened, or shall additional land be secured along the Grand Trunk right-of-way and the road placed there?

Think it over, folks; it's mostly YOUR problem. Where do YOU want the road? Write your opinions in to The Eccentric—let's get something started to show the state authorities what we want.

OVERALLS MAY BRING A PRINCE

David Windsor, more familiarly known as the Prince of Wales, stopped for five minutes in our village last Tuesday, from 12:55 to 1:00 p.m. The royal train was enroute from Chicago to Highland Park, in which latter place the next King of England and Emperor of India was the guest of Henry Ford.

Columns of newspaper and magazine accounts of the Prince's visit to the United States have been written, so we shall not attempt to write a social narrative of David Windsor. What impresses us most is merely this:

Some twenty years ago, when Henry Ford began to make real money, he sought a place to build a home in Grosse Point, the aristocratic section of Detroit. He was politely told that his entry was unwelcome; had he not just a few years back—been a common engineer in the employ of the Detroit Edison Co.? Did he not wear overalls and get his hands dirty?

Most emphatically, Mr. Ford did not have a traditional lavender and rose background! He and his kind were not acceptable to Grosse Point. But things and times change.

Tuesday Mr. Ford was host to a Prince! To the next King of England! Mr. Ford was sought by Grosse Point society, which desired to be present at a dinner-dance Tuesday night.

Morally, despise not any man or anything, for, though a man today may be doing a menial sort of job, tomorrow may find him entertaining a Prince. Verily, though the body may be clothed in overalls, the mind may be rich in knowledge.

Grosse Point has learned a lesson—and presented an example for its prototypes.

When We're Fishin'

by O. Lawrence Hawthorne
'I've noticed this,' says Old Josh Pium, 'It makes no difference when they come or how, they ain't be'n here a day before they put their pride away in every one of 'em, it seems. Hassetled down to pleasant dreams. There sure ain't no firer skin. Than feller waitin' for a bite!

Up-to-Date Co. An English artist uses a cat which will not enter the house by the back door. It always walks up to the front door, which has a knocker at a convenient height; gives one or two knocks, and then waits for the door to be opened. If there is not an immediate answer it knocks again, until it has gained admittance.

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 is quite a long time to have been little short of miraculous. Mr. D. H. Quirk is a hunter, having killed a bear in one night last week in his orchard.

A little son of Harry, Buxter of Troy shot himself in the hand and got himself afire by the unexpected explosion of a pistol, which he was carefully dissecting.

When Captain of the Oxford Globe returned from his expedition and is caught at it, he calls it a "singularity of expression in great and original minds."

Married October 8, 1881, in Pine River township, Great Lakes County, Michigan, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. James N. Morrison to Miss Eva L. Kingdon, formerly of this place.

A new piano, organ, and music dealer has blossomed forth in the Redford. As John J. McKinley, a musician, of course his success is assured.

A little daughter of Arthur Watkins who was playing upon the meat market steps one day last week sustained quite severe bruises. She was struck by a horse and fell, and the consequences were not serious.

James Calhoun and Mrs. William Durkee of New Franklin, were united in matrimony last week and a host of friends of both parties united in wishing them a long and safe journey through their lives.

Mason Leonard of Troy is having a thorough overhauling of his pond. There has been a two-story house (1830) foot added to the house on the head of the pond. The entire house painted, grained, and papered by Prof. George Mc.

For some inevitable reason, our friend, Tom Adams of Troy, was unable to dispose of his stock in the reading room. Confederate script or will one who does not know what you are. Post office address: Birmingham. See ad in cheap column.

Burglars were out last Monday night prospecting for their winter's work. Mr. P. Johnson, hearing the noise on that night, arose and struck the burglar with a broom, and the burglar showed plainly that some parties had been there trying to force an entrance.

Miss Della Snow, the winsome little daughter of our friend, John Snow, had a very narrow escape from a serious accident last week while pumping water from the well in the platform. Aved in and on the second floor near the pump, he was unable to escape from a terrible death.

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Last Tuesday, some inhuman creature left a horse hitched in the rain. The matter of the horse being left to the proper officer with the reins. It was not until the stable animal.

Said a Birmingham man, "I went into the expense and trouble of getting out hitching posts and new bits for my customers, and now they are everywhere. He better put up them."

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WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

(Little Editorials picked up by the Staff in and around Birmingham.)

James G. Pierce, Detroit real estate operator, "Never before I have seen the wonderful desire on the part of people to buy property in Oakland county. The wider Woodward avenue project is showing Detroiters that Oakland county will be easy of access and a daily attraction to many home-seekers. The various companies in which I am interested expect to sell the savoriness of the land before Christmas. Our Woodward avenue frontage is practically all sold out now, and we expect the sales to extend over as far east as Clawson. I believe that an investment in Oakland county property now will actually double within two years."

J. M. Harding, superintendent of Big Beaver schools, "Big Beaver is growing rapidly. The fact may be seen in the increase of attendance at our schools. Two years ago our enrollment was 88, and today it is 172. The building of good roads is attracting many Detroiters to Oakland county, and Troy township is getting its share of them."

L. G. Green, of Townsend street, "I read, wholesome sympathies interest. Do not think that Oakland county has witnessed so popular an event as the condition of the Washington baseball season in the recent past. It seems that everybody was willing to bet on Senators, and especially on Walter Johnson. The result of Washington brought forth an universal application of the United States is still fair-minded and beneath the surface, really democratic."

Preston Allen, representing E. B. H. Club last Monday, "In a republican, I am not a school and yard work. I don't think to me that there is any great difference between the Republican and Democratic parties. The tariff issue. When the Republicans are in power they raise the tariff on goods from the foreign countries. They want protection while the Democrats when in power put up a tariff of cotton and woolen goods. There is no real difference in the actions of the two when in office. People shouldn't get so worked up about the result of scandals. They are a natural result of wartime conditions and something which would not have occurred as particularly terrible. There has been graft after every war."

George H. Mitchell, of Brown, "The Democrats are doing out in Birmingham. There used to be ten or eleven number 14 Levenson Bldg. and now even that number has dwindled."

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Phyllis Myers, who has been conducting a paper campaign this summer, "I don't know if you know it or not, but I have a number of papers for sale. They are all very good. I have a number of papers for sale. They are all very good. I have a number of papers for sale. They are all very good."

Louis Rousseau of West Maple avenue, "One thing I can't understand is why the school should be closed on Saturday afternoon. The country property owners living in the country should be given the afternoon the only time they can get their taxes or water rates. If they have to wait until the next day, they should be given the afternoon the only time they can get their taxes or water rates."

Charles J. Shain, village president, "It is a fact that the village office is open on Saturday afternoon. As soon as possible, however, I will see that someone is left on duty on Saturday afternoon."

Arthur J. Taggart of Pleasant avenue, "I sometimes go to spend some of my money at the bank. I sometimes go to spend some of my money at the bank. I sometimes go to spend some of my money at the bank. I sometimes go to spend some of my money at the bank."

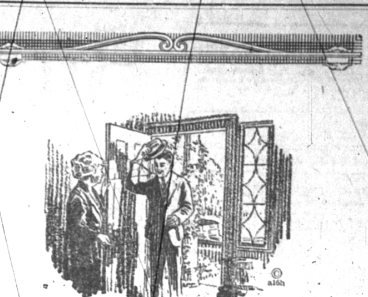
Melvin Hart, principal of Baldwin high school, "In regard to the issuing of report cards, teachers would be very glad if parents would conscientiously look over their children's reports. This would be a splendid opportunity for the teacher and would be a real help to the child."

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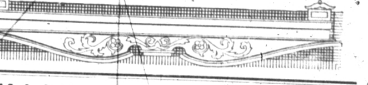
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