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ATTRACTING NEW RESIDENTS

It may be truthfully said that there exists no community any agency that plays a more vital part in the destiny of affairs, than the local newspaper. And this applies to metropolis and village alike.

A most striking example of how a newspaper affects the growth of a community came to our attention a few days ago when a well-dressed man came into our office, inquiring his way to a good local restaurant. We furnished the information.

"By the way," said the man, as he was about to go out, "you may as well enter my name upon your subscription list."

He gave us his name, and a Detroit address. Also a dollar and a half.

"Pardon us," we inquired as he was again about to depart, "but we are just a little interested to find out why you, a Detroiter, want to subscribe to the Birmingham Eccentric. Won't you tell us?"

"Certainly," answered the man, "I recently purchased a lot in the Quarton Lake Estates. I want to get away from Detroit, and thought I'd like to build out here. So I decided to take your paper for a year to learn just what kind of people you have, and what they are doing in Birmingham."

All right, Mister Detroiter, we'll do our best to reflect what the people of Birmingham are doing—though it still remains for them to do the things that attract others to their splendid community.

It may make a difference for all eternity whether we do right or wrong today.—James Freeman Clarke.

THE PRICE OF ADMISSION?

Clamoring vainly at the gates of Ellis Island are hundreds and thousands of red-blooded men and women, many of whom are turned back because the quota from their respective countries is filled for the next six months. Some of them having paid all but a few dollars of their entire worldly possessions for passage across the ocean, they will be turned back at the portals of the United States because they are not wanted. They must wait until the United States absorbs and assimilates their previously arrived brothers and sisters—for the mandate of our land requires that the will of the people be obeyed. And thus our immigration officials at New York city regulate the legal barrier that excludes foreign souls from this land of opportunity.

How different when the soul that seeks admission into this country is possessed of influential friends and gold dollars.

Consider the case of Luis Firpo, who last night in Jersey City made many thousands of dollars by engaging in a prize fight with one Harry Wills. The Argentine came into this country illegally, it is said. He was brought before the immigration authorities for deportation. After a good deal of controversy, the authorities decided that Firpo would be given a hearing the day AFTER the fight with Wills.

Is there anything peculiar about this date for the hearing? WHY was it set for the day after the fight, instead of some time before? Simply because many thousands of dollars were involved. That is the ONLY reason.

Money was at the root of the entire affair. And every man connected with the fiasco—including any culpable immigration authorities—will NEVER get a bit of real happiness out of any the gate receipts.

And, as far as mental and intellectual matters are concerned, we'll wager that there is more of it wrapped up in the skull of one of those excluded at Ellis Island than all the Firpo genus in captivity.

When a man is a brute, he is the most sensual and loathsome of all brutes.—Hawthorne.

WIDENING WOODWARD AVENUE

Within a few weeks the citizens of Birmingham will be called into a conference with officials of the state highway department and asked to decide just how a state trunk line is to be built through our village. And the result of the conference will show how much vision exists within the confines of Birmingham.

Three methods of putting a 200 foot highway through our town will be presented by the state. One of them is to take enough property from both sides of Woodward avenue to make for the widening; a second will be to take all the needed right-of-way from the east side; a third will be to secure enough land along the present Grand Trunk tracks so that, when the tracks are moved eastward, the trunk line may be built over the old roadbed.

Undoubtedly, the first plan will not be considered very seriously, and will be discarded. This will leave the solution to the other two methods. Certainly, as far as the state is concerned, the cheapest way to put through the trunk line would be to use the railroad right-of-way.

Therefore, the difficulty will be to determine just where the additional amount of money required to keep the trunk line on Woodward avenue will come from. And this question ought to provide plenty of discussion for local citizens between now and the time when the state authorities meet here.

The Eccentric will welcome and publish articles from local citizens on this question.

The man who goes through life with thoughts only of the gold that he may acquire, will obtain, depend upon it, a metallic mind. Though his worldly treasure box may become filled to overflowing with money, his inner self will become a thing of hardness. Alas! though he knows it not, he has already erected his tombstone and, as far as God's intent is concerned, is dead. Pity such a man.—G. R. A.

The moral law of the universe is progress. Every generation that passes idly over the earth without adding to that progress remains uninscribed upon the register of humanity, and the succeeding generation tramples its ashes as dust.—Mazzini.

THE LAND OF MARS

I'd like to take a trip some day
When I have lots of time,
And travel through the air to one
Remote and mystic clime.
A star above this world so high
Amid the myriad stars,
I'd like up tarry for a while
To see the Land of Mars.

I wonder what it's like up there
Beyond the clouds so high?
I wonder if it's really blue
Away up in the sky!
I wonder if there's birds and flowers
And boats and railway cars,
And radios and all such things
In that queer Land of Mars!

Do all the children go to school?
Do mothers cook and sew,
And fathers go to work each day;
And weeds and thistles grow;
And does the sun, each morning, send
Its gold and crimson bars
To flood the glorious eastern sky
In that strange Land of Mars?

I wonder if they laugh and sing,
And if they ever cry,
And whether there are babies, too,
And if folks sometimes die!
How I would like to see the folks
That live among the stars,
And perhaps they'd like to know us, too,
In that far Land of Mars!

—BEATRICE McDONALD,
R. F. D. No. 4, Birmingham, Mich.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Gage Crawford are rusticating at the former home of the latter. Gage has bought a brand new lamp and is looking round for some one to hold it in the event of a "horning."

Pursuant to a proclamation from Frank Ford, Esq., President of the village, issued on Monday morning, a few, (and we regret that there were so few) met at the Jane Presbyterian Church, Monday evening. Mr. Middlemis stated the object of the meeting to be the formation of a society to furnish aid and the sufferers by fire in the burned district of Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola counties. The following are the officers: A. Parmelee, President, Thomas Middlemis, Secretary; Luther Smalley, Treasurer, and the Soliciting committee consists of Susie Trowbridge, Allie Cromwell, Maude Utley, Mrs. J. B. Cartwright, A. F. Randel and John Scott. Cassius Crawford and Caleb Jackson.

Charles Newman, the brown-eyed hack driver, has hired out to H. F. Bowers for one year. Now girls, dry your eyes and smile again.

Miss Hattie Smith and Mr. Howland were quietly married September 3. May they enjoy all of the happiness of married life.

Ziegler is not putting up a new store, it is only an addition to the old one and a new front.

The Grand Trunk Railroad is now selling Chicago to Boston and return, good for thirty days, for $10.

An extensive fire raged in the swamps in the western portion of Bloomfield last week, but no serious damage was done. The flames started near W. C. Richardson's and they say our old friend George Crawford, Esq., became nearly demoralized about it.

The daily papers are piling up the horrors and histories of the forest fires and the half is not yet told. Give of your abundance to these starving homeless applicants for your charity. Seed, wheat, flour, and everything that can sustain life will be twice welcome to the sufferers.

Rochester has a haunted house with a funny ghost that slides down the roof and shouts murder, help, etc. It has many visitors who witness the weird performance daily.

Charlie Davis, oldest son of Eugene and grandson of our old and esteemed citizen, Amos Davis, has secured a lucrative and responsible engagement at Ford Collins', ninety miles from Denver, as Prof. of Chemistry at a salary of $2,000 per annum.

J. Fred Stevens on Troy street has repaired and enlarged his brick dwelling until you would hardly recognize it. As it stands now it is a large good looking residence and a credit to its owner.

All persons interested in the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, whether members or not, are cordially invited to meet at the house of Mrs. Utter Tuesday evening for the purpose of forming a class for the coming year.

25 Years Ago

During the years 1893-98 the tuition received from non-resident pupils was as follows: $509, $679, $715, $801, $905. Last year the receipts fell to $735 and a question has been raised as to the reason of the decrease. Some of the reasons suggested were the closing of school caused by the heating apparatus falling off, the long continued contention among the school officers and then, too, Royal Oak is doing a more advanced grade of work.

Born to Mrs. Joseph Farmer one day last week, a ten pound son. Grandpa George Taylor is very proud.

The Southfield Burg boys will give a hop at the Town Hall in this village next Friday evening, September 22. Everybody invited.

Everybody invited to the Yarrow reception tendered Rev. Eugene C. Allen at the Methodist Church this evening.

The Young People of the United Presbyterian church will give a reception at the home of Wilhelmina Fuller Friday evening.

D. M. Doty has erected a nice residence north of the William Hoban house on Purdy street. The house, formerly occupied by Mr. Doty, is owned by Mrs. Hughes who, since the death of her husband, has taken possession of the same and is making extensive additions and changes on the building prior to her occupancy in the near future.

Milk is on the boom, nearly as high as when the cow jumped over the moon. A. E. Stephens of Detroit is now offering the best prices and will pay until further notice $1 per hundred. Bring it along Stoys, you can't overload the market.

Ladies of the Ladies' Literary Club: Our work for the ensuing year will commence on Monday evening, September 18, at the home of Mrs. E. F. Peabody. All members and others who are interested in literary work are very cordially invited to be there.

The Presbyterian Ladies Church Society will meet with Mrs. Albert Adams on Wednesday afternoon. Committee on refreshments—Mesdames Ward, Saterlee, Petry, and Miss Hutchinson.

Mrs. George Shain entertained Mrs. Kate Yerkes of Northville, Mrs. Billingham and Rev. Belding of Detroit, last week.

Big Beaver is fortunate in securing Miss Margaret Pepper of Holly as teacher for the ensuing year. The young lady is a graduate of the state normal at Ypsilanti.

Miss Daisy Durkee went as delegate to the Y. P. S. C. E. County Convention held at White Lake this week.

Surely the morals of the people of Michigan are improving or else the law is not getting after offenders as lively as usual. From August 18 to September 7 not a single prisoner was received at the State Prison at Jackson.

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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 8th day of August A. D. 1924. A. D.
Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of Delia A Bolton, Deceased.
The First National Bank of Birmingham, executor of said estate having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against the deceased by and before said Court.
It is Ordered, That four months from date be Allowed for creditors to present their claims against said estate.
And it is Further Ordered, That the 3rd day of December, 1924, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said office be appointed for the examination and adjustment of all such claims and demands as may be presented.
ROSS STOCKWELL,
A true copy. Judge of Probate.
DAN A. McGAFFEY,
Register of Probate. 9-21-22

NOTICE OF PENDING PETITION TO VACATE A PART OF PLAT

Notice is hereby given that a petition is pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, for the vacation of a part of a recorded plat known as Zox Lakeside Park Subdivision of part of the northwest ¼ of part of the northwest quarter of Section three (3), and part of the south one-half (½) of the southwest quarter of Section three (3), Town two (2) South, Range nine (9) East, West Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan, as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the said County of Oakland in Liber twenty-nine (29) of plats on pages 28 and 28-A, on the second day of May 1923.
That the distinct description of the property, which the petitioner desires to vacate, is as follows:
Lands in the township of West Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan, being composed of part of Zox Lakeside Park Subdivision of part of the northwest ¼ of Section 3, and part of the north ½ of the southwest ¼ of Section 3, Town 2 N. range 9 E. West Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan, said plat having been recorded in the Liber twenty-nine (29) of plats on pages 28 and 28-A, on the second day of May 1923.
THE distinct description of the property which the petitioner desires to vacate, is as follows:
Lots 1 to 144 inclusive according to said plat of Zox Lakeside Park Subdivision.
SECOND. All that portion of Riverside Drive lying to the east of a straight line connecting the N.W. angle of lot 144 and the S.W. angle of lot 142 according to said plat.
THIRD. That portion of Clinton Lagoon lying adjacent to the above mentioned lots and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the N.W. angle of lot 144 thence along the North line of said lot East 59.61 feet to the Northeast angle of said lot; thence South 0°-12' West 50.00 feet to the Southeast angle of said lot; thence North 89°-48' West 50.00 feet to the Southwest angle of said lot; thence North 0°-12' East 50.00 feet to the point of beginning.
FOURTH. The following twenty (20) feet in width lying adjacent to Lots 123, 124 and 125 of said subdivision and being more particularly described as beginning at the N.E. corner of said Lot 123, thence South 89°-48' East 20.00 feet to the S.E. corner of said Lot 125; thence due East 20.00 feet to a point; thence due North 80.00 feet to a point in the South line of Riverside Drive; thence West along the South side of Riverside Drive 20.00 feet to the place of beginning.
FIFTH. That portion of Clinton Lagoon lying adjacent to the above mentioned lots and more particularly described as beginning at the N.W. angle of said Lot 144; thence North 0°-12' East 50.00 feet to a point; thence North 89°-48' West 50.00 feet to a point; thence South 0°-12' West 50.00 feet to the N.W. angle of said Lot 144; thence East along the North line of said Lot 144 to the place of beginning.
Application for said vacation of a part of said plat has been filed in the Circuit Court for Oakland County at the Court House in the City of Pontiac on Monday, the 29th day of September, A. D. 1924, at ten o'clock in the forenoon or as soon thereafter as the same may be heard.
OAKS LAKE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY,
A Michigan Corporation, Petitioner.
CARL C. HENEMAN,
Attorney for Petitioner.
1100 First National Bank Building,
Main 3345—Detroit, Michigan. 9-21

MORTGAGE SALE—Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by the Detroit Realty & Construction Company, of Detroit, Wayne County, State of Michigan, to the First State Bank of Royal Oak, Michigan, dated the 30th day of October, A. D. 1923, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on the 8th day of October, 1923, in Liber 315 of mortgages on page 130, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice for principal and interest the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred Forty-five and 55/100 ($3145.55) Dollars, and no suit or proceeding 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 18th day of October, A. D. 1924, at 11:00 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 interest at the rate of seven (7%) per cent per annum, together with all legal costs, said mortgaged premises being described as
Lot number six hundred thirty-five (635) of Huntington Woods Subdivision of that part of section 21, T. 1 N., R. 11 E., lying west of Woodward Avenue, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 16 of plats on page 34, Oakland County records.
Dated: Royal Oak, Michigan, July 14, 1924.
Mortgagee.
FIRST STATE BANK OF ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN.
GEORGE B. HARTRICK,
Attorney for Mortgagee.
Business Address, 204-7 New Royal Oak Savings Bank, Royal Oak, Michigan. 12-25

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE
WHEREAS, Minnie M. Pierce, made and executed a certain mortgage bearing date the ninth day of April, A.D. 1921, to the Birmingham Lumber Company, of Birmingham, Mich., which mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Oakland on the fifth day of May, A. D. 1921, in Liber 259 of Mortgages on Page 77;
AND WHEREAS, the amount claimed to be due upon said mortgage, including interest at the date of this notice is the sum of Six Hundred Forty-three Dollars and Seventy-three Cents ($643.73), including principal and interest and whatever taxes the undersigned may pay up to and including the date of foreclosure of this mortgage, and an Attorney fee of Thirty-five Dollars ($35.00) as provided for in said mortgage; and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt now remaining secured thereby or any part thereof.
AND WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the money secured by said mortgage whereby the power of sale contained therein has become operative.
NOW THEREFORE, notice is given that by virtue of said power of sale and in pursuance thereof and of the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises described in said mortgage at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Saginaw Street entrance to the Court House in the City of Pontiac, (that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held), on Thursday, the 23rd day of October, 1924, at twelve o'clock noon, Central Standard Time, the description of which said premises contained in said Mortgage is as follows:
Land and property situated in the Township of West Bloomfield, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, as follows:
Lot One Hundred Seventy One (171) except Forty (40) feet off the East end of said Lot of Keego Beach Subdivision, part of the West one-half (½) of the Southwest quarter (¼) of Section One (1), and part of the East One-half (½) of the Southeast quarter (¼) of Section Two (2), Township Two (2) North Range Nine (9) East, according to the recorded plat thereof.
BIRMINGHAM LUMBER COMPANY,
Mortgagee.
KEELING & ROGUE,
Attorneys for Mortgagee.,
Business Address:
209-213 First National Bank Bldg.,
Pontiac, Michigan. 10-17

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, dated the 26th day of February, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-three and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds, Oakland County, Michigan, in Liber 284 of Mortgages on page 478, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice for principal and interest, the sum of Three Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Sixty-Eight Cents ($346.68), and no suit or proceeding having been instituted at law to recover the moneys secured thereby 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 interest at the rate of seven (7%) per cent per annum, together with all legal costs, and mortgaged premises will be sold and described as:
Lots Numbered Two Hundred Sixty-four (264) and Two Hundred Sixty-five (265) of Meadow Park Addition to the Village and City of Royal Oak, Oakland County, Michigan.
Dated at Royal Oak, Michigan, June 10, 1924.
FIRST STATE BANK OF ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN,
Mortgagee.
GEORGE B. HARTRICK,
Attorney for Mortgagee,
204-7 New Royal Oak Savings Bank Building, Royal Oak, Michigan. 9-21

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