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In two days he tried to get the thrills he had missed in 20 years. A comedy drama—clean as a whistle—very funny.

Coming May 15, "THE THIEF OF BAGDAD"

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

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

Rolfe C. Spinning, of Ridgeland avenue: "Personally, I am absolutely sold on the value of Birmingham and vicinity as a place to settle down and raise a family. Nearly everything that one could wish for is found here. My enthusiasm for this place carries me to the point of telling my Detroit friends that I, too, would like to have them located here. What a fine thing it would be if my home town in this way—our community would grow with an influx of good citizens."

James H. Cobb, Birmingham postmaster: "The amount of business that the local postoffice does today is twice what it was a little over a year ago. The wonderful growth of the territory now served by the Birmingham postoffice brings an incessant increase of duties of our staff. Daily we must learn new methods and certainly develops a recording and recalling memory to keep up with the times."

Mrs. Phillip Price of Yorkshire: "It is indeed a pleasure to live in a community with people where even perfect strangers are as kind as the people of Birmingham are. In my recent sorrow, the death of my husband, I found that Birmingham was not a strange place to stranger as I had felt it, but a group of understanding, sympathetic people willing to do every extreme for me in their number. The fourth grade of the Adam School and the Community House Board were particularly kind as well as Louis Colombo, Harry Martin, Edward Young, Axel Sherman, Joseph Donnelly and Frank Donovan, who acted as pallbearers."

Miss Alice M. Faulkner, Martin street: "To correct certain mistakes made in the Eccentric last week, I wish to say: I have not been acquainted with several Birmingham business firms. I have not been the entire business place formerly occupied by the Whitebecker restaurant. This place has been leased by Miss Whittenberger and is being occupied by her millinery store. I am to have a portion of her store for a line of children's clothes."

Clarence Vile, Superintendent of Birmingham schools: "I am sure that something has been done to curb this nuisance, but it has been holding the village in check. The school especially is concerned with the proposition for we are positively overrun with students. Tomorrow day goes by but what we are compelled to do is to send the bulk of the High School building. This is only one of the disturbances in running free through the roads, but are an annoyance to the student. Just a few days ago an enormous dog frightened one of the smaller girls so badly that the principal, who is the president of the past week's something, certainly ought to be done on the part of the police in getting rid of this uncalculated menace."

Miss Sweeney of the Merrill-Palmer School, of Detroit, who recently spoke before an open meeting of the Association of United Women in the interest of establishing a school for children from two to five years of age in the city. Women in the age of the hardest times for parents as well as children to rear, that a child of this age should have the full amount of sleep. The parents who do not get their children off to school in the morning shows alone the whole family inclusive to listen in to the late evening radio programs. In the present period in which all America is now living the sleep rule is a most difficult prospect to follow. The present example of this attitude is found in the youngster whose fond mamma took him in at the end of the night, o'clock but who, hours later, is found with his ears covered with head phones and his brain being utilized as an emergency aerial."

James F. Woster of Ann street: "As I see the conditions, and I have the advantage of many years of observation of the community, I believe this is going to be a comparatively quiet year in Birmingham for real estate. The conditions in Florida, it would have a tendency to seem quiet by comparison. However, Birmingham has never had any great boom as people have predicted, it has had more of a healthy, steady growth. I don't believe we can expect any more in the matter of real estate sale than we have enjoyed many other years. This might not hold true if the matter of widening Woodward avenue in the village was settled, but I believe that is the only thing that would bring on a big real estate year here."

Dr. N. T. Shaw of South Woodward avenue: "I have been in it. I figured out, but one sensible and economical way to settle the matter of what to do with the Grand Trunk tracks was to enable the state to widen Woodward avenue. There are, of course, three suggestions: routes from Royal Oak to Pontiac; staked off. In my opinion one reason for these three suggested routes is to

discourage inflation of prices on real estate along the line that will eventually be followed. I think it is very probable that the only changes made in the present right-of-way, when the times for moving comes, will be from the line between Royal Oak and Birmingham where the tracks are laid close to the D. U. R. tracks, to Frank's Mill, where they leave Woodward again, then from Oak street and north to the Benedict farm, near the Pine Road, they will probably have to be moved over. This will straighten out the line from Royal Oak through to Pontiac and have the expense of and entirely new right-of-way."

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Birmingham, Mich., April 22, 1935. To the Editor: One good Baptist said he would rather go to my funeral than see W. D. Woodward go through the center of our village. Another good Methodist said he was born 25 years too soon, you will never live to see W. D. Woodward.

I and I thought of the words of that humble citizen who trod the streets of Judas, Galilee and Samaria and ever went about doing good both to the bodies and souls of men, when he said, "Father forgive them."

When I look back over the history and development of good roads in the past 15 or 20 years, I think it fair to say that the most enthusiastic advocate of highway improvement would hardly have dared at that time to predict that within so short a time the country could have accomplished so much in the realm of good roads. It may be accredited one of the national marvels that we have gone so far toward giving this country a complete system of rural highways. Of course, this has been brought about largely because of the But it has been of immeasurable advantage to every department of life that interests the people of the city have shared with those of the country in the common benefit.

State officials are ready and willing, if we will only cooperate in the proposed widening of Woodward avenue 150 feet wide from property line to property line, the pavement 120 feet wide, leaving 15 feet on each side for sidewalks and other necessary improvements. The expense to be paid from the automobile license tax and the gasoline tax and to be known as State Trunk Line No. 10, maintained and operated at State expense. W. D. Woodward is coming up to us on the north and the south, let us by all means cooperate. John Hanna.

To the Editor: I noticed in last Sunday's photographic section of the Detroit Free Press a picture of some hundreds of school children arranged so as to form the words S. A. S. On closer examination I discovered that these children represented New York City schools, and that they were putting on a sidewalk campaign in that city for several reasons. First—for safety, and second, to keep the grass growing in the cracks between sidewalks and towns beautiful.

The thought occurred to me, if this S. A. S. slogan would not be a good one for Birmingham to adopt. Also, that the idea could be advocated and taught to the children of the schools here in Birmingham as well as in New York City. Some of our Birmingham school children (boys especially) do not have any regard for their own safety, but just take it for granted that motorists must be on the lookout continually and also along with the jay walking and constant traffic through and flowers, just to save a few steps. Do you not think that Birmingham could be made more beautiful and educate the children to stay on the sidewalks? John H. Wendorph, Brown street.

18,028 BOOKS LOANED BY BALDWIN LIBRARY. (Continued from Page 1) numbered 1,025, a decrease over the periodicals totaling 1,130 loaned the past preceding year. Total books of all kind drawn this past year totaled 18,828, as against 19,177 a year ago.

New books added to the Baldwin Public Library during the past year amounted to \$149,000. Total number of volumes available at the library 8,017, valued at \$7,072,277. A year ago the books in the library were valued at \$6,306,229. The total sum of money at the disposal of the Library Board for the past year amounted to \$6,034,011; this was made up of a balance of a year ago amounting to \$1,237,000, plus a year's income of \$4,797,011, less a year's expenditure of \$2,833,330. Lines and dues amounting to \$283,439 were also received. The Board met during the past year, leaving a balance on March 31, 1935, of \$2,833,330. J. B. Howarth is secretary of the Library Board. H. B. Clement is treasurer, while the other four members of the Board are Mrs. Iva Marwette, Mrs. Roberta Bay, Mrs. Alice Hartwell and Charles Clark.

Baldwin High School Baseball Team Going After S.E.A.A. Championship

By H. V. Whales. The baseball season in the S. E. A. A. has started with a bang. Birmingham is going to make one of the strongest bids in the history of the place in the association. After placing second in both football and basketball already this year, Birmingham athletics are coming into their own at last but at first place this year. Last year the team was ragged in spots although it was the majority of the year with only eight veterans returning there is nothing to be expected but a most successful season. Shave, though new in the box, shows remarkable speed and skill. He has shown marked ability controlled cutters. He will be a good man for the Fenrlade game to be played again Sunday, Friday, p.m., at 4 o'clock. Huntley will pitch for the visitors and a real duel from the stop is one of the best finds in years. He covers his territory easily and does not lose too fast and hot for him to be a snare. Plotten, at first, is much above his form of last year. He catches the wilder pegs with an accuracy which has helped materially in stabilizing the team and lending confidence to the batters. Latham, second baseman, is a veteran of two years in is wonderful. Taylor holds down the corner sack. A veteran of last year, he knows how

to make the most of his hits by fast running and quick thinking. Coach Van Winkle states that the infield far exceeds his fondest expectations and that, combined with a veteran outfield, it should bring home the bacon. Street, Lorne Campbell, and Viet, Captain of the nine, can absolutely be counted on as they are all veterans with a sticky mitt and sure throwing arm. Captain Viet is a born leader and it is expected that his calm assurance will keep the team quiet and down and in smooth running order. The most valuable substitutes and those who are the most apt to get into games are Hancock and Brady, infielders, and Cromie a contestant for the Fenrlade game to be played at Barrum Field, Friday, p.m., at 4 o'clock. Jones, Monro, there will pitch for the visitors and a real duel from the stop is one of the best finds in years. He covers his territory easily and does not lose too fast and hot for him to be a snare. Plotten, at first, is much above his form of last year. He catches the wilder pegs with an accuracy which has helped materially in stabilizing the team and lending confidence to the batters. Latham, second baseman, is a veteran of two years in is wonderful. Taylor holds down the corner sack. A veteran of last year, he knows how

BIRMINGHAM'S NEW DIRECTORY

For the past three weeks a solicitor, paid by the Birmingham Eccentric, has been canvassing Birmingham and vicinity for the necessary information to compile the new LOCAL DIRECTORY which the Eccentric proposes to issue in June. We have estimated that, in Birmingham, about four-fifths of the necessary information has been obtained; the one-fifth is due to the fact that many people were not at home when the solicitor called. He will make second calls, but to make certain that you will not be overlooked, we ask you to read the following:—

A solicitor, paid by the Eccentric, is now engaged in calling at each home in Birmingham and adjacent territory; he seeks to obtain the name of each occupant of the house, the address, and the occupation. When completed, all the names will be classified alphabetically; a portion of all local business firms, also.

In order to make sure that everybody in Birmingham and vicinity has a chance to be included, ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT CHARGE, in this DIRECTORY, The Eccentric asks that, if you have not been interviewed by our solicitor, to fill out the following blank, and mail or bring it to our office. We are making every possible attempt to interview every home in Birmingham and vicinity; if you have not been interviewed, use the following blank, or call us on the telephone.

Name _____ Address _____ Occupation _____ (Print above information for each member of your family who demand your name, over 18 years of age.)

STATE SHOWS DESIRE TO SETTLE WIDTH OF WOODWARD HIGHWAY. (Continued from Page 1) choice 100 feet in width, with later highway relief over the Grand Trunk roadbed.

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The defeat of the Atwood bill in the state legislature, which would authorize the State to condemn lands behind that which is actually being sold for any highway purposes, practically places the State at the mercy of those who demand numerous prices for their holdings. (5) In Mr. Seelye's opinion, there is a little likelihood of the State will ask that a local special assessment be created to pay for an highway widening here in Birmingham. He said, however, that, if the State was confronted with the proposition of paying out an unreasonably price, the bill would have to be substituted, he said. When Mr. Seelye said that options on the east side of Woodward avenue, set at \$261,963, was fairly and honestly arrived at, Mr. Seelye pointed out that past experience in securing land behind that which is actually being sold. For this reason, he believes that the appraisal arrived at here would not be high enough.

ROTARIANS HEAR DR. MARQUIS ON MONDAY

(Continued from page 1) making a careful, studied examination of the charges. Vision is that splendid characteristic that separates man from the lower animals; it is that quality of mind that sees in all things an abundance of the good as well as the bad. It is that kind of thinking that was shown by Michaelangelo, who, when he asked his servants to carry to his house a black-and-white granite, replied to them: "What do you want with such a thing?" "To make a statue," replied the sculptor, finished with his chisel, he had produced the figure of an angel from the granite.

"Courage is that desirable quality in the human being that stands squarely and unalterably back to a man's honest convictions about a certain thing," continued Dr. Marquis. "Without courage the other three characteristics do not amount to much. A man or woman with real courage will stand up for his or her soul's desire—even though it may cost him all that he possesses in the material world." "Your beautiful village of Birmingham, together with its surrounding territory, may profit by applying these attributes," added Dr. Marquis. "Blessed as this country is with natural beauty, the people who make up its population will advance farther in life's finer things if they are, as a collective group, open minded, have critical judgment, show respect for the future of their social, religious, and educational life, and back up these things with the moral courage to get them to at least everlastingly stay for them."

The meeting Monday, previous to the address by Dr. Marquis, George R. Averill, retiring president of the Rotary Club, made a short talk covering the first year of Rotary in Birmingham. Louis Hasall, new president, took office.

WORK PROGRESSING ON WIDER WOODWARD

(Continued from Page 1) of the D. U. R. no definite agreement was possible. The railroad is in the hands of a receiver and as a result the officers of the company are not free to act without authorization of the receiver. It is noted that Mr. Barlick could not speak definitely for the company.

It is noted that Mr. Hollman, however, that he would do everything in his power to hasten action in the re-lease of the tracks. This will be laid between the two strips of pavement which it is completed. It is noted that all of the new ways will be paved this week except the distance along which the Grand Trunk tracks interfere. Moving of the Grand Trunk tracks depends on Lansing' action now under way.

VILLAGE P.T.A. UNITS PLANNING TO CLOSE ACTIVITIES IN MAY

(Continued from Page 1) the younger daughter, banquet at other years. A committee is working on the preparations for this meeting. It probably will be held in the Baldwin auditorium and the entertainment will include a speaker of prominence, with music and a tea. A particular program has been arranged for the meeting of the P.T.A. A dinner next Wednesday evening will be given at the home of Mrs. Moore. The final report of the committee will be devoted to widening up the business for the year and setting up the budget for next year. These officers sponsored here in the high school by the council during the winter. A general meeting of the P.T.A. has been made on the course but it is estimated that the council about cleared expenses which amounted to \$200, the most expensive course that has yet been brought to Birmingham. The council will have its next meeting after next week, and it will come near the end of May.

The final report of the P.T.A. has had no activities this season outside of the election of officers for next year. These officers have appointed a program committee that will arrange, before the closing of school, for a picnic supper. The program next fall to formally open the Pierce street unit. Mrs. Loren E. Moore, Emmons avenue is in charge of this work.

ANNEXATION VOTE IS TO BE TAKEN JULY 14

(Continued from Page 1) of Oak Street, bounded on the east by Woodward avenue, on the north and west by Quaker Lake Estates. Comprising 36 acres. (2) Oakland Villas, 40 acres. (3) Crestview Subdivision, 80 acres. (4) Birmingham-Lincoln lots and Brightlawn Sub, 40 acres. (5) Oakland Villas, Oakland Village, Pierce street, 40 acres. (6) E. D. Davis unplatted, 60 acres. (7) A. J. Hart, unplatted, 15 acres. (8) West side of Lakewood avenue including Davock property. (9) Balmore square. These officers outside of town reveal that they are very desirous of annexation. Unless some concerted action is taken to oppose the various annexation projects, it is believed that they will carry at the special election. Any territory which will not be annexed any village taxes until 1936.

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