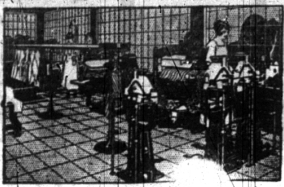


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Bigelow Clay Prod. Co. Needs Expansion

The Bigelow Clay Products Co. of Birmingham, Mich., has just announced an expansion program which will mean much to the shareholders of this company in the future. The company is manufacturing approximately 15,000 hollow tile daily, but this production necessitates running the machinery only 4 1/2 hours a day because there is not sufficient dryer and kiln capacity to take care of the production which the machinery is capable of turning out in 10 hours.

The shareholders and directors have authorized a special bond issue for the taking care of the financing of the expansion. The bonds are to be redeemed and retired from a subdivision of 295 parcels of land which the company will bring out on the market. The subdivision will include the acreage which the company owns which has no clay on it. The company proposes to build a dam and create a lake in the beautiful ravine, giving all lot purchasers the lake privilege. The lake will be provisioned with fish and the development includes the laying out a community along modern lines.

The development includes the paving of the land around the mill, low plant, the cleaning up of the property around the plant, laying out of lawns, planting of shrubs and trees, etc. The company burns oil and hence there is no dust, soot, or unpleasant odors from the plant. "Since the inception of the company over 2,000,000 hollow tile have been manufactured and sold," continued Mr. Levinson. "The company has passed through its experimental stage and has conclusively proven that the clay makes the very finest product that is used in this territory. Some of the leading building material firms in Detroit are handling the tile. Contractors and bricklayers state that the tile is smooth, straight, easy to handle, and economical to lay up in a wall. Big Piece Arrow trucks are hauling the product every day into Detroit, delivering it direct to the job and thus saving the builder money, time and delay. With 50,000,000 tile used annually in Detroit the company will not have to seek any additional territory for the increased production."

It has been a very interesting study to watch the development of this company. Organized in November of 1923, the plant was built and ready for production in June, 1924. "All clay is different," states C. F. Tefft, Ceramic Engineer with a national reputation who recently spent a month at the plant. "You have to learn your clay to succeed in this business. This clay is a glacial clay, fatty and difficult to handle, and the officers of the company deserve great credit for successful development. I believe they have jumped into successful production quicker than any company that I have been in contact with before. The plant is running smoothly now, the scrap has been reduced to a minimum, and its only a matter of kiln and dryer equipment to reach big production."

A member of the Detroit Building Department recently made the statement that those who build should use the building material near at hand and its only a matter of time when the majority of homes, stores, schools and churches, etc., in Oakland County and Detroit will be using hollow tile.

A recent financial statement shows assets of over half million dollars and the business looks to be in a healthy condition. The Directors of the company are C. Smith, of Farmington, Mich.; George A. Sutton, attorney, of Pontiac; David Levinson, of Farmington; and Volmar of Pontiac who are active at the plant, and St. Clair Couzens of Pontiac.

Fishing in Oakland Banned Until June 15 For the first time in the history of the county there is a closed season on all fishing in Oakland county this year from April 1 until June 15. The season was closed last year by state conservation commission after requests for such action had been made by county sportsmen who petitioned the conservation commission to stop fishing in the county lakes during the spawning season. This will be a provision to all kinds of fish. In previous years the season was closed on trout but they were often hooked and thrown back. Under the new rule there will be no excuse to be on a fishing season in the spring to be closed for three years.

The conservation commission will place fish fry from the Drayton Plains state hatchery in Oakland County lakes for another year. Last year this was done and during the year 19,000,000 fry were planted in county lakes by members of Pontiac chapter of Iszaak Walton League. The same thing will be done this year providing those interested will file applications at once with the state conservation department indicating their readiness to plant the fish.

Wormer & Moore Open Stinchfield Acres

Richard L. Mason, in charge of the suburban property department of Wormer & Moore, Realtors, Saturday announced the opening of Stinchfield Acres subdivision located in the restricted Bloomfield Hills section. This property which has been platted by 1 to 6 acre country estates has frontage on both sides of Wilder Woodward avenue at Long Lake Road. It adjoins the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club on the east, and the west end of the property overlooks the golf links of the Bloomfield Country Club. The property, which is owned by Charles W. Stinchfield, is one of the most attractive pieces of acreage in Bloomfield Hills and it is planned that it will develop into a section of homes that will do justice to the section in which it is located.

In speaking of the latest Bloomfield project, Mr. Mason stated, "We feel that the suburban property department of Wormer & Moore is indeed fortunate to secure such an exclusive piece of property located in the beautiful Bloomfield district has been laid out by French Paddock, who designed Bloomfield Village, as well as the Northville Hills country estates, the beautiful piece of property now being marketed by our organization in the near vicinity of Northville."

"There are a number of features that make Stinchfield Acres unusually desirable as a location for country estates," said Mason. "Probably the most conspicuous of all is the fact that it has frontage on both sides of Woodward Avenue, and that Long Lake Road is to be cut through and adjoin John E. Street. There already has been sufficient building done in this locality to properly establish the character of its ultimate development, and we feel that those who are fortunate enough to secure one of the 48 lots from 1 to 6 acres will have for themselves a home site that cannot be surpassed in the Bloomfield section."

Wattles' Corners

Parent-Teacher Meeting Officers for the coming year were elected preceding an interesting program at a regular meeting of the Smith School Parent-Teacher Association held last Saturday evening at the school house, at Wattles' Corners. Mrs. Robert Osborne was elected president. The three vice presidents elected were Mrs. Albert Wright, Anthony Berry and Mrs. Justine Jones. Mrs. Charles Fox was made secretary and Mrs. Thomas Cole, treasurer. D. J. Andrews, superintendent of the Halsey schools, gave the principal address. Mrs. Frank Bayliss gave variety to the program with several vocal solos and the primary department of the Smith school were very cunning in a short playlet that was cleverly produced by the teacher in the department.

At "Sunnycrest," their home at Wattles' Corners, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Wattles were hosts at a family dinner party last Sunday. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. John T. Miller and Miss Edith Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Starr of Royal Oak, and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Wattles of Rochester.

Spring Arrives With Its Mop, Brush and Pail

By Louise Hastings Spring "hath its charms" but like most other pleasant things we have to take the bitter with the sweet. The bitter in the instance is spring housecleaning. Its horrors have already begun to extend beyond the home and into the sacred domain of the business man, driven from his fireside by the specter of the tax collector.

Usually when one is obliged to ear off a shelf at home while the dining room is in an uproar, one can "get out" but even that little relief has been removed. The stores have taken up the cry and they are cleaning up the parlor on only to find it other moved to new quarters and therefore giving the appearance of housecleaning, with the curtains down and things looking like they do at home. Even the drug stores are following the trend of the times and lay out in the evening are applied to their brushes in ceiling painting after the rush hours. No place is one really safe these days. The hardware man who is reaping a harvest from the sale of mops and pails and other implements of grief for his fellow man is the only one to remain complacent. Even though things may be a bit up-side down at home in the meantime he knows that he does not suffer alone and increases his clerks and his smiles.

By the process of picking two and two together we forget that back at the past John Shaw, caretaker at the Masonic Temple, has undergone all of the tiring, reluctant work of cleaning. When Masons shyly ask when he intends to clean house at the Temple he gives them a knowing and fatherly pat on the shoulder while he tells them "not for several months yet. However, believe me the Temple has seemed before it has become doubly so, and now is being hailed as a haven of peace for house-cleaned husbands."

Report Of Township Accounts Published

For the first time in the history of Bloomfield township, an itemized list of the receipts and expenditures of funds handled by the Township Board are published in a local newspaper.

In another section of the Eccentric this week may be found a "calendar" listing prepared by James V. Bayley, township clerk.

"Of course, this statement is quite condensed, but it sets forth accurately the money which our office has collected in taxes during 1924, as well as showing where it was spent, together with the balances on hand," said Mr. Bayley. "Persons who may desire more detailed information on the subject may do so by coming to the township office."

Funds handled by the Township Board include taxes for state, county, school districts, cover roads, drain installations, highway improvement and repairs, and several other miscellaneous accounts.

Pity Above Wisdom More heartful that all wisdom is one draught of simple human pity that will not forsake us.—George Eliot.

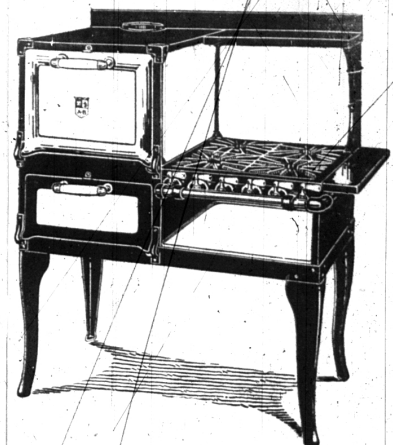
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