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RE-ASSESSMENT OF COUNTY TO BE MADE BY STATE TAX MEN

Failure Of County Supervisors To Lower Bloomfield Township Is Cause Of Appeal

RAISES COUNTY SHARE

State Equalization Board Made Decision In Lansing Last Tuesday

Bloomfield township as a part of Oakland County is to be re-assessed by state assessors, it developed at a meeting of the State Equalization Board which met in Lansing last Tuesday. Oakland is one of eleven counties in the state that will have this happen as a result of inability of the township supervisors to equalize the assessments on their own counties. Action for Oakland County was taken because of the assertion of Robert Y. Moore, Bloomfield township supervisor, that this township was not fairly assessed and was about $3,000,000 more than it should be. State men have already started the commercial reassessment in Pontiac.

It is stated by Mr. Moore that the reassessment will not raise the Bloomfield figure but will lower it, whereby it will very probably raise many of the townships in the county, considerably. Although he appealed to the state board, Mr. Moore has expressed that action from the county supervisors would check the reassessment before it started. This could have been handled by dividing the extra $3,000,000 over the remainder of the county.

Reassessment in the county will take several weeks and, with ten other counties being treated in a like manner, there is no time set for the completion of the assessment roll. As far as possible, Robert Moore is attempting to make up the tax roll from the present assessment and has completed the school taxes, highway improvement and road repair taxes, which average about 20 cents per thousand less than the corresponding taxes last year. This situation will hold throughout the tax roll, it is anticipated.

The reassessment of the county will make the tax roll very late this year, inasmuch as it is usually well along by this time as the amount of township taxes are usually settled when the county equalization board meets in June.

Expect To Push Plans For Adams Addition

Plans for the addition to the Adams school to be started this fall are to be submitted for the final consideration by the board of education next Tuesday evening when Fred Madison, architect, produces them with the alterations suggested by the board when they surveyed the plans Monday night. Upon the approval of the board next Tuesday, bids will be advertised for and the work will be hurried ahead as rapidly as possible.

A bond issue for $270,000 was approved at a special election in May to provide for a grade and junior high school of eighteen rooms and auditorium, to be built on the present site of the Adams school.

YES, WYLIE WILL HAVE A NAME FOR HIS PARK!

Wylie Bell, village commissioner, whose hobby is beautifying Birmingham's park property, may rest assured that the village-owned piece of land on Southfield avenue, near Lincoln avenue is going to have a name. The past week brought forth nearly a dozen suggestions for names to apply to the land in question. For the name that is chosen the Eccentric will pay five dollars; this contest closes September 15. It is open to any resident of Birmingham.

BOARD NOT TO SELL SCHOOL BOOKS HERE

School Board Believes Sale Of Text Books Would Be Unprofitable

TO BE SOLD AT SHAIN'S

Sale of text books by the board of education to the students in the local schools was denied by the board of education at their meeting last Monday night, after keeping the matter on the table for nearly six months. Petitions had been submitted to the board of education early in the year and were withdrawn by the principal petitioner, Mrs. R. H. Mann, at the recent annual school board meeting. There is still some agitation among the people to have the schools provide free text books. The former plan was to have the sale handled by the board at cost and an additional 1 per cent, which was supposed would care for the cost of handling the books.

This action of the school board was in decided contrast to the action of the Pontiac school board when last week they passed a resolution to furnish all text books for all of the grades in the public schools. This plan was brought up for discussion here at the last annual school board meeting but no formal petition has been tendered the board.

It was the belief of the signers on the petition for school books to be sold by the school board that the cost of text books would be considerably lowered under such ruling. Records of Charles J. Shain, who now handles the school books exclusively, shows that the books are sold for fifteen per cent profit and this nets practically actual profit, as a large majority of the books are carried over from one year to another. It was after looking into this local case and several others that Mrs. Mann withdraws her petition.

Sale of the text books is not limited to any number of merchants but Mr. Shain is the only merchant who has, to date, been willing to handle the books. Mr. Shain began the work a number of years ago.

LOCAL SPORTSMEN WILL ENTER NATIONAL SHOOT

Five local shooters, Frank Holznagle, Robert S. Porritt, Ed Daniels, J. Bert Peabody, and Fred J. Douglass will go to Dayton, Ohio, next week to enter the Grand Amateur National Shoot which will last five days.

All five men are members of the Birmingham Gun Club and will be entered in a number of the various events of the Shoot. They will leave here about August 24 and may be joined by a team from other members of the local club. The shoot will bring sportsmen from all over the United States and is only the second affair of its kind ever to be held.

Last Wednesday the same shooters went to Armada for a smaller shoot which was arranged for sportsmen in this section of the state. Armada took an active part in welcoming the shooters and the prizes consisted of merchandise from the local stores.

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APPOINT MANAGER FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

Louis Randall To Relieve Supt. Vliet Of Many Routine School Matters

AID BALDWINIAN STAFF

Louis M. Randall, chief engineer in the local school system, received appointment as business manager last Monday evening by the board of education. He will be the first man to hold this newly created position and will relieve Clarence Vliet, superintendent of school, of much the business of the board of education. He will continue to perform the duties of chief engineer with the assistance of some new janitor service that was added early in the spring when this plan was first introduced.

A detailed program has been compiled by Mr. Vliet specifying the duties of the new business manager. This is now in the hands of members of the board to be considered and passed upon at the next meeting. Mr. Randall will work in a measure under the direction of the school board and will make regular reports on his work to them.

Included among his required duties will be the purchase of materials for the schools, looking after the expenses, outputting the income of the two cafeterias, one in the high school and a small one in the Pierce street school. He will "O.K." all bills before they reach the board of education and numerous other valuable services. For these duties he received a slight increase in his salary, but not determined.

Formerly Mr. Vliet has assumed many of these duties but they have become so heavy that they now infringe upon the educational work for the five schools here.

Mr. Randall has lived in Birmingham all of his life. For the past eight years he has served in his present capacity and before that time conducted similar work for the village water plant. His supervision of the engineering work will not cease with his new appointment which takes effect immediately, but instead of caring for details he will be relieved of these by additional assistants who have been trained by him. His bond has been set at $1,000.

It has been suggested that Mr. Randall be chosen the financial obligations of the Baldwinian staff each year as well as receiving reports of the finances of the various class organizations. These accounts he will audit once each year. This, it is believed by the board, will encourage a greater business sense among the class officers and will eliminate the expenditure by class

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Rotarians Hear Of Nipigon River Trip

Members of the Birmingham Rotary club were given intimate glimpses of Nipigon Lake and River region, north of Port Arthur, Canada, when Charles J. Shain, Clarence Vliet, and Wylie Bell, local Rotarians together with Charles A. Bingham, local Exchangite, made short talks at Taft Hall Monday. These four men had just completed two weeks of canoeing and fishing in the Ontarian Province.

"Power—with a capital P—seems to be the keynote of activities in the Nipigon region," said Mr. Shain, who described the route over which they canoed. "Where once the mighty Nipigon River, claimed to have been the finest trout stream in the world—was the habitat of Nature's myriad fish and wild life, we found the things that man leaves behind him when he invades the forest for industrial profit. The Nipigon, though abounding in trout, whitefish and pike, no longer holds within it the wily trout in any great number, for the hydro-electric stations are being located at various intervals along the Nipigon, and the huge dams that have been erected prevent the former travels of the trout."

Mr. Shain said that their party left Detroit on a Canadian steamer, going through Saulte St. Marie, thence to Port Arthur. From Port Arthur they went by train to the Nipigon, where they obtained canoes, supplies, and guides. Because of the numerous dams in the Nipigon, the party did not go many miles before Fagin Falls, at the head of the river.

Messrs. Vliet, Bell, and Bingham narrated some of the amusing events which transpired on their trip. Mr. Vliet had with him a two-pound trout which he had caught in the Nipigon; it had been embalmed for preservation. Although each of the party caught numerous fish, the first prize went to Mr. Bingham who, in less than an hour one day, landed two pike, 17 and 9 pounds respectively.

BOARD TO HEAR THURBER INVITES ARTISTS TO USE FARM

Made public through the Detroit Institute of Arts, an invitation has been extended by Mrs. Thomas Thurber to Detroit artists to use her farm on Wing Lake as the setting for their landscape drawings. Located on the east shore of the lake, the lovely old Thurber home is located ideally for landscapes and the farm that surrounds the house is well wooded and rolling down to the shores of Wing Lake.

Mrs. Thurber is herself an artist of some note in Detroit and is prominent in Detroit art circles. Her invitation was extended through the president of the Institute of Arts and includes any artist interested in landscape work.

ADMINISTRATION SALE
The household goods and furniture of the late Isabel Curtis will be sold at auction on the premises on Hamilton street, Birmingham, on Saturday, August 22nd, at 1:30 p. m. Included in the sale will be 11 pieces bedrooms and antiques. Exa C. Bolton, administratrix. adv18-15

LOUIS M. RANDALL

CREDIT BUREAU AIDS OVERHEAD DECREASE

Local Merchants Trying To Eliminate 10 Per Cent Of Bad Debt Charges

BENEFIT TO CONSUMER

"Ninety per cent of the business transacted within our border is done on a credit basis," said F. W. Lackie of McAlpine, local surveyor, to the local credit bureau, in an interview today.

"This does not," went on Mr. Lackie, "necessarily mean that the entire business in Birmingham is transacted on credit basis but the actual ledger experience of our business and professional men proves beyond a doubt that ninety per cent of the business is carried on in such a way.

"Assuming that 10 per cent of such credit intended proves to be bad accounts this means that in order

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SUBDIVIDERS RUSH PLATS FOR APPROVAL

Stringent State Law Goes Into Effect Next Wednesday; Surveyors Busy

LOCAL PLATS ACCEPTED

New regulations issued by the State Auditor General, Oramel B. Fuller, governing the platting of subdivisions or additions to towns and villages that will take effect beginning next Wednesday is responsible for almost swamping the township and village offices with plats to be accepted before that date.

McAlpine, local surveyor, reports that the rush of work for the surveying of proposed plats is keeping his men working from seven o'clock in the morning until dark in the evening to get the great demand of work off before next Wednesday.

At the commission meeting Monday evening a preliminary plat for the Abelt subdivision on Lincoln avenue was presented. It was indicated that after the courts had been made 40 feet wide; provisions made for $4,000 or more restrictions and no temporary buildings or garages, the plat would be accepted. Dalevue Subdivision, a subdivision on Southfield avenue at Lincoln avenue, platted by Dr. A. W. Ives, was accepted by the village and will be sent to Lansing immediately. Frank L. Shattuck's Lincolnside Subdivision on the old Torrey plat was accepted with several corrections to be observed by the owner.

The township accepted the Colberry Plat located just south of Pontiac this week, along with the Thurber plat on Wing Lake and the Piper Place subdivision on Gilbert Lake, and the Edwin S. George plat. There were, besides these, numerous small plats that were approved by the board. These all will be taken to Lansing this week.

So much more exacting are the

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A PRESENTIMENT THAT CAME TRUE

W. J. Baumgartner, owner of Baumhaven and fancier of pedigreed dogs, steered his automobile leisurely down West Maple avenue, Monday afternoon, on the way home from a trip through the northern part of the State.

"Wonder if all our buildings are still there," he mused.

"I hope so," returned Mrs. Baumgartner. "Guess they are —there's the chicken house," she continued, as the car swept along the pavement.

"Sufferin' cats—I see the chicken house but where's tarzation is the big barn?" exclaimed Mr. Baumgartner as the entire premises came into view; where upon he "stepped on 'er" and soon learned that the big barn had been burned the previous evening.

FIRE DESTROYED 17 DOGS SUNDAY NIGHT

Blaze Of Unknown Origin Consumed Barn On Premises Of W. T. Baumgartner

BELIEVED INCENDIARY

Damage amounting to $6,500 resulted from a fire of unknown origin which destroyed seventeen valuable dogs and the kennels on the Baumbrae farm, a mile west of Birmingham off Maple road, last Sunday night.

Five full grown show dogs and three litters of puppies, belonging to W. J. Baumgartner, owner of the kennels, were included in the loss besides four dogs that were temporarily boarding on the farm. The loss was only partly covered by insurance. Nothing has been discovered to disclose the origin of the fire. The Baumgartner family were on a motor trip through the northern part of the state and the fire was first discovered by motorists passing on West Maple avenue, which lies close to the house and kennels. Some belief is held by Mr. Baumgartner that the fire was not accidental but was incendiary. He is endeavoring to substantiate his suspicions.

Five of the canines, fine bulldogs, that perished in the blaze, were in the exhibition that Mr. Baumgartner took to the Ben Kernel Club's annual dog show early in the spring in Convention Hall, Detroit. All of these were winners of various awards and were considered very valuable. The puppies that died in the fire were also of English bull stock and were being raised for show purposes. Fortunately, the best speciman was with the Baumgartners on their trip.

According to the story told by the caretaker, he had locked the barn about three o'clock and everything was in good condition when he retired a half hour later. It was about ten o'clock when the flames, then consuming about half the barn, were discovered. Although there are fire hydrants in the locality of the buildings, there has as yet no water been turned on in the section and the Birmingham fire department, which responded to the alarm, was obliged to use chemicals. They were able to save the house and other buildings but the barn was a total loss.

A short time ago the Detroit Kennel club sponsored a dog show on the Baumbrae farm when Mr. Baumgartner showed his own dogs as well as many dogs from Birmingham and Detroit. This it was determined, would be an annual event and before that time a new kennel near Mr. Baumgartner expects to have his kennels rebuilt.

Exchangites Hear Own Member Speak

Departing from the usual procedure of bringing in an outside speaker, Thomas Lynch introduced his fellow-Exchangite, Ralph C. Mouthrop, at the Tuesday noon meeting of the local Exchange club at the Old Farm. Mr. Moulthrop spoke on various angles of the lumber and coal business, together with a bit of personal history.

Mr. Moulthrop said that his penchant for the lumber business was inherited from a grandfather who once owned a large lumber mill in Bay City. Immediately after leaving school, Mr. Moulthrop went to Portland, Oregon, where he worked for four years in a large western mill; he came back to Detroit in 1916. He enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1917, and in 1919, after the Armistice, after completing arrangements to take over the local lumber company which he now heads, moved to Birmingham.

"Most of the lumber that we now buy for building come from the south." Mr. Moulthrop told his listeners. "Not so many years ago we obtained all the lumber necessary from Michigan; in from ten to fifty years the south will have naught but depleted forests, and then we shall have to look to the far west for our lumber imports."

The speaker describes the making of various articles sold by lumber concerns, including plaster, plaster board, tile, bricks, and cement.

L. D. Stanley, Jr., Exchange avenue, Birmingham Commissioner of the Boy Scouts, also made a few remarks at the meeting relative to scout work here. He thanked the Exchangites for their splendid support of the scout movement.

Ralph Swasey, of the Eco City Woolen Shop, was welcomed into membership in the club. He will fill the classification of planing mill.

BONSTELLE DANCING CLASS TO OPEN HERE

Sponsored by the Bonstelle Dramatic Training School under the personal supervision of Miss Jessie Bonstelle, classes in aesthetic, interpretive, character and ballet dancing will open in the Community House early in September.

Mlle. Victoria Cassan will personally direct the classes as she has in the Bonstelle Dramatic school. She was for eight years a member of Madam Anna Pavlowa's troupe and is the only teacher authorized to each the Pavlowa method. Registration dates for the classes have been set for Tuesday and Thursday of next week when the secretary of the school will be found in the Community House.

RENTING YOUR ROOM
Within the next two weeks Birmingham will witness the annual opening of school teachers. If you have a room that you want to rent, why not use a phone or bring in your "Classified Ad" for next week's Eccentric. Our numbers are 11 and 12.

'Always get your "Classified Ad" into The Eccentric office before each Wednesday night.

Sedan Overturned On West Maple Sunday

Slight injuries were sustained by the occupants of the sedan that fell over the embankment on West Maple avenue last Sunday. Although the names of the occupants could not be ascertained, the car, belonging to W. Miller of Bay City, received damages amounting to approximately $25. The woman, who was driving, suffered a broken nose and the other two women, who were accompanying her, received slight bruises.

The Bay City car was driving south onto West Maple off of Roxbury road when a Ford, driven by two negroes, struck the south bound car, which swerved across the bridge and rolled down the fifteen foot embankment. The sedan turned over in the ravine, shaking up and bruising the occupants.

JOHN A. NEAL, PUBLISHER ORION PAPER, IS DEAD

Funeral services for John A. Neal, veteran publisher of the Orion Weekly Review, Orion, Michigan, were held from his late home in that Orion Thursday afternoon of last week. Burial took place in Eastlawn cemetery, Orion.

Mr. Neal began the publication of the Review in 1881. He is survived by his widow, one son, George, a brother, Frank S. Neal, and a sister, Mrs. George H. Baker, both of Northville.

SCOUTS WILL SPEND FOUR DAYS CAMPING

Birmingham Youths To Have Outing Over Labor Day; Atherton Resigns

MacGREGOR APPOINTED

Final plans are being formulated for the four-day outing of the Birmingham troop of Boy Scouts to begin the third or fourth of September and extend to Labor Day.

Yesterday a group of men consisting of scoutmasters, assistant scoutmasters, troup committeemen and some members of the district committee met to make arrangements for the camp which will be open to all scouts and scout leaders. The boys and men on this hike will sleep in tents. Adult leaders will accompany the group so that the boys will be protected at all times. Lloyd Stanley, commissioner, will go with the campers.

Although the weekly gathering of the consolidated troup Wednesday evening was filled with interest in the trip, the last meeting of the troup to convene next Wednesday will give the boys an opportunity to complete all details for the outing. This last session will be led by Leon Mix and will be held in the Community House at seven o'clock.

The troup committee has appointed Joseph F. MacGregor as scoutmaster of Troup B1 and has sent this recommendation through National head quarters in New York City. E. T. Atherton has resigned as scoutmaster of the troup and his work with the boys Wednesday evening concluded his scoutmastership.

Under the leadership of Mr. Atherton, the consolidated troup took a hike to Forest Hills where he supervised an interesting program on the judging of distances. The scouts judged distances and then paced the distance to see if their eyes were well trained.

EAGLE SCOUT HONORS NEARLY WON BY SCHORR

Among the many scouts to win camp honors this summer and to be awarded on the way toward Eagle Scout heights is George Schorr, 17-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Schorr, who lacks only two merit badges of being an Eagle. This is the highest honor that can be earned by a scout, only one person of this rank residing in Birmingham, Lloyd Stanley, commissioner of the district committee holds this honor.

While on his camping expidition at Boy Scout Camp Tsargi near Mackinaw City young Schorr won eight merit badges. These were awarded in nature study, bird study, life saving, safety first, forestry, conservation, first aid, and camping. Two merit badges in civics and path-finding are all that prevents him from being an Eagle Scout. Previous to his departure for camp the scout had earned life and star honors. With the return of other boys from camp in a few days there will no doubt be other interesting reports on the winning of the coveted merit badges. The scouts who are taking part in the consolidated troup work are being given the same opportunity to earn badges as those boys who have had a chance to be in camp this summer.

Schools, Repaired And Improved During Summer, Will Open Sept. 8

"Back to School" is the slogan that has been adopted by the Better School League for the campaign that comes each fall with the approach of the opening of schools all over the country. Birmingham will take up the cry in an effort to urge all students with incomplete courses back to their desks. Opportunity for enrollment starts September 8, one week later than has been the practice for many years, when schools open here. All of the schools have been renovated and repairs on several of the buildings will be completed, as well as the new Pierce street school for the fall term. Two school bells instead of one will greet the children on their return as furniture is arriving for the Pierce street school and all of the teachers have been engaged to take their places in the class rooms on the morning of September 8. Plans are being discussed for a formal opening of the new building which likely will not occur until after school has actually begun in the building.

In the old Hill school new floors have been laid in the ground floor rooms and the building put into shape generally. Barnum school received a thorough repairing that was made necessary by the installation of a new heating plant last year. Comparatively little work was required to make the Adams school ready as within a short time, probably several weeks, operations will be

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SPECIAL WATER BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD HERE IN SEPTEMBER

Commission Directs Manager Starr To Prepare Plans And Estimates At Once

LESS THAN $100,000.00

Seek To Install New 1000-Gallon Well and 300,000 Gallon Storage Tank

A special election in Birmingham will be called for late in September at which time the village commission will present to local electors the propositions of issuing bonds to pay for the installation of a new well, pumping unit, mains, controls, and also for the erection of a 300,000 gallon steel water storage tank. The total bond issue will be between $90,000.00 and $100,000.00, according to preliminary plans and estimates in the hands of village manager Harry S. Starr.

Action on the special election was crystallized Monday night when village president Shain and commissioner Bingham and Bell passed a formal resolution directing the manager to prepare the necessary plans and estimates covering the two projects. During the past few months the village has conducted a series of test wells on the lands situated in the southwest part of Birmingham; three wells were drilled, and it is in this locality that manager Starr believes he can obtain a well capable of delivering 1000 gallons per minute.

If the electors approve the bond issue for the elevated tank, it will be erected on the village property on Lakeside avenue, near the Grand Trunk tracks. The tank proposition has been up three or four times in the past, but always was defeated because of the apathy of the voters.

According to comment heard in various quarters of the village, a strenuous effort will be made by many interested citizens to back up the village commission in providing sufficient water for this rapidly growing community.

The proposed new well outlet will be piped east on the extension of Lincoln avenue to Southfield avenue, and north on Pleasant avenue to West Maple avenue. According to manager Starr, if both these projects carry at the polls, Birmingham will have enough water next summer to prevent the adoption of water restrictions for sprinkling purposes.

HORSE SHOW STARTS TOMORROW IN HILLS

Many Entries Promise Interesting Day At Bloomfield Open Hunt Festivity

CHILDREN TO TAKE PART

Interesting names that promise keen competition appear among the list of entries in the Bloomfield Open Hunt Show commencing at 10:30 tomorrow morning. Entries are large in most of the 23 classes of horses.

The largest class entry is in Class 16 which is a competition over eight four foot jumps. Thirty horses will take part in this contest, W. O. Briggs entering the largest number of jumpers. He will have five horses in the ring. Other competitors in this class are Charles Winningham, J. A. Braun, Josephine Braun, Charles F. Henry, Mrs. J. A. Blackwood, John F. Sweeney, Hugo McManus, Ralph Polk, E. S. Nichols, Mary H. Taliaferro, Mrs. T. R. Donovan, Woodbrook Farm, Hillwood Stables and Bloomfield Open Hunt.

Many of the competitors in the four foot jump will also take part in the pair jump. This class has 15 entries, and will go over four jumps three feet six inches high.

Hunters, too, are listed among the entries. Five horses under four years of age that are suitable to become hunters will be shown. Hunter hacks in the Bloomfield Open Hunt Show will be shown by Mrs. O. Briggs, Hickory Grove Farm, Hillwood Stables and John S. Sweeney will be shown under Class 15. Five teams of three hunters will appear with riders in hunt costume.

Four riding and jumping classes are reserved for children and young people. The nine contestants in the young people's riding class will be Jane Winningham, E. S. Nichols, Ralph Polk, Julian Braun, Josephine Braun, Hugo McManus, one horse from the Grove Farm Stables and two entries from Hillwood Stables. In

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MCMILLAN HEARD ON BIRMINGHAM RADIO

Mortimer Neff Received News From Arctic Last Wednesday Night

DISTANCE 2600 MILES

As word was being broadcast to anxious families and the Canadian government and the Chicago National Radio convention Wednesday night by the station aboard the "Bowdoin," Donald B. McMillan's ship exploring the Arctic region, it was picked up here by Mortimer Neff, West Maple avenue, on a special instrument devised by him for the occasion.

Importance was attached to the message in that it told of the arrival of the "Arctic," a Canadian exploration vessel that has not been heard from for more than thirty days and was considered lost. The message was principally to relieve Canadian families with members aboard the ship. According to the radio message, the "Arctic" steamed into Etah harbor, beside the "Bowdoin" yesterday, after it had been without radio broadcasting facilities for a month and caught in the ice. The message said that all members of the "Arctic" party were alive and well.

Mortimer Neff, who picked up the message here about midnight Wednesday, was one of the first youths in the village to become interested in radio and has a wide knowledge of the subject. The set on which he received the message was prepared especially to take McMillan messages which are sent on such a low wave length that it impossible to pick them up on an ordinary set. He was prepared for word from the explorer Wednesday as it had been designated that at that time some message would be sent to the radio convention that was being held in Chicago. The convention had devised a machine similar to Neff's to receive the message.

The operator, Macgee, for the

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"Baldwin High Boys And Girls Not As They Used To Be" Says Ashwell

(By Helen V. Walker.)

"School kids of today are what you might call more devilish than they used to be. Girls use more paint and powder during their school days than they use to, and, take them as a whole, they are not the modest high school girls of nine or ten years ago. I used to think that the girls capered about pretty much years ago, but they might bow down to younger sisters of today, in many points," says Tom Ashwell, speaking of the modern school girl from his point of vantage. For nine years he has been closely associated with the school girl as head janitor in the Baldwin high school.

"I am small myself and I wouldn't cast any reflections on any of the kids because they were small, but it does seem to me that they are turning them out of school before they are hardly ready for long trousers. Seems like the ones they graduate from high school now are about the size they used to be in the eighth grade. They are bright enough though, their teachers say, but they are full of mischief. It is only about the last few months of school, when they are ready to graduate, that they lose any of the mischief-making qualities," Mr. Ashwell continued, not in a complaining way at all, but with a slight twinkle in his eye.

Girls in school a few years ago seemed like youngsters that you became attached to. By the time they had gone through the grades and were graduated, you actually missed

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