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BONDING FOR HILL SCHOOL ADDITION

When public officials are elected to dispense comforts and conveniences to the taxpayers, we, as taxpayers, under which we live, they generally figure out the cost of such improvement, and then ask the people to furnish the money. A bond issue is the means used to obtain the funds.

This school district, which is growing faster in population than anyone ever thought it would at this period in its history, is in need of more land upon which to erect school buildings. That is the reason why the school board has set December 8 as the time to bond for $54,500.00 with which to buy land west of the old Hill school for future development.

The school board, knowing that it must work quietly in order to secure options at the lowest possible price, did obtain these options at a price which they say is economical to the taxpayers. Certainly, they ought to know what they are talking about, and their request for the $54,500.00 will probably win the approval of local electors.

If there is anything amiss in this December 8 election, it may be said to be the short time in which the electors are allowed to settle the problem in their own minds. The Eccentric, however, perhaps because it has had a chance to go into the proposition more thoroughly than the average person, believes that this bond issue should carry.

We also believe that, in the future, the school board should never seek bonds of any kind unless it provides for a reasonable period of discussion among the taxpayers. To spring a bond issue out of a clear sky and then expect the voters to vote "yes"—all within a week or two—is really asking quite a bit of the people.

NOTHING NEW FOR 2,000 YEARS

When Professor E. S. King, of the Michigan State College, told members of the Birmingham Exchange club last week that "the world has made no real discovery for 2,000 years," we presume that he was referring to things that "moths do not consume, or rust decay"—in other words, the learned professor was dealing in things that are ETERNAL TRUTHS. We certainly agree, then, that the world has not made any new discovery since Christ established a TRUTH 2,000 years ago.

For TRUTH is ETERNAL—and neither moths nor rust can obliterate it from existence; only apathy and lethargy, those things that dull the inner conscience, can prevent the appearance of TRUTH from the thoughts and acts of humankind.

Physically and scientifically, the world has progressed immeasurably since the long ago—but such creations may totter and fall, and be built up again to crumble under the crash of human greed; recorded history will prove this.

What the world needs is the discovery of methods that will make Christianity Applied a desirable motive for a greater number of inhabitants upon this orange-shaped planet.

OUR ANNEXATION PROBLEMS

Annexation seems to be a popular term in the vicinity of Birmingham. Adjacent subdivisions, realizing that sparsely settled areas are unable to set up their own form of government in an economical fashion, are casting their eyes upon Birmingham; and this is fitting and proper. Why should one hesitate to take stock in a going, dividend-paying concern—whether it be one that operates for financial gain or for the dispensation of public comforts and conveniences?

When next April comes along to extend eternity beyond the bounds of March, local people will be called upon to decide whether or not they want Birmingham to annex approximately 1525 acres of nearby territory; they will be given ample opportunity to discuss the relative merits of the various propositions, and it is hoped that the public mind will pass up entertainment programs long enough to inform themselves of the conditions and circumstances surrounding these annexation problems.

GOLDEN RULE AND NEAR EAST RELIEF

Golden Rule Sunday comes this year on December 6. Golden Rule week ends on Golden Rule Sunday. It is the annual roll call for the Near East Relief—America's greatest overseas charity.

But for those whose hearts are right, every day is Golden Rule day and every week is Golden Rule week.

Little children are as hungry on Tuesday as on Sunday, and in September or June as well as in December.

The calendar has no red-letter days when little children—or grown-ups, either—can call a truce on hunger.

The world knows the story of how these children of the Near East came to be orphans. The world knows how their fathers and mothers lost their lives in the massacres and by famine or sickness.

Also, the world knows that other story—that better story—of how the Near East Relief, backed by the American people, stepped in at the hour of darkest despair and saved the children—gathered them in from street and deserted hovel and blazing desert, or found them freezing and starving, clad in rags, when the terrible winter set in, out there in Asia Minor.

The world will not be content with merely saving them and then leaving them helpless and unprotected. Americans still have this sacred duty before them—continue to feed and shelter and clothe and train for citizenship the helpless little ones who can look nowhere else for these things.

Observance of Golden Rule day may be as elaborate or as perfunctory as you like. The important thing is the giving of a contribution, or the signing of a check which may arrive in time to drive from some little face the shadows of misery and despair.

THE HILL WAY

A pretty road one day we found,
'Mid emer'ld hills it curved and wound
Where grass and trees and flow'rs abound
And dancing streamlets played.
Enchanted by its beauty rare
And loth to leave a spot so fair,
We stopped to dream and loiter there
And rested in the shade.

Would that it might be so in life,
When buffeted with care and strife
To chance upon a way that's rife
With happy things and bright.
The glory of the grass grown hills,
The rhythm of the murm'ring rills
A tired and weary heart instills
With peace and strength and light.

—Beatrice McDonald.

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

Came near having sleighing Sunday.

Prof. Hewitt has a large and interesting class in chemistry at the high school.

Wm. Satterlee and H. M. Perkins attended the State Grange at Lansing this week.

A new floor in National Hall is the latest improvement instituted by mine host, Daines.

Don't forget Mrs. Armstrong's concert at the Baptist church tomorrow evening.

It seems probable that letter postage will soon be reduced to two cents—our advice has been heeded.

The Birmingham Quadrille Band played at a recent Ball given by the Aetna Club at Utica, and gave perfect satisfaction.

Messrs. M. K. Taber and F. Ford visited Mt. Clemens and Port Huron last week. Moses traveled incog. but was several times spotted as a bad man.

Mr. G. E. Daines gives his usual New Year's ball, and to one and all he extends a cordial invitation. Of course a good time is assured to all participants.

Judge Hoyt says that Mr. Partridge will probably see who are his hearers before he discourses again upon charity and liberality; for his late lecture cost him a quarter.

Real Estate seems to have been on the fly lately. Monday Sam'l Soults sold his East Troy farm to Jonathan Todd for the neat sum of $8,000. John Howland sold his farm in Troy to John Davidson, Jr., the same day, price for 91¼ acres, $5,000. We hear that Bert Nixon has sold his farm in Southfield to a West Bloomfield man who is unknown to us.

Will Hawley, Corson's popular clerk, returned home from a month's visit to his old home in York state, on Saturday last. Will's feet are as big as ever and his smile makes the top of his head tremble for fear of decapitation just the same as of yore.

25 YEARS AGO

Ira Reed made a business trip to Detroit Monday last.

Walter McBride has a lucrative position at Harper's hospital, Detroit. Success to the young man.

Mrs. J. Rundel entertained the Whist Club last week.

West Patchett and family now occupy Mrs. Beattie's house, corner of Daines street and Woodward avenue.

A. R. Parks has a change of adv't this week. He tells of many things for sale in his popular market.

Mrs. J. F. Rundel and Mrs. E. Miller were quite severely injured by falling on a defective sidewalk Monday last. Both ladies, however, are much improved at this writing.

Found among "Don'ts for women:" "Don't get in the habit of breaking engagements because it storms. But a short skirt."

For sale: a heavy 4 oz. silver, open face watch; Elgin movement, Worth $20. Will sell for $10 spot cash.

The few people who were fortunate enough to attend the Episcopal Church last Sunday evening enjoyed a treat in listening to a sacred duet, rendered by Frank and Will Hodgins. They have voices of rare sweetness which blend harmoniously and very pleasing to the ear.

Bryan's plurality in Kentucky, according to official count, was 8,098.

Yale business men have finally come to the conclusion that bad roads are bad for business, and they are going to have some of the poorest highways leading into the village put into good condition.

WHAT BIRMINGHAM NEEDS MOST

CORRECT RAILROAD CROSSING

By Mrs. A. D. McLay of Frank street

Birmingham is a good place to live in every respect but one—and that is the railroad crossing on East Maple avenue. Because of the kind of warning lights used I think the crossing is unsafe. Many such intersections have red lights flashing continuously, consequently some of the people who cross the tracks in Birmingham do so without thinking that these signal only when trains are approaching. Another misleading feature about the lights is that they flash when engines are backing and switching far down the yard as well as when trains cross the tracks.

Often there are freight cars standing on each side of the crossing so that it is hard to know whether or not a train is approaching unless one is actually on the track and many times I have seen cars cross the tracks without stopping when the signals were flashing. If a continuous flash light is to be used there should be gates or a crossing man at least.

The Other Chap Says Something—

BETTER NEWSPAPERS

E. C. Hopwood, editor of The Cleveland Plain Dealer, sums up the newspaper question in this way:

"No honest student of the newspaper can deny that remarkable progress has been made in the general ethical standards of the press. This progress has not been spasmodic but steady. The newspaper of today is better than that of a decade ago, just as that of the last decade was better than those which had gone before it. Progress cannot assume perfection. It implies other things to be accomplished. So it is with the newspaper. There is much left to be done. There are many obstacles in the way—publishers and editors who put greed ahead of service, the highly acute competitive situation in the publishing field, and the public inertia which not infrequently refuses to be stir itself to support the better type of newspaper and is satisfied with lower standards. But in spite of all this, new ethical conceptions are gaining ground just as they are in most other lines of modern activity. It is not a bad thing to ask the newspapers to set forth their bill of principles, but it ought not to be forgotten tat no government or profession or industry is, in the long run, going to be very much ahead of the ethical standards of the public it serves."

And it may be added that on the whole the press today is as good if not better than its readers. A large portion of the press, of course, is concerned chiefly with featuring the sensational and presenting a distorted view of life to its readers, but there is another press which conceives itself duty bound to publish what the people ought to know, side by side with what the public wants to know. Neither course perhaps, will lead to the perfect newspaper, but then it may be said that humanity itself is not perfection. After all, the things that are of as much concern as good newspapers are good newspaper readers. The first is the problem of responsible journalism; the second the problem of efficient democracy.—William Allen White in the Emporia (Kans.) Gazette.

HAROLD (RED) GRANGE

Harold (Red) Grange has quit his college course at the University of Illinois to play professional foot ball. Two callers Sunday evening had emphatically opposed viewpoints on the action of the famous star. The college man sincerely deplored the step by Grange; said the decision announced at the close of the Ohio game at Columbus Saturday plainly indicated to him that Grange was professional in status as well as spirit ever since such cash negotiations have been in progress. The second caller, a successful young business man, declared Grange was sensible in capitalizing his present day popularity, that hundreds of prominent foot ball stars fade out of the picture over night and are a life time making a sum equal to what Grange will receive between now and New Year's. We dare say both views would have many followers with the majority not seriously blaming "Red" for his decision. To our mind the serious thing as far as Grange is concerned is his not completing his course and getting his degree. Of course he can do that later but he won't. The fact that he switched from an amateur to a professional for profit is not as serious a blunder as the ease with which he cast aside the advantages that go with a diploma from a great school like the University of Illinois.—Murl F. Defoe in the Charlotte (Mich.) Republican.

TWO WRONGS NOT A RIGHT

The attempt of Governor Groesbeck to justify his abuse of the parole power by attacking the probation system of the Recorder's court of this city is a dreadfully weak effort. It is not even a respectable smoke screen.

The Recorder's court undoubtedly is open to severe criticism because of some of the things it does and leaves undone. We are not defending it. But the sins of which it is guilty do not alter the fact that there is a vast difference between the act of a judge who publicly parroles minor offenders with the full knowledge of the prosecutor and the police and frequently after consulting them; and the act of a governor who secretly and without notifying or getting the views of judge, prosecutor or police, arbitrarily turns loose upon the state to ravage it at will, ten to twelve hundred felons a year, many of them persons guilty of the worst crimes in the category and as the subsequent careers of some show, to a considerable extent quite unchastened and unrepentent.

Nor is there any conceivable method of reasoning whereby errors and poor administration by the judges of the Recorder's court can in any sense be made an excuse for errors or poor administration by the governor of the state of Michigan. It is axiomatic that the commission of a wrong by one person does not justify the commission of a wrong by another. Two wrongs never make a right. Mr. Groesbeck's effort to infer that they do is juvenile.

More than this, Mr. Groesbeck is in a position where he ought to set a good example, not follow a bad one and then try to crouch behind it.—Detroit Free Press.

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60 Feet Birmingham Estates	3,000
70 Feet Quarton Lake Frontage	5,800
65 Feet Birmingham Forest Hills	2,800
60 Feet Golf View Heights	1,250
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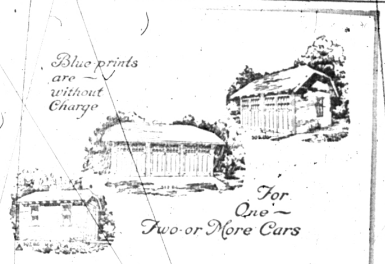

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