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## MAKE BELIEVE LAND

I know a happy land,  
There oft I go,  
Where all is fine and grand,  
No trace of woe.

There all the days are bright,  
Skies ever blue,  
In joy and cheer delight  
Wishes come true.

No bitterness or gloom  
Ever comes there,  
Birds sing, and flowers bloom,  
Lovely and fair.

Sorrow is left behind  
As in a dream,  
All things are good and kind,  
Joy reigns supreme.

Always I find the gates  
Standing ajar,  
And peace my soul awaits  
That naught can mar.

—Beatrice McDonald.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS  
of Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Cleared From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The  
Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of  
the Birmingham of Today.

## Forty-three Years Ago.

As our junior partner, Mr. Mitchell, was driving out with his new machine down in Troy one day last week, he happened to be passing the residence of his best girl (oh! I wish his poor wife could see this) and desiring to sling on a little more style than usual, hatched "Old Major" a good one with his corns and a whereupon that frisky animal gave a sudden start and Mitchell's feet flew upwards and he went over the back of the seat more sudden than grace.

The sewing machine in the back end of the wagon must have been coming for it jumped up in the air, cracked its heels together, shed its glory, turned two double somersaults backwards, out of its head in the road and reappeared in the back of Mitchell's mouth, looked reproachfully at the horse, then at the driver and lastly the machine, muttered "Total loss. No insurance," gathered up the fragments in a basket and drove sorrowfully home. Married men shouldn't be casting covetous eyes upon the fair daughters of Clawson.

Miss Eva Leonard of Pontiac, Michigan, an artist of some celebrity, has a class that is teaching oil painting with very flattering success. Her class consists of Mrs. J. M. Post, Mrs. C. M. Raynolds, Mrs. George H. Mitchell, Mrs. A. Whitehead, Jr., Miss Mamie E. Utter and Xenia Post. Each pupil has completed an oil painting that is a credit to themselves and teacher.

The telephone between Pontiac and Detroit via Birmingham was to have become an assured fact. After the line is up we can telephone readily enough to Port Huron, Kalamazoo, Pontiac, Detroit, Mt. Clemens and other points at a merely nominal cost. Mr. J. A. Bigelow will probably have the management of the line at this place. The line will probably be in operation by September 1st.

Miss Mattie Baldwin of this place and Miss Rhonda of Detroit, both teachers in the public schools of Detroit will vacationize at Duluth this summer.

We learn with sincere regret that Rev. J. B. Atchison, of Michigan, has passed away. Rev. Atchison will be remembered by many who knew him during his pastorate in our First Methodist church.

The long talked of lawn party will positively take place on Friday evening next at the residence of Mr. Allen Bigelow. Admission to grounds five cents, supper twenty cents, ice cream and cake ten cents. Vocal and instrumental music.

John Baldwin will recover from his bad attack of rheumatism.

The widow Lewis is indebted to Mrs. Ira Burdick for new hats for all her children.

Slade and Rundell have bought 100,000 lbs. of wool and are ready to buy more. This is nearly as much as has been purchased by all of the Pontiac merchants together.

Miss Jennie Peck is the fortunate possessor of one of those celebrated Bordman and Grey Square Grand pianos.

Mr. and Mrs. John Swan returned from Louisville, Ky., last week where they have been staying for the past year. They report the weather as remarkably cool (the wheat is in the wheat harvested, the corn early and the promise of an abundant fruit crop).

Miss Linda Foxwell, a former school teacher in our school, but more recently of Corona, was in town this week visiting friends.

This town owns a good first class set of band instruments and the gentlemen of the town have been thinking. Now why can't the ladies have organs and use them? We wait the moment.

Twenty-five years ago  
A very pleasant wedding  
at the home of the bride's parents,

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Houghton, of Big Beaver, Wednesday, July 11. The happy couple to be joined in the hands of matrimony were James Cobb, of Ann Arbor, and Miss Tracey Houghton, of Big Beaver. There were about twenty-five friends and relatives present to witness the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Mr. Clark, of Troy. The bride was handsomely gowned in white, and carried a beautiful bouquet of white roses. The groom was dressed in the conventional suit of black. Thomas H. Cobb, brother of the bride, acted as best man and carried the bride while the sister of the groom, who was dressed in black and white, acted as maid of honor. The couple were married in a suit of handsome pale blue and carried away in a carriage. The young couple received many useful and valuable presents. After the ceremony, a dainty luncheon was served at which the bride and groom left for their future home in Ann Arbor. Mr. Cobb has a lucrative position with the firm of E. Galkins, druggist, of that city, and the prospects are bright for a happy future for the young people. Several friends of the young people were in town, unite in wishing them many joys and few sorrows.

Miss Minnie Staley left Wednesday for a long visit with relatives in Toronto, Canada.

The following is good news: the day is not far distant when free rural delivery will be an established fact in Oakland county. A P. O. inspector will be here in the near future to inspect the rural routes and arrange to commence the service.

The following ladies and gentlemen are enjoying the pleasures of Pine Lake. Comfortably settled in the "Lodge" brothers' cottage two weeks' outing. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bigelow, Mr. and Mrs. Florence King, Emma Reid, Eva Ewing and Messrs. Thomas Cobb, Garner Miller and Ed Russell.

Yesterday Miss M. Utter and Miss Jean Stewart started on a tour via steamboat to Buffalo and the east. Miss Minnie Staley left Wednesday for a long visit with relatives and friends in Drayton Plains.

A pleasant meeting of the class of 1906 was held at the home of Miss M. Lou Watten, of Troy, Tuesday evening. Social conversation, in fact a regular old fashioned visit was indulged in and this together with a bounteous luncheon for which the Watten home is famous, made the evening a very happy one indeed.

Lou Randall while out driving Dr. Charles M. Raynolds' colt Wednesday was injured by being thrown from the cart into a ditch. The horse became frightened at some milk cans in a passing wagon.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Court House of said County, in and for the County of Oakland, on the 15th day of June, A. D. 1925.

In the Matter of the Estate of Eva Leonard, Deceased.  
John Starr, administrator of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and the time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court, this 15th day of June, 1925, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at Detroit, Michigan.  
ROSE STUCKWELL, Judge of Probate.

A true copy.  
DAN A. McCAFFEY, Probate Secretary.

Natural Supposition  
The fair, but inexperienced anger on her first falling trip eastward, the swirling pool and promptly fell a vigorous strike. She shrieked delightedly and the guide came rushing to the rescue. "What is it?" he cried. "A salmon!" The fair girl glanced over her shoulder. "Yes," she answered, "I suppose so. At least, that's what I'm fishing for. I mean e-c-u-ls for it."



## THE BANKER'S CREED

I believe no man can be a good banker who is not first a good citizen. I believe good citizenship rests on ability and willingness to pull one's own weight—with capacity not only for sturdy self-help—but also due regard for the rights of others. I believe that the more points at which we touch human nature and human interests the more alive we become and the longer we stay so.

I believe we cannot prosper by applying yesterday's obsolete methods to today—that each man is in some measure master of his community's destiny—that good government is a matter of business—not politics—that to assist in all material, moral and spiritual upbuilding is the fundamental of enlightened selfishness.

I believe we need more men of every class who will appreciate business and who will stand for something besides themselves.

I believe in efficiency—service and frugality—in a close-knit community of interests and hopes—in a state broad visioned stand that shall make for the banker-citizen, the banker-business man, the banker-farmer and the banker-verybody—State Bank Division, American Bankers Association.

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## Nature's Peculiarities

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## "A Bride Without Choice"

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## PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN



The Hardy Plan is going to Lay off fixing the Elveto to Help out with the Nixon Rush at the Imperial cafe. Then he's got a Roof to tar for Doc Smith and tonight being Saturday, he will hold down the third chair in Bill Jones' barber shop. If he lived in a city, he'd get in a Jam with all the Unions.

## BANKERS FOR BETTER FARMING

The Arkansas Bankers Association was recently presented with an object lesson on the value of good livestock and the worthlessness of the scrub stock common on too many farms. The Arkansas College of Agriculture had three oxen comfortably quartered in a corner of the lobby at the convention held in Little Rock. One cow displayed was a purebred Jersey which made a profit of \$5 last year, a second was a high grade cow, the product of a purebred bull and a scrub cow. She made a profit of \$5. The third cow was a common scrub cow declared to be a detriment to Arkansas farming.

Br'er William Says—  
"I don't pray for heaven to come down to me, like some folks do, that would be interfering with what heaven has planned for me. Besides, if it should come it might want me to go back up it before my work in this world is done to some use. Everything in its own season is the rule I go by."—Atlanta Constitution.

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