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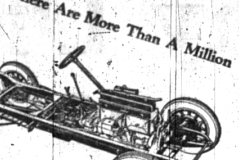

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By G. R. A.

You read an article in last week's Eccentric which showed that "the mail and telegraph service is poor between Lansing and Birmingham." It proved conclusively that Alex J. Groesbeck, Governor of the State of Michigan, has mentally elevated himself above the rank and file of Michigan citizens. In other words, the Governor of this State would emulate in certain ways the actions of the former head of Germany. Mr. Groesbeck will do well to remember what happened to the Kaiser.

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The deeper one gets into a study of the political affairs of any certain territory, the more one realizes the apathy of the people who "stay at home" on election day. The shrewd politician, who is mainly interested in an office for what material gain he can get out of it, knows that MOST voters do not vote—and he makes the most of this knowledge. If there is any so-called "rottenness" in public affairs, it is because the rank and file of citizens take no interest in their government.

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"Wets organize to down drys," is the headline of a news story Sunday. "Where, oh where, have we seen this same arrangement of the alphabet before," asks John Barleycorn.

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A bill is being prepared to cut down the length of the long body trucks which menace the safety of travel on Woodward avenue. The present law allows trucks not longer than 60 feet, the new bill would cut them down to 30 feet. Whether the law passes or not depends upon the amount of lobbying done by the truck companies. If you want these trucks cut down, write to Senator Howarth or Representative Lawson at Lansing about it.

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Last week the Eccentric published two ten page newspapers; one of them, the "Dollar Day" edition, was circulated on Tuesday, and the other came out on Friday, as usual. Every bit of both newspapers was composed and set up in our office, and then printed on our own press. Not so bad for a small town, eh?

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Part of this item will interest Albert Stoll Jr., local naturalist and exponent of things out-of-doors. We'd like to ask him this question: Why is there a gradual decline of wild life beyond the confines of our cities, while at the same time wild life in our cities is on the up-grade?

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"If muscles develop by use, then some people must have enormous vocal chords," said Dave Bell, of Oakland avenue, the other day.

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"Faint heart ne'er won fair lady," is an old adage. But George H. Mitchell, of Brown street, puts a different version on it. When he laments that "I heard of a local girl who fainted the other day and it was learned that, though her lips turned white, her cheeks never lost their drug store bloom."

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Never in the history of Bloomfield township has there been so much building activity. Everywhere you go you may see evidence of homebuilding. New homes mean more people; more people mean more schools. More schools mean more education. More education means more happiness—let's make Bloomfield township residents HAPPY.

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Now approaches the season when Birmingham motorists may reach their private driveways via ruts in the roads. Verily, all the mud is not in Eco City.

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"State's taxes jump 251 per cent in last decade," says the Sunday Free Press to its readers. "Quite a jump, at that," thinks Billy Bunkum of Bates street. "Why that's a bigger percentage than has been accomplished in beer manufacturing in this country. And to think that, in the latter case, they had some hope to help out, too."

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You who read this may have a notion that you are part of the government of Michigan. You are, true, as far as paying taxes is concerned. But, if you wanted to find out something about Michigan from its Michigan, Alex J. Groesbeck, it would not be so easy. This self-appointed dictator of the people might answer—and again he might not. Try it out and see, folks.

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Did you vote last Saturday at the township election? Did you vote at Monday's annual village election? If you did, you are merely doing your duty as a citizen. If you didn't, then what is wrong with your soul?

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If the average citizen were to attempt to familiarize himself with every law that is passed in this country within a year, he would have little time for anything else. Laws are made for people who cannot live in peace and happiness without stringent rules. The happiest man and woman is one who never has to hire a lawyer.

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Because he told the TRUTH, former Brig.-Gen. Mitchell is demoted from his position in the U. S. air service. Thus do we witness how truth hurts the vanity of our so-called statesmen. It is our opinion that Washington, D. C., will offer a good many citizens (for some roarin' hot winds before the second flood. What has taken years for Mitchell to learn is destroyed in "WEEKS"—the latter being our alleged Secretary of War.

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Since the Province of Ontario, Canada, will be allowed to sell 4 per cent beer, land values along the Detroit River on the Windsor side have doubled in worth during the past week. Fifteen cents per glass is going to be the cost of beer—and many Detroiters are seeking Canadian homes. Thus is proved the value of yeast; it is used in bread, beer, and now in swelling land values. Will wonders never cease!

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You who read this have, during the past week, added by your earthly wealth varying amounts of goods. Perhaps you have some left over, saving it up for "a rainy day." Have you added anything of a spiritual nature to your fortune during the past seven days? Have you learned a few stray bits of truth about God—have you come even a step nearer to that "peace that passeth understanding?" If you have, then the past week has been well spent. Ask your favorite preacher if this isn't true.

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What would you think of an employer who would allow one of his employees to assume a high-handed method of doing things, and then refuse point-blank to make an accounting to his employer about some of the things done? Well, folks, YOU are, in this case, the employer, and Gov. Groesbeck the employee. Some people may say that Groesbeck is doing nicely for Michigan; that may be so—but there are others who will disagree. We prophecy that A. J. Groesbeck is serving his last term—at least in Lansing.

Hudson-Essex Again Leads In Auto Sales

Official registration figures for February, with totals complete for Detroit and Wayne county, disclosed last week an overwhelming popularity for Hudson and Essex cars, as proved by sales leadership.

February, the largest month in Hudson and Essex history in Wayne county, with 526 retail sales to owners; wholesale and retail sales for the Detroit district were 723 cars. Hudson and Essex lead all six-cylinder lines by wide margins and led all the tours but one.

"I believe," asserts Aaron De Roy, Hudson-Essex distributor, "that this is the most striking example of leadership ever shown by a line of cars in Detroit. I believe that the whole industry is turning to coaches, the public remembers that Hudson-Essex originated the coach and brought it through to general adoption; that Hudson-Essex is still the only manufacturer which has the experience of building more than 200,000 coaches; and is still the only manufacturer able to market them at actually less than open cars."

A program of plant expansion is announced by the Hudson company, which will permit increased production. Officials estimate that this expansion will be complete in the early summer.

ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ROAD NO. 72
(Long and Reid Road East)
HEARING OF OBJECTIONS

Notice of Hearing of Objections to the Proposed Improvement Under Act 59, Public Acts of 1915, as Amended, of Assessment District Road No. 72.

To all persons interested in said improvement, and to the Townships of Troy and Bloomfield and to the County of Oakland at large:

WHEREAS, the petition was filed with us the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, praying for the improvement of a highway traversing the said townships and lying within the proposed assessment district, and highway limits more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the center of Woodward Avenue, Lincoln, and thence following the present travelled highway in the south and southeasterly direction through Sections 14 and 11, a distance of 2,600 feet, plus the angles, curves, and southeasterly following the highway as located and established by the Township of Bloomfield through Section 11 and 12, and easterly through Sections 12 and 13 to the center of Long and Reid Road, specially laid in the Township of Bloomfield, Oakland County, thence easterly along the present Reid Road, between Sections 7 and 8, and 18 and 17, Bloomfield and Troy, to the center of Section 16, Troy, thence northerly on section line, the Rochester Road, on the north and south quarter line through Sections 16 and 9, a distance of 2,600 feet, more or less, and

WHEREAS, we have made and filed our Order of Determination, dated the 3rd day of February, A. D. 1925, in which we have caused a survey and specifications and estimates of cost of said road to be made and filed with us, said Board of County Road Commissioners, at our office, in the City of Pontiac, in said County of Oakland and State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the specifications made by us are not yet final and will not be made final until after the Hearing of Objections to the same by all persons interested therein; and

WHEREAS, we have determined that the boundaries of the proposed assessment district for improving said road to be and described as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of the S. W. ¼ of Section 18, of the Township of Bloomfield; thence easterly on the east and west quarter line through Sections 11, 12 and 13 of the Township of Bloomfield and 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the Township of Troy to the center of Section 11; thence southerly on the north and south quarter line through Sections 11 and 14 of the Township of Troy to the center of Section 14; thence westerly on the east and west quarter line through Sections 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 of the Township of Troy and Sections 13 and 14 of the Township of Bloomfield to its intersection with Woodward Avenue Road (so-called); thence northwesterly on the center line of Woodward Avenue to its intersection with the west quarter line of Section 14; thence northerly on the north and south section line between Sections 14 and 15 and 10 and 11 to the point of beginning.

WHEREAS, it is proposed to improve said road or highway with a Class "F" concrete pavement, together with all necessary and proper culverts, bridges, drains and grading under the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the construction and improvement of highways, to borrow money therefor and the estimation and collection of taxes for the construction thereof and to limit the sums of money to be paid by counties for highway purposes" being Act 59, P. A. 1915, as amended; and

THEREFORE, all land owners of the lands within the above described boundaries in the Townships of Troy and Bloomfield and the County of Oakland at large and the Townships of Troy and Bloomfield as large are hereby notified that it is the intention of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Oakland to assess all lands within the proposed and above described boundaries; the County of Oakland at large and the Townships of Troy and Bloomfield at large for the benefits derived on account of the improvement of said highway according to the plans and specifications on file at our offices in the City of Pontiac, County of Oakland and State of Michigan.

Given under our hands this 13th day of February, A. D. 1925.

G. ROSS THOMPSON,
THOS. LYTLE,
LEHER D. ALLEN,
Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of Oakland.

46-47

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland in Chancery. No. 12905.

Victor N. Dennison, Plaintiff, vs. Seamon W. Sibley, Freeman W. Sibley, their unknown heirs, and the unknown heirs of Freeman W. Sibley, deceased, devisees, legatees and assigns of each and every of them, Defendants.

At a session of said Court held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, County of Oakland, State of Michigan on the 10th day of February, A. D. 1925.

Present: Hon. Frank L. Covert, Circuit Judge.

On reading and filing the Bill of Complaint duly filed in said cause, and the affidavit of Burton P. Daugherty, from which it satisfactorily appears to the Court that the defendants above named, or their unknown heirs, devisees and assigns are not a necessary and proper parties in the above entitled cause; and

It further appearing that after diligent search, inquiry and investigation it can not be ascertained, and it is not known whether the persons named in said Bill of Complaint as defendants, or any of them, are living or dead, or where he, she or they may reside if living, or whether the right, title, interest, claim, lien or possible right has been by them, or any of them assigned to any person or persons, and if dead whether he, she or they have personal representatives or heirs living, or where they or some or any of them may reside, or whether such title, interest, claim, lien or possible right has been disposed of by Will; and Further that the present whereabouts of such persons, their heirs-at-law, personal representatives, devisees, legatees and assigns, are unknown and the Post Office address of none of them can be ascertained, nor can it be ascertained whether any of them are minors or incompetents;

On motion of Pelton and McGee, attorneys for plaintiff:

It is ordered that the appearance of each and all of the foregoing defendants be entered in this cause within three months from the date of this Order and in case of their appearance, or the appearance of any of them, that they cause their Answer to the Bill of Complaint to be filed and a copy served upon the attorneys for plaintiff within fifteen days after service upon them, or their attorneys, of a copy of said Bill, and in default thereof that said Bill be taken as confessed by the said defendants who shall fail to comply with the requirements of this Order.

It is further ordered that the said plaintiff cause this Order to be published within forty days in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper, printed, published and circulating in said County, once in each week for six weeks in succession, or that plaintiff cause a copy of this Order to be personally served upon each of said defendants herein, at least twenty days before the time prescribed for his, her or their appearance.

FRANK L. COVERT,
Circuit Judge.

Countersigned:
Burton P. Daugherty, Clerk.
By Mary Cobb, Deputy.

Please take notice that this suit, in which the preceding Order was made, involves and is brought to quiet the title to the following described lands situate in the Township of Bloomfield, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, and more particularly described as follows:

The East 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 21 in Town 2 North, Range 10 East, containing 40 acres of land, be the same more or less.

PELTON & McGEE
Attorneys for Plaintiff
First National Bank Bldg.
Pontiac, Michigan.

43—49

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Circuit Court for the county of Oakland in Chancery. No. 12903.

Nels J. Hansen and Sarah C. Hansen, Plaintiffs vs. The Heirs, devisees and legatees of Chrilee F. D. Comfort, Eam Comfort, Mary Comfort, Isaac C. Comfort, Martha Johnson, Abigail P. Leach, the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns of Amzie W. Comfort, Newell B. Comfort, William C. Comfort, Emma A. Hopkins, Caroline Parmeler, and Sarah Tompkins, Lafayette H. Phillips, Consider Bachelder and Consider Bachelder, Jr. or the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns of each and every of them, Defendants.

At the session of said Court held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, on the 19th day of February, A. D. 1925.

Present: Honorable Frank L. Covert, Circuit Judge.

On reading and filing the Bill of complaint duly filed in said cause, and the affidavit of Carl H. Pelton, from which it satisfactorily appears to the Court that the defendants above named, or their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, are necessary and proper parties in the above entitled cause; and

It further appearing that after diligent search, inquiry and investigation it can not be ascertained, and it is not known whether the persons named in said Bill of Complaint as defendants, or any of them, are living or dead, or where he, she or they may reside if living, or whether the right, title interest, claim, lien or possible right has been by them, or any of them assigned to any person or persons, and if dead whether he, she or they have personal representatives or heirs living, or where they or some or any of them may reside, or whether such title, interest, claim, lien or possible right has been disposed of by Will; and Further that the present whereabouts of such persons, their heirs-at-law, personal representatives, devisees, legatees and assigns, are unknown and the Post Office address of none of them can be ascertained, nor can it be ascertained whether any of them are minors or incompetents;

On motion of Pelton & McGee, attorneys for plaintiff:

It is ordered that the appearance of each and all of the foregoing defendants be entered in this cause within three months from the date of this Order and in case of their appearance, or the appearance of any of them, that they cause their Answer to the Bill of Complaint to be filed and a copy served upon the attorneys for plaintiff within fifteen days after service upon them, or their attorneys, of a copy of said Bill, and in default thereof that said Bill be taken as confessed by the said defendants who shall fail to comply with the requirements of this Order.

It is further ordered that the said plaintiff cause this Order to be published within forty days in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper, printed, published and circulating in said County, once in each week for six weeks in succession, or that plaintiff cause a copy of this Order to be personally served upon each of said defendants herein, at least twenty days before the time prescribed for his, her or their appearance.

FRANK L. COVERT,
Circuit Judge.

Countersigned:
Burton P. Daugherty, Clerk.
By Mary Cobb, Deputy.

Please take notice that this suit, in which the preceding Order was made, involves and is brought to quiet the title to the following described lands situate in the Township of Bloomfield, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, and more particularly described as follows:

Parcel 1—Part of the west half of Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Bloomfield, commencing at the Southeast corned of said West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4; thence North on the east and west division line of the 1/4 section 44 rods; thence West and parallel with the 1/4 section line 40 rods; thence South and parallel with the East line 44 rods to the 1/4 section line; thence East along the said line 40 rods to the beginning, containing 11 acres of land.

Parcel II.—The East 7/8 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, in Town 2 North, Range 10 East, Michigan. Excepting therefrom 50.06 acres off the South end thereof owned by Annie Hupp and also excepting therefrom a parcel of land described as commencing at the Southeast corner thereof; thence Northerly 500 feet along the East boundary line; thence Westerly parallel with South boundary line 948.32 feet; thence Southerly parallel with East boundary line 500 feet; thence Easterly on South boundary line 948.32 feet, containing 11 acres in last description.

PELTON & McGEE,
Attorneys for Plaintiffs,
First National Bank Bldg.,
Pontiac, Michigan.

43—49

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, in Chancery.

Julius F. Rundel, Plaintiff, vs. Aaron Smith, Jane Smith, Cornelia J. Smith, Charles C. Smith, Cornelia H. Dudley, or their unknown heirs, legatees, devisees and assigns, Defendants.

Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, in Chancery, January 26th, 1925.

Satisfactorily appearing to the Court by the affidavit of Julius F. Rundel on file that Aaron Smith, Jane Smith, Cornelia J. Smith, Charles C. Smith, Cornelia H. Dudley, are sued by the names, residences and whereabouts of their heirs-at-law, devisees, legatees and assigns are unknown.

On motion of Patterson & Paterson, Attorneys for Plaintiff,

IT IS ORDERED that the above named Defendants, or their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, cause their appearance to be entered herein within three months from the date of this order, and that in case of their appearance they cause their answer to Plaintiff's Bill of Complaint to be filed and a copy thereof to be served upon said Plaintiff's Attorneys within twenty days after the serving on them of a copy of said bill and notice of this order, and in default thereof that said bill be taken as confessed by said Defendants.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within twenty days from the date hereof the Plaintiff cause a copy of this order to be published in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper published and circulating in the County of Oakland, and that such publication be continued on each week for six successive weeks, or that they cause a copy of this order to be personally served upon said Defendants at least twenty days before the time prescribed for their appearance.

FRANK L. COVERT,
Circuit Judge.

Countersigned:
BURTON P. DAUGHERTY,
County Clerk.

Please take notice that the above entitled suit in which the preceding order is made involves the following described real estate, as set forth in said Bill of Complaint, and to remove certain clouds on the title thereto, to-wit:

Real Estate situated and being in the Village of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan.

Lot Sixteen (16), and the Easterly five (5) feet of Lot Seventeen (17), and the west quarter (20) feet of Lot Fifteen (15) of the Map of the Eastern Addition to the Village of Birmingham, commonly called "Hamilton Plat," according to the recorded plat thereof in Liber Three (3) of Plats Page Four (4) in Oakland County Register's Office.

PATTERSON & PATTERSON,
Attorneys for Plaintiff,
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