



PEOPLE'S COLUMN

(Editor's Note—The following letter was received by the Eccentric this week from Gordon L. Bailey who moved from Birmingham to California over a year ago. Bailey, formerly proprietor of the stand in the D. U. R. waiting room, is well known to a great many local people.)

Glendale, California November 11, 1923 Mr. Geo. Averill, Birmingham, Michigan.

Dear George: We received some time ago an enormous bundle of "Eccentrics" and had a wonderful time reading about the old town. Also we are glad to know that in the future we will get them regularly.

I note that there have been many changes in Birmingham, and that Real Estate is moving briskly, and at a much better price. Even at what seems to be a high price for property in and around Bham now I believe it is still only in infancy. One has to travel around a little and compare real estate values in order to judge fairly on the situation. Out in this country you would pay about forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for a corner lot like Maple and Southfield avenues, because of its business advantages. Choice residence homes here range from three to ten thousand each. Birmingham and vicinity may not have the climate to compare with our climate here, something far greater in value and that is plenty of well paid employment at all times. The fine residential possibilities, should keep prices steadily on the upward trend. You will probably be interested in how Aaron Levinson is getting along. We recently had a letter from home telling us his whereabouts and lost no time in looking him up. From all reports we expected to find him very sick, but to our happy surprise he was sitting up in bed looking very chipper. He said he was feeling lots better, and he gained twenty-five (25) pounds since he left the hospital in Detroit. He was certainly glad to see someone from home and you may be sure we were just as pleased. He is in a wonderful sanatorium that is situated up in the foothills of the Sierra Madre mountains. It is just a delightful fifteen mile drive from Glendale so we see high quite often.

I was very sorry to hear of Bob Carnon's hard luck, but I feel as though it will all come out alright. I have a great deal of faith in Bob. An outstanding article in one of the last issues was the death of Capt. Bigelow. He was a fine citizen, and the Masonic Order has lost a craftsman that will never be forgotten. The enclosed clipping from the Los Angeles Herald gives you an idea of what the Shriner's are doing. The Temple they are building is a mammoth affair. Perhaps you would like to know a little about our trip since we left Bham. We came by way of the Yellowstone Trail. Tompkins and I did a great deal of fishing and sight-seeing along the way. I will tell about the country and the catch of fish, as I know it would be classed as a "fish story," however we caught some beauties. We camped in Yellowstone Park for six days where we had a great time sight seeing and feeding the bears and generally amusing ourselves. Then we went on to Portland over the famous Columbia River highway which is about 1000 feet picturesque scenery in the great Northwest. Then we proceeded down the coast stopping at all points of interest and finally ended the trip in Pasadena. Since then we have toured the Imperial Valley, parts of Arizona, old Mexico, and the Mojave Desert. We visited a large ranch (2,000 acres) while on our vacation in the mountains this summer and enjoyed a never to be forgotten moonlight ride on the Mojave Desert. It was a most wonderful sight as the clarity of the atmosphere allowed one to look ever such an immense area.

We left home in a Dodge Special Touring when returned perfect and after we had driven it over thousands of miles, we sold it for one hundred dollars less than we paid for it, which certainly speaks well for the second-hand value of the Dodge. I am driving an Oakland Sport now which is also giving me wonderful service. Altogether I have driven about 20,000 miles and my only trouble has been six flat tires.

Well, George, I think I have told you all of my interest. With kindest personal regards from Mrs. Bailey and myself.

Sincerely yours, Gordon L. Bailey

P. S.—We will be glad to welcome any Birmingham people coming to California at our home located at 518 Porter St., Glendale, California.

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Cobb Seeks Care In Christmas Mailing

Postmaster James W. Cobb urges co-operation on the part of all in postal service and assures patrons more efficient delivery if a few simple rules and regulations are followed out. He says, "The season of the year is approaching when the mails will be flooded with parcels. The number of improperly packed and insufficiently addressed parcels that we are receiving, especially from the rural states, suggests to us that a few remarks along this line will result in better postal service."

The address should be placed in the lower right-hand corner of the largest face of the parcel. The address should be printed in ink.

The address should be on the parcel, not on a tag. Parcels addressed by a tag only will not be accepted. Stickers or gummed labels are acceptable, but it is better to put the address on the wrapper than to put it on other paper and then try to stick it to the parcel with flour and water.

The address should also be enclosed inside of the parcel. An invoice of the contents may also be enclosed. The address should be on one side of the parcel and the contents insured, C. O. D. or special delivery parcels from being delivered as ordinary mail.

Your return address should also be in the upper left-hand corner of the largest face of the parcel. Parcels without return address are not mailable.

Old labels and stamps should be removed before returning or re-mailing a parcel. Patrons in returning parcels frequently try to make over an old address and the whole parcel address will become the return address and the old return address the new address. Such parcels are not mailable and will not be accepted.

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Shoe boxes or other light pasteboard boxes are not good containers and will not be accepted unless they are wrapped with heavy paper.

Postmasters are allowed to require at least three thicknesses of paper on every package.

Heat cord should be used in tying packages. Some people have tried to use thread or darning foot. We either re-tie these packages or return them.

Do not seal a parcel. Some containers who have a specially prepared label are allowed to seal parcels, but unless you have these printed labels you will be charged the first class rate of postage on your sealed parcel.

Many times the rural carriers remark your parcels in order to make them mobile rather than return them to you and cause a delay. A little extra cord and a good strong string makes much of the difference between a quick delivery and a lost parcel.

ABOUT TAX EXEMPT SECURITIES

Representative C. Morrison of Marston was passing this around among the supervisors while they were in session recently. Tax the people, tax with care, Tax to help the millionaire, Tax the doctor, tax his fee, Tax the dog and tax his bow, Tax his pig and tax his ear, And let the accountant mislead beg, Tax his pig and tax his equal, Tax his boots and tax his feet; Tax his hen, tax the hams, Tax the blisters on his hands, Tax his plow and tax his clothes, Tax the rat that eats his money, Tax his horse and tax his bed, Tax the bald spot on his head, Tax the eye, and tax the nose, Tax his "Henry," tax the gas, Tax the pig that he must pay, And make him travel o'er the grass, Tax his cow, and tax the calf, Tax him if he dares to laugh. He is but a common man, So tax the cow, just all you can, Tax the laborer, but be discreet, Tax him for working on the street, Tax his broad and tax his meat, Tax the shoes clear off his feet, Tax the man that won't pay the tax, Tax all hard-earned paper here, Tax his pig, and tax his smoke, Teach him government is no joke, Tax their coffins, tax their shrouds, Tax their souls beyond the clouds, Tax all business, tax the shop, Tax their incomes, tax their stocks, Tax the living, tax the dead; Tax the unborn, before they're fed, Tax the water, tax the air, Tax the sunlight if you dare, Tax them all and tax the hell, But close your eyes, so you can't see. The tax-exempt coupon-clipper go tax free.

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Eco City Man Loses His Driver's License Truman Miller of Holland avenue, Eco City, was found guilty by jury trial last Thursday in Justice Back court for driving while under the influence of liquor. He paid a fine and court costs of \$73.50 and his operator's license was revoked for 90 days. State Trooper O. H. Knox lodged the complaint on November 1 at the home of Julius Birshall of Detroit. Woodward and Bird avenues. Birshall claimed that Miller phoned into the line ahead of him without coming to a stop before he drove onto Woodward, thus leaving Birshall no other recourse than to ram Miller's car which the impact turned over. Miller, whose occupation is gravel trucking, was returning from a gravel pit southeast of Birmingham. While there he said he had taken a few drinks and thought to render himself inebriated. Miller phoned the court and that he was undoubtedly intoxicated. Miller phoned no other party before the court, November 1, and was released on \$200 bail. R. E. Keeling of Pontiac was the lawyer for the defendant.

SEEK TO CLEAR TITLES ON 10 ACRES OF VILLAGE PARK LAND

Village attorney Frank L. Doty was directed Monday night by the commission to begin a Chancery suit in the Pontiac Circuit Court to clear up the title to about ten acres of village park land, situated along the River Rouge north of Willett's street. This land was left to Birmingham in 1908 by Miss Martha Baldwin, sister of J. H. Baldwin, who died in 1898. It has been surveyed recently by manager Starr.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—in the Probate Court for the County of Oakland: At a session of said Court held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County of the 14th day of November, A. D. 1923. Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of the Probate Court. In the Matter of the Estate of Claude Bernard, deceased. S. O. Wylie Bell, a creditor, having filed administration of said estate, petitioned for the appointment of a receiver to collect the debts of said estate. It is Ordered that the 14th day of December, A. D. 1923, at nine o'clock Eastern Standard Time in the forenoon of said date, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition. It is Further Ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to and day of said date in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county. ROSS STOCKWELL, Judge of Probate.

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