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WILLIS BREWER IS REWARDED

Continued proof that Oakland County offers an unique situation in political circles is shown in the unanimous election of Willis M. Brewer, of Pontiac, to his third term as Chairman of the County Board of Auditors last week. The uniqueness is evidenced because Mr. Brewer, a staunch Democrat, was supported by the overwhelming

It must afford Mr. Brewer an inestimable amount of satisfaction to know that his efforts to administer to the needs of the County are received with approval from so many supervisors, all of whom have their own interests to meet, their own constituencies to serve. Perhaps more than the money which he is paid for his services Mr. Brewer feels the remuneration for his efforts in a job well done.

He is entering his fifth year as chairman of the County Board of Auditors; he has already served the city of Pontiac four years as Chairman of its Board of Education. To thus go on in approved public service is testimony to the sincerity and seriousness of purpose that defines his public acts.

Oakland County is growing faster than it ever grew before; problems of financial nature, relating to the construction of various public buildings, are before the people; it ought to rest many speculative minds to know that men like Mr. Brewer are handling these questions.

The Eccentric congratulates both the County and Mr. Brewer on their mutual relations; it hopes that, ere the curtain falls upon his career, Mr. Brewer will be projected farther up the ladder of public service—for men like him are needed in this hour of civilization's progress.

ON BEING A DREAMER

The world has profited from those that have dreamed dreams and seen visions. Without dreamers our civilization would be inferior to that of the Australian bushmen. Imagination is the chief ingredient of the dreamer's vision. Columbus dreamed of a ship's new course. The product of his imagination was a new world. Robert Fulton dreamed of the possibilities of steam as power for ships. The great greyhounds of the ocean are his dream children. What wonderful vision Samuel F. B. Morse possessed when he wove in fancy his first conception of telegraph! Earth's progress is the result of its dreamers. All dreamers have not contributed to earthly progress. Idle dreams are useless. Dreams are of no value unless linked with the determination necessary for their achievement. The will to do makes dreams real.

The dreamer's priceless gift to humanity is the imagination of his mind. Some call it Vision. There are many dreamers in the world today. That is our guarantee that earth is still in a state of upward progression.

HOW DO YOU USE YOUR FACTS?

Educationally we seem to be in the midst of an era of testing and examining of some kind. Not only teachers and school authorities, but anyone who feels so inclined may set some test or other for anyone who is willing to try his skill at answering.

There are poetry tests and history tests and general information tests; there are tests of all shades and descriptions, and tests of all degrees of difficulty. It would be folly to deny that much good can be gained from such testing. It is interesting to know which boy in school possesses more current history facts; which girl can tell the source of most quotations in poetry, and what young pupil knows the greatest number of capitals of the countries of the world.

This information about the pupils can readily be obtained; you have but to set a test and the thing is done. And in so far as such tests may stimulate hundreds of other boys and girls to further efforts to acquire such information, these tests take on an additional value. The spirit of rivalry and competition which they foster is on the whole a good thing.

But it is well to remember that such mere acquiring of facts is by no means the whole of education. The fact that it is often mistaken for education renders it necessary that we should insist strongly on it that the mere acquiring of facts may have in itself but little to do with education. What gives such information value is the use to which the holders of it may put in when there is occasion to use it. It is what you do with a fact that makes it important and worth while. Otherwise our minds remain lumber-rooms.

It is this practice of using facts which distinguishes the educated man from him who is a mere collector of facts. A half dozen facts properly used may give the individual a new view-point on life; it may open vistas never before open to him; it may stimulate thought of a depth and scope which could never be obtained through the haphazard collection of hundreds of facts.

Facts, definite and irrefragable facts, are the foundation of learning; they are only the foundation. The superstructure is thinking. That's what facts should be used for.

MANIA FOR THE NEW

Everybody is either a conservative or a progressive, but of late it appears that the progressives are gaining in representation and therefore in authority. The conservatives are daily seeing their beloved customs, traditions and institutions tumbling down before the onslaughts of the

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Royal purple and shining gold,
Crimsons and scarlets in splashes bold,
Daring colors and timid hues,
Blends of velvety browns and blues,
Pink that rivals a maiden's blush
Tints that baffle an artist's brush
Scenes that never a canvas bore,
Charmis that mortals are striving for,
These are the riches that autumn spills
Lavishly over the Bloomfield Hills.

Rest that never a city knows,
Valleys couched in sweet repose,
Curtailed off from the din of trade
And the noise of things that are being made
By a poetry that is richer far
Than all the rugs of the old-world ear,
Till unto the weary soul it seems
Some wonderful dreamer of heavenly dreams
With brushes of magic and wondrous quills
Has made his workshop the Bloomfield Hills.

Brag if you will of pictures rare
That adorn the walls of your mansion fair;
Prate of the beauties that you have seen
In the splendid courts of some king or queen;
Choose, you critics, one canvas grand
And call it the best from human hand.
Then come with me in these days of fall
And stand with me in October's hall.
And you'll vow it falls by a thousand thrills
To equal the charm of the Bloomfield Hills.

Eclectic, reforming, modernizing progressives. Everything old must go. It is decreed by the renovators.

Everywhere there is heard lamentation over the passing of the good old-fashioned, nationally characteristic American names and terms. Main street isn't good enough for us any more, but must be camouflaged by some aesthetic title with a long tail such as boulevard. The Grand Central Hotel or the American House has been painted out to make room for a foreign sounding name which hotel proprietors are apparently convinced is quite necessary to maintain harmony with the European plan. There were a lot of good old-fashioned street names such as Maple, Pine, Union, Church, Hemlock and those named after prominent citizens which have been compelled to abdicate in favor of high and confusing numerals just because the borough fathers understand that before a town can become a city it must re-christian its lateral streets with numerals.

Everything is affected by this mania for something new. Not even babies are immune from high-sounding, tongue-twisting, ink-wasting, Christian names. Furniture clerks look at you with eyes agape if you ask to be shown a couch, a sideboard or a dresser. Who said the prodigal son could not get lost in the old home town and among the home town people? The street upon which he fondly treads was Main street, but the intersection signs bears the strange legend "Nouveau Riche Boulevard," so it can't be Main street in the old home town after all.

He covets cars who never paid a gasoline bill. A grave situation never discourages the live ones. You've got to look sharp to cut much ice.

The darker things get the more chance there is to shine.

The good that die young aren't the good drivers. Feisty stories no longer interest children or wives. The meek may inherit the earth, but not from the meek.

The couple who married after quarreling thirty years are well trained.

An English princess is paid \$30,000 yearly; but you have to be born for the job.

If there were only four autos twenty-five years ago where did the taxi companies get their?

When a man loses anything else, he advertises for it. But when he loses his head, he stops advertising.

Paris says spring nighties will be short. Maybe that's so they will match Pullman blankets.

Pie is declared to be a real food. Another cut, please!

A big tax cut is promised before March 15. That will be the kindest cut of all.

It is stated that easy terms have been made for Belgium. It is ever easy to pay?

Broadway shows are expected to resume as soon as they can get enough chorus girls out of court.

"The Skin of your teeth."
"Making good."
"Believe me."
"I'll tell the world."

In the Baptist Church, Bates and Willets Streets, Pastor Thomas J. Edwards will speak Sunday nights at 7:30 o'clock, during October, on the above slang phrases, in the order named, showing their Bible origin and their true meaning.

HEAR THESE VITAL MESSAGES.

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
Hon. O. Poppleton is home from his trip East.
Wm. Sturges shucked out 55 bushels of the golden corn in one day lately for W. B. Drew. Good, Bill!
Last Saturday morning Mrs. Dan Cook gave the junior editor of this sheet the best curtain lecture he ever had—said speech lasting 2 1/2 hours, leaving "Dorcy" in such a limp condition that it took two men and a soothing syrup to quiet the old man, and a handful of hen feathers to bring him too.
Henry M. Look gave quite a speech at Southside and worried Mr. Dunbar very much.
Eman H. Castle wants some men to chop a lot of wood; see advertisement in cheap column.
Miss Susie Townbridge was the recipient of a beautiful watch and chain, birthday presents from her brother.

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