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BUILD AND LET BUILD

As far back as history begins, there have been persons who have stood in the way of progress, some for reasons mercenary, others because of a real lack of vision or natural narrow tendencies.

It is a matter of record that the builders of the ancient cities and public monuments, some of which still exist, were met by hundreds of obstacles placed in their way by visionless men, who did not have the future interests of their communities and the world at heart.

This same condition may be applied to our own community today. We see opposition to things which would expedite business or cause an economic improvement or would in humanity's sake afford protection against sickness or the killing of hundreds of motorists or pedestrians. Here there should be no room for the obstructionist. Birmingham is building pages of history and there should be nothing at this time to hamper its progress.

The truly great man of all time is the builder, the one who produces or helps to produce. The parasite, who does nothing for himself or fellow man is a cheat and the one who interferes with progress is little better. "Build and let build" should be our motto and the future will comfortably arrange itself. There are many things to be considered in the building up of a community. Ten men can do more than one and when these 10 men are arranged in team formation, their work can not only count much more than 10 times, but, in fact, 20 times as much.

SPARE THAT FLOWER!

For too many people flowers bloom only to be plucked. This sort cannot withstand the temptation to pick every blossom ill-fated enough to fall in their path. A flower seems to fill them with a desire of possession which will brook no refusal. Summer is their cue to strip the hills and fields of their beautiful greens and flowers and the last flower does not satisfy them.

The flower vandal would not be such a reprehensible personage if there were enough flowers to go around and if there were not countless persons who prefer to see the blossoms in their natural haunts. A wild flower in a vase has lost half its glory and although it has lent beauty to the home it has robbed the countryside of still greater beauty. The motorist or hiker who is content to see the spring flowers bud, bloom and fade on the ground or on the trees must make his flower-viewing excursions into the country early if he would see the cherished blooms before they have been snatched away.

Nature belongs to man and a dexter constitutional amendment would not dissuade the flower-loving public from its vandalistic habits. However, the thought that the wild flowers may become even less plentiful than at present should deter the flower pickers from irreverently pulling out the roots with the flowers. Those who pick the flowers should be the first to see that the plants are preserved.

WHAT NEWSPAPER ADS. DID

It was only a few years ago that the retail stores in towns and the smaller cities did the bulk of their week's business on Saturday. While the other five business days might have paid expenses the merchant depended upon the Saturday sales for the major portion of his week's profit. Needless to say the average merchant would have been exempt from excess profits taxes in those days.

The newspaper is given credit for discovering the possibility of scattering the Saturday peak load over the six business days of the week and it was newspaper advertising which has achieved the present more equitable distribution of the week's business. Saturday is still the merchant's busy day, but now he is only a little less busy on the preceding five days.

This is only one of the many services performed for business by newspaper advertising. It is irrefutable that a great part of the increase in business experienced by the retail stores generally in recent years has been created by newspaper advertising. Newspaper advertising has been the "Aladdin's Lamp" of the retail merchant. There are "might have been" the nation over if newspaper advertising had never been.

When a man isn't sure of himself, nobody else is. Wouldn't it be great if money circulated as fast as rumors?

Anybody in the author usually means backyard gossip in the book.

It is much more difficult to get around the world than to get around its laws.

It is always that way. The finer their home, the more they stay away from it.

A man can't old until he begins to delight in telling what a whirlwind he was in his youth.

It isn't so very difficult to succeed if you have industry, common sense, and a few first-class enemies.

A scientific item says that among those who use extremely fine fires are surgeons and dentists. And politicians.

The cities keep on growing, although the man who first called them "the wicked cities" didn't intend it as propaganda.

You may gauge the prosperity of any given time by the difficulty experienced in finding the reading matter in the magazines.

Cheer up. There is only one man in the world who hasn't the consolation of knowing that somebody is more worthless than he.



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

25 YEARS AGO

We are pleased to announce to the many friends of George H. Maxwell of near our village that he has signed a contract for forty weeks with the popular theatrical troupe of Rose Melville, "The Hopkins" Co., and he will be stage manager and "Pa Hopkins" for the season 1901-1902. Good pay, good luck, and a good time is given Mr. M. in his venture. We promise a big turn out when Papa comes to town—Detroit—this coming winter.

E. C. Fish, A. Whitehead, and Raynald Whitehead are home from the Pan-American and report having had a most enjoyable time.

Miss Lulu Davenport of Taylor, Woodlawn Co., Detroit, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Toms.

Mrs. Snyder of Detroit, a guest of Mrs. John, Savage, of our village, while out driving was thrown from a carriage one day last week and injured quite severely. Dr. C. M. Raynald was called and found no bones broken but a very sick lady. She is now recovering and will be well again.

Miss Minnie Jarvis of the Exchange Bank is enjoying her summer vacation with her mother in Detroit.

Mrs. Thomas Wiley and daughter, Miss Myrtle, of Owosso, called on old friends one day last week. They had been enjoying camp life at Judge J. S. Stockwell's cottage at Cass Lake and the jolly crowd were happy by the addition of Brodus Martin and family from the far west.

Dr. J. L. Campbell and wife are at the Pan-American viewing the beauties of the midway and enjoying themselves as they well know how to do.

Our young friend Jefferson Irish graduated at the Agricultural College at Lansing last week and is now making it easy "Pontiac." Whether he will take a course of study at Ann Arbor or not is what is agitating his mind at present, but he intends ultimately to engage in the practice of law. Wherever he goes and whatever he does he has our best wishes for a prosperous future.

Increase In Month's Library Calls Shown

An increase of nearly 20 per cent in circulation at the Baldwin Public Library in the month of July before we had the report of the library board at their meeting Thursday night. The report showed that 1,502 books were distributed in July, 1926, and 1,548 in the corresponding month a year ago. Some months this year the increase has been more than 50 per cent over the corresponding months a year ago, figures show.

More popular books are demanded than are supplied, according to the report of the librarian, and it was agreed by board members to buy more than one copy of them so that all could be accommodated. Approximately \$2,000 more than last year will be available for the library board from its share of the taxation.

MORE WAYS TO DOUBLE MONEY THAN IN OIL

By spending \$1 which you could have saved before you are 20 you spend \$10. By spending \$1 before you are 30 you spend \$5. By spending \$1 before you are 40 you spend \$2.50. By spending \$1 before you are 50 you spend \$1.25. By spending \$1 before you are 60 you spend \$1.00. By spending \$1 before you are 70 you spend \$1.00. By spending \$1 before you are 80 you spend \$1.00. By spending \$1 before you are 90 you spend \$1.00. By spending \$1 before you are 100 you spend \$1.00. By spending \$1 before you are 110 you spend \$1.00. By spending \$1 before you are 120 you spend \$1.00. By spending \$1 before you are 130 you spend \$1.00. By spending \$1 before you are 140 you spend \$1.00. By spending \$1 before you are 150 you spend \$1.00. By spending \$1 before you are 160 you spend \$1.00. By spending \$1 before you are 170 you spend \$1.00. By spending \$1 before you are 180 you spend \$1.00. By spending \$1 before you are 190 you spend \$1.00. By spending \$1 before you are 200 you spend \$1.00.

43 YEARS AGO

Mr. Al Pierce, brother-in-law of G. H. Toms, accompanied by his wife made a short visit in town last Monday. They were on their way home from an extended visit among the most prominent cities of the State of New York.

Harry Wattle of Troy was around town with his lame ankle last week.

Mrs. Chas. Howard (Ida Bodine) of St. Paul is in town visiting friends and relatives.

G. H. Mitchell returned from a very pleasant visit among friends in Stanton and at McBride, on Monday last. Mitchell has let up on the calico and potash business.

Volney Nixon took a vacation last week and showed his Southfield brothers that they couldn't beat him. He had been in town selling dry goods for the last six years.

Mrs. C. and Miss Mamie Utter returned from the celebrated Chautauque, last Saturday bringing many mementoes and remembrances of that famous resort. They are loud in their praise of that place. Miss Mamie graduated about a year's course of the C. L. S. C.

Married: Tuesday evening, Aug. 22nd, 1882, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. E. H. Green to Miss Alice J. Allen, daughter of Wm. Allen of St. Paul, Minn. The scene of his labors to resume work, accompanied by the wishes of a host of friends that their future may be tranquil and happy.

THE OTHER CHAP SAYS SOMETHING

Readers and Writers (Detroit Saturday Night)

As a reader, you may make that common error by which it is assumed that all a writer has to do is to sit down and write. It is forgotten that the first has to have something to write about. And to find that something, is sometimes as big a problem as discovering the north pole.

One editorial writer has gone so far as to pen lines on the recent hard-hurricane. That required comment on the latest blizzard in Patagonia we cannot say. Another wrote something about Doug and Mary in Moscow. Ugh! A New York scribbler discussed "Canada in Science," which would scarcely stir the blood in one's veins at the opening of dog days.

Doubtless before the cool breezes of November blow, there will be dissertations on the Yucatan siam crop, the abortive revolution in Portugal, the shortage in coals and the eighty-ninth anniversary of the birth of the inventor of toothpaste. As for ourselves, some fine day we are going to open our encyclopedias and write pieces about the first half-dozen subjects that offer. For example, Pertuis (10 to 1) you don't know what pertuis is, though you have doubtless had it. Joseph Anton Maximilian Pertis, George Heinrich Pertis, Fern, Purgis and Pietro Pertugino. How would those do?

Lakeview's Pavement and Fred Green For Governor (In the Lakeview Enterprise)

The Lakeview Enterprise is not opposing Governor Alex Groesbeck because of any ill toward him but because of many of his official acts as governor.

We realize and appreciate the good things that have been done for this state of ours but many of his official acts have been so flagrantly un-American that the voters of Michigan should have doubtless seen the voting for Fred Green of Iowa for Governor on the Republican ticket at the September primaries.

The Lakeview Enterprise does not believe that the present governor, who wants to serve a fourth term, is

corrupt but we do believe that he has used his position to demand of his fellow-politicians that they in turn whip into line communities that do not stand in his favor.

The Lakeview Enterprise has been approached within the last few weeks by members of the Groesbeck political machine and the attempt has been made to whip this newspaper into line and keep publicity out of the paper that might give the voters in this section of the state any information or news concerning the candidacy of our neighbor-candidate, Fred Green of Iowa.

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all of Montcalm county knew that means the vote-chasers of Alex Groesbeck were going to stifle publicity favoring Fred Green of Iowa.
The editors of the Lakeview Enterprise want each and every politician, each and every voter, each and every advertiser and any others interested to know that we are supporting Fred Green, mayor of Iowa, for governor of the state of Michigan on the Republican ticket at the September primaries and we have in our office a petition signed by 85 per cent of the business men endorsing the same Fred Green for governor.
Son: Say, Dad, did you see where that Chicago man robbed three homes every night?
Father: He must have been trying to keep his son in college.—Drexler.

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