

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications must be kept confidential upon request.

CHRISTMAS

To the Editor: A man sang a song over our radio the other night which we thought was very appropriate for this season of the year. The title, as near as we could tell, was "Buy, Buy, Blackbird." We thought it didn't make much sense, until we suddenly remembered that Christmas is only ten shopping days away. Then the fog lifted, and we smilingly assured ourselves that there was a song writer who had caught the spirit of Christmas and passed it on through the medium of this popular song.

Two Old Prospectors on Trial



Albert B. Fall (left) and Edward L. Doheny used to prospect together for gold in the mesas of New Mexico. Now they are on trial in Washington on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government, the charge growing out of Doheny's \$100,000 gift to Fall several years ago when Fall was secretary of the treasury. Later Fall leased part of the Elk Hills and Teapot Dome Oil Reserves to Doheny, and it is charged the \$100,000 was a bribe.

The teachers have helped from the home, and the home cannot give the help unless the ideals are still surrounding it. The dropping of ideals, morals and the making of our homes "merely places to camp in" is, because we as women have become indifferent, to the tide of the mechanical part of life. It has so engulfed us we can see no other. Materially we are clothed in ermine, and fine people, but spiritually we are in sack cloth and ashes. Again I state, women must make the advance by attaching herself to the spiritual forces of life, take hold and hold.

If, as my friend states, there are 75 percent of the people of Birmingham not attending church, small I tell him why; because it is the women who have dropped out, have become tired of the effort it meant to prepare the family on Sunday morning.

So therefore again I say it is Woman who must fly the standard. It is Woman who holds the key to the situation. It is Woman who must advance, and as we learn from the story of the Garden of Eden, not to our credit, Man follows.

VERA M. AMOS, The Cottage, Cspanbrook.

To the Editor: I am compelled to express my admiration for the wonderful speed of your force in getting the report of the recall election (the very first ever held in Birmingham) here last week, in which President Charles J. Shain won a great victory of 282 majority. Every precinct had a correct report of the votes cast, with several columns of reading matter all pertaining to the day's work. All this work was done and the many papers distributed over the village inside of an hour's time after the closing of the polls.

Verly I don't think the accuracy and speed ever were equalled by any publication in the U. S. The Eccentric gave satisfaction. George H. Mitchell.

Random Doings

Joseph and John Bainbridge, twins of Durham, Eng., danced for several hours at a party in honor of their 82nd birthday. Horace Golden, a vaudeville performer, was fined in Birmingham, Eng., for distributing imitation United States bills as an advertisement. Arthur Boon, a Chicago lad who stole from his uncle in order to play billiards, was placed on probation and ordered not to play the game for two years. Miss Elizabeth Clouston of London willed \$40,000 to a faithful woman servant. Andrew Farrow of Leeds, Eng., who killed his wife for snoring will plead insanity. Joseph Gray, 69, of Hertford, Eng., celebrated his golden wedding with his second wife, whom he married when he was 19. Queen Maud of Norway is an enthusiastic dancer and has recently learned the Charleston. Rev. D. R. Norman of Litchfield, Eng., now 98, plans to resign his pastorate on his 100th birthday. Arrested for intoxication, Miss Harriet Bernard of Chicago produced a roll of bills and said to the policeman: "All right, old dear; what's the fine?" Henry Wilford of St. Paul was fined \$25 for turning in a false alarm to win a \$5 bet. King Solomon of the Zulus recently married his 40th wife with elaborate ceremonies at Ekupo-kon. Mrs. Mary Payne, 49, had 14 purses in her possession when arrested in St. Louis for picking pockets. A ragged Chicago hobo found a purse containing \$127 and turned it over to the central police station. William H. Mahoney of Bristol, Eng., was sentenced to five years imprisonment for entering a house and kissing a maid five times. Constantine Bonner, 19, of Belfast bit off his father's ear when reprimanded for making too much noise. Carlos Mendoza, a cobbler (died at his daughter's home in Madrid at the age of 139. David McMurray of Glasgow was sent to jail for stealing and selling his uncle's wig.

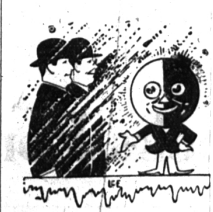
FROM Factory Laborer TO Factory Accountant

is the record of one young man who secured most of his training in night school while employed as a factory laborer. This change was brought about by a course in bookkeeping and accounting at The Business Institute. It requires but a few months in our Day or Evening classes to secure training of this kind which will fortify you against the frequent layoffs which are forced upon many factory laborers. YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ENROLLING EVERY WEEK. Night school on Monday and Thursday evenings affords opportunity to secure individual instruction in bookkeeping, accounting, shorthand, typewriting, and other commercial subjects. For further information call at the office any day or Monday or Thursday evenings, phone Pontiac 85, or mail this advertisement.

The Business Institute

15-19 W. Lawrence Street PONTIAC INSTITUTE CONSERVATORY SAME ADDRESS

ing unless "Mother" will do it. No schools for the simple reasons that disrespect to the head of the house the time spent there is so short, in such a statement, either. And at most three or four hours a again our young folk cannot obtain week. As we know, to every normal child that is necessary to be taught all boy and girl that length of time from the churches or Sunday is not sufficient for teaching unless



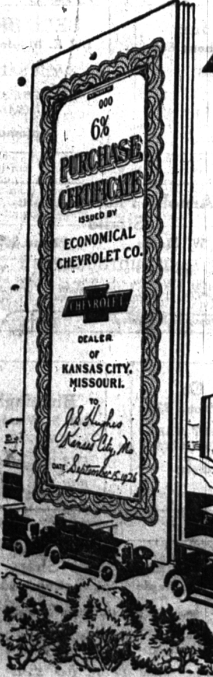
OLD MAN WINTER will think it's a new coat sure. If you send your big coat to us we'll put it into shape for another season's stylish wearfulness.

Mr. Before and After WHEN THINGS LOOK DARK SEND FOR US

Jewell A. B. C. Cleaners Cleaning, Dyeing, Repairing 412 S. WOODWARD PHONE 312

DEFENDS WOMAN

To the Editor: May I be allowed to answer in letter in your column today, "Old Faithful" in his comment on my article of last week. I cannot agree with him. Such a task as keeping ideals and morals high is a heavy one for woman, for it is woman who has done such tasks always. But as I stated, because of the restless age we are living in now, it is only by cooperation that any advance can be made and kept. By ideals, one does not necessarily mean to keep one's head in the clouds, for ideals are in our own homes, in our every day life, in our treatment of our fellow men. And cannot we prove that woman has always been a teacher when we remember it was our Mother who taught us our first prayer at her knee, and it is we who have slipped, not the teacher. I quite agree in regard to the "modern home," and again I say only by rational cooperation can we hope, to help in these matters, and the help must come from Woman, because, though young folk are taught high standards in our schools, it is a matter of impossibility to keep them high unless they have a backing at home. And they cannot have that back-



for Economical Transportation CHEVROLET 40,000 have bought CHEVROLET the Certificate Way Use this plan to pay cash for your next car and effect a decided saving. The widespread favor now enjoyed by the Chevrolet Purchase Certificate Plan is partly due to its fundamental soundness, safety and thrift and partly to the fact that the buyer earns 6%, instead of paying interest, and receives additional attractive credits on all service and accessories purchased from his Chevrolet dealer. Come in! Let us show you why so many thousands have used this famous and widely popular plan in buying the worlds finest low-priced car. Touring or Roadster \$510, Coupe or Coach \$645, Sedan \$735, Landau \$765, 1-Ton Truck (Chassis Only) \$495, 1/2-Ton Truck (Chassis Only) \$375. All prices f. o. b. Flint, Mich.

This sign is your Guarantee! We Handle Genuine Goods-No Substitutes. Try Our Rich DR. SHAMPOO

We use standard toilet preparations made in scientific laboratories under the supervision of graduate chemists. Only the best is good enough for our trade. Our service is of the same high standard as our supplies. We guard your health and enhance your personal appearance. If you appreciate cleanliness and sanitation, super-service and high grade supplies, drop into our shop at the first opportunity. This is the shop you have been looking for.

Deer's Barber Shop THE FAMILY SHOP 117 E. Maple Avenue

Tracy & Cotton, Inc. Open Nights and Sundays 505 N. Woodward Birmingham, Mich.

QUALITY AT LOW COST

Large advertisement for jewelry and gifts. Title: 'GIFTS of Enduring Charm'. Subtitle: 'For Gifts That Last-- Consult Your Jeweler'. Features various jewelry items like rings, watches, and brooches. Includes text: 'A COMPLETE LINE OF XMAS CARDS', 'SEASON'S GREETINGS', 'FOR HIM Pocket Watches, Strap Watches, Gold Knives, Chains, Cuff Links, Tie Pins, Cigarette Cases, Leather Wallets, Pens, Pencils, Rings', 'FOR HER Wrist Watches, Rings, Diamonds, Brooches, Earrings, Brooches, Pearls, Toilet Sets, Pens, Pencils, Silver'. Signatures: 'L. R. MIX JEWELER 123 WEST MAPLE PHONE 721 OPEN EVENINGS TILL XMAS'.