

ECCENTRICITIES

Being a few stray notions by G. H. A. Sometimes they are mere whims, but when they meet popular approval, then, again, they are quite laudable.

PEACE AND FREEDOM.

The International League for Peace and Freedom has established an Oakland County branch. A last meeting of persons interested in it was recently held at the home of Mrs. George T. Hendrie, Bloomfield Hills, and another meeting will be held in Birmingham August 6 at the home of Mrs. F. H. Holt. From its title, we gather that the League is

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destructive of establishing peace upon earth and freedom for all—including the ladies. There's a lot needed to be done to establish peace—and we hope that the ladies will concentrate their efforts along this line; as for freedom, well—right here the ladies should be careful, for Webster's defines freedom as "the state of being free; liberty; independence; ease in performance; absence of conventionality; undue familiarity."

DRYING UP BIRMINGHAM.

If the stories we hear from time to time regarding the sale of strong beverages in Birmingham have any foundation, what this old town needs more than a good five-cent cigar are a few arrests of bootleggers. Reviewing the numerous arrests made here each week by Chief Anderson's policemen, we would venture the statement that a little less attention to gasoline and more to alcohol (not in radiators, either, but in tonneaus) would place feathers in their official blue caps.

HE "KNOWS HIS STUFF"

When R. J. Coryell was made president of the local school board last week, a fitting honor was bestowed upon this patriotic advocate of scholastic training. No man in Birmingham knows more into the position of school trustee than Mr. Coryell. He possesses a vision that is commensurate with the rapid growth of this community. His new title will undoubtedly result in many good things for our school children.

IT WAS WET, ANYWAY.

Visiting on the uses of ice these progressive days. Last Saturday afternoon Henry Congdon was driving down to Orion from his newspaper office in Oxford, to attend a picnic of the Oakland County Weekly Post Association; just as he entered Orion something began to burp beneath the hood of his car. Mrs. Congdon stopped to investigate, with the result that Henry soon reached for his small fire extinguisher; this, however, proved to be out of working order, so the versatile Henry reached for a large thermos jug and emptied part of its contents upon the burning portion of the automobile. It was the iced tea that Mrs. Congdon had prepared for the picnic. "Yep, I poured the iced tea," related Henry afterwards. "And I—listen, I have done the same thing if all I could find was a case of beer, too." (We wonder why Henry didn't just turn on his flood lights.)

NATURAL BEATITUDES.

Did you ever stop to ponder the recreational blessings of Birmingham? Here we are, situated at the edge of our beautiful rolling hills, right next door to a half thousand inland lakes. Within a few minutes driving you are able to reach numerous golf courses, a hunt club, and scenery that is worth millions a square mile! How now, can you find a more natural blessed spot anywhere in Michigan?

TOWNSHIP PARK IS NEEDED.

Speaking of natural blessings, though, wouldn't it be a fine thing if our township officials mapped out a real Bloomfield Township Public Park plan, consisting of a hundred or more acres on some lake, and then took the necessary steps to acquire it for the public? Of course, we have many lakes near at hand, but most of them are privately owned, and inaccessible to the people. Such a project will undoubtedly elicit the approval of practically everyone. When shall we get such a plan, Mr. Supervisor Moore?

NOT SO BAD, AFTER ALL.

In these days when most of the world's accumulated wealth is being dumped into homes, one should not wonder that a certain degeneration and flabbiness of our populace should exist. Irrespective of vice conditions in heavily populated centers, such as Detroit, each of us can care for ourselves; we are the dictators of our own lives. Only our own individual will can determine which road we shall take. Though the daily newspapers may contain blatant headlines of social decline, you remember that most of the news which they print is that which emanates from the police records. Remember that, of all the people who own automobiles, only a small portion of them ride at the expense of the taxpayers in police patrols.

INCREASING CONGESTION

Last Sunday we took an automobile ride in the vicinity of Orchard and Pine Lakes. We became tied up in a line of traffic for a half mile long as we neared Orchard Lake and Long Lake roads. Seven years ago, when we first came to Birmingham, we will remember how few cars were met on nearby roads—while a traffic jam was almost unheard of. Things have changed since then; which includes real estate values. What will be seven years hence in Truly, Oakland County is becoming appreciated by Detroit motorists, many of whom will soon live out here.

DOING FINE, THANK YOU.

Last week we promised to give you our solution for being "invited out" while Mrs. Averill and the children are down in Europe for a month. Well, really we haven't found the correct solution yet; in fact, it appears that we would have to bother with such a solution, for, in some mysterious way, a number of our local friends learned of our foolish situation and we fared rather well during the past week. Of course, there are still two weeks to go, but we aren't going to worry about our stomach during the interim; if the worst comes to the worst we'll buy another can opener.

SPEAKING OF—

"The only reason I can find for women's wearing apparel costing more than it used to is because it takes so long to locate places strong enough to hold the basting thread." I've always known this, this week lamented Bill Spivens, this week costs more than an alarm clock because of the smallness of the works, yet they both keep time. However, with dresses, they used to cover a woman's body; nowadays they merely set it off.

BIRMINGHAM'S TRUE CHARACTER WILL BE REVEALED AT THE POLLS TOMORROW

(Continued from Page 9) other to take its place. City planning, the zoning of the community as a sign of an insurance against misapplied enterprise,—these are signs of the prevision which will save Birmingham for the people of Birmingham.

The carefully thought out projects which are to be voted on this week merit the most serious thought of the people; indeed they demand it. And a negative vote should not be a vote representative of selfishness; if one is to be cast, it should be cast only because the voter believes the scheme not big enough, not worthy of Birmingham.

The doubting Thomas should sit down with his banker and ask whether it is not true that he will profit most by voting to meet his needs in the bright future of his home town.

But wherever the "X" goes, before "Yes" or before "No," the good citizen must vote. Birmingham is to be judged by the interest of its citizens in its problems.

CORYELL FAVORS ALL OF BOND ISSUE

(Continued from Page 9) ture that other fire hall units may be erected in other sections to care for the widely spread area. The proposed fire hall unit, however, should fire for the needs of the Village for some time.

In regard to the proposed purchase of sites it must be said that a town-site planned out originally would be more adaptable for purposes of municipal buildings and their locations than a "made over" town. However, few people in the past were willing to admit that the growth of the Village would attain its present proportions and a plan laid out then would undoubtedly have fallen far short of its present and future needs.

If the Village would save the increased cost of sites which would have to be purchased later, then it should buy the sites now at the present prevailing prices. No one can deny that the prices of property will continue to mount as long as population increases. The sites are centrally located and are grouped for convenience and artistic effects. They provide sufficient space for the expansion of municipal activities for years to come.

The two alternatives confronting the people are, either to head for the improvements now, or to vote the issue down and in the future either to be partially or wholly deprived of the benefits or pay a largely increased price for them.

Marie Lavee, 12-year-old girl of Fox France, attacked the assailants of a policeman and prevented the officer from being killed.

The Village Commission has accepted the recommendations of Charles Plumstead, treasurer, concerning the Proposed Bond Issues for

The Village Fire Hall The Village Library and Sites for Municipal Buildings

TO BE VOTED ON

July 29, 1926

Birmingham, Michigan, July 22, 1926.

The Village Commissioners, Birmingham, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Regarding maturities for retiring the bonds which will be issued under the proposed bond issues, I recommend the following:

Year	Amount Retired	Year	Amount Retired
1927	\$ 8,000	1940	17,000
1928	8,000	1941	18,000
1929	8,000	1942	18,000
1930	8,000	1943	17,000
1931	8,000	1944	19,000
1932	12,000	1945	22,000
1933	12,000	1946	22,000
1934	12,000	1947	22,000
1935	12,000	1948	22,000
1936	12,000	1949	22,000
1937	16,000	1950	22,000
1938	16,000	1951	22,000
1939	16,000	1952	24,000

\$415,000

The above maturities comply with the requirements of the Evans-Baxter Law controlling bond issues by municipalities, and maintains the uniform level which has been established and maintained during the last five years. With the new bonds added to our present indebtedness, the annual budget requirements for the next 25 years will be \$24,000. Added to the interest on public debt, the total interest and sinking fund requirements will be \$60,000. On a \$20,000,000 estimated valuation for 1927 with the annexed territory included, this amount will require a levy of \$3.00 per \$1,000 as compared to a levy this year of \$2.94, showing clearly that the addition of these bonds to our indebtedness will not result in an increase in taxes.

Respectfully submitted, CHARLES PLUMSTEAD, Treasurer.

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VOTE

"YES"

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