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FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS
of Long Ago

Just Bits of News Glanced from Old Files of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up the Historical Background of the Birmingham of Today

43 Years Ago
Miss Birdie Parmenter of Toronto, Ont., is visiting her brother of this place.

25 Years Ago
Mrs. Ernest Abell called on Pontiac friends Tuesday last.

Mrs. Lonora Bunyan and children Pearl and Leland, are visiting friends and relatives in Tuscola and San Francisco.

New potatoes raised in his own garden were on the bill of fare at Dr. T. N. Shaw's home, Wednesday last, June 12. Who can beat it?

Talk about your backward spring. There was actually ice in Mitchell's door yard on Saturday, June 8, 1901. No damage, however, in reported to the crops.

Mrs. Mary Poppleton and Miss Belle Curtis are this week enjoying the beauties of New York state in general and of Poughkeepsie in particular, and also are interested in the graduating exercises of Miss Curtis Poppleton, after a four years' course at Vassar College.

country the defendant John Oswald Chapman and William Chapman, residing on Motion of Thos. W. Thompson, Attorney for Plaintiff.

IT IS ORDERED that John Oswald Chapman, William Chapman and the UNKNOWN HEIR, LEGATEE, DEVISEE, AND ASSIGNEE of Isaac Chapman, Heirs of Isaac Chapman, Charles McLean, Nancy Sarah Chapman, Charles McLean, George W. Hicks, Nancy D. Cooper, also known as Nancy Lawrence, enter their appearance on or before three months from the date of this order and that in default thereof, said Bill of Complaint be taken as confessed by said defendants.

And it is further ORDERED that within forty (40) days the plaintiff cause a notice of this order to be published in the Birmingham Ecceentric a newspaper printed, published and circulated in the County of Oakland, Michigan; thirty (30) days off the west side of each one half of the southeast quarter of section seventeen (17), Town one (1) North; Range Ten (10) East.

OLLEN C. GILLESPIE,
Circuit Judge.

A true copy
MARY COBB, Deputy Clerk.

The foregoing suit was brought and the Bill of Complaint filed in the above entitled case of complaint filed in the above entitled case of real estate, situated in the Township of Southfield, County of Oakland, State of Michigan; thirty (30) days off the west side of each one half of the southeast quarter of section seventeen (17), Town one (1) North; Range Ten (10) East.



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SHALL WE SUBMIT TO AN AUTOCRACY?

It is peculiar, but nevertheless true, fact that, in our conversation with people regarding the merits of Alex Groesbeck for a fourth term, not one of our conversationalists has shown evidence of real respect and love for the personality of the subject. They do agree, however, that the Governor is capable of doing many concrete things; they seem to think that long stretches of highway are about all that they ought to get from the Capital at Lansing.

It is but necessary to review the history of the world to prove that mankind's greatest accomplishment has been his ability, through education and co-operation, to place government within the hands of the governed; in this way is realized the idealist's dream of "equality for all men." And do not forget that this historical progress has been written in the life blood and soul torture of countless millions of human beings. Such history can never be blotted out or obliterated from human consciousness.

Deep within all of us there exists the desire for equality; we humans are, when roused by any attempts to remove our power of equality, motivated by such an unconquerable abhorrence of TRUTH that we march together toward the defeat of that which would crush us under its heel of oppression. And the same history of the world proves that those who keep step with the rhythm of "government of the people, by the people, and for the people . . ." do not perish from the earth!

Michigan today has felt the touch of the tyrant's heel; those who are informed believe that this commonwealth is not confronted by a mere politician whose name is Alex J. Groesbeck—nay, they know that this state has jumped back several centuries during only the past six years, to those bloody days when despotic monarchs sought to subdue the people, and make of them puppets, albeit substantial foundations upon which to rear the flimsy superstructure of personal aggrandizement.

Autocracy versus democracy—this is the real issue in Michigan today. Shall we have a state "governed of the people, by the people, and for the people . . ." or shall we submit to the rule and word of a despot?

SECOND RESOLUTION ON ELM STREET PAVING

252—Moved, President Shan that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:

Whereas May 26th, 1926, was a day of great importance to the City of Birmingham, Michigan, in that on that day the Village of Birmingham, Michigan, by its Board of Trustees, passed a resolution to amend the Village Charter, and to provide for the paving of Elm Street, from Maple Avenue to Forest Avenue, in the Village of Birmingham, Michigan;

And whereas due notice of the meeting has been given to all persons owning property liable for special assessments within the special assessment district established for such purpose, and the Commission duly met on the 26th day of May, A. D. 1926, at 8 o'clock P. M. for the purpose aforesaid, and due hearing has been given to all persons making suggestions and objections to the proposed improvement, therefore

Be it resolved that an 8-in. concrete pavement 24 ft. wide with curb and gutter be constructed on Elm Street from Maple Avenue to Forest Avenue, in the Village of Birmingham, Michigan;

Be it further resolved that all lots and parcels of land fronting on, abutting on, or adjacent to Elm Street, within the district hereinafter provided for, be assessed for the improvement, District No. 84, upon which shall be levied a special assessment for the benefit, the sum of \$1746.25, being 75.7% of the cost of the improvement, according to an estimate heretofore prepared by the Village Engineer and now on file with the Village Clerk, and

Be it further resolved that the Village of Birmingham shall pay from the General Fund the amount of \$1282.50, being 25% of the cost of the improvement, and

Be it further resolved that the Assessor of the Village of Birmingham be and he is hereby directed, in pursuance hereof, to make a special assessment according to benefits as herein provided on all taxable lands and premises within the special assessment District No. 84, for the sum of \$1746.25, aforementioned, with a special assessment Commission with all due haste.

Witness my hand and seal, this 26th day of May, A. D. 1926.

HAZEL E. LAWLER,
Village Clerk.

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GREAT LAKES-ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY PROJECT

Last Thursday night, at Arcadia Auditorium, Detroit, two men engaged in a public debate regarding the merits of two proposed ways to get a steamship from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic seaboard. One of these men, former Governor W. L. Harding of Iowa, defended the St. Lawrence plan, while Don C. Seitz, New York editor, defended the use of the old Erie Canal as a means of marine travel.

The debate waxed warm at times; Mr. Harding "knew his stuff," in justice to Mr. Seitz it should be recorded that he was only "pinch-hitting" for a man named Dempsey, New York Congressman, who, like another of his name, was evidently afraid to fight by being present at the debate.

However, Mr. Harding called the city of New York about everything that he could; he declared that New York was living off the fat of 40,000,000 people in the middle west, by exacting tribute from its costs of transportation and shipping. He typified New York City as the most selfish spot on earth.

About the only thing he neglected to say was that New York City, long the financial center of the United States, was desirous of routing Great Lakes and ocean steamships over the old Erie Canal, down through a new channel that might see as its sides the solid edifices that line Wall street.

More power to you, Mr. Harding; we hope some day that you'll have a chance to prove that Mr. Dempsey's scheme is more concerned with its ability to capture votes in his native state than it is for the cheap distribution of the middle west's manufacturing and agricultural products to the markets of the world.

Possibly some day in the dim future Science will be able to head off the catastrophe before it happens by having the volcano lanced.

According to a news item, Russian workers have been granted permission to dance. The hardest worker we ever beheld was a Russian dancer.

Another odd paradox, as revealed by written history, is the manner in which man begins to relinquish liberty about the time he acquires independence.

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But all along the road we'll find
That if we laugh and sing
And to another traveler call
In happy tones and cheery,
The way will not seem near so long.
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—Bessie McDonald

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