ECCENTRICITIES

Being a few stray notions by G. E. A. Sometimes they are sane notions (when they meet popular approval); then, again, they are quite insane (when they don't). However, this column will attempt to build constructively—destroying only foundations that we think are socially flimsy.

Another month has been torn off the 1926 calendar and March is now with us. Soon it will be April, then May; June will follow close upon the first Spring flowers. "Time is fleeting," and tomorrow is always today. Which points out the necessity of doing each day some of the things that we intend to do tomorrow—for, as far as you know, today may be your last chance.

Speaking of tomorrow, there is something that we should do that can't be done today—we refer to the annual Bloomfield township primary election. From two o'clock until nine o'clock tomorrow afternoon and evening, the four township precincts will be open to receive your votes. You will be given a chance to select the township officials, as well as to decide on acquiring a small piece of land for park purposes.

We wonder if Messrs Woolworth and Kresge, the two men who popularized the nickel and dime coinage of the country, had not, early in their lives, been connected with the collection of public taxes, certainly here is a fine example of what a great number of small sums of money will amount to. Take the case of Bloomfield township, for instance more than a half-million dollars has been collected here this Winter in taxes by the township treasurer, a great deal of which is made up of sums less than a hundred dollars which have been contributed (or shall we say "paid") by individual residents. More than half of this sum is used to conduct the local schools.

Collecting garbage in Birmingham, according to George Scott, is no easy job. Mr. Scott told members of the local Woman's Civic League last week that he gets very little cooperation with housewives—especially in the prompt payment of fees. To be sure, he probably does have some difficulty along this line, but we believe that, if Mr. Scott put in a modern system of bookkeeping, most of his troubles would be eliminated. Certainly, Birmingham's garbage disposal situation is an odoriferous one.

Just a few weeks more and the golf club will come into its own. Local golf fans will be given a chance to drop the coal shovel for the driver, putter, and brassie—although our own guess is that coal costs less than golf balls. If all the golf balls lost on local links could be reclaimed, the reclaimer would be able to spend the balance of his days living on the interest of the money.

In a few weeks Birmingham's elevated water storage tank will be completed. Such a huge structure will be seen for miles around the village. Who will propose some fitting words to be painted on this huge tank—something that will broadcast to the world an idea that fits our fair community?

Now that Birmingham is assured of a modern theater, many local people will be happier. Many local people will also be sorry, especially when contemplating the possibility of Sunday shows. A practical way to handle the situation is suggested by the local clergy, namely, clean pictures. Could anybody reject clean, wholesome pictures — even for the Sabbath? To be sure, some folks will try, and we do not blame or censure them—for they have a right to their own views on the subject. But let us be Christians, even in our differing opinions.

It is refreshingly surprising to see how many local people really possess dramatic talent, as evidenced in the monthly presentation of one-act plays by the Village Players, local amateur theatrical organization. After witnessing several recent plays, one would almost be willing to admit that Broadway, New York, hasn't progressed far ahed of West Maple avenue, (where the Community House is located,) Birmingham, Michigan.

Much of the trouble in life is the direct result of too narrow perspective on human affairs. People who are undergoing some difficulty for a moment assume a gloomy outlook toward the entire horizon of life; it is like the chap who is caught out in a rainstorm without an umbrella, he thinks that the whole world is wet and chilly, whereas, in many places, the sun is shining brightly. There is much evil in men's minds; there is also much good—aye, many times more good than evil; else how could society hang together so long when one's average knowledge of people is confined to so few persons?

At least once a day we like to read a quotation from James Russell Lowell; it hangs near our desk, and its thought is reassuring. Here it is: "The world has outlived much and will continue to outlive a great deal more, and men have contrived to be happy in it. It has shown the strength of its constitution in nothing more than surviving the quack medicines it has tried. In the scale of destinies brawn will never weigh so much as brain. Our healing is not in the storm or the whirlwind, it is not in monarchies, or aristocracies, or democracies, but will be revealed by the still small voice that speaks to the conscience and the heart, prompting us to a wider and wiser humanity."

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A New Record For Graham Brothers

Retail deliveries of 1478 Graham Brothers trucks and motor coaches in the United States and Canada, during the four weeks ending January 30, according to official figures just released by the factory at Detroit, showed an increase ovvg the corresponding period last year of 807, a gain of 120%.

The week ending January 16th, with deliveries of 409 trucks and coaches, was 190% ahead of the corresponding week last year. The week ending January 30th set the record for January with deliveries of 425 units.

"Our production during the last two weeks in January," said a Graham Brothers executive, "amounted to 1124 trucks and coaches, a gain of 68% over the corresponding period last year. We had hoped that our production through January and February, which are usually regarded as slow months for truck sales, would enable Dealers to build up stocks in anticipation of the usual spring demand. It seems, however, that public recognition of the exceptional value offered in these sturdy vehicles at the new low prices foreshadows demand for the entire production capacity of our factories."

Graham Brothers, before their business was absorbed by Dodge Brothers, Inc., had just opened a new factory in Stockton, California and had completed extensive enlargements at their other factories—in Evansville, Ind., Toronto, Ontario; and Detroit to afford production facilities sufficient to supply the demand. 1925 saw Graham Brothers step into leadership in the 1½-ton field and into second rank in the combined 1 and 1½-ton fields. With sales for January 120% above last year, and with a constantly accelerating demand, 1926 promises even more rapid advance in sales of Graham Brothers Trucks.

Police Trained To "Shoot From Wheel"

Present day officers must be trained to shoot from the wheel as well as from the hip.

Police Officer H. W. Holman, 1925 champion revolver shot of the Los Angeles Police Department, recently demonstrated the absence of vibration in the modern automobile by drilling six bullets through the bullseye of a regulation target while shooting from his car with the motor running at full throttle.

Officer Holman made perfect target groups while shooting from the front seat, while sitting astride the car hood and while using the front fender as a rest for his pistol arm.

The car used was a Chevrolet touring model which Officer Holman purchased recently. The unique target practice was held at the police revolver range in Griffith Park, Los Angeles. The marksman observed all of the rules governing regular target practice except that he shot from the automobile.

ANNEXATION ELECTION NOTICE

To the qualified electors of the Township of Bloomfield, and the Village of Birmingham, Oakland County, State of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that at the Spring Election to be held on Monday, April 5th, 1926, will be submitted to the electors of said Township and Village the question of annexation of certain territory to the Village of Birmingham.

To the Board of Supervisors of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan.

Gentlemen:—

We, the undersigned, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 278 of the Public Acts of 1909 entitled, "An act to provide for the incorporation of Villages and for revising and amending their charters and the acts amendatory thereof, respectfully represent as follows:

1. Each and all of the signers to this petition are qualified electors and reside within the Village of Birmingham or the Township of Bloomfield, which said Village of Birmingham and Township of Bloomfield are to be affected by the change proposed in this petition.

2. Your petitioners severally reside within said Village or said Township at the address set opposite their respective names.

3. Not less than 75 of the undersigned petitioners reside in the Village of Birmingham, and not less than 25 of the undersigned petitioners reside in the Township of Bloomfield.

4. According to the last preceding United States Census the population of the Village of Birgingham was 3694; the population of the Township of Bloomfield was 6909. The undersigned petitioners numbering collectively 209 constitute more than one percentum of the population of said territory to be affected by your affirmative action on this petition.

5. Your petitioners pray that all of that part of Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan, included in the following description, viz:

Beginning at the S. E. corner of Section 36, Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan, thence west along south line of said section 36, 2504.5 ft. to S ¼ corner of said section 36, thence N. along north and south ¼ section line 858.32 ft. to southwest corner of Fred Hauck property, thence easterly along south line of said Fred Haack property or Birmingham Village limits, 1292.3 ft. to west line of Leinbach-Humphrey's Woodward Avenue Subdivision; thence north along west line of said Leinbach-Humphrey's Woodward Ave. Sub., 1776.29 ft. to East and West ¼ line of said section 36, thence east along said ¼ section line 1234.0 ft. to ¼ corner, thence south along east line of said section 36, 2632 ft. more or less to a point of beginning. The above described property being all that part of "Leinbach-Humphrey's Woodward Avenue Sub-division" and all that part of James L. Todd and Leinbach Humphrey's Indian Village Addition to Ecc City, lying in Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan.

Date, Nov. 25, 1925.

I, Hazel E. Lawler, Clerk of the Village of Birmingham, do hereby certify that I have examined the list of signers on the attached petition for the Village, and find that the 179 signers are registered voters of the Village of Birmingham.

(Signed) HAZEL E. LAWLER,
Village Clerk
Birmingham, Michigan
November 25th, 1925.

This is to certify that I have examined the attached list of petitioners, compared them with the registration lists, find that 30 of the signers are registered and qualified electors of Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan.

(Signed) JAMES V. BAYLEY,
Township Clerk.

State of Michigan }
County of Oakland } ss.

William W. Ward, being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows: that he resides in the Township of Bloomfield, Oakland County, and State of Michigan and is one of the petitioners in the attached petition directed to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, and which said petition prays that the territory described therein, being part of the Township of Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan, be added to the Village of Birmingham. That said petition accurately described the proposed boundaries of the territory to be annexed to the Village of Birmingham; that said petition is signed by more than 100 petitioners; that each and all of said petitioners are qualified electors residing within the Village of Birmingham and Township of Bloomfield, which said Village of Birmingham and Township of Bloomfield are to be affected thereby and collectively, said petitioners constitute not less than one per centum of the population of the territory affected thereby according to the last preceding United States Census; that the total number of said petitioners is not less than One Hundred (100) and not less than Seventy-five (75) of the signatures to the said petition were obtained from the Village of Birmingham, and not less than Twenty Five (25) of the signatures of said petition were obtained from the Township of Bloomfield.

Deponent further states, that all the statements contained in said petition are true to the best of the deponent's knowledge and belief.

And further deponent says not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25th day of November A. D. 1925.

ROBERT Y. MOORE,
Notary Public.

My commission expires Aug. 23, 1927.

State of Michigan }
County of Oakland } ss.

I, Burton P. Daugherty, Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the petition of the residents of the Township of Bloomfield and the Village of Birmingham, for the annexation of the territory to the Village of Birmingham from the Township of Bloomfield, as filed with the County Clerk, also of the recommendation and resolution of the Board of Supervisors as passed at their special session held on February 15, 1926, and now on file in my office, that I have compared the same with the original and is a true transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at Pontiac, Michigan, this 18th day of February, A. D. 1926

BURTON P. DAUGHERTY,
Clerk of Circuit Court.

The polls of said election will be open at 8:00 o'clock a. m., and will remain open until 8:00 o'clock p. m., (Eastern Standard Time) on said day of election, unless the Board of Election Inspectors shall, in their descretion, adjourn the polls at 12 o'clock, noon, for one hour.

Dated February 23, 1926.

(Signed) JAMES V. BAYLEY,
Bloomfield Township Clerk.

45-46-47-48.

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2. Your petitioners severally reside within said Village of said Township at the address set opposite their respective names.

3. Not less than 75 of the undersigned petitioners reside in the Village of Birmingham and not less than 25 of the undersigned petitioners reside in the Township of Bloomfield.

4. According to the last preceding United States Census the population of the Village of Birmingham was 3694; the population of the Township of Bloomfield was 6909. The undersigned petitioners numbering collectively 89 constitute more than one percentum of the population of said territory to be affected by your affirmative action on this petition.

5. Your petitioners pray that all of that part of Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan, included in the following description, viz:

Beginning at the ¼ Corner of the N. line of Sec. 35, T. 2 N., R. 10 E., Bloomfield Twp., Oakland County, Mich., thence S. 88° 54' W. 444.4 ft. to a point; thence N. 2° 15' E. 793.45 ft. to a point; thence N. 88° 54' W. 444.4 ft. to a point; thence N. 2° 15' W. 793.45 ft. to a point on the N. line of said section 35; thence S. 88° 54' E. 1194 ft. to the place of beginning. Containing 8.5 acres more or less, be detached from the Township of Bloomfield and annexed to the Village of Birmingham.

December 1, 1925.

I, Hazel E. Lawler, Clerk of Village of Birmingham, do hereby certify that I have examined the list of signers on the attached petition for the Village, and find that 88 signers are registered voters of the Village of Birmingham.

(Signed) HAZEL E. LAWLER,
Village Clerk.

December 1, 1925.

I, James V. Bayley, Clerk for the Township off Bloomfield, do hereby certify that I have examined the list of signers on the attached petition for the Township, and find that 25 signers are registered voters of the Township of Bloomfield.

(Signed) JAMES V. BAYLEY,
Township Clerk.

State of Michigan }
County of Oakland } ss.

Theo. Mercier, being duly sworn, deposes and says, as follows: that he resides in the Township of Bloomfield, Oakland County, and State of Michigan, and is one of the petitioners in the attached petition directed to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, and which petition prays that the territory described therein being part of the Township of Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan, be added to the Village of Birmingham. That said petition accurately describes the proposed boundaries of the territory to be annexed to the Village of Birmingham; that said petition is signed by more than 100 petitioners; that each and all of said petitioners are qualified electors residing within the Village of Birmingham and Township of Bloomfield, which said Village of Birmingham and Township of Bloomfield are to be affected thereby and collectively said petitioners constitute not less than one per centum of the population of the territory affected thereby according to the last preceding United States census; that the total number of said petitioners is not less than One Hundred (100) and not less than Seventy-five (75) of the signatures to the said petition were obtained from the Village of Birmingham, and not less than Twenty-five (25) of the signatures to said petition were obtained from the Township of Bloomfield.

Deponent further states that all of the statements contained in said petition are true to the best of the deponent's knowledge and belief.

And further deponent says not.

(Signed) THEO. MERCIER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 1st day of December, A. D. 1925.

ROBERT Y. MOORE,
Notary Public.

My commission expires Aug. 23, 1927.

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County of Oakland } ss.

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(Signed) JAMES V. BAYLEY,
Bloomfield Township Clerk.

Dated February 23, 1926. 45-46-47-48

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 11th day of February, A. D. 1926.

Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Addie Lake, Deceased.

Ransom Lake, administrator of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the 12th day of July, 1926, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased, and for the examination and allowance of his final account, determination of heirs, assignment of dvoidoh of said estate and the discharge of said administrator.

ROSS STOCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy:
DAN A. McGAFFEY,
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