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PASSING A GOOD ORDINANCE

As we view the matter, nothing but commendation should be directed toward Birmingham's village commission for the passage of an ordinance Monday night that is destined to mean much to the future home owners of this community.

Not so many years ago it was an easy matter to lay out a plat in this village; said plat including as the subdividers' obligation only the making of streets. Then local officials, as a measure of protection for the improvement of property, passed an ordinance compelling subdividers to grade and gravel streets, provide public utility easements, and install storm sewers.

Birmingham is growing these days. Some of the old methods of conducting affairs are becoming impractical. This is manifested chiefly when a subdivision has become densely populated, making it imperative that sanitary sewers be installed.

Too, when sanitary sewers are not originally installed, residents are compelled to build and use septic tanks, a necessary method of disposing of sewage when a storm sewer is used.

With the passage of Monday's ordinance, all new plats must include sanitary sewers. Birmingham is progressing—even in such prosaic—but necessary—matters as disposing of its sewage.

COMPLIMENTING THE VILLAGE PLAYERS

Last Saturday night's public performance of the Village Players, Birmingham's amateur theatrical organization, proved beyond any reasonable doubt that this community possesses histrionic talent of a high order.

The variety of plays staged last week in the Baldwin auditorium covered a wide range of human feelings and emotions; the singing act of Waldo Fellows and Laurence P. Smith was especially noteworthy.

When the Players have completed their new playhouse here, and are enabled to have the advantage of a few of the necessary appliances and appurtenances that go with a regular theater, they will probably surpass any of their past efforts.

As an institution, the Village Players is a decided asset to the educational and recreational facilities of Birmingham.

ADVERTISING AND THE CHURCH

Announcement that a church in New York City is to erect a big electric sign on Broadway, calling attention to its service, is likely to cause some surprise. A few gray-beards may shake their heads in disapproval of the idea of the church resorting to the methods used by chewing gum manufacturers and theaters to advertise their wares.

Advertising has come to be generally recognized as a legitimate function not only of commercial concerns, but of all organizations which seek the patronage of the public. The advertising art is almost as old as civilization.

It is a gratifying indication that the churches are living, growing institutions, abreast of the times and in sympathy with the modern currents of thought, that they are resorting more and more to the use of advertising—the powerful Twentieth century method of sending a message to vast numbers of people.

It is the June bride's tough luck that you can't produce hot coffee with a can-opener. It is the rummy's particular misfortune that there is nothing synthetic about these moonshine deaths.

Another use has been found for the early cantaloupe. You can cut a couple of them in two and make a set of dinner chimes.

Vending machines in factories are said to be displacing the dinner pail. Look out in the next election for the "full vending machine."

TWO LITTLE ROCKING CHAIRS

Two little chairs that stand just so, Placed by two little folks I know, Ready for many a happy trip, Fleeter than any gallant ship.

Laughter awakes me every morn. Into my dreams gay shouts are borne, And then a scampering down the stairs Ending at two small rocking chairs.

Dollies and toys of every kind Piled upon each small chair I find, Loaded with treasures all the day, Two little rocking chairs for play.

Story hour always hailed with joy By a delighted girl and boy, Ready to rock to fairyland Two little chairs beside me stand.

Two little precious sleepheads Tucked in two little waiting beds After they both have said their prayers Kneeling at two small rocking chairs.

Two little folks so quickly grown— Out in the world they soon must go, Sharing its pleasures and its cares, Leaving two empty rocking chairs.

—Beatrice McDonald.

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

43 YEARS AGO

What a backward spring it has been, to be sure. On the 27th day of May, George Purdy of Southfield went to Detroit with his car...

Miss Julia Voorheis of Pontiac has been the guest of Mrs. Jno. Irving for the past week.

We noticed the smiling visage of Sam Howlett of Elizabeth Lake on our streets on Sabbath last.

Ed Bodine, Will Wright, and Misses Bella and Katie McKay of Detroit were in town over Sunday.

D. M. Johnson, our popular young dentist, returned from his trip to Canada on Monday last.

Mr. and Mrs. By Pierce of Farmington were in town last Tuesday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Toms.

Mrs. R. Bradley, formerly of Waterford, visited Mrs. W. H. Camp last week. Mrs. B. has rented a cottage at Lakeside, O., for the coming summer.

Mortie Bigelow made his uncle Mort of Drayton Plains a nice visit recently. He is a fine boy and a favorite with all.

The following "casualties" occurred at the circus at Pontiac on Wednesday last: Matt Mastor's pocket picked of \$61, E. S. Wooster, \$180 in notes, Jesse Bowden of Franklin, \$3, R. Drinkhall of Royal Oak, amount unknown, Mr. Pearsall, father of Frank Pearsall of Troy, \$15, Frank Jenks, pasted in the eye, and several counties yet to hear from.

25 YEARS AGO

Ellsworth Randall spent Sunday longer permitted to wear masks in with his family. Ellsworth has the streets or in public places.

good position as engineer on the D. R. H. & L. O. Electric road. He drew the first freight train into Godridge that was ever brought by steam, causing quite a little excitement.

Clyde Brooks of Southfield has secured a position at Harper Hospital, Detroit.

Miss Minnie Staley* is visiting friends at Detroit this week.

Mrs. Ellsworth Randall called on Farmington friends Tuesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Abelt and daughter, Alma, called on Detroit relatives Sunday last.

Miss Mary Patrick returned to her home in Flint last Tuesday after a pleasant week's visit with her friend, Miss M. Baldwin.

Just to keep in line with some of the other business places in town Mr. Hanna has had the post office building painted and the appearance is greatly improved.

Miss Flossie Staley who has been visiting relatives at Drayton Plains the past week has returned home.

VILLAGE OFFICES OPEN

Beginning this week, when the village offices will be moved to the new quarters on Pierce street, it is planned to keep open every Saturday afternoon. For more than a year the present offices have been closed Saturday afternoons. A new plan is to accommodate persons who are unable to be in town any other day to transact their business with the village.

Secret societies in Italy are no longer permitted to wear masks in the streets or in public places.

E. L. Manson Composes Song For Our Village

So filled with enthusiasm for his "home town," and desirous of setting forth its glories not only in harmonious prose speaking, E. L. Manson, of Park street, last week introduced to his fellow-townsmen of the local club a song which he wrote Sunday. He concluded to one of the Eccentric's reporters that it was suggested to him while in the process of his daily shave, and that he wrote most of it between alternate strokes of a lead pencil and a razor. Any noticeable non-conformity to strict rhythm and meter must be attributed to the fact that his safety razor blade was dull—but not too dull to allow for the exploitatory in some of some of the glories of Birmingham. Here is "Lark's" song, to the tune of "Maryland, My Maryland":

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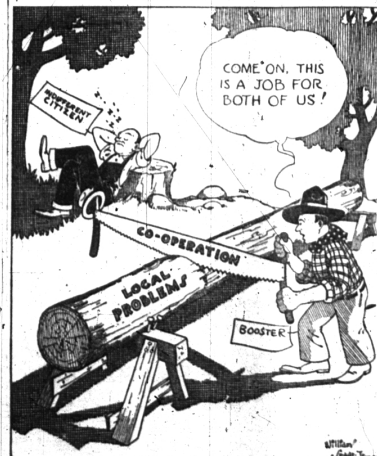


YOU have seen real estate values increase right around your own home—and you know this is the finest place to live. History will surely repeat. Invest in Birmingham—Bloomfield Hills.

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WHERE HELP IS NEEDED



Indifference toward local problems and affairs is akin to the idleness being displayed by the reclining character in this cartoon. He expects to receive his share of the wood when it is all sawed up, but he fails to lend a hand to the task, just as the indifferent citizen wants good government and proper administration without any activity on his part. Often he doesn't even take the trouble to vote.

Very often if it were not for a few live-wires in average American cities these towns would go backward instead of forward, but what they are able to do is as nothing compared to what united co-operation could do. The busiest and most prosperous town is the one with the highest percentage of booster residents, or residents who will readily agree there is no better town on earth.

Keeping Birmingham on the road to success is a job which requires the co-operation of every one. Those who sit back and leave it all to some one else should not complain if things do not suit them. Let everybody get busy and take a hand at the saw.

Notice of Birmingham TROY TOWNSHIP Board of Review Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the Township of Troy will meet in the Troy Township Hall, on JUNE 8, and 9, 1926, From 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

for the purpose of receiving objections and suggestions relative to the 1926 Tax Assessment Roll for Troy Township. This Tax Roll is for the purpose of raising State, County, School, Township, and Road taxes. All persons interested in this matter are cordially invited to appear before this Board.

(Signed) MORRIS A. WATTLES, Supervisor of Troy Township. Dated May 17, 1926.