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BIRMINGHAM DESIRES A GOOD LIBRARY

Undoubtedly the things that Birmingham citizens are most proud of are their intellectual and spiritual attainments. Good schools, numerous churches, and many uplifting clubs and societies are the manifestations of Birmingham's progress.

At present members of the Baldwin Public Library board are engaged in accepting architect's plans for a proposed new library building, to be erected upon a block of land purchased a year ago by the village.

The ultimate fate of a local bond issue (as shown by past experience) ought to point out to the library officials that Birmingham citizens stand squarely for any public project that will honestly and capably serve their collective needs—regardless of the price.

As a municipality, Birmingham consists of men and women who count mental and spiritual accomplishments above material wealth; nearly every home here includes an abundance of books and book shelves.

HOW TO BE HATED

Old Ed Howe, the Kansas wise man, used to tell the readers of his paper, the Atchison Globe, that the meanest man in Atchison always made his family wait until the January sales to buy their Christmas presents.

A man in Indiana, it is said, used to refuse to let his wife pick the apples for her own use. "John," she would remonstrate, "there aren't any of the half-rotten ones left."

"Then wait until some rot," this mean old fellow would snap back at her. "We're too poor to eat the good ones."

How everybody does despise a mean old cuss like those fellows! Women will send flowers to the jail to bedeck the cell of a murderer, a thief may be given another chance, but when a person is just ornery and mean, there's not much sympathy for him anywhere.

Why it is that we are all idealists.

The rapacious old humbugs of the old days who acquired a million or so by more or less shady methods, found that after all the best use to which they could put their money was the service of mankind. We can forgive almost anything in our fellow-creatures but smallness of soul.

Every man and woman who really wants the good opinion of the neighbors hasn't such a hard chore to perform after all. No one needs to possess the entire calendar of virtues. Just generosity, that's all. Just a little human kindness in one's makeup will make other folk overlook the faults.

MOTHER

Mothers give all and ask nothing in return. To bring us into the world they endure the agonies of the Valley of the Shadow. To them we turn in childhood for guidance and wisdom. Their self-sacrifice is continuous, their love more enduring than the hills.

More than a decade ago, Miss Anna Jarvis, of Philadelphia, originated Mother's Day. The entire nation will observe it next Sunday.

While every day should be Mother's Day, it is excellent that we have a special day set aside for remembrance, tenderness and gratitude to mother.

Especially is it a red-letter day for ones whose mothers are living. Send her flowers. If far from home, write her a Mother's Day letter. She will treasure the remembrance beyond the understanding of men. Especially if she is close to the sunset of life.

If the fiction characters cuss, it's a high-brow magazine.

There are just two philosophies of life: Do unto others and do others.

And many people think they are good merely because they are tired of sinning.

One reason why success goes to the head is because nature doesn't like a vacuum.

Man works hard to establish a credit and then frequently finds it too good for his good.

About the only place where a conservative is handicapped is at the necktie counter.

Keeping shoes shined is expensive, but at least you needn't check them when you go in to lunch.

If changing it would affect your bread and butter, it probably isn't a genuine conviction.

About the only way to get smiles from everybody is to be Santa Claus or a saying teller.

It would be interesting to come back a thousand years from now and see what then is called heresy.

THE MOTHERS OF THE RACE

O mother of the race! With one accord The world today your virtues would portray Could words but paint the lily of your fame. Your smiles are sunshine to the aged care. Your tears renew its youth as rains refresh Spring's infant blooms; your soft sighs cling To memory's call when fade all other joys.

Your low-crowned lullabies are seraph songs. Your whose melody weeps gently o'er the soul. Your hands the patient ministers whose toil Goes unrecorded save by One who guards The scroll wherein are written all your deeds.

(Note: This poem was written by a wonderful son, husband, and father. Though he is no longer here in person, what he said and did is exemplified in the lives of others. Mr. Leach was a former Cleveland, Ohio, newspaperman. He was a cousin of mine.—G. R. A.)

SONNET ON MOTHER'S DAY

Just one day in the busy fleeting year I set aside, oh mother mine, for you, Who all my days are ever loyal, fine and true, Who all my days have filled with joy and cheer.

The beauty of your life has paved my way. Yet no return you ask for all your love. Nor even think that you are brave and strong. All joy to you, my mother, on this Day, Though only could there be in heaven above Such joy and honor as to you belong.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS—of Long Ago

43 YEARS AGO James H. Peabody is a United States juror and is attending court at Port Huron.

25 YEARS AGO Rev. Mr. Barry of Pontiac married Clarence Seeley and Miss Allie German, daughter of Gen. Sherman of near Franklin, Wednesday, May 10th. The happy couple after a short bridal tour returned last Friday.

Mr. D. M. Johnson, our popular young artist starts for his former home in Canada next Saturday. He will be absent four days only, and then will be more than ever ready for business.

Last week ushered in a series of rainy days. Not a thundering, blustering storm, but a gentle sizzle, soles to maiming and the hearts of the farmers and aggravating the souls of the women folks who were unfortunately enough, have commenced housecleaning. We acknowledge that we have slept in the wood box and eaten our meals off the mantelpiece for the past week.

Mell Sly of Franklin and several others took a trip to Utica last week which resulted in their catching about 100 fish.

Owen Shadolt was home from Flint the first part of this week visiting friends and returned on Tuesday morning.

Ex-President Grant has engaged rooms at the Russell House for the occasion of the soldiers' reunion in Detroit next month.

MORTGAGE SALE. Default having been made in the condition of a certain mortgage, made by Charles W. Littlefield and Katherine A. Littlefield, wife of Charles W. Littlefield, of the County of Oakland, Michigan, as mortgagee, under the terms of the fourth of the Act of the Legislature of the State of Michigan, passed on the 25th day of April A. D. 1921, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, on the eighth day of April A. D. 1922, in Liber 319 of Mortgages, on pages 478 and 479, of said mortgage, notice for sale of the premises described in said mortgage, to-wit: FIFTY (50) ACRES OF LAND, more or less, situated in the Township of FIVE (5) TOWNSHIP NORTH HUNDRED (100) NORTH, RANGE ELEVEN (11) EAST, TOWNSHIP OF FIVE (5) TOWNSHIP NORTH HUNDRED (100) NORTH, RANGE ELEVEN (11) EAST, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN, as provided for in law having been instituted to recover the money secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and provided, on Monday, the tenth day of May, A. D. 1926, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the Eastern Branch of the Court House and Eastern Branch of the Court House, in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court of the County of Oakland is held, sell at public auction the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount of money secured by said mortgage, with seven per cent interest and all legal costs, together with said costs, to-wit: Let No. 282 of Thomas Park Subdivision, Southeast Quarter of Section 18, Twp. One North, Range Eleven (11) East, Township of Five (5) Townships North Hundred (100) North, Range Eleven (11) East, Township of Five (5) Townships North Hundred (100) North, Range Eleven (11) East, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, as provided for in law having been instituted to recover the money secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

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NOTICE OF Board Of Review Meeting Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the Village of Birmingham will meet in the Commission Chambers, second floor of the new village hall at the corner of Martin and Pierce streets, on May 20, 21, and 22, 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 the Village of Birmingham. All persons interested in this matter are cordially invited to appear before this Board. Signed--Robert K. McClellan, Assessor for the Village of Birmingham. Dated May 4, 1926.