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Let Us Be Thankful!
Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day in America!

Into this world we are projected, with no exact knowledge as to from whence we came, and certainly with no tangible evidence as to where we are bound after we lose our present consciousness; as we make this journey from the cradle to the grave we are required to witness much of the joy and sorrow of humankind.

We in Birmingham, as well as others over the length and breadth of America, have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. We are thankful that no war is in our midst; that the mystic life-releasing qualities of the soil still reward the willing tiller; because so little of actual suffering and poverty exists in our country; that there moves in our midst men and women who, motivated by altruism and Christian ideals, are accomplishing much to add to human happiness; we are thankful for these and other manifold blessings.

Let us be thankful for Thanksgiving Day!

WE LIKE YOU ANYWAY, QUEEN MARIE

Well, now that Marie, Queen of Rumania, has found it impossible to visit Detroit as her previous schedule provided for, we wish to express our sincere regret that she is compelled to miss the greatest automobile center of the world. Queens, you see, are more or less subject to the same whims and fancies that attend the comings and goings of ordinary mortals.

LOVE WINS EVEN FEATHERED FRIENDS!

In his introduction of Jack Miner, noted Canadian bird lover and authority, at the Baldwin high school auditorium last Monday evening, Rev. R. M. Atkins characterized him as "one of God's Noblemen." That title is as great, in our humble estimation, as any that society may confer upon an individual, and "Uncle" Jack Miner undoubtedly deserves it, too!

Truly, Jack Miner has risen from very humble circumstances in early youth to a most respected place in this world. His remarkable rise from almost oblivion is the result of his unstinted love for birds and animals—including human beings. He declares that he has come into that inheritance referred to in the Bible; namely: that man was given dominion over the things that fly in the air and creep upon the earth; most eloquently he proves that such a bit of life as a wild goose or duck will seek its loving friends, though they may resemble men and moon.

ON CRIME, CITIZENS, AND POLICE

According to a custom, based, undoubtedly, upon coincidence, the opening of the fall hunting season is accompanied by more or less rampant activities on the part of gunmen throughout Michigan. Detroit and its environs in particular are feeling the effect of the annual open season for banditry, just as the deer are feeling the effect of the annual open season for high boots.

There are many explanations offered for the spree of the gun totes and none is satisfactory. The most common is that the factories are closed down and the men must eat. But how often does one hear of a factory hand who has been laid off turning bandit? Then it is said that the game is more alluring at this time of the year because of the additional amount of money in evidence to care for the Christmas shopping.

However distressing may appear the crimes being committed, statistics being compiled by police officials show that crime is on the wane; that there is less, for instance, to worry about in regard to masked men than there was last year. There is a reduction of major crimes. Most of the murders you read about are the result of bootleggers who cannot get along with one another in a business way. They would look silly appealing to the courts with their troubles, so they merely shoot it out, winner take all.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

I am a little Christmas Seal,
Oh, please, sir, won't you buy me?
For I've a message that is real,
And no one should deny me,
A penny, sir, will pay for me,
I'm sure you'll never rue it—
My mission is to fight T-B
And you must help me do it.

Both life and health we may prolong,
If you will pay a penny;
Let's help the kiddies to be strong,
For unfed tots are many;
And, house to house and town to town
Let's work to save the babies—
Oh, please, sir, do not turn me down
With promises and may-bes.

Just kindly kiss me on the back
And stick me to a letter,
And for a penny and a smack
We'll make the 'whole world better;
And oh, how glad we both shall feel
If you'll but trust and try me;
I'm just a little Christmas Seal,
Oh, please, sir, won't you buy me?
—Anonymous.

siderable happiness distributed throughout the day, there are several things citizens of Birmingham may do to protect themselves against the embarrassment of being victimized. There is little use reiterating here the necessity of keeping doors and windows locked and of reporting to police anything that attracts suspicion.

Detroit police have been working overtime and during a remarkably short while have locked up 75 bandit suspects. This means, of course, that about five of the number are actually connected with the crimes for which they are being held.

Birmingham police could well profit by a realization of this fact. It is their busy season, despite fewer drunks on the streets and less traffic violations. The department here is probably too small. But those who are in it must make the best of the situation for the time being and do everything possible toward reducing major crime.

The Eccentric is just finding a great deal of fault with the village department. It is merely warning members that they may expect a little more excitement than usual and urging them to keep their sleeves rolled up and the time clocks out of their minds.

THANKFULNESS

When I begin to count my many blessings, I don't know
Which ones I really ought to be most thankful for, and so
The only words of thankfulness that I can find to say
Are these, "I'm very glad I'm living in this world today."

So many miracles there are and wonders in this age
To aid the joy of living, I would quickly fill a page
If I should just recount a few, and so I'll only say
That I am very thankful I am in this world today.

Such skill and knowledge now abound that those who seek for health
May find relief, and all who will may share the wondrous wealth!
That literature gives freely. Oh, I really couldn't say
Just which of all these blessings I'm most thankful for today!

There are artists and musicians, oh there's beauty everywhere!
There are hearts so big and splendid that to lift a load of care
Is the greatest joy they know. I'm very sure I couldn't say
Just what I think is finest in this fine old world today.

There are happy homes and children, there are loved ones fond and dear.
There are friends, and there is sunshine and the blue sky all the year.
There are faith and hope and justice. How could anybody say
Just exactly what he feels he is most thankful for today.
—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.
25 YEARS AGO
Gardner Shelley, of Detroit, Sundayed with the Mitchells.

ornamented with candles were served in the dining room. The remainder of the evening was spent playing games, giving recitations and other suitable pastimes. They had much fun over the fortunes found around the candy. Later Miss Bassett took a picture of the group, and then all were taken home.

The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Traylor were greatly relieved last week on learning that they had reached their destination in safety. When the news of the horrible Wash-railroad accident was received there were many fears lest the estimable couple might have been in the wreck. It was therefore no small satisfaction to learn that they had left Detroit on an earlier train and had spent a happy Thanksgiving with their friends in Illinois.

43 YEARS AGO
Will Harrison and wife celebrated the fifth anniversary of their wedding day Tuesday evening last. A large number of friends were present, and the girls were many and appropriate. We will be glad to print a list of presents if furnished.

The reason that James Harmon is safely repairing all the bridges within a mile of his place is because a brand new daughter has safely arrived at his house and the pilgrimage to see the wife one is great.

Mr. Geo. Kremer of Saginaw and Miss Ada Vaughn of Bloomfield were married at the residence of the bride's parents on Tuesday last. Many good wishes accompanied the young couple to their new home.

Married at Novi, November 21st, by Reverend Wm. Risner, Mr. William Shubin, of Novi, to Miss Frank Nixon of Southfield. After some music and the unexpected visit of a friend in disguise who added to a social time at dinner, they departed for Detroit. They have the best wishes of their friends for long life and happiness in Christian love.

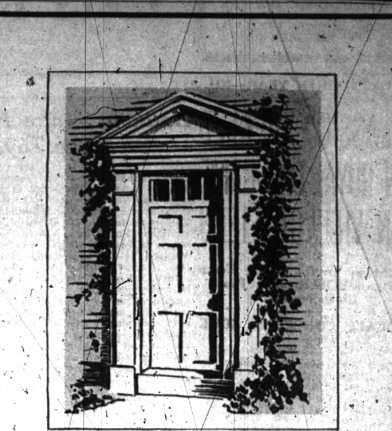
VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the Village Commission held Monday evening November 22, 1926 at 8 o'clock.
Present: President Shain, and Commissioner Ladd.
Absent: Commissioner Bell.
Minutes of meeting of November 15, 1926 approved as printed.
675—Moved by Commissioner Ladd that the following resolution be adopted:
Resolved that the Special Storm Sewer Assessment Roll No. 21 on Pleasant Avenue heretofore prepared by the Village Assessor for determining the cost of constructing storm sewer, after due hearing thereon and review by the Commission and Village Assessor and no objections having been thereon, be and it is hereby so ordered and confirmed, and the Village Clerk be and she is instructed to certify the said assessment roll to the Village Treasurer for collection.

681—Moved by Commissioner Ladd that the following resolution be adopted:
Resolved that the Special Assessment Roll No. 22 on Pleasant Avenue heretofore prepared by the Village Assessor for determining the cost of constructing storm sewer, after due hearing thereon and review by the Commission and Village Assessor and no objections having been thereon, be and it is hereby so ordered and confirmed, and the Village Clerk be and she is instructed to certify the said assessment roll to the Village Treasurer for collection.

682—Moved by Commissioner Ladd that the following resolution be adopted:
Resolved that the Special Assessment Roll No. 23 on Pleasant Avenue heretofore prepared by the Village Assessor for determining the cost of constructing storm sewer, after due hearing thereon and review by the Commission and Village Assessor and no objections having been thereon, be and it is hereby so ordered and confirmed, and the Village Clerk be and she is instructed to certify the said assessment roll to the Village Treasurer for collection.

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