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A NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT HERE

Official action on the part of the Village Commission last week to investigate the arguments for and against the city form of government is welcomed by a majority of Birmingham's citizens. The recent rapid growth of this community, bringing with it problems of municipal magnitude, makes it imperative for Birmingham to enlarge its horizon of local governmental agencies. One of the most important changes needed, it is learned from all sides, is the necessity of enlarging the personnel of the Village Commission. Some favor an increase from three to five, while others plead for seven. Some favor this increased personnel, remaining as a village, while others would add to the increased personnel a city form of charter.

This question is one of grave concern to the residents of Birmingham. Any change that takes place in their form of government relates distinctly to every resident of our community. It is to be hoped that some degree of pre-election unanimity may be arrived at by any divergent groups of citizens who may interest themselves in this inevitable change.

We have one suggestion to make regarding the manner in which public officials, under any new form of government, are elected, namely: that the village (or city) be divided into sections, each section providing a responsible candidate, for office, with one candidate (perhaps the mayor or president) running-at-large. This would provide sectional representation on the Commission, a plan that ought to meet with the approval of all; the candidate-at-large would be swayed by his allegiance to the entire community, and his vote would offset any tie on the part of the rest of the Commission.

At any event, let us all hope that any new form of Charter submitted to the electors will contain the best thought of our community, taking into consideration the interests of every citizen.

THANKS FOR YOUR APPRECIATION

From many local citizens during the past ten days have come commendatory remarks relative to the special election extra newspaper which we published and circulated the morning following the election. These remarks are worth the effort that was put forth to give our readers the first printed report concerning the electors' decision. We wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank those whose remarks have come to us; it is that sort of appreciation that spurs persons engaged in any business to put forth their continued best efforts to serve society.

INSTITUTIONS OF PROGRESS

Were you one of those present at the formal opening of the new and enlarged Adams school Wednesday night? Then you must have felt a bit proud of the fact that this splendid institution, adequate in every way to administer scholastic training to local youth, is resting upon the surface of Birmingham and the school district. One of the redeeming factors in this rather bit or miss world is the manner in which society pays homage to the development of its intelligence, both mental and spiritual, through the erection of schools, libraries, and churches.

A USEFUL CITIZEN

John B. Howarth, local business man, last week was elected president of the Birmingham branch of the Southern Oakland County Y. M. C. A. This is but one of many tasks that Mr. Howarth, aside from his regular business routine—performs as a service to society-at-large. We wonder how many people appreciate, and pay homage to, the sterling qualities of character that make this esteemed fellow-citizen so useful a member of the earth's population!

FULFILLING YOUR DESTINY

Next Tuesday, November 2, citizens of Birmingham, together with the rest of Michigan, are called upon to exercise their right to the ballot; in this manner we, under a representative form of government in the United States, carry on the thing we call government. It is not only the privilege of a man or a woman to vote, but it is a DUTY!

Citizenship in America carries with it certain responsibilities, among which is the necessity of men and women acquainting themselves with affairs and issues of government, together with a knowledge, however slight, of the candidates who seek to carry them into execution. As a matter of fact, there are certain inviolate rules and regulations that are necessary to the success of anything; whether it be a private business, governmental policy, or the working out of a mathematical problem, to attain success we must follow the best rules of the game. Candidates who seek a public office, especially the major ones, are merely the vehicles to put into effect the ideas and ideals for which a political party or issue stands for. Therefore, unless we, the voting, taxpaying public, place the proper candidate into office, we are remiss in the fulfillment of our citizenship.

No one can successfully contradict you for believing that any qualified elector, who believes in representative government, yet does not vote, is a poor citizen. To be true, good citizenship does not imply just the act of voting; but voting does make for better citizenship.

Won't you fulfill your destiny, Mr. and Mrs. Voter, by casting your ballot at the general election next Tuesday?

Gas makes the world go round.

I loved to walk among the flowers Within my little garden plot, To while away the precious hours With heart's-ease and forget-me-not, And when some talk would call me hence, The hollyhocks along the fence Have called me, or a marigold Has held me with its charm untold.

I gathered flowers every day, And yet my flowers bloomed the more. I'm very sure the garden fay Who holds the key to flower lore Refreshed all their bloom at night So I might gather lillies white, Or daffodils or poppies bold, And always one bright marigold.

The autumn winds in ruthless sweep Have scattered all their beauty far And left them in a crumpled heap. I found the garden gate ajar Today and ventured through to find The havoc of the autumn wind, And there amid the frost and cold Still bloomed one lovely marigold.

—Beatrice McDonald.

LESSONS OF LIFE

Every person should go to the cemetery at least twice in life. Once at the end of life, and first early in life to reflect on the brevity of life and the insufficiency of worldly goods. There is no place like a quiet churchyard for meditation and there is room in every life for more serious thought.

The tombstones hold a moral for all living. There is inscribed the human virtues, but among the inscriptions there is no record of estates left behind, fortunes made and spent and worldly fame attained. The magnitude and sculpture of the stone or the vault alone remain the world of "the boast of heraldry and the pomp of power."

Why should human beings worry and struggle through life's fleet span in pursuit of wealth, fame, luxuries, vanities, and all those other evanescent things we choose to call riches? The poor are distressed by too little money, the moderately wealthy by the thought that others possess more wealth than they, and the rich by too much money.

The Garden of Paradise was paradise only so long as Adam and Eve entertained no thought of worldly things. There were no pestering bank accounts, troublesome servants, expensive automobiles, business worries and social and fashion detractions in Paradise.

Few people have learned the secret of living well. Most of us measure contentment in terms of dollars and social position. The number is negligible which views life as a golden opportunity to work and think and be joyful.

Pardon the washwoman's delay. She had to change a tire.

No youth gets very far who burns the midnight oil in an automobile.

How do you like Father's new winter overcoat—since it was steamed and pressed?

Well, another autoist saw the train coming, when nearing a crossing, but thought he could, etc!

The scientist who predicts that in 10 years there will be no servant girls, must have mailed it.

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.

35 YEARS AGO Chas. J. Shain spent Sunday at Davidsburg. Had a good time and nearly froze to death.

This week L. B. Peabody sold his store and contents to John Hanna for \$4,500 cash.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Mallett of Utica and Miss Chapoton were the guests of Miss Esther Chapman last week.

Mrs. Abe Harris has just returned from visiting friends and relatives at Midland, Bay City and Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Farmer, who moved to Birmingham from Royal Oak two weeks ago intending to buy a place here, will make their home with her mother, Mrs. Geo. Taylor.

Dr. Josie C. Barbosa, of San Juan, one of the Porto Rican Delegation has been visiting the large cities throughout the United States to learn something of American manufactures, while visiting in Detroit last week was called upon by Dr. Campbell of this place. The two physicians were college friends and classmates and to say that they were highly pleased to meet after 21 years of putting it lightly.

Two months remain of this eventful first year of the twentieth century. The year will doubtless be one of the most memorable of the century, by reason of the death of the executives of the two leading nations of the world—Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, and His Excellency, William McKinley.

Last Monday evening while visiting with her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Hupp, on Woodward avenue, Mrs. Thos. Turley fell from the back door step and broke her left arm. Dr. C. M. Raynale reduced the fracture and the good news is improving as fast as her many friends can expect.

A party of gentlemen consisting of John Rainey, George and Jack Purdy, Webster Bray, Will Adams, George Bincham, John Randow, Jason Leonard, Rush Hankins and Will Sackley, left Wednesday last for Newberry for a two weeks' hunt. They expect to bring back all the deer in the Upper Peninsula.

Mrs. Betsy Shain has moved into the rooms vacated by Mrs. M. L. Noble, who moved into the house with Mrs. Elizabeth Randall in Brown street, where all are comfortably settled for the coming cold winter.

Hunting quail, partridge, etc., and will stay until deer hunting begins, says up in Ogemaw county, are Ed. Daniels, Dr. L. F. Balduck and Lewis Randall. We hope the gentlemen will have no good time, not get hurt, and return all right.

Visitors with the family of Samuel C. Mills the past week were Miss May Stevens, of Eaton Rapids, and

Dr. H. E. Stevens, of Cygnet, Ohio, a good time.

W. Dahlsson, of Commerce, spent last week with his sister, Mrs. John Sharp.

43 YEARS AGO Hon. James Bayley visited Detroit last week.

A very social and happy party took place at Frank Pearson's last Friday night in honor of Miss Carrie. Dancing was indulged in and was agreed that it was the nicest party yet.

Of all the turns that ever turn up the one that William A. Parks left on exhibition with us last week is the boss. Lettuce give him due credit, for it beats all. We'd like to tabulate about a bushel of it and make a bag of ourselves, but we could stand it up into our office some gherkin just as a peer offering, you know. We don't object to vegetables any. We don't mind onions, you could callow by any other name and "brown smut" as sweet and—and—hand us the ammonia, please.

The other day Ehnatus Wootter went out to Clyde to visit friends and relatives and brought back a new horse, buggy, harness, etc. He'll go and get 'em next.

The burglars who visited Poppleton last week found a photograph belonging to J. N. Heth there, of two men hung to a railroad bridge out West. It must have vexed them, for they tore the photo all up. Perhaps it reminded them of something.

One day last week Miss Vera Russell, daughter of Daniel Russell Esq., and sister of Mrs. James McKinley, of Southfield, returned from a two years and a half sojourn in Maryland at the home of her uncle, Charles Palmer.

Mrs. Dr. C. M. Raynale paid her respects to the Rainbow City, the Pan-American, Niagara Falls and surrounding vicinity in a flying visit last week. She accompanied Mrs. A. J. Bodine and daughter as far as Buffalo on their return home to Connecticut. Mr. Bodine joined his wife and little one at Buffalo and they all enjoyed the sightseeing together.

Today Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wilson take their departure for their winter home in Detroit. We shall miss them, but hope when the robins nest again they will return.

Now, wouldn't this trip a duck? The deceased leaves four children, three of whom are respected residents of this city, but the other lives in Birmingham. —Holly Herald.

Notwithstanding her inability to move around a great deal, Miss Maud Camp is a very enthusiastic kodak crank. She has several views of the railroad wreck which will rank among the best and do credit to a professional. Miss Nellie did the shooting while Miss Maud develops, prints and passes out the results which are thankfully received by their many friends.

Judge Patterson entertained at the Hotel Hodges to dinner on Thursday, fifteen of the old supervisors of Oakland County who held that office between the years 1860 and 1870. The Judge cannot be at an entertainment, and the old gentlemen had an excellent time reviewing the time of long ago.

Four wedded couples were legally separated by the Pontiac Circuit Court last week. They are 'appy.

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The Irish Free State is the only civilized country in the world that is without patent laws. Running short of funds, Richard C. Worrell of Oxford New to England replenished his purse at his London bank and returned by air, only four hours having elapsed.

CHESTERFIELD ROAD BARRICADED But Chesterfield Gardens are Selling Fast LAST week we announced the opening of Chesterfield Gardens, a new carefully restricted subdivision facing on Querton Lake Estates on the east and Bloomfield Village on the west. In spite of the fact that Chesterfield Road, the only approach to Chesterfield Gardens is closed, due to the laying of the sewers, which will be completed with this property, we sold nearly twenty per cent of these attractive sites in a single week.

The Reason For This Is Obvious Chesterfield Gardens at two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars with water, sewers, sidewalks, trees, etc. extra assured, represents, in our opinion, the best value in Birmingham. Here are beautiful building sites, located directly between two successful subdivisions which were quickly sold out at prices far beyond the cost of Chesterfield Gardens.

Here you have the assurance of the finest kind of neighbors—the protection of the usual Saunders-Colgrove-Buck restrictions—a new school just a stone's throw away to be built in the near future—all within the limits of the Village of Birmingham. In our opinion these advantages will make Chesterfield Gardens sell very fast and we urge you to investigate these values today.

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