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BIRMINGHAM LIVES NOT BY BREAD ALONE

Birmingham, recognized now as Detroit's prettiest and most attractive suburb, exemplifies a high type of intelligence as it continues to provide hundreds of new fireplaces annually. To the future, people who come out here to live invest much of their money in splendid types of homes; their yards become veritable flower gardens, their lawns are mowed about the idea of living happily together.

Mindful that "man liveth not by bread alone," the people of this community never fail to manifest their loyalty to the uplifting influences of life in building good schools, churches, and supporting community activities that exist solely for the purpose of elevating the social circle.

The announcement last week that members of the Birmingham First Church of Christ, Scientist, had started on a \$100,000.00 church home at Willetts and Chester streets, is but one of the fine examples of our willingness to reverent deity. The local Baptist church has already prepared plans for a splendid new church on West Maple avenue; and as near date the Methodists, too, may push a new and larger spire toward the sky, each affording real evidence that Birmingham depends much upon the religion of Jesus Christ for its sustenance.

Rapid expansion of a community such as we have here brings many problems of growth upon all civic institutions; our schools have been enlarged and added to during the past five years, and our churches, obtaining increased memberships, are meeting with the same needs for expansion. It is fine for Birmingham that, while its commercial and residential business is growing by leaps and bounds, the business of Christianity is able to keep pace with the requirements of our village.

NEWS FROM THE BALDWIN HIGH SCHOOL

In this week's issue of The Eccentric you will find several columns of news devoted to the activities of Baldwin High School, a feature which will be conducted each week throughout the school year. We trust that our readers will appreciate this department, not only as a means of obtaining information regarding student activities, but also as an encouragement to the students themselves, many of whom some day may become Horace Grepleys or Edna Ferbers. The copy for this new department is written entirely by the students; The Eccentric will co-operate with the schools to the fullest extent, so that any latent journalistic capacities of the student body may be brought to the surface.

AUTOCRACY IS DEAD IN MICHIGAN

Now that the State Republican convention is history, Republicans of Michigan have almost completed their contribution to government for the next two years. We are assuming, of course, that the November election will carry into office those who were nominated at the September 14 primary election.

That the people of Michigan are opposed to an autocratic form of government has been manifested throughout the primary and state convention programs; it not only proves that a majority of Michigan people stand for representative government, but that the Republican party, itself, stands for the perpetuation of rule by the entire people.

In Michigan, autocracy is dead! Long live Representative Government!

FADING LEAVES

"We all do fade as a leaf" is a Biblical phrase more or less melancholy. The thought of fading is not a happy one. We speak of fading beauty, a fading mind or body, but nobody wants to fade. There is a hint of late autumn in fading leaves, of waning powers, as when Macbeth exclaimed, "My way of life is fall'n into the sear, the yellow leaf."

Yet leaves do not always fade in such a manner as to warrant somber reflection. Many leaves fade amidst a glory and beauty such as fills the western sky when there is a red sunset. Some leaves fade in colors that are enchanting, a sort of mid-autumn's day dream. Were it not for the fading leaf the splendors of autumn would be lost and gone from the landscape the splashes of crimson, glorious hues of orange, and more sedate shades of maroon and russet. Autumn

"Turned my maple's leaves to gold;
The most are gone now; here and there one lingers.
Soon these will slip from out the twig's weak hold
Like coins between a dying miser's fingers."

CHASING LIQUID GOLD

Particularly valuable to those who are tempted to sink their savings in "wildcat" oil ventures in the hope of garnering vast riches is a bulletin, issued by the United States bureau of mines, which estimates that \$30,000,000 is spent annually in drilling holes that yield no oil. In the last two years 5,814 dry holes, representing an average cost of \$10,000, have been reported.

Of course anyone at all acquainted with the oil producing industry knows that failures are frequent and that the business is attended with hazard, but since the successes are widely proclaimed, and the dry holes get little advertising, it is likely to be assumed by the uninitiated that the rewards are more certain than works out in practice.

The findings of the bureau of mines may constitute warning against undue hope in wildcatting but is not likely



to affect it greatly. The possibility of great gain, even though remote, is a lure that appeals to men and it is probable that there will be future losses in dry holes much as in the past.

Hawaii is reported to be no longer a snakeless land, but that may be merely an excuse.

Many a woman who never looked inside a volume of Blackstone is able to lay down the law. A man likes to blame heredity when it is an acquired trait that causes the trouble.

The harm others may do to a man's reputation is not so serious as what he can do to his character. Clothing men report that half of male America is garbed in only rags. That is bad. Used to have some tatters, too.

There is one difficulty about putting to death weak-minded persons. It might include too many. The former kaiser says he has always had a liking for England. Also for France, doubtless. He tried so hard to go to Paris a few years ago.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS - of Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Cleared From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today

43 YEARS AGO. The vast uproar resounding from the utmost boundaries of West Bloomfield all day last Sunday causing some of the neighbors to think the Salvation army had arrived was caused by Harvey Higbie rejoicing over a 14 lb. boy.

Where's Frank Randall? Trowbridge is home from his labors at Washington taking his annual vacation.

Miss Tillie Walker will visit at her father's hear Fowlerville for the coming month and leaves next Saturday.

Don't forget that oak race Saturday at the 'Bham Driving Park. Open to all farmer's horses. Entry fee ten bushels of oats, winner to take the grain.

Will Harrison has taken up three sheep, all ewes, and wants the owner to come and pay charges and take 'em away. Call on him 3 miles east of Birmingham.

Dan Johnston, our live dentist, in order to be up to par, has put in a new and improved apparatus for administering gas for the painless extraction of teeth.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will hold a social at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Perry on Wednesday night next. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Married at Pontiac, Wednesday, Oct. 3, by Rev. J. M. Geston, Mr. Andrew Quick and Miss Maggie Craig. The many friends of Miss Maggie will all join in wishing her a long and happy life.

The Birmingham Aid Society will meet at the residence of Mrs. Frank Hagerman Friday afternoon. Business of importance to be transacted. All are invited. Mrs. James Robbins, Secretary.

He has went and did it at last. He returned from Elkhart, Ind., last week where he had purchased a valuable piece of city property at Harbor Springs, right in the midst of the village and handsomely located for building, and in the spring he intends to erect a nice summer resort cottage and live there during the heated term "blue summer." Like rich nabob, and right here he wants one and all, regardless of age, sex or previous condition of servitude, to come and see him at or near Potocney, for the latch string will always be out.—O. Graciano's name is to K. Taber.

On Monday last an important real estate transfer was made when Ned Daines purchased the Ellis House, taking possession thereof November 1st. We understand he will rent it by suites of rooms to families for the present. But what are we going to do for those big dinners with brandy sauce peddling when Mrs. Ellis is gone. Mr. Ellis will give his attention to promoting the interests of

his car coupler. Good luck to 'em anyhow. Joe Rañey has written us from San Jose, Cal., saying The Eccentric has recently moved to this place, and anyone desiring to communicate with the general Joe will direct his mail accordingly.

The Bloomfield mills have been undergoing a system of repairs, chief among which is an entire new flume. John Toms doesn't make much of a fuss but just keeps 'pugging away, and those are the men who seem to succeed after all.

The Library Society have just received the following: "For the Major," "But Yet a Woman," "The Excutor," "A Woman's Reason," "Life of Thomas Jefferson," "Life of James Monroe," "Life of John Ran-

Al Cary has been building under his house a new stone cellar. Charlie Gill did the job and gave perfect satisfaction. He is now busily engaged on a stone cellar for Fred Brace, and of course Fred is happy.

Would it not be a good idea for each resident to take pride enough in our village to care for his own streets? It would save advertising for our children lost in the weeds.

Union Temperance meeting will be held at the Baptist Church next Sunday evening, address by Rev. J. P. Stevens. Everybody invited. Services begin at seven o'clock.

ABOUT WOMEN. Household 14. Mrs. Louisa C. Hunter of Highland Mills, N. Y., who was a passenger on the first train run on the Erie railroad, is still living at the age of 107.

Mme. Tetrazzini, famous prima donna, now 60 years old, will shortly wed Pietro Farnetti, aged 30, in Rome.

Faustine LaBude, who was formerly a cook for President Wilson, had charge of the kitchen at Jack Dempsey's training camp.

Miss Norma Smallwood of Tulsa, Okla., was chosen as Miss America at the annual Atlantic City contest. She is 18 years old, 5 feet 4 1/2 inches tall, weighs 118 pounds and has long hair.

Miss Elizabeth Sutherland, daughter of former Senator Sutherland of West Virginia, will wed Stanley Harris, manager of the Washington American baseball club.

Miss Selma Fjellstad was dismissed from the office of county clerk at Madison, Wis., in which she had been chief deputy. There she ran against the clerk and defeated him for the clerkship.

Miss Nora Dunphy of Liverpool is the first English woman to receive

J. Allen Biglow had a severe illness come to him Wednesday a. m. Dr. W. Raymale soon relieved the sufferer and we hope he will speedily recover. Miss Bertha Park entertained her friend, Mrs. Paul Fletcher, of St. Louis, Mo., the past week, and Mrs. Fletcher departed with a happy heart over her cordial entertainment.

We are all right for pumpkin pie next winter, for Wm. Newman, of the Watkins Stock Farm, brought out each a great big basket of a pumpkin, one of the new styles, the pie pumpkin. They were wholes and each one a leaf for a man to carry. As the pumpkin crop is a failure this year, our pumpkins are doubly dear. Thanks, William.

The Grand Chapter of the Order of the T. S. Star of Michigan meets this week at Grand Rapids. Mrs. C. A. Burdette and daughter, Mrs. W. D. Masters, a representative of the Birmingham O. E. S. W. are pleased that Birmingham ladies will be so ably represented. Mrs. I. H. Wilson and family were busy and happily engaged Sunday in entertaining Audley Wilson, son and brother, and his chums, Messrs. Andrews, Beers and Benedict, and a jolly crowd, it was, too.

Miss Alice Cromwell, of St. Louis, Mich., is visiting old friends in our village. She is making her headquarters at the home of the Misses Isabelle and Frank Curtis. Her many friends are glad to hear pleasant face-again. William Brown, of the Detroit Floral Co., Detroit, was in Birmingham one day this week visiting his cousin, Miss Will Walker. He is really too bad, poor Willie, as Miss Mitchell—be can't talk.

Mrs. Allie J. Bodine, and daughter, Miss Hazel, of Bridgeport, Conn., are visiting with the grandpas and grandmas of both families, so the Bodines and the Adams are a happy lot these days. We have at last got trace of our esteemed friend, Geo. H. Maxwell, who started the theatrical season

this fall at Buffalo with the Six Rose Kings company, in which Miss Rose Novelly is the star. Bet Maxwell will be in clover. From Buffalo to New York, Chicago and other cities, bright success has followed this de-servingly company. When they played at Louisville, Ky., in the Avenue. The Courier-Journal says of Miss Novelly, who is our girl, as follows: "The present company is distinctly stronger than that of last season. The role of Miss Novelly, well played by George H. Maxwell, whose acting has remained intelligent and intelligent. The company strikes Detroit, all of Mr. Maxwell's Birmingham friends will attend in a body—see if they don't. We are indebted to Mr. Maxwell for a theater edition of Six Rose Kings' own book, as Miss is right, when she says, "I say there ain't no use of your lovin' for nobody what won't be wakin' for nobody."

Port Huron, Sept. 29.—A death blow aimed at the worst "flapper" is being struck by Miss Bina M. West, supreme commander of the Woman's Benefit association, who believes that general use of the word, as applied to the modern young American woman should be eliminated. Miss West said, "I do not believe there is such a thing as a typical 'flapper.' She has asked the 4,000 members of the Girls' clubs affiliated with the Woman's Benefit association to drop the use of the word and to ask their friends to do so.

W. B. A. Hits Calling Modern Girl a Flapper

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the degree of bachelor of architecture.

Miss Annie Louise Wolters of Buffalo was adjudged the prettiest woman in the United States, and received a free trip to the national restaurant convention in Atlanta. She is 19, weighs 118, is 5 feet 9.

Miss Julia Kochevar of Grand Junction, Colo., won the Elks national award and gold medal for her essay on "Old Ironsides."

25 YEARS AGO. H. Bunyan, of Cleveland, was the guest of his brother, Andrew, last Sunday.

Mrs. M. Smith and Mrs. V. A. Van Every visited Detroit friends one day last week.

Mrs. Ernest Eblit and daughter, Alma, are visiting relatives in Ecorse this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stabler, of Petoskey, are visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. Julia Dewey and Miss Jehny Clift, of Pontiac, were guests over Sunday of Mrs. L. Musgrave.

Guests at J. W. Perry's last week: Mrs. O. W. Rice, of Brookville, Fla., and Mrs. W. B. Hibbard, of Detroit.

Mrs. Frye, of Northville, and Miss Ina Hart, of Detroit, were callers at the home of their cousin, M. R. Blair, Saturday last.

John Rainey, of Chicago, is home for a short visit. He is the same John as of old, and his friends are all glad to see him once more.

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