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THE REAL ESTATE DEALS

Present real estate activity in Birmingham, which involves the expenditure of millions of dollars, can be either good or evil. It depends upon what is made of it.

Everything points to the complete betterment of Birmingham as the result of these sales and the improvements that are planned. It will best benefit not only to those who have figured in the deals, but to practically every resident of the village. There will be direct and indirect results, almost without end.

However, one danger must be avoided. Upon this everything relative to the future of Birmingham rests.

MURDER MUST BE NO REAL ESTATE BOOM

Hopes of too many American communities have been shattered by real estate booms. As a rule they are as devastating as an earthquake leaving their wake financial ruins, and plans reduced to ashes. The tales of inflated values and wild speculations are told of Florida are word one indeed. A boom and its effect was brought closer to Birmingham several years ago when Pontiac started its frantic growth. The slump that followed was tragic and the city is just now recovering.

Certainly no indication of any such thing has been given up to this time in Birmingham. The activity is a natural result of the industrial growth of Detroit and Pontiac. Persons who have benefited from this growth in the two cities have concentrated on Birmingham as the ideal place for their homes and offices. That there is need for more office space will be shown clearly when the buildings, now in process of contemplation, are erected. They will be filled quickly by clients of the most desirable kind.

Reports from real estate offices say that as a result of the activity, price listings on property have, in some cases, been increased. Realtors question the wisdom of this move. Certainly it is not a sign of being general it would be questionable; it might be dangerous.

Apparently Birmingham as a whole is interested in maintaining the high standard in its every mode of life that has made it so attractive in the past. To continue this all the activity should be kept in perspective and considered coolly and with a welcome, confident that it accorded a worthy friend by a gentleman host.

G. B. ST. AT 70

George Bernard Shaw, at 70, would prohibit poverty. So opposed is the parlor-pink gentleman who spends his time writing plays and putting ticks on the chairs of dignitaries, who instantly loses their dignity to this modern life, that he would put to death all persons "earning less than \$3,000 a year or asking for more."

The idea of Mr. Shaw is overdone, overexpressed and overly-silly, and the principle upon which it is based is entirely contradictory to a principle of the world, and which the English gentleman has expressed approval.

It is the clause, "put to death," that offends logic. And the reason is simple. So far as we have been informed, it does not enter into the creed of the socialist. When it does, the socialist leaves the society of life voices and enters the blatt and shrieking world of Anarchism.

Other things are said in the same interview given out by the man who has "attained 70." Most of them contradict themselves in the same way. He declares "love lacks personal interest," and, by way of illustration, we suppose, says that "even Shakespeare could not make it interest."

These are not the kinds of statement that have made Shaw what he is today. Rather, they appear to be silly paradoxes designed to make a world to which he is indifferent, except for its applause, and a puzzled head and act ahead. What the cognoscent of that world actually are doing after reading the interview, is nodding a head that is not the least quizzed. And as they nod they are declaring that Shaw at 70 is not a great deal different from Shaw at 40. He still has the same old craving for publicity; the same old mania for applause from the world to which he is indifferent.

BIRD LIFE SEEN HERE

It has been said so many times that people could learn a great deal more about themselves and their relation to life if they were to spend more time in observing animals and birds that a repetition of it now depends solely upon a more or less local application if it is to carry any weight.

But those who have been following the very interesting series of articles on bird life, written for The Eccentric by Wilmont H. Wood, one of Michigan's widely known naturalists who lives in Birmingham, will attest the veracity of the statement.

The articles are carefully written and breathe forth an intimacy with the creatures in which Mr. Wood has so great an interest. They are genuine from the first to the last word.

In them are reflected traits of birds that to most Birmingham residents, are common and uninteresting. Yet, when seen through the eyes of Mr. Wood who has studied them for years, they take on the aspects of highly intelligent creatures with a culture of their own. His understanding of them brings out points that are not easily observed, but which are as interesting as they are instructive.

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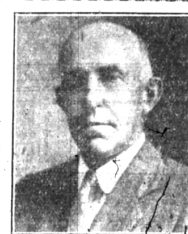
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A WORD TO THE ROBUST

A current myth has it that all fat people could become thin if they would but exercise their willpower to a better advantage. Because of this, their protestations against excessive weight are treated without seriousness. When they talk about their predicament they are humored both with and without patience, just as an hypochondriac is humored. For, it is assumed, their "ill" could easily be done away with by the proper dieting.

But alas, science must be reckoned with. Persons in the effort to reduce their weight, have gone on the strictest diet and the results have been discouraging. Not only because they failed to take off the excess weight, but because the dieting injured their health, at least temporarily. This is a physiological condition which dieting can not reach. It may as well be looked upon as merely a state of affairs. Any way, who ever said anything mean about one who was fat?

YOU CAN HELP

After a winter and spring of inactivity, burglars are again visiting Birmingham on their unbecoming missions. Police have asked citizens to co-operate to the utmost in aiding them apprehend the offenders. This "mutual co-operation" is a small thing and calls for the minimum of effort on the part of the citizen. It means, merely, that when you see or hear anyone whom you suspect, you are to notify the police. Their task then is to do the investigating. A willingness on the part of citizens to aid in this work is the surest guarantee in the world of ridding the village of the house breakers.

A Detroit man who struck a Bloomfield Hills Village policeman was fined \$100 by Justice Lloyd S. Buck. Obviously the moral is that one should control one's temper . . . even if the object is a policeman.

Daves uses nothing but artificial flies for catching trout. Coolidge is said to use the lovely woman. Both of them are reported to be catchers of fish; next year we may see which is best at catching votes. It will depend, of course, upon the kind of bait they use.

THE SHABBY HOUSE

It's a tiny little cottage. Seems there scarcely could be room for anyone to live beyond that porch where roses bloom. I often wonder, as I pass Just what that bright eyed lad and lass That always plays outside the door Can find to be so merry o'er.

I should so like to knock upon that shabby door some day. So I could see the folks up close and hear just what they'd say.

How I would like to peep inside, And if I might, to even-bide, With those who folks a little while And find out why they always smile.

Sometimes the children have a picnic dinner in the swings. And long ere I have passed the house I hear their laughter ring.

From sunrise till the day is done Terms with merriment and fun, That shabby little place I pass That's almost hidden in the grass.

—Beatrice McDonald.

HEADS OF NEW SAVINGS BANK ANNOUNCED

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 credit manager of the Bank of Saginaw, he was for two and one-half years bank examiner for the State Banking department. Officials of the Birmingham Savings Bank say this is considered the finest record for sound banking experience. Previous to that time he was connected with the Bay City Bank in Bay City, his former home.

He was selected for the position after many applicants had been interviewed, and members of the board declare he is well fitted for the post. While in Saginaw, they say, it was his duty to investigate and report on all applicants for loans, that the bank should handle. They say he combines experience with youth.

Has Long Experience
 "His long experience fits him thoroughly for the duties he will have in the new bank," Mr. Bradway said. "He is well able to handle the credit and auditing part of the business and his ability as a manager should make him a very valuable man."

Mr. Martindale is married and the father of two children. His wife is the former Miss Edith Kane of Bay City. Organization of this bank is the first instance in the knowledge of Mr. Bradway where a bank was not created to give someone a position, he said. "This institution was conceived and executed by Birmingham men for the purpose of giving service to the community," he said.

Mr. Bradway is a director of the Time Savings Bank of Detroit and also the Guardian Trust company. He was born and received his grade and high school education in Birmingham and later was graduated from the University of Michigan and Detroit College of Law. He has large real estate holdings in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills.

He is optimistic about the future of Birmingham and believes its growth will be constant. His theory is based on the fact that Detroit's growth is assured, he said, and that Detroiters will continue to move in great numbers to holdings in Birmingham for their residences.

By-laws were drawn up at the meeting last night and directors will busy themselves working out plans and policies between now and the time of the opening. The building will be completed and furnished in plenty of time for the opening of the bank in September, board members say.

Because of a desire to have employment for the bank taken from applications of Birmingham men and women, Mr. Lawson urges applications from those residents who desire situations to be sent to Mr. Martindale at 500 Forest avenue, Birmingham.

No Need To Fear Water Plan, Claim

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 completed within 10 or 15 days, it is said, and the water plan, which is being considered by the city, will be ended within 10 or 15 days, it is said, and the water plan, which is being considered by the city, will be ended within 10 or 15 days, it is said.

Bureau Members Planning Dinner

How to eliminate bad accounts will be the topic under discussion Friday at 6:30 p. m. at the Chateau Tea Room when members of the Birmingham Credit Bureau gather for a round table discussion. A large number of members is expected by E. W. Luckie, manager of the bureau, who is making plans for the dinner.

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POEMS I LOVE

"Ghosts," by R. K. Munkittrick. Munkittrick was an American humorist, an humorist who frequently contributed to all our best periodicals. His name was almost a household word at one time; yet often he wrote serious verse of a high order, for, like most humorists, he had a desire to be taken seriously once in a while. This is a delicate fancy, charmingly expressed, that the best of our lyric poets would not be ashamed to acknowledge as their own.

Out in the misty moonlight
 The first snowflakes I see,
 As they float among the leafless
 Limbs of the apple tree.
 Faintly they seem to whisper:
 "A round the bushes they wing:
 'We are the ghosts of the blossoms
 That died in the early spring.'"

Now Mr. Ford has also apologized to Mr. Sapro. Anyone else with a grievance should speak up while Henry is in an apologizing mood.
 Besides being a notable feat, the South-Florida flight to Honolulu served to inform the world that there is such a thing as a pine tree.

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In Pontiac, with General Motors spending many millions of dollars in new plants, it is only natural that real estate both in and around this city is attracting scores of the most successful investors.

It is most attractive to investors who are looking for a safe, sound investment. In Birmingham, the same sound interest is being shown in its business property.

When such substantial real estate investors as the Briggs Investment Company, Mrs. Alfred Wilson, Dr. Hugo A. Friend, James Guggen and others continue to add to their already large holdings of business buildings, you can be most assured that a conservative investigation has shown before.

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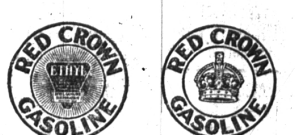
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