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Thursday, January 13, 1927 ONE HUNDRED FEET FOR WOODWARD AVENUE

For nearly three years Birmingham was told that the highway regarding the ultimate width of Woodward Avenue through this village...

In the meantime, as we all know, countless thousands of motor vehicles pounded their ways through our community, each taking its toll on the life of pavement that today looks more like a combination golf course...

Now, however, a new Governor is at the helm of Michigan's affairs: at a meeting of the State Administrative Board, held in Lansing Monday morning, a resolution was passed that instructs the State Highway Department to execute plans for a 100-ft. Woodward avenue through Birmingham...

The Eccentric has always held that the final width of Woodward Avenue in this community should be determined by the State authorities...

EDWARD G. WASEY

The sudden death of Edward G. Wasey, of Harmon avenue, early last Saturday morning, was a distinct shock to the entire community...

A real tribute to the integrity of Luther D. Allen was paid him by his Bloomfield Hills neighbors...

This community will miss the kindly presence of Mrs. Frank J. Miller, whose sudden death occurred last week in California...

Wouldn't it be proper for Birmingham to erect a red danger light at Oak street where the new Woodward highway pavement veers quickly to the eastward...

Have you found time to enjoy the skating on Quarten Lake this winter? Hundreds of men and women, boys and girls, are enjoying the "glow of health" which this community is obtaining...

Newspaper reports assert that "big business" is trying to force the United States into a war with Mexico, the aim being to protect the oil and mineral properties controlled by Wall Street...

PROVIDING LOCAL CONVERSATION

One of the chief items of conversational interest manifested in almost every quarter of Birmingham these days is the investigation now being made regarding the merits of a city form of government over the present village form...

Relative to the change in form of government, nothing of confirmed substance has been presented, although the recently created Village-City committee seems to accept the task of investigation with an open mind...

With few exceptions, most of the local citizens with whom we have talked on an increased village commission favor the seven-man plan over the five. With seven men, they believe, Birmingham would have a better representation on its official board...

"THOU SHALT NOT" IS NOT "THOU SHALT"

A certain few members of the Michigan Legislature, motivated by jungle instinct, are seeking to place the death penalty upon the State's statute books. They believe that the enactment of a death penalty law in Michigan will accomplish much to prevent serious crimes...

If some of the newspapers that are planning for a death penalty in Michigan were as vigorous in their denunciation of negligent police departments, incompetent judges, and some justice-chasing lawyers...

YOUR LEGISLATIVE INTEREST

The Michigan legislature is in session. That will furnish news fresh now until some time in May. Some days there will be many interesting proposals, some sane and some crazy...

In his first message to the lawmakers, last week, Governor Fred W. Green told the state solons they had an opportunity to make themselves the most outstanding legislative body in the United States...

Every community in Michigan is seriously interested in almost every important action which confronts the legislature. We are interested in roads, game and fish, forests and mines, schools and taxes...

Three hundred new car types were shown when the New York Automobile Show opened last Sunday. This variety ought to be sufficient to satisfy the desire of the most particular automobile lover...

The third annual convention of the National Association of Window Shade Manufacturers of America will hold forth in the Book-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, this week-end...

The article issued from Washington, D. C., that "the entire U. S. Navy will be burning oil by the end of 1927" would be approved joyously by the folk of Bohney would take place...

"Flaming Youth" may be part of today's younger generation, as the saying goes, "Inflamed Youth" may be its title tomorrow, if the saying goes farther, with plenty of them burned out on the way...

It is reported that Santa Claus is peevish because of the rough ride he was put to when his sleigh tried to pass along Woodward avenue a few weeks ago...

News that radio lessons during sleep have proved satisfactory will mystify professors who have lectured to dreamy students.



FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS - of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric - The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

43 YEARS AGO. A. C. Baldwin (Buckskin Sam) of Pontiac, was in town Monday.

Miss Jennie Keyes is visiting relatives and friends near Pontiac this week.

John Baldwin says this weather is top cold to play "Clinch". We think so too.

A surprise party for Will Taber at his father's last Tuesday night, was quite an event for the young participants.

The ready helpers will meet at Mrs. Brownell's, on Saturday at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially invited. Hattie Simpson, Secretary.

A worthy citizen of Troy kissed a school matron of that town recently, and now the Trojans are sneaking over it. Where's the harm, if the school matron didn't object?

Henry Grinnell, of near Franklin, made us a short call one evening last week and his last words were, "Well, Whitehead is going to see Betsy Morris has cost him \$500--and it did."

M. McLeod, the lady doctor, will remain in Birmingham until further notice. Diseases such as neuritis, epilepsy, rheumatism, catarrhs, syphilis and all kinds of diseases successfully treated with balm treatment and herbs, at the National Hotel.

Mr. Geo. Sly, of near Franklin, brought to us the largest owl we have ever seen yet. We called in our taxidermist, Mr. E. P. Beckman, who announced his owlship too much damaged to be "set up," otherwise we would have hung a beautiful-stuffed owl to adorn our office.

There never was a horse so fast. That owned man for a master. With a horse a free-steele faster. And so it was with that black flyer of Ernest Wilde. After our screw about his bonnie black was in print, Jas. Van Every Esqr., got out his old gray pacer and calmly "downed" every horse on Messrs. Winstor and Runday!

TO THE JANUARY SUNSHINE

Oh merry Sunshine, stay with us awhile, And with thy charms the golden hours beguile. The earth is bright and beautiful and gay, Yet sad and drear enough when you're away.

Oh golden Sunshine, evermore befriend The world. Give us your warmth and light to fend The cold north wind who seems to bode us ill As he comes blustering across the hill.

Oh, lovely Sunshine of the winter days, Bathe all the earth in glory with your rays. Enchant stern-winter's furies and darkened frown. And change it to a glowing yellow gown.

Fair Sunshine, when you smile upon the snow A thousand sparkling diamonds come and go. Smile then in all the corners of the earth And fill a thousand hearts with cheer and mirth.

Dear January Sunshine, do not leave Ere you open our hearts your pattern weave. So when we close our eyes, we'll dream of you. Then open them, to find our dreams come true. BEATRICE McDONALD.

Sold by Mr. Runder to D. L. Case, of Detroit. The wall is dandy, flows more than a barrel a minute, and will go as high as 20 feet above the surface. This is all Harvey Carter's work. The wall is about the best deep and Harpey made a good thing of it, taking on a contract—no flow, no pay.

The last meeting of the L. I. C. was held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Mr. Reynolds. The membership was well represented, all feeling glad to see the president, Miss Baldwin, seated in her chair after her recent absence. Members responded to a call by citing some interesting historical or current event. The feature of the evening was the club newspaper edited and read by Mrs. Austin Farris. The various departments of a regular family newspaper were represented and arranged in an exceedingly readable and entertaining manner, reflecting much credit on the editorial management. The story by Miss Julia Post was especially commended.

25 YEARS AGO Slumping—Master Tommy Harris and Clara Mason.

Harold Corson was quite ill and confined to the house, a part of the past week.

Erastus Kimball, brother of Mrs. Marion Webster, will make his home with her the rest of the winter.

Mrs. J. F. Runder entertained the ladies of the Whist club last Friday. An enjoyable time is reported.

Miss Mary Lee of Farmington has been spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Fuller.

The many friends of "Miss Martha Baldwin are glad to see her again in our midst after an extended visit with friends and relatives in Chicago.

The Chrysanthemum Club held its regular meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burtraw Tuesday evening. Ace prizes were won by E. Munro and Mrs. May Hubert. The booby prizes fell to the lot of S. C. Mills and Mrs. Nellie Blair. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Hubert.

Messrs. B. M. Duty of this place and Dick Cummings, of Franklin, are in attendance at the Grand Chapter of the R. A. M. held in Detroit this week. They represent Birmingham chapter No. 93, and do it in a qualified manner.

Herb for Daniel Case? His farm is now waiting a white horse of a flowing wail. This farm is got out his old gray pacer and calmly "downed" every horse on Messrs. Winstor and Runday!

I want my hills!—the trail That scorns the hollow— Up, up the ragged shale, Where few will follow, Up, up wooded crest And mossy bowlder, With strong thigh, heaving chest, And swiping shoulder.

So let me hold my way, By no means chiding! As Unto, at close of day, I stand, exalted, High on my hills of dream— Dear hills that know me! And then, how fair will seem The lands below me.

How pure, at vesper-time, The far bells chiming! God, give me hills to climb, And strength for climbing! (Copyright, 1926.)



Pontiac Acreage

We have just bought another piece of Pontiac Acreage for a prominent group of Detroit interests.

Properly bought Pontiac property, in our opinion, is bound to show handsome profits during the next six months.

If you are not already familiar with the \$12,000,000 expansion plans of the General Motors in that city, we will be glad to give you the facts.

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