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WOMEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE

Women of this country who are interested in the furthering of Equal Rights for their sex are making great headway in proving that they are capable of taking a decidedly active and constructive part in the affairs of government. For many years they have been engaged in the business and professional life of the nation, with attendant success upon their enterprising.

It is but a comparatively short time since American women began to fill public offices, elective by the people. In most such cases the women have shown a vast superiority over many of their male fellow-officers, to the ultimate uplift and betterment of society.

Birmingham, for the first time in its village history, is making an experiment with a woman public official. Mrs. Hope Halgren, an able young woman of vast local reputation, is reflecting in her work as village commissioner the attributes that prove woman's capacity to perform a task complete and well. Her efforts to administer government to Birmingham ought to arouse in the minds and hearts of her sister citizens a profound respect and admiration for the cause of Equal Rights—as they have with many local men.

Local citizens who had any doubts as to Mrs. Halgren's ability to fulfill her duties as a village commissioner are being agreeably surprised; they are admitting that a woman can fill a public office, can make decisions and stick to them—and last but not least—perform a long-felt duty in the elevation of the public's business. Commissioner Halgren is proving the worth of her sisterhood in business of life; may her numbers grow infinitely.

HELPING OUR POSTOFFICE ALONG

Wherever people congregate in social and business life, there must be postage stamps! This statement is expressed in the language of the United States Postoffice Department, and is a "lickin' good" one, is that?

In last week's Centric was published an article showing the tremendous growth of Birmingham's postoffice, a splendid barometer of the steady influx of new residents into the district. Last year's postoffice receipts showed the sum of approximately \$34,000.00 as realized in the year ending March 31, \$40,000.00 more in stamp sales can be added to this year's postal receipts by Postmaster Cobb, Birmingham will get into the first-class rating—a rating that will be reflected in better postal service to this community.

Let's help the Birmingham postoffice by buying more stamps here.

HELPING TO CONSERVE

You who are interested in the beauty of nature, in its wild life of trees, flowers, game, fish and scenery, will no doubt respond to the appeal in James Oliver Curwood's article in last week's Centric, in which he asks that letters be written to the State Department of Conservation protesting against the use of spears for fishing, and the many other depleting methods which sportsmanlike people seek to have placed at their advantage.

Michigan—once among the best of the northern states in its wild life—long has been the object of devastation by those who, as Curwood says, "like to have their picture taken loaded down with things they have killed." Mammon, in the guise of the commercial lumberman, the commercial fisherman and hunter, has almost removed the primitive creature and handiworks of nature that were found in Michigan even but a few decades ago. Unless the people of the state co-operate with the State Conservation Commission in the latter's desire to rehabilitate the wilds of our state, Michigan will but be a barren area.

Write a letter to Curwood at Owosso, or to Leigh Young, at Lansing.

LOCAL POPULATION INCREASE

"Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in Askelon, but the actual number of souls now existing in Birmingham is only 835. We had fixed them at a few thousand, but Dr. Hewitt says he can't be about it. It's just 835—no use talking. The Township of Bloomfield puts up 1,980. No, Dear Reader, these figures are not from a current issue of this newspaper; they are from the last week in the Centric's 'Forty-three and Twenty-five years ago' column." With approximately 12,000 citizens in Birmingham today, and perhaps four or four thousand residents out in the township, today's population looms in large numbers against the early days of this district.

What will the next ten years bring? Increased population to this district? No one can tell exactly—although even the most pessimistic will agree that it will be as much as 43 years of the past could accomplish. All of which provides a reasonable argument for the purchase of real estate in this community.

Settling here in the hands of a doerling ringer never look as pretty as the kind sold by the home town merchant that we see on the avenue every day.

AN INSPIRATIONAL SCHOOL

Eyes of the nation's educational world are turning with hope to the plan that lies behind the Cranbrook school in Bloomfield Hills. Just what this institution, founded by Mr. and Mrs. George G. Booth, will attain in the realm of uplifting the world cannot be prophesied yet; that answer will be given in the kind of men and women that its graduates eventually become in later years.

Cranbrook School possesses unlimited potentialities in its ability to strike a high chord in the educational instruction of America. Endowed with sufficient money, fitted with the best in physical equipment, headed by a high-class faculty, Cranbrook School should prove a happy pathway to successful life by the students that emerge from its classrooms.

Since its arrival here a few months ago, Dr. William O. Stevens, Headmaster of Cranbrook School has spoken before several local organizations, outlining the tentative plans of the institution which he heads. All who have heard him speak have been impressed with his statements; they see in him a man with an inspirational practical educational plan.

Cranbrook School—the only boarding and preparatory school for boys in Michigan—ought to add much to the fame of our state. It will, undoubtedly, mean much to this community.

THE MEANING OF LIFE

The universe must be regarded as a vast symphony with the orchestra instrumentation of worlds. It is our souls that are dead and irresponsible. We need to awaken with Siegfried to the meaning of the song of the birds, the myriad-voiced murmur of the forest, the portent of the north wind making ghostly music in the pines and the soothing south wind carrying love and languor to the heart, the buds of spring suggesting dreams of love, harbingers of the everlasting cycle of awakening nature, the buzzy hum of bees in summer fields, the yellow leaves of autumn, with the shadow of sadness of approaching death—death which is but the preparation for a new cycle of life, the rhythm of anabolism and catabolism, the stately and diabolic of nature's heart, could we but feel and understand that cycle, we would understand the meaning of the whole.—John E. Hoodin.

BEWARE! BEE-WARE!!

You get a postcard. For 25 cents they agree to send you a newspaper clipping concerning yourself. Don't send the quarter. It's the instrument of agencies who have taken the item from your hometown newspaper, which they have managed to secure in some manner, and are selling the personal items for 25 cents each to whoever will bite on their scheme. They are fakes, pure and simple. Throw their cards away.

Nearly a thousand more books were taken from the Baldwin Public Library during the last three months of this year than during the same period a year ago. That speaks well for the intelligence of this community. It will result in good things for this community.

A. L. "Rip" VanWinkle is performing an excellent service for the youth of this community on the playground at the Barnum school. It is fine to have such chaps as "Rip" to assist in making rugged and sportsmanlike men and women.

Now that the Hearst papers have discovered that the prohibition law will not work in this country, we suggest that President Coolidge appoint William Randolph Hearst as Federal Director of Prohibition. They will know whether to repeal the 18th Amendment.

According to an item in Time, weekly magazine, Henry Ford may bring out two new cars soon. The hints that they will be called "The Solomon Six" and "The Abraham Straight-Line Eight." Our own guess, however, is that Mr. Ford will "passover" younevercarroll.

THE BEST THAT'S IN A MAN

By GEORGE R. AVERILL. Somehow, though men may flout their selfish hatreds, And they will bend their statures to a wrong, There grows upon the earth a billion flowers, There floats upon the air a bird's glad song.

Though men may stumple o'er the path o' living, And bruise their bodies and their souls with scars, There is proclaimed each night the ringing anthem Of music that is written in the stars.

Each of us comes, a tiny baby creature, Each filled with all the good there is in life; How do we use our span of earthly furlough— What is our mission?—is it peace or strife?

Somehow, beyond the reach of Mammon's graspings, Somewhere, away from avarice and greed, There is a One who fashions and who nurtures The wondrous life of every plant and seed.

Somewhere, tonight, a blinded mind is planning Revenge, and perchance, tomorrow this same mortal Will pass, unloved, into Eternity.

When men do strive alone for gold and silver, Unmindful of their souls' potential and, How can they reach the heights of human service? How can they reach the best that's in a man?

Though men may scheme and plan for earthly riches, And lose all sight of growth of heart and soul, There still remains the promise of a Saviour, High on the Hill there still remains the Goal.

Some grovel in the mire of lustful yearnings, And see in all men but their bitter foe; Blinded, they cannot view a golden sunset, They cannot see the bluish upon the rose.

Though men may twist their minds into a fury; Though plagues and wars and famine stalk the land, God feeds the birds and clothes the lovely lily— His promise is fulfilled on every hand.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Centric is pleased to receive communications from its readers, and to publish them in its People's Column. All communications must be accompanied by a return address, and will be kept confidential upon request.

To the Editor: A few days ago a car drove in my yard and a man got out and asked me for six dollars for the car. I refused to give him the money, and he asked me for four dollars if that poor fellow should happen to be a male dog. I refused to give him the money, and he asked me for two dollars if that poor fellow should happen to be a female dog. I refused to give him the money, and he asked me for one dollar if that poor fellow should happen to be a dog of any breed.

I would like to state that if the dog tax is to be fair and reasonable, the excess tax should be levied upon the animal which does the most and worst damage and destruction, and not upon the owner. I would like to see the dog tax levied upon the animal which does the most and worst damage and destruction, and not upon the owner.

VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the Village Commission held Monday evening, July 18, 1927, at 8 o'clock. Present: President E. Kelly, Commissioner Henry, McBride, Coryell, Halgren, and A. H. Whittemore. The following resolutions were adopted: 1. That the Village Commission do hereby...

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CLAWSON TO VOTE ON BOND QUESTION

Issue of \$25,000.00 Proposed For Digging Additional Well For Village.

Citizens of the village of Clawson, in Troy township, will vote upon two important projects at a special election September 6. One of the propositions concerns the issue of bonds to the amount of \$25,000.00, to run for a period of 30 years, for the erection of an additional well for water supply purposes. The second proposition relates to the plan of revising the Clawson Charter, and the election of a Charter Commission to draft the proposed Charter changes.

Candidates who will appear on the ballot as Charter Commissioners include R. W. Hamilton, John Boyer, E. A. Hamilton, J. H. Hamilton, Thomas Declare, Charles Godwin, Charles Baker, and L. J. Richardson.

Exchange Club Wins Golf Meet

(Continued From Page 1) The Exchange Club and its mates to victory by coming in with the low score of 87, while L. F. Cole, Jr. of Lakeland, had less than the score on the Rotary club's side. Match play was used in Wednesday afternoon, and possibly might have been different had the score been total. On the basis of medal play, the Exchange came in with a total of 282 holes-in-one, while the Rotary's score of 812. Following is a summary of the players' totals for the 18 holes.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Robert D. Lard (92), Charles E. Henson (93), and others.

SCORES MADE ROTARY CLUB

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CORRECTION

After the death of the man who gave his name to the Joseph Hospital authorities as Louis Riley of 1104 West Warren avenue, Detroit, it was found that his real name was Gwyned Merry, 31 years old. He is said to be a brother of Don Merry, of the Battle Creek Police force. The story is on page six, part three.

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property to the Village for the sum of \$22,000.00 and to reimburse the purchase of the same. The Village Commission do hereby...

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Pleasant View Subdivision, which adjoins Chesterfield Gardens to the south is also in demand.

Quarton Lake Estates lots are constantly on the increase. We have sold several of these during the last thirty days, but still have a few exceptionally good buys which will be much higher later in the spring.

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