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CELEBRATE WISELY

Just how one may obtain the most enjoyment out of the Fourth of July is a difficult question to answer, but certainly there is a far better plan to make the day a success if you see care in handling dangerous fireworks.

Merchants in Birmingham and village officials are cooperating to a great extent in making the day accident-proof. Celebrators at large can add a great deal to this by being at all times careful.

Not so many years ago the ambulances and fire trucks were in constant demand from a few days before until a few days after July 4. The menace was so great that sensible people began an exodus from cities to the country where the noisiest and most dangerous hoarings was done in the barn yard to the chickens, cows, pigs and other animals.

Then "movements" started. The result was that for some years accidents decreased and the day was more safe than it formerly had been.

There seems, however, to be an inclination in the last two or three years to revive all the noise-makers on that day, no matter the degree of danger they present to the celebrator.

We can only hope and plead and pray that this year the Fourth of July will not exact a tragic toll from the village. Discretion and care will allow it to be unmarred by hideous and terrible accidents.

IT USED TO WAS—BUT IF AIN'T

For many years Birmingham stood agliss at the unexpected turn of the road. Concretely speaking, it had hoped to cement a friendly relation between its main thoroughfare and the State Highway Department at Lansing.

That's how the matter stands at present. Some things are as mysterious as the truths that are not included in an edition of Arabian Nights Entertainment.

THIS IS TOO MUCH

Pardon this platitudes; some very foolish things appear in the newspapers. For instance, a recent Press dispatch says that because Col. Charles A. Lindbergh does not drink intoxicants, many New York residents have given up the habit.

NOW IS THE TIME

No accidents were reported this week at Oak and Woodward avenue, the most dangerous crossing on the Woodward highway between Detroit and Pontiac. This probably would be news if traffic were not detoured there because of the paving on Woodward avenue.

WILL DURANT'S PHILOSOPHY

At rare intervals, in these days of not only industrial, but literary high-powered production, we run across some gem of thought set forth by a contemporary writer; here is one of them, written by Will Durant, author of the popular book, "The Story of Philosophy," and appearing in the July issue of the American Magazine.

"Many years have I sought happiness. I found it first, perhaps, in the warmth of my mother's breast, and in the fond caresses of her hands, and in the tenderness that shone in her eyes. I found it again in play; for even in the pain of defeat I knew the natural ecstasy of boyhood's games.

"For I sought it next in remaking the lives of other men. I went forth to reform the world. I denounced the ways of mankind, and besought the backwardness of my time, and talked only of glories that were past, or were to come. I wanted many laws to make life easier for me, and for youth. But the world would not listen, and I grew bitter. I gathered anecdotes of human stupidity, and heralded the absurdities and injustices of men. One day, an enemy said, 'You have no remedy, all the faults which you scorn in others; you, too, are capable of selfishness and greed; and the world is what it is because men are what you are.'

"I considered it in solitude, and found that it was true. Then it came to me that reform should begin at home, and since that day I have not had time to remake the world.

"Now it is evening; while I write, I hear the child's breathing as she sleeps in her cozy bed. And I know that I have found what I seek. If I perceive that if I will do so, I will find fulfillment, and a quiet life of happiness for many years. Gladly I surrender myself to nature's imperative of love and parentage, trusting to her ancient wisdom, and knowing that, as Dante learned in her eternal Paradise, 'La sua volontate a nostra pace—in her will and service is our peace.'

JUNE LOSES ITS CHARM

A somewhat drenched June eventuates into a July filled with promises and Birmingham's quota of weddings in the bride's month is shamefully under-subscribed. Of course in the village there have been a few more weddings than in other months of the year, but from their point of view they are few.

HELP THE POLICE—BE CAREFUL

It will not last a great deal longer—this Woodward paving and the inconvenience of detours. But the duty of every motorist in its present condition, it is the duty of every motorist to do all possible to make the extremely difficult task of the police easier.

GIRL SCOUTS RECEIVE BID

Birmingham Girl Scouts have been invited to attend the Bay Camp every Wednesday during the summer at Sylvia Gardens, Sylvan Lake. This weekly camp is being sponsored by the Oakland County Girl Scout Council.

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THANKS FOR THE BUGGY RIDE



LONG AGO BIRMINGHAM RECALLED BY FORMER RESIDENT WHO RETURNS

"From our past pasture to Fairway," in 60 years, could be the slogan of the Birmingham Golf club. If, honestly were the only requirement of a slogan. For 40 years and today the Birmingham Golf course was just a good old-fashioned cow pasture, where Eli Spencer Wooster let his cows and oxen roam at will. The property that now constitutes the Birmingham Golf club, and part of Beverly Hills, was, for many years, the farm of Mr. Wooster, who has been dead now for many years.

Old Home Remains

The house is still standing where the 11 Wooster children, only three of whom are still alive, spent their childhood. Erasmus Wooster, who is now 67 years old, is in Birmingham today visiting his brother, James, on Poplar Street.

Mr. Wooster observed old apple trees and an old pear tree which were bearing fruit when he was a boy, and are still bearing. The little oasis, composed of a maple and a black walnut tree, grew on the south side of the Birmingham Golf course, is the fruit of Erasmus Wooster's labors. He planted them both when he was but a little boy.

FRONT NAMES ONLY

Married women are requested to follow this style: Name: Smith, Mary (Mrs. Henry) Occupation: None (unless address of home). Address: 0000 Blank St.

NOTICE: To All Residents of Birmingham over 18 years of age:

For the past two months The Eccentric has had a representative working in Birmingham, gathering information to be included in The Eccentric's new Directory of Birmingham and Bloomfield Township. Each house has been visited and, where no one was at home, a card was left to be filled out and sent into The Eccentric office. Second visits, also, were made to many houses, yet there are about 60 not yet heard from.

TO MY BABY BOY

Oh, the dreams I used to dream, Everyone of you! Things that used to only "seem" Now are really true, You are like a rose unfurled, Lovelier than all the world.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County and Grand Jurisdiction in the City and County of Oakland in and for the County of Oakland on the 21st day of June A. D. 1927. Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge.

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The Pontiac branch of Fisher Body has already announced another addition, which means still more men for Pontiac.

For the first five months of 1927 General Motors Truck is breaking its 1926 record.

The Wilson Foundry is today employing 3,000 men. A year ago Pontiac claimed the population of something over 50,000 people.

On present figures its automotive industry alone will require fully 20,000 men, to say nothing of the additional thousands required for Pontiac's other activities.

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