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BIRMINGHAM'S DEVELOPMENT

With the approach of spring heralded by a gang of Gypsy robbers who have a persistent way of coming outside one's window at an early hour of the morning...

Over on Merrill street the ground is practically cleared for one of the finest of libraries. Laborers are putting up new foundations for a large theater on Wooding avenue.

Property and attending happiness are reflected on every street. This, of course, is a reflection of the general prosperity throughout the country...

In both Pontiac and Detroit there is an almost hysterical urge for more people and more factories. Where there are to live is of little concern so long as they are able to be at work where the whistle blows in the morning.

It is being made to include more factories which men will punch holes in tin throughout the day. It is not being made to include, exclusively, as in Birmingham, libraries, churches, theaters, and the better residences.

One may remember that when Rome occupied her place of eminence among the powers of the world, institutions such as those now being erected in Birmingham played a large part in her civilization.

Despite its various political tiffs and the inconspicuous pavement on Woodward Avenue and the fact that some of its residents do not see anything so heroic in attending a motion picture show on Sunday, Birmingham is in a fair way to a certain kind of perfection.

She is approaching a distinguished kind of civilization, remote from that brand best symbolized by factory smoke and leaden-eyed workers. She is approaching that distinguished kind of civilization where even the persistent singing of the gang of Gypsy robbers at the too-early hour of the morning is so much chanting of seraphim.

Arthur J. Tuggey and Howard E. Tuggey are associated in the advertisement for insurance.

Advertisement for Arthur J. Tuggey & Son insurance, featuring a large illustration of a man and the slogan 'We Insure Everything Insurable'.

AU REVOIR

And again a warm smile of spring melts the haughty demeanor of winter, who like an aged paragon, finally retreats under an embarrassment which comes as a surprise to the many who have watched with awe her dominion.

Birmingham is friendlier under a more congenial sun. The village is pleasant and anxious, like a small child on the eve of Christmas.

Those of her citizens who have been blessed with more pronounced optimism are making plans for the summer's outing. Figuratively, their tongues are out in derision at the eagle as they seek their bathing suits in an attic which they have guarded against moths.

What matter, the gloom spread by weather forecasts who say the summer will be cold? All the dark thoughts are dismissed with the first honest appearance of a warm day.

Winter has come—and gone, and spring is anything but far behind.

MAKING MICHIGAN DRY

What is evidently an attempt to discourage rum running, once the bars are let down under the new liquor law in Canada, which goes into effect some time in May, is seen in the Lennox bill which has already passed the senate and now reposes in the house of representatives at Lansing with more than an even chance of being enacted into a law.

The proposed measure makes it mandatory upon agents to impose a minimum sentence of \$500 fine and imprisonment in prison for one year of all persons convicted of selling, bartering, importing or transporting liquor for sale. It is the most drastic dry law ever before attempted and has the support of the prudent citizen who fears a deluge of forbidden goods from our neighbor across the river becomes liberalized.

Home brewers will not be mollified under the provisions of the Lennox bill, both the dyes and the wets agreeing that the householder is well within his rights under the present liquor laws if he manufactures liquor for purely home consumption.

This is a rather hysterical attempt to make America dry—a hysterical attempt, to be sure, which has every indication of defeating its own purpose.

The State's constituent disapproves of the bill, claiming it will not give a judge, hearing a prohibition case, freedom to exercise his own judgment in penalizing offenders. There would be neither mitigating nor extenuating circumstances allowed consideration.

Will this tend to enforce the prohibition law? We hardly think so.

On the contrary, juries would be far less inclined to return a verdict of guilty, realizing that to do so would be to send the accused to jail for one year.

It is true that this tendency would hardly hold in the picket-fence belt, where arrests are few and convictions many, but in the larger cities of Michigan where law-violations and subsequent arrests are less of a novelty, the bootleggers will have a perpetual field day.

Mebbe the Chinese are simple looking for the member of their own race who invented the well-known Chinese puzzle.

Annual Report

Table listing various departments, receipts, and disbursements for 1926 and 1927, including items like 'Total', 'Receipts', and 'Disbursements'.

Table of church and Sunday school financial records for 1926 and 1927.

Church and Sunday School

Birmingham Evangelical Tabernacle: Sunday Morning 10:30 a. m. Sunday School 11:45 a. m. Sunday Evening 7:30 p. m.

United Presbyterian Church: On Woodward at Forest. Henry S. Foster, Pastor.

First Baptist Church: Corner of Platt and Willets sts. Thomas J. Edwards, Pastor.

Methodist Episcopal Church: Maple Avenue W. at Hermita. Robert Marenus Atkins, Minister.

Southfield Methodist: Caldwell-Thomson, Minister. Services as follows for next Sabbath, April 2nd.

Methodist Episcopal Church: 4039 N. A. m.—Sunday School. Classes for everypupil.

First Church of Christ, Scientist: Services at Church Building, Woodward Avenue, south of the D. U. R. Waiting Room.

Southfield United Presbyterian Church: Rev. W. T. Armstrong, Minister. Preaching Service, 11 a. m. Sabbath School, 12 o'clock.

Chapel of the Holy Name: Harmon at Woodward. Rev. William W. Byrd, Pastor. Sunday masses at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30.

BLOOMFIELD BIRMINGHAM advertisement with a large illustration of a car and the text 'Keep It—It May Keep You'.

'Get a piece of... They are coming because' the Birmingham-Bloomfield district with its beautiful hills and lakes...

Sound advice this—particularly sound when it comes to Bloomfield-Birmingham property where values are always up there.

Today—literally thousands of the Detroit families are thinking of moving out here.

Hundreds are coming this year—next year—every year because this is the time to investigate.

A few new attractive residences ready for immediate occupancy in and around the Village of Birmingham.

Saunders Colgrove Buck REALTORS advertisement featuring an illustration of a house.

For Beautiful Lawns and Shrubbery. Fertilize With Ammonium Sulphate.

DO IT NOW! F. W. CONANT 311 S. Woodward Phone 16.

ANNOUNCEMENT. Music for the Morning Service. Organ Prelude—'Spring Song'—Mendelssohn.

Beginning Saturday will carry a full line of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables.

FOR FINE MEATS 648 - PHONE - 649 WE DELIVER OLSEN'S MARKET 110 S. WOODWARD PHONES 648 and 649.