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## PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications must be signed, but contributors will be kept confidential upon request.

The following article was written by Mrs. Olin Gilchrist, High School composer and teacher at a recent teachers' meeting. It caused much favorable comment among teachers and is being published with the hope that it will be of some benefit to those who have received from parents, other "don'ts" opinions of the sort or by one of the same with Mrs. Gilchrist of the High School press.

Since light dressing has been popular and thin materials have been shown so much, the general tendency as usual has been observed, that the proper use of these fabrics has been abused. People are found wearing what they choose regardless of the propriety the effect on society, or the respect for one around them. They seem to not care or at least to forget that the admiration they can claim is measured by their appearance through the style of dress as well as by their agreeable manners. Why not teachers make a protest or sound an alarm?

One high school boy said, "Mother, some of our girls come to school dressed as though they had just come home from a party and dropped in for a while." Children dare to speak the truth while we grown-ups hesitate to be kind with our best friends because we realize that it is apt to hurt their feelings although we may do it with a good intention. If children notice that "out-of-keeping clothes" are offending to the outside and turn away in disgust, why is it not a good time for teachers now to pass this day for a sensible dress costume for the girl in her teens? For at this age a growing girl has all she can do to keep her head above reproach, and what a wonderful help a modest style of dress would be to her!

At least it would demand respectful attention and the question of character would not be stirred by the questionable style of dress. Why not teachers start the ball rolling that the school room is not the place for party dresses, fancy trimming, but a simple but inessential costume that does not attract the eyes which should be on their books?

What a relief it would be to the mother if when her girl was about to prepare for high school, she could feel that the only dress expected was a middie blouse and skirt. If this is worn in a new way it is very pleasing and easy to keep clean, for home laundering will make it as good as new. That there is no sending away to the dry cleaner delicate fabrics, which work often is very unsatisfactory done. Fathers also might be interested in having that bill eliminated.

Mothers would not be troubled with this perplexing interrogative, "Which dress shall I wear today?" Some wear this and some wear

that and some seem to try to outdo the others, and I am not sure I am pleased with any of them. But when your day comes, she does her middie blouse and dark skirt and looks free and easy and seems happy. The reason for it is the other in her division are dressed similarly and who is not attracting attention and by being either overdressed or under-dressed by the rest.

A wealthy woman from Pittsburgh, Penn., still dresses her girl in cotton when in school for she believes it the proper thing to do. This mother was strong in her convictions and carried the day so far as she was concerned, but how much easier for her daughter, if the school girls were expected to wear cotton, and did so. Then she would not have to suffer for being dressed so differently from what the rest wear. Hamilton leaves its mark on the young, while a comfortable feeling adds strength to character.

When our girls are beautifully dressed, she can not help noticing that hers are so plain and consequently she is apt to hold back and not work for the honor of her class, for that would cause attention and then her clothes would be more noticeable than ever. We find her being in spite of her parents and teacher's pleadings to stop to see how she may dress as others. If this school had chosen a simple costume, mother and child would have been freed and possibly a thought developed that would have been a benefit to our civilization and perhaps felt throughout the nation. We know during the time of adolescence, youth feels a keen desire than at any other time of life, so it is apt to be individualism and drop backward at its critical period when so much depends on the individual it has through environment.

In one high school, to stimulate interest in suitable dress, the girls themselves inaugurated a "simplicity week" with middie blouses and gingham dresses, a skirt of modest length as its principal feature. They enjoyed it so much they observed a series of such weeks, and every day or two girls came down from the boys' participating in this movement and exhibited to their classmates as having the best combination of simplicity, good taste and neat appearance. Such rivalry is a wholesome thing, for the competition is extravagant dress of which some

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mothers complain. They now have a regular uniform.

In San Bernardino, Cal. they wear navy blue "lotted" middie blouses with ties. It is satisfactory in its costume.

At McAllen, Texas, a new town that is striving to keep a pace with California in many respects, the majority of the girls are wearing the dark skirt and middie blouse. Each class chooses what colored tie they will wear.

The following was brought about by one of the ladies' clubs in a town in Missouri to cause a reform in high school girls' dress: middie blouse, blue skirt of good length, low heeled shoes. Costly we are better except just a little.

The residents of Springfield, Mo., resolved that the vest of reform dress has been one of the most successful things in the history of the school.

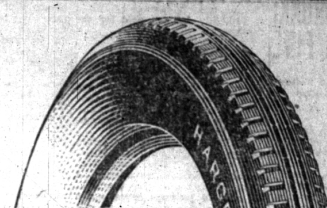
Some mothers in Detroit were surprised to learn through a meeting called by the teachers that their daughters were retreating themselves between home and the classroom, as mother had specified on certain wearing apparel which did not seem to the girls just nice.

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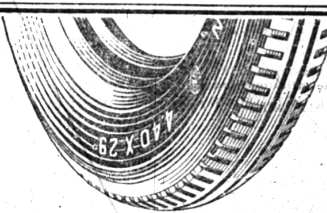


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# Biennial Spring Election Notice and Annual Township Election

MONDAY, APRIL 4th, A. D., 1927

For the Purpose of Voting for the Election of the Following Officers, viz:  
STATE—Two Justices of the Supreme Court, full term; two Regents of the University; one Superintendent of Public Instruction; one Member State Board of Education; two Members State Board of Agriculture.  
COUNTY—One County Commissioner of Schools.  
TOWNSHIP—One Supervisor; one Township Clerk; one Township Treasurer; one Highway Commissioner; one Justice of the Peace, full term; one member Board of Review, full term.

## WHERE TO VOTE

- PRECINCT No. 1—All that territory bounded North by West Maple Avenue, East by South Woodward Avenue to Lincoln Avenue and from Southfield Road and Lincoln Avenue by Southfield Road; South by Lincoln Avenue to Southfield Road and the Southfield Township Line; West by Township Line.  
(Vote at Baldwin High School, West Maple and Chester Streets.)
- PRECINCT No. 2—All that territory bounded on the North by Lone Pine Road; East by Troy Township Line; South by Lincoln Avenue; West by Woodward Avenue.  
(Vote at Township Offices, First State Bank Bldg.)
- PRECINCT No. 3—All that territory bounded on the North by the Township Line; East by the Township Line; South by Lone Pine Road; West by the Township Line.  
(Vote at the Barbour Store, Woodward and Long Lake Road.)
- PRECINCT No. 4—All that territory bounded on the North by Lone Pine Road; East by Woodward Avenue; South by West Maple Avenue; West by the Township Line.  
(Vote at Harmon and Woodward, Village Booth.)
- PRECINCT No. 5 (New Precinct)—All that territory bounded on the North by Lincoln Avenue, East by Woodward Avenue and Troy Township Line; South by the Township Line; West by Southfield Road.  
(Vote at Eco City Booth.)

## Opening and Closing of Polls

The polls of said election will be open at 8:00 o'clock a. m. and will remain open until 9:00 o'clock p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) of said day of election, unless the Board of Election Inspectors shall, in their discretion, adjourn the Polls at 12:00 o'clock noon, for one hour.  
Dated, March 15, 1927.

JAMES V. BAYLEY,  
Clerk of Said Township.

# TAX PAYERS NOTICE

Leinbach-Humphrey's Woodward Avenue Subdivision

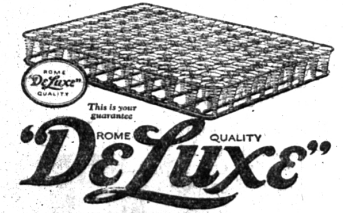
Owners of lots in the above named subdivision, from lot No. 606 to No. 1354, both included, are hereby notified that an assessment has been levied against all lots in that portion of Leinbach-Humphrey's Woodward Avenue Subdivision lying west of Woodward Avenue for a portion of the cost of laying water main in South Madison Avenue, so-called, by the Village of Birmingham.

Notices of assessment have been mailed to owners of record, all others will be sent notice upon request.

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