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PARRY TELLS METHOD FOR STREET WORK

Asks People To Petition Commission For Future Improvements SEES LARGE PROGRAM

Urging the people of Birmingham to look to the future in planning proposed street improvements in their neighborhood, Manager James W. Parry today said the commission would rather act than to make the suggestions in the first place.

Mr. Parry has broadened a request for the people of the village to make known by petition their suggestions for improvements in their neighborhood by Dec. 1, so that the work may be planned in the next budget.

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ACCIDENT VICTIM RETURNS TO HOME

Mr. May Townsend, 113 High street, who received severe cuts and bruises last week when her automobile collided with another car on Woodward avenue north of the accident, Mrs. Townsend was confined to the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for nearly a week following the accident.

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FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS —of Long Ago

Bits Of News Cleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

43 YEARS AGO The paying of election bets and fulfilling the election vows is now in order. Some time before election, Judge Taber took a clean shave and vowed he would never wear whiskers again until a Democratic President was elected. Fortunately the recent election gives him great joy, and yesterday Moses telegraphed to the highest-joned barber in Detroit to come out and block out his once beautiful buzzed. We think Moses is prettier with his face clean-shaven.

25 YEARS AGO Our rural delivery carriers collected and delivered during the month of October 13,493 pieces of mail. Of this number L. H. Rousseau, carrier No. 1, collected and delivered 6,312 pieces. Joseph Schoonover, No. 2, 5,915; F. Weston, No. 3, 6,274. W. H. Wood, the newly appointed carrier on route No. 4, began his duties Nov. 1.

In just 24 hours from the time the question was popped, Victor Van Every had sold his large grocery stock and good will to M. Levinson, who, with the assistance of his brother-in-law, will make business flourish in the Ford block in the dry goods, grocery lines, and shoes and crockery.

The best news we have heard of for some time was that after for some time a two months' course of studying pharmacy at the Ferris school in Big Beaver, Charles J. Shain, our former clerk, passed successfully the examination of the Board of Examiners and is now a full-fledged pharmacist with his diploma—the wish of his heart.

Miss Mildred Randall is seriously ill with inflammation of the lungs. Married Nov. 3, by the Rev. R. Vivian, Mr. William Bell to Miss Myrtle Thompson, both of Royal Oak.

J. F. Rundel and daughter Stella visited the family of James Burton at Flint and returned Saturday night quite pleased with their visit.

Miss Millie Hartz, accompanied by Mrs. G. E. Daines visited the family in Warren last Saturday.

Miss Rosy Leach was the guest of Miss Ada Burns over Sunday.

The names of pupils in the grammar department, whose grade was excellent are Seymour Adams, Maggio Cannon, Lena Graham, Bertie Jenks, Tilly Thurby, Jennie Worth, Robert Burns, Ellen Cooper, Alie Hagerman, Birdie Jarvis, Daisy Sibbey, Jennie Stone and Gertrude Merrill.

How's this? The "Judge," in a letter from Detroit, writes us that it is reported that Cleveland would be proper to help Moses on a sky-rocket and let him land in heaven; give Partridge a scent Havana bout four feet long; Jim Beattie a big reward for "ketchin'" a "hoos" thief and Squire Bodine a new ranch. He further says: "Boys, I'm in mourning."

Dr. Hewitt has added a bay window to his residence on Pierce street.

Judge Hoyt and wife have gone to Detroit on a month's visit.

Horace Greeley—he used to tell the story himself—once sent a collection, the attorney to keep half the amount for his fee. After following note from the lawyer: "Dear Sir: I have succeeded in collecting my half of the claim. The balance is hopeless."

VILLAGER WHO WORKS WITHOUT PAY GIVES VIEWS ON LIFE, ETC.

Meet Mr. Rex. You will find him agreeable enough if you are friendly to his friends and to the United States government. Mr. Rex is the companion of C. W. Fredericks, postal employee who sees that the special delivery letters and parcel post packages reach your home safely.

He does this with the help of Mr. Rex who is sort of self-appointed guard of the mails. "I suppose," Mr. Rex said, "people will think it is funny that I have nothing better to do with my time than ride all day. However, my department has to assume the responsibility of guiding the mail trucks in Birmingham. It is a heavy job, though, people who work in the mail trucks, remarks which I sometimes overhear and which are not the least bit complimentary to me."

Daily Mr. Rex journeys from his home at 214 Madison avenue to the post office to wait for Fredericks. So faithful has he been these last two years that there is talk of having him made one of the government's payroll. Occasional, however, he becomes absent. He is preventing himself from getting a position if he does, "I don't care," he said, "as long as I am doing some good and not being paid for it. Mr. Fredericks and I have some serious discussions while we work and I feel that I am improving my mind."

One time Mr. Rex mistook the clothing store for the mail truck and, in the absence of the driver, was as much surprised as the driver when he saw someone behind the wheel. Mr. Rex tried to take the machine and the machine blows were averted only by the arrival of police. "I thought he had no business in the machine," he thought the same of me," he said. "It was only a natural mistake and I don't regret it. I told him I should break his arm and he stopped his arm."

When he was asked about his absent-mindedness he declared he has been the Post since his childhood in a far off city. "I don't seem to be able to break myself out of it," he said. "I don't know what it is, this going about thinking of something else. I suppose they will pity me if I should have a short, fast bout with an automobile. But what do I care?"

The Panay Pedro club was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. James Shain last Tuesday evening. Miss Blanche Shain and Ed. Montgomery won the first prizes and Mr. Anderson and Burt Mellenny the second prizes. The next meeting will be at Mrs. W. B. Carter's.

The following gang of mighty Nimrods are scouring the north woods hunting the wild deer: Messrs. Geo. and John Purdy, Alford Johnson, Webster Bray and a few others. They are having a grand good time whether they shoot a thing or not.

Late advices from Mrs. Bodine report the good old lady's excellent health and enjoyment of her visit with her niece, Mrs. P. S. Pease, in Chicago.

Private funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Friday from the home of her daughter, the Rev. Floyd Emerson Leager, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

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EASTERN STARS HOLD MEETING

Birmingham Members of Chapter Attend Ceremonies in South Lyon

OLD HOMESTEAD NOW A SCHOOL

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Glimpses BIRMINGHAM

at and about BIRMINGHAM By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

Overhear him telling his troubles a half block away. I'm wrong, he has no troubles... he is glad about something and to live here in Black Bottom for seven years and never been arrested. Overhead pigeons fly by his wife take the "trap," for he is returning from a visit to her at the "Detention Home."

Incidentally, it is an accomplishment, I am told, to live in the neighborhood for so long without being taken to headquarters. There are many disturbances and the police are none too considerate of their half the neighborhood and up or he is unusually smart. Maybe some of his talk would interest you. He said the "law" came and "married" his woman, meaning that the police arrested his wife. He referred to inferior liquor as "highball," and said his wife was "squatted," meaning that she was arrested as the result of a ransack.

A balloon man said the last of his kites bubbles and walks toward home with his hands in his pockets. The children who knew him made faces as if he were a Christmas tree in the middle of January.

He will someday be an ocean flyer. At three he is filled with the spirit that yells from within him, "I dare you!" Prof? Well, he was at Maple and Pierce with his mother who pushed a carriage which he regarded as a college freshman regards a high school. The mother and carriage had neared the curb. The youngster ran back into the street and looked defiantly at the traffic. He was there but a moment, but that was long enough to give him the thrill of a complete conquest. Then proudly he returned to his mother and his look reflected a snafu of the fingers.

Monday noon, Woodward and Maple avenues. Fire siren whistles to the farthest star as part of its weekly test. Motorist drives his car to work hurriedly and jumps out to see miracles there but a moment, but that was long enough to give him the thrill of a complete conquest. Then proudly he returned to his mother and his look reflected a snafu of the fingers.

Thirteen merchants in one block in Highland Park Monday morning as I passed were washing Halloween soap from the windows of their stores. All appeared to be working deliberately, coolly and with a matter of fact, as if they were locking the doors at night, or selling someone a neck tie that he later would be ashamed to wear.

CHISSUS BROTHERS AT WORK ON SCHOOL

Chissus Brothers, builders, are at work today on the new Sylvan school, near Pontiac. The school, a contract was let to them at a price of \$63,190. The new building is of the bungalow type, will cover an area 194x72 feet. It is to be of brick. Everything modern in equipment to provide the greatest comfort and efficiency will be installed in the new building, according to present plans.

The crew of the steamer President Grant has been taken to sea found floating on a piece of wreckage in mid-ocean and rescued.

CHURCH GROUP TO GIVE PLAY

"The Vision," a religious spectacle, in a prologue and five episodes, by Lillian Ham Anderson, will be presented in the auditorium of the Pontiac High School Thursday and Friday evenings, Nov. 3 and 4, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Central Methodist Church of Pontiac. It is announced today.

The pageant, which will begin at 8:15 p. m. deals with the son of a trouble, and a vision which carries him far in missionary work. The extras, more than 100 persons, will be composed of Pontiac residents. Mrs. C. E. DePuy is general chairman for the affair. Tickets for the performances are to be had from the church.

Birmingham Homes

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BIRMINGHAM SPARKS BIRMINGHAM

Real Estate Insurance Phone 985

BIRMINGHAM MAN SUEDED FOR DIVORCE

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DRAWNS FINE

Bert Allen, Ann street, was fined \$10 last Thursday in Judge Malcolm Hunt's court, and pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk. He was arrested by Patrolman Harry Johnson.

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