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We Should Be A City

For several years citizens of Birmingham have entertained the idea that Birmingham, due to its rapid recent growth, ought to discard its village form of government and become a city.

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Our Student Loan Fund

Place an ideal before people, and you most always obtain a constructive reaction. That's one reason why the stars wield a compelling power over us earth-beings; they cause us to elevate our heads—even though the night be dark and dreary—and they twinkle to us across the boundless way a message of hope and cheer, a vision to say, "Be not afraid to lay your hands on the stars, for they are made of stardust with them to the end. What though some circumstances may cast gloom above you, and darkness—the IDEAL contains within it the LIGHT that will twinkle within the consciousness of men and women, and the gloom or darkness will pass away and reveal your IDEAL in all its rightful wholesome, sun-like boldness, as the stars we shine eternally for you, even though at times you cannot see us through the clouds that streak or obscure the vastness of the sky. Lift your faces upward; as we reveal to you, through telescope or naked eye, the grandeur of the terrestrial universe, so do your IDEALS reveal to you on earth the grandeur of the universe of mankind."

What is written in the above paragraph may be attached to or connected with any human effort that tends to raise the standard of life and living. As far as this column of his is concerned, we relate to the splendid work that is being carried on in Birmingham and vicinity by the Student Loan Fund Association. We know of no one activity in this community that has so steadily retained the unanimous support of our citizens that can surpass the Student Loan Fund.

Started seven years ago, with approximately \$6,000 in its revolving fund, which is loaned to worthy, local boys and girls who seek financial assistance for colleges and universities, the Student Loan Fund has touched the lives of many of our youth. Right now the officers of the Association are endeavoring to raise a thousand dollars by February 1 to add to what it already has. Money is staged, contributions have been received, whole dozens of local homes have been opened to activities that would bring more of Birmingham's youth to the college and university life. This very week 30 women of Birmingham are expected to be dining parties in their homes, each guest paying \$10 to the fund. Prizes for these parties have been given generously by every local merchant who has been visited.

The IDEALS that are wrapped up in the Student Loan Fund plan here are like the stars that beckon to our eyes at evening. And Birmingham and vicinity has responded and probably always will respond to this cause.

To those who have acted as officers and directors on the Student Loan Fund Association, to all those who have contributed toward its progress, the community is very grateful. Such things as this have stamped their individualities upon the fair name of Birmingham, and have given to this community a tone and a personality that reflect the spirit of its people.

Thanks To Norman Orr

Three Flint mothers today are thankful again for the thoroughness with which Norman Orr, assistant prosecuting attorney of Oakland County, conducted an investigation into a murder mystery more than a year ago, which he has since cleared up. They are giving thanks to him for his sense of justice which resulted in their sons, accused of a crime in which they had no part, although circumstances were decidedly against them, being set free.

Ralph Mazza, a grocery store proprietor in Pontiac, has just been bringing a hold up in his store. Three youths committed the crime and escaped in an automobile.

A few hours later three young men were arrested on suspicion on the Dixie Highway south of Flint who they had stopped to repair a tire. The police who professed to be not satisfied with the stories they told. They were returned to Pontiac in a "show-up"—which was not far because they alone were displaced and not shown with other prisoners—were identified by the man who lay dying in the hospital, his wife and a customer, all who were in the store at the time.

The strange part of the identification was that each person, separately, named the same boy as the one who did the shooting. They all agreed on the person who rifled the cash register and the driver of the automobile.

This identification was more than enough to hold the boys on a charge of first degree murder. Mr. Orr firmly denied that they knew anything about the robbery and offered an alibi. Mr. Orr set out to make a thorough investigation. He discovered with alibi of the youths was perfect and that they were quite innocent of the crime. The case was dismissed in justice court.

Now, more than a year later, three other boys are arrested in connection with the crime, make complete confessions and receive their sentences. How tragic it would have been had a man who was not thorough in his work had the place of Mr. Orr. Certainly despite all the protests of the accused young men from Flint, the circumstantial evidence against them would have sent them to prison for life. Against the positive identification of a driver and two other robbery victims, the protests of innocence would have gone for nothing. Oakland County is proud of a man of Mr. Orr's caliber in public office. It joins those three mothers in Flint in thanking him for his thoroughness in promising three innocent young men.

A Beautiful Village, But

Parts of the alleys in several sections of Birmingham—especially downtown—are found to be a disgrace to the village! The commission by President Ellery and other officials after a recent inspection and steps have been taken to enforce an ordinance requiring their clean-up. This, we believe, meets with the general approval of all Birmingham—even those who have become slightly careless in keeping up their property.

Birmingham is noted far and wide for its beauty. People come here from all parts of the country having heard that it is a beautiful village, well cared for and highly respectable. What are they to think if they pick up an alley and see piles of rubbish, open refuse containers, warning with flies and other signs of filth?

It is a poor housekeeper who sweeps the dust from the front rooms to the rear. There is a decided advantage in a community.

May the work of the officials in making Birmingham a cleaner village be successful.

God's Parcels

The little velvet roses and yellow cars of corn. Adrip with glistening dew drop in summits golden morn. Green spicy leeks and onions and sunflowers bold and gay. That smile and nod and chatter and laugh the livelong day. God's parcels all, so gently wrapped to keep them safe and warm. In softest little coverings against the wind and storm.

Sweet deeds of tender mercy, clothed well in loving thoughts. Arc packages of sunshine with priceless beauty fraught. The smiles and all the laughter and all the pleasant words. That find their happy way around this world like winged birds. Each one of these, God's parcel, inscribed with someone's name. Within each one a precious gift awaiting someone's claim.

A babe upon its journey to this sad, glad old earth. In mother flesh enfolded till comes the time for its birth. When joyous happy angels steal down from heaven above. To wrap the precious bundle in swatches of mother love.

God's parcels, all the things on earth that live and thrive and grow. Enriched with His tender care, His love and blessings know. —BEATRICE McDONALD.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications should be signed and confidential work required.

ON BIRMINGHAM

To the Editor: Following your suggestion that I give some impressions regarding Birmingham I will say that after a long time I finally came to the conclusion that Birmingham is a city that is ever with the quiet charm of a residential suburb to that bustling, bustling, bustling Detroit.

We are near enough to enjoy all that a great city has to offer, still far enough away, here on the outskirts of Bloomfield Hills, to partake of an outdoor country life. Birmingham always remains, as it should be, a purely residential city. Let Pontiac and Detroit have their factories, noise and smoke, while we inhale our ozone-laden pure air and enjoy the peace and calm. When I left Birmingham last night, I was relieved by the recovery from the strains of a dinner struggle over a zoning ordinance. I must, on this side, confess that in my opinion Birmingham did not rise to its normal level at that time. Strong emotions and common sense seldom travel together.

I am sorry that the recommendation made to me when on the planning board, that that ever-burning eye for much smoke nuisance, one unique incinerator, if by any means I fail to find such a model in any town or city) put in the most conspicuous part of our public park in full view of an ever increasing number of beautiful homes. I say I am sorry because the recommendation was not acted upon. But I make the prophecy that it and the two septic tanks and the two septic tanks will not long remain where they now are. The work of rapidly coming to appreciate beauty and the natural fitness of things, to tolerate the things that are public park ornaments. Detroit has the most beautiful and classic art, but we can at least conserve and make the most of the beauties that nature has bestowed upon us.

I also Birmingham, more favored of villages, on the verge of an entire period of prosperity. Let the idea of a home town and of beauty be ever kept in mind. A. W. IVES, 816 Southfield road

CREDIT BUREAU TO GIVE DINNER Plans are complete today for the Credit Bureau dinner to be held this evening. A large number of business men of Birmingham are expected to attend the dinner, which is a general discussion of credit business in the take place.

The speaker, who will answer any questions of the to E. W. Lakin, manager of the Credit Bureau.

Postmaster Asks Cooperation To Get First Class Rating

(Continued from Page 1) convenience both to the public and to the carriers. If the mail man looks down a block for which he has to mail and sees something sticking in a box down there, or behind the box, he immediately thinks it's a letter and he mails it. He goes down there, where he wouldn't have to go otherwise, and finds it is only a bill or advertisement. His duty is to bring whatever it is back to the post office, and we must warn the letter carrier that postage must be paid if the post boxes are to be used and time is lost and the whole work is generally gummed up.

Another difficulty confronting the post office at present is the payment of rental on the post office boxes. Because of the rapid growth of Birmingham during the past few years, the boxes have come to be in great demand, so that now there is a long waiting list. "Heretofore, we rather let matters slide when it came to paying the rental, but we can't do it any more. We shall put notices of the rent in the boxes 10 days before the first of every quarter. If it is not paid within the 10 days, the box will be returned to the post office, and because of our waiting list, will undoubtedly be re-rented immediately." Mr. Hotelling explained.

These two difficulties, in addition to the matter of fire insurance in the back door to the post office, which is absolutely against the postal laws, have made the first nine months of the year a very busy time for the post office. "We want to see the quarterly reports long much larger this year than last. Christmas coming in the last quarter will be a big factor in that total much higher, and, inasmuch as last year's Christmas quarter netted more than \$100,000 worth of stamp sales, Mr. Hotelling feels sure that the \$100,000 worth of business required to make Birmingham a first class office will be done before Jan. 1, 1928."

Howard Tuggey, Raymond H. Peck, captain, Leonard Bunyan, Charles Buck, Claude Morrow, Russell McBride, Grover Cook, and David Anderson.

Besides the above workers a number of other citizens have volunteered and will be engaged in canvassing the community during the drive. Joseph Halley, captain; Lester Shuster, Allen McGary, Harry Parry, Ralph Wilson, and C. E. Buttsford.

City Government Form Advocated

(Continued from Page 1) large of Birmingham has within its boundaries a population, according to the best possible estimate as indicated by the last U. S. Census, of more than 200,000 people. The village directory, of about 10,000 people and actually a population of over 40,000 and less than 100,000, is not incorporated in the present village, as defined area of approximately 4 1/2 square miles, having an average population of more than 200 inhabitants to the square mile, and is, therefore, appears to the undersigned, that the government of this area may better and more economically be carried on through and by the action of a city government.

Therefore, the undersigned duly registered electors of the Village of Birmingham of the Village of Birmingham of the Village of Birmingham of the Village of Birmingham, without change of the boundaries, and the City of Birmingham under the Home Rule for Cities acts of the State of Michigan.

Y. M. C. A. Ready For New Drive

(Continued from Page 1) Wenzel, Dan Swartz, John Martin, and E. J. Peterson. Robert C. Peck, captain, Ray A. Palmer, William M. Story, John B. Taylor, K. B. Root, and Stanley Rosso. H. Kenneth Bingham, captain, J. W. Taylor, J. B. Root, and Oscar Peterson. H. J. Mierow, captain, John Martz, A. Lipka, Morris Kimmons, Clyde Wood, H. D. Wagner, and George G. Steelman. Walter Moreland, captain, Russell Berger, George G. Steelman, S. Phillips, L. W. Martindale, and...

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