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VILLAGE 9 HAS TEST SUNDAY

Independents To Meet Detroit Firemen At Township Park

The Birmingham Independent baseball team has played its strongest team has played this year. Sunday at 3 p. m. at Springdale park, where it meets the Detroit Firemen.

The Detroit Firemen are out as the host team in Detroit and played last Saturday before 15,000 persons at Navin field to contest the national firemen's championship with New York City firemen. The eastern team won 7-4 after 12 innings of scrapping. One of the Detroiters' strongest threats is a south paw pitcher, Burrell, it is reported.

Last Sunday the villagers defeated the Detroit Independents by a score of 9-5. Birmingham hit safely 10 times while the Detroiters chalked up six hits.

R. O. ELKS CARD PROMISES ACTION

Birmingham Men Meet Pontiac Youth; Bradford Heads The Bill

The next melee staged by the Royal Oak Elks in that city next Wednesday evening promises to be one of the best cards offered so far. Made up of lightweights for the most part, the arrangements will bring together boys who have been tried and found not wanting much in the way of a fighting bout.

In the main go, Russell Bradford of Pontiac, is to meet Tim O'Hara, formerly of Livingston, Ky., in 10 rounds. The boys are to weigh in at 135 pounds. Bradford is fresh from a victory over Jimmy O'Brien of Pontiac who a week ago knocked out Bert Schultz of Birmingham in the first round of their scheduled 10 round bout.

The eight round contest brings together Jackie De Murro of Pontiac and Jimmy Ross, who is billed as the champ of the boxers. De Murro lives in Birmingham. They will weigh 135 pounds.

Armand Pringle of Ferndale and Johnny Mantilla of Pontiac will try to end the draw they were awarded at the last fight in Royal Oak. They will have six rounds in which to do it. There weight is announced at 128.

In other preliminaries, Andy Sturgeon of Royal Oak, meets Martin Hook of Pontiac in four rounds at 135 pounds and Ted Porter will mix for four rounds with Tex Reynolds of El Paso, Tex. These latter boys are to weigh 145 pounds. There also is to be a four round curtain raiser.

A Pittsburgh inventor claims to have perfected a lens attachment for cameras that makes possible photographing and reproducing of natural color motion pictures without special films or developing solutions.

KELLYGRAMS

By FRED C. KELLY

I HAVE just been reading a scientific article on food prejudices which points out that though clams and edible mussels are equally available on both sides of the Atlantic, Americans eat clams but not mussels while in Europe exactly the reverse is true.

Introduction of potatoes and tomatoes in Europe was likewise a slow, tedious process.

Come to think of it, I was nearly 25 years old myself before I had the courage to eat tomatoes.

Children always battle against trying new items of food. Nearly everybody can look back on days when he wouldn't taste something that he has now learned to like.

But are such unthinking food prejudices any more ally than most of our other prejudices? My guess is that American opinion of the English and English opinion of Americans must be just as ill-founded as the reasons why one group likes clams but not mussels while the other eats mussels but not clams. Our strongest convictions are equally based more on prejudice than on reason.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS — of Long Ago

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

43 YEARS AGO

Dull days in town now, but the evenings make the boys fly around, especially Saturdays. On Saturday night last the village was crowded with almost every one who could get to town.

The Big Beaver Bob Ribbet Club will hold their annual basket picnic and general good time on Friday, August 14th, in Gillet's woods near Big Beaver. Rev. G. W. Loxey will address the meeting. Everyone invited.

Mr. Frost of Orion has a wood chisel record of 169 for this season. Eh, what? Did you hear you say anything Mr. Durfee?

The "old hens" were talking of going camping, but it fell through somehow.

Will Brown's new bicycle, an imported English "Ridge Roadster" is the finest wheel in town now.

The summer resorts couldn't ask for any hotter weather than we have had for the past few weeks.

Ladies kiss so loudly in this place that the charming music can be heard distinctly one hundred rods off.

The Judge lately had a deal in his car. It kept up such an awful buzzing for a while that he couldn't hear himself think.

Now that harvest is over we hope to hear from every one of our correspondents every week. Wake up, ye silent ones.

One day last week Frank Gillespie's little two year old took a tumble down stairs and getting up rubbed the wiggle parts and exclaimed, "Gosh pa, that did hurt my spunk, awful."

Tomorrow, Friday Aug 7, Donaldson & Herk's great 25 cent circus will exhibit in Birmingham. The company consists of 150 men and horses with a company of 35 artists.

Street parade in the forenoon led by Prof. Shade's military band. Free exhibition on the grounds consisting of wire walking, etc.

Frank Bookman says that iron spikes driven into apple trees will do them good, but that the trees should be trimmed first. Frank is a trimmer and knows.

On the 15th of July, about evening, a man of medium size, wearing a dark suit of clothes and a dark hat, and having a black mustache, stopped at the farm of B. F. Brace of Farmington and made off with his 2 year old sorrel colt, and a reward of \$25 was offered for the return of the colt and \$50 for the detection of the thief.

Under-sheriff Wiggin and Brown got on the track of the thief and he was traced north to Mt. Pleasant and then to Ashley, where all trace was lost and they returned to Oakland county. On Monday they were again successful in striking the trail and the colt was found in a barn nine miles south of Milford in the afternoon. The thief had undoubtedly become tired of being bothered with the colt and consequently abandoned him at this place. The colt was brought to the Central horse barn in the afternoon and in the evening Mr. Brace came over and recognized the animal and returned with it to Farmington.

25 YEARS AGO

Contractors are still remembering the Maine, for every little while they want someone to let them raise it.

John N. Herk has nine pigs and in fact the whole family for sale. Read his advt.

The Balkan war cloud has been throwing out a few lightning flashes of late.

It has been demonstrated that the Chicago girl can live on \$3.50 a week. Inasmuch as prices are still low in price and as nutritious as ever, the demonstration was hardly necessary.

Some people are learning that Liberty Hall is not a place for smoking and chewing and that spitters are spitted and requested to reform their filthy habits or to stay out.

Captain Mortimer Osborne Bigelow, of West Point, N. Y., is home on his annual vacation and is evidently glad to see him back, well, healthy, hearty and as usual, sociable.

Albert Linabury, of New York City, gave us and Birmingham people a half hour splot Tuesday. This gentleman is as good as gold and it does one good to "shake" such a hand.

It might be well for our farmers to make a note of the fact that there has been a general falling off in the number of hogs raised as compared with former years. The shortage runs into hundreds of thousands. Such being the case, the conclusion is that the price of hogs will remain at a premium. Therefore there are good grounds for believing that the proper thing for our farmers to do is to raise all the hogs they can.

Miss Georgia Patton, of Port Huron, is a guest of Mrs. H. C. Wilson and Monday of this week a reception was given to the little girl, which was attended by the elite of this city and of Pontiac.

The Misses Grace and Emma Smith, daughters of Fred D. Smith, of Vassala, King County, Cal., are visiting grandma Smith and having a jolly good visit in Old Michigan, my Michigan.

The graduating class of 1903 have received their class photos taken by the Messrs. Huntington & Moore of Detroit, and a satisfactory piece of work 'tis said to be by all the subjects.

FIVE YEARS AGO Birmingham celebrated the tenth anniversary of the birth of their fire department.

The Ku Klux Klan initiated new Birmingham, Michigan, and white hooded figures met in the Woods Monday night about four miles east of Birmingham, and far into the night they burned the huge flaming cross and initiated more than 1,000 new members into the Ku Klux Klan. This meeting place of the Ku Klux was known as Stump Grove.

Michigan's first balloon picnic, Ralph H. Upson, 312 South Woodward avenue, and his wife, accompanied by five Detroiters, accompanied in Mr. Upson's balloon, "Detroit," from near the Ford plant in Highland Park, and landed five hours later in a hay field at Sandusky, O.

The school board named \$118,563 as the amount necessary for maintenance during 1923-1924. At that time 58 teachers were employed by the Birmingham school board.

NEW RECORD MADE AT ZOO

Approximately 200,000 Attended On Second Sunday

The greater number of persons ever to attend a spectacle in Oakland County.

This is said today of the 200,000 persons who jammed the new Detroit Zoo, Woodward avenue at the Ten Mile road last Sunday, shattering the attendance record for the opening day, one week previous, when 125,000 entered the gardens.

Woodward avenue traffic in that vicinity was dense from early morning until after dark. The crowd started forming as early as 7 a. m. and necessitated the opening of the gardens earlier than the scheduled 10 a. m. While closing time is supposed to be at 5 p. m. but it was impossible to close the grounds before 6:30 p. m.

More than 5,000 children had rides on the elephants and so many more were desirous of rides and could not be accommodated that Director John T. Millen said he will request the city to supply a larger number of these animals.

So great was the crowd that all "Keep Off the Grass" signs were disregarded and the many interested spectators swarmed over the lawns and pathways alike.

Despite the jam, however, no accidents were reported to the Detroit police or police from surrounding communities who aided in patrolling the grounds and in directing traffic.

During the week an average of 11,000 persons visited the zoo daily.

VILLAGE MAN IS STRUCK BY AUTO

George E. Johnson Hurt As He Steps From Woodward Curb

George E. Johnson, 410 Berkshire road, is recovering today from cuts and bruises received Sunday when he was struck by an automobile as he stepped from the curb at Woodward and Lincoln avenues.

The car was driven by Miss Blanche E. Hall, 227 Maxwell avenue, Detroit, according to police. The injured man received first aid treatment at the police station and was later removed to his home. Miss Hall was not detained.

Smith Reynolds, 16-year-old son of the late E. J. Reynolds, Amherst magazine, recently made a non-stop flight from his home in Westport, N. Y., to Philadelphia.

Italy is building an airplane capable of a speed of 375 miles an hour.

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