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Fielding Errors Aid Winners In Their Victory

The Birmingham Independents were defeated by Oxford Sunday at Springdale park by a score of 10-4. The villagers were way off form and a flock of fielding errors allowed the visitors to chink up their markers.

Next Sunday at 3 p. m. the Birmingham nine encounters the Detroit Independents at Springdale park.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS—of Long Ago

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

43 YEARS AGO
Fishing and camping out is the general order of the day.

New cod-fish and Halibut just received from Gloucester, Mass.—fresh from their home—at the postoffice.

Misses Woodward and Johnson of Pontiac, passed nearly a week visiting E. Lamb and family and never got a bit homesick.

Lost, at the M. E. Church on the day of the funeral of the late James M. Hunt, a black summer shawl. Finder will please leave at this office and receive the thanks of the loser.

Just think of corsets at 19 cents per pair. That's what Stockwell's new ad's says they will sell them for on Saturday next, July 18. Of corset will make a busy day for Joe.

Will McBride's horse got scared at some fire-crackers on the Fourth and smashed his buggy so he had to finish his journey on foot.

Tom Smith has bought a pony for the women folks to drive.

The salvation army of Warren now holds its meeting in Mr. Davey's horse barn.

Joe Beltz the sturdy young man well known in these parts was laid up the fore part of this week by sickness, but Dr. Campbell with his medicine bag, straightened Joseph out in a jiffy.

A. R. Donaldson who has long been in the employment of Ira Slade at the depot, has gone to Davidsburg to embark in the same line of business on his own hook. Success Albeit.

Two mammoth heads of lettuce, the largest we ever have, were brought to us by Mr. E. Benedict. Not only being a curiosity for size they were delicious. Thanks.

25 YEARS AGO
A year ago the 4th of July Mr. V. Nixon, our enterprising village merchant, offered prizes as follows: To the one trading the most during the year, 1st prize, china tea set, the next best trader, pair \$3.00 shoes, and to the third best, a dress skirt. Saturday the awards were made and John Nixon won first prize, Dick Miller, second, Jack Whitefoot, third.

Mr. William Smith, of East Maple avenue, has our thanks for a bountiful supply of white clover honey, the best we ever saw. Seems to us a stock of honey like this ought to make a fortune for its owner.

Every citizen should believe in the town in which he lives, and if he does not think it is a little better in most respects than neighboring towns, he should tie up his worldly possessions in a red bandana handkerchief and "chick."

The half year at the library begins July 1. Fifty cents paid on your old membership will entitle you to the use of the books till January 1. The library has 2245 volumes and among these may be found many of the

books in our language. This library should have the support of every citizen of our village. See list of books for summer reading.

Southfield
Mr. Lieberman, of Detroit, visited Mr. and Mrs. M. Robinson of this place Sunday. He had a fine graphophone with him which furnished good music.

A strange animal has been seen about the water near the River Rouge of this place. The animal is about the size of a woodchuck and is nearly a jet black.

Charles Simmons has begun having. This is a starter for all as he properties no rain.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Masters of Birmingham.

Troy
Miss Patterson, of Detroit, who was Miss Locke's guest Sunday, sang at the League service Sunday evening.

The Troy "Musical Girls" took their annual outing Thursday. Armed with huge lunch boxes they trilled eastward.

F. B. Keyes gets around finely on crutches. His nephew, Walter Clark and bride, of Ortonville, were his recent guests.

R. F. D. No. 1
D. C. Brooks has finished having.

G. H. Everett is threshing his peas.

A. C. Blumberg has cut one field of oats.

Chapman boys are drawing new potatoes to Detroit.

Frank Briggs and little girls took care of all the hay on two farms this year.

Birmingham
Wm. Robinson has painted the fire tower and it looks real nice in its new coat of red.

FIVE YEARS AGO
President Harding's death, August 10, 1923 from three o'clock until six the stores were closed and villagers gathered at the Methodist church to attend the memorial services during the burial hour of the President.

Calvin Goodidge took up his duties as president, taking his oath of office at Plymouth, Vt., at the residence of his father, John C. Goodidge.

Use of water restricted. Due to the inadequate water pressure the village commission was forced to lay down laws concerning the use of water. One of the laws stated "Whenever the fire alarm is sounded every hose, fountain or other unnecessary use of water must be immediately discontinued and shall not again be put into use until two blasts of the water-works whistle is blown, signifying the fire is out."

Started tearing down frame houses preparatory to the construction of a three-story building by the G. F. Smith Co. grocer, at 135 west Maple avenue.

RITES HELD FOR NATIVE

Isaac Dawson Succumbs At Age of 88 In Birmingham

Isaac Dawson, 88 years old, for the past seven years a resident of Birmingham, was buried last Saturday afternoon from the home of his son, George W. Dawson, of Adams road, with Rev. David H. Curry, officiating. Burial was in Royal Oak cemetery.

Mr. Dawson was born in Royal Oak in 1840 and lived all his life in Oakland County for over 40 years farming in Troy Township. Seven years ago he retired from farming and since that time has lived in Birmingham.

He is survived by a sister, Miss Mary A. Sursell, of Los Angeles, Cal., and two sons, Byron Dawson of Troy and George W. Dawson.

Bennie Oosterbaan To Coach At U. of M.

Ann Arbor, August—University of Michigan's most famous modern athlete, Bennie G. Oosterbaan, three time all-American, has signed a contract as effective September 1st, according to Fielding H. Yost, director of intercollegiate athletics.

In accepting the contract with Michigan, Oosterbaan turned down numerous professional offers, all of which promised a larger salary than he will receive with the Maize and Blue school.

Oosterbaan will act as head freshman football coach, assistant varsity basketball coach, and assist generally in the whole physical education program.

During his athletic career at Michigan, Oosterbaan won nine varsity letters; three in football, three in basketball, and three in baseball. The football, basketball, and baseball teams each won two Big Ten titles during this period, and it was Oosterbaan who materially helped in winning each championship for the team.

"Bennie" was also conference high scorer in football, second high scorer in football, conference high scorer in basketball, and one of the leading hitters on the baseball team during his three years of athletic competition at Michigan.

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BOARD TO STUDY ALLEY PROBLEM

Alleys for Birmingham's business district, planned as a means of relieving double parking and heavy traffic congestion, are consuming the attention of village officials for the next few weeks. Within a month, according to Manager James W. Parry, he will have plans and estimates for four alleys, upon which formal hearings will be held.

A large delegation of property owners was present at a recent commission meeting, interested in the following alleys: between West Maple, from Pierce to Henrietta; between West Maple and Martin, from Henrietta to Bates; between Woodward and Pierce street, from the present alley which enters from Pierce street, to a point south where the proposed extension of Merrill street will be situated; and between East Maple avenue and Hamilton avenue, from the alley which enters from Hamilton avenue, east to a point where the proposed extension of Park street will be situated.

Numerous objections were raised on several of the proposed alleys, the greatest centering on the one between Pierce and Henrietta streets, where it may be necessary to acquire 18 feet south of the Telephone Building, or else buy and remove the building, which now stands squarely in the way of a straight alley through the middle of this block. Representatives of the Methodist church offered objections to putting the alley through between Henrietta and Bates streets, on the grounds that they are contemplating a new church, and may place it on the Martin street side of their property. Village officials, however, held that the alley should be laid out now, while the property was available, and developed when necessary.

A public hearing on all four projects will be held within the next month. It was said by manager Parry, who was directed to get plans and estimates of cost together, upon which could be based the village's procedure.

Making the Most of August Opportunities

The Roman emperor Caesar Augustus chose this as the month to bear his name, because most of the fortunate things of his life came during that period.

August is a bountiful month; richest in the harvests it brings to most Americans. If you will place a goodly portion of this month's harvest in an interest-earning account at this bank and keep adding to it a portion of all income that comes to you, then you too will ever thank August for helping you onward to good fortune.

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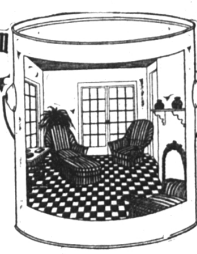
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