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Birmingham's Civic Center

The fact that Birmingham, through its own legal counsel, was given a decree when injunction proceedings against the erection of the municipal building were dropped by four local taxpayers...

In the first place, you will recall, a former village commission proposed the plan of a municipal civic center development, and asked the citizens to approve a bond issue of \$200,000.00...

Then came the bond issue of \$400,000.00 for a fire hall, to be erected on the civic center. The people heartily approved this bond issue.

No trouble was experienced when it was put up to the voters to authorize a bond issue amounting to \$175,000.00 for the new library.

At the polls last Spring, the people approved the plan to sell the old library building, and to use the proceeds thereof for a municipal building.

It is, therefore, too bad that four local citizens, including William G. McBride, now a candidate for member of the village commission, did not have a cause with sufficient basis for action to carry before a court...

Ever since the civic center plan was proposed here the voters have stood behind their public officials in the desire to make the plan materialize; are they still of the same opinion?

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Changing The Words

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Water holes, sand traps, invisible cup. It was the poorest in trimmings. I was the best with a golfing stick.

AS THIS IS WRITTEN, Tuesday night at 9:30 o'clock, Harry Brooks has, or probably is about, to land his flivver plane at Miami, Florida.

The modern girl doesn't wait for Leap Year when she makes up her mind to get her man.

Cruel Wind

The cold, cold wind that blows so hard today, So rough and wild and cruel; That paints the roses in the children's cheeks As they run on to school; That rudely tries to shake my little house And break my spirit fair;

Blood Or Bonds—Which?

You mothers and fathers of Birmingham and vicinity who are interested in the future welfare of our children, just read this letter, published in the Emporia (Kansas) Gazette, and commented upon by William Allen White, publisher of that newspaper.

Dear Mr. President: According to dispatches of today (January 23), from Managua, your son, Sgt. John W. Hemphill, was killed in action against General Sandino's loyal troops.

For the death of my son, I hold no malice or ill will toward General Sandino or any of his men, for I think and I believe 90 per cent of our people agree with me that they are today fighting in 1876, and that we, as a nation, have no legal or moral right to be murdering those liberty-loving people in a war of aggression.

My son was 29 years old, served three years of his third enlistment, survived German service through the World War against Germany, only to be officially murdered in a disgraceful war against this little nation.

I have four sons, and if necessity arise, I would be willing to sacrifice not only all four sons, but my own life as well in a war of defense, but I am not willing to shed one drop of blood in a war of aggression, such as this one is.

You have lost a son and know the sorrow, and we as a nation mourned with you in your hour of grief. Suppose that son had fallen, as my son has, a victim to the greed of Wall street, would you feel that the financial gain was worth the cost?

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ONE OF THE PENALTIES of becoming a nation's idol is the lack of privacy and the ability to control one's affairs that one can do what one wants anytime.

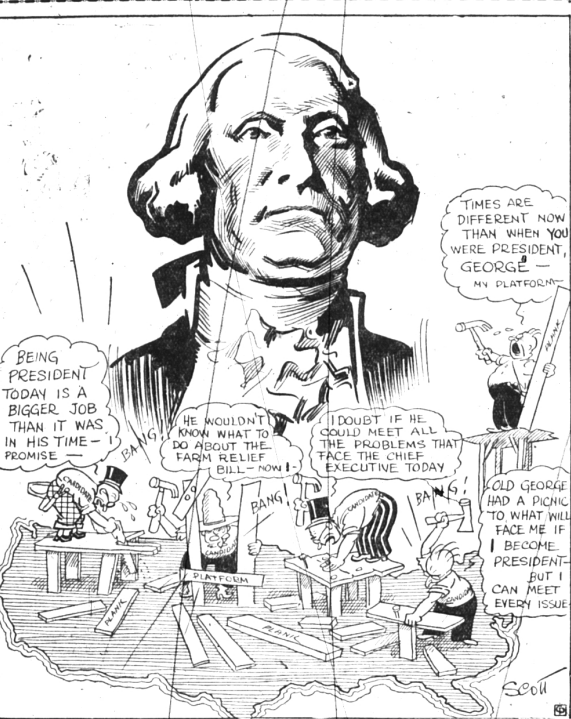
DR. CLARENCE COOK KITTLE, University of Michigan President who knows how to make news very often, believes that the modern church is such an issue that will tell the modern young man to accept the word of the modern preacher, and, as a consequence, refuses to go where. Doctor Little ought to know something whereof he speaks—he certainly has plenty of opportunity to study the modern youth.

BETWEEN NOW AND MARCH 12 Birmingham electors will be given an opportunity to determine the officials whom they will elect to public office for government for two years.

HARRY F. SINCLAIR, of oil fame, can never be accused of being penny-wise and pound-foolish in the matter from a purely materialistic standpoint. Judging from the mess that he has become mixed in, he is running true to the first syllable of his last name.

GLENN FRANK, noted president of the University of Wisconsin, told a Detroit audience a few days ago that "politics is dead, and has ceased to function as a social influence."

"Who Was This George, Anyway?"



Cranbrook Boys Enjoy First Annual 'Shindig' As Directors' Guests

The students of Cranbrook School were treated last Friday afternoon to the first annual directors' "shindig," given by the board of directors of the School. Outdoor and indoor games, lunch and a movie and theatrical party afterward made an fun for all.

The "shindig" was held at Camp Brady, owned by the Detroit Council, Boy Scouts of America, through the courtesy of the Council, many of whose boys have been entertained at the Cranbrook estate. The camp is situated approximately a mile west of Waterford.

Leather medals stamped in gold in a Roman coin design, were presented in a spirit of fun as first prizes in a spirit of fun as first prizes in the various activities. They were awarded in two classes, Junior and senior for foot races on the ice, first, second, and third form skating races, glacier descent, and nine other similar comedy competitions were run off in good order. Indoor prizes in all events, both indoor and outdoor, were awarded.

Several boys hiked to Waterford Hill with members of the board. It was here that the hill-climbing and the glacier descent were held.

Following the activities, a typical Scout banquet was served in the camp lodge, and after dinner the boys returned to the school for the evening's entertainment.

Eight members of the Player's club of Detroit presented an episode from the fifth act of John Drinkwater's play, "Abraham Lincoln," at the school. The cast also gave the famous Gettysburg Address.

General U. S. Grant—Mr. William G. Lerchen. William Scott—Mr. Hayward S. Thompson. Captain Malins (aide to Grant)—Dr. Alan W. McDonald. Dennis (orderly)—Mr. William Hay (Lincoln's Secretary)—Mr. Walter C. Boynton. George W. Meade—Dr. George W. Cushing.

I. C. Johnson director of boys' work in the Episcopal Diocese of Detroit, and assistant to Dr. S. Marquis, of Christ Church, Cranbrook, Douglas Jamieson, vice-president and personnel director of the Union Trust company, and former head of the Detroit Council, and Lee A. White, of the Detroit Council, all members of the board of directors, were in charge of the program.

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FIREMEN RESPOND TO THREE BLAZES

One Store and Two Homes Menaced by Blazes Over Week-End

Quick action on the part of the Birmingham fire department prevented serious damages to one store and two homes in the three fires which occurred over the week-end. A pile of sawdust in the rear of the Marguerite Sweet Shop, 145 1/2 south Woodward avenue, caught fire at 12:25 a. m. Saturday, just as the shop was being closed. It was extinguished with a few pails of water, by firemen who answered the still alarm.

A defective chimney at 161 Cole avenue caused a fire Saturday afternoon which did damage to the amount of \$20 to the home of P. S. Bremer. An electrical fire in the village at large a proposition of the expense.

Progress on Birmingham's new municipal building is continuing rapidly, and this splendid job promises to be completed not later than November 15, this year, according to information from local officials. Concrete footings are being poured this week and soon the project will rise skyward.

FOOTINGS POURED FOR VILLAGE HALL

Temporary suspension of the work ordered recently when four local citizens suing for a group of citizens one of whom is said to be James Campbell, started injunction proceedings in the Pontiac Circuit Court.

The injunction was withdrawn last week, and a decree authorized to bring up the same obstructive methods on the same proposition, it is said.

MISS SKINNER'S KIN DEAD IN KANSAS CITY

Funeral services were to be held this morning for Mrs. J. D. Warren, who was the sister of Miss Frances Skinner, of George Street, Tuesday morning from Birmingham to attend the funeral.

PLAT REJECTED FOR SANITARY SEWER BOND

The village commission Monday night rejected the plat of the Meyerling Land Co. pertaining to their subdivision known as Birmingham Highlands No. 2, containing about 40 acres of land, on the grounds that the accompanying improvement bond did not guarantee the laying of a sanitary sewer. The land is situated south of Midvale avenue and west of Westchester avenue, adjoining the Corryell Park subdivision.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank at this time, all the friends and neighbors, who expressed their sympathy for us during our recent sad bereavement. And also those who helped to make Charles happy during his brief illness. We specially thank the Rev. D. L. Woodward, also those who generously provided cars for the services. Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

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

February 21, 1928 Birmingham, Mich. To the Editor: Having carefully studied the report of the "Village-City form of Government" committee, a report made by citizens who have striven to say for publication that I am in agreement with the conclusion reached by the committee to the effect that, for the present at least, it is unwise to make a change.

Important changes should be made only when it is apparent beyond question that the benefits to accrue will greatly offset any disadvantages.

Unfortunately the question of the proposed change appears to have assumed one of factional politics, at least in a degree—let us hope in a small degree only. It should be settled on its merits entirely, and not because one or another faction favors or opposes it. It is in the hope that our citizens will decide the matter purely on the basis of its expediency that this letter is written.

Most truly yours, J. B. HOWARTH

FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN PONTIAC

Word has just been received from Mrs. Edna Woodard, of Pontiac, Michigan, that her husband, Mr. Edgar Lamb of Willets street, died at his home early Sunday morning following a week's illness.

Although born in Pontiac, where she spent practically all her life, Mrs. Woodard was prominent in social groups here in Birmingham in her youth. She was a frequent visitor to Dr. S. Marquis, of Christ Church, Cranbrook.

An additional \$10,000.00 is being asked over the \$25,000.00 bond submitted with the plat, to cover the sanitary sewer costs. According to a village ordinance, all subdivisions are required to install certain types of public improvement at their own expense either before or after submitting

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PLANNING COMMISSION
Birmingham's Village Planning Commission, in a letter read at the village commission meeting Monday night, requested an appropriation of not over \$150.00, with which to gather and prepare data for dissemination among local citizens. The commission tabled the request until March 19.

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