

An occurrence at the University of Kentucky again illustrates the effectiveness of an aggressive minority. A small rat, placed in a cage as food for five captive rattlesnakes, took advantage of their lethargic condition which was induced by cold weather, and viciously attacking the reptiles killed them all.

EDITOR GOES VISITING AND FINDS VILLAGE AND HILLS INTERESTING

(Note: The following article on Bloomfield Hills was written for the Charlotte Republican by the author, after he had been a here on the quest of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Averill of Poppleton, S. C.)

Every reader of this column has friends living in some distant town or city who have invited them to visit in some way or other. It does sound easy, but the home ties and home duties make it seem impossible to get away. It was at about a half-dozen broken promises to visit at the home of Editor and Mrs. George R. Averill in Bloomfield Hills that resulted in a date being set and our setting sail in the "blue boat" with Editor and Mrs. Mari H. DeWoe of Charlotte last Friday. By this time you have heard that the editor had "died," included the president and general manager of our home.

It will not be our purpose to describe every left-hand turn on the road, or elaborate upon the quality and quantity of food that the Averills served. There are, however, many interesting things about the growing Oakland county village, which lies seven miles south of Pontiac, on Wood-

lawn, and to which has grown from 5,000 to 15,000 population in five years. It is suffering severely from growing pains at present. Bloomfield is still a village, and some of the older residents are making their last stand against progress and a government which is passing out of the hands of the newcomers.

At a little dinner one evening, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lyle, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lyle, Birminghamites were also guests. There is a feature writer on the Detroit News. Lyle is an executive of the Federal Bond and Mortgage company. The average number of Detroiters who have come to Bloomfield to live. Such people are demanding better things for their village in the way of public improvements. Averill's newspaper, the Bloomfield Eccentric, fights their battles and doing a good job of it.

The changes that are taking place make the Charlotte and St. Johns "upstarts" dizzy. A \$175,000 library has just been completed, a new high school, churches, a civic center that will be a feature of the village, property in the very center of town, suggests that Birminghamites are facing expenses that run into hundreds of thousands, if not millions. We heard one of the ladies complain of the increase in taxes. The home that cost \$10,000 a few years ago and was taxed about \$10 now pays a tax of \$200 a year. The writer asked what the home was worth today and the lady replied \$22,000 to \$25,000. This is the answer.

Bloomfield Hills, that beautiful section of hilly country in Bloomfield township, has become the site of many millionaires' estates. The township, Mr. Averill told us, was assessed for \$33,000,000—more than the whole of Clinton county. We will wager there isn't as much produce raised in that township as in the Cal Rice farm in Bingham. Words are futile to describe the beauty and charm of this district, which looked on a bitter cold February day. Millions have been spent to augment what nature has provided. It was with mingled admiration and awe that we viewed the beauty and lavish expenditures.

Possibly the estate of George Booth is the show place of the Bloomfield Hills. Mr. Booth is one of the publishers of the Detroit News, and but recently he gave his entire fortune away in building Cranbrook school. We went through the school, escorted by Headmaster Stevens. Again we will forego any attempt to describe the school, other than to say it is of English architecture and so complete in every detail, so wholesomely planned for teaching the fine arts to growing youngsters, that there can be no doubt that it will have an influence upon the pupils. It is Mr. Booth's idea to surround young boys with an environment of beauty and good taste hoping to inspire them to contribute to coming generations something more than the ordinary.

To us it appeared as a fine preparatory school for young geniuses. Whether or not the lads will be selected because of their early evidence of outstanding ability, we are uncertain. Headmaster Stevens indicated there would be no effort in this respect. If not, how can the expenditure of twelve millions of dollars be reconciled to educating a maximum of 200 boys, ranging from twelve to seventeen years?

Also, we were informed, there is to be a Cranbrook school for girls. That will come later. We hope this school will make great contributions to the welfare of America in the future. If it fails, this wonderful expenditure will stand as a futile monument to a man who, in all sincerity, gave his immense fortune to make the world a better and more beautiful place to live. Near, but not connected with Cranbrook school, is Christ Church (Episcopal) which is also the gift of the Booths. It is not large—we would judge a seating capacity of six hundred. It cost over \$1,000,000 we were told. One could spend several hours viewing the carved woodwork, the windows, the doors of carved oak—all in the most excellent taste and beautifully appropriate. The church is not yet complete although the vestments were depicting colored scenes and figures working Biblical history on the walls at sides of the altar.

While the Cranbrook school would excite much attention in the average small city, Senator Jim Cullen will obtain a \$25,000,000 office building near the center of the business section. There is a new Kankay theater which seats 1,500 people. Business is booming in the town. Average is selling for \$12,000 and higher—land that was bought for \$300 and \$400 an acre four years ago. It is a green spot for the better class of people from Detroit. "Everybody in Detroit looks forward to the day when they can live in Birmingham," was the statement made by one of the Birminghamites.

In the midst of this rapid development, with its overnight changes, George R. Averill is publishing one of the finest weekly newspapers in the state, or country. Once each week he carefully edited messages sanely analyzing local conditions and acting as a stabilizing influence. Birmingham people depend on the Detroit dailies for their metropolitan and world news. It is the Birmingham Eccentric, how-

ever, that is looked to for information relative to their home town—which, after all, is the most important town in the world to them. The crime news, the oil scandal, the Remus and Hickman must depend upon the dailies for their publicity and the dailies must depend upon this gentry to provide fuel for their sensational columns. Where homes, filled with children, are the most important institutions in a town, one will generally find that a clean, sane, home newspaper is in demand. This is true of Birmingham in spite of its wonderful growth, true of Charlotte and St. Johns and many other wholesome Michigan small cities.

HUDSON OUTPUT REPORT MADE

The Hudson Motor Car Co. established a new record in February with the shipment of 30,000 Hudsons and Essex cars, it was announced last week. This was the largest February in the company's history, exceeding February of a year ago by approximately 5,000 cars. It is likewise a step-up of about 5,000 cars from January of this year. The announcement is made that schedules for March will rise still further to meet expanding business of the spring months. The Hudson plant is operating two and three shifts and employment figures are at a high mark.

Yarn so fine that a pound of it would reach 4,000 miles has been produced by a factory in Manchester, Eng.

S. E. GREEN DIES AT 81

Retired Farmer Lived in Birmingham 12 Years; Family Survives

Samuel E. Green, retired farmer, died last Wednesday at the home of his son, Joseph, 400 Pierce street at the age of 81. Mr. Green was born in Eaton county, Jan. 29, 1847; his parents being Jacob Green and Eliza Ann Herrick Green. The family came to Oakland County in 1862.

On Sept. 12, 1864, he enlisted in Pontiac, as a private in the thirteenth Independent Battery of Michigan Light Artillery. Mr. Green married Mary J. Rainey of Southfield on May 19, 1870. Seven children were born. Three of them died. Surviving are Joseph of Birmingham, Mrs. Jennie Warden of Ludington, Mrs. May Frue of Pontiac and Ellis of Detroit.

He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Alice Smith and Mrs. Della Compton of Tustin, Mich., and four half-brothers: Ralph, Charles, Bert and Jacob Green. Mr. Green lived on a farm at Franklin, Mich., for many years, retiring and moving to Birmingham 13 years ago. Funeral services were held Saturday from the home of Joseph Green at 2:30 p. m. Rev. R. M. Atchard, pastor of the First Methodist Church officiated. Burial was in Franklin cemetery.

SPRING BRINGS AUTO ARRESTS

Ten motorists were arrested in Bloomfield Hills Sunday for traffic violations during the first heavy traffic of early spring, according to William Putnam, chief of police.

Chief Putnam reported the warm weather brought out hundreds of autoists and that his men had to work overtime because of the traffic. All who were arrested paid small fines on charges of running the red light at Woodward avenue and the Long Lake road.

KEEP MOULDING IN PLACE

On many makes of cars, the running board moulding is a thin metal strip which is susceptible to looseness. In winter, particularly, it suffers from the practice of many car owners of scraping their shoes on it before entering the car. If the moulding shows signs of breaking loose, the motorist probably will find reattachment but a moment's task. Allowing it to go unrepaired will result in breakage with decidedly bad effect upon the appearance of the car.

Miss Lillian Copeland, student at the University of California, who holds the American women's records for the javelin throw, shotput and discus throw, will enter the Olympic contest in Holland next July. Nathan Platt, schoolboy violinist, pastor of the First Methodist Church affiliated. Burial was in Franklin cemetery.

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