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STREET NAMES UP FOR CHANGE

Commission Acts To Avoid Confusion From Duplicates

Myrtle E. Carson, village clerk, today is checking the names of Birmingham streets in an effort to eliminate duplicates. Following a discussion of the problem at a commission meeting, there are two Elm streets, Dorchester and Oxford, the commission was told. Considerable confusion arises from this. Hope F. Halgren, member of the board said, and immediate steps will be taken to remedy the situation.

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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
Lapeer girls thrive on sauer kraut.

The young men are suffering with the bicycle fever.

Frank Roche is deeply, solemnly and impressively happy. You see, there was a little stranger came to his house on Monday night who tipped the beam at 10 pounds.

Mitchell's troubles never really began until recently when a lady friend presented him with a kitten—a love beauty, pure white, etc., and Mitchell faithfully promised to love and nourish, keep and cherish that feline. He's doing so.

25 YEARS AGO
If you want a fine entertainment for self and children, take them to the Paulus Amphitheater at Pontiac, tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon. Ten nights in a ballroom, and ten cents for any seat in the house.

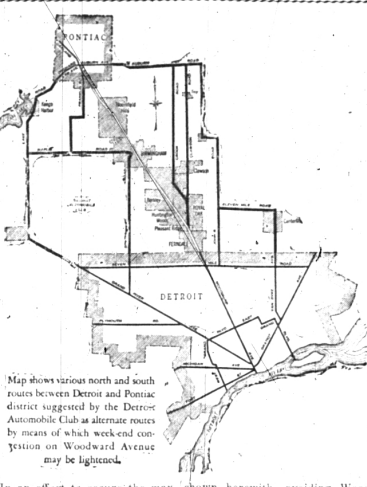
The gold medal oratorical contest Monday evening was a success. The contestants, those who had won silver medals. They all did themselves great credit and the judges experienced no small difficulty in deciding who was best. Levi Goodwin was awarded the prize, a solid gold medal of beautiful design. These contests not only entertain but instruct the young and create temperance sentiment so much needed.

The Poppleton store long vacant and the lots adjoining, belonging to that estate, will probably soon be occupied. Members of a German musical society of Detroit are negotiating for the purchase and will remodel the store for a concert hall and use the lawn for summer entertainments.

Those who think we did not need a marshal should have heard the calm, easy declaration of one of our infant terribles in regard to disturbing the Methodist are cream sale last Saturday evening. "Oh yes," he said, "we threw a few stones and broke a window, that was all." The village board are to be congratulated upon their action and it is hoped that not only the board but every citizen will stand by the new marshal and give him their hearty support in enforcing every law regardless of the person who offends.

Try An Eccentric Classified Ad

WOODWARD ALTERNATES SHOWN



In an effort to secure the maximum use of wider Woodward avenue where considerable congestion has existed between the city limits of Detroit and Pontiac, the Detroit Automobile Club in cooperation with municipalities along this highway suggests alternate routes as shown herewith, avoiding Woodward avenue. Until such time as this highway can be widened through Birmingham, the bottleneck condition of Woodward at this municipality can be relieved during rush hours, only by the co-operation of motorists traveling to the Bloomfield Hills district and Pontiac, by another route.

Hints On Gardening

With the Spring season, interest in gardening is constantly increasing. Birmingham enthusiasts have many questions to ask concerning their own garden plots and Rolla E. Coryell, of the Coryell nurseries, has answered many of these.

When asked if Birmingham water were cold enough to be injurious to plants, Mr. Coryell replied that it is not too cold and they use it entirely at the nurseries. Other questions were:

Q. How long should tulips and iris be left in the ground before they are divided?
A. No more than two or three years before they are divided and then the dividing should always be done in the fall.

Q. Should a new lawn be watered at night?
A. It should be watered constantly and there is no harm in watering it at night.

Q. How can good sweet peas be grown?
A. They need cool ground and should be sown deep and in good soil. There is no harm in allowing them to climb an iron fence as the fence seldom becomes hot enough to wither them.

Q. Should commercial fertilizers be used?
A. Use commercial fertilizers only sparingly and as a help.

Q. How can lice on Spirea be killed?
A. A solution made by boiling tobacco stem and diluting it with water should be sprinkled over the plant.

Q. When should hyacinths be potted?
A. About the first of November.

Q. Are ants on peony injurious?
A. No. They are there to eat up the honey. The seed pods of the peony can be cut sending the sap back into the plant.

Q. How can plant lice on roses be killed?
A. Fine sulphur sprinkled from a fine muslin bag will kill the lice on roses. The plants must be damp when the sulphur is sprinkled on them.

Q. What can be done for sour grapes?
A. Agricultural lime should be sprinkled on sour grass. This is a condition of the ground being acid.

Q. How may dandelions be weeded out of a lawn?
A. A weak solution of sulphate of iron, three ounces to ten quarts of water, should be sprinkled on the lawn. The tops of the grass may turn white but this won't do any harm.

Q. What can be done to kill cut worm?
A. One part of arsenate of lead, 15 parts of oats or bran, one ounce of lemon with skin ground up, mix with molasses and put on the ground around the plant. Tomato plants are particularly susceptible to this cut worm.

Glimpses

at and about BIRMINGHAM
By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

The men who build steel girders skyward may light their pipes and breathe freely the consoling thought that justice at least has been done them. Passed up by the authors of folklore in this my cat spaghetti, while sober. I suppose it is very foolish to have expressions of apology of any kind, if one could only remember a phrase used by Sophocles. . . .

Just previous to the writing of these lines the last words of Dr. Loomis were published in Detroit papers. His funeral arrangements are being made and thousands of persons in many cities are arguing about the circumstances surrounding the death, a year ago, of his wife. What drove the man to take his own life? I wonder if Sophocles, when he thought of life as a "deathward march" believe it mattered a great deal whether the people who defended or those who persecuted Dr. Loomis were right.

Virginia Farrar, who is nine years old and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Farrar, thinks that as a dealer in his words of the English I had better be making out laundry slips in Hong Kong. After I had the pleasure of meeting Virginia, she asked her mother for something of my history and classification. Mrs. Farrar explained that when the days were not too crowded I pitched playing bridge or choking ham and eggs. Judging from the speed of the action in the first scene, the average news boy, his face washed a bit and his mouth covered with adhesive tape, can sell at what time of the evening the marines are due to arrive when the comedian with his partner will do a burlesque on a classical dance, and when the rich uncle, debutante fiancée or strict father, will forgive the leading man and announce to the mob in the gallery that the party of the second part from then on is to be, 1. the sole heir to the pickle factory, 2. the sole heir to a box of slightly used lip stick and affection, 3. the sole heir to the great Washington Estate in Pontiac on the Clinton.

I recall many musical comedies which have had long runs in Detroit. They all had the usual formulas. I recall the Song of the Flame. It lasted one week. It did not have the usual formula.

Straw hats have appeared on soldiers in the Army of the Colorado. Most of this season's hats I have seen have the least suggestion of a recent cleaning under a sun from Sahara. There are always a strange, almost apologetic, look under those hats at

WIFE PUZZLED AT SUICIDE OF YOUNG MATE

Former Big Beaver Girl, Widowed In Royal Oak, Can't Explain Motive

DEATH NIPS ROMANCE

Mrs. Louis Shippacase, the former Miss Dorothy Hardy of Big Beaver is at a loss today to explain the suicide of her husband Saturday who shot himself as police were breaking into a room in which he barricaded himself in the home of his bride's foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Levy, 716 Foster boulevard, Royal Oak.

The death ended a romance that began two years ago in Florida when the couple met. The widow at that time was Miss Dorothy Levy and was generally reputed to be the "prettiest girl in Royal Oak." They had been married seven weeks.

Shooting himself through the head with a .25 calibre revolver, Shippacase died three hours later in the Highland Park General Hospital where he was rushed by police after they broke into the room.

Efforts of the officers to force their way into the room before the fatal shot was fired were futile. Later a note written by the husband and fraying the treatment accorded him by the bride's foster parents, was found. The note appeared to have been hastily written but it did not mention suicide.

Mr. Shippacase was connected with a prominent Detroit family. He was educated in that city and had been a member of the Michigan He was an employee of the Dodge Brothers Inc., Detroit as assistant to an executive in the motor coach department.

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STATE ATTORNEY IN CIRCUIT CASE

Appearance Entered in Petition To Sell Valuable Woodward Property

Appearance of Attorney General Wilbur M. Bricker was entered in Circuit Court, Pontiac, in the petition of William H. Klug of Detroit for permission to sell the dower rights of his wife, Mrs. Rosette Klug, to valuable land in Troy Township on Woodward avenue.

Ralph Hughes, member of the state attorney staff said the state intends to fight any attempt on the part of Klug set off Mrs. Klug's dower interest at \$1,500 in an estate of \$193,000.

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