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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1928. NOTICE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have new value and which are written by persons not connected with the editorial staff of the paper.

This Tree Cutting Business

The tree question in Birmingham is a serious one. As usual, there are two sides. Attached to the beauty of Birmingham's trees, which have stood for generations as symbols of the staid and careful dignity that characterizes this village, citizens are both hurt and indignant that many of them are being removed.

Landscaping architects hired by the village commission to beautify the municipal block, have all agreed upon the necessity of removing the old trees and substituting in their places others; the fact that the land within the block is left high and dry by paving work done on Pierce, Martin, Merrill, and Henrietta streets this year, is the explanation for the removal of the old trees.

A few weeks ago approximately 1500 local citizens affixed their names to petitions, calling for the utmost caution in determining the necessity of removing more trees; and now we have witnessed during the past week the removal of many trees surrounding the new municipal building.

Perhaps the proposed plan of beautification does make it necessary to remove these trees, or at least part of them. But the fact that they were removed without any warning or explanation creates in the minds of the general public an idea that their wishes are held in little or no esteem.

The Eccentric believes that the village commission is trying to do its collective part in making for a finer Birmingham; but it does agree with our citizens who complain against lack of advance notice when it comes to the wholesale removal of trees in this community.

Fire Prevention Here

Fire Prevention Week in Birmingham ends Saturday officially. But it is hardly necessary to urge the people of this village to observe a fire prevention week every week in the year.

Don't Fool The Police

During this paving of Woodward avenue, police are hard put to it to keep the traffic moving through Birmingham. Even with the co-operation of the drivers of cars, it is no easy matter.

Locating Our New County Site

Members of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, starting their fall session Monday of this week, are meeting in Pontiac to plan ways and means to administer government, including county public health.

COMMUNITY HOUSE PRESIDENT TELLS USES OF NEW BUILDING

"Birmingham's new Community House will offer a solution for scores of sociological problems encountered in this village every day—problems which are tangible and well formulated, and not of the vague nature seen in newspaper columns," declared Mrs. Charles Shain, Community House executive board president today.

The Graters

\$2,000,000,000 had been stolen by grafters in one year. Now the people waxed very wroth over this, and called together certain wise men whom they had elected to be representatives, and spoke to them after this fashion:

"How is it that we are being robbed so grievously?" And the representatives answered, saying: "Behold, it is because this country hath not sufficient laws against grafting."

"Go to," instructed the people, "and pass laws." So all the representatives gathered together and passed odes and oodles of laws.

\$2,000,000,000 was stolen by grafters the next year. Then the people waxed wroth again and spake thus: "Did ye not pass laws against this grafting business?"

"Yea, verily," answered the wise men. "But the laws were not enforced. What this country needs is more enforcement officers."

"Go to," commanded the people, "and hire enforcement officers." And the wise men did as they were bidden.

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To My Brother

Twenty-two years ago Sunday, September 30, a little brother came to our house, making four boys in the Averill family. This youngest child was given the name of Paul Neal, Paul suggested by his father, and Neal suggested by myself.

BOARD DELAYS LINCOLN WORK

The commission decided to delay the grading of Lincoln avenue between Southfield and the Cranbrook road. Monday night after a petition was received asking that the street be paved with concrete.

Social Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Shain, of great Maple avenue, left Monday on a 10 day motor trip through the south and east. Gordon Chamberlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Chamberlin, of Ravine road, has enrolled in Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Va.

Miss Frances Van Every of Pilgrim road, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Van Every, left Tuesday for Washington, D. C., where she will take up her studies at National Park Seminary.

Mrs. Charles H. Soderberg, of Puritan road, is entertaining tomorrow at a bridge luncheon for 20 guests at the Lone Pine Inn.

Mrs. L. W. Porter, of Baldwin ham road, was hostess Tuesday at a bridge luncheon at the Birmingham Golf club.

VILLAGE PLAYERS ANNOUNCE CASTS FOR THREE OPENERS

Members of the casts for the three new plays to be put on Oct. 26 by the Village Players are announced today.

"The Red Flag" will be played by the following: D. C. Murray, Mrs. J. E. Holt, J. Robinson, Mrs. William G. Lerchen, L. A. Morgan, and Loren Stauch.

"The Angel in the Streets" is another play featuring a cast of eight members. Parts will be taken by E. F. Holt, J. Robinson, Winifred Woodrow, and the number and is assisted by Mrs. L. A. Morgan.

"The Five O'Clock Girl" which enters its third week this Sunday night, might be considered a "ten-strike" as it will close its second week with a record never exceeded by any other play in the history of the theatre in a happy mood.

THEATERS

"The Five O'Clock Girl" is a fast stepping show, with a romantic story of unusual continuity for the theatre.

"The Skull" is a mystery-comedy which is largely contributed by Bert Kelton and Shaw & Lee who are abetted by Jack Norron and Danny Dare.

"Good News" came into Detroit for two weeks but took the city by storm for it remained six weeks; "The Five O'Clock Girl" came in for two weeks but soon departed.

LAFAYETTE Lew Cantor's mystery-comedy sensation "The Skull" comes to the theatre-Lafayette Theatre next Sunday night, following its successful run at the Forrest Theatre, Philadelphia.

MARtha PALMS BOWS TO SOCIETY OCT. 20 A reception at the Hills home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Palmer, will be held Oct. 20 will present Miss Martha Palmer to society. Plans are being completed for the affair.



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CIVIC "Escape," John Galsworthy's romantic melodrama, opens Monday night at the Detroit Civic Theatre for its first appearance in Detroit. This splendid and exciting drama played at the Booth Theatre in New York last year with great success, under the direction of Winthrop Ames.

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