

SALE OF SEALS SOON TO START

County's Quota This Year \$5,000 Above That For Last Season

Sale of \$48,000 worth of tuberculosis Christmas seals is to be launched Thanksgiving Day in Birmingham and throughout Oakland County, according to announcement of Mrs. Zelpha B. Hale, executive secretary of the Oakland County Tuberculosis association.

Returns from these seals are expected to make up the \$15,000 which the association will use in its fight against tuberculosis. Part of the \$15,000, which is \$5,000 more than was asked for last year, will be used to equip the association's new children's fresh air camp near Milford on a tract of land donated to the association by John Henry Webber, farmer near Green Oaks. The camp is planned to be opened for the undernourished and underprivileged children of Oakland County next June. Birmingham school children are among those throughout the county who are participating in the tuberculosis poster contest. Members of local boy and girl Scout organizations will help with the annual sale.

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PICKING PRESIDENTS

1860: Nation Answers Disunion Threats
By CHARLES L. MULLIGAN
Written for Central Press and The Birmingham Eccentric

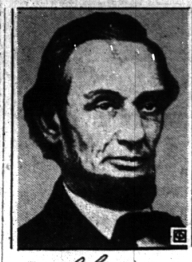
Throughout Buchanan's term events moved swiftly toward secession. The president tried to solve the problem with diplomacy. His attorney general advised him "no legal right" was vested in the federal government to prevent secession. "Oh, for an hour of Andrew Jackson" cried the Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

Seward, of New York, and Chase, of Ohio, opposed Abraham Lincoln for the nomination by the Republican national convention at Chicago. Lincoln's manager promised a cabinet post to Simon Cameron, a Pennsylvania boss, who held the balance of power, and the nomination was made unanimous on the fourth ballot.

Stephen A. Douglas was named by the Democrats at Baltimore, whether they had adjourned from Charleston. The southern wing of the party met also at Baltimore and nominated John C. Breckinridge, of Kentucky. John Bell, of Tennessee, was named by a constitutional union convention in the same city.

This was the choice before the voters: Bell would prohibit political discussion of slavery; Douglas was for "squatter sovereignty," which meant let the new territories decide the slavery issue for themselves; Breckinridge would prohibit interference by the federal government with slavery in the territories; Lincoln would outlaw slavery in the territories. Again it must be emphasized that abolition of slavery was not a campaign issue—merely its control in that portion of the domain that had not been admitted to the family of states.

The schism in the Democratic ranks made Republican success inevitable. The south went with its plans for secession. Amid omens of disaster the nation went to the polls and elected Lincoln. He had behind him less experience in government or politics than any of the presidents; he was, from



the point of view of the popular vote, a minority choice. The electoral vote was as follows: Abraham Lincoln, Illinois, and Hannibal Hamlin, Maine, Republicans, 180 votes; J. C. Breckinridge, 845,763; Bell, 580,581. No Lincoln votes were recorded in the South. Again the table voting does not include South Carolina.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD

By GROVE PATTERSON

THEY READ NEWSPAPERS
Warner Brothers, owning Vitaphone, seek to spend a million dollars advertising their business. After consulting experts in advertising they decide to spend the entire sum in the daily newspapers. They are successful business men and they have come to a wise conclusion. Some folks read magazines and some read books. A few will even read free circulars distributed at the front door. But almost EVERYBODY reads the newspapers. Even bad newspapers are read more than good magazines or good books and newspapers with improved facilities, spending more money on their news and editorial departments, are getting better all the time.

FARMS AND MILLS
Will American farms of the future be run like factories? A North Dakota university professor says—M. Gillette—says farms of the future will be populated only as great industrial plants are populated—by workmen going back from their toil at night to their homes in town. Managers, foremen and hired men, would produce crops as a factory operator. The old family on the farm would disappear.

Perhaps this would mean a new sort of efficiency but most of us, remembering boyhood on the farm or the happy days at grandfather's in the summer time, will be glad that we were not born too late for the old-fashioned farm.

It begins to look as though modern industrial civilization is at war with sentiment.

SHAKING DICE

It's rather discouraging that so many bad habits should be so old. I don't think we would have outgrown many things that are almost as old as history and which we show no signs of outgrowing. It is said dice-throwing was so popular in India centuries ago that two kings, who had unpronounceable names, staked and lost their kingdoms on the spotted cubes.

As far back as history goes there has been too much of something or other of which there is still too much.

All of which calls for a sense of humor and much patience.

REAL DEMOCRACY

One learns that John Coolidge, working at an ordinary job in a railroad office in New Haven, arrives on time and devotes his attention to work. This is not strange. He has been well brought up in a good American family. In such a situation is the real force and value—the real thrill—of American democracy. No crowding of kings and princes here. Here, the son of the head of the republic is like the son of any other citizen. Some day he, too, may become president. It will be by his own efforts—not because he is the son of his father. He may sometimes be a little impatient with our republic, but it is the system of living together which gives humanity its best chance.

MANLESS INDUSTRY

A New York power company has installed mechanism that will operate an electric distributing plant without a human being within its walls. The new station will supply enough power to light the houses of 300,000 families. This is just another long step toward the supremacy of machinery in business. Labor-saving devices provide the leisure that makes culture and the arts possible. As we face a greater problem in the right use of spare time, even science faces in turning over the world by machinery.

TEACHERS ATTEND STATE MEETING

Two Represent Village Schools In Meshegog Session Of Association

Mrs. Ethel Waterman, teacher in the junior section room at Baldwin High School and Miss LaRilda Forest, teacher of the sixth grade at the Quanton School, represented Birmingham at the convention of the State Association of Teachers clubs last Friday in Muskegon. W. L. Coffey, dean of Teachers College, Detroit, was one of the principal speakers at the Friday session, discussing the status of the teachers' retirement fund and outlining the proposed new law which will put the fund on a more substantial basis.

Dr. Preston Bradley, pastor of Peoples' Church, Chicago, was speaker at the banquet attended by the delegates Friday evening.

DE MOLAYS ENJOY MOTION PICTURES

Moving pictures at Camp Rademaker last summer were the feature of Tuesday evening for the members of the James Hasbarger Chapter DeMolay. The movies were shown at the Masonic temple following a steak roast at the Bloomfield Townshin Park.

During the summer, approximately 15 members of the Birmingham chapter attended the DeMolay camp at Bear Lake. The regular fall initiation of the chapter will be held Tuesday at the Masonic Temple.

Plainly Discouraged

In Ontario the speed cops seem to have given it up as a bad job. The highway signs read, "Notice, pavement slippery in wet weather. Obey speed law. As much as to say, "In dry weather, disobey speed law and be hanged. We know you're going to, anyway."—Detroit News.

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