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Hiring A Village Planner

A move that seems to be in the right direction was made by the village commission last week when it empowered the village planning commission to engage the services of an expert, to the end that a definite plan covering this community's future growth may be arrived at. For several years the need of the services of an expert have been felt by members of the planning commission, and the cooperative gesture of the commission in granting this desire ought to stimulate the planners toward even better work.

Some may think that \$5000 or even less is too much to pay for a plan for Birmingham; however, when one considers the vast sums of money which are spent in municipal development, it is easy to believe that many times this amount may be saved through wise and coordinated planning.

Birmingham citizens, having granted the \$5000 allowance through their officials, now wait with bated breath for the practical plan which the village commission will submit to the city council. The plan will show this community toward its desire to become an unequalled spot of the earth's surface where life and living are precious assets.

Deserved Praise

Efforts on the part of Neil Black and George Scott to bring condemnation upon fire chief William G. Olson in particular, and upon the paid and volunteer departments in general, resulted in much commendation here last week. The investigation into certain charges of "incompetency, waste and unnecessary expenditure in handling the people's money," and ably conducted by president Ellery and commissioners Halgren and Hulbert, revealed that the charges were unfounded.

It is unfortunate that Black and Scott brought up the charges, for the work of Chief Olson and his men, over a period of many years in this community, has reflected extreme credit upon them for their unselfish and untiring efforts to serve this area. It is to be hoped that, despite the groundless and untimely charges that have been brought upon the Birmingham fire department, both paid and volunteer, will continue to work in harmony with the man who, more than other, deserves the gratitude of our citizenry, Chief William G. Olson.

A Great Life

If at the end of the day you can say that you have caused no unhappiness to anyone you have met; that you have lessened no one's belief in life or mankind; that you have helped the discouraged and added nothing to the vanity of the ostentatious; that you have done a decent day's work.—ANON.

The author of the paragraphs which follow is said to be unknown but it is well worth a few moments of reading and meditation.
"Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then for three years, he was an itinerant preacher. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself."

"While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth while he was dying, and that was his coat. When he was dead he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend."
"Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today he is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress."
"I am far within the mark, when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that One Solitary Life!"

SCHUYLER L. MARSHALL, BELOVED by Michigan newspapermen because he exemplifies the real spirit of constructive journalism, paid Ye Ed a compliment in his last issue of the Clinton County Republican-News. The particular praise was directed at our recent rhyme on George W. Walsh, the feasted candidate for Governor. Mr. Marshall concludes his statement by saying "until this week, however, we did not know that he writes verse." Now that you know this, "Sky," we hope you'll not hold it against us—there are worse habits than this, you know.

SOCIETY TORNROTCHERS in London have been taken to parrots as a new diversion, vying with each other in ability to scratch, scream, squawk, and relate things heard. "Birds of a feather flock together."

National Asset

With men of the Hoover stamp, the incredible is forever happening. When Fate finds a youngster who never gives up any job interested to do, no matter how hard or strange, no matter what obstacles beset him, he cannot let him alone. As long as he lives and has his health he thrives challenge after challenge, job after job, upon him; first in the hope of seeing him trip, latterly that she may admire the skill and effectiveness of his attack.

Mr. Hoover is such a man. His personality and his record appeal to those who are used to doing great things and hard things and know their own kind. It is no wonder that the big, broad-gauged men of the country, those who are its real producers and who are contributing most to its development, are his staunchest supporters. Nor is it without significance that those who have worked for and with Mr. Hoover are his most loyal adherents.

They know his metal and they know what he has gone into the forging of. They appraise at their true value his knowledge of conditions over the greater part of the civilized world; his unusual gift for working with other men and commanding their loyalty; his intimate knowledge of the land from coast to coast, his intensive schooling in official life and his sound views on business, commercial and economic matters.

Then, too, there are even more to bless him for his humanity than to praise him for his ability as an executive and for his genius for getting things done. No man can unite such characteristics with integrity of character and fail to make a powerful appeal to formidable masses of American citizens.

The idea of maintaining opposing parties guided by different political principles is sound, but we often carry it to too great lengths; and the smaller minded our politicians, the farther they run it into the ground. If Herbert Hoover has been cursed with this species of ego he would never have got where he is. He could not have done his work. He could not have begun it. Such a mind would have made him put little prejudices first and great ends last. Thought in the large confirms and strengthens basic political convictions and deep guiding principles, but it is death on the petty parasites that cling to them like ticks on a cow's skin.

From whatever angle he may be regarded, Herbert Hoover is a national asset of incalculable value. His extraordinary prestige, at home or abroad, has not yet been fully capitalized for the benefit of his country.—Editorial in the SATURDAY EVENING POST, on April 14, two months before Mr. Hoover's nomination.

The Thankful Heart

If anyone should give me a dish of sand, and tell me there were particles of iron in it, I might look through my eyes and search for them with my clumsy fingers, and be unable to detect them; but let me take a magnet and sweep this it, and I would draw to itself the almost invisible particles by the mere power of attraction. The unthankful heart, like my fingers in the sand, discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day, and as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find in every hour some heavenly blessings—only the iron in God's sand is gold.—OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

STATISTICS just compiled reveal that the average American family spends \$53.00 each year on furniture. Which proves that the average home in this country does not break up housekeeping to a very great extent.

NEWS DESPATCHES From England credit Queen Mary with baiting the fishing hooks of both herself and King George. Which proves that the fowler angle worm, as a fish lure, has a universal appeal. We wonder if the King and Queen are fond of corned beef and cabbage.

IN ABOUT TWO MORE MONTHS golf enthusiasts will be compelled to do their work indoors. Rough, in a way, yet not so rough, for the coal pile offers to vie with the snow shovel for exercise.

"LUCKY," A GERMAN POLICE dog, while attempting a long distance swim from Albany, New York City, is given frequent rubdowns and eggnog flavored with brandy. Many will think the dog well named.

HEREAFTER, FOR A WHILE at least, English girls and ladies will look feminine like the don't fall clothes. English styles now cover the feet, knees, and reveal "bikini" instead of "willy" figures. That'll be something new for the men to adjust themselves to.

Two Brothers

Two brothers, diametrically opposite.—*Suspicio and Gullibio*.
Suspicio never travelled alone. On his right side was *Greed*; on his left, *Distrust*. In the shadow cast by his companions, trailed *Discontent*.

Gullibio travelled in company. On the one side was *Faith*; on the other, *Clarity*. Surrounded by their reflected light, no shadow dogged the trio.
Suspicio was intolerant. Into his left ear, *Distrust* whispered, "no man is worthy of belief;" into his right ear, *Greed* urged, "get him or he will get you."

Gullibio was tolerant, even of his brother *Suspicio*.
Suspicio believed himself to be the wisest of all men. "With your keen mind," *Greed* assured him, "you can rule the world." And *Distrust* informed him, "nobody can deceive you, for you are too wise to believe anybody but yourself."
"I know," *Gullibio* replied, "but he was not wise. 'Man on earth,' said *Faith*, 'knows but his own mind.' 'And to lie or live in the shadow of *Discontent*.'"
"And in the shadow cast by *Greed* and *Distrust*," trailed *Discontent*. A winding trail through a jungle of bitter words.

And in the light of *Faith* and *Clarity* in which no shadow can fall, is *Fool's Paradise*.
Fool's Paradise, yes.
But—PARADISE.
"HEAVY STUFF"

CHURCHES

Redeemer Lutheran Church
On Lincoln Near Woodward
R. E. Seaser, Pastor
Residence, 214 Lincoln
Phone 1984
17th Sunday after Trinity. Divine service at 11:30 a. m. Subject sermon: "The Old Testament Sabbath and the New Testament Sunday Worship."

Next Sunday evening at 7:45 the Waltham League will again resume its regular Sunday evening sessions. Church history will be taken up as a special study during the coming months. I would like to see you when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.

First Methodist Episcopal Church
Robert Marens Atkins, Minister
Rally Day Services
Mr. Atkins will preach at both services. Rally Day is a family day, bring the children with you. 10:00 a. m. Sunday School. 11:00 a. m. Rally Day morning service. May leave the children in the Primary Room if you desire. 5:00 p. m. The 5:00 o'clock service will be a special service. Quartet of the Royal Oak Congregational Church will sing special numbers.

6:15 p. m. Epworth League for Young People.
Southfield Methodist
Calvin M. Thompson, Minister
The pastor has returned from the Annual Conference. The work of the new year started out well last Sunday with good attendance at the church service and the Sunday School.
Sermon topic for next Sunday 10:30, "The Omnipotence of Hope." Also object lesson on the young folks. Bible School at 12 noon.

First Baptist Church
David Leon Woodward, B. D. Minister
Res. 116 Fernside Ave.
Phone 1312
This church opens wide its doors so that "whosoever will may come." We extend a cordial invitation to all people of the community who have no regular church home or who do not feel comfortable elsewhere. You live here, why not have a church home? Sunday School, 10:00 a. m. Our Rally Month is progressing but we need your help to reach our great goal. Come and find your place in one of the fine classes.

Morning Worship, 11:15 a. m. The first anniversary of the pastor's country will be observed by a special sermon on "The Joy of a New Beginning." The choir's special numbers will also add greatly to the service.
Young People's Union, 6:30 p. m. The young people will be led in a discussion on the topic "Finding Our Program Across," by Mrs. D. L. Woodward. The young folks should like to come and bring their friends.

Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m. The service is for everyone in the community and should be of interest to more of you. The pastors subject for the evening sermon is "Burning Remorse." Come and hear it as well as the special music.

Mid-week Service, Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Last Wednesday twenty-eight were present at this church. This Wednesday we expect thirty-eight. Bible study, fellowship, group singing and special surprise features are the order of the evening.
The members and friends of the Baptist church are invited to attend the Annual meeting of the Detroit Baptist Association which meets Thursday, Oct. 4, at the Detroit River Ave. Baptist Church, Detroit. It will be an all day meeting with many interesting features. At the evening session addresses will be made by our pastor and Rev. W. P. Lovett, president of the Michigan Baptist Convention, and the Hon. Clinton N. Howard of Rochester, N. Y.

The Presbyterian Church
Floyd Emerson Logie, Minister
We cordially invite you to the Bible School at 10:00 o'clock. There is graded instruction for the children and adult class for parents. The morning worship is at 11:00 a. m. The pastor, preaching on, "God's Place in the World." A kindergarten and junior club cares for the children during the hour of worship. The young people's service is at 7:00 o'clock and all young people are invited.

Christian Science Churches
Northwest Corner Chester and Willets
Sunday Morning 10:30 o'clock. Sunday School 10:30 a. m. Wednesday evening 8:00 o'clock.
Reading room in Church building open 11:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. daily except Sundays and Holidays. Wednesday evening 7:00 p. m. to 7:50 p. m.
"Reality" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches on Sunday, September 23.

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual"

fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "When the illusion of sickness is removed, the body is healed steadily to God and His idea. Allow nothing but His likeness to abide in your thought." (p. 495).

Saint James Episcopal
Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, Rector
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.
8:00 Holy Eucharist
11:00 Morning Prayer and Sermon
Church School
1415 Junior Grades
11:00 Primary and Kindergarten
No evening Service.

MANY ENTER IN HILLS HUNT

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The new hunt club at Metamora (the hunt club at Metamora) will be taken up as a special study during the coming months. I would like to see you when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.

The Ladies Flat race which was such a popular feature last year is to be included again on this year's program. It is to be ridden in colors over a distance of about one-half mile.
"Masillon" owned by B. Leslie Behr and ridden by Miss Helen Chase of Chicago was winner of the Ladies Flat race last year. Miss Janet Chase riding Huston Rawls' "Puritan" was second and Margaret-Phillips Standhard of H. M. Jewett's "Bingo" was third.

A new event has been included this year. It is the Hunter Trials to be ridden by amateurs over about one and one-half miles of typical hunting country at a fair view. The public at large, regardless of hunting pace, The riders will wear regulation hunt uniform.

The Burns Henry Memorial Challenge Cup race will be the closing event. This will be for hunters to be ridden in colors, pink, or uniform, over approximately one mile and a half of flat country. A replica of the cup which is presented by Edward P. Hammond is to be given to the winner.
E. S. Nichols' "Eloquence," ridden by W. G. Street was winner of this event in 1926 and last year John Swenson's "Light Seas," ridden by A. Wilson, carried off first honors.

C. W. Winnham heads the committee which will be in charge of the races with Hale V. Sattley, secretary, and George T. Hendrie, treasurer. Other members of the committee are: J. A. Braun, D. J. Cowley, M. F. Gagner, E. J. Hammond, C. M. Hendrie, C. M. Higbie, B. E. Hopper, B. H. Jones, W. G. Lecher, R. A. Neal, E. C. Nix, and E. Phillips, J. B. Saun- ders.

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A Thought for the Week

WOULDEST thou have men speak good of thee? Speak good of them. And when thou hast learned to speak good of them, try to do good unto them, and thus thou wilt reap in return their speaking good of thee.—EPICETUS

TRAIN WRECK CAUSE PROBED

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boilers which were strained in the wreck.
The Birmingham and Royal Oak fire departments responded to the alarm sent in by passing motorists who saw the crash and the flames which erupted out a moment after the collision.
Traffic on Woodward avenue was recovered with firemen fought the blaze and railroad traffic also was sent around another line while the wreckage was being cleared away.

Traffic Problems Buries Police

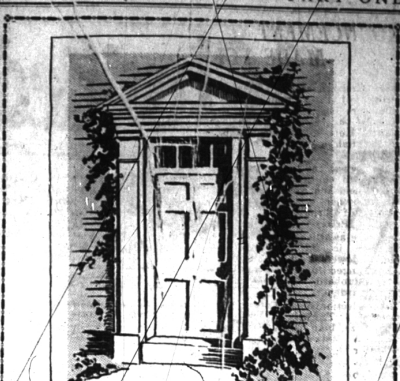
and another is placed at Harmon and Woodward avenue where bridge construction operations are underway.
Every patrolman is working full time and is doing utmost to keep his lines of traffic running smoothly," says Chief of Police James Anderson, who points out that no serious accidents have occurred since the detours and narrowed streets have come into use. Boy Scouts are used on Saturdays and Sunday when the traffic becomes more dense.

Concert Singer In Church Recital

Albert E. Greenlaw will give an interpretation of great hymns and sing a number of famous negro spirituals at the evening service of the First Baptist Church at the Baldwin High School auditorium Sunday, Oct. 6.
Rev. D. L. Woodward said he and his church are fortunate in securing Mr. Greenlaw, as he has sung very acceptably at the City Temple of London, England, Massey Hall of Toronto and has served as special soloist in the meetings of "Billy" Sunday and Gipsy Smith.
By special arrangement with Mr. Greenlaw, there will be no admission charge at this Sunday service. The public at large, regardless of church affiliation, is cordially invited.

"BUD ANMER" ENTERED IN CHICAGO RACES
"Bud Anmer," owned by E. P. Hammond, winner of the flat race next Saturday in Chicago, will be one of the four horses to be sent to the Onwenta Hunt races to be held next Saturday in Chicago. Mr. Hammond's "Westlight" will also be entered. E. S. Nichols is entering "Black Rock" and Huston Rawls is sending "Puritan."

MASONIC BOWLERS TO OPEN SEASON
Announcement is made this week by Roy Brown, president of the local Masonic Bowling League, of the starting of their winter bowling schedule Friday evening, Oct. 5. According to Mr. Brown, this winter's activities promise to be more lively than ever. All Masons living here are invited to enter the League, while the players each week, said Mr. Brown.



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