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MEN TO FORM A NEW GROUP

Younger Business Circle Plans Organization Dinner Friday

Organization of a young men's service club is under way today in Birmingham with a meeting scheduled for tomorrow noon at the Chateau Tea Room. Election of officers will be held the following Friday, those in charge announce.

No name has been selected for the organization as yet. It is open to the younger business men of the village, the minimum age being 17 years.

The purpose of the club is to promote friendship among the young business men of the village, and to follow the civic affairs of the community, it is explained. The Lions club is sponsoring the project. B. J. Misrow, president of the Lions, heads the organization committee which is drawing up a constitution and by-laws. He is assisted by Stanley Rosso and Percy J. Burnett.

TAXI COMPANY HERE REPORTS PROGRESS

Considerable growth has been recorded during the past year by the Shaw brothers, sales and service corporation, on Brownell street. Horace Shaw, president, announced today.

During the past year we have added taxi and bus service as well as chauffeur service, he said. The first taxi was installed six months ago and the company now has three cabs and two buses, he pointed out.

HOME PURCHASED

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin F. Doty, 208 Trowbridge avenue, Detroit, have purchased a new home at Avon Lane and Radnor drive of the Meyering Land company's Birmingham Highlands Subdivision. Mr. and Mrs. Doty plan to move in very soon. Their new home was recently designed and built by Eugene G. Hatheway of Detroit. F. W. Davidson represented both parties.

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Well Drilling A Gamble

New Water Supply Is Sought in Village

A ton-and-a-half iron stem sprocketed to the power of a steam engine drives a fish tail bit and huge revolving blades into the earth... searching for water to supply the insatiable thirst of countless water main honeycombed Birmingham.

A guarantee of a huge game... a gamble. Find water and we win; fail and we lose," the foreman explains.

A collection of officers of the village by the Harmon-Ness water well contracting company of South Bend, Ind., to drill a well which will supply a million gallons of water, free from contamination, each day.

A Two Month Task
The first attempt which will take at least two months is under way today in the outlying territory of the northeast section of the village. In order to supply adequate fresh water to the village of Birmingham, the commission is seeking to establish a new well in this locality. If the well, which is being drilled four blocks north of the termination of Ebon road at Buckingham, produces one million gallons a day, the Harmon-Ness firm receives \$14,500; a million and a half gallons a day, \$18,850; and... if it misses water...

The crew of six men under the supervision of Mack Young, foreman, have worked more than a week in setting up the heavy cumbersome equipment preparatory to sinking a shaft 175 feet into the earth.

The well is planned to furnish a fresh circulation of water in the eastern section of the community and may be used as an alternative to pump water to every village home.

A 60-foot steel tower marks the scene of the labors. A steam engine nearby drives a hoisting engine, the drill and a water pump. The crew is now drilling on the first 100 to 125 feet of shaft which is 54 inches in diameter. Into this shaft a 50-inch pipe, welded in eight foot lengths and lowered into the hole in 24-foot "sticks," will be set. In the remaining distance of approximately 50 feet, non-corrosive steel screen, 26 inches in diameter, will be sunk.

Water Circulates
Considerable work is required before the larger shaft is completed and the hole is kept open by a circulation of muddy water from the pump. Young said a small pond is the reservoir. It is connected with a circular ditch through which the water is forced, allowing the sand and gravel to settle before again being used to wash out the shaft's floor.

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AMONG THE WOMEN

Myrtle Carson Sees Feminine Influence On Civic Affairs

By DOROTHY E. WILLIAMS
Women of Birmingham are more in touch with public affairs than in most communities. This is because women hold office in the village, Mrs. Myrtle Carson, village clerk believes. "And I see no reason why a man should be given preference over women if the woman fills the bill just as well," Mrs. Carson added.

During a year, the government of a village passes through her hands. She has the custody of all the ordinances, minute books, legal files, and poll books."

"I feel that women have more patience with detail than men," Mrs. Carson said. "Because of this, they are bound to fill some offices more efficiently than men."

Details fascinate Mrs. Carson and she feels that this is a characteristic common to women everywhere, she said. "That I receive such enjoyment from following up details that I should open a complaint bureau somewhere."

Mrs. Carson was born in Bloomington, Ill., in 1890 and was educated in the public schools there. Eight years ago she came to Birmingham.

Previous to her election to the village clerk's last March, she was with the Michigan Bell Telephone company here. She is the woman to be elected village clerk.

"It amazes me," she said, "to see when an active Birmingham woman take in civic affairs. They follow the work of the village commission with interest."

"I believe that a balance may often be maintained by electing a woman to a board which otherwise would be comprised entirely of men. In an instance of this sort I believe that a woman's point of view will often bring a slant on problems which is invaluable," she said.

There are those who claim that a social order highly specialized with its community dining rooms and community nurseries is fast replacing the home life with the acceptance of women in the working world, she remarked.

"In employing women I do not think that this should enter into even if this should be true," she said. "It is a matter of efficiency and the individual. If a woman is as capable as a man, and she can regulate her life so that her work and home will not interfere, she has every bit as much right to any position as a man," Mrs. Carson said.

FIREMEN ANSWER THREE ALARMS

Damage Slight In Calls To Department During Week

Following a week of quiet, the fire department responded to three silent alarms during the past week.

An overheated stove pipe, Sunday at 8:10 p. m., in the basement of the home of L. C. Hiffington, 308 Henrietta street, ignited the ceiling of the basement around the pipe. The fire was controlled with chemicals by the firemen.

The department was called to the home of W. C. Pratt on the Beaver road, Monday at 11:25 p. m., following the breaking of a steam pipe.

Smoke in the basement of the Bannville Avenue Congregational church was investigated by firemen, Saturday at 11:55 a. m. A pipe was found to have fallen from the furnace causing the smoke.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—
Probate Judge Dan A. McGaffey: "Criminals are made and not born."

Andy: "Let the captain ask for it short of the last minute, and—his job again? He may miscalculate his time a little."

But surely the owners never wish to risk the loss of a ship? "Why not?" shrugged Andy. "If she is an old ship—and insured heavily."

But can they recover up to her replacement cost—for a new vessel? Andy nodded. "Not like fire insurance," he said. "They can recover whatever she is insured for."

"The fact is," concluded President Fureseth of the Seamen's union, "that shipping laws are made for shipping companies, and until they are changed we may look for disasters like the Vestris' any time."

"American shipping laws, too?" "Worse than Europe's," said Andy, briefly.

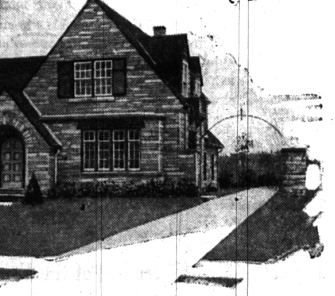
How about the LaFollette Seamen's act—which was supposed to be a great improvement. "They don't enforce it," answered the old mariner.



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Old Sailor Opines On Disaster Of Sea

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Washington Correspondent for Central Press and The Eccentric

Fuller testimony—gathered in his peculiar way—confirms him in this opinion, Andy says. However, he knows more details now, and makes out a complete case.

"For the shifting of a general cargo, like the Vestris," charges Andy, "there is no excuse."

"The Vestris' did shift, keeling the vessel over."

Andy speaks disrespectfully of the Vestris herself. He does not call her "a fine ship," as the New York inspectors did. Nevertheless, it is unskillful loading, thus accentuating her weakness, which he blames as the immediate cause of the catastrophe.

"The fault is not the inspectors' says Andy. "The captain has full charge of cargo stowage—or, as his deputy, the first mate, who superintends it personally."

"There is this sole responsibility—theoretically. "But let the captain or the mate take time for careful loading, or increase the work's cost by much handling, and—away go their jobs shortly."

How about the radio? Will it not bring help quickly? "Help expensive," rejoined Andy.

Forlorn Figures



Superstitious outfit receives his nineteen twenty-nine license plates.

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12-25	1.00	1.00
1-1	1.00	2.00
1-8	1.00	3.00
1-15	1.00	4.00
1-22	1.00	5.00
1-29	1.00	6.00
2-5	1.00	7.00
2-12	1.00	8.00
2-19	1.00	9.00
2-26	1.00	10.00
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4-9	1.00	16.00
4-16	1.00	17.00
4-23	1.00	18.00
4-30	1.00	19.00
5-7	1.00	20.00
5-14	1.00	21.00
5-21	1.00	22.00
5-28	1.00	23.00
6-4	1.00	24.00
6-11	1.00	25.00
6-18	1.00	26.00
6-25	1.00	27.00
7-2	1.00	28.00
7-9	1.00	29.00
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9-10	1.00	38.00
9-17	1.00	39.00
9-24	1.00	40.00
9-30	1.00	41.00
10-7	1.00	42.00
10-14	1.00	43.00
10-21	1.00	44.00
10-28	1.00	45.00
11-4	1.00	46.00
11-11	1.00	47.00
11-18	1.00	48.00
11-25	1.00	49.00
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