

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.

50 YEARS AGO

The question taken up by the "Tonias" to be discussed at their next meeting held at the old place Feb. 14th is "What would be the result if an amovible body should be struck by an irresistible power."

Considerable excitement was created on Friday last by the burning out of the chimney on the house occupied by Willis Carter, but as it was too cold for the Babcock Brigade and nobody would yell "fire" the chimney

contented itself by a genial smoke.

T. M. Crosby, first alto, is visiting his father at present.

Mart Masters has named one of his new cats Lillie, and she answers to the name beautifully.

The cold wave has passed at this writing and we are not sorry either.

A jaws harp band is about to be started in this village. Prof. Sherman denies having anything to do

with it, but there is musical talent at the bottom of it and we know

Willis Herbison has rented the Henry Martin farm.

Red flannel is in great demand. Some fasten them on with brass buttons.

Thorne & Converse have only 140 tons of ice in their ice house for the warm wave next July.

25 YEARS AGO Birmingham School wants a No. 1 up-to-date 8th grade teacher.

At the Library room tomorrow there will be a collection of Indian pictures, etc. Slip in and see them. Everyone welcome.

It has been 85 years since we have had so much cold weather and winter up to the present time. The seasons show it and we can almost remember it.

The M. W. club met with Mrs. W. E. McClellan last Saturday. The usual good time was had.

Chicken thieves are just doing a foul business at and near Millford.

Feed the birds. They are hungry. Snow covers everything and food for the innocent creatures is very scarce.

Sunday was an off day for travel. Conductor Brown was eight hours making a round trip to Pontiac. And Cold!

Fred E. Brooks has added to his blooded stock of hogs a new O. I. C. fellow that for beauty and points will surely capture the blue ribbon at the coming fairs this fall.

FIVE YEARS AGO Fourth annual carnival held at Quanton Lake Jan. 20.

Birmingham Masons fete 700 at supper-dance.

\$578,325 in buildings put up during 1923. Double year previous.

Petitions for city plan filed.

Birmingham Estates is refused fire aid.

Manager Harry S. Starr recommends that tax rate remain at \$15 in order to create operating surplus.

Manager Starr reports an increase of approximately \$8,000 in the net operating surplus.

Circulate petitions nominating Charles J. Shain as candidate to succeed J. H. McBride as village president and S. O. Wiley Bell as a candidate to succeed David A. Bell as commissioner.

Results of fire pumper tests announced satisfactory with 813 gallons per minute delivery.

Three floors of new high school addition crash at an approximate loss of \$5,000. Concrete roof lets go and brings down two floors leaving the balance of the \$100,000 addition standing. Freezing weather blamed.

Village promises fire protection to the residents of Birmingham estates for one year upon payment of \$250.

MRS. MARY C. OWEN IS AWARDED DIVORCE

Mrs. Mary C. Owen, 101 west Maple avenue is today winner of a divorce suit filed against William L. Owen in circuit court, Pontiac.

Mrs. Owen claimed non support and cruelty.

They lived together from Nov. 7, 1917 until Oct. 12, 1928 and are the parents of three children, 10, 8 and 6 years old. The friend of the court was given the temporary custody of the children. Owen has made his home with his parents in Detroit.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD

By GROVE PATTERSON

GROWTH

man rowed across the Rhine river near the city of Lyons, France. His brother stood on the bank and took the picture with the first camera.

When the picture was shown later in a dark collar the friends of these two young men were astonished. If they could have looked ahead through the years they would have seen more astonished. They had seen the first motion picture film.

Louis Lumiere, father of the movies, still tinkers in his laboratory in Paris. He made little out one star performer to the pictures. He rarely goes to the pictures.

He has made money from other inventions. But how he must marvel when he observes the astounding industry that grew out of his head!

GROWTH AGAIN

Writing about the particular growth, one is moved to make observations about all growth.

There may be a very terrible thing as well as a rich and desirable thing. Cancer is a wild and uncontrolled growth of cells in the body. Cancer, growing, destroys the body. Both mind and body can be destroyed by growth—the

continuation and enlargement of a bad habit for example. Uncontrolled growth is dangerous, as fire is dangerous.

CAMERAS

This column seems destined today to contain much about photography. The American Optical Society, meeting in Washington, is shown a "solid" photograph.

The picture is made to appear solid to the eye. It shows different sides of the object, depending on which way one looks at the picture. Fortunately for most of us we can't be seen that way. If we could be seen as a "solid" we might show up empty. If we could be looked at through and through and on all sides, what about the blemishes—mental, physical, moral?

BIBLE LEARNING

There are 40,000 members of the Berean Band of Bible Learners. They have imposed upon themselves the task of learning the Bible by heart.

That will take a great deal of time and they might be better employed. If they will try and exemplify in their lives the outstanding principles of behavior, which they will find in the Bible, they will be doing much better than by locking themselves in their rooms and reciting chapters. Christianity is not a way of stunts; it is a way of life.

WHAT'S WHAT?

Doran, U. S. prohibition commissioner, says San Francisco is one of the wettest spots in the country. Ralph, mayor of San Francisco, says: "Why, I would know where to take anyone to buy a drink."

One of the factors that help make prohibition such a difficult problem is the refusal of people of importance to look clearly at the situation as it is. It is not so much that they lack information, as that they wish to avoid information. That's a fatal attitude for anyone who really wants to get something done.

BREADTH OF VIEW

Of course the outstanding reason for such success as the American democracy has as a political system lies in the quality of leadership that has been developed.

And leaders who are worthy of the name and who have earned a following, have, above everything else, a breadth of view. News dispatches, for example, carry the information that former Governor Lowden addressed a letter to a convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation in which he urged farmers to support Mr. Hoover's farm relief program. Mr. Lowden hoped to be nominated

for the presidency. He failed in that ambition but he has sufficient breadth of view to urge co-operation with man who won the prize which he desired.

It is breadth of view which makes great men, and only great men can make democracy a successful system.

WHAT THE PUBLIC WANTS

We are constantly told that the taste of the general public is low and we have many reasons to believe it is true. And yet there is much to make us believe that in the run of the year the public taste is fairly sound. It was not many years ago that the owner of one of the first motion picture shows was accustomed to hire women at so much per hour to attend his shows. He desired to make them respectable. People thought of the motion picture and the motion picture business as light and trivial and of doubtful value. As the educational aspects of the movies came to be emphasized and as more and more money was spent to make shows of importance, patronage increased. The public came when there was something worth while to see. Today the most successful pictures are the best pictures.

PATRIOTISM PLUS

Love of one's country is the beginning of good citizenship. But there is something else that ought always to go with patriotism. It is the international mind. Love the one's own country fellow's country, his excellencies, his problems, and his viewpoints, is a narrow, half developed, un-intelligent patriotism. That sort of patriotism isn't enough to have any great part in building a better house for mankind to live in.

REPUTATION

In the old days—perhaps even yet—Sunday school teachers used to be careful to tell their pupils that "reputation is what people think you are; character is what you are." While the definitions are good and the emphasis proper, perhaps there has been a tendency to overlook the importance of reputation. Notwithstanding the fact that character is the main goal of every thoughtful, well-ordered life, no young man can afford to neglect for a moment the building of a reputation.

Money is loaned on reputation. Opportunities follow reputation. The powerful and dangerous thing about reputation is that it is lasting. Once got a name for being poor pay, inefficient, lazy, not quite straight, disloyal, and it takes years to change that reputation to something better.

through a period of new resolutions. They are always in the forefront of our thinking in the early days of a new year. Those few resolutions. Or rather it might be said they make but one. They resolve to meet each situation, however difficult, with the calm determination to make the best possible adjustment to that

RESOLUTIONS

Many people have been going

situation. They resolve to give an honest effort—to do as well as they know how. That's enough.

Strangely different nationalities are represented on the Notre Dame football squad this year.

Popeorn with ear three inches long and containing 1,000 kernels has been developed.

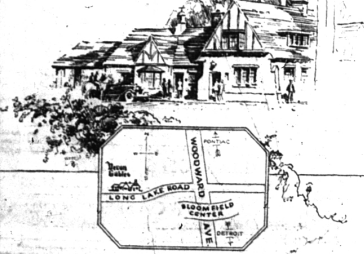
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BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PRIMARY REGISTRATION AND ELECTION NOTICE

TO BE HELD Monday, March 4, 1929 FROM 1:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M., EASTERN STANDARD TIME

For the purpose of nominating a candidate for Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Highway Commissioner, Justice of the Peace (full term), one Justice to fill vacancy, and one member Board of Review. THE LAST DAY FOR FILING PETITIONS FEBRUARY 12th AT 5:00 O'CLOCK P. M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME

NOTICE is hereby given that in conformity with the "Michigan Election Law" I, the undersigned Township Clerk, will, upon any day, except Sunday and a legal holiday, the day of any regular or special election or primary election, receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said Township not already registered who may APPLY TO ME PERSONALLY for such registration. Provided, however, that I can receive no names for registration during the time intervening between the Second Saturday before any regular, special, or official primary election and the day of such election.

NOTICE is further hereby given that I will be at the Township Office, Municipal Building, on FEBRUARY 9TH AND 16TH From 8:00 o'clock a. m. until 8:00 o'clock p. m., on each said day for the purpose of REVIEWING the REGISTRATION and REGISTERING such of the qualified electors in said TOWNSHIP as SHALL PROPERLY apply therefor.

JAMES V. BAYLEY, Bloomfield Township Clerk.