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Guarding Our Water Supply

For the benefit of newer residents of Birmingham, we respectfully call their thoughts to a situation that existed in this village for several years, prior to four years ago, when water became a scarce commodity during the warm months. Many times the village commission found it necessary to curtail the water supply by prohibiting the use of a garden hose; the result was seen in parched lawns, withered shrubs, and dying flowers.

The possibility of a future water shortage is ever present, since we depend upon wells for our supply, and any effort on the part of a village official, or employee, to sell water outside of Birmingham ought to be discouraged vigorously. So far, the village commission has refused water to outside subdivisions; you who would like to have your lawns, shrubs, flowers, and fire hydrants kept on familiar terms with water, will be able to do so only by constantly demanding that Birmingham's water supply be distributed to Birmingham residents.

Interest In Our Schools

Birmingham's recent annual school election, when 442 citizens of the school district turned out to vote at the Baldwin high school, is a splendid majority over the 26 votes that were cast a year previous. To say the least, it proves that voters of the district are mindful of their school system when sufficient effort is made to remind them of their duty at the polls. An equal amount of interest throughout the year, especially at semi-monthly board of education meetings where their advice and suggestions may be helpful, will assist in making local educational facilities better.

THERE ARE SOME THINGS much worse than shiny saxophones; for instance, saxophone players.

"TODAY'S BOOTLEGGER CAN work more openly to obtain funds than can the average rural preacher," declares Rev. Harry S. Wood, whose first church paid him $8.33 per week, and caused him to seek outside work to eke out an existence. And yet there are those who say people are not concerned with their spirits in these days.

"A UNITED STATES OF EUROPE" seems nearer, believes Artiste Briand, French Premier, who is laboring endlessly to realize his dream. We believe that man's progress during the past 25 years to annihilate time and space, thus bringing the peoples of the earth closer together, easily presages an early realization of Mr. Briand's hopes.

MEDICS NOW TELL THE WORLD that baby boys talk when they are 19 months old, while girls start in at 18 months. A mean person might say that the girls start a month earlier, and thus, when grown up, ought to let men have the last word to say.

BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE in eating styles in modern civilization, a British scientist prophesies that, in a few hundred years, man may go about without any teeth or a chin; soft foods, knives and forks, resulting in little work for the teeth to perform in eating, may result in Nature's economy of the human jaw and its appurtenances, believes the scientist. Thus we see man descending from the elevated height of his monkey ancestry to the low level of a can opener.

IS THERE NOT a suggestion in the following editorial paragraph from the Los Angeles Times? "It is thought that the government revenue from tobacco in Poland will this year reach $150,000,000. As the total budget of the country is only about $380,000,000 it will be seen that the country will pull nearly half of its expense money out of the smoke. If governments formed the habit of levying taxes upon all vices the virtuous would presently have no assessments to pay."

HERE'S A SUGGESTION to men whose pockets often bulge with money; wear two pairs of pants, so that when you are held up the robber will miss the contents of the inner pairs' pockets. That's what a Philadelphia man did recently. It might fool the wife, too.

THE POOR DOGS of Wayne County are receiving a bit of sympathetic cooperation from citizens who declare Detroit's commissioner of health "fanatical" in his methods of treating dogs against rabies this summer. To be a dog in Wayne County, it appears, you must be vaccinated and then muzzled—so that the biting you might be inclined to do will not only be harmless, but impossible. All that remains to do for further safety is to shoot the dogs.

DETROIT'S SCHOOL BOARD is manifesting an inclination to have the police of the Motor City eliminate a few blind pigs from the immediate vicinity of the schools. That's a laudable inclination, of course; you can't mix flaming youth with alcohol, without making fire.

What Do You Think—!

Proof that placing a strain about one's neck results in great interference with one's brain power is being offered the world by a London, England, female physician, Dr. Octavio Lawin, who startles the masculine world this week by admitting that women are becoming brainier than men because they do not wear collars. The learned English dame avers that no male can do his best with a tight band around his neck.

Well, we've always felt that too tight a condition of bands about one's neck was a handicap to clear thinking—just as too tight a belt about one's waist results in a tendency to prevent the hoggish assimilation of bread and meat; in fact, we recall that over in Chicago, and even London, England, a tight band is used about the neck to remove entirely any kind of thinking.

No, we men fear that Dr. Lawin is wrong about a collarless attire resulting in better thinking, and she'll have to bring forth better reasons as the cause of improved thinking by her sex. If her opinion is based upon comparison, we suggest that women seem to think clearer than men since they have taken most of their clothing off, resulting in some confusion in the masculine world.

Again, no, Dr. Lawin; if men's thinking seems to be less clear within your observation, the probable reason lies at the feet of the fair sex.

Correcting Mister Keister

Over in Ionia County, in the middle of the spacious Grand Valley, nestles Ionia. That, in itself, isn't much—so don't get excited about it, Folks. But what really makes it famous is not that Governor Fred W. Green comes from there, or that Michigan has on its payroll an excellent reformatory warden whose name is Charles Shean; none of these things, illustrious as they may be, contribute to the real fame of Ionia.

Credit—gobs of it—should be given little old Pewamo, a quaint and quiet four corners in Ionia County, when it tolerated the first squawking of one Fred D. Keister, something less than a hundred years ago; in its fenceless confines grew up Mister Keister, and now Ionia reaps the benefit. All of this is introductory to a brief paragraph which Mister Keister published in his Ionia County News last week, in which he seriously tried to slight us by printing many dastardly lies; even the caption of his comment, entitled "He's Handsome, Girls," shows how far he is willing to go in order to fill up his newspaper with type matter. And then he goes on:

"During the recent editorial convention at Detroit the scribes were quartered at the Hotel Ft. Shelby. Aimee Semple McPherson conducting revival meetings in town, was a guest between sermons at the same hostelry. The writer and George Averill, publisher of the Birmingham Eccentric, were invited by the reception committee to meet the famous evangelist. We were willing, but not so with George.

"No," said he with becoming modesty to repeated urgings, "I'm afraid—afraid that if Aimee gets one look at me she'll send the camp followers out to hunt up another desert."

Now, Folks, the real truth of the situation is this: we did arrange for a meeting with Aimee, but when she found out that Keister was to accompany Murl DeFoe of the Charlotte Republican-Tribune and ourself, she asked that the meeting be cancelled on account of the fact that, as she would only be in Detroit another ten days, she would hardly have time to make much of an uplifting impression on the Ionia scribe. So DeFoe and Ye Ed took Keister over to see the races at Devonshire in Windsor (Keister had never seen horse races before, and only once has been in a picture show—he confesses he saw a train twice, once on the back of a deck of cards, and once when he visited Schuyler L. Marshall at St. Johns) and when we got to the race track they called off the races on account of Keister's uncanny ability to pick three of the winners. Personally, we did not bet; we know better. But Murl DeFoe did, and he lost two dollars, and so, to stop his crying and not make the customs officers suspicious, Keister gave him two dollars of his own winnings.

So we all hopped into DeFoe's aqua-plane (it was a water plane on account of Keister) and drove back to Detroit, where we finally turned the chief attraction of Ionia over to Ma Keister. (So, Chief Pewamo, print this in your durn newspaper, if you will.)

ALTHOUGH HE ADMITS that the Eighteenth Amendment is binding upon the government of the United States, wet Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland, declares that when a state refuses to enforce, through its own government, the dry laws, it does not "violate a legal or moral obligation." To which we would ask: who and what is the government of the United States? Gov. Ritchie's feelings only prove how easily, in the modern game of politics, a person of weak ideals may rise to momentary grandeur.

HOLLY SEEKS TO HAVE the state move the hospital for the insane from Pontiac and is making an effort to get it. Pontiac's leading citizens are helping, too. We are glad to learn that our near neighbor has at last awakened to the fact that it contains some queer thinking people.

J. PIERPONT MORGAN, eastern resident who is believed to be forever removed from starvation, is building a two million dollar private yacht. Which reminds us that some day we, too, hope to have a clinker rowboat equipped with an outboard motor.

"14 WOMEN FACE LIQUOR CHARGES", read a daily newspaper headline. In a country so filled with masculine violators, sounds funny to use the fact as a headline.

LOCAL AND NEARBY CITIZENS are asked to set aside Wednesday afternoon, August 21, to enjoy the annual Oakland County picnic, to be held in Bloomfield Park, our township's new playground just north of Birmingham. Although arranged for by county supervisors and other officials, it is a picnic for everybody. So, Folks, looks like a good opportunity to rub shoulders with the leadin' politicians of this here whatyoucall Oakland County.

OLIVE BORDEN, FAMOUS movie actress, tells her girl friends not to slump when they are seated, and that they may keep their legs crossed, for this is really not bad taste. Sounds to us like olive oil.

STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER

ANNUAL MEETING, SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP

The Annual Meeting of School District Number Four, Southfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan, was held in the East Southfield School on Monday, July 8, 1929.

Meeting called to order by President John H. Hesse at 8:30 p. m.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last Annual Meeting and one special meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's financial report was read and approved.

The Chairman declared the meeting open for nominations and election of one Trustee for the term of one year.

John Nicholas and Spencer Curdy were appointed inspectors and John McKibben gatekeeper.

John Hesse, Daniel Ratcliffe, Elwyn Ricker and George Holder were nominated for Trustee for one year.

92 ballots cast: John Hesse 48, Daniel Ratcliffe 42, Elwyn Ricker 2, and George Holder 0.

John Hesse declared elected for a term of one year.

Nominations for one trustee for three year term were open.

Candidates nominated were Robert K. Mann and William C. Clark.

92 ballots cast: William Clark 48 and Robert K. Mann 44.

William C. Clark declared elected for a term of three years.

A motion made by Elmer Klock and seconded by William Driesener to instruct the School Board to purchase gas, oil and accessories from William C. Clark's service station for the School District: Ayes to motion 24, Nays to motion 34. Motion lost.

Motion made by John McKibben, supported by Elmer Klock, authorizing the School Board to transfer Three hundred ($300.00) dollars from the General Fund and to create a Library Fund. Result of vote: Yeas unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 p. m.

WILLIAM O. NICHOLAS
Secretary

Officers Salaries

John H. Hesse	President
William O. Nicholas	Secretary
John W. Bell	Treasurer
C. C. Johnson	Trustee
William C. Clark	Trustee

TOTAL SALARIES, $500.00

William O. Nicholas—Secretary's expenses	$ 20.99
William O. Nicholas—School Census Enumerator	35.00
Southern Oak Publishing Co.—Printing letter heads	6.50
Birmingham Bank—Books re-checked	5.00
Miss Hindorf—Typing	3.00
Michigan School Service Inc.—Accounting System	17.50
Standard Insurance Company—Treasurer's Bond	129.00
Berkley Printing Company—Programs, certificates, notices	29.50
Royal Oak Supply Company—Files, warrants, index cards	7.10
Brown Brothers Company—Index record books	4.85

Teachers Salaries

Miriam G. Jones	
Leah L. Kerin	
J. Worthley Montgomerey	
Florence F. Ries	
Estella Tremble—Substitute teacher	
Mable N. Brooks—Substitute teacher	
TOTAL SALARIES High School Tuition	$ 5,697.50
Hall & McCreary Company—Text books	487.50
John C. Winston Company—Text books	22.46
The McMillan Company—Text books	19.97
Brown Brothers Company—Text books	60.72
Laidlaw Brothers Company—Text books	7.20
World Book Company—Text books	9.67
Berkley School—Desk copies	7.13
Thomas Charles Company—Construction paper	9.58
Beckley Cardy Company—Atlas maps	17.79
Beckley Cardy Company—Construction paper, clips, etc.	4.40
The Prany Company—Art Supplies	30.42
Michigan School Service Inc.—Diplomas	37.76
Edna A. Patten—Refund on teachers Retirement fund	30.87
J. C. Jones—Expenses relative to commencement exercises	10.00
O. Wylie Bell—Expenses relative to commencement exercises	4.33
Royal Oak Supply Company—Pencils, tablets, paste	6.00
Weiffenback Brothers—Baseball equipment	25.65
Purdy & Sadler Service Station—Gas, oil, glycerine for school bus	35.55
O. M. Gass—Playground equipment	98.95
Lee W. Force—Repairs on school bus motor	28.00
W. F. Quarrie Company—Reference books	97.83
Michigan School Service Inc.—Library books	55.00
Rolls Battery service—Repairs on battery	41.52
Ernest L. Odett—Janitor	2.85
Detroit Edison Company—Light and power	1,740.00
Wm. T. Lapham Company—60.8 ton of coal	205.99
Weiffenback Brothers—Janitors assorted tools	426.06
Hardware—Mops, chamois, sponges	47.30
Hardware—Johnsons liquid & paste wax	9.00
Hardware—50 ft. Goodyear hose	33.00
Hardware—Liquid soap, cleaner & polish	7.00
Smith-Crampton Company—Floor seal and wax	14.60
Boestanz Brothers—Paper towels & cabinets	19.00
Boestanz Brothers—5 gals. liquid soap & dispenser	27.00
Boestanz Brothers—Sweeping compound	7.50
Royal Oak Supply Company—3 cases paper towels	8.40
Royal Oak Supply Company—5 gals. liquid soap	3.00
Royal Oak Supply Company—Sweeping compound	26.25
Royal Oak Supply Company—Sharpener and cutters	6.25
T. F. Hartz Company—First aid equipment	13.50
Abell & Schleider—Water bill	2.35
Hartford Insurance Company—Insurance on portable school, garage and bus	6.63
Weiffenback Brothers—Paint, turpentine, oil	2.50
Weiffenback Brothers—Locks, glass, putty	86.71
Weiffenback Brothers—Electrical wire, switches	50.55
Fred S. Lee—Moving portable school	11.72
Edward Landau—Grading, seeding, rolling and spreading gravel	4.05
Southfield Gravel Pit—272½yds. filler & 2 yds. coarse gravel	445.00
T. C. Goss Company—Flags	498.00
A. N. Dean Company—Grass seed	276.50
Dodd Screen & Window Co.—10 screens	25.23
Rawling Sign Company—Lettering 4 doors in gold leaf	22.00
Grand River Supply Co.—14.2 tons of slag	42.00
The Imperial Electric Co.—Brushers for generator	15.18
Detroit School Equipment Co.—2 teacher's desks and chairs	33.37
Clifford Lumber Co.—Lumber and cement	2.53
George Katich—Repairing garage	93.70
Gregory Mayer Thom Co.—Table and 8 chairs	8.33
Fred L. Broughton Co.—Balance on garage	9.40
Peoples Wayne County Bank—Interest on Bonds	207.00
	221.10
	4,393.75
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$16,669.91
Balance on hand	
General Fund	12,920.32
Sinking Fund	6,498.50
	$36,088.73

Receipts

From Voted Tax	$33,551.53
From Tuition	25.00
From Primary	1,502.20
From Penal Fines	106.79
From Delinquent Tax	792.29
From Other Sources	110.23
	$36,088.73

WM. O. NICHOLAS
Sec'y

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THE OTHER CHAP SAYS SOMETHING

MEN'S B. V. D.'s—P. D. Q.

The Tribune has long advocated some kind of sensible dress for men—something for summer time that would keep men as cool and comfortable as women, who are at least 100 years ahead of the males, in the matter of clothes.

Time was, in the memory of many of us, when women, quite as foolish as men now are, would go around through all the hot summer months wearing, besides their necessary (?) undies, a white skirt, a colored skirt, a quilted petticoat, a pair of stiff, thick, stayed corsets laced so tight around their thorax that they could not breathe naturally and over these a set of steel hoops as big as a barrel, and over all a dress, tight around the neck at the top and dragging on the ground at the bottom. On their feet were a pair of high shoes which came near to their knees, though of course no one, outside of the home ever saw the shoe tops. Tey were completely covered. The total weight of this woman's outfit, for both inside and outside summer wear, could scarcely be less than 15 pounds. Now a woman would be quite out of style if her entire raiment including shoes weighed two pounds net. Not long ago we heard a married woman say that all the clothes she had on including shoes and stockings weighed exactly 17 ounces.

Some of the girls may go a little bit scant, but they look good and surely are comfortable and their health is better because of their modern clothes.

But the poor men! They must wear B V D's, over shirt with tight collar, tie, coat and vest, socks held up by garters which cause the legs to swell and circulation to stop and shoes twice too heavy. And in winter most men still cling to heavy woolen underwear which makes them perspire indoors and catch cold when they go out.

In fact, men are just about where the women were 60 years ago when the latter wore stays and hoop skirts.

This all leads up to something more hopeful. A few men are making a kick and a try to change the fashions for men and they are getting a lot of publicity on it. With publicity will come a change and possible relief.—George English in Huron County (Mich.) Tribune.

When Mrs. Bertha Lieberman, 61-year-old beggar, was arrested in New York for disorderly conduct $3,170 was found in her clothing.

An Attractive New Home In The Quarton School District $15,250

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Friendly Thoughts
By G. Dewey Kimball

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WE HEARD IS SAID BY—

R. J. Coryell, local nurseryman: "Our Michigan fruit growers for the most part can feel encouraged with our fruit prospects. The pear crop will be quite light, however, peaches are very good. I think we have about as many apples as last year or a few more, while as to cherries, they are about half a crop. Comparing our Michigan conditions with that of other states our growers stand a little better chance than is usually the case to make some money, especially as the apple crop throughout the country is about 30% less than last year."

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