

John A. Wendorff, of Forest avenue, likes flowers very much. He induced his neighbors on Elm street to beautify their street—you should view this colorful public garden.

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BUILDING GAIN IS REPORTED

May Construction Total in Birmingham Is \$140,650

Steady increase in the amount of building done in the village is shown as the season advances with May as the record breaking month of 1929. Twenty-five new buildings were constructed last month in Birmingham at a total cost of \$140,650. Reports for April show 23 buildings construct-

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Melvin C. Hart, principal, Baldwin. "In my judgment the ministers now serving Birmingham are a fine lot of fellows. They know how to cooperate among themselves and with others. Indeed the world is changing even among clergymen."

ed at a cost of \$124,390.

Private residences once again showed the largest item on the reports with 12 houses constructed at a total cost of \$124,390. Seven private garages were built during May and three commercial buildings.

Additions were made to three buildings, while two were wrecked and one moved during the month.

Glimpses

at and about BIRMINGHAM

By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

This letter came from the no where and like everything else of doubtful origin and use, found its way to my desk. It was read by George Averill and J. B. Howarth in replies at the Rotary-Exchange luncheon Tuesday and is reprinted here for the persons who sat in the rear of the room.

Hopewick, Neb. June 8, 1929
My dear nephew Horace:

Well, nephew we're all pretty happy here in Hopewick because of a new organization which will put Hopewick on the map and bring service into the everyday life of every last one of us. It is called the Blotary club and it is a very new idea and I am taking this pen in this hand to tell you via the Bible to "Go thou and do likewise" in Birmingham.

I am president of the Blotary club, I mean club, and I know all about it because a man came here to organize us and he told me the insides and the outs. He was a very fine man and he met a bunch of us and told us we ought to put Hopewick on the map. Well, we were sure, skeptical like, but how and he said, well, I'll tell you.

The trouble with this town, he said, is that it ain't advertised enough. Did you ever hear of Campbell's soup, he asked. I hadn't but your cousin, Denny, who has been about in his day had, and he spoke right up and told him all about it and how much it cost. It sure surprised the Blotary man to find that we had citizens out here who were so well informed and I tell you Horace I am a proud moment for me to know the family was so well represented. I always thought Denny would make a good lawyer he is so quick at things like that.

"Well," said the organizer whose name was Blintz, "that shows you what advertising does. Here you are away out here and you know about it soup which is made in Camden, N. J., away off in Europe. We're going to make Hopewick known in Asia."
"Well," he said, "Everybody give me \$100 and I'll make you known in Asia." So we did and he gave us all pins we can wear in our coats so when we go down the street and see someone who know and he's wearing a pin we can say hello to him by his first name. Of course we always used to call everyone by his first name anyway, but this makes it sound better.

Then the next thing we got was a song. It sure is a swell song. It goes like this:

Hail Blotary, Hail, Blotary! Near best, service co-operation, ideals, better business bigger and

better Hopewick, service, service. Oh we are the salt of the earth, tra-la. Well, every week we get together and sing this song when we have lunch at the Plateau and it sure does us a lot of good. I tell you we go out after the luncheon and the song bigger and better men. Mr. Blintz told us to keep right on singing it and after a few years when everyone, including our superintendent of schools—who isn't very musical—has learned it he will give us another song to do us good.

The one one goes like this and it is real music and carries a message.
Hurrah for us
We love everybody.
We love everybody.
Co-operation, Service, Annie Rooney, Service, co-operation.
Hurrah for us

I tell you, Horace, a man who sings real soul songs like that can't be selfish. Not even if he is in business.
But that's only part of it. The best thing is the speaker we have every time we meet. He is always a specialist in his line and he tells us all about it. I just came from a very inspiring meeting. Our speaker was a Mr. Pickle who is a specialist in the button field. Did you know, nephew, that 10,000,000 buttons were lost in the United States last year? Why? Because there is too little co-operation. That's why. He told us we should always be thoughtful and help the other fellow. Just to demonstrate his kindness along this line, he gave us each a button because he said we never knew when we might need one.

Then we had a specialist in the roofing field. Did you know there were 10,000,000 match boxes lost in the United States last year? Why? Because there is too little co-operation. That's why. He told us we should co-operate more and he gave us each a match box.
Then we had a specialist in the roofing field but he didn't give us a roof but he said he would be glad to take our orders. He found there is too little co-operation. I tell you, certainly it is fine to hear good bright men like that tell us about their not being co-operation.
You think I have forgotten to tell you how we will be advertised like Campbell's soup, but I haven't. All the good fellows in us and they say to them, "As I told the men over at Hopewick last week... Clever, isn't it?" Bringing our name before the public, Mr. Blintz called it. Someday one of the speakers will be sent to Asia.
You should have something like that in Birmingham so you could all wear pins in your coats and say "Hello Bennis or Hello Mike" to the boys you have known all your life without feeling any bad feelings. Then, too, it would advertise your town and make you more co-operative.
You're for more hurrahs and co-operation.

MINERVA T. CASULTY,
President Hopewick Blotary club and president of Hopewick high school Exchange.

GILLOTTE IS PROSECUTOR

Orr Names 25-Year-Old Attorney As Assistant On Staff

Thomas P. Gillette, Pontiac attorney, today appointed assistant prosecutor of Oakland County to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Preston Allen of Royal Oak.

Mr. Gillette is a graduate of the Detroit College of Law and one of the younger members of the Oakland County Bar association, being 25 years old. He was born in Sault Ste. Marie and is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Elks, and Sigma Delta Kappa law fraternity.

Prosecutor Norman C. Orr, who is recovering at his Big Beaver home from a recent operation, expects to resume active work in about two weeks.

EXCHANGITES SET FOR CONVENTION

Prominent Speakers On Two-Day Program At Port Huron

Rev. James Thomas, Detroit, pastor of St. Marks Methodist Episcopal Church, and F. Muller, New York City, first vice-president of the national Exchange club will be the main speakers at the annual summer convention and frolic of Michigan affiliated Exchange clubs in Port Huron, June 16, and 17.

More than 20 Exchange clubs of the local club are planning to attend the two day convention.
Ten speedboats are awaiting the coming of the Exchange club, and thrill them on the broad St. Clair River and Lake Huron. A squadron of airplanes will be on hand, and golf matches will be arranged at the Port Huron Golf and Country club and the Black River Fishing Club. The first dinner-dance on the shores of Lake Huron will be a feature of the convention.

The Baldwin high school band, under the direction of A. W. Bernick, will accompany the Birmingham Exchanges. Oscar Peterson is in charge of the arrangements for the Birmingham club.

DENTISTS TAKE CRUISE ON LAKES

Birmingham is to be represented at the Michigan State Dental Society 1929 Great Lakes Cruise leaving Detroit on board the "Nortonic" June 18, according to Dr. F. C. Lowery, president of the society.

Approximately 700 members of the association from Michigan cities will go to Detroit on that date for the cruise, which consist of a trip through the Detroit River, Lake St. Clair, Lake Huron, St. Mary's River, Lake Superior to Mackinac Island, returning on June 21.
Among the local dentists who have suggested their intention of going on the cruise are: Drs. E. B. Spalding, Grace Rogers Spalding and Warren P. Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Dickerson of Liverpool were arrested for sunbatherfeeters the day after their marriage.

FATHERS' DAY

JUNE 16th



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126.00	15,120.00	2,071.00	41,420.00	26,300.00
94.50	11,340.00	1,559.25	31,065.00	19,725.00
63.00	7,560.00	1,035.50	20,710.00	13,150.00
47.25	5,670.00	776.63	15,532.60	9,862.60
37.80	4,536.00	621.30	12,426.00	7,890.00
31.50	3,780.00	517.75	10,355.00	6,575.00
25.20	3,024.00	414.20	8,284.00	5,260.00
18.90	2,268.00	310.65	6,213.00	3,945.00
15.75	1,890.00	258.88	5,177.60	3,287.60
12.60	1,512.00	207.10	4,142.00	2,630.00
9.45	1,134.00	155.33	3,106.60	1,972.60

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FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

Bits Of News Cleaned From Old Files Of The Centric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
A man on Troy street wishes us to announce to two of our boys, Messrs. Rainey and Shad, an invitation to call and come inside of his house, and to be useful boys, and peep through the blinds that's not fair.

That colored chimney sweep who struck our town last week, had the longest head of anyone ever saw provided it ran clear to the top of his hat. His voice was a cross between a steam piano and an exasperated mule.

The prospect for a season of "Pinks" by Birmingham amateurs, is very bright. Let 'em come.
Last week Mrs. F. Hagerman received a fragrant lot of orange blossoms, from Mrs. H. Castie, Cloverdale, Cal.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
Mrs. Annie Shain entertained a number of lady friends at euchre Tuesday afternoon.
George G. Booth of the Detroit Evening News, paid \$3 cents in Justice Doty's court Wednesday afternoon for violating the speed ordinance regulating automobile driving. The offense was committed Saturday.

A new bar has been placed in the National hotel.
Mrs. Dr. Neff and son visited an alcohol bath for rheumatism. It was only her woollen dress that saved her life.

but one case recorded.
Third annual reception for alumni, former students and teachers of the Birmingham high school to be held June 20. Chairman of the program committee is Charles Shain.

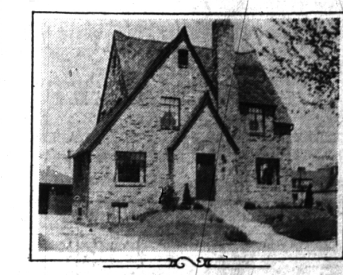
Sunday was a lovely day. The street was filled with 6-an-hour autos, street cars were filled to the gulleys and everybody rejoiced over a warm day—our first warm Sunday in 1904. Many of our people went cityward, the woods were shorn of many wild flowers, while many enjoyed the dress parade at the military academy at Orchard Lake.
Good pasturage for one cow. Convenient to the village. Inquire of Miss M. Baldwin.

Charles J. Shain was in town over Sunday. Our Birmingham boy is doing finely in the drug business in Pontiac.

FIVE YEARS AGO
Birmingham is represented by 26 members at the state Exchange club convention at Monroe.
Y. M. C. A. camp at Elizabeth Lake opens in August for Oakland County members of the organization.

Rotary committee chairman are named by George E. Averill, president. The committee heads are as follows: J. B. Howarth, membership; Clarence Vliet, program; Joseph Stroup, fellowship; Louis Hascall, public affairs; Glenn Bagelle, education in Rotary; Charles J. Shain, boys' work; Tunis Miner, publicity; Charles B. Randall, classification; and Thomas H. Cobb, business methods.
Forty seven students to graduate from the Baldwin High school. Rev. C. H. McCurdy, rector of St. James Episcopal Church, delivers the baccalaureate sermon at the Baldwin High school.

Report from police department on mad dogs in the village shows



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