

Once again many of the tired business and professional men of Birmingham are seeking refuge in the money golf courses of this district. And why not? There are worse things than golf, aren't there?

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# COURT HEARS ACCIDENT ECHO

Damages Of \$2,500.00 Are Sought From Railway Company

An echo from an automobile crash April 14 during a storm at the Thirteenth Mill road and Woodward avenues is heard today with the filing of a \$2,500 damage suit against the Eastern Michigan railway by Henry F. Howard of Detroit.

Howard claims he was sidetracked onto the car tracks where his car stalled. His lights were on but the motorman failed to stop and his car was demolished although he and his family escaped, he declares.

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## AMONG THE WOMEN

Mrs. Hewitt Tells Of Woman's Political Status Change

By DOROTHY E. WILLIAMS  
 "Women have their place in politics just as much as men. We are emerging from an age of sentimentality and approaching an age of reason when fitness rather than sex will determine who holds the governing posts."  
 This is the opinion of Mrs. L. Virginia Hewitt, of Oakland avenue, former Bloomfield township treasurer, and for several terms official delegate to state and county conventions. She has also acted as Oakland county deputy sheriff caring for delinquent women and girls before the days of a policeman in Birmingham. For the past 17 years she has lived in the village.

"It is necessary to separate the

idea of women and politics. The politician must forget she is a woman. The more I have come to realize that politics are a business," she said.  
 New Place for Woman  
 Mrs. Hewitt sees the present as a state of transition. "The woman's place is fast changing from the home to the state where she will take her place with men. But that does not mean that all women are capable or will take their places with men. The women who drift into politics are not home women." She is convinced that the old saying that a woman's place is in the home is ill-founded. "There are 'home women' and 'working women,' just as there are various types of men."

She told of an incident of more than 20 years ago when she was employed as a travelling saleswoman in Wisconsin. "I went in to show the old Dutch storekeeper my merchandise. He kept me waiting a long time. Finally he came up to me and asked what I wanted. I told him of the line of stock we were showing."  
 "Your place is home in the kitchen. I don't want any of your goods," he yelled.

When Mrs. Hewitt was asked, "But, I haven't any kitchen," I told him. It was a long argument but eventually he made him one. The sentiment 20 years ago. Today conditions are changed but there is still the popular belief that women are not capable of working with men.

Mrs. Hewitt looks for much good to be derived from the efforts of women in politics. They will clean up politics, she believes. "No woman can make the political grade unless she is morally high in her community and unless she is efficient."  
 Politics are cut and dried rather than dirty, Mrs. Hewitt believes. "The presence of women at the caucuses will have a tendency to change this condition, opening matters to discussion rather than permitting it to pass through according to the workings of a governing minority."  
 In her experience as delegate to the conventions at Lansing, she was not present at the caucuses, she said. "The slate was made up without consulting the women delegates."

Gender Interest  
 She feels that women have a keener insight into the real needs of a community than men. "The women who will enter politics will do so because they have studied conditions and are vitally interested."

"Affairs of government have been the domain of men, both politics and business will become more equalized. The combined opinions of both sexes will be more natural and more satisfactory in both fields," she believes.

She has always been interested in politics. The daughter of Judge Carpenter of Ohio she followed politics from her childhood. "I used to think that if the time ever came when I could vote and have equal rights with men, I would accomplish wonders. The more I saw of politics the more that dream faded."

She recalls a conversation between her father and uncle back in her childhood. "I remember my uncle said the day would come when women would rule the government and my father agreed."  
 Her father, a veteran of the Union army, saw a future where women played their part with men, but her mother was of a different mind. She was a retiring southern woman who thought the woman who had to take her place with men was most unfortunate.

Works in Law Office  
 The civil war had played havoc with the Carpenter estate. Eventually there came a time when Virginia Carpenter went to work in her father's law office. It was enjoyable work for her, strengthening her interest in the ways of government. It was the work that showed her that she could take her place with men.

Today Mrs. Hewitt is vice-president of the Oakland County Tuberculosis Association. She is a former president of the Civic League and of the Zonta club. She has one son, Carpenter Hewitt, a student at the University of Michigan.

## CRAIG WANNER IN GOLF MEET

High School Boy Shows Fine Form In Winning Match

The Birmingham Golf club last Sunday completed what proved to be one of its most keenly contested spring tournaments. With George up age, 16-year-old school boy, winning the championship the week before, the matches on Sunday resulted as follows:  
 First flight—L. F. Ruwe defeated Max Glover, 2 up.  
 Second flight—William Pratt turned back J. J. Ferriss, 1 up.  
 Third flight—R. J. Madden defeated A. L. Bogue, 2 up.

An added feature of Sunday's play was a "Daddies' tournament in honor of Father's Day. This tournament, which was based on kicker's handicap, resulted as follows: R. S. Edwards, A. A. Carlson and G. E. Kreevich shared first place. H. McClelland, Jr., and E. B. Wilson tied for second and Dr. W. P. Gilson was third.

No Walk Aways  
 The success of the spring tournament was due to skillful putting. In no match did the winner have a walk-away—the margins of victory were small. A winner who might have had holes to spare came to grief in his next round.  
 It was to be expected that play in the championship flight would be close, but matches in the other three flights also furnished some thrills. Play in every flight was marked by extra holes somewhere along the route. Three of the firsts were participants in these extended matches.  
 L. F. Ruwe, who beat Max Glover for the leadership of the first division, was carried to 27 holes to win his semi-final match. Glover himself barely escaped in his second round by winning one up on the 19th. In his next match he was forced to the 18th hole to win in one up again.

In the second flight William Pratt, who won the championship in this group last year, defeated J. J. Ferriss, had previously eliminated G. Baldwin, who had engaged in a 19-hole duel with L. W. Porter. R. J. Madden, who defeated L. Bogue in the third flight, had to go to the 19th to win his first round match and was carried to the 18th in his semi-final.  
 George Craig, the new spring champion of the Birmingham Golf Club, has started early to capture titles. Though only 16 years old, he has proved himself an able opponent for both young stars and veterans. He is fulfilling the prediction of members of the Birmingham Golf Club that his name will be included among the topnotchers from now on.

Losses Chances  
 Craig led the Detroit district qualifying round for the High School championship match of Michigan. Playing in the final round he had an excellent opportunity to capture the title, but except for an incident which destroyed his game—the same type of happening that cost Roland R. May his second round last year.

Craig had finished the 14th hole with low medal score for the round so far. At this point a spectator came from the score board to tell him the lowest score in the field. Comparing his card with the 76 that was eventually to be the title, Craig saw that he had only to play the rest of the holes in par to win, an accomplishment not impossible for one to whom birds are not novelty.

Craig resumed his playing again, but the thoughts that were on his mind threw him off his game. He began piling up strokes and ended with an 82.  
 They say at the Birmingham Golf Club that he hasn't a nerve in his body. Meaning, of course, he isn't disturbed by competition. This, as proved in the High School tournament is only partly true. His nerves may be sturdy, but he is human and subject to human lapses.

Proves Confid-mee  
 That his fellow members are right to a certain degree in their opinion was proved in the following day, for the spring title of Birmingham. He defeated G. H. Schilder, H. Schilder and more experienced player, a man with a reputation for perseverance and determination. Craig was only one up at the end of the first 18 holes, and Schilder kept his youthful opponent

## Watches Village Grow 17 Years; Cat Forms Ideas

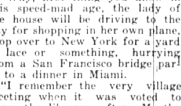
"Even the night life here isn't what it used to be. In all my nine lives I never saw anything like this. The Village certainly doesn't come up to the Birmingham of the old days," mused Pat, the cat, who for 17 years has held the title of champion mouser at the Erity and Nixon Feed store, on Woodward avenue. In the old days Pat was "some cat" and he is still highly respected in Birmingham's feline world. Pat has stationed himself in the store's window these 17 years and seen a thing or two.  
 "Why, do you know," Pat continued, "a body can't as much as stir out of an evening without one of those blue jackets picking him up with threats of 'get out or come to the station with me.'"



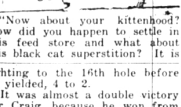
"That's what comes of having 11 policemen to guard a quiet village like ours. When I was a kitten—let me see, that was nearly 17 years ago when Woodrow Wilson was first running for president, and let me tell you, that was an election such as you don't see these days. Why, I remember my kittenhood we only had a handful of cops and there wasn't any of this now-fangled talk of crime. There weren't a three-hundred any cigarettes smoked in those days as now and for speedsters, a body was first run over for president in 1912 that Woodward avenue was called for the first time and an auto built in eight hours."  
 "But, Pat," the reporter put in, "what do you think of women smoking?"



"They're fit for the look-up, that's what they are," he stomped. "I've heard of 'em. I was back in 1917 when I was a kitten with a girl with any principles would smoke a cigarette."  
 "But, surely, Pat, a good cigar or even a corncob pipe. Surely you remember how they used to steal out behind the barn and smoke corncob!"  
 "Waa-aa! a good, sweet pipe, maybe," Pat conceded. "I suppose we'll get used to their perfumed cigarettes just as we got used to women suffrage back in the old days, but let me catch any kitten what she'd get. A woman's place is in the home, not out voting and applying a man."  
 "Why, first thing you know in this speed-mad age, the lady of the house will be driving to the city for shopping in her own plane, drop over to New York for a yard of lace or something, hurrying from a San Francisco bridge party to a dinner in Miami."  
 "I remember the very village meeting when it was voted to name the library after Martha Washington. It was the same time they named the old school after S. N. Hill, and that was one of Miss Baldwin's suggestions too. Nearly 17 years ago that was."

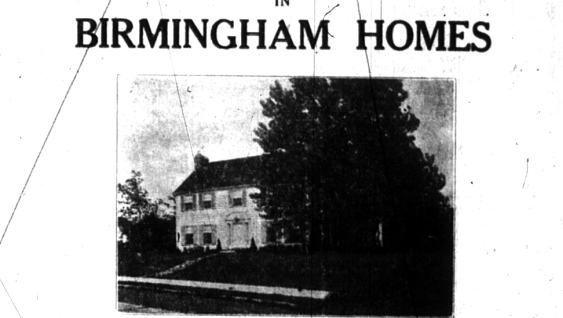


"Now about your kittenhood? How did you happen to settle in this feed store and what about this black cat superstition? It is fighting to the 16th hole before he yielded, 4 to 2."  
 It was almost a double victory for Craig because he won from the man who had set back his conqueror of the club championship match last fall. S. A. (Bugs) Wilson, Jr., won over Craig at the 18th hole. Members of the Club had looked forward to a repetition of a Wilson-Craig match did not see their hopes materialize, but instead found a new interest in the match between the runner-up and the champion's conqueror.



Whereupon the reporter immediately termed Pat a skeptic and one of the "old school." "And how about the black cat yarns, Pat?"  
 "Say, that! That black cat stuff is just as much the bunk as those new-fangled tea leaf readings. Some pessimist made it up out of whole cloth. But the nine lives story, don't ever let them tell you that isn't true. I know I've lost seven of them on this prohibition milk," and Pat settled down for another snooze among the flower pots of Erity and Nixon's. Tell Your Merchant You Saw His Advertisement in THE ECCENTRIC window.

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"the bank?" queried the reporter.  
 "Well, the kittenhood is a long story. Early in my first life I was orphaned. As far back as I can remember I have lived right here in the same store. The story goes that when I was brought here as a tiny kitten, some hens were housed on a lot in back of the store. One of the more motherly ones of the lot adopted me. She was a kind old hen but could never understand why I didn't relish earthworms," Pat chuckled.  
 "I was apprenticed to the store mouser, but soon became a master at the art. I've been here ever since guarding the grain bags and the feed. I've seen Birmingham grow from a quiet village with the good old nights at the National hotel to a fashionable suburb, as the real estate men call it, but if you ask me, some of those same real estate men should hear the shouts about high taxes in the village nowadays. Then they wouldn't be so cocksure. Why, they say that they are even taxing Dick Canary for his bird cage. It's outrageous."



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