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The New Y. M. C. A. Camp

Up in Inoco County, just 155 miles north of Birmingham, 427 acres of fine wild land, some of it flat, most of it rolling, lies adjacent to the eastern shore of Loon Lake; from its surface many trees, of many kinds, reach skyward. With the exception of a few slight efforts to use the acreage for truck gardening and dairying, on a small scale, no valuable use of the land has ever been realized.

But now things look vastly different for this acreage. The year 1910 promises to usher in a new era of productivity for the 427 acres; the future opens before us and we see the value of the crop which each summer season holds for Oakland County.

For the 427 acres comprises the new Oakland County Y. M. C. A. camp at Loon Lake, dedicated last Sunday afternoon; and the camp will be the upland and more characterful boys who, under the guidance of fine leadership, will come home each year from a vacation period spent in this summer camp.

Truly, Oakland County is mindful of its youth; adults who stand behind this new camp, either through personal service or monetary contribution, are doing a fine thing for those who follow them over the rugged trails of this Great East Adventure.

Those who have thus far labored to obtain this Y. M. C. A. camp for the youth of Oakland County, as well as those who shall continue to work for its greater perfection, have done and will do something of value even greater, more permanent and lasting, than the making of a fortune of gold, or the building of a mighty city.

There are many fine qualities and attributes of life, but none mightier than the unselfish labor of love for others—especially when they are the youth of a land.

Oakland County boys are, indeed, living in the midst of a fine adult idealism—the kind that is revealed in deeds as well as words.

Birmingham Grows Well

During the month of August, Birmingham stood seventh among Michigan towns and cities in total building permits granted, thus revealing that this area is rapidly welcoming many new men and women, boys and girls, to its confines. From present indications, it appears that the October volume of building permits will place Birmingham even nearer the fore, since announcement was made last week by three groups of their intention to erect three large apartment buildings at once.

Birmingham, because of its close proximity to Detroit and Pontiac, is destined to become the greatest of the suburbs in Detroit; and as a result of the type of citizen being attracted here, plus the excellent quality of homes being erected everywhere within the village limits.

This growth, of course, increases financial values; people who invest money wisely ought, the past and present certainly augurs, reap large profits with unusual quickness. Birmingham, during its last five-year period of growth, has been exceedingly fortunate in the type of subdivisions which have been platted both within and near its boundaries; no little credit for this condition is due to the ideas of those realtors who, foreseeing the influx of newcomers to this district, have worked hard to transform the former lovely rural landscape into pleasant residence spots for home-loving people.

THE "THREE-QUARTER-CENTURY CLUB," an organization sponsored by the Washtenaw Tribune, of Ann Arbor, and comprised of 300 men and women of that county whose ages range from 75 to 100, held a meeting at Dexter a few weeks ago. The annual affairs of these old people, a fine gesture of friendliness and helpfulness on the part of The Tribune; it must make glad the hearts of those whose eyes have seen much and whose ears have heard much of the things of this life.

"MILKMAN STELL SEE HORSE AS BEST AID" was the caption of a newspaper story from Toronto last week. And all the time we thought that milkmen considered the Moo Cow as the greatest aid, not only to their business, but to the world.

A SEATTLE CLERGYMAN is using the mother of Aimee Simple McPherson, Los Angeles evangelist, for \$50,000 of love balm. He alleges that Aimee's mother so completely disillusioned him that he will never seek another wife. Some preachers, it appears, are altogether too trusting and loving.

Forty-two OAKLAND County plumbers met Tuesday night of last week at Pontiac, and enjoyed a piping hot banquet that undoubtedly radiated much sizzling fellowship at the Roosevelt Hotel there.

SIX BARNETS LAST WEEK loaded a Cadillac, Michigan, tank for \$40,000 in cash. Here is an excellent opportunity for Tom Huckle, Cadillac publisher, to inform the world that Cadillac still uses money.

Restoring Vanished Things

Every once in a while something happens in Michigan which merits the undying gratitude of its people; in a social order that has spent most of its time in the conquest and destruction of natural resources, it is unusual when there appears upon the horizon of mankind's activities a plan that holds within itself the promise of restoration of a vanished thing. It was then, for the Eccentric to add its commendation to the recently announced plan of The Detroit News to reforestate the barren and cut-over plains of Michigan. It is easy, too, to commend all those public-spirited donors who offer money to carry the plan into effect. And may we also add a congratulatory expression to Albert Skoll, Jr., a Birmingham citizen, who, as conservation editor of The News, created the plan of reforestation.

Harry Myers, publisher of the Lapeer County Press, who is something of an amateur authority on the art of reforestation, puts it this way in the last issue of The Press:

"Many people preach reforestation and some practice it, but never in the history of the State has it been attempted on such a big scale as the plan proposed and sponsored by The Detroit News. The News has selected a plan for the State whereby schools, organizations or individuals may have 40 acres or more of cut-over lands in the northern part of the State set out to pine seedlings and the tract dedicated to that organization or to that individual."

"Under the News plan any individual or organization will be given the opportunity to plant 40 acres or more at the rate of \$25.00 an acre. This covers merely the planting labor cost, while the land, seedling trees and other expenses which go to make up the \$5.00 or \$7.50 figure will be borne by the State."

"As soon as a planting is completed those who participate will be notified of the exact location. In a prominent location on the plantation The Detroit News will erect an indestructible metal sign bearing the name of the donor or donors, and the size of the acreage planted. The expense of this will be borne by The News."

"The donors also will receive from the conservation authorities of the State a letter stating that the reservation will be forever set aside as a forest reserve subject only to administration by the proper forestry officials. At no time will the land be utilized for any other purpose nor can it be disposed of under any circumstances. It becomes an enduring permanent reservation and if in the future more necessary or wise to harvest a timber crop, for each tree cut a new one will be planted. In the event that a forest fire or some tree disease or parasite should destroy the tree growth the State will replant the area as soon as it becomes feasible and at no cost to the original donor."

"Donors may send their contributions of \$100 for each 40-acre unit direct to the Reforestation Committee of The Detroit News, stating the acreage desired and in what name the plantation is to be dedicated, the only reservation being that not less than 40 acres can be planted. There is no limit to the maximum number of acres."

"School children are especially urged to band together and plant 40-acre plots as memorials to their school for the year in which the planting takes place."

" Civic and social organizations can do this in the name of their organizations, and individuals for themselves or as memorial forests for any purpose. The plan is State-wide. Anyone can participate."

"The News is to be highly commended for the great part it is playing in the conservation work generally in Michigan and particularly for the important part this plan of theirs will give reforestation in the State."

APPROXIMATELY 100 telephone calls are made every second in New York City, we have just learned. Talk is cheap.

OUR RUSSIAN CORRESPONDENT at Moscow has just cabled us the important news that seven of the nine men who are most prominent in conducting the Soviet Government never went to school. That explains much to many people.

THE DEEPEST HOLE EVER bored is said to be at Signal Hill, California, where an oil company has a well that is 9,280 feet deep. This reveals, in part, why so many oil well propositions are deep and dark.

EVERY YEAR CHINA uses approximately 4,000 tons of lilies in the making of lily soup. Which raises the question: who would be a lily in China, and shows that the only permanent and safe lilies in China are painted on china.

SPINACH CAME from Arabia; celery from Germany, the onion from Africa, cucumbers from the East Indies, the sunflower from Peru, and parsley from Sardinia. Now if we can learn where rhubarb, raisin pie, road hogs, and auction bridge came from, we shall be happy.

REPUBLICAN SENATOR Brookhart, of Iowa, declared a few days ago that liquor was served at a recent Senatorial dinner in Washington, D. C., Senator Howell, of Nebraska, since has asked that President Hoover do something about drying up Washington. The only way to dry up official Washington is to let the ballot box back home at election time; that will take care of the officials who vote dry and drink wet. Honor is due, however, to those officials who, though they may oppose prohibition, yet exemplify in their lives a sober compliance to Constitutional mandate.

Heaven? Is there a place like that somewhere? Where worthy mortals pass at their decease. A place where all is glorious and fair. Where soul and body find a swift release. Where trouble enters not, nor grief nor care, Nor aught to mar its sanctity and peace?

Heaven? When I have crossed the narrow stream Called death, shall I find such a place as this, A place lit by the bright eternal gleam Of virtue and of chastity and bliss. Or is it only a celestial dream With prophecies and portents gone amiss?

Heaven? My soul cries out for some relief From the cruel dainties of this life. Within me, for some surer belief Is all unknown. This earthly snap so brief That I shall find my loved lost ones where strife But makes me hunger for eternal life.

—BEATRICE McDONALD.

TEA FOR TWO!



PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications must be signed, but names will be kept confidential upon request.

NEW BUILDINGS

For the announcements in The Birmingham Eccentric of last week of the building of several apartment houses in our village I am most grateful. There has been a permanent reservation and if in the future more necessary or wise to harvest a timber crop, for each tree cut a new one will be planted. In the event that a forest fire or some tree disease or parasite should destroy the tree growth the State will replant the area as soon as it becomes feasible and at no cost to the original donor.

It was hoped that there would be no further delay in naming Ruthven as president but according to statements issued by the university secretary there yet remains one, perhaps two, regents in doubt as to their selection.

In light of the record being made at Michigan State by President Robert S. Shaw in guiding that institution out of its morass of squand and debt, many had hoped that a man of similar trend and training might be selected for the university. After all the business of guiding the destinies of a great educational institution do not differ greatly from other great endeavors. Executive and administrative ability is rather to be desired in an intellectual gymnastics or theoretical economics. Michigan State now occupies the most favorable position in the world in decades. This is true because of the sound judgment and wise direction of a president whose feet are on the ground and whose brain operates not in gyroscope circles which will establish a lished line. The university has indeed of similar wise guidance. If the intelligentsia must be heard let their mouthspiece be hired for the purpose and not endanger the stability of our educational institutions electing them to seats of authority.

Dr. Ruthven is a gentleman of high attainments. He is not spectacular. On the contrary he is quite human like most really great men. It is hoped the regents will select him or one of his kind for president and that then the turbulent period of the North, that he passed—Verne Braun in Nigham County News.

On GOVERNORS lower peninsula newspapers are busy suggesting the names of various individuals in each part of the state, who are worth considering as candidates for the governorship to succeed Fred W. Green. It would appear as though Governor Green was not the unanimous choice of the boys for a third term. The latest candidate to appear on the political horizon is Perry, who is the present regent of the University of Michigan from the Saginaw region. The University of Michigan notice in the Birmingham Eccentric, published and edited by George R. Averill. Editor George R. Averill, Birmingham, Michigan, is commenting on the availability of Mr. Short's says: "We agree with Mr. Marshall that the Saginaw gentleman rates as high as any we can think of in Michigan, for he is that rare being who seldom found in these days of strenuous hurrying—we mean a practical, understanding idea."

We are just wondering why some of these lower peninsula newspaper birds wouldn't remember that there is a great empire in the State of Michigan, and that it may possibly contain some splendid material in the hands of the company, who in mighty handy when it comes to paying taxes, and wherever there is plenty of tax money you can bet your bottom dollar there are also brains and with brains go the necessary ability to do things even to being governor of the great state of Michigan. We have in mind right now a couple of gentlemen whom we believe would average up with many of the men already mentioned from the lower peninsula.

The first name suggesting itself is that of one of our newspaper friend, Judge A. D. Wood, formerly of Lansing but now commissioner of pardons and paroles at Lansing. Judge Wood has made an enviable reputation as a commissioner of his department and his reports and suggestions have been favorably commented on by many of the news newspapers.

per publishers who are busily suggesting some bird from the lower peninsula to take Fred Green's place. The next name to suggest itself to the public rate worthy successor to Gov. Fred W. Green is that of our well-known golf tatar, Merwin Fox, the successful manager of the Von Platen-Fox Lumber company of Iron Mountain. Mr. Fox is recognized as one of the live wire Republicans and business men of the upper peninsula and is also well known in the lower peninsula.

Paraphrasing the suggestion of our editorial friend, Mr. Averill, we also agree with Mr. Marshall, who by the way is also a newspaper man, "that the upper peninsula gentlemen rate as high as any we can think of in Michigan, for they are two of those rare beings so seldom found in these days of strenuous hurrying—we mean practical, understanding ideas."

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Keeping Abreast With Birmingham's Growth
Down on Woodward Avenue, the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company is today moving from its old out-grown location into one of the finest stores of its kind to be found anywhere in America.

Our congratulations go to this organization and to the men who built this model store, for their foresight in seeing both the present and the future growth of the Birmingham-Bloomfield market.

It is a source of satisfaction to us to have been responsible for finding this location for the A. & P.—for the purchase of the property and the negotiation of the lease for the men who have made this sterling contribution to Birmingham's business life a reality.

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Friendly Thoughts By G. Dewey Kimball

There is much taken for granted. Public servants protecting our lives and fortunes are apt to become a forgotten part of our daily lives. A cherry word for those who serve us will do much to reward them for a faithfulness for which they can never be fully paid.

We will arrange a service within your means and serve you with personal consideration and reverent regard for the occasion.

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