

Very few persons really attain a majority of happiness—that is to say, conditions of life are free from all care or concern about anything or other, yet complete happiness ought to be our lot.

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and THAT

Yesterday it snowed
And a little child cried
Because it was cold
Cold outside.
It was cold in the house, too,
Cold as long ago,
It was colder than now.

Cold as charity? No,
Cold as the father's No,
As cold as our joys?
Of little children who cry
Because it is cold.

The Thrift Shop of the Birmingham Community needs warm garments to clothe needy little children. Aren't there some old clothes in your warm house that you are anxious to give to the Thrift Shop?

Well, children, it's only 150 days more until next Halloween and in the meantime we suppose your parents will have no less destructive activities. Not that we want to be in any way discouraging subject, kiddies, but well, the police department records show reports of broken window panes, porch steps stolen, signs taken down and rubbishy things piled up.

When Ras Tafari gives a party—he gives a party. Ask any of the boys who attended. We don't know anyone who has had pleasant parties. But recent press dispatches related how Ras had himself crowned emperor of Ethiopia and the affair cost a neat \$1,000,000. Half of it came from Ras' pockets and the other half was from taxation. Not a bad idea, Ras.

Oh, for the adventurous life of a lion! Last week Lieut. Richard Lauer included among his reports an exciting account of how he and his two horses that were "tripping the light fantastic" all over the front porch of the residence of Mrs. Meyer, of Midland avenue, and Mr. Little of Edison avenue.

Wonder what some of the old Birmingham residents would say if they could glimpse the new Grand Trunk right of way construction now going on in Birmingham, costing \$100,000? Sakes alive! what's the time coming! We can hear them shouting from "the other shore." Seriously, though, isn't it great to see something on the old Grand Trunk again?

Seven fatal accidents have occurred in Michigan this year, all hunting season opened Sept. 16.

Living up to the names is not so easy a task for many of us; but Helen Witts, a student in the second grade of the Big Bear school, has won a place on the honor roll of the second grade.

In the death last week of Albert Stoll, Birmingham lost a fine citizen. Mr. Stoll lived on Birmingham field Court with his son, Albert Stoll, Jr., conservation editor of the Detroit News. The elder Stoll was a familiar figure downtown in the village, bent upon his daily chore of marketing, or wheeling one of his grand-children about.

HUMAN SERVICES YOU WILL FIND IN BIRMINGHAM

QUESTIONS

SUPERVISORS CONSIDER 1931 BUDGET TODAY

Welfare Work Causes \$689,808 Increase In County Appropriations

Oakland County's budget for 1931 with an increase of \$689,808 over the budget adopted last fall will be considered today by the board of supervisors at their regular meeting in Pontiac.

As recommended by the ways and means committee, increases in the poor fund and the temporary relief fund, and the inclusion of overtime work in the two funds account for the huge increase in the budget which more than offsets a reduction of \$124,146 in the general and special funds.

The supervisors moved the committee report to the table today's election to allow the ways and means committee to attempt to secure a formal waiver of the office this week refused to waive the fee before their election was assured.

The city of Pontiac has taken an appeal of the equalized assessment valuation report of the State Board of Equalization. The board hopes that a ruling will be received on the appeal before the assessing officers are ordered to spread the county tax on the basis of the report.

VILLAGE TO GET \$300,000 LOAN

Borrowed Sum In Anticipation Of Delinquent Tax Payments

Because there is a \$402,371.21 delinquent tax list for general and special assessments in Birmingham, the village commission Monday night passed a resolution upon the motion of Commissioner Lawrence Hubert authorizing the village treasurer to borrow \$300,000 for four and three-quarters per cent interest from the Detroit Trust Co.

News of Your Neighbors

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lawson, of Kenosha avenue, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Colegrove at dinner Tuesday evening. Miss Katherine Lawson entertained Miss Dorothy Flannery, of Bloomfield Hills, as her guest for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Conklin and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roehm, of the Hills, will attend the personal show at the Wilson Theater Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hysman, of Hawthorne road, will return this week-end from New York. Mrs. George B. Wiley, of 1211 S. Park, is making visits in Maine, and Mr. Hysman left Monday for New York.

Villagé Man Wins

Piling up large majorities in township throughout the county, Mr. Kimball, whose Birmingham undertaker, was elected Oakland County coroner, with J. Lee Voorhes, of Pontiac. Kimball and Voorhes easily defeated the Democratic candidates, DeWitt C. Davis and William Sullivan.

Welfare Work Is Advancing

Because of the generosity and co-operation of numerous individuals and civic organizations, many improvements in the welfare situation have been effected within the past week. Mrs. Hope F. Ballgren, executive director of the Community House, announces:

Many persons have donated clothing and shoes for children, and while there always will be need for additional donations to the Thrift Shop, the most serious part of the welfare situation is the presence of so many unemployed men and women. Ralph J. Coryell, Bloomfield Township supervisor, who has charge of regulating the distribution of funds for the needy, explains:

ORR MAY ASK PROBE TODAY

Prosecutor's Decision On Grand Jury Investigation Is Expected

It is expected today that Norman C. Orr, Oakland County prosecutor, will arrive at a decision as to the advisability of calling a 23 man grand jury to investigate the Oakland County administration and finances. Orr will file a petition with presiding Judge Glenn C. Gillespie for the calling of the jury. He decides the action he would take on steps unless written complaints were filed.

Back In 'The Good Old Days'

Of Village's Obsolete Laws

Back in the good old days it was unlawful for any horse, mare, mule, colt, bull, ox, steer, cow, calf, pig, hog, sheep, pig, duck, or chicken to go at large within the limits of the village of Birmingham, or feed or graze upon or without attendance upon or along the parks, commons, streets or alleys of said village.

Back in the early part of the twentieth century, probably the remarkable speed of 20 miles per hour was considered a feat. Henry, and so, at the next meeting of the Common Council, as it was then called, the following ordinance was written into the ledger by the village clerk:

Any person shall drive or cause to be driven any coach, carriage, buggy, cart, wagon, sleigh, motor vehicle, automobile, bicycle or other vehicle in the village of Birmingham at a speed in excess of twenty miles per hour. This does not apply to cars or engines operated as steam or electric power.

Governor-Elect

Brucker Is Elected By Huge Majority Over W. Comstock

As did the rest of Michigan, Bloomfield Township Tuesday gave huge majorities to Republican candidates, and Wilbur M. Brucker, was elected governor by more than 100,000 majority over William A. Comstock, his Democrat opponent. While the vote cast was not so large as was expected, intense interest was centered in the campaign.

Election Highlights

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THUG KIDNAPERS ROBS MAN OF AUTO, MONEY

Victim Driven 40 Miles By Bandit He Offered "Lift" Here

Richard Cook, 38-years-old, 3440 Brooklyn avenue, reported to Birmingham police early today that he had been held up and robbed of his automobile and \$37 by a "luch-bando" near Woodward and offered a ride in Birmingham.

NIMRODS OFF TO HUNT DEER

With the opening of the deer hunting season, 10 many Birmingham hunters will join their neighbors in the hunt.

Annual Trek To The North Woods Begins On Next Monday

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