

Someone once said that the happiest person is the one who thinks the most interesting thoughts. So it is up to me to try to think the most interesting thoughts that are based upon the enduring, the eternal.

# H-S and THAT

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The wages of sin are always paid in full. Therefore, sins are not considered when life's books are balanced.

The *Soo (Mich.) Evening News* suggests that "Michigan send its people Florida for the winter, and establish camps there where living may be had at the lowest possible cost. Let's all gather at Palm Beach."

Automobile fatalities continue to increase in the United States. If the selling of liquor is legalized in this country, every bit of drunkard can be turned into a first aid station. And that is no belation, either.

Perpetual motion, mechanically speaking, has never been, and probably never will be, discovered. But another man's endeavors you may witness his success in setting up a new machine.

Of course Michigan doesn't want any local option offered by the federal government. For the most part, they are eager to live on public charity. What the American people want is WORK. And one way to get work for the practical circulation of money.

The Washington correspondent says they will only permit the Federal Reserve Bank Act, and enable some of the American people to get purposes other than the manipulations of the international bank group.

Birmingham officials last week announced a plan to refund \$33,000 in general and special assessment bonds, which will help divert the money into the city.

Local tax delinquencies have caused the refunding plan. For a number of years there has been built up for this area a general belief that its citizens are possessed of unlimited funds.

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## T. S. PARKER, EDWARDS OWNS LIFE

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Ill Health Blamed For Suicide Of Village Planning Commissioner, 52

RITES HELD WEDNESDAY

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Board Recognizes "Equity" Claimed By Birmingham In Spring

GRANTS DEBATED POINT

A controversy of six-months' standing between the Village of Birmingham and Bloomfield Township took a distinct turn for the better Monday night.

The Township Board adopted a resolution allowing the village to take what gravel it wished from the township gravel pit free of charge for the rest of the year.

The township board without any cost to the township for loading, and charged against the village "equity" in the gravel pit.

The village claimed this equity last spring on the grounds that gravel had been taken from the township gravel pit.

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## Paralysis Scare Closes Schools; Mrs. W. R. Yaw Ill

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Safety Measure Adopted, Though Kemp Sees No Cause For Alarm

ONLY TWO CASES HERE

Despite the fact that only two cases of infantile paralysis have been reported in the village this fall, and there is apparently no cause for alarm, all public and parochial schools in the village are closed today for an indefinite period on the recommendation of the Village Board and Dr. William Lloyd Kemp, village health officer.

It is explained by Dr. Kemp, the closing was recommended as "a purely precautionary and reassuring measure," designed to prevent the spread of the disease, and not because there is any state of epidemic in Birmingham.

Closing of the public schools was voted by the Board of Education at a special and hastily-called session Saturday night, following receipt of a letter from Dr. Kemp drawn up on Tuesday.

The letter addressed to Ray A. Palmer, president of the board, follows in full: "The prevalence of polio-myelitis, or infantile paralysis, in Detroit and vicinity and the closing of Detroit schools has resulted in a certain amount of anxiety to prevent instances of an unwarranted hysteria among the parents of children in Birmingham."

"The matter has been given serious consideration by myself and the Village Health Board. There are now only two cases in the Village. Neither have attendances at school this fall and these two cases are all that have been reported to date in Birmingham. This does not exceed normal expectancy."

"Under these circumstances it is my opinion (which the Health Board concurs in) that it is unnecessary, in so far as the present situation in Birmingham is concerned, to close the schools. My opinion in this regard has also been corroborated by the State Health Commission."

"I, therefore, recommend that the Board consider taking the necessary steps to keep the schools beginning Monday, Sept. 14."

"Yours very truly, W. LLOYD KEMP, M. D., Health Officer."

Members of the Health Board are Commissioners Lawrence Hulbert and Charles E. Lewis, Dr. W. G. Hutchinson, Dr. George W. Raynor and Dr. Herbert Moore.

McKinney Opposed

Action on the ordinance was postponed for a debate which lasted more than three hours. In which F. McKinney stood alone for keeping the schools open.

He maintained the situation did not warrant the closing, and claimed students would be safer under the supervision of school nurses in the classroom than outside.

He was addressed by Dr. Kemp to Rev. J. W. Cotter, director of Holy Name School, and to Rev. D. L. Woodward, president of the Birmingham Ministers' Association, relative to closing the Sunday schools.

The Holy Name School followed the lead of the public schools by ceasing instruction for an indefinite period.

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## SEWER PLAN HOPE REVIVES

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Three-Way Financial Arrangement May Solve Problem

Village officials are awaiting today the final approval by the State Highway Department of a plan for the sewerage system.

The plan calls for a cooperative financial arrangement between the village, the contractor and the state, and if adopted would make provision not only for the sewer but also for the drainage system along the new pavement north to the River Rouge.

The village gave the approval to the plan in an executive session of the Commission Monday night.

The contractor, represented by the E. D. Baker Construction Company which put in the bid on the job at \$27,483.30, has already approved the plan.

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## NEW BIRMINGHAM BUILDING PLANNED

Detroit-Edison Company Provides For New Offices Here In 1931-32 Budget

A new office building for Birmingham is one of the projects provided for in the 1931-32 budget appropriation of more than \$1,000,000.

The Detroit-Edison Company, which is building the new plant, has already approved the plan.

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## TOWNSHIP FIRE PLANS REPEAL

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Independent Department To Be Reinstated At Meeting Tonight

A township fire department to be financed by a special assessment and operated independently of any village fire fighting force will be recommended at a meeting of township residents to be held tonight.

The proposal to be submitted for approval at tonight's meeting was drawn up by a committee appointed for the purpose, consisting of Dr. H. J. York, Wing Lake, chairman; Douglas Roby, Detroit, representative of the Jackson Brudway Company; Bert G. Forman, Franklin road, and Miss Adeline Stryker, Franklin road, alternate.

Dr. York has since been called away on business, and his place on the committee has been taken by J. W. Gillette, Jr., Wing Lake.

According to Mr. Forman, the proposal tonight will call for an assessment of \$1 per thousand valuation on all property in the township outside incorporated areas during the first year when the equipment is purchased, and 50 cents or less per thousand each following year for maintenance.

He said the plan would be for the township to maintain the department independently, even though at the meeting two weeks ago the discussion had centered around the possibility of the township equipment being operated by the village.

At that time, however, James W. Parry, Birmingham village president, presented the plan, serving as a condition within a radius of three miles from Birmingham, extending into Troy and Southfield townships.

The independent department will be recommended by the committee tonight as assuring better protection for Bloomfield Township alone at less cost than was estimated for a joint undertaking with the village, Mr. Forman said.

## VILLAGE MAY BAR SIDEWALK MARTS

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Ogden Instructed To Draft Ordinance Restricting Merchandise Displays

A move to place restrictions on the display of merchandise in the windows of stores in the village was begun by the Village Commission Monday night when Charles E. Lewis, village attorney, was instructed to frame an ordinance regulating all sidewalk displays.

The ordinance is to be presented for adoption at next Monday's meeting.

Need for the ordinance was first claimed by Village Manager James W. Parry as a restriction on sidewalk displays boxes for newspapers to which he objected on the grounds they block windows and doors, block around the streets in storms, and are too numerous.

He suggested full control for regulating the displays to be turned over to the police department.

Recommendation that the ordinance be placed in the hands of the police department was advanced by the village attorney, who mentioned fruits and vegetables as especially objectionable.

No objection was expressed to the situation which he handled satisfactorily if the measure were drawn up by the village attorney, which the sidewalk is used for display purposes.

## TWO WOMEN HURT AS CAR OVERTURNS

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F. M. J. Curtis And Mother Injured Enroute To Indianapolis

Traveling 60 miles an hour when a tire blew out, Mrs. Fredrick B. Curtis, 320 Suffered road, and her mother, Mrs. James C. Davis, suffered bruises and severe shock when an automobile in which they were riding overturned in a ditch while enroute to Indianapolis Monday, according to reports received here from Mrs. Curtis yesterday.

The accident occurred when the party was returning Mrs. Curtis' daughter, Anne, to a day school in Indianapolis where she is enrolled as a student. Anne and her mother were riding in the automobile when it was overturned.

At the home here it was reported that Mrs. Curtis was out of town and her mother was in a hospital. Mrs. Curtis was out of town and her mother was in a hospital.

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## "The Mirrors of '932"

(Editor's note: This is the fourth of a series of 11 articles based on the letters of "The Mirrors of '932" which appeared in the book during presidential candidates in the next election.)

It is to be understood that the manner of the article and the order of the letters are not necessarily supported by the views of the editors of this paper.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

The very condition which makes Franklin D. Roosevelt a popular candidate for the Democratic nomination is the fact that he is not a politician.

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