

Writing these little paragraphs afford me much enjoyment. Humble though they be, perhaps an occasional one brings a smile, a new enthusiasm, or a regenerated ray of hope and faith into some needy heart and mind.

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MAN CUT ON HEAD AS AUTOS COLLIDE

Injured in an automobile collision last Thursday at the corner of Bates and Martin streets, Robert D. Cox, 731 Chester street, received a deep laceration and minor bruises on the back of the head. He was driving north on Bates street when his car collided with another driven by Sam I. Slade of Franklin. Slade was unhurt.

Notice In Puzzle Contests Wins \$1000 Jig-Saw Prize

It was a home run on the first time at bat for Harrington Barrus, general 34-year-old World War veteran, advertising expert and poet-in-his-spare time. Mr. Barrus, who lives at 340

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Contagious Diseases Sub-Normal Throughout State, Kemp Says

The prevalence of contagious diseases in Birmingham in 1931 was below normal, as it was in other communities throughout the state in general, it is shown in the annual report of Dr. William Lloyd Kemp, village health officer, as submitted to the Commission Monday night.

The total number of contagious diseases reported during the year was 323, whooping cough leading the list with 117 cases, followed by second with 48 cases, and chicken-pox third with 38. None of the more serious infectious diseases was reported in large numbers.

"Examinations of the reports for 1930 and 1931 reveals some interesting comparisons," said Dr. Kemp in his letter of transmittal to the commission. "In communities throughout the state in general, the incidence of the more serious infectious diseases is below normal."

First Pox Reseppers

"Interesting exceptions are noted. Small pox recurrences are noted. First two were four cases of polymyositis (infantile paralysis) reported with mortality of 75 percent. Second, three cases of small pox occurred—all in one family. The third was a distinctive record of freedom from this disease in the village for several years."

More Home Visits

"The low incidence of communicable diseases has permitted the department to devote more time to preventive and educational work. In this respect, the department has made a significant contribution. Many more home visits than usual have been made, and many welfare medical problems have been handled."

DISTRICT LEGION MEET DRAWS 400

Pontiac Drum and Bugle Corps Wins Awards At Session Of New 17th

About 400 Legionnaires, other World War vets and their friends attended the meeting of all posts in the new 17th American Legion district held in Barnum School here Friday night.

Cook-Nelson post No. 20, of Pontiac, was awarded two silver loving cups at the conclusion of an exhibition by the post's drum and bugle corps. The event was the first of a contest between the Pontiac and Rochester corps, but owing to the illness of several members of the Rochester organization, only the Pontiac corps was able to appear.

One cup was awarded by Ernest E. Ogden, district commander, of Pontiac, on behalf of the district, while the other, offered by the Birmingham post, was presented by Village Manager James H. Parry, Harold H. Corson, Birmingham and Wiley Pearsall, Clanton.

William C. Pettit, commander of the Forty and Eight of Michigan; E. G. Brandt, grand correspondent of the Forty and Eight; Clark W. Smith, district chairman for the George Washington bi-centennial celebration, and Mr. Ogden were speakers at a general business meeting of the district which followed the exhibition.

Members of the Birmingham post also laid preliminary plans for a Valentine dance to be held Friday evening, Feb. 12, in the Community House.

The next meeting of the district will be held at Clarkston on Feb. 26.

SPEEDER WHO IGNORED POLICE ORDER JAILED

Failure to report to police for arraignment on a speeding charge ordered cost Samuel E. Parr, Pontiac, five days in jail and a \$5 fine.

He was arrested on Nov. 21, and told to report two days later. He put in no appearance, however, and when several letters had no effect, officers called for him at his home last Saturday.

His punishment was meted out by Justice Floyd S. Buck.

DONALD D. JAMES HEADS REALTY FIRM

Donald D. James, Donningham, Bloomfield Hills, vice-president of the Walsh, James and Wasey Realty Company at the meeting of the organization recently.

Other officers named included Carl L. Brant, vice-president; Charles A. Belanger, treasurer, and Whiting W. Raymond, secretary.

Village Gets Suggestions For Solving Tax Problem

Installment Paying, and City Incorporation Among Possibilities Cited By Noonan

Tax payments on the installment plan, reduction of expenditures in government, adoption of the city form of administration, canvassing of delinquent taxpayers and the extension of property delinquent for five years were advanced as possible immediate solutions of Birmingham's delinquent tax problem in a report made to the Commission Monday night by Albert W. Noonan, village assessor.

The report, a 27-page typewritten document, was presented to Noonan's conclusions as to the causes of the present tax delinquency were as follows: "The remedy, was the outgrowth of a detailed study of the delinquency problem. Noonan has been engaged for the past several weeks, and which was incorporated in an initial report to the Commission on Jan. 11. In the first report vacant unimproved lots were planned for the majority of the delinquency, which, during the past three years, has amounted to \$536,000.

Would Boost Penalties

Better possibilities for immediate relief outlined in the report. Mr. Noonan pointed out that the majority of the delinquency was due to the fact that the department was responsible for limiting this disease to its original source, every other year being an epidemic year as a rule. The health officer has been called in consultation in 208 cases.

Such others, over which the Commission itself would have no control, yet some of which might be advocated by official endorsement included the relief of real estate from a portion of its present "excessive and unfair" burden; a moratorium on delinquent taxes of temporarily indigent home owners faced with the prospect of being foreclosed; and the establishment of a mortgage to the state.

Causes of Delinquency

Mr. Noonan summarized the causes of the present tax delinquency in two major groups, economic and administrative. The economic factors included the business depression, bringing deflated property values, curtailment of taxpayers' ability to pay and hoarding of money; and premature improvement of subdivisions.

Immediate Remedies

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"In a serious consideration of the present tax delinquency problem, its causes and probable remedies," the report said, "we cannot afford to lose sight of the fact that it is not a condition peculiar to the Village of Birmingham. We know that a similar condition prevails over the entire country."

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Woman Hurt As Car Hits Pole, Overturns

Turning out to avoid hitting a truck as it was making a "U" turn in Woodward avenue, Marie Denning, 65 years old, of 604 Carfield avenue, Bay City, injured Monday evening received an injured pelvic fracture when her car struck a pole and overturned.

The truck was driven by Don Owen, 63 years old, 12174 Woodbine street, Detroit. Police believe Miss Denning failed to see the truck until it was within a few feet of the vehicle. She was removed to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 12174 Woodbine street. The accident occurred near Haynes street.

'Nifties' Steal Latest Show Of Village Players

The Village Players put on one of the most thoroughly enjoyable and least pretentious performances of their careers in their Chestnut street Playhouse Saturday night.

The chief attractions were two one-act plays, done by the Players' usually competent manner, but it was a pair of grandly sustaining "nifties" that overshadowed the more serious efforts of the actors and kept the audience in high humor until nearly midnight.

One of the plays was Sir James M. Barrie's characteristic "Twelve Pound Look," to whose qualities of graceful capriciousness and quiet suspense the Players did full justice.

The interpretation was completely satisfying throughout, with Richard C. Fowler intensely amusing in the role of Sir Harry Sims, the pompous Englishman who is a trifle average, it is true, to having people address him by his title before he gets it, but who can't for the life of his understand why Kate, his first wife who ran away from him to return in the role of a tycoon, wasn't happy with all the wealth and social standing he gave her.

Mrs. H. LeMay Towle was effective in the role of the inefficient Lady Sims, who appears to be content enough with her stuffy nobleman, but who nevertheless questions the best of it, and who wouldn't rather be like Kate, at least insofar (Turn to Page 5, this section)

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