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Just as the housewife regularly sets off the furniture of a home to keep it free from contents of accumulating grime, so human beings regularly must dust off their minds with the cloths of a yearning for higher morality. Otherwise our life purpose is destroyed.

MEN'S CLUB PLANS "FAMILY FROLIC"

Adult, Children's Entertainments To Be Part Of M. E. Church Fellowship Drive

As part of a church-wide program of visitation to cultivate a better acquaintance and closer fellowship among members of the congregation of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, the Men's Club of the church is planning to sponsor a "Family Frolic" at 7:45 P. M. Friday.

The program is to be divided into two sections, one for adults to be presented in the church parlors, and the other for children, to be held in the church annex.

The adult program is in charge of a committee consisting of Lloyd B. Reid, A. G. Brown, Daniel H. Swartz and Fred W. Johnson. It will include instrumental music by Matie Watkins, pianist; Edward Watkins, violinist, and Wilson Lyons, accordion; vocal selections by a girls' quartet, and several humorous skits.

An illustrated talk on birds, animals and flowers by Donald T. Ries of the Cranbrook Institute of Science will entertain the children's section of the program. It will also include games directed by adult leaders, and specially selected motion pictures. The committee in charge is composed of George Steelman and James W. Parry.

The two groups together will be served refreshments by the commissary committee in charge of E. A. Parks and the service committee under C. P. Davey. All members and friends of the church are invited.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY

Dr. Herbert E. Moore, 383 Hamlon avenue: "I believe the State of Michigan should cancel 50 per cent of all delinquent taxes and refund the remainder over five years, on condition that current taxes for the next five years will be paid on time and in full."

7:30 Sunday Evening
SITTING BULL BOY
Grandson of Chief Sitting Bull of the Sioux Indians
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BUSINESS UPTURN IN 1933 PREDICTED

Wolverine Head Believes Replacement Trade Will Bring Revival

"We are not optimists. We have infinite faith in Oakland County and fully expect, from indications already appearing above the surface, that business in 1933 will be better than it was last year."

Thus did Frederick B. Smith, 528 Ridgedale avenue, amplify his announcement today that a complete retail department of new furniture is to be added to the Wolverine Warehouse, Franklin road and the Grand Trunk Railroad, Pontiac, of which he is president and general manager.

Since 1930, the firm has dealt only in electrical appliances, but the stock of new furniture is now being added and will be in readiness by Mar. 1, Mr. Smith said. The electrical appliance department will be continued.

"Latest business reports show that people are buying more clothing and shoes, apparently to replace worn out supplies," Mr. Smith pointed out. "This replacement process is bound to extend to other lines, and we confidently expect it to affect the automobile and furniture trades next."

Hassberger Chapter Plans Installation

Simmons To Succeed Fear As Master Councilor At Public Ceremony

Hal Simmons will be installed as master councilor of Hassberger Chapter, Order of DeMolay, at public ceremonies to be held in Masonic Temple at 8 P. M. Tuesday. He will succeed Dalbert Fear, retiring councilor.

William Merz will be installed as the new senior councilor, and Jack Dawson of Redford will assume the duties of junior councilor.

A dance, with music by the chapter orchestra, will follow the ceremonies.

A Really Attractive Early American Home

Is just being finished on Westwood Drive one block north of West Maple Road, in the Quarton School District.

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Members of Auto Show Committee

H. H. Shuart

Walter J. Judd

Two local men are members of the committee sponsoring Detroit's 32nd annual Automobile Show which opened Saturday night in Convention Hall.

Mr. Shuart, of Adams road, is serving as manager of the show for the 17th consecutive year. Mr. Judd, who is the distributor of Nash cars for Michigan, lives on Lone Pine road, Bloomfield Hills.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications must be signed, but signatures will be held confidential upon request. Letters must be limited to 500 words and must be in the office of Thursday noon for publication the following Thursday.

To the Editor:

Will you kindly give space in your Peoples' Column to the following?

Reduction of the local tax on property to a rate of not more than five mills ($5 per $1,000 of assessed valuation) for the operating costs of public schools, with the state government supplying sufficient additional revenue so that public schools of Michigan can be maintained on a per pupil basis of 1923, is recommended by the Michigan Education Association.

During the past 20 years, the tax on property has supplied approximately 73 per cent of the funds for public schools, with school tax rates at the present time ranging from nothing to more than $60 per $1,000 of assessed valuation.

"A total sum of $30,975,000, in addition to an estimated $16,000,000 primary fund and a five mill local tax, would be needed in 1933-34 to supply enough revenue to operate the public schools of Michigan on a per pupil cost basis of 1923," estimates E. T. Cameron, executive secretary of the Michigan Education Association.

"These estimates allow for, (1) a net revenue of $22,500,000 to be realized in 1933-34 from the five mill local property tax, deduction having been made for a probable tax delinquency of 25 per cent; and (2) for a probable reduction in the amount of the primary school fund to $16,000,000 because of the 15 mill tax limitation amendment.

"Statistics from the State Department of Public Instruction show that the average per pupil cost in 1930-31 was $49.13," states Mr. Cameron. "Teachers salaries in Michigan already have been reduced since 1930 to the 1921 level, with rural teachers salaries in some areas being as low as those of 25 years ago. But teachers salaries were only 60 per cent of the operating costs of schools in 1931, and only 42 per cent of the total costs of public schools in 1931, the total cost including capital outlay and bonded indebtedness, according to facts presented in Research Bulletin No. 25 of the Michigan Education Association.

"The other 40 per cent of operating costs in 1931 were made up of such items as coal, lighting, books, building repair, insurance, etc. Operating costs per pupil for these items also have been considerably reduced during the past few years, but the continuous increase in the number of children going to school has increased the total cost, in spite of stringent economies. Further economy can be effected in rural areas by the establishment of larger units of school administration, and the association is asking the Legislature to take action in this respect."

It is urgent that parents of Birmingham and vicinity know the acuteness of the general state educational situation. Unless the present legislature acts courageously, and wisely, it will be impossible to carry on our local schools even on the present curtailed basis. If the full program asked above is carried out it will make possible only our present program for next year. The average per capita cost of operating expense for the state for 1923 was $68.18. The per capita cost of operating expense for Birmingham, according to the 1933 budget appropriation, is $69.50. At the best it seems that we shall have to curtail still farther for next year.

C. W. CRANDELL,
Superintendent of Schools.

CLOSED BANKS

To the Editor:

The letter of Mr. F. W. Shattuck, which appeared in last week's Eccentric, brings up some interesting points relative to the closed bank situation. Without passing directly on the merits of this particular plan, it cannot be denied that any plan which will provide a measure of liquidity for the frozen assets now represented in a closed bank will lend to our commercial system greater buying power.

The banking bill now in Congress provides a measure toward the same end, but if for any reason the banking bill does not pass, some such measure as is suggested by Mr. Shattuck should be considered.

There is no question but that deflation has now gone too far. With about as much gold in the country now as in 1929, values of all assets here have depreciated probably a hundred to two hundred billion dollars.

When it becomes generally recognized that commodity, stock and realty prices are definitely on the upward trend relative to gold or money prices, all advantage will have been lost in the retention of money, either as hoarded gold or currency or as idle bank deposits, except for necessary financial transactions.

A strong incentive to part with money will naturally bring about a circulation of money and credits far greater than that now existing and will accomplish the same buying power as increased currency

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Exchangites Hear Convention Report

Birmingham Exchange Club members Tuesday noon were given a brief report of the annual convention of Michigan Affiliated Exchange Clubs, held last Sunday and Monday in Detroit. Harry S. Starr, H. Kenneth Bingham, Dr. James Riley, and Ralph C. Moulthrop went as delegates from the local club. Their report of the convention showed that Exchange Clubs in Michigan, although suffering some loss in membership during the past year, are in a healthy condition, and are doing effective community work throughout the state.

Considerable applause was shown by the convention when Dr. Riley briefly outlined the valuable work being done here in Birmingham through the free dental clinic, sponsored by local Exchangites.

Verne A. Earle, of Muskegon, was elected new president of the state clubs.

GIRL, BROTHER FINED FOR BEING DRUNK

One man was fined for drunk driving, and another man and his sister were fined for being drunk when arraigned before Justice David Levinson following their arrest in a car on North Woodward avenue at 4:50 A. M. Monday.

The driver, Joseph Ovadek, 23 years old, was fined $25. Louis Valasek, 22, was fined $15 and his sister, Margaret Valasek, also 22, was fined $10. All three gave their addresses as Flushing, Mich.

LERCHEN IS NAMED OFFICER OF D. A. C.

William G. Lerchen of West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, was chosen first vice-president of the Detroit Athletic Club at the annual meeting of the directors Friday noon. William M. Dillon of Detroit was elected president.

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AUDIT OF SPECIAL FIRE FUND ASKED

Resolution Requires Assessment District To Be Charged For Expenditures

A resolution requiring the auditors to draw up a list of expenditures which should be charged to the fire department fund from the time of the establishment of the special fire department assessment district in the fall of 1931 up to the present was adopted by the Bloomfield Township Board Monday afternoon.

The resolution was introduced by Justice David Levinson, who pointed out that the expenditures had been made from the general fund in the absence of sufficient monies in the fire department fund. Special assessment taxes were levied for the latter fund in both 1931 and 1932, but only a small percentage was collected. The resolution will make it mandatory for the expenditures to be charged against the fire department fund, and for the general fund to be re-imbursed when sufficient fire department taxes are collected.

Levinson criticized James V. Bayley, township clerk, for withholding from the township attorney a sheaf of accounts receivable which the Board had voted at a meeting several weeks ago should be turned over to the attorney for collection. Bayley said he had withheld them in order that Supervisor Perry A. Vaughan could make some necessary adjustments. They were given to Floyd A. Blakeslee, the attorney, at the meeting.

Levinson also asked the auditors for a detailed statement as to the condition of the highway improvement fund, especially as regards the sums owed the fund by the municipalities of Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham for work done by the highway department.

GASOLINE FIRE EXTINGUISHED

Gasoline spilled into a sewer beneath a manhole cover beside the Eastern Michigan Motorbus garage on South Woodward avenue became ignited early last Thursday morning, but was extinguished by firemen before any damage was done.

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MINTLING RETURNS FROM NICARAGUA

Local Flier One Of 22 Marine Pilots Ending Five-Year Service

Private Charles G. Mintling, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mintling, 251 Martin street, is one of 22 United States Marine Corps fliers who have just returned to the Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va., from active duty in Nicaragua, according to information reaching here this week from Marine headquarters.

The return of the fliers marks the culmination of five years of hazardous duty during which time 40,000 hours were spent in the air, 7,000,000 pounds of freight, ranging from rations and ice to Fordson tractors and native donkeys, were transported, and, in addition to the regular aviation personnel, 21,000 passengers were carried.

The flight from Nicaragua, a distance of more than 2,500 miles, was made by a force of 22 planes, including amphibians, observation and transport ships. These same planes have been engaged in a lively combat with bandit ground troops on not less than 150 occasions and many times have been struck by hostile fire.

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RECKLESS DRIVER HELD AFTER CHASE

Arrested by Patrolman Leo Sijers after a chase on Woodward avenue which ended only at the Eleven Mile road, Norman R. Wilson of Detroit was sentenced to pay a $15 fine or spend 10 days in jail for reckless driving when arraigned Monday morning before Justice Floyd S. Buck. Wilson was charged with travelling 55 miles an hour through the business section of the village.

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Coffee ... lb.	30c
Peaches—large can	20c
Pears—large can	23c
Linden Creamery Butter ... lb.	24c
Self Rising Buckwheat Flour 5 lb. sack	24c
24½-lb. Sack Defiance Pastry Flour	44c
Mich. Cream Cheese—Very choice ... lb.	18c
Pure LEAF LARD ... lb.	9c
Choice—Pot roast of Beef ... lb.	12c
Fresh Dressed Roasting Chickens ... lb.	20c
Round Steak—choice cuts ... lb.	20c

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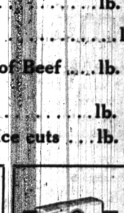

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