

Marriage Made Known

Of interest to friends of the young couple is the announcement of the marriage of Miss Ruth Luscombe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Luscombe of Yorkshire road and Raymond Todd, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Todd of Royal Oak. The marriage was solemnized March 21 in Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd are making their home in Royal Oak.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—
Allen Arachd, local photographer. "Every spring, as trout season time gets nearer I get the itch to wade a Michigan stream. It is a grand sport—a new picture at every bend of the river."

THIRTY YEARS OF BUSINESS HERE IS RECORD OF SHAIN'S

Druggist Recalls Time When Community Was Dairy Center

Thirty years ago Charles J. Shain, local druggist, bought out the Whitehead and Mitchell combination grocery and drug store at the corner of Pierce and West Maple Avenues. To mark this three decades anniversary of his business, Mr. Shain recently published an attractive six page booklet, an interesting feature of which is an excerpt from his first advertisement in the April 6, 1906 issue of The Eccentric.

Mr. Shain was born on the Rudge Farm on Quarton Road. He worked for the Whitehead and Mitchell firm for a short time and then went to Pontiac, being employed by a drug store for three years. He returned to his former employers' service then and a short time later purchased the business. "When I first came here, this was a dairy center, the farmers shipping their milk to Detroit via the D.C.R. The principal source of revenue came from the bi-monthly milk checks," Mr. Shain stated.

A humorous incident of earlier days here was recalled by Mr. Shain. He said that when he bought a pocketbook from him, tossing the old wallet out into the mud and climbing down the store after carefully emptying the contents. A teamster, chancing to pass, noticed the article embedded in the mud and climbed down, dashed around in the mire and succeeded in extracting the discarded pocketbook. When he found it empty he was quite dejected. Mr. Shain said, adding that when Mr. Bigelow began ribbing the teamster for his trouble, dejection turned to anger and the ribcorder had to be discarded through the back door of the store.

"When I first started work here in Birmingham was a town of approximately 1000 and we used to close our store at 9 o'clock during work days while on Sundays we remained closed all day," Mr. Shain asserted.

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proposal is surprisingly simple. It is that most of the values in land are "artificially created." That is, nothing the owner himself has done has increased the value of the land itself. No, it is the growth of the community, the erection of other buildings, the laying of roads, that increase the value of any particular piece of land.

Those of you who studied economics in school or college probably will remember that handsome phrase "unearned increment." That is, increased value or income that comes to persons without their earning it. It is the unearned increment in land which Henry George would tax.

Any increase in the value of land is caused solely by action of all of us, he pointed out. That is, a particular piece of property gains added value either as a farm or as a building site, because of what a society does. Some one builds a railroad and thereby increases the value of the land. Any improvements to the land, such as fertilizing, erecting the erection of buildings, are additional. Those acts clearly improve the value of the combination, land plus improvements. We have become accustomed to thinking of these as ours. But, George points out, these are two separate and distinct items. The value of the land, before anyone does anything to it, or even after it is turned into a farm, is increased materially by what society does.

Similarly with land in a city. A vacant lot gains value as a building site for a factory or business in just one way. What? Why, obviously only through the growth and development of the community. This is the action of society alone. Society, then, should get the benefit, says George.

Anything that the owner does to improve the land by erecting buildings, etc., would not be taxed at all, under the George plan. Nothing that is the product of man's labor, either on a farm or a city lot, would be taxed.

The single tax, then, proposes only to take for society in the form of taxes the increased value which society alone has created in land alone.

In "Progress and Poverty" Henry George develops this idea. He shows how all land once was community property and contends that it became "personal" property wrongfully and that it should be discussed that in these few lines.

But I believe I can honestly say that I have never come across any idea that sounded more sensible I hope you can read the book. Anyhow, you'll probably be reading more about it now and then in this column.

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point Paul Nelson, 486 to 240 votes. Harry Shultz was made a member of the Board of Review without competition, receiving 496 ballots. Eight men ran for the four vacancies of Constables and those elected include: William Renshaw, 509 votes, Harry Grant, 385 votes, Howard LaFrance, 372 votes, and John Beach, 370 votes. Samuel Brandon, Harold Munger, Joseph Ebertson and Jack Attenberger were the losing candidates.

CHOSEN CONSTABLE

Mr. Montgomery received 467 votes to win the position of Constable. Philip C. Lambert, his opponent and present incumbent received 324 votes.

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Another group sharing the negative of the issue are those who are deeply concerned with the growing expense of governmental operations. The educator stated, adding that they labor under the impression that much of the increased cost of national government is traceable to our school system. The fourth and last of the opponents of expanded education have their eyes on the point that too many white collar workers would be created, flooding the market for executive positions and fomenting discontent.

Turning to proponents of greater educational facilities, Dean Edmondson said they have also four distinct groups. One group is composed of optimists, he stated. They believe a well planned program of education will solve many of our social problems. Another of the proponents are parents of school children who naturally favor such a plan, the dean said. There are those who, as public spirited citizens, feel that youth cannot be allowed to roam and loiter at will and that greater opportunities for schooling would eliminate such a chance for idleness, Dean Edmondson pointed out. He then named the fourth and last group as those who possess definite information on the actual facts and know that we are not educating too many in our schools today.

Dean Edmondson said that President Hoover appointed a National Resource Board to study and outline both human and material resources in this country. Some of the findings, as given out by that board, show that human resources today are reckoned at 100 billions of dollars, and that there is an appalling neglect of human resources in America, even of which is found in the fact that, there are 10 million adults who are fully able to produce income, but who are restricted opportunities hamper them. Another significant fact, said the educator, the vote of four million people, passed the age of 10, cannot read or write.

Presenting the analysis showed that we are not doing as much in our educational program as we should, referring to the fact that the many of our high schools are emphasizing work on college preparatory subjects, instead of stressing vocational training. In continuing his talk, he stated that America needs new types of schools to handle children who do not fit into our system of education. The need for such adjustments in our educational program is out of every 20 children now in school will eventually spend some time in a mental for a mentally deficient, he asserted.

"We cannot expect to succeed in Democracy unless we emphasize the path of office work in our program in the states and throughout the country," Dean Edmondson said, continuing. "An educational program for adults is also needed to promote greater happiness."

The educator predicts a future crime wave for this country because, "boys now 10 to 24 years of age, out of work and out of school, have been neglected and they will take their revenge in as they are some future date that we did not provide for them in time."

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under the general welfare clause of the Constitution was really an effort to change the wording of the document from "general welfare" to "specific welfare for a special group."

The address was judicial, politically impartial and highly interesting and instructive to those attending the meeting.

Siedenburg to Speak

It was announced by the farm committee that Rev. Frederic Siedenburg, S. J., Executive Dean of the "University of Detroit," will speak next Tuesday evening on "Human Security." It was said that the lecture will pertain to problems of labor and unemployment.

Reverend Siedenburg studies economics and sociology at St. Louis University and at the University of Berlin and of Innsbruck, Vienna. He has written and lectured on economic and industrial problems for many years, and from the beginning has been a staunch advocate of the New Deal.

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P. C. Lambert, present incumbent, who had 334 ballots to his credit.

Precinct Voting

In Precinct 1, located at the Holy Name School on Harmon Avenue, 157 votes were cast. In the second precinct, in the Adams School, 221 ballots were recorded while 384 votes were recorded at Precinct 3, located at the Municipal Building. The precinct polled the heaviest vote. Precinct 4, located at S. O. Wylie Bell's garage recorded the lightest vote, only 60 ballots being cast. In Precinct 5, located in the Methodist Embury, Church, 83 votes were polled. The vote precincts turned in a total of 914 votes.

Special Meeting

Birmingham's City Commission will hold a special meeting tonight in City Hall to certify the election returns. It will be the final session before the organization meeting, which will be held next Monday night at which time the newly elected commissioners will take office, replacing the two retiring commissioners, Mayor Harry Allen and Arthur J. Brandt.

At the organization meeting Monday night, the oath of office will be administered to Moody, Heacock and Palmer after which the Commission will elect a mayor. Appointments will be made also. Four supervisors to the Oakland County Board will be appointed. The charter provides that two of the supervisors may be city officials while the others must be selected from citizens at large in this community.

FOR CITY COMMISSION
First Three Elected

Name	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Moody, W. E.	125	163	251	35	35	609
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Tuggey, A. J.	35	67	142	28	46	318
Wilkinson, D. B.	48	64	145	21	29	307
Lowman, M.	31	73	130	21	40	295
Brandt, A. J.	21	22	40	6	3	92

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Three Year Term—First Two Elected

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BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Lee A. White, of Brookside Drive, will represent The Detroit News at a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, to be held in Washington, D. C., April 17. Mr. White will discuss the subject: "The Right of Privacy."

Verne Griffith, local fire chief, is an ardent trout fisherman—one who looks forward each year to the opening of the season. He and Dr. Alvin Symons, of Villa Road, are planning a few days the last of this month on the Au Sable and Wolf rivers.

Lovers of antiques in Birmingham are invited to attend an exhibition of old and interesting furniture, china, glass and other articles, which will open at the Royal Oak Woman's Club, Tuesday, April 10, from 7 to 10 p. m., and continue April 22 and 23rd, between the hours of 1 to 5 p. m., and 7 to 10 p. m. Mrs. Martin J. Wendell of North Woodward avenue is in charge of tickets. Proceeds of the exhibit will be used for charity.

Flood Relief funds, for the State of Michigan, in the United States, raised by the Red Cross here and in Bloomfield Hills, total \$12,234, according to Mrs. H. H. Corson, local chairman. The money was subscribed within a week and represents a sum far in excess of the original amount set for the two cities.

Former Birmingham girls are helping to make history at the University of Michigan. At the annual installation banquet of the Michigan League, Miss Mary Lambie of the class of '37, was installed as vice-president representing the College of Architecture. Miss Betty Roura was one of the thirteen junior women who was "tapped" for Senior Society, the honorary society for the independent group. Miss Rita Wellman was installed as chairman of the Women's Athletic Association. Her sorority, the Alpha Delta Pi, won the "activity cup."

Elizabeth White, freshman, was appointed one of the sports managers by the senior board of the Women's Athletic Association, Tuesday afternoon, March 31.

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Fourteen permits were issued by Egbert's office the past month, the report shows. Nine of them were for single family residences, valuation being placed at \$193,000. One permit was issued for a business office, the cost being \$300. The right to effect alterations on three buildings were granted by the inspector's office, the estimated cost being \$1,325. One permit was issued for a private dwelling, the cost being placed at \$95.

A comparison with the past two months shows that in January 11 permits were issued for new buildings and alterations, the total valuation being \$83,750. For February, 7 permits were issued for new buildings and alterations at a cost of \$54,200. It is from this report that valuation of building permits for March doubled the amount shown for the preceding 30-day period and was well over the February total.

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