

Gratitude is a kind of coin that makes purchases in any land, in any language. People who really can be grateful generally have many things to be grateful for.

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PART TWO

New System Will Follow Program Of State Economy

In accordance with the late Governor Fitzgerald's program of strict economy in government, Harry F. Kelly has established a new system of license plate distribution in the Detroit area which he believes will save nearly

\$100,000 in a 12 month period. Kelly placed twelve Detroit branch offices on a salary basis instead of fees on February 1 and on March 15 issued figures showing a saving of nearly \$27,000 over the same period in 1938. "This change in policy will be confined to the Detroit area only," Kelly said. "There a survey disclosed branch office managers being paid as high as \$9,000 in the rush period in February. We are now paying salaries to managers of these branches and I believe the public will welcome this huge saving."

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Wizard Explains Reproduction Of Foreign Plants

By Lindo Moore

When you engage in the usual struggle with your morning grocer and foods that you ever wonder where the thing came from and why it is called "Grapefruit"? Or how it is that any Michigan grocer can give you the once rare navel orange? Or just how the exotic bird-of-paradise blooms came to your florist's window?

The answer is very probably David Fairchild, who has done more to introduce to this country of unusual semi-tropical delicacies and plants to the American public than any other man. For nearly 30 years, Dr. Fairchild was in charge of the division of foreign plant explorations and introduction in the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

His book, *The World Was Made for Me* is the story of his life, which has been spent in the ceaseless pursuit of new fruits and foods that could be grown in America. The trail led him to strange parts of the Globe—the South Sea Islands, Siam, Ceylon, The Dutch East Indies and other even more remote regions. For the treasuries of western United States, he found the Shoran wine used to a cold, dry climate; for the paint and varnish makers he suggested the tung oil tree; for the American table he found countless delicacies, and American gardens are the more beautiful for his subtropical flowers and trees. With his importations he experimented until steadily he brought his original plants, cuttings, grew willingly on the American soil.

The Strivings, by Edwin Lanham. A down-to-earth story of Oklahoma and the story of red-haired Jay Strickland who could hardly manage to keep out of trouble.

Here Comes a Candle, by Storm Jameson. A story of a young man who had a proud and handsome house. Now it had run down. This is the restful story of its midday restoration and the days of shipmaster who turned slave traders.

Lincoln in Illinois, by Robert Sherwood. A play based on the life of Lincoln from his early youth to the time he was elected president.

The Garden Dictionary, ed. by Norman Taylor. Everything that the amateur gardener (professionals) might want to know is discussed in this one-volume encyclopedia. The material is so arranged that whether the gardener lives east or west, north or south, he finds the answers to his questions related according to climate.

Flaubert and Madam Bovary, by Francis Steegmuller. An account of the famous French novelist and his wife's life which he devoted to the creation of one of his most famous characters.

He Opened the Door of China, by Carl Crow. The life of Townsend Harris, first American envoy to the Land of the Rising Sun, persuaded to admit foreigners, opened its doors grudgingly to the United States. Townsend Harris, one-time china-ware merchant of New York who was responsible more than any other for the Occidentalization of Japan.

Two Lifetimes in One, by Marie Beyman Ray. How to conserve energy, how to prevent fatigue and how to "have energy to burn" is the secret disclosed by woman who has practiced her own precepts.

The Big Bender, by Charles Clapp. A frank autobiography depicting the regeneration of a habitual drunkard through a long and hard experience.

The American Woman's Cook Book, edited by Ruth Berzelheimer. A beautifully illustrated manual of the gentle art of cookery. It handles numerous problems from the bride's first struggles with cooking for two, to what dish to set before a visiting Russian.

Ballet in the Ballet and Murder à la Stroganoff, by Caryl Brahms. Arg two hilariously mysterious detective stories told against the backstage intrigue of a large ballet troupe.

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Series To Decide Championship For City League

The Y. M. C. A. basketball league will start its post-season playoffs to determine the city championship at Baldwin High school gymnasium next Thursday night, March 20. Teams holding top four positions in the league standings will participate.

Milks, in first place, will meet and DeMolay, who finished second in the season's standings, will meet the fourth place contender. At present Sherman and Cranbrook are tied for fourth place. These teams will meet at the Cranbrook gymnasium to determine who plays DeMolay in the finals.

On Thursday, April 6, the city championship will be the prize fought for by the winners of the two contests next week. As an added feature on this night the Michigan Bell girls' team of Pontiac will play an exhibition game with the Keego Harbor girls' team. Five Birmingham girls are on the roster of the Michigan Bell team which should give this game plenty of local interest.

Final Games Played

The league held its final games of a ten-night schedule last Thursday as Milks defeated Recreation 27-22 to gain undisputed possession of first place and DeMolay was defeated by Cranbrook 31-27 which showed them into second place in the standings with Recreation holding third place and a tie between Cranbrook and Sherman for the fourth position.

Sherman won its contest from Pecks on a forfeit, thereby forcing a game to be played between Pecks to gain a playoff position. Cranbrook defeated DeMolay in a nip and tuck battle in the final game to settle the finish but just before the gun sounded, Cranbrook tied the score and forced an overtime period. Two successive baskets by Lapham for Cranbrook sewed up the game as the final tally showed Cranbrook 31-27 points to DeMolay's 27. This made a tie for the first playoff position left as the first four teams are at about an even keel.

Score Tied In Third

A victory by Recreation over Milka would have resulted in a three way tie for first place in the final contest of the evening, but Recreation was unable to continue its opening pace. Recreation led 7-4 at the end of the first quarter and 14-12 at the half-way mark. At the end of the third quarter the score was knotted at 16-16. Milks pulled away in the final quarter as it scored 11 points to Recreation's six for a final score of 27-23.

The final standings of the league are as follows:

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Milks	8 2
DeMolay	7 3
Recreation	6 4
Sherman	4 6
Cranbrook	4 6
Pecks	1 9

2nd Amendment Wins Support of Group Leaders

Within recent weeks, proponents of the non-partisan judiciary amendment which provides for a non-partisan election, by the people, of justices of the Michigan Supreme Court, Circuit Court judges and judges of probate, are Circuit Court Commissioners, have carried their program of education to every community in Michigan.

The proposal to amend the State Constitution will be on the ballot at the spring election, April 5.

Under the slogan, "Let's take our judges out of partisan politics," a citizens' committee has enlisted the support of leaders of both the Republican and Democratic parties, professional and civic organizations, and the support of labor.

At its Golden Jubilee, the Michigan Federation of Labor passed a resolution endorsing the non-partisan elective proposal.

Three former Michigan governors, Chase S. Osborn, Alex J. Groesbeck, and William A. Cooch, have voiced its merits.

A poll of Circuit Court judges reveals that 75 per cent of the 68 incumbent judges are in favor of the adoption of the amendment to take their judicial office out of the realm of partisan politics. Six others have declined to commit themselves, and only two have expressed any opposition to its proposal.

About Your Public School

This information is furnished by the Birmingham Board of Education in cooperation with The Eccentric.

1. What is an "Accredited" High School? Is Baldwin High School, Birmingham, an accredited listing?

A.—There are three kinds of recognition of the worthwhileness and adequacy of high schools in Michigan.

1. The State Department of Public Instruction approves the high schools of the state for tuition purposes. This list includes a number of small high schools offering limited opportunities. They tend to meet the specific needs of the community rather than university requirements. The list includes the larger school, also, and Birmingham is on this list.

2. The University of Michigan places high schools on their "accredited" list after examination and approval. "Qualified, recommended graduates" from these schools are admitted to the university without being required to take entrance examinations. Birmingham has been on this list continuously since 1894.

3. These are several regional accrediting associations which pass on the standing of high schools and higher institutions. The association which is effective in this territory is the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Qualified, recommended graduates of the high schools on the approved list of the North Central Association are admitted to the colleges and universities in the territories covered by the other accrediting associations in general accept graduates from North Central schools. Birmingham has been continuously on the approved list since 1912.

There are a few colleges who have their acceptance of high school graduates on the records made by former graduates of the school when enrolled in the college. None of these colleges has refused our graduates as far as we know—certainly not in recent years.

Country Estate in Bloomfield

Little known is this attractive country residence in the Hills. Superbly built, of rural English architecture, its setting is one of broad lawns, mature planting and stately trees. The 2 1/2 acre site allows complete privacy, yet one has a definite feeling of spaciousness.

All rooms are generously proportioned and the house is planned for comfort. Ample accommodation is found in 4 large Bedrooms, one with adjoining Dressing Room, and 2 tiled Baths.

Here is that rarely found combination an attractive home in a lovely country setting at a reasonable price. The most discriminating buyer will find the house in excellent condition. The price is \$175,000.

Water Safety Course Will Be Offered

W. C. Lucey, first aid and life saving representative of the mid-western branch of the American Red Cross, will conduct a water safety instructors' course in Oakland County beginning Monday, March 27, according to Kline T. Hartman, life saving chairman of the Oakland County chapter.

Mr. Lucey will assist the Chapter in its efforts to reduce the hazards of aquatics and will qualify new Water Safety Instructors. The course will be held Monday, at 7 p. m. at the Royal Oak High School; Tuesday, at 7 p. m. at the Royal Oak High School; Wednesday, at 7 p. m. at the Hazel Park School; Thursday at 7 p. m. at the Pontiac High School; Friday at 7 p. m. at the Pontiac High School.

What is Habit

Habit is the enormous flywheel of society, its most precious conservative agent.—William James.

Largest Stamp To Be Exhibited In Philatelic Show

The Oakland County Philatelic Association will mark its second anniversary Saturday, April 1, with a program and exhibition to be held at the Birmingham Community House. The exhibition will be open to the public from 1 p. m. to 11 p. m. Dinner will be served at the House for those exhibiting and their friends, at 7 p. m.

As a forerunner of the stamp show, the largest stamp known in philatelic circles which will be included in the exhibit, will be on display at Wilson's Drug Store during the coming week. Among other features of the show will be approximately 70 frames of rare collections of stamps. A trophy will be awarded for the best exhibit, and there will be other awards also.

Birmingham members of the club are Dr. James Howell, chairman; Fred Raitney, chairman of the arrangement committee and Maurice R. Giesel, chairman of the banquet and ticket committees.

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