Lack of discipline in our public schools today is already being felt in the refusal of so many to regard their state's and nation's laws as worthy of enforcement.

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as of DECEMBER 31, 1940

ASSETS

First Mortgage Loans	$614,969.09
Loans secured by Savings Share Accounts	5,471.92
Real Estate sold on Contract	20,450.67
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank	7,500.00
Office Building: Furniture and Fixtures	11,064.95
Other Assets	457.75
Cash on hand and in Banks	63,007.73
Total Assets	$722,922.11

LIABILITIES

Savings and Investment Share Accounts	$608,157.75
Federal Home Loan Bank Advances	35,000.00
Dividends declared and unpaid	1,363.50
Mortgage Loans in Process	46,291.94
Advance payments by borrowers (taxes, insurance, etc.)	11,106.02
Other Liabilities	2,071.01
Reserves and Undivided Profits	18,431.89
Total Liabilities	$722,922.11

State of Michigan,
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I, W. L. Moreland, Vice-President and Secretary of the Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan Association, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. L. MORELAND,
Vice-President & Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1941.

HAZEL E. LAWLER,
Notary Public,
Oakland County, Michigan.

My commission expires March 2, 1941.

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"Tea for Two"

Katie Drumm, of Auld Scotia, Tells of Her Friend, Ramsay MacDonald

. . Visits with Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills Women . .

By NELLIE HURLEY MINIFIE

SHE'S the kind of a woman, Katie Drumm is, that you call by her first name the instant you meet her. She's like that, Katie Drumm is.

She's simple, straight forward and the friendliest soul on earth. She is proud of everything she has ever done or stood for, and she is proud—

—est of all of her Scotland.

She's proud of the country of her birth, that land of the thistle; she's proud of her three grown children: Susie, Jimmie and Kitty, and she's so very proud of those rapscallion twin grandsons, Mark and Jimmie Reed, who live with her.

They're little imps, those Reeds are. They don't talk yet but they can get into everything that is within their chubby little arms' reach. But they are ingratiatingly friendly little monkeys; they sidle up close to you, rub your coat sleeves with their sticky little hands, even stoop down and try to remove your shoes.

Little Busybodies

Just when they are quiet and you think everything is under control they appear on the horizon with orange on their face and all over their hands. With their chubby little legs spread fat apart, they stand in front of you and rub what remains of the orange into their hair. I know for I saw them do it.

But best of all I liked the little dickens—was it Jimmie or Mark?—who took half of what remained of his grandmother's Christmas fruit cake, broke it into fair sized chunks and loaded it carefully into his dump truck that stood in the corner of the dining room.

But this was to have been Katie's story, not the twins! And so it will be, too.

Mostly we talked about Ramsay MacDonald, one-time British prime minister, and Katie's friend nearly 45 years ago back in Edinburgh. We brought back to life with our conversation Katie's trip to Washington 11 years ago to meet England's premier who was making an official visit to the capital.

It's an old story but Katie still tells it as well as if it had happened only yesterday. MacDonald was a guest at the Vincent Massey home—Massey was then Canadian ambassador to the United States—when he saw Mrs. Drumm's daughter, Susie, who was employed by the Masseys, and whom he had known in Scotland.

"He walked up and shook hands with her and asked, 'how's your mother?' Susie told him that I was in the States. 'It must be 25 years since I've seen her,' Mr. MacDonald answered. Then my daughter wired me to come to Washington and I packed my bag and left."

Surprise Appearance

Those were probably the most exciting 10 days of her life. Her single suitcase clutched tightly in her hand, Katie arrived at the vast Washington depot one thoroughly bewildered woman. To the Masseys she was hurried, every servant in the household was pressed into action to ready the visitor for her surprise appearance before MacDonald, who had not the faintest idea that his friend was making the journey.

It was at a large reception that she saw him once again after 25 years. Across the expanse of a huge library, living room and dining room that had been made over for this reception, England's premier viewed her in utter dismay. "Well, Kate!" was all that he could say.

Newspaper accounts of the visit 11 years ago say that when the two old friends sat down to talk in Washington it was not a story of the Prince and the Pauper nor a Rosie O'Grady and the Colonel's Lady session. The Great and the Humble were on one plane. Remembrances flew fast and there was much news for each to tell.

"Ramsay MacDonald," the accounts reveal, "remembered easily enough his harangues on the street corner before what strapping he could make listen to his burning message; a message which years later caused industrial and political leaders throughout the world to take heed."

It was 50 years ago that MacDonald went to Edinburgh, Katie recalls, a country boy, harboring radical views which had made him uncomfortable with his little village of Weeks in the highlands. He went there burning with the ambition of youth, to conquer the world.

Lived with her Brothers

Back in Weeks he had known some youths who had later come to Edinburgh. Naturally he went to make his home with them and they were Katie's brothers. He found work in the city, driving trucking carts and doing odd jobs. He was a tireless worker and ambitious. He went to work for a railroad company in Edinburgh where he drove a horse for a week and then was taken into the office.

He was a great man, Katie will tell you, because he never lost the common touch. Really great men never do, she believes. Henry Ford, for instance, he has never lost that touch, she says.

And then she launched immediately into another story. This one was of a Detroit newspaper man who encountered Ford at Convention Hall one day and asked the auto magnate what he would ask of one wish might be granted him. Henry Ford's answer was as simple as the question which prompted it. "I would wish," Katie's story says, "that I might once again walk down those old streets and see the friends I once knew."

Mrs. Katie Drumm

When this story was repeated to Katie Drumm by the newspaper man who posed the question, she never quite forgot the request and for his 70th birthday she penned the following poem which she immediately dispatched to Ford:

Take me back to the little town
The streets where I used to play,
I would wander the pathways down
And look to the fairaway.
I long to see the aged wall where sparrows used to play
And to see a baby snatch with the windows opened wide;
Take me down through those misty years
The old way I used to tread,
And hear the songs my mother sang
As she tucked me into bed.
Oh take me back through those happy years
To the long, long ago,
And leave me there with my smiles and tears
And the friends I used to know."

The poem was signed just "K. Drumm" and from Henry Ford himself came a note addressed to "Mrs. K. Drumm" in which he stated that this poem expressed in words what he had long felt.

Meets Orson Welles

Katie Drumm is full of stories, each told in her own inimitable way in her thick Scotch brogue.

I liked the one about Orson Welles that goes something like this: Katie was in New York when her grandsons were born following an accident in which their father was killed and their mother emerged from a coma between life and death. A friend arranged for her to stay at a small theatrical hotel.

One afternoon she was sitting along, minding her own business, when a scowling, chubby young man approached her, his chin sunk down upon his chest, his face covered with an ugly leer. He stared at her morosely for a moment and then kicked her chair likely a very determined, naughty boy.

Immediately Katie bristled. "Don't you know you are very rude?" she started to sputter when he stopped her with a dramatic wave of his hand. "Do you know who I am?" he asked in a bass voice that belied his youthful face. Katie replied just as firmly that she had no idea and furthermore didn't particularly interested. "I," he boomed, "am Orson Welles."

And then humbly, like a very small boy begging your pardon for some so naughty, he paid her this compliment: "For a moment," he said, "I thought you were my mother. You look so much like she does."

It was at this selfsame little hotel that she became acquainted with Boake Carter, then an important radio figure. Each afternoon everyone gathered for tea and once in a while Katie, delightful Scotch burr and all would recite a few of the poems that she was always writing.

Wins Poetry Contest

Orson Welles never quite forgot about those poems for after she had returned home he wrote her telling her of a World's Fair poetry competition which he felt sure she would be qualified to enter. A few months after her poems had been entered—all was two years ago—she was notified that as the winner out of 21,000 entries submitted she was entitled to a trip to New York City.

The babies were small and she couldn't leave them, nor could she take them with her. Down at her desk she sat and wrote to Boake Carter's wife, asking if he might get the money for her, rather than a New York trip.

Carter's reply was just a short one but he told her, "I'll see that you get everything that's coming to you, Katie Drumm." A check for $250 "reached her shortly thereafter."

No story of Katie would be complete without at least a brief mention of Death Valley Scotty, whom she is positive is her brother who left his home in Scotland many years ago never to be heard of again.

She knows he is her brother because pictures of him show the same scar on his left arm that her brother received from burns suffered in rescuing little from the family home that burned when both were young.

First this brother went to India then left for Africa never to be heard from again. He is Death Valley Scotty, she knows.

Street Lighting Request Tabled

A petition signed by Mrs. Ernest J. Shipman, 1460 Maryland boulevard, and other neighbors asking a street light, was filed on the table by the City Commission Monday night. Several weeks ago Mrs. Shipman attended a meeting and related of boys with air rifles shooting holes in her windows, and she asked a street light. Since, however, the trouble has ceased in the city.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert related to the Commission that the budget for street lighting is now $14,000 a year and that it costs $40 a year for every new light. He declared that there are many spots in the city in darkness and it was his opinion that the needs of several other places are more pressing.

The petition was also signed by Heber P. Gahm, Ray A. LeMoyne and S. E. Ross.

Jackson, Builder, Seeks Improvement of Webster Street

Improvement of Webster street east of Torrey was requested in a letter sent to the City Commission Monday by E. S. Jackson, a builder. Jackson pointed out that he now has five homes under construction on Webster and intended to continue east of Torrey where the street is now in bad condition.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert told the Commission that he hesitated to have the work done until most of the assessments are paid in advance. "The city would have considerable money tied up if it is paid for over a five year period," he said.

"FHA will not insure mortgages until the improvement is made."

Two Cars Crash At Maple, Southfield

Southfield and West Maple was a crash scene last Saturday afternoon when cars collided driven by Donald Claude Price, 880 Cranbrook road, going west on Maple, and Jack Boston, of 315 Wilson street, Pontiac, approaching the intersection on Southfield. Price told police that Boston failed to stop for the through street, and that at the impact, his accelerator jammed and the car struck a pole. Boston reported that he had stopped.

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What Your City Commission Is Doing—

December 30, 1940

Bills and transfers in the amount of $8,325.75 were approved.

The Sign Ordinance was amended to permit a reasonably adequate sign for theatres.

Initial Merchants License issued to Paul B. Mann.

License was issued to D. G. Hayes for the operation of a Roller Skating Rink at 347 South Woodward.

Resolution approved authorizing the refunding of bonds in the amount of $848,875 with the expectation of securing a low interest rate.

Resolution providing for a hearing January 20, 1941 on the improvement of Grant Street and the creation of a Special Assessment District to defray the cost thereof.

Hearings called January 27, 1941 on the vacation of alleys in Bright Lawn Subdivision, Rosemount Subdivision and Oakland Villas Annex.

A refund in the amount of $72.92 authorised to the Cambridge Road Assessment District.

ELIZABETH J. SHERIDAN
Deputy City Clerk

LAWRENCE TECH

The announcement was made this week by Roy A. Smith, student adviser of Lawrence Institute of Technology, that EDWARD SPICER, a graduate of Baldwin High School, has made grades that entitle him to a place on the freshman honor roll.

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Change Ordinance To Aid Theatre

A second amendment to the Birmingham sign ordinance to fit the needs of the new Bloomfield Theatre was passed by the City Commission last Monday night.

Several months ago, the rule was changed to permit a sign over the sidewalk bearing words showing changes of program. Ordinarily, no sign may extend over the sidewalk.

Then question arose over the name itself, which could have been built without restraint if vertical, like the Birmingham Theatre sign. However, the new theatre's operators desire the name, "Bloomfield" to be built in free-standing block letters a yard high extending horizontally over the marquee.

After considerable debate, the Commission decided that the request should be acceded to, and the ordinance was amended.

Drawings for the new marquee, which will be triangular in shape instead of the usual rectangle, were submitted to the Commission Monday night, but no action was taken.

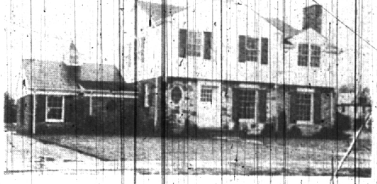
Quick Action Saves Oil Stove Explosion

Quick action on the part of Mrs. Raymond Schornak, 1360 Webster street, prevented serious damage by fire to their home at 2:46 p. m. last Thursday. When an oil stove burst into flames she grabbed the reservoir at the end of the stove and carried it outside, making an explosion impossible. The fire was nearly burned out when fireman arrived and finished the job. Three small children were at home, also.

Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith warns that oil stoves should be inspected to see that they are level.

If your service has a fixed value, it is a trade. If you can soak the customer according to his pile, it's a profession.—Buffalo News.

Here It Is



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