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Our City Trees Will Be Saved

There is some anxiety around town, caused by the Eccentric's article last week on the city forester's plans to remove potentially dangerous soft maple trees. This, in spite of the fact that the article definitely stated the trees would be replaced wherever possible.

"Gun Fight" News

From Boston comes the news, via the Associated Press, that a crazed World War II veteran "held off fifty armed policemen for an hour in a gun fight."

Schoolboy Gets \$37,000

A seventeen-year-old school boy recently attracted attention to himself by flashing a roll of \$100 bills, while riding in a new limousine.

We second the city's action to condemn the reversionary clause in the Lincoln well deeds under which one of several property owners might be able to buy back the well site for a fraction of its real worth to the City of Birmingham.

'Tis Washington By The Duchess

Magazines are being mobilized, too. They are war weapons. Sent abroad they are seen here in Washington as the best possible propaganda "to counteract communist lies."

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Happenings of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO April 22, 1898 TUESDAY AFTERNOON the fire-brill rang, and the gallant volunteers, who had almost forgotten how it sounded...

A minister from a nearby community is registering a complaint these days. It seems that many, many couples receive his marriage benediction but very few of them come forth with spot cash for the pastor.

A new bank will be started in So. Lyon very shortly to take the place of the one that failed two weeks ago. We wonder if anyone has any money left to put in a bank? Also, will they put it in, if they have?

In these "hot" times filled with war rumors and such, keep cool, my friend, keep cool. Just buy that good, pure ice from A. Parks.

M. Lavison, proprietor of the Economy Store, owing to the increase in his business and a long misunderstanding with his agent, is moving his goods and business into the new Ford store on Maple avenue.

Twenty Years Ago

The building committee of the village commission today approved the plans for a new stoker for the municipal building. President H. T. Ellerby, in commenting on this bill, said, "We hope that this will do away with a great deal of the smoke nuisance in the vicinity of the city hall."

Agnes Richardson, teacher in the Hills School, and Henry Johnson of Flint, were selected May 26 as the date of their wedding. Both young people were born on the same day and have decided to make it a cause for a triple celebration in future years.

The 200 children of Parker School, just south of the village, were in the building by smoke Monday morning. A nearby field, covered with crude oil, threatened with suffocation as the wind drove clouds of dense, heavy smoke into all parts of the building.

Plans are underway for the annual meeting of the First Baptist Church. The session will include the election of officers, annual reports of all committees and presentation for approval of the proposed budget for the coming year.

The school board has announced that furniture for Quatro School is being ordered from Grand Rapids at once. The purchase will include 24 desks and auditorium chairs. Other orders for additional furniture and equipment are being placed with other firms.

Five Years Ago

Marcia Loomis, 10-year-old fifth grader of Adams School defeated the champion in an annual spelling contest held last week. Marcia is now eligible to compete in the finals which will be held in Detroit May 7.

Russell Berger, acting city treasurer, reports that tax collections this year are far higher than last year. Over 90 per cent of the taxes levied have already been paid for the current year.

Austin Strong, author and playwright, spoke at Cranbrook Saturday for the benefit of the Seeing Eye Dog project for the blind. He outlined many of the vital needs to assist the blind, and of the work they are able to do in the war efforts when they are able to get about freely.

Elliott S. Kinney has joined the real estate firm of Snyder, Burdett and Bennett, as a general partner. He has had a wide acquaintance among builders and architects and brings a background of considerable experience in public relations work to the firm.

A drive is being conducted here to recruit new leaders for girl scout troops here. It has been reported that there are many young girls in Birmingham who would like to join but cannot due to the shortage of leaders.

A state-wide debating contest was won last Friday by members of the Cranbrook team, Merrill Hunter and Hugh Nelson. Coached by R. J. Hille the boys took the affirmative on the question, "Resolved that a better world government be established."

A German news reel was being shown in a Norwegian theatre. When a picture of Hitler appeared a woman shouted from the audience, "Who is that?"

The light was immediately switched on and a man came on the stage and demanded: "Who was that?"

Notice is hereby given that the Pines Hollow Golf course, which premises are owned by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, has been leased to the beer, wine and spirits to lease members of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. The lease is for a term of ten days from the date thereof. Dated April 9, 1948.

Dangerous Curves Ahead



People's Column

To the Editor: April 17, 1948 In the last issue of The Eccentric was a front page article on "One Down, 499 to Go." Do you know if there is any plan to replace these trees as taken down? One of the big reasons people came to Birmingham and like living here is the general rural atmosphere, to get out of the big city.

West Maple looks very much like Ferndale. A few—say, sycamore trees—planted along where the old maples were removed would still leave plenty of sidewalk room and keep Maple looking like the town we all like.

To the Editor: April 15, 1948 I have read with interest your recent editorial, "Up to the Parents and Churches." I am in basic agreement with what you have written, though I should like to say that all churches have not

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

Fast motion like this is stopped most easily when it is directly toward the camera.



Shutter Speeds for Moving Subjects

ONE of our correspondents has written asking what shutter speeds to use for action pictures of various types in order to "stop" the action. To a question like this it's almost impossible to give a concrete answer. For a picture-taker's success in stopping action will be based on his ability to recognize—and shoot at—the proper moment.

TABLE OF SHUTTER SPEEDS FOR SUBJECTS IN MOTION. Columns include Characteristic Subjects, Distance from Camera, Motion Toward or Away from Camera, and Shutter Speeds in Motion (1/250, 1/500, 1/1000, 1/2000).

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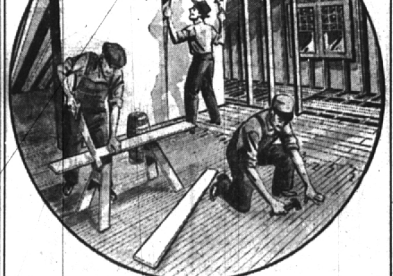
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