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Editorials

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Deciding What Not To Print

(Birmingham Eclectic)
We occasionally encounter in our rounds of Birmingham and the neighboring community the type of person who believes that a newspaper is eager to publish derogatory things, or items, about people—items that are sure to embarrass or render those same people unhappy. This is a mistake, and one we regret to call attention to, because it ought to be unnecessary. There isn't a newspaper man in this country but who could spring a sensation in his community if he wanted to, at any time, by merely printing the things he knows, but does not print.

Deciding what not to print is the most troublesome part of editing a newspaper. How many news items are suppressed for innocent relatives and for the public good, nobody outside of a newspaper office has any idea of. In some instances the person who flies into a passion because a newspaper prints something about him which he considers uncomplimentary has every reason to feel grateful to the editor for publishing so little of what he knows about the case and the circumstances surrounding it. And often the loudest bluffer is the one who is more guilty than the public generally credits him with being.

A big noise is often a device to cover cowardice. Newspapers put up with more bluffing than any other agency—not because they lack the courage to "call the bluff," but because their editors are unwilling to use the power they have in hand to send sorrow into the innocent hearts of the relatives of the one who is doing the bluffing.

No, Dear Reader, an editor doesn't hunt trouble. "On the other hand," he is kept pretty busy turning his back on that which he knows can only stir up trouble—the unnecessary kind of trouble that cannot do any good or make anybody happy.

On the average, newspaper men are kindly and tolerant of the frailties of human beings than any other agency we are aware of. It is because they are brought face to face with so much of the world's troubles, we suppose, that they are happy when "good news" comes along to be published.

Competitor Paid

(Meredith's Merchandising Advertising)

There are several grocery stores in our town, and one of them has difficulty in meeting its expenses. It is only a question of time until it will cease to exist.

Just two doors away is another store which does a very profitable business. When talking with the proprietor of this store, he said: "The weakest argument I know is for some merchant to tell the people he doesn't advertise because it costs him too much money. I spend \$180 a year in advertising. But I don't figure that it comes out of my cash drawer. I think it is paid by the competitors who do not advertise. I'm getting new customers right along through my advertising, and some of them are coming to me from stores within a block of here that brag about the fact that they don't need to advertise because everybody knows them."

The Grim Reaper

(Eaton Rapids Journal)

Most every day the daily papers record the terrible death of some individual that started a fire with gasoline, or took a can of the deadly stuff into the kitchen for the purpose of cleaning a spot off their Sunday suit.

The vapor from a pint of gasoline line will render 300 cubic feet of air explosive, and one gallon has substantially the power of 83 pounds of dynamite. Those who use it for cleaning are often, unconsciously, tempting destiny.

Yet hardly a day passes but we see, or learn, of someone who has lighted a cigarette while finding a gas tank, carried some highly explosive liquid into the house for the purpose of cleaning clothing, used the same near lighted fire, never realizing that one quart of gasoline has the explosive power of 20 pounds of dynamite. No one would think of taking twenty pounds of dynamite into the kitchen where an open fire is burning, yet most every day some one does this same with a quart or so of highly explosive liquid.

Remember that gasoline, or any explosive liquid is simply dynamite under a different name and form, and then use your best judgment in handling it—it may save your life or the life of others. It may mean the difference between life, comfort and happiness and complete ruin for the entire family.

In substantiation of the justice of this warning let us say that recently a man put a quart of gasoline in an electric washing machine—result, the home was blown to kindling wood, the husband, wife and children, and nurse were killed and only one member of the family escaped. A baby was blown out the bathroom window, the only one left as the result of the father's thoughtlessness. Don't take any chances.

"Cheap And Vapory"

(Charlotte Republican)

How fickle we are. Jack Dempsey spent last week in Michigan refereeing boxing contests in a half dozen towns. Big posters in this section told of his Niles engagement Saturday night. Ten years ago he was heralded as our peak slacker. Over at Lansing the other night Dempsey probably split the box office receipts for the capacity crowd his presence drew for the Veterans of Foreign Wars boxing show. The presidents of the six best known colleges in New England would have been lucky to have filled the same auditorium at half the charge made to see Dempsey. Some day this country will wake up to the fact that we have been putting the emphasis on the cheap vapory things of life. Dempsey's triumphal march through Michigan is a perfect illustration. Character building calls for a little more substance. But what we started out to say concerned this shift of opinion toward Dempsey since the war. It has this lesson, however, today's rap may be tomorrow's meal ticket.

Who Was Crazy?

When Arthur Pound of Pontiac wrote a book, 25 years ago, called "The Iron Man," in which he predicted the time when there would be but little work for the ordinary laborer because everything would be done by machinery, a lot of us thought he was crazy. But who was crazy?—Holly Herald.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the Commissioners of the City of Farmington, held March 16, 1931.

Called to order by Mayor Lamb at 7:37 p. m. Commissioners present: Stamaj, Otis, Hutton, Gildemeister, and Goers.

Minutes of the meeting of March 2 read and approved.

Communication from the Michigan Municipal League in regard to the insurance of our City firemen read and filed.

Mrs. Homer Warren of Detroit asked for city water for the Dean Marquis property recently purchased by her. It will be furnished at the usual rates for property outside the city.

A communication was received from Groves-Walker Post, American Legion thanking the city for the use of the Log Cabin for the last seven years. Moved by Hutton, seconded by Otis, that it be received and placed on file. Carried.

Commissioner Goers made a report on the sidewalk that runs parallel to the Mrs. Sarah Chamberlain property on East Grand River avenue. He was instructed to repair it with cinders.

Mr. Wilson of Pontiac, civil engineer, spoke on the desirability of making assessor's plats for the City in order that correct descriptions of all property can be made and none escape the payment of taxes. Numerous towns and cities are having this work done. The Commissioners will consider the matter.

Mr. Walker of the Eastern Michigan Railway told the Commissioners that the receipts from fares were increasing.

Motion made by Otis, seconded by Hutton, that all nominating petitions for city offices be in the City Clerk's office not later than 6 p. m. Thursday, March 26. Carried.

Recessed until Friday, March 27, 7:30 p. m.

N. H. POWER,

City Clerk.

The following bills were paid for removing snow from Grand River avenue, March 9:

Ed. Tamin, truck	\$16.88
Olin Russell, truck	\$7.50
Dan Starkey, truck	\$11.25
Eugene Brown, labor	\$3.75
Homer Eisenlord, labor	\$3.75
Paul Maas, labor	\$2.25
Will Spaller, labor	\$3.75
Glenn Green, labor	\$3.75
Fred Maas, labor	\$2.25

Regular salaries paid:
William Maas \$87.50
Lee Doyle \$75.00
Harvey Blough \$62.50
Tom Armstrong \$75.00

REGISTRATION NOTICE

For Election held April 6, 1931. To the Qualified Electors of the City of Farmington, State of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the Michigan Election Law, the undersigned City Clerk, will upon any day except Sunday and a legal holiday, the day of any Regular or Special Election or Primary Election receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said City not already registered who may apply to me personally for such registration. Provided, however, that I can receive no names for registration during the time intervening between the second Saturday before any regular, special or official primary election and the day of such election.

Notice is hereby given that I will be at the Fire Hall, City of Farmington, Tuesday, March 17, 1931, the 20th day preceding said election from 8 a. m. until 8 p. m. on said day for the purpose of receiving the registration and registering such of the qualified electors in said city as shall properly apply thereto.

Notice is hereby further given to the qualified electors of this city that I, the undersigned Clerk of said city, will register qualified electors who may apply at my office on any business day of the year up to and including Saturday, March 28, 1931, the last day for general registration by personal application from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

The name of no person but an actual resident of the City at the time of registration and entitled under the Constitution if remaining a resident to vote at the next election shall be entered in the registration book.

N. H. POWER,

City Clerk.

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The dufler the visitor the longer he stays.

CHURCHES

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarencville
(At St. Louis Road)
Rev. Paul Graudner, Pastor.

Sunday School, 9:30;
English service, 10:30;
German Lenten service, Wednesday, 7:30.

We also invite you to tune in on the Lutheran message broadcast over WXYZ every Thursday at 10 p. m.; every Sunday at 2:00 p. m., and during Lent every Friday noon, 1:15.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor
Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.
Daily mass at 8:00.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30—The Boy Scouts of Clarencville and Farmington will attend this service in a body. The Junior sermon will be "A Book Without Words." The Adult message, "The Individual Answer to the Individual Question." The parents of the boys are invited to be present.

11:45—Bible School. We welcome visitors each week.

6:30—Young Peoples Hour.
7:30—Evangelistic service. This week the Pastor will speak on "Swine or Souls." There will be special music.

West Point Park Presbyterian Church
Rev. John Adams, Pastor
22833 Grand River. Redford

10:30—Sunday School.
11:30—Morning service.
7:30, Wednesday—Midweek prayer service.
Topic: "Conspiracy and Agony."—Luke 22-1-54.

Evangelical Church
Rev. A. A. Slock, Pastor

Judica Sunday.
German service, 10:15.
Subject: "The Desecrated and the Purified Temple."
Sunday School, 11:30.
A class for every age.
Evening worship, 7:30.
The Pastor will conduct a catechetical review with the Confirmation class.
Lenten Retreat for men at Immanuel's church on Livernois near Michigan at 8 o'clock. Monday, March 23.

Methodist Church
Rev. F. C. Johnson, Pastor

"Tossed in the Offing" is the theme of the Sunday morning sermon by the Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson. In the evening he will preach on the theme, "The Pearl of Greatest Price."

Have you a church home? If not we cordially invite you to worship with us and join our Easter class, either by church letter or by confession of faith. You need us and we need you.

Universalist Church
Dr. Frank D. Adams, Pastor

Sunday afternoon, 3 o'clock.
Rev. Adams will speak on capital punishment, his subject being, "Shall Michigan Become A Killer?"

ELECTION NOTICE!

Biennial Spring Election and Biennial City Election.

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Farmington, State of Michigan:
Notice is hereby given that the next ensuing Biennial Spring Election and Biennial City Election will be held Monday, April 6, 1931 at the Town Hall for the purpose of voting for the election of the following officers: State: Two justices of the supreme court; two regents of the University of Michigan; superintendent of public instruction; member of the State Board of Education; two Members of the State Board of Agriculture.
County: One County Commissioner of Schools.
City: 1 mayor; 1 clerk; 1 treasurer; 1 assessor; 2 members of the board of review; 3 commissioners; 1 justice of the peace; 2 constables.

The polls of this election will be open at 7 o'clock a. m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p. m. Eastern Standard Time the day of this election.

N. H. POWER,
City Clerk.
March 19-25

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