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# SPECIAL ADVOCATES PUNISHMENT AS CRIME MANAGER

### State Prison League Official Gives Statistics Relating To Crime Increase

### SPOKE AT ROTARY CLUB

### Lindberg Declares That Only Two Per Cent Of Arrested Offenders Are Convicted

Certainty of swift, sure punishment; sterilization of habitual criminals and other abnormal people; and the segregation of youth and hardened offenders are the quickest methods of decreasing crime in America, States the Secretary of the Volunteer Prison League, who spoke before members of the Birmingham Rotary club last week. Mr. Lindberg was the guest of Rotarian Eimer C. Hudson.

England provides an excellent example for America to follow in the way of crime decrease," said Mr. Lindberg. "The enforcement of swift punishment has greatly decreased the number of prison inmates in the past 50 years. With a population far greater than it was 50 years ago, England now has far less criminals than it has here."

### Crime Decreasing

Mr. Lindberg quoted statistics showing the decrease of crime in Great Britain, given by the home secretary, Sir William Joynson Hicks, at the opening of the national Prison Congress in London, England, which convened the first of September.

"Fifty years ago," he said, "there were 10,000 people serving sentences of penal servitude and 200,000 offenders in local jails. Today there are only 1,500 undergoing penal servitude and 8,000 in local jails. To these must be added 11,000 juvenile offenders, confined in the detention jails called 'borstals'."

"The number of prisons required in Great Britain has correspondingly decreased for whereas 313 local prisons and 18 penal servitude institutions were needed in 1840, Great Britain had to maintain 113 local prisons and 18 penal servitude institutions in 1930. The increase in population in Great Britain is increasing in U. S."

### Water Is Considered

Continuing their intention of preventing the use of water outside of Birmingham, village president Shain and commissioners Binham and Bell Monday night discussed the possibility of annexing adjacent subdivisions whose water contracts will expire in the near future, as well as divisions which should logically be a part of the future Birmingham.

### Street Paving Need Felt In Birmingham

The rapid growth of Birmingham, which with an increase of 120,000 on local streets, is felt by the village commission to become grave concern in the matter of expending money on local highways. Since most of the local streets are dirt or gravel, the commission feels that some of them ought to be paved.

### U. S. Marine Band Will Play In Pontiac Oct. 8

Members of the Birmingham Rotary club, Monday, purchased 120 tickets for the United States Marine band concert which will be given at Pontiac the evening of Thursday, October 8. The tickets will be offered to the general public here. The entire proceeds of the affair will be used for carrying on a crippled children's work in Oakland County. A similar concert was given a year ago.

### Burglary Insurance

Best coverage...  
General Insurance...  
110 Woodward Ave.

## An Altercation Between Rotarians Hascall, Howarth, Shain And Averill

### DESTINED TO COMPLETE THEIR DAYS TOGETHER

Despite the fact that never in the history of Rotary International has there been a quarrel, Monday's activities at the Birmingham Rotary club were well on their way to creating a local disruption when four of its members, including president Louis Hascall, became involved in a words' combat. Heated remarks were made during five minutes of the meeting—and quiet was not restored until John B. Howarth, the gentlemanly secretary, paid a fine. It all happened when the District Conference held two weeks ago at Port Huron, prefaced his remarks by reading rather dry statements of Rotary statistics. Within a few minutes Mr. Howarth's remarks were interrupted by Mr. Hascall, who stated that the club be relieved of all irrelevant remarks, inasmuch as each meeting has a definite purpose.

### MR. AND MRS. EDGAR LAMB

This local couple, past the four-score years mark, have arranged a most unique method of insuring themselves of an income for life. At the age of 60, when they will receive \$109 per month when they die, the couple have arranged for a life insurance policy which is providing the monthly income.

### A GROVES, PIONEER OF OAKLAND, IS DEAD

Well Known Citizen Came From County Down, Ireland, Sixty Years Ago

### HAD BEEN ILL SIX WEEKS

The sudden death of Alexander Groves, 77 years old, last Saturday, took another of Birmingham's old residents and pioneers of the county. He died at his home on Ridgewood avenue after a brief illness that resulted from a stroke of paralysis he suffered about six weeks ago.

### Local Gridders To Pit Strength Against Ann Arbor High School

### SCHEDULE IS GIVEN OUT

Baldwin high school football men are expected to pit Birmingham's strength against Ann Arbor's in a game scheduled for tomorrow at Ann Arbor, with the Ann Arbor team. Each Friday or Saturday there will be a gridders will meet the balance of opponents on the football list. A new fence has been placed around Barnum field where the home games are played.

### Moore Favors Hiring Township Fire Chief

The fire which burned a barn on the E. P. Hammond estate last week Monday night discussed the possibility of annexing adjacent subdivisions whose water contracts will expire in the near future, as well as divisions which should logically be a part of the future Birmingham.

### VLIET TELLS EXCHANGE CLUB OF CANADA TRIP

Clarence Vliet, local superintendent of public schools, was the speaker at the Exchange club luncheon Tuesday noon at the Hotel Taylor. Vliet will be accompanied by Exchange Charles M. Curdy. Mr. Vliet carried a splendidly packed outfit for his trip to the Exchange club in the Niagara region of Canada during the past summer.

### Legion Endowment Fund Will Get \$750 In Village

Before tomorrow night it is confidently expected that Birmingham's share of the national drive to get \$5,000,000 for the American Legion will be \$750. The drive is being led by Charles J. Shain, who, with Charles A. Binham and several other local citizens, is in charge of the drive here, about \$750 will be in their hands at the close of the drive.

"For a Bigger and Better Birmingham"

## HEAVY TRAFFIC HISTORY OF BIRMINGHAM IS RECORDED SUNDAY

### Local Police Estimate 25 Cars Per Minute Passed Main Intersection

### SOLID LINE TO CENTER OF HIGHWAY

### Five Officers Required To Handle Traffic From Birmingham On Woodward

(By Helen V. Walker)  
Indicative of the traffic that may be expected on Woodward during the "World's Greatest Highway" parade, Birmingham last Sunday through Birmingham last Sunday on any other day in the history of the village, according to local police officers. In the past, it is said, has ever brought such traffic out and it was found necessary to have only a few official automobiles at the intersection.

### Large Barn On E. P. Hammond Estate Consumed By Flames; Hundreds See Blaze

### 35 HORSES THREATENED

For the second time within the past six months a cigarette is blamed for a conflagration in Bloomfield. This time it occurred on Sunday night at 7:50 o'clock when a large barn on the E. P. Hammond estate, just east of Bloomfield Center in Bloomfield, burned completely to the ground, threatening several other buildings.

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## Forfeiting All They Possess, Aged Couple Play Life Against Death

(By Helen V. Walker)  
Overturning the years and facing the problem of old age, caring only that they remain together during the twilight of their lives, the shakier of their house that had been home for almost 30 years, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lamb prepared themselves thirty years ago against the fate of old age and no place to call home. Taking the savings of years they bought a home on Willets street, near the bottom of the hill, and settled there with their lives. For many years, Mr. Lamb provided them with the necessities and a few of the luxuries of life until his seventy years have begun to take their toll of strength and energy and the wife faced their remaining years, homeless, homeless, with a home to shelter them, but no visible means of livelihood.

### REV. ROBERT M. ATKINS

### ENGAGED TO FILL M. E. CHURCH PULPIT HERE

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## COMMITTEE FROM LOCAL CHURCH ENGAGED NEW DIXIE TO FILL PLACE OF REV. J. S. WEST

### IS A GIFTED PREACHER

### Rev. Atkins Educated In Canada; Was Connected With Y. M. C. A. Work

The most important work of the Methodist conference which met in Flint last week, was as far as Birmingham is concerned, the appointment of the Rev. Robert M. Atkins, as pastor of the Methodist church here. Mr. Atkins comes to Birmingham with the reputation of being a preacher of unusual gifts, a splendid organizer, an executive of broad vision, and a leader who in the past has completed works which will always remain as monuments to his skill, his industry and his ability.

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### Village Clerk To Complete Division Of Town During Coming Winter

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