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R. M. ATKINS, DETROIT M. E. PREACHER WILL FILL PULPIT

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at the Garrett Biblical Institute, Chicago.

Following his college career, Mr. Atkins spent five years in Young Men's Christian Association work in Canada, where he occupied a number of important positions. He was general secretary at Port Arthur, Ontario; secretary of the National Red Triangle campaign for all of Canada in raising funds for Y. M. C. A. war work, and as National Council Secretary had general supervision over a large district which included a number of large cities and groups of countries.

Connected With Dr. Hough
Coming to Detroit, Mr. Atkins was for five years associate pastor of the Central Methodist church with Bishop Lester Smith and Dr. Lynn Hough. In the Central church he organized and directed the institutional program and the religious education phases of the work, which is now regarded as a model for churches of every denomination. Two years ago he went to the Atkinson, Michigan, Methodist church, which was prospered greatly under his pastorate.

Mrs. Atkins also has proven herself a real aid to her husband in his chosen calling, and they have three charming daughters, Carmen, Alice and Mary.

Mr. Atkins will begin his work here on October 4. Next Sunday morning service will be in charge of Rev. J. S. West, the retiring pastor, who has been transferred to Alpena, which will be in the nature of a rally day service. Sunday night the new district superintendent, Rev. Howard Field, will preach.

SPEAKER ADVOCATES QUICK PUNISHMENT AS CRIME CURE

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ed at an alarming rate. In the state of Illinois alone the increase of crimes has been over 200 per cent, of which precipitated crimes, crimes committed with malicious forethought, have increased over 600 per cent.

"The State of Michigan is at the present time building a mammoth penitentiary at Jackson, which when finished will be one of the largest in the world. It will house nearly 6,000 inmates or nearly four times the number now serving sentence in British prisons. This revelation is so startling that it is high time we discover the cause of this deplorable condition and proceed to remedy it at once.

"Our records of crimes reported, arrests made and convictions obtained are as follows: Six arrests in every 100 crimes reported and less than two convictions out of the six apprehended. That is a 33-1 chance that the criminal will eventually go free. Not a bad chance to take, is it?"

"The first criticism I shall make is with our jury system. The jurors, who are judges of facts, are often incompetent because the men who would be competent refuse to serve as jurors.

"Delay is my second criticism. Delay is especially dangerous in criminal cases. State evidence is a big handicap for the prosecution, but almost always helps the defendant. I know a criminal case in Detroit that has had 18 adjournments.

"Even after the conviction and prison sentence there is a lot of criticism to be made. Too much thought and time is given to recalculation. Little thought is given to equipping the persons confined with knowledge and experience that would be useful when they are released. In Great Britain they have nine hours work and two hours compulsory training. Here we have eight work and no compulsory training.

A Thought on Heredity
"We are spending millions of dollars annually for the improvement of our herds of cattle, but very little care, indeed toward bringing up thoroughbreds among the human beings.

"I advocate mental and physical examination for every person considering matrimony.

"I am against the pardoning or paroling of any habitual criminal or any man who has committed a premeditated crime, and suggest that all inmates should be put in two classes: those who are habitual criminals, or who committed crimes with malicious forethought and premeditation, and those who have committed crimes on the impulse of the moment, and that only the latter class should be eligible for parole or pardon.

"The mission of the Prison League is always eager and willing to help the offender, the boy who has not committed a premeditated crime, but has strayed away from the straight and narrow path, and his impulses get the best of him. We interview him a short time before his discharge and try to determine what he is best fitted for. Then we attempt to place him in a position where he can earn an honest livelihood.

"We keep in touch with those so placed over a period of a year. Last year we placed over 120,000, and of that number over 24,000 were sticking to the good life and secured for them and were making good at the end of the year. This work is expensive and tedious, but we feel that we are doing a useful citizenship of that number we are doing a useful work."

AN ALTERCATION BETWEEN ROTARIANS HAS CALLED SHAIN, HOWARTH AND AVERILL

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"row" was but a stunt arranged by Messrs. Howarth, Shain, Haasall and Averill to break the monotony of the program.

But the funny part of it was when William Story, who had no prearranged part in the ceremony, rose to his feet in defense of Mr. Howarth and accused Shain of "spending hours of our club's time by telling us stuff that we could read each week in the Ecceentric."

James Cobb, local postmaster, left the meeting during the thick of the "row" and was having mental pictures of the club's demise an hour later when informed of the hoax that had been played.

FORFEITING ALL THEY POSSESS, AGED COUPLE PLAY THEIR LIVES AGAINST CRIM REAPER

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man in the Birmingham schools, years ago.

Those who drove fine horses in years gone by recall Mr. Lamb as one of the finest blacksmiths of his day, for on East Maple Avenue, "Under the spreading Chestnut Tree," he had the best horses in the country for many years.

Providing the old couple live more or less normal lives, the buyer of the home will have a real bargain for the piece of property has been appraised at around \$15,000. But should good health prevail for many years to come, as has been known to happen with healthy old people, it may prove a costly piece for the man who "took a gambler's chance."

Still, perhaps Mr. Brown is considering this purchase in spiritual values—and he may win either way.

HEAVIEST TRAFFIC IN HISTORY OF B'HAM RECORDED SUNDAY

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of Maple and Woodward avenues, but also one at Woodward and Lincoln avenues. It was estimated that at times during the day there were as many as 25 automobiles, passing in each direction, a minute.

Five Officials Used
Between three o'clock in the afternoon and nine at night there was said to be the greatest stream of traffic passing through the center of town ever recorded. Five motorcycle men were required to patrol Woodward avenue between Birmingham and Bloomfield Center during that time to keep the automobiles in line, and to guard the crossings where it has been necessary to route the traffic across the D. U. R. tracks.

which is forty feet wide to within less than a mile of Birmingham, was crowded to capacity. Southfield avenue also brought out a record crowd, most of which turned east on Lincoln avenue and passed through the village. There was the reckless driving reported, however, during the day, and only one speeding charge made.

State police were stationed outside the village on Woodward avenue, the greatest difficulty being between Birmingham and Bloomfield Center where the pavement is still far removed from completion. There was trouble there keeping the traffic on the new moving traffic in single line and arranging safety for traffic at the street car crossings, as the route in that division of the road crosses the recrosses the tracks several times.

According to James Anderson, chief of police, he hopes to have some means provided during the next few weeks to check up on the Sunday traffic that passes on Maple and Woodward avenues, as a matter of record. This, he thinks, would be interesting material for the decision to be made of Woodward avenue will eventually come in the disposition through Birmingham.

At the time the fire department was called out at about eight o'clock in the evening, when ordinarily there is supposed to be a lessening of traffic, there was said to be a solid blockade of automobiles from Maple avenue to Bloomfield Center, lined in single file on the west side of the pavement. From the time the alarm reached the police conducting traffic, both north and south-bound traffic was halted until the fire truck was under way. It was in this period that the traffic became completely blocked.

There were no accidents of any consequence reported during the entire day, however, on any of the roads adjacent to Birmingham. This condition is a rather unusual for the number of automobiles on the roads leading out of Birmingham. Not only Woodward avenue, but Maple and Southfield avenues were said to bear extremely heavy traffic throughout the day.

ADAMS SCHOOL BIDS \$20,000 UNDER ISSUE

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rooms and all other necessary halls, toilets and storerooms, the addition will include a large gymnasium and auditorium combined. The money was voted for this building last May when three sites were also provided by the city for future school sites.

The addition to the Adams school will provide additional rooms for the grades from kindergarten to the sixth grade and will open a new junior high school in this district that has become a necessity already, since enrolments were made this September.

Will Have 520 Pupils
The addition to the Adams school will include all grades up to the tenth or sophomore class. It is expected that the school as a complete unit will be sufficiently large to adequately care for about 520 children between the kindergarten and sixth grade and about 120 junior high school pupils. It now has enrolled about 307 pupils below and above the high school, and has proved entirely inadequate for the enrollment.

At the time the bond issue was carried it was for the sake of economy that the Adams school was purchased by bond at the time the addition was voted on. This piece of ground will take the place of the playground for the grade school children when the former playground is occupied by the addition. Mr. Shain's plan and the old school together will completely occupy the Adams school block.

SHAIN INSTALLS NEW SODA FOUNTAIN IN DRUG STORE

Two of our local merchants have started this purchase in spiritual values—and he may win either way.

One of our local merchants has started this purchase in spiritual values—and he may win either way.

Charles Shain boasts the last thing in his drug store in West Maple avenue. No longer will the soda and water freeze in their coolers, as so often happens with the iceless and old type mechanically refrigerated fountains. The ice cream, dry storage, and water compartments of Mr. Shain's new fountain are automatically kept at temperatures varying with their requirements by a temperature valve.

Frederick L. Young has an imposing array of machinery in the back room of his shoe store on North Woodward avenue. A new slitcher, setter, trimmer, and finisher have been set up and broken in. According to Mr. Young, there are the very latest types of shoe machinery and are able to do factory work.

For as little as 25 cents you may run a "Classified Ad" in the Ecceentric.

PRE-SCHOOL AGE CHILD PROBLEM TO BE STUDIED BY 100 LOCAL MOTHERS

Awakened to a new responsibility by their recent close contact with the Merrill-Palmer school in Detroit, nearly 100 university women graduates, young Birmingham mothers, have banded together for a course of study of the pre-school age child. The movement follows an investigation of the merits of training children while under school age that was carried on as a preliminary step to instituting a branch of the Merrill-Palmer school in Birmingham. The study groups are being formed by and will consist largely of members of the Birmingham branch of the American Association of University Women.

Material for the groups is in the hands of Mrs. Fred D. Farrar, of Brown street, who has been an active worker of the association in securing the petition presented to the school board last Monday evening, requesting a branch of the Merrill-Palmer school be included as a part of the education program in Birmingham. Her material will be studied through the headquarters of the Association in Washington, D. C. The study of

pre-school age children has become a part of the work of the national Association and university women over the entire country are making it a study subject.

It is hoped that the Birmingham public library may be used as a headquarters for the material of the study groups and a shelf in the library is to be secured for the literature. This will contain a number of books published by the national association and will be kept in the library for public reference and added to gradually as new funds are created.

Mrs. Verne Barnett will have a bridge party at her home on Brock side drive this Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Asper have returned to their home on Ravine road from a three-weeks' motor and camping trip in the upper peninsula. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bower visited on Dorchester road, last week-end. The Methodist Conference has appointed Reverend C. M. Thompson of Ferndale avenue the pastor of the Methodist Church at Four Towns. Mr. Thompson will preach there every Sunday at 1:00 p. m., commencing September 27, but will retain his residence in Birmingham.

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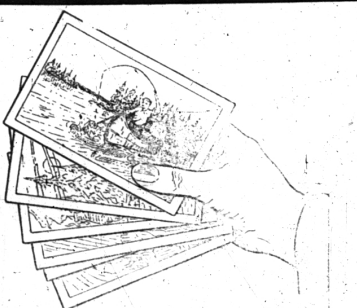
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