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FORTY-NINTH YEAR—NO. 37

PROSPERITY SEEN FOR COMING YEAR

Bingham Cities Reasons For Rapid Growth Of Birmingham

Natural growth of Birmingham resulting from the completion of the greater part of the wider Woodward paving and the desire of persons to live away from their business is given by Charles A. Bingham of the real estate firm of Bingham, Sparks & Bingham as the reason for Birmingham's prosperity during the past year. This also is the reason for the continued prosperity to be continued throughout 1927.

Last Rights Held Here For Pioneer

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Susan Myers, 78 years old, at the Daines and Boy chapel last Wednesday afternoon. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

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First State Savings Bank

BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

HOOF BEATS

An Autobiographical Novel - By Pathos Petosky

SYNOPSIS: See three preceding editions of The Eccentric.

CHAPTER 4
What could it mean? Hoof beats on the roof. What evil spirit could be haunting the home of Maslovich, who might be dead and who might not be. No one knew.

Pathos was on the verge of a collapse. There had been altogether too much of this kind of thing in his life. He was the first to speak.
"I wish the fates would stop making my life a burlesque of a Third Avenue melodrama." Then he shouted at the ceiling, "Hey, get off that roof!"

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

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THE TOTAL RAINFALL FOR '26 HIGHEST IN WINTER

Total Number in Year Is 89 According to Record Review.

The death rate in Birmingham during 1926 was particularly high during the months of February, March, April and September. The total number of deaths during that period was 47.

The greatest number occurred in April, a total of 14. The lowest number was in July with only one. This seems remarkable in that it was one of the hottest months of the year and prostrations from the heat are usually numerous.

It is also to be noticed that at this time many deaths are the result of injuries received from fire. It is also to be noticed that this solitary death was not the result of any sort of accident.

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ZONA GALE TELLS SYNTHETIC STORIES

"Anyone Can Learn to Write" Prominent Authoress Says In Visit Here.

After reading a story that she had written for one of the popular women's magazines, Miss Zona Gale was heard in Detroit recently, said, "And so there you see the typical story that is manufactured for the women's magazine. It has nothing to do with life; it is a message for the woman in the middle west, or in the west, or wherever she happens to be. The characters aren't characters but they are types."

One of the Christmas stories making the rounds here has as its character a youngster with six years to his credit and a goose of proportionate age. The association remains a mystery but it seems the kid was trying to get the bird into a machine parked on Woodward near Maple when the bird saw a Detroit hood interurban and took a fancy to it. Auto brakes and a motor screamed as the youngster took a flying tackle in the street at the wayward goose and, with a six year old strangle hold, returned it to the auto. It is a story before the hearts of the many who saw returned to normal.

Little Bobbie, who is something quite pleasing by way of child in the reports to be in summing up the Christmas season that the gang of Santa Claus who worked Detroit this year, taking it all in all, were a pretty ratty set. "Most of them needed some hair tonic on their heads," he said.

There's a lesson for the whole world in this latest baseball scandal.

The papers of a few days ago announced the resignation of Judge Landis' revelation that Ty Cobb, Trix Speaker and Joe Wood, three baseball players were implicated in a "fix" game back in 1919.

They once more visualized the Ty Cobb whose daring base running and brilliant hitting, superb outfielding and all around sportsmanship had made him the outstanding star of baseball for over 20 years. Slowly he climbed again to his pedestal.

The "King Eagle," the king of center fielders, if you will, came down from his pedestal and again in the glorious days of the old Lewis, Speaker, Hooper outfield combination in Boston.

They placed these men on a plane above material things—held them to be men who would put the game above everything else—and honored them as such.

It's hard to break down such a sentiment. The sentiment in favor of Cobb and Speaker at this time shows that. One hates to believe that his idol has erred; that his champion has strayed from the path of sportsmanship and square dealing.

Let us keep faith with each other. Let us so conduct ourselves—so play the game—that whatever faith we may build up cannot be shattered even momentarily by such a blow.

Crises

at and about BIRMINGHAM

By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

Late afternoon went to dusk like a chained man being led to prison. The night was a Madonna of Covarrubias, it was Shakespeare as he conceived his first tragedy, or it was an adulate of Tchaikovsky. It was the spirit of Ambrose Bierce trailing off to Mexico, or a beautiful tone struck by chance on a violin, and never again to be reproduced. The night was all these things and more. The night was a beggar woman who coughs.

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PART THREE
OAKLAND COUNTY'S GREATEST WEEKLY NEWSPAPER
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SEES NEW BOARD FOR BIRMINGHAM

Lackie Declares Business Men Favor Chamber Of Commerce

A Board of Commerce for Birmingham within the next year. This is the slogan of village business men according to E. W. Lackie, secretary of the Credit Bureau, who declares every effort is to be made to have the institution materialize before another year.

Mr. Lackie believes in a concentrated and co-operative method of carrying on business and of the opinion that a board would be the ideal basis of co-operation. Questionnaires from the Credit Bureau to his members are in the mails today. These, when returned, will form a consensus of opinion in the matter. They were to have been mailed some time ago, but were detained because of several political issues in the village which took up the time of the men to whom they were sent.

Mr. Lackie believes that Birmingham is not over-organized. He says that while the organizations here have a decided duty to perform and are necessary, there is nothing that is performing the work of a Board of Commerce.

"The staple growth of the village makes this proposed institution a necessity," he said.

Mrs. Charles Mason wishes to thank her friends and neighbors for their many acts and expressions of sympathy in her recent sad bereavement. Adv. 37.

A machine has been developed which produces sugar from corn in 10 hours.

Mechanical dolls that walk with natural grace have been produced for fashion displays.

And on this same Christmas Eve, perhaps the most disappointing sight in all the world was to see a policeman leading a supper off to the Iron House.

Your Neighborhood

BIRMINGHAM is a home community envied by all. The fine homes in our—

- QUARTON LAKE ESTATES
- BIRMINGHAM PARK
- BIRMINGHAM RIVERVIEW
- BIRMINGHAM FOREST HILLS
- BIRMINGHAM ESTATES
- EAST MAPLE GARDENS

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Best Wishes for a Happy New Year

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