

From 450 students to almost 1900. That is the increase that Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools, has witnessed in the enrollment of Birmingham schools since he came here 12 years ago.

"The Barnum school had just opened," he reminisced, "only a few rooms of it were in use. Most of the classes were held in the Hill School. There was no shop work, no manual training or cooking or sewing, no physical training."

Since Mr. Vliet has been here, something over \$1,300,000 has been spent on schools and equipment, he said.

"We had 15 teachers. This year we have 82. They are all new, except Mrs. Alvina Beal, the seventh grade room teacher at the Adams school, who is ill in Ann Arbor. She expects to be back in about four weeks. Mrs. Helen Irwin, of Detroit, is substituting for her."

All schools except the Pierce exceeded expectations in enrollment, according to Mr. Vliet.

The reason for the Pierce school not having the enrollment anticipated is, I believe, the injunction delaying work on the Acacia Park drainage system," he explained. "People who had contemplated moving into that section have hesitated because of uncertainty about the project."

The excess of the Hill School will be cared for in one of the extension rooms of the Baldwin High School, according to present plans. The fourth and fifth grades are the ones affected. This plan has been successfully employed before, Mr. Vliet said. Enrollment at the Hill School exceeds by 50 expectations.

"The Adams School surprised us," he continued. "There is a much greater enrollment there than we had expected. Much of the excess is in the kindergarten. We had planned for about 40 and we had 66. And we're still enrolling. However, we can take care of everybody, I am sure. Kindergarten is only go half days. All the other grades have full day sessions."

"We can't say definitely for some time yet what the total enrollment will be. Families are still returning from their vacations and people are always moving in. About Oct. 1, I expect quite an influx of students. A number of workers from Chicago are expected to settle in the south of town to work in the Yellow Taxi Plant in Pontiac."

Asked whether he had noticed any great change in students, especially high school students, during his service here, Mr. Vliet smiled and answered, "Of course not. Young people don't change fundamentally. The girls may both their hair and the boys may wear their Oxford bags, but it all boils down to one thing: getting used to it. If people started wearing rings in their ears, we'd just have to get used to it. Fashion, that's all. Human nature is the same now as it was 12 years ago, and I'm not worrying about its changing."

THE YOUNG LADY ACROSS THE WAY



The young lady across the way says this is a rapid age and there's a lot of talk now about the development of our internal waterways, as if the railroads weren't fast enough.

Children

Raymond Dwyer, 9-year-old boy of Mansfield, Pa., flagged a train with a handkerchief and averted a wreck when he saw three trees which had been blown down across the track.

Little Gloria Caruso, daughter of the famous tenor, is said to have inherited her father's vocal talent, and already predictions are made that she will have a great future as an opera singer.

Johnny Hodges, aged 7, of Jersey City, owes his life to his dog "Rags" which drove off a larger dog which had attacked him.

Elizabeth Austin, 12-year-old daughter of Mrs. Anne Austin, of New York, is one of the remarkable child prodigies of this generation. Little Elizabeth has an intelligence quotient of 214, a world's record, and she will enter college this fall.

Hugo Marchetti, a young violinist of Frontenac, Kan., 14 years old, refuses to imitate the girls by wearing a boyish bob, so he has his hair cut almost to his waist.

Moses Finkelstein, 14, is a senior at Syracuse University, in addition to which he is taking a course in advanced psychology at Columbia University.

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About Women

Mrs. Sarah Cory Meneses, assistant United States district attorney at Fort Worth, Tex., has handled 87 cases, out of which she secured 51 convictions. Four cases were continued, one resulted in a hung jury and there was only one acquittal.

Princesses Alexandrine Cantacuzene of Rumania is Europe's leading club woman, being president of more organizations than any other woman on the continent.

Miss Suzanne Devoyed, popular actress of the famed Comedie Francaise of Paris, has been made a member of the French Legion of Honor in recognition of her work in protecting French children of the stage from exploitation.

Mrs. Jordan Baker of Worcester, Mass., acted as her own lawyer in defeating her husband's divorce suit. When a witness was reluctant to testify, Mrs. Baker said: "Remember I'm not myself; I'm my attorney."

Queen Marie of Rumania, accompanied by her daughter, Princess Elena, will tour the United States and Canada this fall. She is well known to the American public through her syndicated articles for various leading newspapers.

Mrs. Bertha K. Landes, mayor of Seattle, recently explored the bottom of Puget Sound on board the United States submarine S-24.

Miss Lena Phillips, an attorney of New York, is first president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the United States, Submarine S-24.

More than 300 women of Paterson, N. J., have completed a safety first course for automobile drivers and are now receiving instruction in the prevention of accidents in the home.

During the last session of Congress, 1,231 women postmasters were appointed, this being nearly one-fifth of the total number of appointees.

Miss Irene Large, 20 year old Indian maiden, is teaching a school composed of white children in a remote settlement 50 miles north of Green River, Wyo. Her great-grandmother served as a guide for the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Mrs. Blanche J. Parker of Lowell, Mass., is the new president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the United States Spanish War Veterans.

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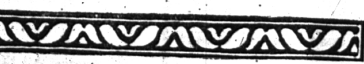


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IN ALL modern languages there are certain words whose meaning is indicated by their sound. This principle, which is rhetorical parlance we call onomatopoeia, is exemplified in words like hiss, hiss, hiss, boom; also in the words funeral, funeral, where sound so agrees with their sentiment that we naturally assume that their etymology is in accordance with their meaning they convey.

But we find the last have a curious derivation that takes a story to bring out its relation to their use today.

The Romans, pagans that they were, buried their dead at night—by the light of the moon when they could. But as there was moonlight for only a short period in the year, they used torches, which were the lighting system of the day. The Latin word for torch is flamma, from which they had funeralis, a torchlight procession. And not from "corpse" or "death" or "mourn" comes the word funeral, but from "torchlight procession."

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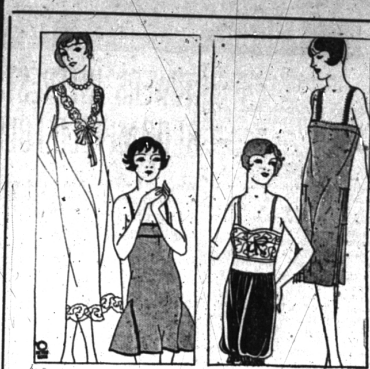
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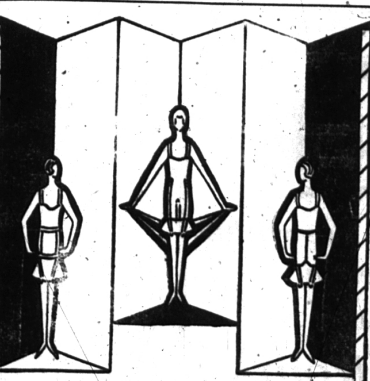
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