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LEDERLE HURT AS CARS CRASH

School Commissioner, John J. Gorman And Son Are Injured

E. J. Lederle, county school commissioner, John J. Gorman, west Maple avenue, real estate dealer, and Mr. Gorman's son, John J., Jr., 10 years old, are recovering today from injuries received when the automobiles the two men were driving last Wednesday night collided at the Southfield and Thirteen Mile roads.

Mr. Gorman and his son were rushed to the Harper Hospital, Detroit, where their injuries were treated. Mr. Lederle was able to return to his home at 324 east University avenue, Royal Oak.

Deputies who were called to the scene of the accident were told that Mr. Gorman's car crashed into the rear of that driven by Mr. Lederle when the former attempted to pass another car. The rear of Mr. Lederle's automobile was demolished.

Mr. Gorman is a commissioner of the D. S. R. and was formerly in the haberdashery business in Detroit.

CHRISTMAS FREE FROM ACCIDENTS

The Christmas holidays were not marred in Birmingham by automobile accidents, according to police reports today. Heavy traffic Christmas Day and Monday kept police busy and the traffic lights on Woodward avenue worked overtime. Several serious accidents were reported in the southern part of the county, however.

On a round trip between New York and Southhampton, Eng., the liner Majestic burns 11,000 tons of oil.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SHOW

Special Midnight Show starting at 11:30 Saturday night. Seven acts of vaudeville with a special orchestra. Get your tickets now! 74 cents admission.

Birmingham Theatre

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS —of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

43 YEARS AGO

Frank Gorman and Charley Johnson returned from their annual tour of quail and partridge shooting and you ought to have seen how they did quail as usual under their load of game.

The Rev. Mr. Dyer, D. D. and M. D., has been visiting some of his old friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. Laura Sprague is visiting relatives on the county line.

The two Mrs. Bennetts and Alexander Ovalitt's daughters from Eaton county are visiting in our neighborhood.

Albert Prickett contemplates a trip to Virginia.

Mrs. C. D. Miller and family of Vassar are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Boyd of Big Beaver. They left their home on account of diphtheria at Vassar, which is so bad that all schools, churches, and public places are closed to prevent its spread, if possible.

Miss Adeline Adams is home this winter.

William French of Otter Lake has been visiting here.

Fred King is giving his barn a new coat of siding.

Mrs. Dr. Buel's brother, W. Frost, is visiting at the doctor's.

Miss Jennie Keys visited relatives at Pontiac last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd of New York and Mr. and Mrs. Spear visited Madison Spear on the town line for the past two weeks.

Horace Leet has been under the weather the past week and Charlie Smith has acted as mail carrier from Birmingham to Franklin and Southfield. Mr. Leet is about again this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Slade visited their son, Samuel I. Slade, at Chicago last week.

25 YEARS AGO

At Big Beaver the K. O. T. M. boys will give their annual New Year's dance at the hall, Wednesday evening Dec. 31. Good music, supper, horses cared for, good time to all. What more could you ask for 50 cents.

Frank Blakesley is in San Francisco at this writing. He made his trip of 3000 miles safely and is enjoying coast life for all it is worth and expects to meet his son the 20th on the arrival of the government transport.

W. I. Deer's topsorial parlor got a soaking one day last week. A new skylight was being put in for Photographer Clark, down came the rain while it was uncovered and Deer sold shower baths all the next day. We came near getting one.

Mrs. Lewis Converse of Owasso is visiting her children during the holidays and having a real good old fashioned visit with many friends.

Mrs. H. M. Bartram expects to leave next week for California to escape the balance of our rigorous Michigan winter.

Mrs. Mary Sturman is spending the holidays with Mrs. Alfred Adams of Detroit.

The many friends of Charles J. Shain, our former clerk for three years, will be glad to know that he has accepted a position with the H. M. Church Drug company at Holly. This firm has one of the finest stores of the state and carry a fine line of drugs and patents, sundries, wall paper and stationery. Charles is just the boy to fit the place. His many friends here are glad to hear of his advancement.

The patrons of the R. F. D. of Orchard Lake presented their carrier Miss Coulter, who succeeded her father as carrier on his route, with a fine new mail wagon as a Christmas present, this showing their appreciation of the lady's attention to business.

SUSPECT TO BE BROUGHT BACK

Chicago Consents To Extradition Of Alleged Slayer

Discussion which has lasted several months between the sheriff's office in Oakland County and Chicago police, over the extraditing of Vincent Statkiewicz, Big Beaver, to face a murder charge here is believed ended today with word from Chicago that police there are ready to allow the man to be returned to Pontiac. He was held in Chicago on a robbery armed charge. The date for the extradition is set at Jan. 10. The man is in jail under bond of $20,000.

Statkiewicz will be charged with the murder of his brother-in-law, Anthony Wasielewski, at his home in Big Beaver, March 28. According to police, witnesses saw the men fought after a drinking party.

Robbery-armed charges against the man in Chicago were dismissed for lack of evidence.

NEW MANAGER

HARRY KRULL

Mr. Krull, who lives at 523 Lakeview avenue, was elected manager of the Union Title and Guarantee company of Detroit at the annual meeting of directors, according to announcement today.

FIGURES SHOW LARGE NUMBER OF BALDWIN GRADS GO TO COLLEGE

Out of 255 graduates of Baldwin high school during the last five years, 96.08 per cent have gone to college, according to a figure, the compilation of which is complete today at the high school.

The students are studying law, education, engineering, medicine, dentistry, agriculture, business administration, and art. They are located both in and out of the state. All the students have been admitted to the schools on diploma because Birmingham has been approved by the University of Michigan since 1894 and by the North Central association since 1917. Such approval is secured only by adequate buildings and equipment, a suitable course of study, good teachers and graduates who do satisfactory work in the colleges in which they matriculate.

Twenty-five out of 56 who were graduated in 1927 are attending college. The schools and the number of Baldwinites attending each are: University of Michigan, 3; Michigan State College, 8; William and Mary, 2; Mt. Holyoke, 2; Albion, 1; Olivet, 1; Lake Erie College, 1; Radcliffe, 1; Kalamazoo, 1; Cleveland School of Art, 1; Pontiac Business College, 1.

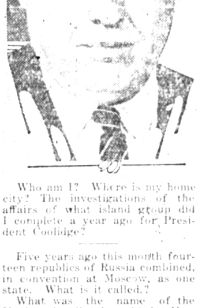
Twenty of the 56 graduates of 1926 are in college. At the University of Michigan are 6; Michigan State College, 2; College of the City of New York, 1; Oberlin, 2; Detroit College of Art, 1; Michigan State Normal College, 4; Denison, 2; Amherst, 1 and Dartmouth, 1.

Eleven out of 48 graduates of 1926 are in college. They attend as follows: University of Michigan, 2; Michigan State College, 2; Albion, 1; Western Reserve, 1; Dartmouth, 1; Purdue, 1; Denison, 1; Michigan State Normal College, 2.

Of the class of 1924, 15 of the 17 graduates are listed. The University of Michigan claims 6; Michigan State College, 5; Denison, 2; Detroit College of Law, 1; Detroit Teachers College, 1.

Twenty-six of 32 graduates in 1923 are in college. Eleven are at the University of Michigan; Michigan State College has 4; Albion, 2; Michigan State Normal College, 4; Denison, 1; Cornell, 1; Detroit Teachers College, 1 and Detroit Business Institute, 2.

... The ... GRAB BAG



Who am I? Where is my home city? The investigations of the affairs of what island group did I complete a year ago for President Coolidge?

Five years ago this month fourteen republics of Russia combined, in convention at Moscow, as one state. What is it called?

What was the name of the Mexican bandit who raided a New Mexican town in the spring of 1916?

Hendrick Hudson explored the Hudson river in his search for the Northwest passage in 1609. What was the name of the ship in which he made his exploration?

What furnishes the motive power to the ships going through the locks of Panama canal?

"When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby." Where does this passage appear in the Bible?

Today's Horoscope

Persons born under this sign are affectionate but seldom fall in love at first sight.

For answers to above questions see Page Six, this section.

Kellygrams

By Fred C. Kelly

LONDON STREETS

I doubt if wandering about London streets would ever cease to be an adventure. One keeps seeing names that recall people or events mentioned in school books. On my way to hunt up a friend at 72 Fleet street, I made a mistake in the number and found myself starting up a stairway over which a sign read: "Thomas Hood House." I had to think a few minutes before I could remember the name of that famous poem he wrote. But right across the street was a haberdashery with shirts in the window—and that helped to remind me.

Even the names of London streets are full of romance or flavor. How much more interesting is the sound to have so many streets and avenues. What a mistake we make in America to have so many streets and avenues designated merely by a number! And why leave their naming to realtors or city aldermen?

In telephoning to a London newspaper acquaintance, I noticed that he lives at a certain number on King's Bench Walk. There's a street to put on your calling cards! And fancy driving each morning to your place of business in Honey Lane.

You walk up what appears to be a small blind alley. After a few rods you're in a paved court, perhaps 75 feet square, and all around the sides are doorways to small shops or offices.

Many of the narrower streets, one learns, began life much wider than they are today. Small merchants persisted in putting their stands on the sidewalk, or out in the gutter. Laws against such encroachment were not enforced and often what started as a temporary stand became more and more permanent. There used to be a merchant in my home town who had a great habit of putting stands on the sidewalk. People criticized him so harshly that he finally withdrew to the inside of his store. If he had only been more persistent he might have owned half way across the street. At least that is what has happened all over London.

I'm much impressed by one feature of London streets and that is the English habit of putting street names at corners in type large enough to be read. The names appear in black letters on a white background and can be read half a block away. These British are not so slow, after all.

It's no small satisfaction to learn that Piccadilly Circus isn't an entertainment but merely a circular thoroughfare. Travel does broaden one.

William Hay, 15, dived into water infested with sharks and saved a drowning shipmate near Sydney, N. S. W.

Jackie Coogan, youthful movie star and millionaire, has among his other possessions a large and profitable hog farm.

Glimpses

at and about BIRMINGHAM

By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

A large hall was decorated with red and green streamers and everyone was dressed extravagantly. The women wore their finest jewels and party gowns and some of them had shawls that were like these gorgeous skies, if the skies were more real. The men looked well combed and their dress suits were made by tailors who had been steeped in the knack of flattery.

Some danced well and others were quite awkward. One couple fell down but that was either because they had been trying to do difficult steps or because they had had too much to drink. The way they laughed about it one could not tell. Every one says that girls look at boys and I suppose that is true. But I noticed at this party the same thing I have noticed before. The girls look at the other girls and when they get through looking they know the kind of material in the dress and how much such an such a store charges for the kind of buckles on the shoes.

They threw confetti at each other and did a great deal of laughing about it. Some of the men and women blew little paper horns that uncurled and made a whining sound. Some of the people did not care a great deal about having the confetti all over them but it didn't make a great deal of difference.

A girl stood in a doorway and smoked a cigaret. She was alone and she looked very angry because she was alone. The young man who accompanied her had gone out with some other young men to drink. She had some kind of Spanish outfit on, although she was quite blonde, and I believe she read somewhere that the very angry look and the cigaret are part of the Spanish make-up.

All the people get together in groups. If your father is in the coal business you stand and talk to the person whose father is in the manufacturing business. I do not know for sure I have the right combination, but there is some sort of grouping like that. Then, too, if your father is in the business of selling buttons wholesale you dance like others whose fathers are similarly occupied.

People speak to you and you wonder who they are and why they want to say things that are not anyhore worth saying than all this is worth writing.

Several young men in the stag line. They are the rough and ready ones. One of them kept asking for dances and people told him their programs were filled. I suppose you know all about programs. He had an awfully good time and did not mind the filled programs at all.

Sometimes the drunken ones are hard to be rid of. They want to tell you what a devil of a fellow you are, one way or the other. They want you to drink all the things that they like to drink. One of them wanted to give away his tie.

The men in the orchestra seemed to be very happy. Of course they were getting paid to look like that. The others paid but they looked quite happy, too. I suppose there were many reasons for their looking happy because that is why they came to the Christmas party. They take in everything at a glance and then start looking happy.

All this is probably a poor story about a Christmas party but I did not pay a great deal of attention to it, probably because of the company I was in.

Christmas Cheer Lands 3 in Jail

Christmas Day was not one for eating for three men who had celebrated in a way not sanctioned by law and were arrested here. Instead of the usual turkey with various trimmings, the men who spent the day in the police station here had—SANDWICHES. They are: Alfred Peterson and Arnold Olson of Flint and Fred Nuinberg, Detroit, no street address given. All were taken to the station on charges of drunkenness. Monday they were fined.

Artifical leather is now made from shredded waste and scrap material of various kinds mixed with glue and rolled into sheets.

The number of articles made for the application of electricity to various uses now exceed 25,000.

REALTY BOARD HEAD PREDICTS PROSPERITY

Ladd Expects 1928 To Be Greatest In Birmingham's History

"Members of the Birmingham Real Estate board are looking forward to the most prosperous year in their history," said David H. Ladd, president of the board in discussing prospects for 1928.

"With the great influx of newcomers to the new General Motors corporation plants in Pontiac, and business conditions in Detroit once more on a normal basis, it is the opinion of practically every member of the local real estate board,—and this opinion is backed up by experience of the last 60 days—that Birmingham is going to see the most impressive growth during the next 12 months that it has ever experienced.

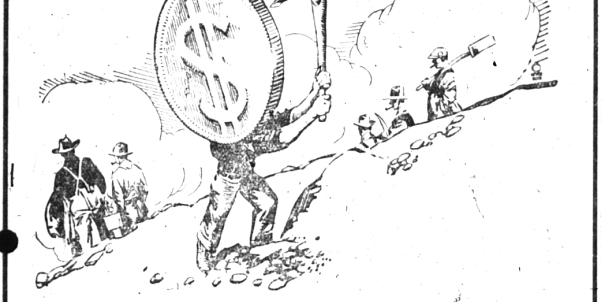
"The most eminent economic authorities of the country are predicting sound conditions for the year 1928. Detroit has forged ahead until the new census figures is a metropolitan population of better than one million, eight hundred thousand people.

"Pontiac, with the new plants, is struggling with the biggest building problem it has ever experienced, and it is not hard to see where thousands of newcomers and older residents in these two districts will want to live in Birmingham with all that it has to offer in its ideal suburban life.

SIGN THIEVES SOUGHT IN HILLS

Bloomfield Hills police are looking today for persons who have destroyed several signs placed on Woodward avenue marking the entrance to the village. Chief William Putman says several signs have been stolen or broken within the past few weeks.

After a crash in his airplane, Joseph Gain of Southampton, Eng., lost his power of speech.



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