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## STREET WORK PROGRESSING AVERS PARRY

Daily Reports Given Village Manager Indicate Progress Will End In Aug.

### INSPECTING ON JOBS

Street paving is progressing rapidly. This sums up the daily reports James W. Parry, village manager, is receiving from the various sections of the village where work is underway.

### Two Streets Paved

Bates and Townsend streets are paved and ready for use, excavations are made on Chester and George streets in preparation for the concrete, the curb work on Hanna street is complete, and the paving under way; and the work on Lincoln street is practically finished, Mr. Parry says.

"More improvement work is being done in Birmingham now than ever before," declared Mr. Parry, "and paving work will be out of the way earlier than usual."

Daily reports are being made by four inspectors to Mr. Parry, P. (Continued on Page 6, Parry 2)

## SHORT-EARED OWL PICTURED AS DESTROYER OF VARMINTS

Editor: Note: This is the fifth of a series of articles being written for the Eccentric by Wilcox H. Wood. The first article on "Short-Eared Owl" has made a life-size owl, and is a member of the "Birmingham Life" series of articles on "Short-Eared Owl" which will be of interest to our readers.

By WILCOX H. WOOD

In this issue I must take you for a stroll in the fields. We will imagine we have traveled out of long grass and a straggling growth of bushes here and there, and clusters or clumps of tall grass. As we stroll about, up starts a short rather shy of wing. As he reaches a height of ten feet, however, he spreads out his wings and sails over your head and then, in a few minutes, begins a slow beating of wings again, and so goes.

You will know at once if it is an owl, both by the shape of its head and by the fact that there is no noise of the wings, as he appears to fly noiselessly.

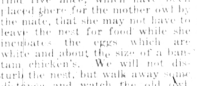
### Old Ones Guard Young

In about three weeks we return to find that two little fluffy yellow-bellied owls are in the nest and four eggs are still there, one of which is puffed through, with a little black bill sticking out. Four more days and the rest of the eggs are hatched. The first hatched has some feathers now, and can stand on its feet and put like a chick. He looks as you put forth your hand to touch him. All the while the old birds are flying about and calling.

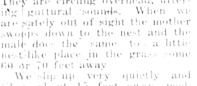
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## NEW FIRE EQUIPMENT AIDS MEN TO ANSWER ALARMS PROMPTLY

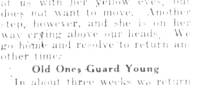
By J. J. GIBSON



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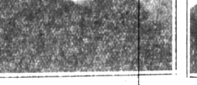
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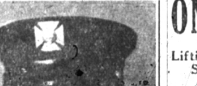


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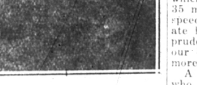
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## POLICE PLAN NEW WARFARE ON MOTORISTS

Lifting of Speed Ban On State Highways Won't Result In Laxity

### SIGNALS ARE PROVIDED

"The new state speed law which will go into effect August 1, will not change the present speed restrictions here in Birmingham," announced Sergeant Clark Green of the police department, today.

"The passage of the state law which removes the speed limit from 35 miles an hour to a maximum speed at which a driver can operate his car carefully, safely and prudently, will only serve to make our watchfulness for speeders more rigid," said Sergeant Green.

A campaign against motorists who violate traffic ordinances is being planned by the police department, and a better education of the laws is expected. The new speed restriction which will come into use on all the state and rural highways is the result following the passage of the new law during the 1927 session of the legislature.

"Drive safely" is the new law for motorists it is declared by state officials. "Reckless driving is a point on which the patrolling of officers are planning to be stringent, highway officers say."

A summary presented by Frank F. Rogers, State Highway Commissioner, on the new highway traffic and maintenance laws, passed at the recent session of the legislature includes the following:

Provision for the payment to cities of \$2,000 a mile for maintenance of trunk lines in cities where the maintenance burden is altogether on the municipality.

The Burke law, requiring the removal of slashings and debris from timber operations at least 100 feet from roadways.

Creation of a "wet traffic" season in March, April and May and limiting of truck load weights during that season.

Providing for the establishment of automatic signals at railroad crossings with the installation cost split equally by the railroad and the county, township or city.

A new condemnation law, giving the highway commissioner power to hold "hearings on necessity" and take immediate action after the hearing.

A law prohibiting the abandonment of roads which skirt lakes and streams, except through circuit court action.

Laws making it a felony to drive away a car without the owner's permission and laws requiring all school buses to stop at railway and interurban crossings.

That Texas may who stayed awake 150 hours was probably a legislator trying to think up a lot of new laws.



# Announcement

At this time we take sincere pleasure in inviting your inspection of our new quarters which we will occupy starting today. They are but two doors west of our former location—129 West Maple avenue. The new quarters are much larger, possess an indescribable improvement over the former location, and in every way compare more favorably than the old address.

We wish to thank the Birmingham public for their part in making possible this new store. In our seven years of business in this village we have enjoyed public confidence to the extent of our moving from smaller to larger quarters at four different times. Ours is, indeed, an immeasurable gratitude.

In moving to larger quarters, the stock has been considerably increased, especially our watch, diamond and silverware lines. The formal opening will be Saturday. Flowers will be tendered the ladies. Men will receive cigars.

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129 WEST MAPLE PHONE 721

## FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS—Of Long Ago

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

### 43 YEARS AGO

Fred Canfield returned from his "vacation" up the Hills on Monday morning, and upon his arrival he was met by the wife of his neighbor, Mrs. John Smith, who was waiting for him at the door.

Mrs. L. T. Farmer's family, on returning with her and children, she can give a few details and visit the old-time friends of the Birmingham of today.

While Taylor took the Monday afternoon train for Pontiac, he had already worked for a few days at the office of the Birmingham of today.

From the Birmingham Sentinel we learn that in the winter of 1884 the Big Beaver boys, on their way to the office, by an accident, had a little while.

Mrs. Emma Thompson and Master Frankie Gillespie of Pontiac are the guests of Mrs. Gibbs for a short time.

Mr. Paul and Gleason of Ridgeport are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Rainey this week.

Mrs. Ella Hoffman and Misses Emma and Laura Hoffman paid us a pleasant visit one day last week.

The two portraits by Brannitt of the editor, as placed on either side of the "belated little corner" in the postoffice, have caused a world of favorable comment for Brannitt the past week. The three are variously styled "The three between two thorns," "The three Christian Graces," etc., but it remained for Andrew Wallace in his calm and dignified way, to get out of the worst of all and it happened in this wise: "Oh!" exclaimed a young lady, as she stared at the beaming orb of Mitchell's picture and glanced over the broad expanse of the scientist's "vast" "lovely eyes." They look just as if they were alive! "Yes," calmly returned the scientist, "they are 'like a life's eyes picture,'" and the young lady absorbed half the recollections in the store before she was fully restored to consciousness.

Mrs. John Boline returned from a fortnight's visit among relatives near Pontiac last week.

### CORRECTION

Village taxes may be paid at the village offices without penalty until July 31, 1927 and one per cent penalty will be charged at the village offices from August 1 to September 1 inclusive. Four per cent penalty will be charged from September 1 to October 31 and all paid after that date will bear the four per cent penalty plus three quarters of one per cent for each month or fraction. This statement is made to correct the error in the story published last week.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Randall were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grant and two children of Detroit, cousin of Mrs. Randall, Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, and Mrs. J. J. Smith.

The young people of the U. P. Church near Edwin Starr's will give an entertainment this Friday evening, August 28th, on the church lawn. Don't fail to be present if you want a fine evening's entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stinchfield, Mr. Stinchfield and Miss Stinchfield, who left some time ago for coaching trip through Maine, are now at Poland Springs, the most fashionable and picturesque resort in the State.

The young friends of Miss Florence King miss her from her absence.

Miss Maude Gates of Detroit was the guest of Mrs. John Foster last Sunday.

Misses Eva Staehler and Verne McKinney were Pontiac callers last Saturday.

Earl Wagner of Harbor Beach was the guest of Mrs. Carrie Mitchell recently, and enjoyed the inland breeze for a short time.

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