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## rites Held For L. B. Tompkins

### Former Lawyer Dies at Home of Daughter, Mrs. L. G. Welch

Funeral services were held in the home of Mrs. L. G. Welch at 2:30 p. m. Friday for Levi B. Tompkins, 70 years old, who died suddenly at the home of his daughter Mrs. L. G. Welch, 703 Buckingham road, Thursday of a paralytic stroke.

## Teachers Who Quit To Return In Fall

Miss Anna Eilola and Miss Marion Bouldry will return to Birmingham next year to teach in the schools. They were instructors in the Pierce School last year, but resigned because of other plans for the coming year. They have decided to stay here, however, and Monday night the school board approved the rehiring of them at the recommendation of Superintendent Clarence Vliet.

## Longest Day Made Shorter By Rain

The year's longest day, last Tuesday, was made shorter by a heavy rain that started to fall late in the afternoon, making the daylight which was to have lasted 15 hours and 14 minutes, appear slightly diminished.

Daylight Tuesday was to have totaled just one minute more than on Monday and yesterday. The days from Tuesday on are scheduled, by the almanac, for weather men, to become shorter until Dec. 21, the year's shortest day.

## Glimpses

at and about BIRMINGHAM

By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

Something very rare has happened. Last week's glimpses at Birmingham were widely applauded and applauded in such a way that an editor has to be given. I say that it is very rare because in newspaper work, about the only time one realizes that what he writes is actually read is when he succeeds in hurting someone's feelings.

Commendation is not merely an exception; it is the wonder of a lifetime. That, I suppose, is as it should be. It avoids incognito; it is not a matter of course. I prefer being stung by darts of criticism than being applauded. (I take particular pains to point out that I do not mean constructive criticism.) But at Birmingham, because we glimpse each other, we are accorded all this courtesy, the rest of it.

County jails are comparatively very nice places. There is no work to be done, nor freedom is allowed the prisoners by far than at the prisons and communications with the outside are not so completely shut off. The inmates, most of the time, are merely locked in small, dingy cells; they are made to depend largely upon beans and bread for their food, and well-treated in general like prisoners. The reason for this leniency is apparent. These men and women, you see, have not been convicted. Hence, according to law, they are presumed innocent. Hence they are accorded all this courtesy, the rest of it.

Noise usually prevails at county jails. Pass the one in Detroit and you have the idea that the prisoners are in a state of constant uproar and screams and catcalls and songs and raucous laughter penetrate the thick, mournful walls bringing some of the greyness with them into the sunshine on the street. I suppose they realize that freedom has been denied their bodies and minds but not their voices.

Because these men, in the county jail, who have not come to trial, are presumed innocent they are allowed visitors for a few hours each week. At the Wayne County jail there is a fairly large, gay, half-floored room where the same prisoners and prisoners talk. In a corner there is a cage. It is not the kind of cage that holds the animals at Belle Isle. In the cages at the island the top is open and there is a trough for food. Surrounding the cage in the jail, however, is a

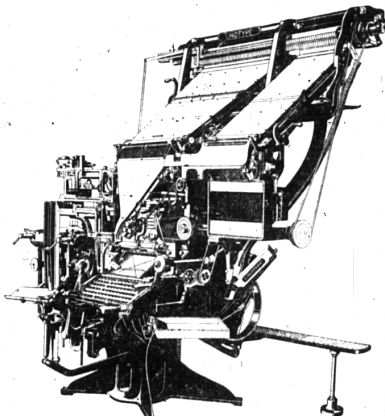
Poets sometimes call it a wall. So do I say the bricks that go to make up the wall are composed of atoms known as heredity. Certain pessimistic philosophers say: "Blind, fating fate, at times known as circumstance and at other times as environment, is the fire which bakes the bricks and at the same time generates the atoms. Most of all, they say, this fire directs the construction of the wall. At any rate some wall exists which divides us into lawmakers and law-breakers, murderers and the rest of the world is more inconsistent than that wall. Nothing is more unreasonable and illogical.

## MANY ENTER HOME CONTEST

Approximately 65 persons are entered today in the beautiful Birmingham being conducted by the Detroit-Pontiac Homes company, according to announcement made by Lewis B. Erwin, sales manager. Last prizes of \$25 and \$50 are being offered for the best looking residence on each of the three streets and a grand prize of \$100 is also at stake. The streets are east Bufluer, Humphrey, and Bennett.

Announcement of awards is to be made July 1, Mr. Erwin said. The judges have not yet been named.

## THE NEW LINOTYPE



The accompanying illustration set various faces and sizes of type, will give readers some idea of the marvelous mechanism of the new Linotype installed at the Eccentric and headers which are used in this, a composing machine on various advertisements in each issue of this newspaper. When set in type, the machine produces type cast-lines such as you are now reading. The particular kind of machine included, the New Model 11 enables one operator to set in the same time more type than ordinarily could be produced by five or six men or women doing much of the work by hand—and the composition is incomparably better.

## "THIRTEEN" FAILS TO HOLD TERROR FOR CHISSUS FAMILY IN VILLAGE

Thirteen is a traditionally unlucky number, but if you and all the rest of your family had been born on the thirteenth, would you do something towards bucking the hoodoo? After all, in spite of its bad luck, the thirteenth of us would find it bad luck if we had never been born at all and the mere fact of being born on the thirteenth, especially when it repeats itself, gives the number a little infamy anyway.

At all of which I thought I would like to mention is the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chissus, of Madison avenue, and their daughter, Barbara, were all born on the thirteenth of the month, not the same month, but of good full-time months. Mr. Chissus was born Nov. 13, Mrs. Chissus Dec. 13, and Barbara's birthday is Mar. 13.

Annually the Chissuses are not averse to having a "13" at the end of their automobile license, or to having their names in the Yellow Pages. Chances are that with them under such circumstances their car would be a charmer, free from the annoyance of policeman and reckless drivers and telephone pole-men, and their family would remember that this was their wedding anniversary or something of the kind, though with a little extra, they would be a pretty busy household.

## VILLAGE YOUTH WINS AWARD

Joseph Torrence First To Be Given Scholarship For New Cranbrook School. Joseph William Torrence, 14 years old, a student at the Shaw School, is the winner of a \$100 scholarship at the Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills. The youth, who lives at 202 Yorkville, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Torrence at 702 Yorkville, will enter the new school when it opens in September.

## 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 Mrs. Allen's of the proud owner of a 36 pound wool fleece clipped from one of his own flock very good.

25 YEARS AGO Arthur Groves of the Groves farm in Troy, was the most surprised man in Oakland County when he came up from the corn field one day last week and found his house filled with friends and relatives who had come to help him eat his birthday dinner. He forgot all about the corn field.

Miss Rhoda Simpson is, home from Detroit on a visit. Mrs. J. B. Gates of Waterford visits the family of George H. Mitchell this week.

To Mrs. Charles D. Miller, of Vassar, Mich. — a welcome daughter, and of which happened with which to thresh the grain of our farmer friends this season. We wish them success.

Miss Belle G. Campbell, our worthy principal, and her brother, Rose T. Campbell, have returned to their home in Pontiac, and were accompanied by the wishes of their host of Wolverine friends.

Two more unfortunate, weary of rent; Rashly unfortunate, gone to Detroit and Harbor Springs. They are M. K. Fisher and J. Allen Bigelow, and will be gone perhaps a week or so, fishing and hunting.

Mrs. Jennie Heames of Detroit, who was visiting at Jonathan Todd's last week, returned home on account of the illness of her little son, whom we are pleased to learn has since recovered his usual good health.

A tame crow owned by Mortie O. Bigelow and a family of red squirrels on Mill street, are the latest attractions on that thoroughfare at present. Anyone versed in the art of crow tongue spitting, so that they can talk, can get a job by calling on Master Bigelow, as Mort would like to hear his crow "talking" for Jim Blaine.

Misses Mamie F. Utter, Hattie C. Drake, and Effie Drake, all home from Ypsilanti, for the summer vacation. Miss Ella graduated from the State Normal with the highest honors. Miss Mamie Utter is accompanied by her cousin, the happy couple enjoy among their many friends.

Miss Mabel Parsall left last Friday for Ypsilanti, where she will attend a six weeks' normal school.

The venerable R. T. Merrill is the guest of A. Partridge and his friends in town.

## ... The ... GRAB BAG



Who am I? From what state was I a United States Senator? In what year was I regarded as a possible Democratic nominee for the presidency? Who did receive the Democratic nomination that year? Today marks the anniversary in 1863, of the effecting of a peace treaty between the Queen of the South and the Indians. Who was the leader of the colony who made the treaty?

In what year was the city of Rome founded? According to Norse legend and history the continent of America was discovered in the year 1,000. Who was its discoverer?

Rome became an empire in the year 27 B. C. Who was the first Roman emperor? "Whosoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Where does this passage appear in the Bible?

Today's Horoscope: Persons born under this sign are, by nature, a tremendous power for good, provided however, they insist that their letter nature rule them.

- 1. O. W. Underwood; Alabama; 1924; John W. Davis. 2. William Penn. 3. 1787 B. C. 4. Liep Ericson. 5. Augustus. 6. Galatians VI. 2.

## VLIET ADDRESSES TWO GROUPS IN ONE DAY

Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools, was speaker at the commencement exercises at the Grayling Grammar School, Detroit, at 10 a. m. Tuesday. There were 100 graduates. From the eighth grade at the Grayling School.

## LEGISLATION NEED IS SEEN

### Wendorph Speaks Before Cemetery Association In Meet

A broadside against persons who speculate in cemetery lots was launched by John A. Wendorph of Birmingham, president of the Michigan Association of Cemetery Superintendents and Officials, at their meeting in Grand Rapids last week. Mr. Wendorph also urged the passage of legislation to compel provision for an endowment fund for the upkeep of privately owned cemeteries.

## FRACTURES ANKLE IN LONG FALL

Worker Crashes To Ground From Wall Of New Apartment Building.

Arthur Brown, of the Hotel Morgan, Cass avenue, Detroit, fell from the roof of a new apartment building in St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, today, with a broken ankle, received Monday morning at his work. He was climbing a brick wall of the new apartment house being built at Merrill and Southfield avenues, when he fell.

## CRASH VICTIM'S LEG FRACTURED

X-rays taken at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, disclose that Mrs. A. S. Strouse, 200 Frank street, is suffering today from two fractures of her leg sustained when the car in which she was a passenger last week crashed with another at Woodward avenue and Oak street.

Her two daughters, Margaret and Marie and Millar Collins, a boarder at their home and driver of the car, are recovering from cuts and bruises.

## Their Profits Were 6% Per Month

On June 15, 1923, Quarton Lakes Estates, near Birmingham, was a big, bare field.

On June 15, 1927, Quarton Lakes Estates was the site of 75 completed homes.

Resales during the last nine months have shown an average net profit of 6 per cent a month for the owners.

Just another reason why you should invest in Walsh, James & Wasey developments in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area.

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### SUPPOSE

YOU backed your car into another car, building, pole, tree, etc., the chances are that the Property Damage payment would run from \$100 to \$500, and to your own car \$100 to \$500.

YOU car when parked was run into, probably the loss would run from \$50 to \$500.

YOU hit a car while going into or coming out of a garage, or your car is run into, probably the Property Damage payment would run from \$50 to \$1000, and to your own car \$25 to \$200.

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