

THE ECCENTRIC  
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TELEPHONED OR BROUGHT  
TO THE OFFICE BEFORE  
NOON ON WEDNESDAY.  
PHONES 11 AND 12.

FIFTIETH YEAR—NO. 6

## AGED BLACKSMITH IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Six Sons Of C. M. Stumpf  
Act As Pall Bearers;  
Lived At Big Beaver

Conrad M. Stumpf, 66 years old, died at his home in Big Beaver, Mich., last Thursday. He was born in Albany, N. Y., April 17, 1861, a few days after the Civil War began but for the past 25 years he had lived in this section. He was a blacksmith until his retirement several years ago.

Masonic funeral services were held for Mr. Stumpf at 2 p. m. Saturday from the home and at 3 p. m. from the Immanuel Evangelical Church of Royal Oak. Burial was in Oakview cemetery.

Mr. Stumpf is survived by his widow, Mrs. Caroline Hartung Stumpf, and 10 children, Martin, Roland, Raymond, Carl, Louis, Mrs. Pearl Graham, of east Maple road, Mrs. Mary Rickabaugh and Mrs. Lydia Mulch, of east Rochester road, Leslie and Miss Lucille, who live at home. His six sons acted as pall bearers.

## HEARING IS CALLED ON BROWNELL STREET

Objections To Proposed Improvement  
Will Be Presented To  
Commission.

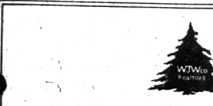
Suggestions and objections to the proposed improvement to Brownell street, between east Maple avenue and Forest avenues, will be heard at a special meeting of the village commission, Tuesday May 31, at 2 p. m. in the village office. The method of assessment to obtain three-fourths of the estimated cost, \$7,042, will also be made at the meeting.

The improvements include an eight-inch concrete sewer, with curb and gutter, 30 feet wide, between curbs, and a surface sewer, 24 inches in diameter. The village manager, James W. Farley, after he had drawn up maps and diagrams for the proposed work. A special assessment will be levied on the property fronting and abutting on the section to be improved, for three-fourths of the cost. The village will pay the other fourth. The special assessment will be divided into two installments, payable annually.

## OFFICER ARRESTED

Harry Rajd, who says he is a special policeman in Pontiac, is being investigated by police today following his arrest by Sgt. Richard Lawler who says he brandished a revolver in the attempt to obtain a ride from motorists.

Last week our neighbor's picture was on the front page of the



## Seven Out of Ten

Some telling points for you to consider in selecting a home site or in deciding where to invest:

A check-up of building activity in and about Birmingham shows that seven out of ten homes under construction are on Walsh, James & Wasey developments.

Two significant points are emphasized by this fact. One is that Walsh, James & Wasey properties are attractive as home locations; the other that the majority of desirable sections in and about Birmingham have been developed by Walsh, James & Wasey Co.

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PART TWO

OAKLAND COUNTY'S GREATEST  
WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

## Glimpses at and about BIRMINGHAM

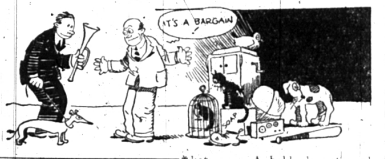
By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

James Mortimer Stewart, scientist and slave to the study of the necromancy of medicine, decided my inherited paleness was an acquired paleness and that I needed, most of all, a few more hours daily of heavenly fresh air and sunshine. The last time he insisted I give the first excuse that came to me: Glimpses were to be written. Demonstrating his humanitarianism he offered to do the column for me.

It was just as if he had said, "Here. Never mind carrying that piano up the stairs. I'll do it." So behold the villain and the works he created while I, wretched that I am, was running amuck in the hills. (R. G.)

It was in one of those dim, quiet masculine retreats, an inner hang about like a fog, through which glimmered the sheen of glass and the shine of new polished brass. We had come to render homage to a culinary genius, whose masterpiece was the ham sandwich.

Aloneness, dignity and reserve do not long survive the moving effect of such an atmosphere. Thus, after partaking of three of these examples of craftsmanship, our neighbor on the left by a cigarette and broke into a monologue. He confided that he was a freeman on the Highland Park force, and that it was a tough "racket." Coupled with a Breckenridge ability for exhaustive, but interestingly



ket. "A bald character who inquired about the number of men in quantity lots. Upon our murmuring 'Scarf-law,' he left hastily and without farewell. A wily stranger, offering samples of soap, he uttered to supply in gallon lots with full directions for turning into wine, with the aid of a mortar and pestle, and carrying the same in a bag of carrying sets, at a dollar—some thing. "A lad selling century plants, or some kind of flora fauna. "A chance to secure two pounds of honey. "A sticker, with rain coats and a camp stool, who sat on the stool and presented his line of fresh merchandise and vocally a couple of 'ham and long' boys who insisted on turning into high-priced executives within the space of a few minutes. "A correspondence school course, which or no we wanted to be high-priced executives. A lad from Chicago with a nifty line of 'hot' impire, by 'hot' he meant stolen, and was 'absolutely giving it away.' A shrill feminine voice, 'Will you vote for me?' A most personable man had a bargain in magazines, and for every dollar collected, she received 100 votes. The contest of some kind or other. We had a chance to acquire Life, Judge, Field and Stream, and the Gospel Herald, for a year, with only a dollar. We were tempted, mightily tempted, to help the dandelion, but a hasty consultation of the wallet convinced us of the folly of yielding to such soft emotion, and we could only refer her to Paul Avery, for at least a sure thousand votes, with a fervent hope that she might not return which we were better heeded.

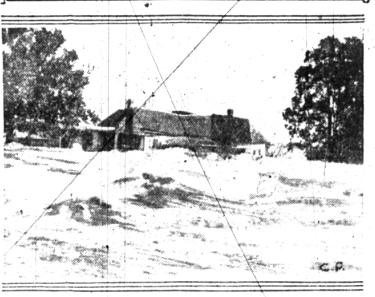
To be short—the only successful attack upon our treasury was made by a gent who sold us three apples for ten cents.

From what source are our youngsters of 12 and thereafter drawing their ideals and inspirations? Can they trace many influences to the movies, which have even cleared away the suspicion that a man who smoked cigars and wore a mackintosh was a fancy fellow and not to be greatly trusted, but what moral force acts as strongly as the Horatio Alger books, to which we were passionately addicted in adolescence?

How many upright citizens of today were changed from potential bank robbers, by the terrible ability of the "Old Sleuth" to ferret out, cunningly, such gentry? How many bank presidents, by their position to such clear-cut paths as were been out in "Poor, Rich, Honest," "Jog, the Black," "Slow but Sure," and "Sink or Swim"? How many athletic bond boys, by the exploits of the exploits of Frank Merriwell?

True, for the youth, there is "The Success" propaganda of Marsden, and the "Big Muscle Boys," that is Mr. Earl Lederhosen, and Mr. Lionel Strongford, but for the unfortunate below puberty there seems to be a dearth of juvenile fiction such as "inspired us at that age. It is a problem worthy of the intense interest, and concentration

## HOOVER SEES HOME ENGULFED



This remarkable photo, snapped from a coast guard patrol boat, carrying Secretary Herbert Hoover's party into the flooded parishes of Louisiana, was taken less than five minutes after the levee broke at Bordome. The raging water is seen encircling the home of a wealthy planter in the "Sugar Bowl" district.

## The Grab Bag

May 26, 1927

This photo of Mrs. Carrie Chapin was snapped in 1918 when she was elected to the presidency of a national women's organization. Can you give the name of the organization?

A "jewel of gold in a swine's snout," is a fair woman which is without discretion? Where does this passage occur in the Bible?

Persons born on this day are not always capable of remaining agreeable under stress of difficulties, and therefore should guard against explosive anger, which later they have reason to regret.

Snappy Saying

Safety zones give the pedestrian a chance to compose himself before he steps out to get his mail.

By what name are the scholars of Germany in exile in Holland? One of the most famous neotits.

Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm Hohenzollern of Germany is in exile in Holland. Can you name the place?

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Says 'Y' Continues

Notes: An explanation of the conditions of China is given in the following letter which was received by Robert D. Lind, Y. M. C. A. secretary of lower Oakland County, from Fletcher S. Brockman who has been in China 25 years.

You could easily infer from account of the China situation in the daily press that most of the foreign secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. in China had evacuated their posts. The association building had been confiscated and the associations were closed. I am writing this letter to give you the latest news from the field.

Not one association has been closed. They are optimistically kept from their work. The association was never more alive and more active than now. Everything else Chinese in the perils and difficulties of the present, while the Y. M. C. A. is very perilous and difficulties are opening new and unexpected doors, especially among the student and laboring classes where the effect of the radical element are being centered.

Place Students

T. Z. Koo tells me that the national committee has just placed in the strong student secretaries at Nankun, Nanking, Wuchang, and other cities.

of that lucky psychologist with vacant Thursday afternoons. We will be in the room, by the way, furnishing room, paper and cigars.

I see no indication that the association is to have a smaller place in China, but rather a larger one; for that American commission, which is less needed, less welcome or less effective in the future than in the past. It is in a situation that the strength of our support will count most. I have no fear that we shall fail them.

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## 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

Chas. Wood begins today a 600 rod job of ditching for Daniel Kimball, near Pontiac.

Chas. Biflow, Esq., of Detroit was in town on Saturday visiting his grandmother, Mrs. M.J. Young.

Just look at the date on your paper, if the time has passed U O us, and we know what to do with the money.

A Pontiac milkman has died one of his customers for libel. That ends it. We'll never say anything more about the minnows in our milk.

Utica citizens will observe Decoration Day, Friday, May 30, a dignified affair in the city hall.

The ladies' Aid society of the M. E. Church will meet next Friday, June 6, with Mrs. Bartrath of the parsonage. Committee on refreshments: Mrs. J. L. Todd, butler; Mrs. Frank Blakeslee, sauce; Mesdames Carson, Bostine and Utter, biscuit; Mrs. N. T. Shaw, Mrs. Volney Lee, and Mrs. Sisley, cake. All come. F. J. Shaw, secretary.

Our old friend, John G. Wilson, the ex-member of the Greenwald cemetery, had a ride the other day, and it was the first of the kind that he ever enjoyed. He was in automobile ride, and through Frank G. Pearsall's kindness of heart that the old gentleman received the pleasure. Mr. Wilson is ninety years old and certainly did enjoy his ride out.

E. A. O'Neal and wife spent Sunday at Clarkston.

Mrs. J. W. Perry spent Saturday and Sunday with her sisters in Ann Arbor.

Howard King is playing great ball with the Lansing club, which stands close to the head and in line for the pennant.

At present writing Mrs. Marion Wooster is very low. Her children are with her and all that loving hearts and willing hands can do for the sufferer is being done.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Storey and son, Master Willie, of Detroit, Sunday with G. H. Mitchell and family. Mrs. Clara Andrus was also out for part of the day.

The following real estate transfers in this vicinity have been recorded: G. W. Beckman to F. G. Pearsall, and third of a half of new quarter of sec 12 and w half of ne qr of sec 12 (except e 20 acres). Southfield, \$1. Melba Palmer to Ruby E. Crombie, part of lot 36. Torrey's plat, Birmingham, \$200.

Mrs. Verona Rose, widow of the late Melvin Rose, died Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Randall of this place, where she had been living for some time past.

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## NEW LIST OF BOOKS NAMED AT LIBRARY

Many Well Known Authors  
Among Contributors In  
Large Batch

Irvin S. Cobb, G. K. Chesterton, Don Byrne and P. K. Wedohouse are four of the authors represented in the latest book list issued by Miss Blanche Kerns, librarian at the Baldwin Public Library.

"Ladies and Gentlemen" is the title of the latest book acquisition and "The Return of Don Quixote" is Chesterton's. Don Byrne's story, "Brother Saul," has been running serially in one of the popular magazines. The delightful British, Wedohouse, contributes "Dykes" to the list of 29 new books in the adult fiction class which are to be had from the library today.

Another A. A. Milne book is included in the list of new juvenile fiction acquired by the library. "Winnie-the-Pooh" a day and fantastic affair by the author of "When We Were Very Young," is already in great demand at the library, Miss Kerns said.

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The juvenile fiction list includes only two besides "Winnie-the-Pooh." They are "Ellis and the Elves," by Rachel Field, and "Susanne's Auction," anonymous.

Non-fiction

The following juvenile non-fiction list completes the total of 31 new books added to the library: The Boy Scouts Hike Book, by Edward Cave; "Modern Puzzles and How to Solve Them," by Henry Ernest Dudeney; "Ice Hockey," by Thomas Knight Fisher; "David Goes to Greenland," and "David Goes Voyaging," both by David Giffen; "Football," by John W. White, football coach at Ohio State University, and "The Book of Games and Parties for All Occasions," by Theresa Hunt Welcott.

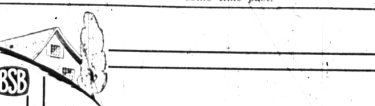
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