

Birmingham's new municipal building will be ready for occupancy this fall. It is none of your ordinary office buildings. Just as you may be proud of your own home, your church, school, and library.

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BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1928

Man Kidnaped, Ransomed By Auto Thug

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Woman Dies in Auto Crash

One woman is dead today and a man is seriously injured following an automobile crash near Birmingham.

Diamonds Valued At \$775 And \$45 In Cash Taken

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Life Threatened

Unfamiliar with the streets in Detroit, having arrived the previous day from Chicago, Mrs. Dunlap started for a walk Monday afternoon and became confused in her directions, she said. She inquired of a man who stopped for a moment as she crossed the street at John R. street. The man volunteered to drive her home but instead drove to the Charring Cross woods.

PLAN NEW BASE FOR MINERAL FOUNTAIN

The many visitors who come thrilly to the fountain at Maple and Baldwin avenues for the water, which for six years, they have found to be their liking, soon are receive it from a new and beautiful base, if the plans of officials materialize.

Board Acts On Widening Over Protests Of Oil Company

Excavation for the widening of Hamilton avenue between Woodward and the Grand Frank tracks is to be started today, according to Manager James W. Parry. The commission passed the final resolution on the matter Monday night over the protests of representatives of the Standard Oil company.

EX-VILLAGE PASTOR NOW AT JACKSON

Rev. C. L. Ramsey, of Birmingham, has been in the local news for the past five years because of his being the local pastor of the Episcopal church. He has accepted a call to the Episcopal church at Jackson and will arrive there first sermon there Sunday, Sept. 9.

GREEN SEES RESUMPTION OF BUILDING

The new Quarten School of Chesterfield road is practically completed and ready for the many Birmingham pupils who will attend when classes are resumed in September.

Plans Construction Of Woman's Prison For State

There are a number of important items which the governor has in mind for the building program for state institutions next year. It is predicted today by Gov. Fred W. Green, after a careful study of the state's finances. The building program has been held to a minimum during the last 18 months because of the \$4,500,000 deficit in the general fund of the state which existed when the present administration took office.

WOULD END JAIL DORM.

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OUR FLA'S CHILD NEGLECT

Oakland County could do a great deal toward the elimination of child neglect. The education of children whose families are not in a position to see that they attend school. In neglecting this duty, the county and state are aiding in crime.

RECKLESS DRIVERS FINED BY JUSTICE

Two persons paid fines for reckless driving and speeding and another paid a fine for a traffic violation. The men finally captured the pigeon and are holding it until some one claims it.

Should the Wanderer have been Wounded?

Because of one of our correspondents' remark in this column last week that no policeman was in sight when a particularly reckless driver drove recklessly, it has become a question of one of the wanderers has been fined. Two members of the motorcycle squad told him in distinct terms that he must have been looking the wrong way.

THE BIRMINGHAM CHURCHES

The Birmingham churches, still fresh and quite fresh, it is said, over their recent baseball victory in the game with the Rotary club is to go into battle again Monday at 1:15 p. m. at Barnum field with the Lions club. The challenge of E. J. Meirow, president of the Lions, was formulated at the Grand American trapshooters convention in Vandalia, Ohio this week by a party composed of Edward Daniels, Bert Peabody, Frank Schalk, Edgar McBride, Harry Potter and Frank Holmgren.

QUARTER SCHOOL NOW READY FOR 200 NEW PUPILS IN FALL

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LONGEST COUNT MADE BY LOSER IN HILLS BATTLE

After Patrolman Isma Banks of Bloomfield Hills village gave a "thumbs up" to a case involving Wallace Lamergierne, east Grand boulevard, Detroit, in Justice Floyd J. Buchanan's chamber of the judge awarded the verdict to Banks and assessed the Detroit man \$74.

H. S. MORGAN RESIGNS OFFICE

The resignation of Henry S. Morgan, Detroit, secretary of Senator James C. Guzman, is announced today. Mr. Morgan was then 40 years of age and his resignation will formally take effect. He has been the secretary of Senator Guzman for 13 years. No announcement has been made of his successor.

Drain Contracts Are Awarded

Work is soon to start on the construction of storm sewers to the Dorchester road and Pierce street following the award by the village commission Monday night of contracts to the Bradley & McMurtry company. The cost is \$32,404.76 for the 18,000 feet of storm sewer.

LIONS AT PICNIC AT WISE LAKE

The Lions club held a picnic yesterday afternoon at Wise lake. A large attendance and a number of athletic events were planned by George F. Johnson.

RENTALS

Six rooms, 140, 10 corners, low rent, in a desirable location. Call on Mr. B. B. Whitehead & Son, 1000 Woodward.

Building To Be Ready For Occupancy Dec. 1

Williams Property On Woodward, North Of Oakland, Is Site For Government Building. Work is to start on Birmingham's new postoffice within a few days, it was learned by The Eccentric yesterday from postal authorities in Detroit.

3 MORE DAYS TO REGISTER

Only one Birmingham man is seeking a county office and one man from Troy Township, S. O. Wylie, Peell, former village commissioner here and for 28 years in the undertaking business, is a candidate for the office of coroner. Norman C. Orr, of Big Beaver, now first assistant prosecutor, is a candidate for the nomination of the office of prosecutor.

Many Are Still Unassigned As Elections Approach

Saturday, Aug. 25, is the final day for registration in Bloomfield Township. The township office will be open this day between 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. This will be the last opportunity for registering before the primary elections Sept. 2. The time has been extended beyond that in both Detroit and Pontiac because re-registration has been slow here, according to the office of the registrar.

HORSE SHOE CHAMP MATCHES TONIGHT

The preliminaries for the village championship in horse shoe will take place at 7 p. m. tonight at the Barnum Field with the finals scheduled for tomorrow evening. The contest is being managed by G. F. Johnson, athletic director at the Baldwin High School.

BIRMINGHAM'S "WHO'S WHO"

Dr. Hugo Erichsen, Pioneer in Cremation Movement, Tells History Of Rise. By DOROTHY E. WILLIAMS. Dr. Hugo Erichsen, 208 Harmon ave., world famous crematologist, for 20 successive years, has been honored in "Who's Who in America." His name is included in the cremation movement when he was still a student in the Detroit University College, the predecessor of the present Detroit College of Medicine. The doctor, who was then but nineteen years of age, was walking along a street in Detroit one day when a headless man came running toward the sidewalk caught his attention. He picked it up and read an article and afterward called for information reference to the first American cremation, which had been effected by Dr. Paul Le Moine at Washington, Pa., in 1876, as well as some of the arguments for and against cremation. It made a profound impression upon him. Little did he reckon on that distant day that the time would come when he was in Pittsburgh to lecture at the Carnegie Institute, when he met the late Dr. Le Moine in the chapel—which was done—and that he eventually would write the outstanding biography of his friends and relatives. Dr. Erichsen puts it: "I felt as Canon Farrar, author of 'The Life of Christ,' so aptly expressed it. (Concluded on Page 2)

PAVING BIDS OPENED TODAY

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Completion of the contract work on the storm sewer being laid along Woodward avenue from the River Rouge to Maple avenue is set for late next week by Village Manager James W. Parry. The new sewer is said to be adequate to serve all future growth in the business district. Other sewers which have been laid along Woodward in preparation for paving include the sewer on the west side of Woodward from Willets street to the River. As proper drainage was necessary for the wider pavement, the state stands in the need of drainage construction. The remaining two thirds is born by the village which is covered by a local issue. The cost for the sewer on the new sewers is \$15,000. Buy your life insurance from L. W. Porter, P. O. Box 74, phone 1122.