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8 FATALITIES IN YEAR HERE

Annual Police Report Gives Vital Statistics For 1927

With a total of four persons killed in and streets accidents took the heaviest toll in deaths last year in Birmingham, according to yearly statistics released today by James Anderson, chief of police. Eight persons were killed during the year.

Auto accidents claimed three persons. One died as the result of a fight with a policeman.

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On Oct. 25, the patrolman was exterminated in the killing. Nathaniel C. Paffen, 35, colored, 954 High street, Detroit, died Oct. 4 as a result of injuries sustained in a collision between his car and a street car at Woodward avenue and Bowers street.

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Dr. E. F. W. Alexander of the General Electric Company is working on a new machine for transmitting pictures by radio, which has already given promising results.

Winning 800 Friends in Four Short Months

DURING the brief 120-day history of this institution, more than 800 people have deposited almost \$450,000.00 in Birmingham's youngest bank.


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GLIMPSES At and About BIRMINGHAM By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

Add American Credit! That prompts the quality which generates a man to tip over the dining room table because the color of the broth fails to harmonize with the color of the dining room wall.

Out on the front page—where all the world looks—there has been some discussion of the relative merits of two presidents of the University of Michigan, Dr. Clarence Cook Little and the late Dr. Marion Leroy Burton. A student and a former student are insisting that their respective hero is greater; that the other fellow's mug would do better selling safety razor sharpeners on Michigan avenue with the other pitchmen.

Years and years ago in grammar school, we had a detour. "Therefore," one young orator concluded "Washington was a far greater man than Lincoln." During the year it was said that Woodrow Wilson was "greater" than either Lincoln or Washington. There are people today who, even in this highly sophisticated state of Michigan, declare Clarence Barron a mug and the late William Jennings Bryan a messenger from the heavens.

The point it is taking me so long to make is that nothing in this new life is more flexible as a choline nor half so changeable as the admiration of the masses.

With a good publicity agent, a first rate orator can be made a superman, and his commonplace entrance into a city heralded as the second coming.

We Americans thrive on the yolk-yanking voice of the space-speller. Give your dumb pride the services of a smart "space grabber" with the right kind of trappings, and the mobs will dash across the midway from the tent of the snake charmer to saluam at his shrine.

Need I do more than point my finger at the day's heroes? Or to suggest the late Warren Gamaliel Harding only I hardly have the heart to stress with any enthusiasm the obviousness of this comparison.

There is an answer somewhere in this close to it. Everyone is great: Washington, Lincoln, Bryan, Harding, Darrow and Volka. A murder had been committed at

DRIVER PAYS \$100 FINE

Owosso Man Arrested Here After Collision On Woodward

Charged with driving drunk, W. Lyon, 1506 West Hickey avenue, Owosso, pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 with the option of spending 30 days in jail when he was arrested Friday before Justice Malcolm Hunt. He paid the fine. He was arrested by Chief James Anderson the previous night after the auto Lyon was driving crashed into a horse and wagon at Woodward and Forest avenues. No one was injured in the accident. Lyon was alone at the time of arrest.

LIGHTLESS CARS MENACE IN HILLS, CHIEF'S WARNING

A warning is issued today by Chief William Fitzer of Bloomfield Hills village against driving in the village without proper automobile lights.

"We have given enough warnings and we are going to make arrest," the chief said. "A large number of autos that go through the village are improperly lighted and this results from their carelessness. The police department has supplied lights to those without them, but it seems not to do any good. We intend to see that this violation is stopped."

TRAFFIC CHARGES BRING TWO FINES

Haig Tarpmann, 103 State street, Pontiac, was before Justice Flood last week charged with driving 45 miles per hour on Woodward avenue. He paid a \$10 fine and \$5 costs.

Queen Alexandrine of Denmark, who takes an active part in charity work, recently held her annual bazaar for poor children.

PROSECUTOR'S REPORT SHOWS CRIME SITUATION IN CITY

A slight increase in the number of crimes committed in Oakland county in which liquor played a part is noted in the report from the office of prosecutor Charles D. Underwood, announced this week.

A comparison of the report of the year shows there were 1,115 arrests for charges growing out of drunk and disorderly conduct and for offenses which intoxicated played a part in 1927, as compared with 1,103 for 1926. This is the largest number of arrests in one year for this class of offense in the history of the county.

Motor violators to the number of 697 were arrested in 1927 as compared with 622 in 1926. The figure is the lowest in eight years.

Arrest Causes
Following is the complete list of offenses for which persons were placed under arrest in the county during the last six months of 1927: Aiding escape 1; assault on animals 3; assault and battery 68; assault 5; felonious assault 12; assault with intent to kill 1; assault with intent to commit a serious offense 1; assault with serious intent 1; burglary 3; breaking and entering 17; attempted breaking and entering 2; issuing bill 2; issuing checks without funds 19; contributing to delinquency 3; carrying concealed weapons 5; drunk 336; desertion 10; disorderly 180; destruction of vegetables 7; embezzlement 3; false statement 3; forgery 12; game and fish law violations 62; hunting with ferret 6; illegal hunting 42; illegal fishing 1; health law violations 1; jumping board bill 2; indecency 4; incest 1; libel 6; indecent exposure 1; language in presence of children 3;

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
A hat cannibal was held at the Big Beaver roller rink, formerly known as the Reform Club hall last week Friday night. Every body has got a roller skate craze.

25 YEARS AGO
After nearly two months absence visiting his daughter Mrs. J. W. Ross and family of Calumet, Okla., Blenwood is home again. He had a fine visit and enjoyed every day he was away.

January steps—out this week. Brace up, ye shivering mortals, the weather is sure to moderate along about the 10th days. We will stake our reputation as a prophet on it.

While engaged in getting out ice on the mill pond one day last week Joseph Banks had the ill luck to take a tumble and quickly disappear beneath the sad sea waves. He was fished out and taken care of.

Since Aug. 5, 1884, Mrs. Betsy Alexander of Troy has helped quilt 17 beautiful quilts. She quilted 13 all alone; has made the lining to five; has bound 18; has cut and sewed a lot of carpet rag and has done considerable other work; she has broken only one needle and has not lost any. She was 82 years old the 18th of last September. Next.

The new jail for Oakland County at Pontiac will be finished and ready for use in about three weeks.

James Esmond is rapidly recovering from the effects of the bite of the lion at the museum. Dr. Bancroft considered it a very serious wound at one time.

Last Monday Willis Carter took an involuntary bath, seeking the depths of the mill pond, with thermometer below zero.

Notes from Royal Oak
A man known as "Dutch Jonas" while driving out of his yard, cut and sewed a load of wood ran into a snowdrift and the wood tipped over him. When found, he could not speak.

W. Knowles lost a horse last week. The live men of the town are filling their ice houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett of Greenville visited the family of Rev. G. W. Lowe, New Years. Mrs. Bennett is a sister of Mrs. Lowe. They were accompanied by Mrs. Bortie.

E. S. Shooster has gone to Clyde for a short visit. He expects to return alone.



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SCOUT HEADS ARE NAMED

Dr. Tucker, New President, Names Aids; Eagle Scout Appointed To Office

Announcement is made today by Dr. Fred L. Tucker newly elected president of the Birmingham Council of Boy Scouts of America, of his aids for the year's work.

Pennek Wollaston is named assistant to the secretary and treasurer, R. H. Mann. Wollaston is an Eagle scout. In making this appointment the president is adopting a new system enabling an active scout to hold office.

C. D. Carr is named chairman of the court of honor and Fred W. Johnson, retiring president, is chairman of the camp committee. James J. Martindale is chairman of the finance committee. J. F. Wenzel was elected vice-president of the organization at the annual meeting.

The scouts are working with the Community House board in planning for a scout headquarters in the proposed new Community House. The drive for which is soon to start.

Other plans are being made for the year's activities and Dr. Tucker has as the goal of the organization, the most active year in its history.

WOMAN INJURED AS AUTOS CRASH

Mrs. Thomas D. Lynch Recovering From Collision Hurts Received

Mrs. M. H. Bartram and Mrs. Huldah Miller set out for Chicago Tuesday evening, where they were met by Mrs. Mattie Baldwin and Mrs. W. Adams and the quartette will start for a pilgrimage to southern California and forget all about their cares, troubles, the cool weather and cold weather.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 31, 1902, at 6 o'clock, a very quiet home wedding was celebrated at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Benedict, Maple Grove, when their daughter Hattie was united in marriage to G. Sherman Brodie by the Rev. J. W. Jennings of Pontiac.

According to Soper, Lawler both cars were badly damaged.

GRASS FIRE REPORTED

A grass fire at the Trowbridge estate in Bloomfield Hills called firemen from the fire station here Sunday night. No damage was done by the blaze. The origin is unknown.

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