

# The Birmingham Post-Herald

Strickland Gillilan, poet, says, "Concise is an anasthesis which prevents a man from really seeing what a damn fool he actually is."

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## NATIVE HERE DIES AT HOME

### Last Rites Held For Mrs. Flavia Hunt; Was Ill Two Years

Last rites for Mrs. Flavia Hunt were held at her home 702 Floyd street, Saturday with Rev. David L. Woodward officiating. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery. Mrs. Hunt died here Thursday after an illness of two years. She has been confined to her bed for 11 weeks.

Surviving her are two sons: Carl Hunt of Detroit and Floyd A. Hunt of this village, two stepsons W. D. Hunt, of Waterford, and Orson A. Hunt of Birmingham.

## DRIVER ENTERS GUILTY PLEA

### Pontiac Man Placed Under 90 Days Suspended Sentence Here

D. J. Cooke, 63 Forrester avenue, Jackson, today is under a suspended sentence for 90 days following his appearance before Malcolm Hunt Monday when he pleaded guilty to driving while under the influence of liquor.

Cooke paid \$5 costs. He was arrested Thursday afternoon on Woodward avenue by Patrolman George Townsend who followed him after he noticed Cooke was pursuing a zig-zag course, Townsend reported.

Cooke is a painter.

### PAYS \$10 FINE

Pleading guilty to a charge of speeding, David B. Hill, 210 address given, paid a fine of \$10 in the court of Justice Malcolm Hunt, Friday. The arrest was made by Patrolman George Townsend.

Miss Mary Langston of London owns a Siamese cat valued at \$5,000, or \$200 an ounce.

## 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

The Copper farm has been connected with the Birmingham exchange by telephone. "Hells Will!"

A. C. Wallace comes to the front with a new chip hat—which forbids an early spring—perhaps.

Our hand is a perfect success.

Before an admiring crowd Tuesday morning, bright and early, Tom Hanna made an alleged attempt to ride James' bicycle. The bicycle is at Charlie Crocker's blacksmith shop undergoing repairs and Tom is out for the first time since the machine kicked him in the "stomick." Poor cycle! pity Tom! Hopeful audience hasn't ceased cachinating yet.

Maple sugar is very nice, warm maple sugar next, and pure maple syrup to be had at the M. E. parsonage social next Tuesday night—the best in the world. Try it. You are invited to come and bring your best girl and all the others.

All persons wishing to become members of the cemetery association during the present year will please pay their \$1 membership fee to Mrs. H. A. Randall, the treasurer, at their earliest convenience. It is hoped that every lot owner and all interested in the cemetery will become members of the association and help make the place a credit to our town.

A significant fact—that every other man you meet on Sunday morning last had topped rubber boots on.

Four pounds prunes for 25 cents; a good clean rice for 5 cents per pound at J. R. Corson's, Jr. & Co.

Gird House is building a new wood shed and otherwise improving things.

William Palister lost his cream colored horse long since.

Mat McBride raised his 40x50 foot barn last week.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

A silver medal contest will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 P. M. at the M. E. church. Contest will be held by Prof. Field and six boy students as contestants. Good music and an eloquent from Detroit will help to make the evening one of great interest. Come everybody and bring your friends with you. Mrs. Trumbull and Mrs. Fuller, superintendents of the medal contest.

'Bah for Teddy! He refused to shoot mountain lions in the Yellowstone Park and wasn't afraid, either.

A new Starr windmill now graces the farm of George Randall in Southfield. It is a dandy and W. I. McClelland put it up.

A new song-book for our school has been secured and supplied by Prof. Field without cost to the pupils of the school. The expense is all paid for by the advertiser, who are represented inside the covers. The song-book is Happy Moments and Woodland Echoes, published by S. W. Straub & Co. of Detroit, contains 304 pages and is a fine volume. The pupils ought to sing from sheer joy over such a song-book.

Before the Emperor of Germany tries to twist the tail of the Monroe doctrine he should give his mistake an extra twirl. Your Uncle Samuel is not at all impressed with either his greatness or his ferocity.

Wm. Parks is certainly making good improvements on his Irving property on Maple avenue. He has taken the fence away from around his entire yard and will soon repair the house. The inside has been decorated by Parks & Carter and now Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parks have an fine home as one could wish.

Wm. Ellwood is building a new upright to his house. The casting will have been moved across the road.

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## HOME INFLUENCE STRESSED IN TWO-DAY W. C. T. U. CONVENTION

Election of officers and talks which stressed the home as the most important influence in the life of a child marked the closing session Friday afternoon of the fifty-first annual meeting of the Sixth district of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Isabel Gardner of Royal Oak was re-elected president for her fourth consecutive term. Mrs. Jennie Coney of Lansing was re-elected vice president; Mrs. Anna Hopkins of Lansing was again named recording secretary and Mrs. Jennie Hillier of Flint was chosen for another term as treasurer. Mrs. Fane Carr of Fowlerville was elected corresponding secretary, succeeding Mrs. Ivah Burkhardt of Howell, who was recently made president of her county union and declined to be an officer in the district association.

A lengthy platform was adopted, favoring prohibition and the Eighteenth amendment. In part, it reads as follows:

"The Eighteenth amendment is the supreme law of the land, and the federal acts to make it effective are operative in every state. It is the determined purpose of the W. C. T. U. to continue its activity until the righteousness of the prohibition law is proven and permanent laws established a custom as well as in law."

Back Hoover "We commend writers and entertainers who eliminate from stories, plays and scenarios the idea that drinking is essential to a good time. Representation that tends to foster lawlessness and to perpetuate social customs now outlawed and obsolete. The average American family has nothing in common with the sort of life portrayed in many current magazines and novels, and frequently on the screen and stage."

Following an address of welcome to the 100 delegates from Livingston, Oakland, Ingham and Genesee counties, by H. T. Ellwood, village president, a keynote address of the afternoon session was given by Clarence Mice, superintendent of Birmingham schools.

In his welcoming address Mr. Ellwood urged members to lead the way in causing the homes to play the greatest part in the formation of youth.

His Companionate Marriage "The foundation of the successful home is not based upon companionate marriage but on conventional morality," Mr. Vico responded.

"The schools play their part but they have the children after the first work has been done in the home. Children who have had examples set for them by their parents are careless, as a rule, about their own personal conduct. Parents cannot caution their children against smoking and drinking while they themselves are puffing a cigarette or drinking a highball."

Speeders pay fines in justice court

Two speeders appeared before Justice Malcolm Hunt Monday, paying fines amounting to \$15.

The first was Charles T. Richardson, 106 Colorado avenue, Highland Park, arrested by Patrolman William Green. He paid \$5.

Casper Tarachski, 80 Orton street, Pontiac, paid \$10. The wood of Holly, Mrs. Carrack of Pontiac was also made by Patrolman Green.

Snow removal from New York streets costs about \$3,000,000 each winter.

## Glimpses

### at and about BIRMINGHAM

By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

Old man talking on street corner. Young man listening. Young not know why no reason to be superior in a store window. Continues to nod. For many minutes he nods as the older man talks. It is a splendid thing young man gave advice from older one. He will not use it until he too, becomes old and can get another young man on the corner and make him nod his head.

Observational exercise: Woman and two men at lunch. The woman is engaged to one of the men. Is the one at whom she looks with a "fluttering world" eye her fiance or is she looking at the other person that way for reasons obviously feminine. —

Now comes the correspondence department. It seems miraculous to me that these bus drivers, making 40 and 50 centimes per hour can pilot lumbering stage coaches through Woodward avenue traffic, missing school women drivers, stopping for absent-minded people who look the opposite way when the tickets are handed out, passing out buses with another, closing the door with another and somehow digging up a fourth hand to guide the bus on its way.

And most of 'em are courteous, too! The other day I risked my life from Royal Oak to your fair village of Homes, and on the way a dirty looking fellow got off, and was saved from walking into an on-coming interurban by the driver, who said firmly but sweetly, "if you don't mind—"

"Watch out for the car, lady." —

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 p. m. for Andrew Parks, 68 years old, formerly of Royal Oak, whose body was shipped here from Sequim, Washington for burial. Rev. Ryan of the Troy United Presbyterian Church, officiated with services at the Daines and Bell Home for funerals and burial was in Royal Oak cemetery.

Mr. Parks was born in Troy Township, Jan. 10, 1860, but left for the west about 45 years ago and settled there. He is survived by two sisters: Mrs. W. J. McClure and Mrs. Robert J. Moore, both of Birmingham, and two brothers, George Parks and Joseph Parks of Big Beaver road.

WOMAN SPEEDER FINED

Miss Jane Stoneham, 111 Longfellow avenue, Detroit, paid a \$10 speeding fine in Justice Floyd S. Hunt's court Saturday. Patrolman William Green made the arrest.

A grass fire broke out at 5:30 on the corner of Big Beaver road and the Coldige Highway. There was no damage in either case.

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