

## AUTO STRIKES D. U. R. MAN

Treat Recovering From Injuries Received On Woodward

J. Elmer Treat, of 288 north Perry street, Pontiac, is home today from the St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, where he has been undergoing treatment for injuries received Saturday morning when he was hit by an automobile going north on Woodward avenue at Daines street. The car was driven by R. B. Dickerson, of Pontiac, who is an auto salesman here.

Witnesses say that Treat, who is foreman of the D. U. R. construction gang now working on the widening of Woodward avenue, stepped out from behind a D. U. R. truck in Dickerson's path. Dickerson was unable to avoid hitting Treat, witnesses believe.

There are 103,858 widows of American War veterans more than 15 years old, for whom pensions of \$40 a month have been authorized.

## BOOK DESCRIBES VILLAGE OF '98

Proof of the rapid growth and progress in Birmingham is found today in the pages of an illustrated book, telling the highlights of Birmingham's history. The edition is entitled "Birmingham, Its Past, Present and Future" and was published by a Detroit printer in 1898.

One of the striking changes noted in the Baptist church, the old church was a single story frame structure having one main room and resembled the average rural school. Behind it was a wagon shed and the church yard was barren. The handsome new Baptist Church now being erected dwarfs the old structure which was adequate in its time. The spacious rooms for every department, the chapel, beautiful architecture and stone work supplied the single room, serving for every occasion, in the other edifice. The church is only one example of development from the original establishments, which were founded under difficulty and hardship and which paved the way for the advanced constructions of today. The St. James Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church,

United Presbyterian Church which stand today were all built at about this time. The present Presbyterian Church was not built until later, the old church of brick capped by a steeple, standing where it now stands on north Woodward avenue.

Many of the prominent residences which are still in use in Birmingham are pictured in the volumes. The pictures of the village homes of Daniel M. Johnston, Almeron Whitehead, Alexander Parks, Mrs. Sherman, Maud K. Taylor and George H. Mitchell. Pictures of notable farms and rural residences are also shown. Among these are the farm of G. A. Watkins, Luther Stanley, Isaac Mabey, William Satterlee, John Napoleon, James R. Cooper, Edward T. Brooks, George M. Brady, Mrs. C. J. Hupp, Edward L. Parsons, Albert S. and John B. Adams, Edw. Miller, Mrs. E. W. a red J. O'Brien, Edw. J. Popple, Charles Knowles, Frederick Joy, Jr., M. M. Fisher, Charles Stinchfield, Messrs. Frank and Nathan Heribson, Frank P. German, William H. Hunt, Mrs. Ellen F. Feedy, Asher S. Parker, John H. Snow and Richard Erwin. Thirty-one prominent business men are listed as having establishments in Birmingham at the time of the issuing of the book. Among the ones well known here are John Hanna, who owned a grocery store, Frank Hagerman who operated a general store, Edwin O'Neill who owned a harness and leather goods store, Almeron Whitehead and George Mitchell who started The Eccentric and also owned a general store and Volney Nixon who had a large general store.

## The WORLD and All By CHARLES B. DRISCOLL

**The Ambitious Boy**  
From the stack of letters I have received from young men desirous of advice about going to college without funds, I select one written by a high school boy in Zanesville, Ohio, for a few remarks. This boy asks me to sign his name out of print, and this I shall do. If, however, any person who wants to help boys through college should write me, I would be glad to furnish him the name and address.

This boy, 17, is in his last year in high school, and says his grades have been above the average, although he has had to work to earn money while in school, and his work has sometimes interfered with his studying. He asks me about going to college, and more particularly about technical schools where engineers are trained.

"My family is poor. My father is dead. My mother has struggled wonderfully to help us. At times I have almost despaired. The outlook has been so doubtful and circumstances so adverse that I have almost decided to quit school and go to work. I could earn some money and do away with all this worry about my mother's hard lot."

"But I dream of becoming an engineer. I have no money at all. My family has no money. I am willing to work my way through college. If I can become a learned, cultured fellow, a great engineer, a valuable asset to my country, then my dream will have been realized."

There is more of the letter, but this gives you an idea of it.

I respect the ambition of this boy, and of the others who write me similar letters. I want to assure all of them that the chances of their attaining the goals they have set for themselves are excellent. If they write to the registrars or other appropriate officers of the colleges they want to attend, and write as well and as earnestly as they have written to me, I am sure they will receive practical suggestions for attendance at those particular schools. Granted reasonably good health



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## WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

James W. Cobb, postmaster: "The new Pontiac airport will be of no benefit to Birmingham air mail. Originally it was intended that with the establishment of a Pontiac airport, Birmingham mail would be taken there to save time. The field purchased for Pontiac use, however, is more than 10 miles north of Pontiac. This distance lessens the practicability of placing our mail at that point and it would give no faster service than the present system which sends the mail from the Detroit airport.

and an inquiring mind, almost any American boy can get a college education.

## NIGHT CLASSES MEET SEPT. 25

Assembly Of Persons Interested In Courses Is Called

Date for the initial meeting of those interested in public evening classes at the Baldwin High School has been set as Sept. 25 by Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools.

The courses which are to be offered will depend largely on what is decided at this meeting. It is understood. The classes will be for adults.

"If all those who are interested

in night school classes will meet at 8 p. m. in the library of the Baldwin High School Sept. 25 we will be able to consider the situation and make arrangements for courses," Mr. Vliet said.

He has investigated the night school plans in Royal Oak and Pontiac and presented them to the Birmingham board of education. It is probable that a fee of \$5 will be charged upon registration in these classes, but it will be returned in case of attendance 85 percent of the time, Mr. Vliet said.

"Nothing definite can be done about the night classes until we have an estimate of the number interested and the courses they want," Mr. Vliet pointed out, "but we hope to study the situation at the meeting Sept. 25 and start classes the second week in October."

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Its directors wish, on this occasion, to extend their sincere appreciation to the people of this community. Especially do they want to express their gratitude to the hundreds of depositor friends who have made it possible for the Bank to MORE THAN TRIPLE its resources in this brief period of time.

Reviewing its accomplishments of the past year, the bank finds that it is today serving more than 1,400 Birmingham citizens. An excess of 1,000 persons are being served through its Savings Department alone; 400 are being served through its Commercial Department; while many others have availed themselves of the complete services offered by its Bond, Discount, Safety Deposit, and Mortgage Loan Departments.

In the matter of real estate loans, the directors have ad-

hered religiously to the bank's inaugural pledge to "Give Birmingham Citizens first consideration always." Pursuant to this policy, they have succeeded in bringing to this community a loan service available in no other city in the United States the size of Birmingham—an agreement with one of America's largest and strongest life insurance companies whereby this bank has practically UNLIMITED funds to loan, as the directors see fit, on property and new homes in this vicinity. Thus has the Birmingham Savings Bank—owned and operated by substantial Birmingham citizens for the advancement of Birmingham's prosperity—made an important contribution to the rapid progress and development of this community.

But while the accomplishments of the past year have been most gratifying, it is with even greater optimism and enthusiasm that the directors are planning for the new year a still broader and more helpful service to you and your community. For that is the fundamental principle upon which this institution is founded.

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## TO MY FRIENDS IN OAKLAND COUNTY:

May I take this opportunity of thanking you for the splendid support you gave me in my campaign for Circuit Court Commissioner.

It was very gratifying to me to have your support and receive the votes which elected me.

I am deeply grateful for the confidence you have shown in me, and will endeavor to conduct the office in such a manner that your confidence will not have been misplaced.

Sincerely yours,

Harry J. Merritt