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## ROAD PAYING PROGRESSING

Contractors See Early Close Of 1929 Work; Dodge Road Started

Rapid progress on the 1929 Oakland County road building program is being made, and with good weather ahead for the next few weeks various contractors promise an early close of work, with many miles of new pavements opened to the motoring public.

Part of M-24, the Pontiac-Oxford road, is open to traffic. The public may use about three and a half miles of the road south of Orion to the North Dodge road while the contractor is at work on the remainder of the route to Pontiac. When this is completed the portion north of Orion to Oxford will be completed.

Indianwood road, which starts at the Pontiac-Orion road and goes west past the Indianwood Golf & Country club, is completed and open to traffic. The Taylor Construction company is doing this project, as well as the Cass-Elizabeth Lake road and Dodge road.

The Cass-Elizabeth Lake road was completed Thursday and will be open to traffic on July 20. This piece of pavement connects the Cass Lake road and the Cooley Lake road and skirts the southern edge of Elizabeth Lake. It will be popular as a means of reaching the Dodge Cass Lake State Park which opens from it.

Dodge Road Started  
Pouring of concrete was started last week on the Dodge road at Long Lake and the pavers will work north to Auburn avenue. This road will be completed about August 25.

Thirteen Mile road pavement is about completed and will be ready for general use by Aug. 1. Some local traffic is already using this pavement but because of considerable work yet to be done it cannot be generally opened.

## 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

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement in another column, of C. Olney, blacksmith, who is well known to an excellent mechanic, and also shoeing by connoisseurs in horse shoeing to be an expert at putting on the Dr. Harlan frog-pressure shoe.

Two young ladies purchased a stick of gum apiece at one of the stores the other evening, and after getting half way home, returned and asked the astonished vendor a recipe to chew it. Don't judge them all by this, for we have some smart girls in Birmingham who know enough to "chew gum" without a recipe.

J. N. Heth, of Southfield, has a young son who is particularly fortunate in the possession of a great, great grand-mother. The old lady, Mrs. Huff, of Clinton, Wis., is in her ninety eighth year, and is hale and hearty. She made her youthful relative a present of a very fine permabutter, last week.

There was a strawberry and lemonade party at J. S. Cannon's on last Saturday evening.

William Erity is contemplating a mill to grind feed. Guess he thinks there is poor prospects for cider this fall.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
The Willing Workers of Southfield will meet with Mr. Harry Russel on June 29.

Miss Rose Strickler of Detroit Fourth of Julyed with James Anderson's family in Troy. She had a most delightful visit and says country life for her forever.

The base ball boys are talking

of giving a dance. If they do you are supposed to buy a ticket whether you attend or not. At boys need a little financial assistance and we should all turn in and help them.

Birmingham looked the morning of the 5th as if it had had an attack of delirium tremens. Streets were littered with papers, tin cans, and the remains of used skyrocket, Roman candles, etc., etc.

The waste baskets on the street corners are put there to catch the stray papers that would otherwise be thrown upon the street. They are not to be used as a dumping place for stale (our last marshal found it necessary to move one basket because it was used for that purpose) and it looks as tho' the new marshal would have to give someone instructions.

Miss Lucy Ward is visiting in Cleveland.

Frank Deir has joined the naval reserves at Detroit.

Miss Dottie Daniels is visiting relatives in Franklin.

A. W. Campbell, recently elected Justice of the Peace, assumed the duties of the office July 11, 1924.

The name Circle City never meant anything for Bloomfield Center. We are glad through the efforts of Messrs. W. T. Barlow of Briarbank, and Charles Stinchfield, of Stony Croft, and other parties in the vicinity, the name has sunk into oblivion and in its place we have "Bloomfield Hills."

Enjoy cigarettes and die early.

**FIVE YEARS AGO**  
Charles Plumstead starts collection of village taxes.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Eliza E. Aiton 72, who died at the home of her brother, of Hutton Logan.

James Hall, 18 years old, drowned in Quon Lake before the eyes of his chum, Eka Ward. Both boys were residents of Detroit.

A resolution proposed by Roy E. Brown, of Greenwood avenue, asking that boards of education submit all bond issues at one time is defeated at annual school district meeting.

Formal ballots for nominees to board of education are to be in use in future elections of the Birmingham school district following the adoption of a resolution to that effect presented by Charles J. Shain.

## CRASH VICTIM'S FUNERAL SUNDAY

Frank Harrington Buried in Almer Cemetery At Caro

Funeral services for Frank Harrington, 41 years old, who was killed a week ago last Monday at Woodward avenue and the Woodward road when the car he was driving, containing Mr. and Mrs. Emory Corby and Pontiac, crashed into another machine, were held Sunday morning at ten o'clock from St. W. Bell's Home for Funerals, on west Maple avenue, Birmingham. Rev. Floyd E. Leitch, of the Birmingham First Presbyterian church, officiated. Corby also was killed.

Interment took place in Caro, Michigan, in Almer cemetery. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Bert Evans, Pierce street, Birmingham, with whom he lived, and Mrs. Emory C. Corby, 167 South Shirley avenue, Pontiac.

Services for Emory Corby, 37 years old, 167 South Shirley street, were held at 3 p. m., Sunday at the same place. Burial was also in the Almer cemetery at Caro.

## THE WAY OF THE WORLD

By GROVE PATTERSON

**SNOBBS**  
Much talk in the last few weeks about snobs who scorn a snob? What is a snob? By a snob, says a public speaker; keep after the boss, marry the daughter of the boss.

Snobs are folks who truckle to the rich, who imitate those in higher positions. Snobs want to appear something they are not. Snobs are substitutes, imitations, cheap diamonds. Why worship the rich because they are rich? Did you ever find a rich man happier than a man in moderate circumstances? The only rich men who get much happiness out of their riches are those who score him away, who are generous in impulse and deed. Why worship the rich, imitate the rich, truckle to the rich? Why imitate anybody? Why not be yourself, making no play for the favor of others?

**CLOTHES**  
Some successful men, even some famous men, score good clothes. Young men shouldn't be much influenced by that. Spending money for good clothes is a wise investment. You can be sure the man from whom you buy that a man is given to make a careful examination of you. He is going to be moved much by first impression. If you look good, you've got a running start. The next step is to live up to your good clothes.

**BIBLE RACES**  
One reads that in a small Ohio town a lot of people working in relays, have been reading the Bible from cover to cover. The idea is to read the whole Bible in one day or a certain number of hours. The readers will probably be little influenced by what they read. Much which they read they will not even understand. How much better to occupy those hours putting into practice a few of the better known truths of the Bible!

**THE BRAIN RESERVE**  
Most of the time our duties are not arduous enough to call for the exercise of more than a few of the billion brain cells with which we are equipped. We work a little and say we are tired. That's just a bad habit—this custom of feeling tired. Man only scratches the surface of his real capacity. There are reservoirs of resources in the brain which we rarely tap, which we never utilize superfluently. Now and then it is a good thing to give the brain a real workout, to do some hard, concentrated work, to exercise the mind.

**TRUE AND FALSE**  
There is a true and a false theory of business. The false—but very common theory of business—is that a store or manufacturing company must do more business this year than it did last. It must have a greater volume of production and a greater volume of sales. Production and distribution are the first considerations—quality the second. The true theory of business is that human beings must be served better. Perhaps they do not need more goods. Perhaps they need fewer, but they always need better goods and better service.

**FOR FUTURE WORRY**  
Something we do have to worry about today but which may be worried about some day is the fact that the people of the northern and western United States have so few children. Population is steadily declining in England, Germany, France, Belgium, Sweden and Norway. On the other hand the population in the southern countries of Europe is increasing. This fact may some day

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- 55c 45x36 Pequot Cases 45c
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- 4c 42x36 Mohawk Cases 35c
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- 59c Bath Towels 39c
- 75c Bath Towels 59c
- \$1.35 Bath Towels 79c
- 29c Huck Towels 19c
- 75c Linen Towels 59c
- \$1.25 Linen Towels 99c
- 10c Wash Cloths 5c
- 29c Stevens Linen Toweling 19c
- 2 for 25c Dish Cloths, 3 for 25c

### Dress Goods - July Priced!!!

- 55c Peter Pan Prints, yd. 39c
- 29c Kalburnie Gingham, yd. 22c
- 29c Sterling Prints, yd. 22c
- 29c Rumson Percales, yd. 22c
- 49c Printed Dimities, yd. 39c

### \$2.25 Crepe de Chene, yd., \$1.49

- Printed Rayons, yd. 69c
- 75c Beverly Radium, yd. 59c
- 55c Canton Chiffon, yd. 39c
- 55c Non-Cling, yd. 39c

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### Domestics Reduced!

- 29c Fruit of the Loom, yd. 22c
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- 18c Unbleached muslin, yd. 13c
- 29c Berkeley Cambric, yd. 22c

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- \$1.50 Curtains 99c
- \$1.95 Curtains \$1.59
- \$2.95 Curtains \$2.29
- 39c Cretonnes, yd. 29c
- 65c Cretonnes, yd. 49c

### Bed Spreads and Linens

- \$2.95 Crinkle Spreads \$1.95
- \$5.95 Rayon Spreads \$3.95
- \$12.00 Rayon Spreads \$6.95
- \$1.25 Linen Luncheon Cloths 95c
- \$5.50 Linen Luncheon Sets \$3.95
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- \$1.95 and \$2.45 Wash Dresses, now \$1.69
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- \$3.95 Wash Dresses, now \$3.29
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### Boys' Wash Shorts and Shirts 95c

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Legs, like many other of the things of life, are not necessary at all. There are very few things necessary beyond the human body.  
BUSY OR NEUROST?  
We think we don't get things done because we are busy. The real trouble is that a little business has a tendency to make us nervous. Being nervous we become immediately inefficient, lose time in hurry and false motions, and finally suffer the slow-down of fatigue. And it all came about not because we had too much to do, but because having something to do we got upset about it.  
Charles Malet of Chicago was fined \$25 for scattering orange peelings on the sidewalk.