

### MRS. CRITCHLOW TAKEN BY DEATH

Former Villager's Mother Died  
Thursday After Long Illness

Birmingham acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Critchlow, of Pittsburgh, who until a year ago lived at 1112 Buckingham road, Birmingham will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Critchlow's mother, Mrs. G. W. Critchlow, of Meadville, Pa., who died last Thursday morning after a long illness.

Mrs. Critchlow was the wife of the Rev. G. W. Critchlow, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church, in Meadville. Besides her husband and son, survivors included a daughter, Helen N. of Meadville; another son, Paul N. of Sewickley, Pa.; and a brother, David J. Nesbit of Lakewood, Fla.

Last March Rev. and Mrs. Critchlow celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Funeral services were held from the Trinity Lutheran Church Saturday at 2 p. m., conducted by the Rev. R. W. Yeany and the Rev. E. L. Melvaine.

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### Barber Poles Rotate Under New Ordinance

Barber poles are signs and as such they must comply with the new ordinance, it was indicated at the meeting of the Village Commission meeting Monday when a communication from E. H. Tillotson requesting a ruling on the ordinance relative to the barber pole of Guy Taylor, whose shop is located in the basement of the Hanna Building, was placed on file.

Mr. Tillotson explained that no one was accustomed to looking for a barber pole eight feet above the sidewalk as all signs must be according to the ordinance; he also explained that barber poles were not specifically mentioned in the ordinance and that electrical wiring outlets for Mr. Taylor's barber pole were located on the street level.

Clare H. Ogden, village attorney, told the commission that he did not see why barber poles should not come under the ordinance. H. T. Ellerby, village president, added that Mr. Taylor had been inconvenienced by having to move his pole to its present location but that the drinking fountain near the corner of Maple and Woodward avenues and the barber pole somewhat hindered pedestrian traffic. Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert declared that he was not in favor of making any exceptions to the ordinance and Commissioner Robert E. Allen added that he believed the commission would be open to criticism if concessions were made to any one business as far as the sign ordinance was concerned.

### DRAIN LEVIES ARE SUSTAINED

The board of review appointed by Probate Judge Dan A. McGaffey Friday sustained the assessments levied for the construction of the Birmingham Gardens Drain when attorneys for Joseph Grunley, Detroit, who had filed objections to his share of the assessment, withdrew his complaint. The drain is to be constructed in the territory east of Birmingham and between Birmingham and Clawson. It is about two miles in length. Construction of the drain will proceed as soon as the finances are obtained.

### First Of Masonic Parties On Feb. 7

The first of a series of parties to be given every month throughout the year by the Birmingham Lodge No. 44 F. and A. M. and the Birmingham Chapter No. 93, R. A. M. will be held at Bloomfield Township Park Feb. 7 at nine p. m. The party is open to all Masons and their friends, and tickets may be bought through the committeemen. No tickets will be sold at the clubhouse.

The committee arranging the affair consists of Arthur Mason, chairman, Charles Olin and Stockton King, for the F. and A. M., and Oliver Cornwall, Alvin Mudge, and William Cassidy for the R. A. M.

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### G. T. SPEEDWAY HEARING SET

Proposed Ordinance Before  
Detroit Council Friday  
Morning

Hearing on a proposed ordinance to authorize the construction of an elevated highway between Detroit and Pontiac along the right-of-way of the Grand Trunk Railway, will be held at 11 o'clock Friday morning before the Detroit Common Council.

At the council session Monday morning it was revealed that a number of differences between the city, represented by Clarence A. Wilcox, corporation counsel, and Joseph A. Bower, promoter of the project, still are unsettled.

These differences include the city's demand for electrification within the city of the Grand Trunk Railway line, which the highway will follow, overhead; an agreement on grade separation

### Villagers and the Village

By THE WANDLER

This wanderer was reminded of the good old circus act yesterday when a small rooster stopped in front of The Eccentric office and began discharging small boys. A careful count revealed that eight got out of it and began sauntering in a long line. Then we perceived that it was driving off with three more still in it. A ramble-seat, apparently limitless in capacity had provided packing-box quarters for about three-fourths of the boys. The others had found comfort and comparatively luxurious quarters in the front seat.

Tuesday soon the Birmingham Exchange club held its 300th meeting. This fact brought out the story of how Charles A. Birmingham, first president of the club, won five dollars from another Birmingham citizen who, figuring that such an organization as a service club, would not last more than the first six months, wagered five dollars. "I certainly collected the five dollars easily," laughed Mr. Birmingham.

To the Members of the Birmingham Community House Association: Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Birmingham Community House Association, a non-profit corporation, will be held at the Community House in the Village of Birmingham, Michigan, on Monday, February 3, 1930, at 8:00 o'clock P. M.

RUTH RHAIN  
President  
CECIL WILKINSON  
Secretary

### SCHOOL DISTRICT CLASSES ARE CUT

Half-Day Sessions Ordered in  
Berkeley-Huntington Woods  
Area

Grade pupils in the four schools in the Berkeley-Huntington Woods district will attend half-day sessions, beginning Feb. 3, Robert B. French, superintendent of schools has announced.

Dismissal of 25 teachers on 30 days' notice issued Friday will result from the change in the school program, which affects 1,300 pupils. Mr. French also announced that by revision of the system, members of the board found a means of continuing classes without borrowing more than \$45,000. Release of the 25 teachers and abolishment of classes in domestic science, music and physical education are expected to reduce expenses \$25,000. Other methods of obtaining the money required to continue the school year are under consideration by the school board.

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