

Not so long since the ground was covered with snow, and chilling cold reared trees, grass, and shrubs to appear. Then came the warmth and sunlight of spring—and God's plan was again unfolded.

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FORMER VILLAGE RESIDENT DIES

Funeral Services Held in Highland Park For William Cockerline

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, for William Cockerline, at S. O. Wylie Bell's Home for Funerals, the Rev. Warner Forsyth officiating. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery, Mr. Cockerline died at his home at 298 Louise avenue, Highland Park, Sunday. He was 80 years old.

He was born in Hull, England, and lived for 20 years in Birmingham. He moved away 11 years ago. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Jennie E. one son, Mr. Harry C. of Centerline, two daughters, Miss Irma, of Detroit, and Miss Della, of Highland Park. He was also the father of the late William Benton Cockerline.

Rev. Forsyth Gives Sermon In Detroit

The Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, Rector of St. James Church, on Sunday preached at the St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Detroit, by invitation of the Rt. Rev. Herman Page, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan.

The Rev. Forsyth's pulpit here was occupied by the Rev. J. Q. Martin, assistant at the All Saints Church of Pontiac. Following the evening services at St. Paul's, the announcement was made of the election of the Rev. Kirk B. O'Ferrall, D. D., of Cleveland, as dean of the cathedral, to succeed the Rev. Hubert L. Johnson, who resigned about a year ago.

Enid: "Did you hear about Alice's brute of a husband disfiguring her for life?"

Maudie: "Heavens, no! Did he throw mud in her face?"

Enid: "No, he slashed her with a razor across her knees!"

Force of Circumstance Takes A Youth Around The World

Force of Circumstance, the dough-faced uncle of Romance, grabbed little Ellery Walter by the hand 10 years ago and led him on an amazing adventure. Ellery was 14 years old then and suffering the purest grief—the grief of a child left alone, for his mother had died at Seattle, Wash. But loneliness is akin to restlessness, and it took but a little persuasion by old Force of Circumstance to start Ellery around the world.

Today, Ellery, Mr. Ellery Walter, author and lecturer, is at Cranbrook School, using his magnificent adventures during the past 10 years as a basis for a course in the study of the pursuit of happiness. The boys are eager listeners. They thrill to his instructor's talks on bull-fights, tariff, jiu-jitsu, foreign customs and manners, strength of character, world-notables, and problems of international importance.

And the boys have shown such an interest in the things discussed that their anxiety to become members of his latest organization, "The Pundits," amounted to something resembling a stampede. The only requisites for entrance into the organization are that the candidate be a thinker, a leader and possess a sense of humor. The group, Mr. Walter says most emphatically, is not a fraternity. Mr. Walter is opposed to that particular type of class distinction. He wants to establish through this group of boys, he says, an assemblage of youth, a tradition, perhaps, of the elements which develop boys into a strong manhood.

Only Maudie's Loss

But Ellery Walter has not given up the adventure. He is resting a while, and for a good reason. He has only one leg and is a one-legged man who condemns pity as did Joseph Conrad, an exaggerated form of contempt. He mentions his handicap in passing. It is an important influence in the turn of events that have made his life a tale of the picturesque unusual.

That leg helped him choose a title for his first book, "The World On One Leg," now in its eighth edition. He wound up in Hoboken on it one day not so many years ago. He had 45 cents in his pocket. But that's just one of the adventures.

The other day we went out to see Ellery Walter. He was in his study. The walls are lined with pictures of Von Hindenburg, Lloyd George, Georges Clemenceau, Percy Crosby, Charles Francis Coe, Sir Thomas Lipton and other celebrities. We sat down and looked at him.

Ellery Walter has a dolicho-

phalous head, large piercing eyes, always eager, wholesomely curious. Questions are not always necessary in an interview, especially with an interviewer. And Ellery Walter, during the past few years has spent considerable time interviewing Royalty and ragsmen, the Pope and Mussolini, Herrick and Briand, etc. etc.

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Briefly, he sketched his remarkable story. "Born in Philadelphia, father died when I was 10. . . . I was in school when mother died. . . . very little money left. . . . went with uncle to Chicago. . . . didn't like it so much. . . . Force of Circumstance. . . . I went to the bank, drew out what little I had left, and then I saw a sign. . . . was in the railroad station and was an attractive picture of the maple sugar industry in Maine. . . . That's where I went. . . . changed my name to Fred Hastings. . . . then to Mexico where I worked in the Tampico Oil fields with a wonderful fellow. . . . 'Hasty' O'Hearn his name was. A man's life isn't worth a nickel there. I've got a couple of knife wounds in my back now from Mexican blades. . . . Then, on the way north, we ran into Villa's gang. They killed 'Hasty' and then I guess I was lonelier than. . . . But I determined to go through moon way through high school and started in at the University of Washington. Was stroke on the crew. . . . Then I got a blister on my leg. . . . 'No, thanks. I don't smoke. It's all right. Go ahead. . . . Then To Hawaii

I was pretty sick and friends and doctors advised me to go to Hawaii. . . . Then To Hawaii. . . . I was assured some financial support. . . . so I went. When I was there I received a cable from my supporter had had financial reverses and wouldn't be able to keep his promise. . . . But I went home. . . . but the infection. . . . then they cut off the foot. . . . weighed about 90 pounds when I got out. . . . Septicemia. . . . had the foot cut, scraped, sewn up again. . . . and again. . . . 19 operations around the world. . . . Then I got an offer to go to Australia. . . . I went. . . . the old leg again at sea. . . . sure pained. I wouldn't give in. Then to England as tutor for two small daughters of a kindly Englishman. . . . The hospital at Cairo. . . . England and Hoboken with 45 cents. . . . sold my story to New York magazine and went back to Seattle. I had left with \$15 and I came back with \$16. . . . 'And, by the way, those crutches cost me a little more than a dollar but they've given me the best mileage, for the cost of any other form of transportation I ever used.' . . . The adventure isn't over. Oh, no. This young man who wouldn't quit his plans for further travel. . . . 'I love it,' he says. 'I couldn't give it up!'

On Monday Ellery Walter will give the last of a series of three lectures at Christ Church Cranbrook. The subject of his talk is "Germany Wins The Peace." If you've read his book, you'll be there early. If you haven't read it, you ought to go to the lecture anyhow. Then you will read, "The World On One Leg."

CIRCUS IS COMING TO PONTIAC, MAY 28

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SPEAKERS GIVE SERVICE HINTS

Chas. Parks and John Maynard Point Out Problems To Rotarians

Charles Parks, president of the Parks Coal Co. in a talk before the Birmingham Rotary Club's regular meeting Monday at the Community House, urged the clearing of village streets at the general expense of the village and not of the individual petitioners. He also urged the support of the Birmingham Credit Bureau as an agency of outstanding village benefit and advocated the establishment of an organization to act as a welcoming committee for new residents in the village.

"As to health measures, the streets of the village should be calcium chlorided at the general expense," he said. "The village now bears the general expense of the cleaning of paved streets," Mr. Parks declared. "There are too many failures in the village due to the many poor credit extensions. In the credit bureau we find an organization that promotes good business and establishes better business relationships. There is also need for a bureau to welcome the incoming population and establish them in the village society," he said.

John Maynard, in a supplementary talk on community service, emphatically urged the employment of village residents in construction work in the village. He pointed out that the Birmingham contractors are employing labor from out of town. He declared that many competent men, living in Birmingham, were out of work and that village employers neglected to give them preference in men from Detroit and Pontiac.

Mr. Maynard also declared that the Grand Trunk Railway was employing men from other states at a lower rate of compensation rather than hire local men at 50 cents an hour, and that this action was contrary to the contract entered into between the railroad company and the State.

Local Youth Wins Honor At College

Rudolph Zabel, 22 years old, a graduate of Baldwin High School, was elected to the senior honor council at William and Mary College recently, in one of the most warmly contested elections in the school's history. Young Zabel has taken a prominent part in the school's activities and has been particularly recognized for his abilities on the track squad. He is expected to return to his home on Manor road on June 6 for his summer vacation.

Motorcycle Polo Contest On Sunday

Pontiac, May 22—For the first time since it won the national motorcycle polo championship last fall, the Pontiac Motorcycle Club team will be seen in action Sunday afternoon, May 26, at the Airport Field, directly opposite the Municipal Airport, at the White Lake and Airport roads. The team meets the Detroit Motorcycle Club. In addition to the polo game a field meet to include Australian pursuit race, relay races, and broad jump will be put on. The events start at 2:30 p. m.

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VILLAGE HAS MORE 'PHONES THAN BOLIVIA, PARAGUAY, REPORT SHOWS

Birmingham has more telephones than the South American countries of Bolivia and Paraguay combined, and two-thirds as many as Ecuador, according to the latest complete telephone statistics of the world, containing figures up to Jan. 1, 1929. Bolivia has 2,685 telephones, Paraguay, 1,063, and Ecuador, 5,005.

According to C. M. Ritchie, local manager of the Michigan Bell Telephone company, Birmingham's latest telephone figure shows 3,748 telephones in service. Michigan, with 709,000 telephones, has a greater number than South America, Africa or Australia and the islands of the sea, and more than half as many as the entire continent of Asia.

Detroit, served by nearly 854,000 telephones, has 12,000 more than the city of Paris and a third more than all of Africa. Paris has 11,7 telephones per 100 population, and Detroit, 20.1. There are 16.3 telephones in the United States per 100 population.

The statistics show that there were 32,712,284 telephones in the world, of which 20,894,323 were in North America and 19,241,286 (Turn to page seven, this section)

TEACHER IS GIVEN 2 NEW CONTRACTS

Miss Forsyth Will Teach History Classes At Baldwin Next Year

Members of the school board voted to award two contracts to Miss Evangeline Forsyth, Baldwin high school teacher who resigned last December and was re-hired April 21. The action was taken Thursday night at the board's regular meeting. One contract was for the remainder of this year, and will (Turn to page seven, this section)



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