

How long ago was Christmas of 1917? Only nine weeks—yet how long it really seems, doesn't it? We live largely in anticipation—yet how cheaply most of us assay the present hour.

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HIS and THAT

By L. A. D.
It's easy to write an ode, my dear; you simply sit and sigh, and write and write and write until your year's gone by. And then you take your pen, my dear, and rearrange each word until it's whole, thing sounds like—
Decidedly absurd.

"There's nothing staler than yesterday's newspaper" is an expression characteristic of this age. It reflects the attitude of man going through life at a mile-a-minute pace, in the occasional necessity of stopping for fuel when the radiator boils over. Few men have time to consider anything more than a week old again, nor shall we make slighting reference to the Wickerman's paper.

However, last Thursday, a full week ago, we placed G. R. A. in the pages of this paper. The result he was "kidded" by innumerable friends. You can imagine what a picture of the past this advertisement has assigned to prominent citizens of the past. As a result of course he came to us for an explanation, thinking one necessary. We had referred to the Wickerman, A. N. 1. defense. If error it was, "Mee culpa," is our reply. But between you and me, we still think our judgment in the matter is not reprehensible.

Today is the birthday of one of America's greatest poets, Abraham Lincoln. Of course, a poet, you ask? Yes, a poet not made without a knowledge of the past. What more poetic expression than "Gettysburg Address." . . . It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we have high-landed. It is not in vain—this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

February is the month in which famous men were born. The list includes Washington, Lincoln, Edison, Victor Hugo, Robert Lindbergh, and others too numerous to mention.

Other ages have had their heroes: crusaders, philosophers, warriors, etc. The heroes of this age is the commutator. What a sacrifice he makes that industry may be produced! He must arise on winter mornings before dawn, while even pouter sleeps. There he craves the power to him to brush away as his nimble feet advance along the upland wire. He jumps up from his comfortable bed, and the alarm clock ends his sleep. He rises, he stretches, he blows through his beard, and then he—like a small boy going to school—scurries to the bus stop. About noon he wakes up. He goes to work. He does his job. He misses all the fun.

IN ANSWER TO A VALENTINE Dear Sir (or Miss):
Yes, of the 14th inst. rec'd and placed in file. In reply would state: appreciate yr. thoughtful remembrance, and yr. remembrance. However, am not engaged in absorbing the business evening with my father and sons. Yrs. truly,
L. A. D.

As impersonal as a rubber-stamped autograph.

Every voter should be registered some time—but under the same name—if eligible. You know that, if you would take notice of the township election, for instance, you must be registered not only at the time of the election, but before. Take your time. Remember, had you been a waste of time, there'd be another election too. There are so many elections. So you must be registered before the election. If you are not registered, you must be registered before the election. If you are not registered, you must be registered before the election. If you are not registered, you must be registered before the election.

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Armed Thugs Escape After Robbing Woodward Ave. Restaurant
AVERTE CRASH IN FLIGHT
Unknown to scores of couples in the city, a restaurant at Woodward avenue and Coolidge Highway, two well-dressed thugs early Sunday morning, but up the proprietor, Jack Harbison, robbed him of \$143 and escaped in an automobile.

Guarded Remained at the door though delayed by the overcoat pocket. When Harbison reached into the case for the cigarettes, the thief slipped out of his pocket and commanded sharply, "Stick 'em up!" Harbison complied, and the two men proceeded to attract the stores of patrons who were dancing, instructed Harbison to stand aside. He also ordered Misener to remain seated and to proceed to empty the cash register, which had been left open.

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Villager, In Cemetery Work Since Boyhood, Comes Out Of Retirement, Takes New Post

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When John Wendorph retired from the superintendency of Roseland Park cemetery in May 1927, turning it over to his son, Howard (now director of White Chapel Memorial Park), he thought of "forever," because he didn't want to be tied down any longer. Beginning at the age of 13 in cemetery work, he carried water for moistening flowers, beds on graves in New Jersey town where he lived. Since that time he has passed 47 years in cemetery work, which he loves, with the same feeling he has for gardens, Roseland Park, which he directed for 17 years, known far and wide by tourists who pass over Woodward avenue, as "the beautiful cemetery with the little lake and the boat always afloat," and as "the cemetery that always has a light in the window."

Parker Gives His Views On Proposed Zoning Law

Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert urges all residents living in the area to be discussed at the meeting of the Village Planning Commission tomorrow night to attend in mass. The district to be discussed tomorrow night is bounded on the north by Maple avenue west, on the east by Woodward avenue, and on the west by Southfield avenue.

"It is of great importance that we obtain a fully-representative assembly at the meeting Friday night, Feb. 13," Mr. Hulbert said. "The territory affected has a particularly large number of significant problems that can be settled only if a representative group attends."

VILLAGER DIES ON STREET CAR

Heart Disease Fatal To Thos. McCutcheon, 70, of Vinewood Avenue
While returning to his home in Birmingham from Detroit Monday evening, Thomas McCutcheon, 70 years old, of 559 Vinewood avenue, accumulated suddenly to the disease while riding on an Eastern Michigan Interurban car in Royal Oak. He was dined with the car arrived at the Royal Oak waiting room and the body was removed to the hospital.

Old Ordinances Will Be Repealed

An enabling act which will repeal all of Birmingham's obsolete ordinances and make a careful codifying of all the city ordinances, will be presented to the Village commission upon the completion of the new Building Code. The new system will group the various ordinances under separate headings, such as fire, health, safety, etc. The new Building Code is not expected to be completed for another six weeks or two months, James W. Parry announced.

Many Banquets Tonight Will Feature Celebration Of Father And Son Week

Fathers and sons of the village celebrate tonight the club's part of the week's program which started Sunday with a union Boy Scout service at the Presbyterian church.

"Little Sympathy Orchestra" Given Colossal Ovation

Feature Performance at Thursday Musical Soiree Will Long Be Remembered
An ovation such as has never before been given a musical organization in the history of Birmingham, Tuesday night was accorded the Little Sympathy orchestra under the direction of Maestro (Mrs.) George Dwyer.

Maroon and White Oratory Given Verdict By Aggressive Wins

Baldwin High School's debating trio was successful in its first contest of the elimination series in the Michigan High School Debating League, defeating the trio of the River Rouge High School last Friday evening at River Rouge.

59 CANDIDATES SEEK ELECTION

Bloomfield With 9 in Field for Supervisor, Has 29 on Ballot
With 29 candidates filed and qualified in Bloomfield Township, 26 in Southfield Township and 14 in Troy, primary elections, Mar. 2, promise more than the usual excitement and candidates have begun strenuous campaigns because of the large opposition.

ALLEGED BLIND PIG IS RAIDED

Chief Hackett and Squad Nab Harry George on Dry Law Charge
Police under the direction of Chief John P. Hackett early Wednesday raided the home of Harry George, 2300 W. 12th street, charged with the violation of the prohibition law. The raid was made on a search warrant issued by Judge Malcolm Hunt.

TRIBUTE IS GIVEN TO "HONEST ABE"

Geo. A. Dando, of Royal Oak, Tells Exchange of His Lincolniana
Birmingham Exchanges and their wives and guests, were given a most interesting and enjoyable evening at the Lincolniana exchange, Tuesday night, Feb. 23.

ASSASSIN WILL GET EARLY START ON TAX

The successful nominee for Bloomfield Township Supervisor will receive word soon from the Community House when George A. Dando, Royal Oak attorney, is appointed as assessor.

BIRMINGHAM BOY WINS COLLEGE DEBATE POST

C. Leiland Gunn, former Baldwin High School debater, defeated H. E. Corvett, Baldwin debater, in the college debate at Misissippi A. M. College, where he is a student. He is the third former member of the Baldwin High School to win a college debating trophy.

CARTOONIST TO TALK

Rev. C. A. Wells, member of the field staff of the Baptist Board of Missionary Co-operation with Methodists, will give an illustrated lecture on cartooning at the First Baptist Church tomorrow night at 7:30.

Fr Ryan Leaves For New Parish

Railroad Had No Authority to Close Three Streets, Board Agrees
ATTY FILES COMPLAINT
Whether Bloomfield Township will take legal action to compel the Grand Trunk railway to reconstruct the new bridge over the open three roads is alleged to have closed without authority in the construction of the new bridge-way through the Baldwin subdivision, will be determined at the next meeting of the board, Mar. 3. This was decided at a meeting Monday night at the Baldwin attorney's office, where a formal complaint was filed.

Strathmore, Beverly and Avondale roads have been closed, he declared, and the council for the railroad in a suit now being filed in the Oakland County Circuit Court has asked that the township give the railroad permission to close the roads.

James V. Bagley, township clerk, said that the township had no record of the hearing on the proceedings authorizing the closing of the roads but that the contract with the Grand Trunk railway might suffer as a result of the railroad's failure to give notice of the township's action. The township highway commissioner may order roads closed after a hearing, which would be held in the case of the closing of the three roads in the Bloomfield Estates, no such action was taken, Shook complains.

Play Blakely, counsel for the township declared that the road had been lullied into a sense of security by township failure to protest against the railway closing the road. If J. C. Royall, who is in charge of the road, the township should take an active and not a passive interest in the case. Royall, who is in charge of the road, the township should take an active and not a passive interest in the case.

OKLAHOMA COUNTY PROSECUTOR SAYS UNEMPLOYMENT AID DRY LAW ENFORCEMENT

"Unemployment and poverty are not contributing factors towards the violation of the Prohibition Law," Oklahoma County Prosecutor, told members of the Lions Club at their regular meeting yesterday at the Community House.

Mr. Smith added, "has done more to bring about the enforcement of the prohibition laws than any other factor." He also stated that the present investigation is being conducted in detail the procedure of the present grand jury investigation and that the present grand jury investigation is being conducted in detail the procedure of the present grand jury investigation.

Twenty-first Anniversary Of Boy Scout Movement To Be Celebrated Tomorrow

Climaxing a week of activity in celebration of the twenty-first anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scout movement, Birmingham Scouts and their fathers will join in the Father and Son celebration tomorrow night at the Community House.

Insurance
The National Automobile and Fire Insurance Company, 1000 Woodward Avenue, Birmingham, Ala. 4-1234. Established over 100 years. Capital \$10,000,000.00.