

SPELL OF WEATHER
It may long the teasing rain
at against the window pane,
at against the roof and poured
like the emptying of a gourd
down upon the ground until
the earth began to spill,
the driveway turned to slush
and the meadowland to mush;
the boy little trees
diverged in the sudden breeze,
the air was chill and stark
and the whole world vaguely dark.
It rained all day and through the
dawn,
and when the early sun appeared
it quite suddenly cleared,
by Beatrice McDonald

Cotton Is King
—It's in the Bag



Hops for the sugar of the south
are made of southern cotton and
imported here by Harry G.
Chandler, president of Louisiana
Farm Bureau Federation.

**Church to Observe
100th Anniversary
Of Missouri Synod**

On Sunday, Redeemer Lutheran Church will observe the Centennial of the Missouri Synod, with which it is affiliated. This large Lutheran denomination, with a membership of one and a third million souls, had its rise in the immigration of 665 Lutherans from Germany in the year 1839.

Unable to worship God in their homeland according to the Lutheran faith, the Saxons immigrated here five ships and came to the United States because it guaranteed religious liberty.

The Saxon Lutherans settled in and near St. Louis, Missouri, and soon made their presence felt among the Lutherans in the United States by the introduction of a democratic form of church life. The rapid growth of their denomination has been due in part to its democratic form of church government, according to which each congregation elects its own pastor and Synod only an advisory body.

The Saxon immigrants came to America with the intention never to return to their native land, and from the very beginning they looked upon America as their homeland, to which they owed allegiance. The leader of this group, Dr. Walther, in a sermon on the Fourth of July, fourteen years after the immigration, declared:

"Blessed be the land in which we enjoy this freedom. As citizens of this country let us work zealously, fight bravely, and if need be, shed our blood, so that this country may remain a free country and that it may above all retain the golden crown of its freedom, namely, religious liberty."

While the Missouri Synod still retains a fairly large German following, the local church is affiliated with the English branch of the Synod and consequently has done to work in the German language.



Inspiration Compiled by Clarence W. Hamilton

DO YOUR PART TOWARD A BETTER WORLD

By stepping stones from his boyhood on a farm in Tennessee, Jesse H. Jones of Texas has risen to high places in business and banking and is chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation at Washington—the world's largest banking institution. He has great influence as a wise and prudent official of the government.

"While our lives and problems are but an incident in the passing of time," says Mr. Jones, "they are all important to us and we must continue to search and develop, and contribute the most we can to the whole scheme of things.

"The same opportunity does not knock at everyone's door, but success is relative, and I would emphasize, is not measured by the accumulation of wealth. Many who achieve fame also acquire wealth. Many do not. Neither is necessary for a successful life. Good citizenship is the true measure. Everyone cannot achieve fame, although all can strive to contribute something to their generation.

"One of the ablest men I ever knew started as an office boy in a bank, after leaving the farm. He rose to be head of a very large institution while yet a young man and in all the different steps of advancement he told me that he gave up each job with a great reluctance, notwithstanding the next position was a promotion. He loved his work and did it well.

"Try never to get out of your character. If you have a tenor voice, don't try to sing bass, and if you are not an expert mathematician, don't try to argue with Einstein. Be yourself and you will get along best, but don't be afraid that you can't 'hoo your own row.'"

(WNU Service.)

**ANSWERS TO
Pfeiffer's
QUIZ
IN THIS PAPER**

1. He requires more.
2. The country's flag and flag of the port to which ship is bound.
3. Yes.
4. \$724.14.
5. \$127,000.00.
6. No—killing without motive.
7. (a) 100; (b) 100; (c) 100.
8. About 8; (a) 10; and 20 seconds.

NOTICE OF HEARING
ON THE PETITION OF
CHARLES L. CAMBERG, BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF
MICHIGAN, FOR AN ORDER
MAKING THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
A CITY OF THE FIRST CLASS,
AND FOR THE REPEAL OF
SECTION 201 OF THE MICHIGAN
MUNICIPALITY CODE.

**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE
BOARD OF REVIEW**

In pursuance of Section 3 of Chapter IX of the Charter of the City of Birmingham, the Assessment Roll for the year 1939 will be completed on Saturday, May 6th.

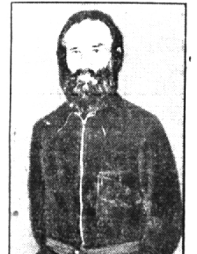
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review will meet at nine o'clock A. M. on Thursday, May 11, 1939, in the Municipal Building and will continue in session for three days between the hours of nine o'clock A. M. and eight o'clock P. M., being May 11th, 12th and 13th.

The Board of Review shall, during the time it is in session, hear the complaints of all persons considering themselves aggrieved by assessments, and if it shall appear that any person or property has been wrongfully assessed, or omitted from the roll, the Board shall correct the roll in such manner as it shall deem just.

ELMER W. HAACK,
City Assessor,
City of Birmingham

**Hope Not
Film Actress**
Cook has taken an intense dislike to you, dear old film, I shall have got rid of you!

**Newsboy Named
Belgian Solon**



Bearded Leo Frenson, 60-year-old coffee and news paper peddler, has been elected to Belgian Parliament. Founder of Technological party, he champions working classes.

**Michigan Mirror
NON-PARTISAN STATE NEWS LETTER**

LANSING—The capital circus is topsy-turvy.

Shadows over the McKay bridge and state park hang in vestigations, just to mention two stellar attractions, are stealing the spotlight from the legislative loggia.

The net result is confusion, and a number of legislative veterans have come to the conclusion that they should attend to four major problems: welfare, civil service, labor and the budget—and go home and the budget—good riddance.

The death of Governor Fitzgerald, the advent of a new leader and the subsequent intrigues which have centered around the convention manipulators, Frank McKay and Edward Barnard, have all tended to impede action in the House and Senate.

The fourth month is drawing to a close, and comparatively little has been accomplished. This is not unusual in a circum-
stances have been most unusual.

Party Purge
While headlines hint of new sessions in connection with McKay and the Republican party, a group of legislators at Lansing is quietly determined to purge the party in Michigan of the growing suspicion that conventions have been controlled in recent years by big city bosses.

The fiery, crusading Elton R. Eaton of Plymouth, in Wayne county, led a band of young Republicans in the House to effect passage of a bill aimed at the clipping of Barnard's wings at Detroit. In the senate the bill encountered an unfriendly committee. A substitute bill was hurriedly introduced by senator D. Hal Brake of Stanton.

With the McKay inquiry adding fuel to the fire, the Eaton-Brake allies are demanding a thorough "cleanup" of the party, one and for all. Apprehensive lest the party be accused of "white-washing" investigation, James Thomson, chairman of the Republican state central committee, sent an invitation to Attorney General Frank Murphy at Washington for action by 42 men. Murphy is said to have smiled cryptically at the letter and remarked: "It is just two weeks ago that the Department of justice agents have been sitting possible evidence in front of me. The Eaton-Brake coalition will be found, Murphy is reported to be hopeful that 42 men will be able to substantiate the charge which the New Deal governor made frequently last fall that gambling interests were leading contributors to the Fitzgerald campaign chest. Thomson invites an inquiry, pointing out that the committee has a treasury deficit of \$43,000.

Messrs. Eaton and Brake have granted hold of the lion by the tail. Or, in language of the street, the party purge has become a "hot potato." Somebody's hands are sure to be burned!

Dunckel-Loren Deal
When Governor-Loren D. Dickison announced shortly after taking the oath of office that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself, party leaders immediately began to speculate on (1) whom would Dickison appoint to be lieutenant-governor? (2) who would be the Republican nominee for governor in 1940?

The governor let it be known that he would not select his successor as lieutenant-governor during the legislative session, and probably would make no choice at all.

As for the 1940 nomination, capital observers began to survey the "candidate" to weigh possibilities.

Simultaneously, while the McKay sidshow was getting a full house, Auditor General Loren D. Brown precipitated a counter attraction with a disclosure about cancellation of state purchasing orders involving many hundreds of dollars, and substitute orders at higher prices.

State Treasurer Miller Dunckel, who with Brown and Thomas Read are responsible for state purchases, and promptly branded Brown as a publicity seeker and declared open to the public that he (Brown) was courting the nomination for 1940. Dunckel said that the higher prices could be explained.

Thus, the first state cabinet feud has started.

Schools Get a Break
The decision of Governor Dickison to sign a bill appropriating \$2,500,000 for public school tuition comes as a relief to educators.

Grover C. Dillman, director of the state budget, recommended that this amount be authorized as an advance payment on the school's allocation of state money for the coming fiscal year. He argued that the financially distressed districts of the state would be able to pay their share of the cost of the state's public schools.

Rep. John P. Espie, chairman of the House ways and means committee, declined encouragement to the picture by saying that the committee had agreed upon a \$17,000,000 allocation for the school fund that it might not be necessary to deduct the \$2,500,000 from that sum.

Dillman opined: "The state is very sound financially. Its net debt is only some \$3 per capita, and only 12 states have a lower net debt and some states have a debt nearly 20 times as high as Michigan's. From a long-term point of view, the state government is sound financially, although it is severely embarrassed as to immediate cash requirements."

Governor Dickison indicated that the 1939-40 budget would be balanced despite the \$2,500,000 payment this spring.

Labor Mediation
Two of the major problems have had identical treatment in the legislature.

1. A drastic labor relations bill, calling for the Fitzgerald 10-day strike notice, was passed the house by a 42-10 vote. It was passed only to be thrown out by a senate labor committee.

2. A civil service bill, calling for reduced classifications so that less than one-half of all employees would be affected, was passed by the house only to be sidetracked in the senate.

The senate labor committee, of which liberal Senator Harry Hittell is chairman, has reported to a substitute bill. This measure would create a three-man labor mediation board to seek settlement of difficulties between employers and employees in intrastate commerce. As nearly all of the major industries are subject to the federal Wagner act, the state mediation board would affect

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**BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notice of Registration
TO
Qualified School Electors**

All persons having the qualifications of school electors in School District No. 1 Fractional of Bloomfield, Troy, Royal Oak and Southfield may register on the dates and at the places designated below.

Board of Education Office—May 1 to June 3, 1939

The Board of Education offices are: 222 Hill Building, Chester & Martin Streets, and the office of Registration of school electors will be held from May 1st to June 3rd inclusive, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock a. m. and 5:00 o'clock p. m. on work days, and between the hours of 8:00 o'clock a. m. and 12:00 noon on Saturdays. On June 2nd the office will be open from 9:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m.

School Buildings—May 1 to June 3, 1939, inclusive

The principal offices in the following schools will be open for registration of school electors beginning Monday, May 1st and continuing on Saturday, June 3, 1939, between the hours stated below on work days and between the hours of 8:30 a. m. and 12:00 noon on Saturdays.

Adams School	8:30 a. m. - 4:00 p. m.
Barnum School	8:30 a. m. - 4:00 p. m.
Pierce School	1:15 p. m. - 4:00 p. m.
Quarton School	8:30 a. m. - 4:00 p. m.

Only those persons who have registered on or before June 3, 1939, or who have centered an affidavit with this notice, will be permitted to vote at the election to be held on June 12, 1939.

BY AUTHORITY OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
WM. A. DALLER, Secretary

Dated at Birmingham, Mich.,
26th day of April, A. D. 1939.

Qualifications for School Election Voters

Persons that are eligible to vote at school elections on general matters not involving the voting of school taxes.

1. Must be a citizen of the United States.
2. Must be 21 years of age (either male or female).
3. Must have a 3 month's residence in the school district.
4. Must either own property or be the parent or guardian of any child between the ages of 5 and 20 years.

Historic Hoaxes
By Elmo Scott Watson

Spectrist Poetry
DURING the second decade of the present century there was a sudden growth of new "schools" of poetry and art among them such as Futurism, Vorticism, Cubism, Dadaism and Polyphonic Prose.

In 1916 when the publication of "Spectra: A Book of Poetic Experiments" was announced, it was hailed with delight by the "emancipated souls" who were struggling for new methods of self-expression.

"Anne Knish" and "Emanuel Mortimer" and immediately they had a host of imitators who wrote the new Spectrist poetry. Nobody could understand it, but that made it seem all the more important.

Then the whole movement was revealed as a hoax which had been fathered by two authentic poets, Walter Bryner and Arthur Davidson Ficke, who used this method to satirize the current fad in new poetic cults. But in a sense, the joke was on them. For those who had been duped and had become devotees of "Spectrism" insisted upon continuing to write in that form and to perpetuate the new "movement" which still flourishes among some of America's intelligentsia.

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