

# FINGER PRINTS HELP TO TEST INTELLIGENCE

Theory Is Proved by Data,  
Georgia Official  
Believes.

By United Press  
ATLANTA, Ga., May 22.—Intelligence tests are based upon unestablished theories, but in the examination of human physiognomy specialists finally will be able to ascertain the mental and moral characteristics of all human beings, Governor L. G. Hardman of Georgia believes.

So convinced is he that a study of physiognomy, particularly of finger prints, will result in the definite determination of character and criminal tendencies that he has recommended legislation and the establishment of a special chair at the state university to study the subject.

For several years he has carried on correspondence and read reports dealing with his theory, and in that time has written scientists of Great Britain, France, Italy and Germany for their viewpoints.

Now the Governor believes his theory has been proven correct. "I have had the finger prints of ten patients at the state insane asylum sent to an Ohio expert," he said. "The reports definitely establish that there is a relation between the prints and the criminal, or insane characteristic of the patients."

"There must be definite relation between the loops and whorls of a person's fingertips and the corresponding cells of his brain, which are connected with his fingers over a nervous system."

Physicians, or alienists, allow their own feelings to influence pronouncements of mentality, according to the Governor, but physiological records, once acquired under the law which he desires, would be

for authentic use wherever the individual examined came into later contact with the law.

As an example of inaccuracy in describing character, the Governor declared that citizens from a Georgia county gave positive and reliable testimony that a certain man could not have committed a series of criminal attacks in Atlanta.

Yet four women positively identified him as their attacker, and it was necessary to allow the electric chair to take its victim. The man had already been convicted.

"An examination of his physical characteristics by one who knew how to interpret, would prevent any doubt about his possession or

lack of criminal tendencies," Governor Hardman said.

Now retiring as Governor, he has led a busy life as a physician in a northeast Georgia farming section. For decades he practiced medicine and carried on numerous business enterprises. Late in life he was elected Governor of the state, and has held that office for four years.

**Wealthy Yachtsman Is Suicide**  
By United Press  
PHILADELPHIA, May 22.—Business reverses were blamed today for the suicide of Edgar M. Sheppard, 49, wealthy yachting enthusiast, who shot himself through the temple in his workshop.

**AMBITION IS FOILED**  
Bellhop Refused Chance to "Work Out" Alleged \$139 Hotel Loot.  
Ambition of Ernest Woodson, Negro, 610 Blake street, former bellhop at the Williams hotel, will have to find an outlet at the county jail. Woodson, charged with vagrancy and grand larceny for the alleged theft of \$139 from the hotel, told

Municipal Judge William H. Sheaffer, "I'm full of pep and can work that out."

However, officials of the hotel firm said they had no desire for Woodson to be working in the hotel.

The former bellhop was bound over to the grand jury on the charges under \$2,000 bond and remanded to the county jail in lieu of bail.

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