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SQUIRREL STORY

J. Allen Bigelow Tells His Grand-children Mortimer A. and I. H. Neff a Story of His Hunting Trip.

My dear Boys:

In 1870 the squirrels were very plenty all around Birmingham. Your Grams sisters Annie and Maggie Hubble came down to visit and have a good time as they said, and were going to stay a week.

One day they saw a squirrel on the back fence, and they were perfectly frantic to catch that squirrel and have a pot pie. But the squirrel was too smart, and ran away. Then they came to me asking why I did not go out and shoot them some squirrels.

So it was agreed that tomorrow morning, if they would get up early and get my breakfast, that I would go down in Stanley's woods, just south of our house on Pierce Street a half mile, I would do the best possible. Well they had my breakfast early as they a greed, and about sunrise found me in Stanley's woods.

In half an hour I had four nice squirrels to carry home, and was thinking of going, when Johnnie Alger and Frank —— came squirrel hunting. There were two up one tree, I had watched and waited, had shaken the buehes, and every time a bush was shaken, the squirrels would scamper about a little, then would be hidden again before I could get my gun. As Johnnie and Frank asked about squirrels I told them about the two up such a tree. While I was shaking a small tree which grew by the side of a great large log, I found that there was a dandy Yellow Jackets nest right where I was standing on the log.

After looking and watching a little, I told Frank to go shake that small tree, Johnnie said that would sure start them out, and I promised, that if I shot the squirrel, they should have it.

Frank climed on the log, shook the small tree, when Johnnie yells out, "shake again Frank, I saw them," so Frank gave the little tree another good shake, but by this time he had scraped his feet around on the log and the yellow jackets came swarming out and began their business of protecting their home.

Frank was not quite soon enough, those jackets poured out their house and Frank was literally covered with them. Hesitating an instant, he comprehended the situation and started on the run, he came direct to me, grabbed me around the neck with both arms, yelling out, take 'em off, take 'em off, take 'em off. There was no use in trying to get away from him, and neither could I get away from those fighting yellow jackets. Johnnie was rolling on the ground, laughing until the tears came. When I reached home there were four squirrels in my hunting bag, and a thousand yellow jackets had each one stung me a thousand times. Frank was equipped with the same number of identification marks. Dr. Raynale bathed my face in strong salt peter water, and by noon I could see out of one eye. Frank had to change his shirt as they had crawled down his back. So you see the stinger was stung. Your loving grand-daddy,

J. ALLEN BIGELOW.

SCHOOL NOTES.

JUNIOR HIGH.

Kenneth Hisar and Clarence Whinning have left Birmingham.

The 9th grade gave a most interesting Chapel Friday.

HILL SCHOOL.

The first sleigh-ride of the seasoff was given Friday evening, by the sophomore class.

The Senior High School enjoyed a well planned Chapel given by the 10th grade Friday morning.

SCHOOL IN GENERAL.

The Business Men here tendered a supper for the foot ball team in Detroit, Friday. The boys report is, they had "a wonderful time."

The Literary Club was organized this week. The Junior and Senior High Seeools are both admitted to this society.

A new club has been formed this season in Baldwin School, which is a Debating Club. The members are very much enthnsed over the comin debates to be given in the new auditorium.

Last week was visiting week in Baldwin School. Parents and friends of pupils who were interested in the school were shown through the building by a committee of pupils. Among the guests was Mr. Aliber, the future physical culture instructor for the boys. He will start his classes after the holidays.

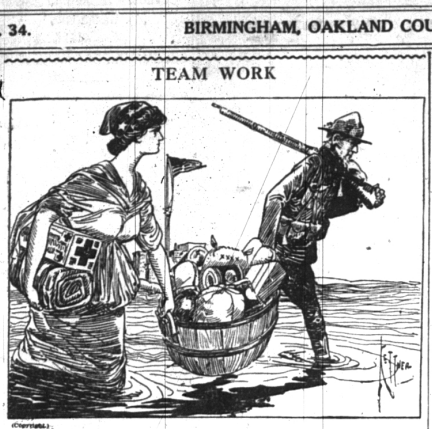
The gym was used for basket ball practice for the first time, last week.

The lunchroom for the pupils was opened a week ago Thursday.

M. E. W.

Fashion, having gone as far as decency will permit, in the shortage of women's skirts, now seeks to blame the world war for a further shrinkage. It is enough to make a circus rider blush.

TEAM WORK



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The Red Cross Goes Wherever the Flag Goes. Your Membership Fee Will Help the Good Work Along.

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EARL R. RICE, PASTOR.

Regular services for Sunday December 23.

Public worship at 10:30, with sermon on the subject "Blood Red." Sunday School at 12 noon. Epworth League at 6:45. Public worship at 7:30. Subject, "Our Gifts." The prayer meeting is always on Wednesday at 7:45.

The "White Christmas" program will be given tonight, (Friday) by the Sunday School. The gifts from the different classes will go to the Children's Home in Highland Park, except those gifts otherwise previously provided for. Let us make our giving generous.

The "Messiah," as before announced was given Thursday to an appreciative audience. Miss Starr and her helpers deserve praise and congratulations.

A Watch Night service will be held in this church, Monday evening, December 31. A cordial invitation to all.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed at the Birmingham Michigan, P. O. for the week ending Dec. 15

Edwards, A. F.
Gifford, J. C.
Dean, Miss Edna
Corey, Mrs. W. E.
Coon, Mrs. Hattie
Bassett, Mrs. Jay
Bell, Nelson
Laport, Robert
Martin, Mrs. R. V.
Newman, Mrs. R. V.
Saywell, Thos.
Smith, Fred
VanVranken, G. Garrett
White, Maurice
Hunt, George

POST CARDS

Gifford, J. C.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised."

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

REV. WILLIAM C. MCKNIGHT, PASTOR

In the Tabernacle at the corner of Pierce and Merrill Streets, all regular services will be held next Sunday, December 23. This is Christmas Sunday and all services will be oppropriate to the occasion. Special music at both services by the choir, which has been doing such excellent service.

At 10:30 a. m. Worship and sermon. The pastor will speak, subject, "The Advent, It's True Meaning and Import."

At 12 noon. The Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes.

At 6:30 p. m. the devotional meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. Leader, Mrs. Potter.

At 7:30 p. m. Mr. E. J. Ebbels of Detroit will give "The Birth of Christ" from Ben Hur. Those who know Mr. Ebbels and his work, will know what to expect.

The mid-week service for December 26, will be omitted.

The Christmas service of the Sunday School will be held this Friday evening December 21, at 7:30. Friends and parents are cordially invited to be present. All who come are urged to bring something in the line of food stuffs to be given before Xmas to needy causes.

To all of our services a hearty invitation is extended to all. All will find a cordial welcome here.

Strangers and those without a church home can find one here.

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Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, inclose 5 cents to Foley & Co., 2835 Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic Tablets. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Mrs. Henry Benedict is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. Poole at Pontiac.

RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.

In response to many inquiries as to why Birmingham is not in the Christmas Red Cross Membership Drive, I wish to say that every County Chapter in Michigan, as far as I know, is going ahead with the campaign this week, except the Oakland County Chapter, which has not as yet authorized its townships to undertake the work.

Bloomfield will not, therefore, be in the Christmas campaign, but as township director, I would be very glad to receive new or renewal memberships in the American Red Cross at any time.

The quota allotted by the state to Oakland County is 4,000, and it is greatly to be regretted that each township in the county cannot be given an opportunity to do its share at this time in helping to increase the membership to 15,000,000.

Mrs. Sleeper, the wife of the Governor has offered a silk flag embroidered by her to the county which secures, during Xmas week, the largest number of memberships in proportion to its population.

SARAH E. SLY,
Director for Bloomfield in the Oakland County Chapter.

Ready Now at Old Prices.

Fresh lots of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound are selling at before-the-war prices. This puts this well-known cough medicine, ready to use, in homes at less than it costs to buy and mix the ingredients yourself, and all bother and muss avoided. There is no better remedy for coughs, colds, croup or la grippe. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

CORNER BROWN AND WOODWARD.

DAVID H. CURRY, PASTOR.

Services Sabbath December 23.

Junior League at 1 p. m.

Bible School and classes for all at 2 p. m.

Preaching by Pastor at 3 p. m. Theme, "The Star of Bethlehem and What it Teaches."

Young Peoples meeting at 6:30 p. m. Subject, Christmas Giving.

Preaching by Pastor at 7:30. Subject, The Man From Whom God Departed.

Prayer meeting and conferece Wednesday evening at 7:45.

Christmas program Saturday evening December 22.

Piano selection, Mrs. Rudolph Burtraw.

Opening chorus, "Sing the Song of Christmas Cheer."

Recitation, Helen Roth.

Hush-a-bye Chorus.

Play, "Tnree in a Bed" and song "We Love You Santa"

Recitation, "Following the Star," Isabelle Curry.

"Miss Mary's Bedtime Story," Mrs. James Anderson and scholars.

Piano selection, Merel Parks.

The Snow Fairies.

Song by Maude M. Curry, "The Dear Little Stranger."

Reading, "The Other Wise Man," Miss Bertha Sweitzer.

Song, "Keep the Christmas Spirit."

Waiting For a Letter From Santa.

Santa's Military Band.

Song by scholars, "Chime Sweet Bells, Chime On."

Final Chorus.

Distribution of candy to the Junior Scholars.

You are welcome at all our services.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends of Detroit and Big Beaver for their kindness during our bereavement, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

MR. AND MRS. CHAS. SMITH and family.

The United Presbyterian Sunday School will hold their Christmas exercises and tree at the church Saturday evening.

The Queen Ester Circle will meet with Miss Gladys Smith at her home on Southfield Avenue Monday evening January 7.

Garrick Theatre.

The Christmas week's attraction at the Garrick Theater will be "The 13th Chair," a melodrama written by Bayard Veiller, also author of "Within the Law," so popular a few years ago, and produced by William Harris, Jr.

Veiller's latest play had a long run in New York City, and is now being played in London, where Mrs. Pat Campbell is appearing in the leading role.

"The 13th Chair" is essentially a play of mystery and thrills and the story concerns a seemingly unsolvable murder case, the crime taking place at a spiritualistic seance being given by a millionaire at his home for the amusement of his guests. Veiller, so it is said, adroitly keeps from his audience until the final fall of the curtain any knowledge of the identity of the person who has killed Edward Wales and those witnessing the play join with the detective in trying to figure out the solution of the mystery.

Twelve persons, men and women, seated in a circle with a medium, in a darkened room are concerned in the mystery. Wales stabbed in the back, just as was a man named Spencer Lee, regarding whose murder Wales was making inquiry. Doors and windows of the room had been locked so it was apparent to the little company that someone among the twelve survivors had committed the crime.

Mr. Harris promises a company of excellence to portray the different roles in "The 13th Chair," among those who will be seen here being Blanch Hall, Joseph R. Garty, Marie Goff, Herbert Fortier, Perry Hopper, Sydney Blackmer, Madge Cororan, Jane Gilroy, James H. Morrison, Jr., Elaine Anderson, Edward Keenan, Anne Amerys, Arthur Fitzgerald, Ethel Mantell, Robert Dudley, and Stephen Heyburn. There will be an extra matinee on Christmas day in addition to those of Wednesday and Saturday.

Old Sodier Gives Recommendation.

Gustav Wangelin, Commander of G. A. R., Pinkneyville, Illinois, writes: "I highly recommend Foley Kidney Pills, which I prefer to all others I have used." Foley Kidney Pills give quick relief from backache, rheumatic pains, stiff, swollen joints, languidness, kidney trouble, and sleep-disturbing bladder ailments. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT.

Invited the President a bunch of progressive citizens assembled at the Council Chambers Monday night to review the question of enlarging the village limits by a half mile all around. On motion by Mr. Clizbe, supported by everybody present, it was determined that it was the consensus of the meeting, the matter should be submitted to the voters of the village, Troy township, Bloomfield township and those living on the half-mile strip. Judge Campbell moved that the village attorney, Harry Allen prepare petitions for signatures of the voters in the various districts, that they may be presented to the Board of Supervisors in January.

A committee consisting of Judge A. W. Campbell, Bert Peabody aad Otto Beier was named to see that the petitions are circulated. Every body called on by the committee is expected to help them.

Councilman George Daines was chosen chairman and Clerk Thomas E. Harris was named clerk of the citizens meeting.

"No Man's Land" was represented by such men as Otto Beier, W. T Bradford, Seymour Adams and M. J. Hansen who were all favorable.

The new accurate and complete maps of the village were a pleasure to behold. Anybody can call and see them without trouble.

The topographical map with general sewer outlines are of great interest just now. These have been prepared by Mr. Coleman who has charge of the sewer disposal plant in Southfield Park.

W. D. CLIZBE,
President.

This Was No Joke.

J. E. Culver, 103 Labor Temple, Los Angeles, California, writes: "I have had about 56 years of experience with all sorts and kinds of cathartic remedies—some good, and some a joke. When I got wise to Foley Cathartic Tablets for constipation, I got in right. The best I ever used." Do not gripe; no unpleasant after effects. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

NOTICE

To the tax payers of Bloomfield Township. I will be at the First State Bank Birmingham Monday December 24, and every day thereafter till January 10, 1918, except Saturday, I will be at the County Treasures office at Pontiac.

WM G. OLSEN,
Township Treasurer.

RED CROSS BULLETON.

There will be no meetings of the Red Cross during the week of Christmas, as the pads and pneumonia jackets apportioned to Birmingham have all been finished.

Beginning Thursday, January 3, regular meetings will be resumed on the usual days.

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Council Proceedings

Regular meeting of Village Council, December 10.

President, Clizbe. Clerk Harris.

Trustees, Brown, Bailey, Trumbull, Harris.

Absent, Daines, Parks.

The following actions took place.

Moved by Brown and Harris, that following bills be paid.

Casper Case	$ 4 00
Wm. Brown	10 00
S. Herbison	14 00
Alfred Johnston	10 00
Birmingham Cartage	35 00
Allen Team	45 75
Elmer Ferris	18 00
George Stephenson	37 50
W. J. Murray	50
J. H. Schultz	6 18
H. W. Johns-Manville Co.	24 48
Grand Trunk Ry.	96 89
Saandard Oil Company	24 76
A. F. Carter	12 50
Mike	21 60
Arthur Ferris	18 00
Harris	37 50
Telephone Co.	9 23
Remington Typewriter Co.	75
Neil Black	28 35
Leonard Electrical Co.	4 00
H. G. Field	2 00
John Dick	3 00
Harris	1 77
Hal Hunt	48 00
Cooley's Teams	61 63
Mack Hunt	37 50
George Scott	60 00

Moved by Brown and Trumbull that the bill of Fire Department for $78, account of Grand Trunk fire, be paid. Carried.

Moved by Brown and Bailey that $260 be appropriated to the clerk for purpose of paying off men when necessary before a council meeting. Carried.

Adjourned till Monday December 17.

W. D. CLIZBE, THOS. E. HARRIS,
President. Clerk.

See Bird has returned to Atlanti, Ga., after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bird.

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