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"How I Earned My First Dollar"

--As Told by Prominent Citizens

By Phyllis Myers

The weather certainly has turned colder since last week hasn't it? So, of course, when you went out to ask the business men how they earned their first dollar it was a little bit afraid the weather might change my good luck. But no!

The first man I spoke to was Willie Bell, the filer of Dimes & Bells, funeral director. As I entered he looked up and smiled. "This is nice winter we're having," he said. "It's a little warmer, warming my cold nose in the fur of my coat."

"Well, what can I do for you?" he asked.

"You know—the same thing I came after the other day," I replied.

"Oh, yes," he laughed. "Well, I used to work in Volney Nixon's general store for eight dollars a month. And say, I did everything from sweeping the floor to selling dry goods. That was back in 1899; stayed there till I started in business for myself in 1909."

"You know," said L. H. Rouston, local real estate man, "when I was quite a kid, still going to school—in 1871 I had a dog in the name of 'Spot.' My chum had a dog, too. He said that his dog could beat my dog running. So we started a race, the whole neighborhood turned out to see it. Well, my dog got the start and kept it, and I won. I got a dollar bill, two pounds of peanuts and a pound of doughnuts. It was candy. Good time of my life that day."

"When I was about 14 years old I worked Saturday afternoon in a milliner's shop," said Miss Whittener, who now keeps a millinery shop in Birmingham. "I worked my fool head off for 25¢ an afternoon, and then I'd take the money I earned and buy three or four dozens of hairpins with it. In the evening we'd invite the neighbors in for a party."

E. C. Gardner, who keeps a shoe repair shop on East Maple, said "Gee, when I was about 16 years old I worked for \$1.00 a week and my room and board. My job was loading hay—two men could load ten tons of hay in two hours."

W. E. Smith of the Birmingham Roller Mills scratched his head and said, "How do you expect me to remember so far back? Don't you know that's a long time ago? But let's see, hey, oh, yes. I used to work in a saw mill and older mill on what is now the Edgett place for \$20 a month."

"And you saved your money?" he was asked.

"Yes, I should say so—until I began going with the girls," he chuckled.

"Oh, when I was a kid I earned money trapping muskrats and ground moles," said J. V. Veer of the Weir-Smith Trucking Co. "Well I remember catching them in a Wisconsin trap on old Plum Brook."

"Well," said E. C. Huston, local hardware dealer, "I worked for two dollars a week in a hardware store in Plymouth. I should say I saved my money and invested it in real estate. That was the foundation of my present success."

W. E. Moore smiled and said, "When I was sixteen I ran away from home to find a job. I worked for two dollars a week at two different places."

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lars a day on what is now the Sly farm."

"H-m-m," said A. Whitehead, president of the First National Bank of Birmingham, "way back in the sixties, trapping muskrats around Edgely was the way I earned my first dollar. Each pet brought ten cents. That was in Civil war times. My dad had to hustle or he'd go cold. Wool at a dollar a pound wasn't conducive to cheap clothes. Think of that, you kids, and say that in dad's limousine and kicken—that ain't no heater in it!"

When questioned, Supervisor L. D. Allen said, "Gee, my father gave me a colt when I was eight years old on condition that I go 60 rods to the barn to do chores every morning before daylight. If I missed a day in three years the colt would be taken from me. When the colt was three years old I sold it to P. H. Roberts of Pontiac for \$150. She used it as a carriage horse for years and years until it was quite old."

"As I approached Justice F. S. Buck, looking behind his desk, I asked the First State Bank Building, he looked so busy and importantly occupied that I was afraid I had chosen the psychological moment for "popping the question." But evidently all was well, for my father said I remember when my brother and I dried apples and sold them. I was about eleven years old then; our folks lived on a farm in New York state. And it took us high into a month to earn three and a half dollars. That was our first money."

"I was back in 1878, when I was a student at the U. of M. I took a course in medicine," said Dr. J. L. Campbell, local physician. "I spent my vacations working at a dollar a day, logging on a new ground. I. Henry Blackburn at Royal Oak. Henry Blackburn, you know, is the man who was sent to prison for life because he shot and killed his mother and sister, and I worked for her next two weeks before the hanging took place."

"When I was about 12 years old I worked in breaking pieces out of the Watkins' pony farm—that's Quarter Horse, said Dr. J. L. Campbell. "I worked at a dollar a day, and for that strenuous jamming and bucking I earned only 25¢ per day."

Harold Clark, Valve Clerk, said, "I earned my first money playing the organ in the country. I earned a dollar for each time I sold a kid of 13 that seemed like a lot."

"When I was 18 years old I lived in a class school in the East. I was a jeweler. I earned a dollar a week at learning the jewelry business. I worked every morning, five or six hours, and worked a half day for that."

"In 1818 I dove over on the floor for Harvey Judson on the farm Adair. Six now owns," said Captain Bedlow, retired local business man. "I was a full day in the hot sun for 25¢; how well I remember it."

"Gee, 42 years ago I worked in the post office in Detroit at 14¢ an hour," said H. G. Field of the Field Furniture Shop on West Maple.

Joe Brooks, supervisor of Southfield township said, "I earned my first dollar building houses in Southfield school No. 5. That included walking one and three-quarter miles every morning, five or six days for the whole thing I got 50¢ a month."

Eco City News

Mrs. W. W. Gosen of Emmons avenue left last Thursday for Chicago where she will be indefinitely. She was called to the bedside of her sister who was badly injured in an automobile accident.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Miller of Smith avenue entertained Mr. and Mrs. D. Shile of Detroit for the pleasure of their mother, Mrs. Marion Lander. Mrs. Lander, who has been spending several weeks with the Millers, Mrs. Lander left Monday for Chicago where she will be for several weeks before returning to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bissau of Emmons avenue will be guests at dinner tomorrow evening at Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keeler of Detroit. The day marks the 44th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Keeler.

To introduce her guest, Mrs. Cecil Cummings, Mrs. Earle Harper entertained a party of twelve Eco City women at a bridge luncheon on Wednesday. Mrs. Cummings, a former schoolmate of Mrs. Harper is spending several weeks here. Her home is in Cadillac.

Mrs. H. H. Stevens of Smith avenue is now confined to her bed with the grippe. The not seriously ill, she has been unable to be about for a week. Mr. Stevens and their small son are just recovering from an attack of the same disease.

Harry Goldsmith of Smith avenue leaves tomorrow for Toronto, Canada, where he will be working on business. From Toronto he will go to Lake Muskoka for a fishing trip for a few days.

A new five room bungalow is being constructed on Smith avenue by R. W. Torrey, a member of the Leinbach-Humphrey company. The house, which will be ready for occupancy within ten days, is very modern, containing bath and furnace.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Willbee, who rented their home on Lincoln, moved early in the autumn and moved into Detroit, will return to Eco the end of the coming week. Their home is now in the process of redecoration. During the winter it was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. Boardman from Mississippi who have moved to Haynes street, Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bruce of Smith avenue attended the funeral last Saturday in Detroit of their cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Owen. The latter were burned to death in their home when an oil stove exploded. The fifteen year old daughter, who was also seriously burned, is still in the hospital in a serious condition.

Joseph Hall of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Cloud and son of Davis avenue spent the week-end in Birmingham.

Harry Whitterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Whitterson of

NEW BOOKS IN LIBRARY.

For those who enjoy reading good late books, the Birmingham Public Library offers a happy choice to all who avail themselves. There are ten new stories and one "Explorers The Great Lakes," by Webb Waldron, which comes under the head of fiction.

New fiction includes, "Able McLaughlin" by Margaret Wilson; "The Story of the Arrow," by Harold Shall; "Butterfly," by Kathleen Norris (Thompson); "J. Hardin and Erskine," by Brand Whitlock; "Larynx and Hamlet," by Hugh Walpole; "Lew Tyler's Wives," by Irwin Wallace; "Madams Claire," by Susan Eraz; "Magic Midland," by Harold Wald; "Never the Twin Shall Meet," by Peter B. Kyne; and "Rover," by Joseph Conrad.

It is interesting, and an issue of local pride to note that "Magic Midland" was written by Harold Waldron, a former Birmingham boy.

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Bible school, 2 p.m.; afternoon worship, 8 p.m.; "The Righteousness Not Our Own," 7 o'clock; service, 7:30. "The Land of the Book—No. 2 From Nebot to Ebal." Prayer meeting Wednesday evening, 7:30.

Tray United Presbyterian (Serving) Star
Morning worship, 10:00 o'clock; Bible school 11:30 a.m. All of the community cordially invited to these meetings. Teacher Training Class on Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

First Baptist
Corner Bates and Willets streets. Pastor, T. J. Edwards. Morning worship, 10:00 o'clock. The pastor will speak on "Divine Intervention." The Bible school meets at 12 o'clock. Excellent classes for all. The pastor teaches the intercessory class for young men. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock the pastor will speak on "How Christ Makes Real His Use." Every one cordially invited to all these services.

Christian Science Society
Services at Church Building, West 4th street, south of the D. C. P. building.
Sunday, 11 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30. Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock. All are invited.
Free reading room, open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m.

First Presbyterian
Services will be held as usual next Sunday, Jan. 20th, with the pastor, Rev. W. C. McKnight, preaching both morning and evening. In the morning at 10:30 the women's society will be. The Christian's Resources, Mr. Rudolph J. C. Zabel of Detroit, the soloist, will sing "My Religion" by Thas, as a solo at this service. The Bible school meets at noon. In the evening at 7:30 the spiritualist service will be. "Second Hand Religion." Mr. Laver sings at the service. A most hearty and cordial welcome to all services.

First Methodist Episcopal
10 a.m., class meeting, C. E. Chamberlain, leader; 10:30, morning worship, "The Cross and the Switchblade," 12 m., Sunday school, come that with us and we will do thee good; 6:30, Epworth League, 7 o'clock, lesson in Mission Study; 7:30, evangelistic, subject, "The Strong Weak Man."

Wednesday evening meeting for prayer, 7:30. The 12th lesson on the Ministry of the Spirit, Thursday evening, Father and Son banquet, 8 o'clock. The 13th lesson on the offering for the Japanese earthquake fund.

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A certificate will be presented to the winner in addition to the \$1,000. A silver medal will be given to the first alternates, and a bronze medal to the second alternates with an appropriate ribbon.

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