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BIG BEAVER, LEFT WITHOUT "FIRE AID," STARTS ITS OWN VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

By HELEN V. WALKER

The burning of Dan Mason's cider mill at Big Beaver recently, which was "quenched in the bud," may not go down in the annals of history, but in Big Beaver it will have, always, a special significance. For several weeks, armed with a two-man power fire wagon, the Big Beaver fire force had awaited anxiously the first call to service.

When Big Beaver refused to pay an annuity of five hundred dollars to Birmingham for fire protection a few months ago, Birmingham openly declared that in time of fire in Big Beaver, she would be utterly indifferent to crys of help. That source of protection gone, Big Beaver began to cast around for a means of protection. There was no particular hurry. No fires occurred and the matter was given no special attention. Then, a few weeks ago, the two-man tank of chemicals was installed. This was only after a diligent trio of young men from the town had "passed the hat around and around" for public subscriptions with a weak response.

The new and shining engine apparatus was stored away in the Big Beaver garage and the firemen were on tip-toe for the first call of "fire." Anxious waiting had finally given way to calm endurance, when one day a wild-eyed and dishevled man dashed into Logan and Schroder's grocery. After being calmed and quieted he was able to make known that "Dan Mason had a fire in the garage and it was rapidly spreading to the house and the cider mill, and Dan had just finished the new cider mill, and, where was the fire wagon?"

The time had come. The great moment was at hand. The grocery was quickly and unceremoniously closed and the two grocery men were off on their mission of mill-saving. For a time it was difficult to tell which was the boss and which was the gang. The firemen, all three, fought valiantly and, when the blaze had been extinguished, the firefighters, although scorched of eyebrows, and no longer owners of eyebrows, all three proudly ushered the chemical wagon back to the garage for a rub down and shine up.

In that band of firemen, there is an office for every man: Chief, Assistant Chief, and Secy.-Treasurer. Respectively they are Elmer Schroder, Orville Logan and Otto Hullberg. Each received his office with the unanimous vote of his brother firemen, when a meeting of all volunteers was called and only the three answered roll call.

However, that fire marked the birth of great aspirations and soon, with the aid of the populace, made supporters and the force is now planning on adding some new man-power. The farmers had given the idea of a department little encouragement of very little financial assistance. Then, when the cider mill was threatened, one old farmer, who had been particularly skeptical but who had an orchard of good cider apples, was the first man on the scene. In a voice thick with genuine anxiety he begged to be the man to hook up the engine and drive it behind his "jitney" to save the mill. Suddenly awakened to what his home town might mean without their fire fighters, his spirit was endorsed the next morning along with several others by the Sec'y.

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He Went On Through

DAVID WINDSOR

Otherwise known as the Prince of Wales, whose train stopped for five minutes in Birmingham last Tuesday afternoon.

CROWD VAINLY WAITS AT LOCAL STATION TO SEE PRINCE OF WALES

But the Future King Of England Remains Snuely Composed In Interior Of Coach

TRAIN STOPS TUESDAY

Flowers And Fruits Carried To Wales Who Visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford

It took the Prince of Wales to prove beyond the shadow of a doubt the stories about the English sense of humor. Anticipations, whetted keen by several hours delay in the arrival of the Prince's train here Tuesday noon, were ungratified when, after the train had come to a stop, no prince was in evidence. Standing breathless to their eagerness to glimpse the man who will some day rule England, a crowd of more than a hundred Birmingham and nearby residents had gone to the Grand Trunk depot, heaved a sigh of disappointment as the train moved out, and nothing resembling a prince had appeared.

Official notice announced Monday evening that the prince would pass through Birmingham on his train Tuesday morning at 9:30. An hour before the time set little groups gathered to be among the few who would see that popular and feted young man on his way to Detroit to visit Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford and to see the various Ford plants. Announcement followed that the Royal train had been delayed several hours but would arrive here before noon. Again the crowd gathered with increased forces.

Finally, after more reports and more disappointments, the train came in sight around the bend of the track at Oakland avenue. Powder puffs were quickly put into play and a quick, last look taken in the pocket mirrors as the train came to a stop in front of the depot on East Maple avenue.

There was no mistake about which

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SOUTHFIELD REJECTS NEW CEMETERY PLAT

Township Board Refuses 91-Acre Project Tuesday Evening; Many Objections Filed

MAY TAKE CASE TO LAW

A 91 acre plat for a cemetery in Southfield township submitted by Charles Lockwood, attorney for a Detroit corporation, was rejected by Joseph Brooks, Township Supervisor of Southfield Tuesday evening. The plat concerned the old Purdy farm, recently purchased by the corporation, located at Evergreen and the Twelve Mile Road, west of Southfield road.

The plan of the plat provided for no markers above the ground and, according to the specifications, was to have been a public cemetery. According to Mr. Brooks, the plat was very well laid out and the rejection of the plat was solely on the grounds of objections from adjoining land owners. A petition was filed with Mr. Brooks objecting to the cemetery, signed by a large number of property owners in that section, while a large number of individual objections were filed with Mr. Brooks, also.

James Lynch, attorney for clients representing the Southfield Super-Highway Association, also submitted an objection on the part of his clients. The Association is composed of Detroit business men owning property along Southfield Road.

Mr. Brooks states that no specific reasons were given for the objections, other than a general dislike for a cemetery near their home was the base of the objections. According to Mr. Brooks, Mr. Lockwood, representing the Cemetery Corporation, intimated that the matter would be carried further, and, possibly, legal steps taken.

The land in question would practically adjoin the Louise Lathrop property on Southfield Road that is being developed as Bungalow Village. A petition was also filed with Mr. Brooks from this subdivision objecting to the proposition. The claim of these signers is that such a cemetery in this location would decrease the value of their property.

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Credit Bureau May Be Formed Here Soon

Following a talk by Floyd Miller, manager of the Pontiac Credit Bureau, given before the local Exchange club Tuesday noon, members of the club expressed an interest in starting a similar bureau among the business and professional men of Birmingham. The matter is being given serious consideration here and probably will be determined within the next two weeks.

Mr. Miller's talk pointed out the value of a credit bureau in any community, stressing the institution as an asset to both the giver of credit and the consumer. He declared that credit was the most valuable asset of the commercial world, and that it ought to be guarded by everyone who has anything to do with it. During the past few weeks Mr. Miller has interested Royal Oak, Redford, and Rochester in the movement.

K. OF P. BASKETBALL TEAM IS PRACTICING

Birmingham Knights of Pythias' basket ball team is planning to start its practice next Monday night. All of the members who played last year are expected to report and other new players who are interested in the work have been invited.

This first meeting on Monday night will be for the purpose of organization, at the home of "Red" Gould, their manager, at 122 Gray Court. The Adams school gymnasium has been obtained for practice during the winter. The first real game is scheduled for the first Wednesday in December, when the team from here will play the Oakland Motor team from Pontiac.

It Used to Was But It Ain't—

A horse was killed last week at the Grand Trunk railroad and the Nine Mile Road. The cop who investigated made out the following report. "If the train had been run as it should have been ran, or if the bell had been rung as it should have been rang, or if the whistle had been blew as it should have been blowed, both of which they did neither horse would not have been injured when it was killed."—Ferndale Gazette.

BROODING OVER ILL HEALTH, SUICIDES

Victor Van Every Of Franklin, Shoots Self In Home Last Saturday

HAD ACTED QUEERLY

Believed to have been despondent because of ill health, Victor Van Every, 52 years old, shot and killed himself in his home in Franklin village, west of Birmingham, at five o'clock last Saturday afternoon. The bullet, from a revolver, entered his right temple and death resulted instantly.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist Episcopal church of Franklin Tuesday afternoon, with burial in the Franklin cemetery. Rev. Ira Chatfield, assisted by Rev. M. M. Pridgard, preached the sermon. According to reports, Mr. Van Every, who has been failing in health for the past year had been acting queerly all last week. Shortly before he fired the shot, his wife and daughter are said to have seen him handling the revolver in his bedroom. Rushing out of doors to obtain help from neighbors, the women returned a moment after the despondent man pulled the trigger that ended his life. He is said to have stood before a mirror when the shot was fired, and was found lying across the bed when his family discovered him.

Mrs. Maaret Van Every, his widow, and Helen Van Every, his daughter, are the immediate relatives who survive him.

Victor Van Every was a member of an old Van Every family which settled in Oakland county as early as 1837 when James Van Every bought a tract of land near Franklin and established a grist mill. The parents of James came to Michigan from New York state and Peter, the father of James, was in the war of 1812, being present at the surrender of General Hull.

Members of this family have been in the Michigan territorial legislature, from Wayne county, as well as of the state legislature after its admittance to the union. James Van Every was township treasurer and justice of the peace in Bloomfield township in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

Victor Van Every was a grocer, many years ago, and although he had worked in the mill, this was his vocation largely. He is said to have been suffering for a long time.

Eco City Planning Campaign To Raise Funds For Church

More real community interest has centered about the ten week campaign for funds to complete the Eco Community Church, that started in Eco City Monday, than, seemingly, has been evinced over any public project to be undertaken by the community at large there.

The campaign started Monday morning with a surprising show of enthusiasm. The workers for the cause, organized at a supper in the community church last Saturday evening, consist of twelve groups, each with six members. Captains were appointed for the groups to direct the work[which will mean an intensive ten-week program of functions and varied activities to raise money. Individual pledges are also on the campaign program and are being solicited by the workers, from Birmingham and Eco residents.

C. C. Hoffman is general chairman of all twelve committees and at the banquet, in the church Saturday, delivered an inspiring speech to the teams. The team captains were appointed at the supper and include Mrs. C. C. Hoffman, Guy Laughlin, Mrs. Roy Vandewater, Mrs. Ray Baker, C. E. Chase, Mrs. G. B. Ahrons, Mrs. V. R. Ogden, Mrs. R. A. Miller, Mrs. D. H. Curry, J. Hayman, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. F. E. Wimberly.

Practically all other social activities in the community have been abandoned and the energies of all directed in the next few weeks to the task of raising $125 in each team, the quota asigned. One of the biggest affairs planned for the purpose this week in a Country Fair in the community church yard tomorrow evening. This will be under the direction of the twelve captains, assisted by their teams. Everything will be on sale that could be found at a country fair and every effort is being exerted to make it a most unique affair.

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YOUNG MEN FORM SERVICE CLUB FRIDAY

Percy Burnett Elected First President; Patterned After Rotary and Exchange

TO MEET EACH FRIDAY

Percy Burnett, of the local First National Bank, was elected president of the Young Men's Service Club, the newest of boosting clubs for Birmingham, at the McBride hardware store; treasurer, Charles Buck of the McBride hardware store. Besides these officers there were present Clarence Bassett of Olsen's meat market; Earl Gaskill of the Miner Grocery company, Rollin Smith, in the insurance business, Stanley Rossell of the First State Bank, Clarence Beges of the First State Bank, Fred Kemp of the Grand Trunk office, and Raymond Peck of the Peck tailor shop. The board of directors

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Lectures On Music

EDITH M. RHETTS

Educational Director of the Detroit Symphony Society will lecture at the Community House next Tuesday on "Music Appreciation."

Southfield Board Seeks Highway Data

Nothing definite has been accomplished in the establishment of a right-of-way for the proposed Northwestern Highway from the Eight Mile road north, in an effort to get some action in the matter the Southfield Township Board met Monday noon with the County Road Commissioners at Pontiac. Wednesday evening a meeting was called in the Southfield town hall, when the Detroit Planning Commission and the Rapid Transit Commission sent representatives in the interest of the highway.

The Southfield Township Board is anxious to establish the line and known definitely the width of the proposed highway that they may make proper preparations for the highway when accepting plats. According to Jim Bloomfield, supervisor, there are hundreds of plats on which it is necessary to delay acceptance until the right-of-way is determined.

The purpose of the road is to provide a highway other than Woodward avenue, to the lake region of the county. At the time the road was provided for, the question of its width or structure was not decided upon. The width of the road is also a matter of importance that the Southfield Board hopes to settle. This road is expected to furnish one of the main arteries out of future Detroit.

FREE MUSIC LECTURE BY MISS EDITH RHETTS

"Music Appreciation" with its various angles will be the subject of Miss Edith M. Rhetts who will talk here next Tuesday, October 21, in the community house. Miss Rhetts is the Educational Director of the Detroit Symphony Society and is coming here for the second time, through the efforts of Mrs. W. W. Raymond.

In the Baldwin auditorium, last November, Miss Rhetts talked under the direction of the community house board. Her special appeal is to the listeners of music more than to the musician, or the performer. The phases of the comprehension of music as touched are said to more especially interesting to men, perhaps, than any other group. Her special work is to take up a detailed analysis of the symphony and place it in a simple aspect, by swaying the interest to the layman. This is likely where the interest of the man is centered. Through her simple discussion of the great works and her style of discussion, Miss Rhetts has gained a statewide reputation and the community house board feels extremely fortunate in bringing her here for this second lecture.

This lecture, although under the same name of "Music Appreciation," will cover an entirely different field of music than Miss Rhetts used last November. The lecture is a free entertainment, and comes under the community house activities.

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The editor of a Michigan paper states that he borrowed a Winchester rifle recently and started up the street to deliver the weapon to the owner. The delinquent subscribers got it into their heads that he was on the war path and every one he met insisted on paying what he owed him. One man wiped out a debt of ten years standing. On return to the office he found a load of hay, 15 bushels of corn, ten bushels of apples, 22 bushels of potatoes, a cord of wood and a barrel of turnips that had been brought in. All the county editors are now trying to borrow Winchesters.

ROTARY CLUB TO AID CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Four Oakland County Clubs To Join In Effort To Aid Oakland's Unfortunate Kiddies

TO ESTABLISH CLINICS

Following a talk on Crippled Children's Work, the Oakland county program for which is being sponsored by the Pontiac Rotary club, given here Monday by Rev. Father Michael Crowley, chairman of that work for the Pontiac club, three members of the Birmingham club were appointed to act on a committee to enlist aid for carrying out the program. The three local men appointed by president George R. Averill are, Dr. George P. Raynale, David H. Ladd, and Emory Lee Mattison.

The plan outlined by Rotarian Crowley is one that will include assistance for every crippled child in Oakland county. The county will be divided into sections, one section each allotted to the Pontiac, Birmingham, Royal Oak, and Ferndale Rotary clubs. Clinics will be held in various parts of the county.

George Jackson, local automobile dealer, reported as chairman of the Rotary volley ball team that a schedule of games was being made out to engage in competitive contests between the noonday clubs and others in Birmingham. Three games will be played in the gymnasium of the Adams grade school.

A golf tournament between members of the Rotary and Exchange clubs was announced with the result that it will be played next Wednesday afternoon at the Aviation Country Club, or at the Birmingham Golf Club. Each members will be invited to attend both the tournament and dinner, according to present plans. A dinner for the golfers and other members of the clubs will be held in the evening.

The first of a series of joint evening meetings between the two clubs will be held the latter part of this month, according to plans now under way by committees from each club. The Exchange club will arrange the program for the first meeting.

Michigan Dairy Co. Forfeits Holdings

Unable to make their payments, the Michigan Dairy Farm Products Co., a recently organized stock company, forfeited it holdings in the creamery and ice concern on East Maple avenue which they have been conducting, and the property reverted to its former owners, the Birmingham Creamery & Ice Manufacturing Co. John R. Collins, capitalist of Cottersport, Pennsylvania, was present Wednesday, when the change was effected. Mr. Collins is principal owner.

"We are planning the installation of a new 15-ton ice machine this winter, and will be ready next spring for ice and summer business," said Mr. Collins. "My brother, M. C. Collins, will remain here as manager of the company."

Local Boys Defeat Northville Eleven

Ending with a score of 19 to 0, the Birmingham football team brought the Northville eleven down to defeat on the latter's home grounds, Northville field, last Saturday afternoon.

Ray and Simons scored two touchdowns for the Birmingham team. These were followed up by a drop kick by Vliet, full back, and another touchdown by Ray, the latter resulting from an intercepted pass.

In spite of some fumbling, the Birmingham team managed a victory that gives them success in the battle with Ypsilanti which will be held tomorrow on the field in Birmingham. The defeat of the Northville eleven by Birmingham's third victory, as well as her third game this year to be attended by a good sized following of Birmingham rooters.

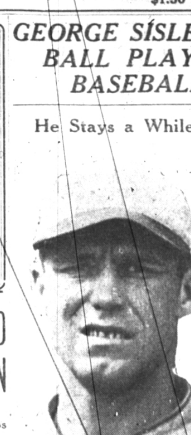
The lineup for Birmingham in the Northville game was as follows: Taylor, left end; McKinney, left tackle; Kramer, left guard; Bellcenter; Westerby, right guard; Kelly, right tackle; Brown, right end; Grooms, quarter; Simons, left half back; Shave, right half back; Vliet, full back.

LOCAL MAN PAYS DETROIT YOUTH $10,500 DAMAGES

T. B. Smith, of East Maple avenue who a year ago met with the misfortune of running over a Detroit boy, breaking the youth's leg, recently settled claims of damages instituted against him for the sum of $10,500. According to report, brain fever set in following the accident, later causing the injured youth to become an imbecile. Smith carried $5,000 automobile liability insurance

GEORGE SISLER, FAMOUS BALL PLAYER, TALKS ON BASEBALL, GOLF, PRINTING

He Stays a While



GEORGE SISLER

Famous baseball player, manager of the St. Louis American League team, who is visiting in Birmingham this week.

By HELEN V. WALKER

Our idea of "What is a baseball man?" was given a severe jolt this week by George Sisler, that world-famous first baseman and manager of the St. Louis Browns, who is here visiting at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holtzapple on West Maple road. He is a contradiction of the general conception that ball stars are rather uneducated, hard-crusted, slangy individuals. And, more than that, we are assured by Mr. Sisler that he is not an exception to other professional baseball men. They are of a high type, well educated, for the most part, and many are college men. Upon this point Mr. Sisler is an authority having played from time to time with practically all of the professionals of the American League.

A more modest celebrity never answered the steady volley of questions of an eternal interviewer. Unlike anything we expected with the poise and dignity of this first baseman who could be "one of the gang" so perfectly on the field of action. A more perfect type could hardly be desired to represent America in its national pastime.

Being a bit dubious, though hopeful, about Washington, the pennant bearer of the American League, when they met New York, holding honors in the National League, last Friday, Mr. Sisler did not attend the final world series game in Washington. After his last game in St. Louis which marked the end of his work for this year, Mr. Sisler saw six of the world series games, first in Brooklyn and then came directly here and awaited the results of the seventh game. Although generally supposed that a player could without question settle down to see all these games before they are played, Mr. Sisler appeared genuinely surprised at the result of the final game.

Although since his beginning in professional baseball, nine years ago, Mr. Sisler has played with the St. Louis team, he can be claimed partly by Michigan. He was a graduate in the 1915 class from the University of Michigan and played on Michigan's team. At the university he studied engineering and received his degree in that course. However, graduation marked "finis" to the engineering. That line of work still has a fascination for him, but professional baseball and engineering each demand too much attention to both hold a place in one man's life, he says.

During the months when the team is not playing and at times during the season when there is no game, baseball is looked upon by the players as their business, says Mr. Sisler, but when the ball season begins to fill and they are donning their uniforms, there is a different feeling to it all. The old thrill returns and it ceases to be a business and is a part of their very existence.

Sisler, the first baseman, now, is the same Sisler of nine years ago, after the players have taken their places on the bench. The fact that somewhere up on that grandstand sits a seven-year-old boy who bears the

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DETROIT ENGINEER PLEADS FOR SYSTEM OF ADEQUATE ROADS

Major Hallihan, Detroit Rapid Transit Commission, Addressed Local Rotarians Monday

EXPANSION IS NORTH

Declares Birmingham Occupies Strategic Position In Development Of Area

Rotarians of Birmingham Monday noon listened to a comprehensive and instructive talk on "Super-highways for Michigan," given by Major John P. Hallihan, engineer in charge of the Detroit Rapid Transit Commission. Major Hallihan was obtained by Elmer C. Huston, member of the local Rotary club.

"The city of Detroit, realizing that it is one of the fastest growing communities in the world, is properly making plans for the development of highways within a certain radius of itself," began Major Hallihan, "and the proper installation of these highways demands that nearby communities enter into accord with the plans.

"It is conceded that Woodward avenue will always be the 'main street' of Michigan, and therefore will present the greatest problem for rapid transit commissions; however, other highways leading from Detroit, though perhaps smaller, will present something of the same difficulties in solution.

"We are chiefly concerned with the transportation of people through two modes, by automobile and rail. We want to make it possible to provide a means of travel that will reach from a fifteen-mile radius of Detroit to Detroit's center. We face two methods of building such a highway; one of them is to place all the rail transit underground or overhead, with automobile travel on a rather narrow road; the other is to place both rail and automobile travel on a super-highway. The first method would cost at least $4,500,000 per mile, against but $2,500,000 for the second. Our plans are to use the second method, at a sav-

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Yep — Why Did He?

The three were gathered about a local soda fountain Monday night. They were discussing the visit of the Prince of Wales to the home of Henry Ford which took place Tuesday. Various reasons for the Prince's arrival were given.

"Since the government's refusal to sell Ford the Muscle Shoals site, I believe that Mr. Ford is going to ask England's Prince for water power rights on the Atlantic ocean," said one.

"That may be," agreed another, "but personally, I am of the opinion that His Highness intends to look over the dance halls of Detroit, for you know that he is up on all the latest steps."

"H'm, I think you are both wrong," interrupted the third party of Birmingham, "my own opinion of the Prince's visit to Ford is that it is just an excuse to use the Grand Trunk railroad; the Prince, who has traveled extensively, probably will be asked by Sir Henry Thornton, head of the Canadian National Railways, what should be done to move the Grand Trunk tracks so that Woodward avenue may be widened."

PONTIAC INDOOR CIRCUS.

Members of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Pontiac are busily engaged in completing a program for an "indoor circus" to be held in Pontiac for the week beginning October 27. According to the committee in charge of the event, this affair promises to be the best of its kind ever held in Pontiac.

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REPORTS ON DETROIT WATER PLAN MEET

J. H. McBride Tells Village Commission That Communities Should Of Here Are Undecided

SHAIN ARGUES FOR WAIT

J. H. McBride, former village president, and special village representative to the Detroit water plan movement, reported the results of a meeting held in Detroit Tuesday of last week between members of the Detroit Water Board and committees from Birmingham, Royal Oak, Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Berkley, and Clawson. Mr. McBride gave his report to the village commission Monday night.

"Nothing definite has been decided upon," said Mr. McBride, "and I doubt if the matter will be settled satisfactorily for some time to come. The communities south of Birmingham seem to be in dire need of more water—more than does Birmingham. Royal Oak has enough to last about two years, while Berkley and Clawson need some right now. The problem seems to be to get these communities together so that the matter of assessment for costs to install a 48 inch main from Detroit, at the Eight Mile road to Woodward avenue, will be met. Detroit is ready to furnish the water whenever the main is laid."

Mayor Shain argued that, as far as Birmingham is concerned, the matter should rest until the Metropolitan Area is officially accepted on the state of Michigan books, so that legal action may be taken to provide equal assessment districts to pay for the installation of large mains. It was pointed out that several bills would be presented at the next Legislature to provide for the creation of a Metropolitan Area.

McBride was asked by the commission to attend the next Detroit meeting, to be held October 28.

DR. CORNS REPORTS BIG INCREASE IN BUSINESS

Dr. George W. Corns, specialist in extracting teeth, who operates an office in Detroit, reports an increasing interest among people of Birmingham and vicinity in the matter of having their teeth looked after. "A year ago I made arrangements with Dr. Fred G. Crawford, West Maple avenue, to spend several mornings each week here for the specific purpose of extracting teeth. At first things came rather slowly, but now I am kept very busy."

Dr. Corns lives on Lincoln avenue, Birmingham.