## FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS—of Long Ago

**Just Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of the Birmingham Of Today**

**Forty-three Years Ago.**

Big Beaver boys amuse themselves o'nights footracing. We can prove it for we've seen 'em.

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The M. E. church was packed with a sweltering, perspiring mass of people on Friday evening last to listen to the Commencement Exercises of the graduates of Birmingham High School. The church began filling long before dark and when the exercises began every available space was occupied, 'even the aisles being filled with benches from the basement. The evening was very sultry, sarcely a breath of air being in circulation except as it was caught on the hundreds of fans which were kept constantly in motion.

The evening's entertainment commenced at eight o'clock by the choir singing the anthem "Magnify the Lord," followed by a prayer. The quartet "Little Jack Horner," by Edith Leet, Flora Jenks, W. D. Clizbe, and W. E. Wight, was well executed. "Urbinam Gentium Sumus," was an oration by Cancel Sayles. Miss Mollie Smith's essay "Realization of Wishes," brought up tender memories to all of us. The fair essayist was looking remarkably well. "The Roman Forum," an essay by Miss Mattie Simpson, was read in a clear voice, showing a determination to make herself heard above the noise which invariably arises from such a crowd. The exercises were terminated by the choir singing, "Give Me My Own Native Isle."

The following graduates were awarded their hard earned certificates: Misses Ella Leet, Mattie Simpson, Jessie Parker, Libbie Allin, Mollie Smith, Bell Smith and Messrs. Cancel Sayles, and W. E. Wight.

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Roll of Honor: Pupils not absent or tardy during the term—Intermediate department, Seymour Adams, Mamie Pearsall, Willie Irving, Sammy Truscott, Willie Beatty, Daisy Sibley, Carrie Ralney, Tillie Thurlby and Guy Wallace. Nellie Richardson, teacher.

High School: Mary Leet, Myra Covert, Mattie Simpson, John Truscott, Anna Watkins, Eva Crouch, Mary Cooper, Anna Watkins, Zilpha Bayley, Bert Peabody, Millie Smith, and Libbie Allin. W. Clizbe, principal.

Primary department: Lizzie Graham, Allie Adams, Johnnie Ewing, Eddie Parks, Annie Cooper, Gracie Wallace, Lizzie Hanna, Harbie Adams, Clair Aldrich, George Aldrich, Gracie King, Minnie Hunn, and Jennie Toms. Agnes Parks, teacher.

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Mrs. Ira Slade is seriously indisposed and has received visits during the week from her sisters, Mrs. Huff and Mrs. Sinclair, of Detroit.

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Mr. Chester Taylor recently purchased one of those elegant Domestic Sewing Machines of Whitehead and Mitchell at $50. It is a present for his wife and daughters.

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Ephie Graham and Jennie Peck are home from the Blind School at Lansing, for the summer vacation.

**Twenty-five Years Ago.**

Presley Hanna had the misfortune to break his finger the other day while catching a baseball.

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Birmingham's population is 1200. Pretty good for a residence town.

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Orion is agitating the question of water works and electric lights at that place.

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Judge A. C. Baldwin and wife of Pontiac were calling on friends in town a few days since. In 1840, Mr. Baldwin delivered a Fourth of July oration in the Methodist church of this place.

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Luther D. Allen of this township was chosen at the republican convention held last week at Pontiac to act as delegate to the state convention.

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James Cobb, of Ann Arbor, and Will Butler, of Detroit, visited at William Cobb's Sunday.

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The banquet given by the B. H. S. alumni at the M. E. church Friday evening last was a success in every way except financially, not enough money being taken in to pay expenses. Why more were not present it is hard to say. Whether the interest is dying out or whether this is an off year we are not prepared to say. A little after 9 o'clock the class of 1900 entered the lower room of the church to music skillfully played by Miss Alice Packard. Rev. W. L. Rogers gave the invocation after which about 100 sat to the following menu: Ham sandwiches, Chipped beef, Mixed Pickles, Raised Biscuit, Cheese, Coffee, Fruit, Ice cream, Assorted cake, Salted nuts. The overture by the Royal Oak orchestra was the opening number. Miss Mayme Daniels gave the address of welcome, Clark Brooks was absent; he is president of the class of 1900, caused by illness. The orchestra then favored the audience with another number and then as they were obliged to leave in order to get a car, the other number which was to have been rendered by them, had to be omitted much to the disappointment of those present. Then came the toast, "The Tie That Binds," by Cassius H. Carter of the class of '86. We are informed that the alumni are preparing a course of study with meetings to be held each month beginning with September next, which will no doubt revive the flagging interest taken in the annual meeting.

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We understand our little village board are about to take some action to secure greater water supply so that we can lay the dust of our streets.

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A new stoop adds much to the appearance of Harry Benedict's pleasant home on Merill street.

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The wife of a Big Beaver man found her son, Willie, surrounded by a mob of boys. The following sign was pinned to the side of the house: "Willie will eat one small green worm for 1 cent, one large green worm for 2 cents, one small fuzzy worm for 3 cents, one large fuzzy worm for 5 cents, one small green toad for 25 cents."


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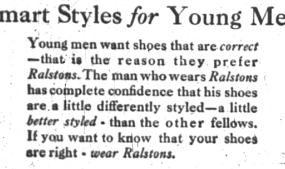

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## TREASURES

Some fine and handsome homes I've seen, which must
have cost a sight,
When I've been on my way to work, or coming home at
night,
All decked with modern furnishings and everything just
fine,
Where money lavishly was spent. No home like that is
mine.
No tapestry about my walls, or gilded pictures hung,
No blazing showers of light from gold and silver brackets
swung,
With lamps of exquisite design to brighten every room
And vases of expensive flow'rs to send out sweet perfume
Are found around my little place. It is a humble cot,
But with the wealthiest man in town I would not change
my lot;
For in my house and round my place two happy children
play,
Who turn things upside down and inside out the livelong
day,
Two merry romping kiddies, one a boy with eyes of blue
That sparkle every time they plan some mischief that is
new,
And tousled yellow hair and scratched bare legs and
freckled face
And feet that all the day keep up a steady tireless pace;
And though at night when I would sleep, my bed is
occupied
With keeping dolls and teddy bears, what matter? I'd
divide
Most anything I had with those enchanting golden curls
And dancing eyes and dimpled cheeks of my own baby
girl's.

There's work and there is worry in a home where children
dwell
And sometimes tears and sorrow, but there's lots of joy
as well;
And though around the world in search of treasures folks
may roam,
There's none that they will ever find like children in the
home.

—Beatrice McDonald.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND IN CHANCERY.

Security Trust Co., and Cora B. Hanes, Plaintiffs, vs Elizabeth Daily, et al., Defendants.

At a session of said Court held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, on the 25th day of May, A.D. 1925.

Present: Hon. Glenn C. Gillespie, Presiding Circuit Judge.

In this cause it satisfactorily appearing to the court now here that the defendants, Elizabeth Daily, William Daily, Olmstead Chamberlain, Orrison Allen, and John McCollister, their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns are necessary and proper parties to the above entitled cause, and that the said plaintiffs have made and filed their affidavit showing that the present addresses or whereabouts of said defendants or their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns are unknown.

On motion of A. Floyd Blakeslee, attorney for the plaintiffs, it is ordered that said defendants cause their appearance to be entered herein within three months from the date of this order, or in default thereof that said bill be taken as confessed by said defendants, or their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns.

It is further ordered that within twenty days said plaintiff cause copy of this order to be published in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed, published and circulated in said county, such publication to be continued therein in each week for six weeks in succession.

GLENN C. GILLESPIE,
Circuit Judge.

A. FLOYD BLAKESLEE,
Attorney for Plaintiffs,
Pontiac, Michigan.

TAKE NOTICE that this suit involves and is brought to quiet title to the following described piece or parcel of land situated and being in the Township of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, described as:

The East half of the Southwest quarter of Section 24, Town 2 North Range 9 East, situated north of the Old Farmington Road (80-called) and containing 40 acres of land more or less.

A. FLOYD BLAKESLEE,
Attorney for Plaintiffs.
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### SPECIAL ANNEXATION ELECTION

To the qualified electors of the Township of Bloomfield, precincts Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5, County of Oakland, State of Michigan.

Notice is hereby given that a special annexation election will be held at each of the four precincts, 1, 2, 3 and 5, within said township, on Tuesday, July 14, 1925.

To the Board of Supervisors of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan. Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 278 of the Public Acts of 1909 entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of Villages and for revising and amending their charters and the acts amendatory thereof, respectfully represent as follows:

1. Each and all of the signers of this petition are qualified electors and reside within the Village of Birmingham or Township of Bloomfield, which said Village of Birmingham and Township of Bloomfield are to be affected by the change proposed in this petition.

2. Your petitioners severally reside within said Village of said Township at the address set opposite their respective names.

3. Not less than 25 of the undersigned petitioners reside in the Village of Birmingham, and not less than 25 of the undersigned petitioners reside in the Township of Bloomfield.

4. According to the last preceding United States Census the population of the Village of Birmingham was 6194, the population of the Township of Bloomfield was 6900. The undersigned petitioners numbering collectively 100 constitute more than one per centum of the population of said territory to be affected by your affirmative action on this petition.

5. Your petitioners pray that all of that part of Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan, included in the following description, viz:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of Chesterfield Avenue, with the center line of Quarton Road, said point of intersection being the S. section corner on the north side of section 26, T. 2 N., R. 10 E., and running thence easterly along the center line of Quarton Road, same being the north line of the said section 26, to the point of intersection with the center line of Pilgrim Avenue; thence southerly along the center line of said Pilgrim Avenue, as same is indicated and shown on the recorded plat of the "Quarton Lake Estates Subdivision," to the point of intersection with the center line of Oak Street, same being the east and west ¼ section line of said section 26; thence westerly along the center line of Oak Street, and said east and west ¼ section line to the point of intersection with the center line of Chesterfield Avenue, said point of intersection being at the center of said section 26; thence northerly along the center line of Chesterfield Avenue, and north and south ¼ section line of said section 26, to the point of beginning, containing an area of 65 acres more or less, be detached from the Township of Bloomfield and annexed to the Village of Birmingham.

Be detached from said township and Bloomfield and annexed to the Village of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan.

Date April 23, 1925.

I, Hazel E. Lawler, Clerk of Village of Birmingham, do hereby certify that I have examined the list of signers on the attached petition for the Village, and find that 27 of the signers are registered voters of the Village of Birmingham.

(Signed) HAZEL E. LAWLER,
Village Clerk.
Birmingham, Mich.
April 23, 1925.

This is to certify that I have examined the attached list of petitioners, compared them with the registration lists and find that 27 of the signers are registered and qualified electors of Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan.

(Signed) JAMES V. BAYLEY,
Township Clerk.

State of Michigan } ss.
County of Oakland }

CHAS. E. PLUMSTEAD, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is one of the petitioners who signed the annexed petition, that he knows the contents thereof and that the same is true of his own knowledge and that he is a qualified elector of the Township of Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan.

Deponent further says that he is personally acquainted with each and every signer of this petition and each signer is now and was at the date of signing the same a qualified elector of said Township of Bloomfield.

And further deponent says not.

CHAS. E. PLUMSTEAD.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of April, A.D. 1925.

HAZEL E. LAWLER,
Notary Public, Oakland County, Michigan.
My commission expires Feb. 25, 1929.

The polls of said election will be open at 8:00 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 9:00 o'clock p.m. Eastern Standard Time of said day of election, unless the Board of Election Inspectors shall, in their discretion, adjourn the polls at 12 o'clock noon, for one hour.

Dated, June 8, 1925.

JAMES V. BAYLEY,
Bloomfield Township Clerk.
9-10-11-12

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5. Your petitioners pray that all of that part of Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan, included in the following description, viz:

Beginning at a point on the east line of section 26, T. 2 N., R. 10 E., Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan, 15 ft. south of the E¼ corner, thence south 709 ft. to the N. line of Harmon Avenue, thence westerly 580 ft. more or less, along the N. line of Harmon Avenue, to the east shore of Quarton Lake, thence northerly 400 ft. along the E. shore of Quarton Lake to a point, thence westerly parallel the N. line of property owned by H. N. Dwight, 210 ft. more or less, to a point on the W. line of the Greenwood Subdivision, thence North 1240 ft. more or less to the N.W. corner of lot 42, Greenwood Subdivision, thence East 215 ft. more or less to the point of beginning, containing 7 acres, more or less, be detached from the Township of Bloomfield and annexed to the Village of Birmingham, Michigan.

I, Hazel E. Lawler, Clerk of the Village of Birmingham, hereby certify that I have checked over the names on the attached petition for the Village, and find the required number of signers duly registered.

Signed: HAZEL E. LAWLER,
Village Clerk.

I, James V. Bayley, Clerk of Bloomfield Township, hereby certify that I have checked over the names on the attached petition for the Township and find the required number of signers duly registered.

Signed: JAMES V. BAYLEY,
Bloomfield Township Clerk.

State of Michigan } ss.
County of Oakland }

A. Floyd Blakeslee, duly sworn, deposes and says as follows: that he resides in the Township of Bloomfield, County of Oakland and State of Michigan, and is one of the petitioners in the attached petition directed to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, and which said petition prays that all of that part of Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan, described therein, being part of the Township of Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan, be detached from the Township of Bloomfield and annexed to the Village of Birmingham, and that said petition accurately describes the proposed boundaries of the territory to be annexed to the Village of Birmingham; that said petition is signed by more than 100 petitioners; that each and all of said petitioners are qualified electors residing within the Village of Birmingham and Township of Bloomfield, which said Village of Birmingham and Township of Bloomfield are to be affected thereby and collectively said petitioners constitute a number not less than one per centum of the population of the territory affected thereby according to the last preceding United States Census; that the total number of said petitioners is not less than one hundred (100) and not less than seventy-five (75) of the signatures to the said petition were obtained from the Village of Birmingham, and not less than twenty-five (25) of the signatures to said petition were obtained from the Township of Bloomfield.

Deponent further says that all of the statements contained in said petition are true to the best of the deponent's knowledge and belief.

And further deponent says not.

A. FLOYD BLAKESLEE.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 23rd day of April, A.D. 1925.

HAZEL E. LAWLER,
Notary Public.
My commission expires Feb. 25, 1929.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors, of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan.

We, the undersigned residents and qualified electors of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby respectfully petition your Honorable Body as follows:

That the territory described and bounded as follows:

Certain land situate in N.E.¼ of Section 25, T. 2 N., R. 10 E., Township of Bloomfield, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, and more fully described as follows: Beginning at a point on the easterly line of Section 25, distant 814.75 feet south of the N.E. corner of said section 25; thence south 89° 25' west 1236.89 feet; thence south 8° 15' west 810.60 feet; thence south 82° 42' west 1342.50 feet to the westerly line of the N.E.¼ of Section 25; thence south along said westerly line of the N.E.¼ of Section 25 to the southerly line of the N.E.¼ of section 25; thence easterly along said southerly line to the easterly line of said N.E.¼ of Section 25; thence northerly along said easterly line to the place of beginning, be annexed to the Village of Birmingham, County of Oakland, State of Michigan.

And that your Honorable Body suppose this petition; and that the necessary steps be taken to annex the aforesaid territory to the said Village of Birmingham in pursuance of the statutes in such case made and provided.

These your petitioners, respectfully present to your Honorable Body:

A. That the Township of Bloomfield and the Village of Birmingham constitute the two districts or territories to be affected by the proposed annexation of the above described territory to the Village of Birmingham; and that the territory so proposed to be annexed lies wholly within said Township of Bloomfield, and outside of said districts or territory lies within any incorporated Village or City.

B. That each and all of the persons signing this petition are qualified electors and inhabitants of said Township of Bloomfield and severally reside at the address set opposite their respective names.

C. That the undersigned are more than one hundred (100) in number, and constitute more than one per cent (1%) of the total population of the district or territory to be annexed by the annexation proposed in this petition, according to the last preceding United States census.

D. That more than twenty-five (25) of your petitioners reside within the limits of the Village of Birmingham and more than twenty-five (25) of your petitioners reside in the Township of Bloomfield and outside of the limits of the Village of Birmingham.

E. That this petition complies with the statutes of the State of Michigan, relating to the annexation of certain territories to villages, etc., and particularly with Act No. 278 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1909 as amended.

WHEREFORE, your Petitioners pray that your Honorable Body grant the prayer of this petition, and adopt a resolution in conformity with the provisions of said act as amended, providing that the question of the annexation of the above described property shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the district to be affected at the next general election to be held on a day to be fixed that the day of such election shall be named in the resolution, and that all other necessary proceedings for the annexation of the said property to the Village of Birmingham be taken in accordance with the Statutes of the State of Michigan, in such case made and provided.

Birmingham, Mich.
April 23, 1925.

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Signed JAMES V. BAYLEY,
Township Clerk.

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Dated, June 8, 1925.

JAMES V. BAYLEY,
Bloomfield Township Clerk.
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**July 4th**
**FIRE WORKS**
ON SALE
Wednesday, July 1st
AT
**SHAIN'S**
On WEST MAPLE


## VILLAGE TAXES DUE JULY 1, 1925

NOTICE is hereby given that Village Taxes for the fiscal year 1925 are due and payable at the office of the Village Treasurer July 1, 1925.

Payable without penalty up to and including July 31, 1925.

One per cent penalty from August 1 to September 1, 1925, inclusive. Four per cent penalty from September 1 to October 31, 1925, inclusive. No taxes accepted by Village Treasurer after October 31, 1925, as the tax roll will be in the hands of the County Treasurer at Pontiac for collection. All taxes unpaid after October 31, 1925, will bear the four per cent penalty plus three-quarters of one per cent for each additional month or fraction thereof.

**Charles E. Plumstead**
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