

RESIDENTIAL BIRMINGHAM ONCE SCENE OF MANY WARS

Few people now living peacefully in Birmingham realize that the land on which their modern homes are built was once the scene of a bloody war between the Chippewa and Fox Indians.

A French trader and explorer by the name of Michew, who died long ago at the advanced age of 115 years, is authority for an Indian tradition to the effect that "a great war between the Chippewa and Fox tribes occurred on the plains adjoining the village of Birmingham," long before European colonization of America began.

Unwritten history

It was on one of his semi-annual exploring and trading tours to this

region, in the year of 1634, that Michew picked up this bit of unwritten history from the descendants of the ancient Algonquin tribes who for centuries had handed it down by word of mouth from generation to generation.

Both of these tribes were eager to possess and hold the beautiful hills and valleys of this district, according to a musty volume of the Michigan Pioneer recounting Michew's story. The Chippewas, the stronger of the two tribes, had held the plains more or less successfully against the treacherous schemings and night attacks of the wily Foxes, who, though smaller in number were nevertheless

esteemed for their bravery, strategy and tenacity.

The Chippewas had long established their chief village on the present site of the Birmingham cemetery. Here, the fighting strength of the tribe was concentrated, and from here the picked warriors intermittently sallied out in the still night and, with varying degrees of success, returned with the skins, game and scalps of their hated foes, the Foxes.

This long continued and disastrous feud worked a great hardship on the smaller tribe, with the result that the Foxes finally sued for peace.

700 Killed in Battle

The Chippewas in their contentment had ignored the peace offer, whereupon the Foxes, in great rage, painted their faces, seized their tomahawks and set out toward the Chippewa village.

In the pitched battle, fought on the level ground remaining the present village of Birmingham, the Chippewas were defeated and their town destroyed. The survivors retreated toward Detroit with the Foxes in hot pursuit, and on the following morning the dead were found along the line of retreat. This one powerful tribe of Chippewas was exterminated and reduced never again to regain its prowess among the natives of North America.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN CONFERENCE

All Day Meeting For County Groups Planned At Keego Harbor

Birmingham Sunday school members are receiving invitations to attend the annual conference of the Oakland County Sunday School association in Keego Harbor June 1, it is announced today as plans for the conference are being completed.

An all day program has been mapped out for the visiting people and some unusually interesting sessions are promised. The general conference theme is "Creative Adventures in Religious Education for Our Country."

Features of the morning assembly include discussions on topics of pertinent interest in religious education work, with the following topics in connection with "Keego Harbor County Sunday School Vacation Bible School" and "Weekday Religious Instruction."

Divisional conference, starting in the morning, and running through a portion of the afternoon, include discussion of such work as that of the children, with Miss Ione Cotton in charge; young people, with Fred A. Bergele, state worker, as leader; adult work, Bernard Cogan, leader and church school administration, with Rev. E. W. Halpeny as director.

An open forum, with an address "Youth Look at the Church and Religion," by Chester Bennett, University of Michigan student, is expected to be one of the chief features of the evening program. Opportunity will be afforded for questions, at the close of the address.

EX-REPORTER TO WED MILLIONAIRE



Margaret Lindsay Sutherland, youngest daughter of former Senator and Mrs. Howard Sutherland, of West Virginia, and a sister-in-law of "Ducky" Harris, manager of the Washington American league baseball team, is to wed Wallis Bleecker Duncel, millionaire Yale graduate and New York financier. Miss Sutherland has worked as a reporter and in a jam factory to get her experience. Duncel's ancestors were identified with the commercial and political development of Canada.

L. O. F. DELEGATE AT CONVENTION

L. G. Green, Past Chief Patriarch of Birmingham Lodge, at Pontiac Meet

L. G. Green, past chief patriarch of the Birmingham lodge J. O. F. E. attended the Grand Encampment and the Patriarchs Militant, L. O. F. of Michigan, held at Pontiac last week, as the Birmingham delegate.

Seven members of the Birmingham lodge attended and officials estimate that the total attendance of the convention was 6,000.

Green was selected as the site of the 1929 annual session.

At the election which was the competitive drill, captured the delegate on Wednesday, Isaac G. Reynolds of Ann Arbor was chosen grand patriarch. He was installed to office at this morning's session and immediately announced the list of appointive officers and committees.

F. E. Ferguson of Pontiac was chosen with an appointment to the by-law committee and was among those to face office at this morning's session. They will enter the line to work toward the office of grand patriarch.

The Class A competitive drill was won by the third team of Canton Junction No. 10 of Detroit and the Class C competition by Canton Junction No. 10.

Fourty delegates participated in the grand review which followed the list of appointive officers. Officers, both elective and appointive, and all prize winners are as follows:

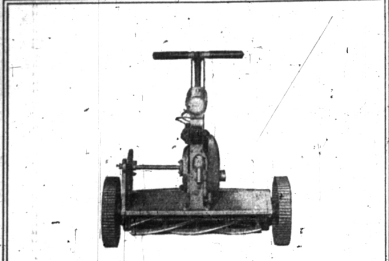
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Exclusive Central Press Dispatch to The Eccentric.

NEW YORK.—I am writing this after a stroll in West Street, which begins off Battery Park and skirts the city, facing the Hudson. It is one long succession of shops, pizza, docks and ferries. It is the heart of the greatest port in the world.

The landsman from the hinterland is likely to think of this colony in terms of the great Leviathan, Mauretania and the de France. To the real sailor these are just passenger ferries, moving like trolley cars on a fixed route, designed to remind the traveler, as he lolls in their marble baths, flower gardens and picture theaters, of the sea as little as possible.

It is the carrying of cargo that makes ships and shipping. Transporting the world's commodities, supplying the world's markets with American petroleum, automobiles, farm implements, shoes, motion pictures, sewing machines, typewriters and such things; distributing the Argentine wheat crop and the Brazil coffee crop, marketing Australia's wool, carrying away Chile's precious nitrate of soda, spreading Britain's coal, moving lumber from our Pacific ports, are immensely more important jobs than transferring tourists to and from Europe. The perspiring cargo ships are the place to look for what remains of the romance of the sea.

Along the waterfront they are talking about the thrilling race against time of the steamship Southern Cross and comparing it with the fabled contests between British and American clipper ships, when the windjammer were contending for markets in China. The Southern Cross, delayed by heavy seas on the last part of her run from Brazil, made the distance to New York from Trinidad under forced draught in order to deliver 50,000 bags of coffee in contract time.

At West street docks one finds a diminishing number of the "tramp steamers" which were the successors of the square-rigged sailing vessel and the inheritors of its homo-like habits and traditions. The new type of cargo carrier operates on schedule on fixed routes. The "tramp steamer," like the sailing vessel it succeeded, knocks around the world taking cargo.

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