

Young folks will listen to your sermons by the hour—and then go out and do the things that they see you do. Precept without example is worth very little to anybody, at any time.

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## FIRE PERILS PLAYHOUSE

Department Battles Flames  
In Chestnut Street  
Theater

Fire which perilled the Village Players Playhouse on Chestnut street at 2 p. m. Sunday was extinguished by Birmingham firemen in intense smoke filled the building.

Damage was slight. Members of the department say the fire was caused from a heating plant in the basement.

No one was in the building at the time it started. The alarm was given by neighbors.

## VILLAGE DOG TAKES N. Y. SHOW PRIZE

"Lex of Ponchartrain" owned by Mr. and Mrs. Milton Coulson, of Madison avenue, won first prize in the American breed class of Doberman Pinschers last week at the New York Dog Show.

Lex has been winner of first class in every dog show in which he has been entered. He is one year and half old.

The difference between bootlegged beer in the States and the stuff Rip Van Winkle drank seems to be that Rip woke up—Everybody's Weekly.



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## FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS —of Long Ago

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

50 YEARS AGO

Lent commenced last Saturday. Our best and only umbrella has been "Lent" all winter and if the lender don't bring it home, there will be a declaration of war-sure.

William H. Smith, the saw mill man is drawing to Detroit, some enormous loads of lumber.

A grand ball at Nathan Fall's last Tuesday was attended by 19 couples and one given by Charles Smith was largely attended.

Birmingham Mills ground 310 bushels of grain in custom work one day last week. Pretty good day's work for a country mill, but the proprietors believe in a judicious amount of advertising, so its no wonder that they succeeded.

This weather would chill a street sprinkler.

Mrs. Lydia Pearall will speak at the Library Hall Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

Theo. Kittle has moved into Benj. Leach's store and has a shoe shop in full blast.

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25 YEARS AGO

Charles Carson sustained a bad fall with a bushel of coal Monday last. Dr. J. L. Campbell soon made him good as new.

There are nine criminal cases down for the February term of the circuit court.

John Laidlaw is a man of truth and veracity and he says we don't know anything about snow here in town. He tells us that the snow is so deep out to the farm that he has had to dig a tunnel to the barn from the house and one from the barn to the watering trough, the latter being large enough to drive 40 head of stock through at one time.

Ira Reed will soon take charge of Watkins Pony Farm while Mr. Guy Watkins will have charge of the pony department as usual.

The comic valentine was much in evidence Monday, and as a result bushels of fun were judiciously spread about town.

Farm changes are numerous this spring. John Laidlaw leaves the Park farm and ties up to Foulfain farm, owned by I. Mabey; Robert Moore goes to John Keyser's farm, and it is reported that H. G. Spicer will take C. W. Crawford's farm, and Mr. Voorheis will move to town and be a Birmingham-mer with the rest of us.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Ask payment of fire aid expense by residents of Birmingham Estates, the subdivision located in Troy township just east of Birmingham.

Lara Lyman, 14-year-old village girl, wins the half mile ladies' speed skating title at the Aviation Country Club.

General offices of the Michigan Dairy and Farm company coming to Birmingham.

Announce probable sinking of well in Residence Park.

## ZIEGLER NEW Y. M. C. A. HEAD

Officers Elected For Year In  
Village Organization

G. A. Ziegler, is named president of the Birmingham Y. M. C. A. today succeeding J. B. Howarth, retiring president. Walter Moreland succeeds Arthur C. Peck as treasurer. Other officers are: Clarence Vliet, vice president; Dr. W. F. Gibson, secretary; Oscar Peterson, auditor; and Robert D. Lynd, general secretary. The tenure of office is one year.

On the board of directors are: J. B. Howarth, G. A. Ziegler, C. J. Shain, George R. Averill, John Marr, M. C. Hart, W. W. Raymond, Joseph Dalley, W. P. Gibson, C. S. Kinnison, H. T. Ellerby, Clarence Vliet, T. M. Eddies, Louis Ruthenberg, R. H. Peck, Harry McDonald, Henry Hart, Arthur Brandt, Oscar Peterson, Walter Moreland, and F. W. Seasholtz.

Mr. Ziegler, president of the Fisher Memorial Branch of the North Western District of Detroit expects to continue as president of that organization until the new building is dedicated about the first of April. After that date he intends to devote more time to the Birmingham Y. M. C. A. He believes there is a great opportunity for growth in the organization.

Mr. Vliet has been a supporter of the work with the young boys of this community ever since it began.

Dr. Gibson, has been interested in the development of a recreational program among the men.

Mr. Moreland is assistant cashier at the Birmingham Savings Bank and before coming to Birmingham was active in community Y. M. C. A. work in Lapeer.

Mr. Peterson has been interested in the program for several years.

Mr. Howarth, the retiring president, devoted his time to the support of community activities which help in the development of character. Particularly, he has been interested in the Young Men's Christian association for many years. He is an honorary member of the board of directors of the Detroit Y. M. C. A.

## Army Critic

College Head Flays West Point  
For Lack Of Cultural  
Subjects



Major Enoch B. Garey  
By KEEN A. RAFFERTY  
Annapolis, Md.—A West Pointer picks the faults of his alma mater with courage and frankness here in the town that is the home of the United States Naval academy.

He is Major Enoch B. Garey, president of St. Johns college here, graduate of West Point, co-author of the Plattsburg Manual, and holder of the Distinguished Service Cross and the Croix de Guerre, and he blames the United States Military academy at West Point for what he calls "a narrow intolerance" found among American military men.

In an address before the University Club of Annapolis, the audience for which included instructors at the Naval Academy, Major Garey explained his criticism and answered the statement of Maj. Gen. Amos A. Fries, head of the Chemical Warfare Service, that peace workers are "traitors."

"A lack of cultural subjects in the curriculum at West Point," said Major Garey, "is, in my opinion, to blame for such ideas."

"I shall be very much surprised if the United States Military and Naval academies do not soon recognize the fundamental wisdom of giving their graduates

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some acquaintance with the best thought and culture of the past. Liberal arts courses should be introduced at West Point even at the cost of technical training, he said, and he branded as nonsense the defense of West Point that there is no time for teaching literature, philosophy and the social sciences.

When William Tibble of Putney, Eng., died suddenly an autopsy revealed in his lung a piece of shell that wounded him in 1915 at Vimy Ridge.

Patient  
He: Joan's going to marry Bert?  
She: Why, she's old enough to be his mother—am I not?  
She: You mean wasn't she?

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