

It rained a bit last week; this moisture soon will take the form of beautiful flowers, shrubs, lawns, and other flora. There is wonder in raindrops in spring.

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TROY NATIVE DIES HERE OF HEART ATTACK

William Heribson, 73, Villa Resident Seven Years, Succumbs

FUNERAL HELD HERE

William Heribson, 73 years old, native of Troy Township was buried Thursday in the Roseland Park cemetery. Services were held at 2 p. m. at the S. O. Wylie Hall Home for Funerals with Rev. Henry S. Evans, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church and Rev. Robert M. Atkins of the First Methodist Church officiating. Mr. Heribson died suddenly Saturday of a heart attack. He was stricken 15 minutes after he returned from a motor ride. For seven years he has lived in Birmingham. Previous to that time he farmed in Troy Township and served as an elder in the Troy United Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Susan Heribson, two daughters, Mrs. Samuel Howitt and Mrs. Melvin J. Deer, both of Birmingham; two brothers, Frank and Nathan and two sisters, Miss Maggie and Miss Anna Jane Heribson of Troy.

OAKLAND COUNTY NEWS

John Panser will be a candidate for the Hazel Park school board at the June 10 elections. He advocates the consolidation of Hazel Park, Royal Oak and Ferndale with the union of the school districts.

Pushing a 52 gallon drum they believed to be empty into a bonfire nearly cost the lives of two Ferndale boys Friday night. The drum was partly filled with gasoline and exploded. Their parents saw them flame and with the aid of neighbors saved their lives. They were badly burned, however. They are Roland Altman and Rodney Warren, both 10 years old and residents of west Maplehurst avenue.

Det. Sergt. Harvey Conrad, member of the Ferndale police force four years, will be back on duty in three weeks. He was ordered suspended for 30 days without pay by the police trial board after a hearing Saturday. They found he was discourteous to Chief Roy Reynolds and a welfare worker. He had been off duty a week before the trial.

Two bandits who used a machine gun, tied clerks in the Precinct store on Saginaw street, Pontiac, at opening time Friday, put \$10,000 worth of jewels in a leather case, and walked into the crowded street. No trace of them was found.

The largest number of graduates ever to receive diplomas at the Royal Oak High School will complete their studies this June. A total of 83 is in the class.

Milford firemen dressed up as sharks, policemen, tramps and women and went to a party. Then a fire broke out in the town's largest garage and the gay tribe fought the flames in their dresses. The loss was \$20,000.

Firemen at Royal Oak fought flames at the Moss Cut Rate store on south Main street for two hours Friday night. Then they called in officers from the state fire marshal's office who are probing the cause of the fire. The damage was about \$15,000.

They thought the excavators unearthed bones of old Indians this week when they were digging at Orion. Then Ben Sheldon, an old settler, came along and remembered when the territory was a cemetery and not an old Indian burial plot at all.

The city commission of Ferndale cut the budget \$100,000 and the tax rate \$1 at a meeting last week. The new budget is \$355,000. The tax rate is \$18.50.

Two men have been added to the Farmington fire department and plans are under way for a larger increase. A committee is investigating possible methods of improving the city and township departments.

All houses in Farmington are to be renumbered on a more systematic basis, it is planned.

The Ferndale City market will open Saturday, May 18, according to announcement made today by Superintendent A. S. Bell.

An investigation is being made into the death of Mrs. Joseph Buhl, 55, mother of four children, found dead near the interurban tracks at Orionville.

Believing that the holiday crowds would swell the normal opening crowd, the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak be opened on Memorial Day, the Royal Oak commission Monday night passed a resolution to ask that the Zoo be opened prior to May 30.

Whether Royal Oak will have a municipal hospital is to be submitted to the vote of the people in November. W. C. Hudson, city attorney, has been instructed to draw up an ordinance calling for a \$350,000 bond issue to cover construction cost and equipment of the proposed hospital. A site will be selected by the commission Monday night.

SPEAKER

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TWILIGHT GAMES ORGANIZE SOON

Engel Issues Call For Summer Recreational Activities

All organizations which are planning to enter teams in the Twilight Soft-ball league this summer are asked to notify recreation director E. T. Engel, either at Baldwin High School or at 603 Brown street, as soon as possible. A great many teams are expected in the league, so it is suggested that plans be filled out and handed in as early as possible. Entries close May 25.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—Charles M. Jones, of Pierce street: "One time I caught over one hundred pretty good sized pickerel, in less than an hour. Many people won't believe this until I tell them that I used a spear, and with each thrust of that weapon into the waters of a Newago County stream, I pulled out three fish, except one when I caught four. And this is no mere 'fish story,' either."

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.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
The Old Men's social was a success. Will Power is clerking for J. S. Stockwell. Success to you will.

For the benefit of our village and consumers of wood in general, please enquire of John Bodine how Green Tamarac and Grapevine will burn,—no reference to anybody.

Miss Jennie Taylor went to Pontiac Monday to commence work as sewing girl for Mrs. Watson, with the intention of learning to be a first class dress-maker.

Last Wednesday, several of our young sports shooting at a mark with a rifle, came very near getting themselves into a scrape by shooting carelessly. One bullet came very close to Messrs. John and Frank Hagerman and imbedded itself over the window of the latter's house. Such proceedings cannot be too severely censured.

Why don't some of our musical amateurs give us a short season of "Pinafore"?

Mason Leonard lost a valuable horse last week by inflammation.

A razor sharpener canvassed our quiet little village, and secured several orders on Monday last.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
Edward Smith has a new automobile.

Pontiac has hatched out its first full grown automobile.

Last week the Ladies' Literary club was entertained by Mrs. Mary E. Poppleton, Woodward avenue.

Not long ago the Sunday-school class of Miss Mayme Taber was entertained by her at her home on Brown street. Twenty boys frolicked.

Owing to the resignation of

AMONG THE WOMEN

Mrs. Easterday In Schools 17 Years

By DOROTHY E. WILLIAMS
For 17 years Mrs. Wynn B. Easterday, principal of the Hill school, has watched over Birmingham's children. For 17 years she has taught and guided them. Today she holds the record of the longest service of any teacher in the village of her own town.

She has watched Birmingham grow from a tiny village with a handful of stores clustered about crossroads, that still bore traces of the earlier days of Piety Hill to a village of more than 12,000 inhabitants asserting itself as a part of the metropolitan area of Detroit.

And she has watched its children grow to be rulers of that village. Now she is teaching children of those same children who came to the Old Hill School in the days of an earlier Birmingham.

Only one person has been connected with Birmingham schools longer than Mrs. Easterday. That person is Rolla J. Coryell, president of the board of education, and a board member at the time of her arrival in 1911.

It was a different Birmingham that greeted Mrs. Easterday and her seven year old daughter when they arrived here one sultry day 17 years ago. There were none of the shops of today nor the attractive restaurants at every turn.

She tells a story of her first day here. It was a day filled with school affairs and teachers' meetings. Then came time for the evening meal. Mrs. Easterday and her daughter went down to the heart of the village in search of a restaurant.

Everywhere the shops were tightly closed for the holiday, with the exception of the Peck's hotel and the Woorster Hotel where festivities were in full swing.

Those were the days before prohibition reached Birmingham. Both hotels had their beer and their bar. They did not cater to ladies. In the whole village of Birmingham that Labor Day night there was no apparent place for the young school teacher and daughter to eat. There was nothing for them to do but to return to their rooming house where a kind landlady served them tea. Such was the village that greeted Mrs. Easterday.

Quiet Opening
That first day of school in 1911 little remembered the fall opening of today. A staff of 15 teachers greeted the 400 children who filed into the old red brick Hill building which was then Birmingham's only school. Now Birmingham's school system boasts 105 teachers while the enrollment totals 2,420 pupils.

Then the Hill school hovered on the very outskirts of the village which boasted but one store west of Pierce street. Those were the days when Adams road was considered a rural district and the tiny moving house on the Eccentric site seemed 'way out of town.

Miss Rhoda Starr (Mrs. Oliver Green), superintendent of the Birmingham schools, had engaged Mrs. Easterday as principal of the Barnum school, which was then under construction, but that first semester the basement of the Episcopal Church was used to house the overflow from the Hill school. The second semester saw her established as principal of the Barnum school, a post which she retained for seven years. At the close of that period she was named principal of the Hill school a position which she holds today.

Discipline a Job
School days then went much in the fashion of the old song. Mrs. Easterday said: "There was the reading and 'riting and rithmetic done to the tune of a hickory stick." Those were the days when ability to discipline was one of the primary requisites of the teacher. Teaching was a difficult proposition with the greater part of the teacher's energy being spent in the discipline.

But according to Mrs. Easterday school is held in a different light today. "It is no longer popular to skip school. The attitude of the children and parents toward the school has changed. Today children love to go to school. They may be glad when the summer vacation arrives, but time and time again when scarcely a fortnight of vacation is passed mothers will tell me how much their children miss school. The children of today want to learn, skipping school just doesn't come to them."

Watches Former Students
Mrs. Easterday's one wish is that she may live to see the result of the present schooling. "I want to watch this school generation at their work in later life. It strikes me that the individualism which is being instilled in the teaching of today will produce a generation of children better balanced than those of previous years."

Mrs. Easterday was born in a graduate of the State Normal Highland Park.

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