

Birmingham before today

By MINNIE HUNT SALTZER

The Richardson Blacksmith shop was situated on the north side of Martin street, just west of the Richardson home. This house stands just west of the gas station and was the childhood home of Mrs. Warren D. Gibbs (Mrs. Richardson). She was the sister of Mrs. Harry Allen.

When I first knew her she was a teacher in charge of the intermediate department of the Hill school, and at that time Mr. Clizbe was the superintendent of the same school. This was in 1881, Mr. Clizbe was Bert Richardson's son, Mr. and Mrs. Clizbe were very friendly people, and both young and old enjoyed visiting at their home, which was built on the east side of Southfield avenue near Argus street in the early twenties.

The living room had a fireplace on the south side. The walls were papered and white. Visitors were often invited by Mrs. Clizbe to write their names on the wall each side of the fireplace. Later the walls were papered but I often wished that I might have the paper and read the names. What a host of memories they would recall!

Popular Place

In the summer, the young folks used to sit on a court beside the house, and in the winter the "clike hill" at the rear of the house was one of the most popular places in town.

My first recollection of Mr. Clizbe was in the spring of 1881. I lived with my parents, across a street from the school, on the north side of Merrill street. There was a high board fence around the school grounds, which one entered from the east side. There was no gate, but the posts were set in two rows, with no two posts exactly opposite one another. His kept out horses and cows, they ran loose at that time but toward the pupils, teachers or others to enter at will.

I was too young to attend school but one day I ran away from home and made my way between the posts and up the stairs through the main entrance into a lower hall. Here Mr. Clizbe and me. I was very badly frightened, but he was kindhearted. He asked me whom I wanted and I told him I was looking for my aunt. He led me upstairs to "high room" and as he stood waving above me he announced at: "Here is a little girl looking for her uncle."

Aunt to the Rescue

My aunt, Ella Leet, came forward quickly and, taking me in her arms, returned me to my mother. I say when our son, Charles, was eight years old, and we were living in a cement bungalow, a second door from Chester street, I went to answer the doorbell and there stood Mr. Clizbe holding a mission clock. He said, "I thought this for Charles, I thought he would enjoy taking it."

He had a splendid bass voice and for many years was a member of the First Presbyterian church choir. Mrs. Clizbe was very jolly and much beloved by her friends. She was a member of the Woman's Literary Club and was actively interested in all civic and church affairs.

The old blacksmith shop stood at the street several feet from there was a willow tree at one side of it. The children used to climb Mr. Richardson and his sons as they shod the horses or at the iron tires on wagon and heavy wheels. They would heat the tires to make them expand, then with the aid of tongs, they would place them on the wooden axle, then plunge the wheels to a tub of cold water to shrink the tires onto the wheels.

A Lasting Picture

The roaring bellows, the red hot horseshoes, the clank of the hammer on the anvil, the stamping feet of waiting horses, formed lasting pictures in our minds. In those days we never had punctured tires, though sometimes in dry hot weather we might lose a tire. Axle grease was the only lubricant used and we needed no brakes when we wanted to stop along the road. A dash board lantern, for dark days, was our only light. It took an hour to drive from Birmingham to Pontiac, and we had to pay toll for the privilege of driving on a gravel road.

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Barnard, driving south on Woodward, was hit, police said, by a car driven by Sadie R. Newell, 10 Davenport avenue, Detroit, who was attempting to enter Woodward avenue traffic from a driveway and apparently misjudged the speed of approaching cars. The injured boy was treated at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital and then removed to his home.

MEASLES' INCIDENCE RETURNS TO NORMAL

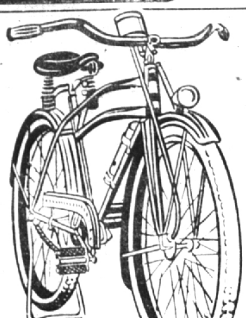
Measles, which reached epidemic proportions here last April and May, have been reduced again to normal incidence, according to the records of Miss Blanche Breakey, city health nurse. The records show that whereas 244 new cases of the disease were reported in May, the number dropped to 12 in June, and between July and July 16 only five new cases were reported.

KROGER'S "GOING PLACES" contest!

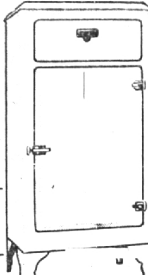
BOYS and GIRLS YOU CAN WIN ONE OF THESE 5499 BIG PRIZES!

96 Big Speedy Bicycles—5400 Pairs of Racing Roller Skates AND MOTHER... The three children who get the most votes in the 'Going Places' contest will be awarded a big roomy \$169.50 Westinghouse Electric Refrigerator in addition to the bicycle! YOU can help your boy or girl win!

Merrily We Roll Along!



96 BICYCLES! Besides! Flashing fenders with stream-lined, steel frame, chrome-plated mudguards. Fully equipped with headlights, speedometer, stand, basket, bell, balloons, tires and everything needed. Then 10 "big prizes".



5400 Pairs Roller Skates

20 pairs to be given from each Kroger Store. Please examine! Double-vented, ball-bearing wheels with added strength, fast light and fast. Cushioned rubber sole, most comfortable skate pads.

RULES FOR CONTEST

- Contest starts Friday, July 10, 1935, and closes Saturday, August 31, 1935, at midnight.
- Any boy or girl under 18 years of age can participate in the contest except members of Kroger stores and their families.
- Contestants must register at the Kroger store in which they wish to deposit their vote. Registration will not be accepted after August 24, one week before the close of the contest.
- Votes will be given with purchases of the 100 multi-pies thereof by Kroger stores and meat departments and at all stores in the 100 multi-pie territory. The eight boys or girls securing the greatest number of votes in the district in which they were competing will be awarded a bicycle each. The next 2400 boys and girls securing the next number of votes will be awarded a pair of roller skates each.
- In addition to the bicycles, the three boys or girls securing the highest number of votes in the entire Detroit branch territory will be awarded a Westinghouse Electric Refrigerator each as a gift for their parents.
- Votes can be secured at any Kroger store. However, they must be deposited at the close of the contest at the store in which the contestants are registered.
- Votes are to be deposited in sealed containers provided in the Kroger store where they are registered, Tuesday, September 3.
- Votes must be deposited in sealed envelopes which will be provided by store managers.
- Contestants may solicit the help of friends, relatives, club members, etc., in securing votes. However, contestants will not be permitted to solicit within one city square of the entrance to a Kroger store. Violation of this rule will cause elimination of the contestant from the contest.
- Prizes will be awarded as soon as possible after the close of the contest, Saturday, August 31, 1935.
- Decision of the judges will be final. In the event of a tie, each tying contestant will be awarded duplicate prizes.
- All votes must bear the reverse side of the ticket the official Kroger store stamp to be valid.

Eatmore

★ **OLEO** lb. **12c**

Country Club

★ **MILK** 6 tall cans **34c**

Country Club

★ **Tomato Juice** ... 3 cans **25c**

Case \$1.53

Blue Label Tea

★ **SALADA** 1 lb. **34c**

The Soap of Beautiful Women

★ **PALMOLIVE** ... 3 cakes **14c**

SUPER SUDS 3 pkgs **25c**

Wyandotte

Cleanser

2 cans **15c**

Old Dutch

Cleanser

2 cans **15c**

Wheaties

2 pkgs. **25c**

Soft as Silk 32c

Bisquick Pkg. 35c

Sandy

Dog Food

4 cans **29c**

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LEG O LAMB lb. **27c**

Fresh Liver Sausage lb. **29c**

HOME DRESSED BROILERS 2 - 3-lb. Avg. lb. **25c**

Chuck Roast lb. **25c**

SWIFT PREMIUM **Smoked Hams** Whole or Leg Half **29c**

ARMOUR STAR Whole or Leg Half **29c**

SUNKIST ORANGES

Medium 252 Size

DOZ. 19c

Large 200-16 Size, Doz., 22c

GEORGIA ELBERTA PEACHES 6 lbs. **25c**

NEW POTATOES 15-lb. Peck **29c**

WHOLE ... lb., 2c

WATERMELONS .. **35c to 45c**

Home Ball 10c

LEMONS 5-lb. size **15c**

CUCUMBERS 3-lb. size **10c**

CANTALOUPE Each **10c**

LETTUCE 10c

POTATOES 5-lb. **25c**

KROGER-STORES

Wesson Oil pt. can **29c**

Priscilla Butter Wafers. pkg. **23c**

Clarar bt. **29c**

Pen Jel bot. **14c**

AVALON Soap Powder

pkg. **10c**

JUNKET Ice Cream MIX

pkgs. **10c**