

Birmingham Before Today

By MINNIE HUNT SALTZER

While listening to a radio program recently, I heard Edgar Guest refer to the old time method of delivering milk in his "old home town," and decided his description had nothing on the type of milk distribution used in Birmingham in the 80's.

Of course, many of the residents at that time owned cows and had neighbors who dropped in after milking time, bringing pails for their next day's supply; but to most of the townspeople, the regular milk man, calling each morning on his customers, was a welcome visitor, indeed.

Calvin Ellsworth, Sr. (father of Calvin, Jr., and of Mrs. Lillian Ross) was one of Birmingham's first milk men. He had an open buggy and carried two milk cans. He carried a pint measure with a long handle, with which he stirred and measured the milk. When the housewife heard his bell, she would come out with her milk pail and basin and he would measure up the desired quantity.

Pails Hang From Wires

Some of the customers who took a regular supply of milk each day had wires fastened to trees, from which their milk pails were suspended. There were no such articles as standard milk bottles in those days. A quart fruit jar was the nearest thing to that sort of container. Old-fashioned "two-quart" cans, with sloping sides, were also used, but they lacked nearly a glassful of hold in a full two quarts.

Other early-day milk men were William Hunt (father of Jay Hunt), and David Rainey (father of Harry and Fred Rainey, and brother of Dr. J. M. Rainey). They both followed the same method of distribution used by Mr. Ellsworth.

It was to John Heath (father of Eugene and Clarence Heath and of Mrs. Blanche Navin) that Birmingham is indebted for the first patented milk sold here. Mr. Heath sold his milk in bottles and was the first to deliver by the line and to use a cow. Mr. Wallace and his wife were Scotch and very active workers in the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Wallace always wore little

Andrew Wallace Recalled

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lace caps and loved to entertain the Younger Missionary Society. At that time, the society was helping to educate a foreign boy named Felix.

Mr. Wallace owned several acres of land at the corner of Lincoln and Bates streets. In the spring and summer he pastured his cows on this property. Always carrying a staff, he would come down Bates street each morning on his way to take his cow to pasture; then, in the evening, he would be seen coming back again to get the animal. When he came to Brown street he would usually stop a while to play a game of tag with the children. He enjoyed the game as much as the children did. When he died, Mrs. Wallace gave each of the children one of his photographs.

In the earlier days, there was a pound on Willis street just west of what is now the Ross home. It was owned and operated by William Reynolds (father of Mrs. Mary Gravin). If a cow strayed away from its regular pasture or broke loose from the place where it was staked along the road side, it was put into the pound, which was a yard surrounded by a high, tight board fence. The owner was required to pay 50 cents or \$1 for the cow's release.

A Dire Misfortune

The children of those days thought it a dire misfortune if cows belonging to their fathers were shut in the pound, for at 5 cents a quart it took several milkings to pay the fine.

Cornelius Sullivan, who lived several miles west of Birmingham, used to come to town each week with butter and eggs for his customers. He sold the butter at 18 cents a pound the year round, and that was considered an extremely high price.

Eggs were normally from 10 to 12 cents a dozen, and when, in 1912, they went up to 25 cents a dozen, the housewives were very much perturbed. In the stores, as late as 1900, one could not buy vegetables "out of season." Squash, pumpkins, cabbages, rutabagas, turnips, carrots and potatoes were to be found in the markets. Sauerkraut was sold only in bulk. Parsnips and vegetable oysters were not taken out of the ground until spring.

Some housewives put away carrots and celery in sand, in their basements, in the fall. Apples were bought by the barrel and the winter's supply of potatoes was bought in the fall. It was impossible to find celery in the stores in the late winter and spring months when Detroit stores did not have it in the early summer.

Housewives Busy

Most housewives dried corn, green beans, peas, pumpkins, and plums, preserves were prepared. Pickled peaches, pears, green beans and watermelon were also in the larder. In those early days, one could not afford to make a practice of sending to the store for canned fruit and vegetables. Of course, many women of today do a goodly amount of canning, pickling, and jelly-making. But most of them do so from choice and not from necessity.

In the early days, no housewife felt her duty well performed unless she had hundreds, not dozens, of filled fruit jars in her basement when winter arrived. And in those days there were few empty tin cans to be found in the back yards when spring rolled around.

CAR BEING PUSHED INVOLVED IN CRASH

An automobile which had run out of gasoline and was being pushed by another car was involved in a peculiar accident Saturday evening at Woodward avenue and Long Lake road, Bloomfield Hills.

The automobile being pushed was driven by Claude Williams, 473 Peterborough street, Detroit. Coming south on Woodward, Williams failed to stop at the intersection when the traffic signal turned red against him, and he crashed into a car driven by Lloyd V. Dennis, an employee of the C. W. Matheson estate in Bloomfield Hills, police said.

No one was injured, but Dennis' car was badly damaged, and Williams promised to pay for the repairs, according to police.

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Authorization to apply for the loan from a bank was given to John H. Russo, treasurer, on whose recommendation the action was taken. Part of the school district's share of the dividend will be posted as security for the loan.

The Board also voted to call in for redemption in cash all scrip of Series E, dated Jan. 30 and Feb. 2, The total of the scrip to be redeemed is \$5,400. Interest on the scrip will stop June 2.



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Rev. L. J. Baker, Minister
Sundays, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Special music directed by A. Shady. Hymns. Expanded program for children. Visitors always welcome.
Church school, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. for ages 3 to 12. Classes for ages 13 to 18. Junior high school, 7:30 P. M. for ages 19 to 25. Grand courses.

Christian Science Church
Chester and Willis Streets
Church open Sunday at 10:30 A. M. Wednesday at 8 P. M.
Reading room in the church building is open from 10:30 A. M. until 4 P. M. daily except Sundays and holidays. It is also open on Wednesdays before and after the service.

Methodist Episcopal Church
10—Church school, Junior, Intermediate and senior departments.
11:15—Morning worship. 8 A. M. Sermon. Christian Science. 10:30 A. M. Sermon. 11—Morning prayer and sermon. Church school, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Intermediate and Senior Epworth League. 7:30 P. M. Junior Epworth League. 7:30 P. M. Junior Epworth League. 7:30 P. M. Junior Epworth League.

St. James Episcopal Church
11—Morning prayer and sermon. Church school, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Intermediate and Senior Epworth League. 7:30 P. M. Junior Epworth League. 7:30 P. M. Junior Epworth League.

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Lincoln near Woodward
Rev. Theodore G. Wiegman, Jr., pastor.
Sundays, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Morning worship at 11 o'clock.

Holy Name Catholic Church
Harnett at Woodward
Rev. James W. Gutter, Pastor
Rev. A. J. Brunetti, Assistant
Sundays, 8:00, 9:30, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Holy Day Masses, 6:15, 7, 8 and 9 A. M.
Daily Masses, 7 and 8:25 A. M.
Baptisms by appointment.
Confessions, Sat. 5 to 7 P. M. and 7:30 to 9 P. M.

Birmingham Community Church
Rev. Ana Richardson, pastor
Residence, 415 South Woodward Avenue
Telephone 423
Services in Masonic Temple
Sunday School at 10. Preaching service at 11. Young people, noon service. Evening service, 7:30.

United Presbyterian Church
Rev. W. G. McInch of Jolly road
Pontiac, will preach
Miss Janet G. Kerr, 560 Pierce St.
Bible School Missionary.
Sunday services.
Bible School, 11 A. M.
Morning worship at 12 noon.

Embury Methodist Church
Birmingham Ave.
Rev. H. H. Embury, pastor
Church School, 10 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:15 A. M.
Epworth League every Thursday, at 7:45 P. M., at the church.

Christ Church Cranbrook
Rev. Dr. A. J. Maynard, rector
Rev. W. H. Auerbach, assistant
Rev. Robert W. Woodhouse, Jr., curate
Holy communion, 8 A. M. each Sunday and 11 A. M. first Sunday of each month.
Morning prayer and sermon, 11 A. M. Vesper service, 6 P. M.

First Presbyterian Church
W. Clarence Wright, M. A., pastor
Bible School with three departments convenes at 9:45. The Teaching of this school is Bible-centered.
Morning worship will be conducted at 11:00. The Presbyterian Chorus will sing a Homelike cantata entitled "Hear My Prayer," by Mendelssohn. Mr. Wright will preach briefly.
Christian Endeavor at 4:30 will be led by the Misses Betty and Jeanne Mid-on.

Franklin M. E. Church
Rev. Francis Wilson, Pastor.
Morning Worship, 11:15 A. M.
Sunday School, 10:15 A. M.
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