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Birmingham before today
By MINNIE HUNT SALTZER

The house that stood on the present site of the Lutheran Presbyterian Church was the home of the parents of Jennie Peck. After Mr. Peck's death Mrs. Peck married again and became Mrs. S. J. Harris. The Harris home was the first house east of the Ira Slade home on E. Maple which Ira Slade home later became the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith and their two sons.



Mrs. Saltzer

to west. Fred Irving and I had a nice play house in one of the corners of this fence, but one day Mr. Alex Park, cow boy, got through the fence and chased us and nearly frightened us to death and this put an end to our play house.

My father worked at the depot and he used to cross the field and go up the track on his way to work. When my grandmother, Mrs. Mary Ann Hunt, visited at our house she would always go to the depot where my father went to work and would kiss him goodbye and say,—"James, watch out for the frog!"

Large aprons gathered into a band at the waist. In the morning she wore a brown and white checkedingham ones and nice white ones for dress up in the afternoon. Her hair was quite thin and when she went out-of-doors she either wore a sunbonnet or drew the corner of her apron up over her head. For dress up she had a black lace bonnet trimmed with narrow ribbon loops. The young folks of the neighborhood all dropped in at her house. She had a big cockle shell, that held dozens of wonderful cookies, and she always kept it well filled.

Many people called her "Aunt Mary Ann" and she never spoke ill of anyone and always had a good word for all. She was especially fond of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Miller. Other young folks who were always welcome at the Hunt farm, out W. Maple Road, were the Shain children, McHenry, Leets, Greers and Randalls. The young people of the neighborhood attended the old Gilbert Lake school which was built while my grandfather, Joseph M. Hunt was member of the school board. My father and his brother Charlie drew sand and water for the mortar for the stone walls of the building.

In July 1931 Dr. Lyra Hunt George, a son of Dr. Arthur George, a daughter Helen and Mrs. Lena Hunt Harrell, were here from Loma Linda, Cal. Others of the group were Mrs. Winnie Hunt Hoen's daughter, Alice, of Berrien Springs, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Hunt and son Ralph Covert Hunt, Lincoln, Delaware, and my husband and I. We all went to see the old Gilbert Lake school and the following is the result of what we found—

The school house stands beside the road, but now within no leaks are seen. The doors and windows all are gone. The charcoal walls, "a vanished dream."

The porch, where many feet have trod, Has disappeared, its work is done. The pump, that stood outside the door, Is now a wreck and used by none.

The road, where once our childish feet Came patterning through the welcoming sand Has disappeared, and in its place A pavement stretches wide and grand.

No teacher stands within the door, With welcoming smile, to bid you come. In answer to the old school bell, The place looks chill, here-foet and dumb.

Of those who taught within its walls Some teach the youth of distant clime, While many more have passed along And seek no more of space or time.

The children who were pupils then Now have their place in pastures new. And all that now is left to those Who would sweet memories review.

Are four stone walls, fast falling down, A sagging roof and rotting floor, A chimney crumbling to decay, And weeds and brush around the door.

And as we stand and sadly gaze Upon the wreck of that once glorious home, We ponder on the joys now gone, Those days of gladness, hope and cheer.

Old school, when we were young and gay, Little we thought the day would come when we would see you wrecked by years, And all your usefulness be done.

We thought that you would always stand A monument to those who laid Your walls of stone and mortar strong, In hope humanity to aid.

We turn away with solemn tread, Sensing the loss of joys we knew. Past dreams, dear friends, old days we loved, And in their turn, have vanished too.

Community House Gossip
Satie V. Osborne

Sometimes it seems we have too many "days". There's "Mother's Day" and "Father's Day", "Columbus Day", "St. Patrick's Day", "Memorial Day" and "Labor Day", each with its special call to certain emotions and each with its certain drain on the purse. How many more so. Thanksgivings, Christmas and Easter! There is more than that, as usually celebrated.

There is, however, a certain delight to be found in the observance of the true holidays, different from the purchase of gifts and the giving on holidays. What a time of generous abundance is Thanksgiving, a time of peace and unity. What peace and joyousness of faith renewal, and a yearning for the peace and justice that lay down our pain and anguish and bring us in a world to come, but here and now. Year after year, the same green growing world tells us we need not wait for heaven to be happy and successful. The flowers and even the fruit are here on earth, for gardeners of the world rather.

Well, just what has all this to do with the Community House? Perhaps not very much, but that Easter Day the Community House and the white crocuses have bloomed by the hospital door.

And perhaps quite a lot. For the flowers to be in bloom is the outward and visible sign of an inner and spiritual grace abiding in the community, the sign of the presence of Thanksgiving of Christmas and of Easter.

SOIL EROSION PROJECT PLANNED FOR FARMERS

Plans are being made for planting 225,000 trees and 100,000 seed spots in the Berrien County soil erosion project sponsored by the federal government. Wood and improvement work, conducted in collaboration with the county agent and with extension specialists from Michigan State College, East Lansing, has been completed and planting will begin soon. The project is being conducted as a demonstration of proper soil conserving crops and tree plantings are well for interested farmers. Trees are used for the steeper slopes which are fairly steep and lower slopes are being planted into permanent pastures.

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MATTHEWS
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There was a large early apple tree in the north west corner of the Peck house and it was an apple tree and-awing and sing I recall making many trips across the street to visit with Mrs. Samuel Jarvis and her daughter Birdie. There were several large apple trees in the back yard, also a grape arbor and a raspberry bed about four feet square.

We had no school gymnasium in those days and so I had a trapeze on a limb of one of the apple trees. Here Mae and Tom Thurbury and I often played. We could hang by our knees and it was an exciting day when Tom was the first one to be able to hang by his toes. There was a big field at the east side of our lot and a lot of children used to climb from our yard to the field. When we heard the whistle of an approaching train we would race across the field and climb to the top of the high board fence and watch the train pass and wave our hands at the smiling train crew. We also enjoyed watching the freight cars as they were shunted onto the switch. The section of the movable part of the switch where the two rails come together was called a "frog" and we were never allowed to go near this part of the track for fear we might get a foot caught between the rails.

We often put pins and horse-shoe nails on the track so that the train wheels would flatten them out. Occasionally we would put a cent on the track but this did not occur very often as cents worth of candy had more appeal for us. The big field was divided in the center by means of a rail fence which extended from east

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GREETINGS!!!
HELLO, GOOD FOLKS! JUST WANT TO SAY I'LL BE AROUND MOST ANY DAY - JUST LOOK FOR ME IN COMING WEEKS. RIGHT IN THE LADIES TALK AREA. (SEE OUR STORE IN A FEW WEEKS) UNTIL THE 15 PEOPLE ONLY ONLY ONLY BUT KEEP THIS UNDERNEATH YOUR HAT THE TITLE IS...

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BY DAVE PLOTKIN
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