Birmingham before today

By MINNIE HUNT SALTZER

The Cartright house was North of the Smith home and I do not know who owned the next house on the North. At one time it was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Adams and family. The Adams children are Miss Ella B., Mrs. Mame Kelly, of Mankato, Minnesota, William Adams and Mrs. Grace Heacock. Miss Ella B. Adams graduated in the B. H. S. class of '94.

Mrs. Saltzer

Will Adams owned the largest rocking horse I have ever seen and when he got too old to enjoy it he gave it to my brother Ernest, much to my brother's delight. The home of Pinder and Martha Worth, parents of Mrs. Jennie Worth Lee, was the next one toward the North.

About 1881 the Worths remodelled their house, building a new basement with stone walls. My father had a team at that time and he drew the stone for the basement. One afternoon I went with him to deliver a load of stone and the tongue of the wagon caught on something and it broke off, frightening the horses. I recall that I cried lustily and my father tried to comfort me. I was really crying because I thought it was a terrible thing to break the wagon and not because I was frightened. When the basement was completed a furnace for hot air was installed and when all was in readiness Mr. Worth went down to start a fire. Mrs. Worth was standing beside the living room register with hands out-stretched to catch the first sign of warmth.

Mr. Worth fussed around in the basement opening and closing the furnace door, putting on kindling wood and arranging the drafts. Finally Mrs. Worth leaned over the register and called, "Oh, Pinder, I can feel the heat rolling right up." To which Mr. Worth gruffly replied, "You can not, for I haven't lighted the fire yet."

At one time the Worths had a meat market at the S.E. corner of Pierce and West Maple and Mrs. Worth proved herself to be a first class meat cutter. One of her favorite meats was calves' liver. Mr. and Mrs. Worth were very kindly and neighborly folks and had the sympathy of the entire town when their only child, Mrs. Jennie Worth Lee, wife of Dr. Arthur Lee, died.

The Jonnie Irving home was north of the Worth property and after Mr. Irving's death, Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis Irving and her three sons, William, John and Fred, lived here for several years. They eventually moved to W. Alexanderine Avenue, Detroit.

Later, occupants of the Irving house were Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Erwin and their daughter, Belle (Mrs. Nathan McClellan). The Erwins had three other daughters and a son. They were Mrs. Joseph Miller (Lottie), Mrs. Frank Harmon (Emma), and Mrs. John McKinney (Mary). Richard (Dick) Erwin is the son.

The McClellans lost an infant daughter and were the parents of two or three sons. The Millers had a daughter, Emma, a son, William who graduated from B. H. S. with the class of '96. I believe the other son was called Leslie. The Harmons were the parents of Lucille. The McKinneys had two children. Lewis and Mae Belle Erwin are children of Mr. and Mrs. 'Dick' Erwin. Mrs. 'Dick' Erwin was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bassett. Her given name was Flora.

The property on the North side of the irvings belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ford. Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley Ford was Mr. Fords' first wife. She was the mother of Nellie and Alta Ford. Nellie died while quite young. Alta is Mrs. J. Bert Peabody. Her mother was a half-sister of Mrs. Polly Robinson. Mrs. Robinson was the mother of Mrs. Mattie Brooks and Mrs. Alexander Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bert Peabody are the parents of Ford and Clyde Peabody and Mrs. Cora Peabody Schlaack. Cora lives in New Jersey and is the wife of Norman Schlaack.

Mr. Frank Ford was married a second time and is survived by his wife, the former Miss Emma Schlaack of Troy Michigan. They were the parents of Bert, of Saginaw, and Stanley and Austin of Birmingham. Mr. Ford built a home on the corner of East Maple and Poppleton Avenues and his former home became the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bert Peabody. It is now the Masonic Temple.

Mr. Ford was the owner and builder of the Ford Block at the N. W. corner of West Maple and Woodward Avenues. It has undergone many changes since its erection about 1897. Mr. Ford was, at one time, the president of the First State Savings Bank of this city. In earlier days there was no East and West street at the North side of the Ford property.

At the N. E. corner of the property was a well kept lawn with a croquet ground. As a child I used to stand by the fence that divided our garden from the Ford lawn and watch Alta and her friends play croquet. Sometimes Alta would invite me to play with her and I would eagerly climb the fence. I recall how self-conscious I felt, yet despite this I was very happy to be invited to play.

There was a large barn on the Ford property and a tall building stood at the North side of this barn. I believe the lower part of this building was used for ice storage, but I am not positive of that. There was a large tank at the top of the building which contained the water supply for the house and lawn. A driveway on the South side of the house separated the lawn from the fruit and vegetable garden. A wrought iron fence separated the front lawn from the street but the gates stood ajar and all who entered received courteous treatment.

Sunday School Teacher—Why do you suppose Nebuchadnezzar ate grass?

Bright Pupil—Maybe they had an AAA and a corn-hog program then, too.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County on the 26th day of March A. D. 1936.

Present, Hon. Dan A. McGaffey, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Alexander Paton, Deceased, H. Ross Mack, Charles A. Bachmann and James K. Watkins, Trustees of said estate, having filed in said Court their annual account and petition praying for the examination and allowance thereof.

It is Ordered, That the 20th day of April A. D. 1936 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition;

It is further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

DAN A. McGAFFEY, Judge of Probate.

(A true copy.)
LEAH KOCH,
Probate Register.
LEWIS and WATKINS, Attorneys.
Ford Bldg., Detroit, Michigan.
Mar. 26, Apr. 2-9.

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Church News

First Baptist Church.
Willits at Bates St.
Rev. L. Earl Jackson, M. A., Minister

The Easter morning worship, Sunday at 11 will feature special Easter music by A. Shanley Rosso, organist, and the sanctuary choir. The ordinance of baptism; and a sermon by the pastor: "The Immortal Faith." Visiting friends are especially welcome to this supreme service of the Christian year. Special provision for younger children.

Special Easter programs in the church school at 10 and the youth meetings at 6.

The evening service at 7 will be held in the sanctuary, featuring organ and choir music, the singing of the great Easter hymns, and a brief sermon: "The Unseen Guest." A social hour follows at 7:45 in the church parlors, in charge of Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Peek.

The official board will meet Tuesday at 7:45.

Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30.

Northern Institute church school conference, Thursday at 7:30.

Christian Science Church
Chester and Willits Streets

Church each Sunday at 10:30 A. M.
Wednesday at 8 P. M.
Sunday School, 10:30 A. M.

Reading room in the church building is open from 10:30 A. M. until 4:30 P. M. daily and Sundays from 2 to 5 p. m. It is also open on Wednesdays before and after the service.

"Are Sin, Disease, and Death Real?" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, April 12.

Among the Bible citations is this passage (James 5: 15): "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

Correlative passages to be read from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, include the following (p. 15): "The prayer that reforms the sinner and heals the sick is an absolute faith that all things are possible to God, — a spiritual understanding of Him, and unselfed love."

First Methodist Episcopal Church
Maple Avenue West at Henrietta
Rev. Dr. R. D. Hopkins, pastor

6:30 a. m.—Sunrise Service, under auspices of the Epworth League, with Holy Communion.

9:45—Church School assembly and Easter worship service, for Junior, intermediate, and senior Departments. Short address by the minister.

11:10—Easter Morning worship, with appropriate music. Song by the beginners' department. Sermon, "The Living Bread and Life Eternal." Beginners' and primary departments, Junior Church for children.

3:30—Special service for the Baptism of children.

7 p. m.—Easter program of the church school. Numbers by the Primary Department, Easter Drama, "The Symbol of the Cross," by Shannon, presented by members of the senior department.

Wednesday, 7:45—Midweek devotional hour.

St. James Episcopal Church
Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, Rector
Phones: Rectory 185; Office 2154

Good Friday, 12 M. to 3 p. m. Devotions and Meditations.

8 p. m. Cantata by choir and guest soloists.

Easter Even, 4 p. m. Baptisms, 5 p. m. Evening Prayer.

Easter Day, 7 a. m. Holy Eucharist. 9:45, Children's Service. 11 a. m. Holy Eucharist and sermon. Special music.

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Lincoln near Woodward
Rev. Theodore G. Wurzner, Jr., pastor.

Good Friday. Service with Holy Communion at 2 p. m.

Sermon subject: "The Love of Jesus Christ."

Easter Sunday. Holy Communion and service at 11 a. m. Sermon subject: "The Victory of Easter."

Holy Name Catholic Church
Harmon at Woodland
Rev. James W. Cotter, Pastor
Rev. A. J. Bryant, Assistant

Sunday Masses 7:30, 9, 11 a. m. and 12 noon.

Holy Day Masses, 6:15, 7, 8 and 9 a. m.

Daily Masses, 7 and 8:25 a. m.

Baptisms Sunday by appointment.

Confessions: Saturdays, from 4 to 5:30 p. m., and from 7:30 to 9 p. m.

Calvary Church (Undenominational)
Rev. W. S. Hottel, pastor

Services in 114 So. Woodward Ave.

Sunday School at 10. Young people's meeting, 6:30. Evening preaching service, 7:30. A group of young people from the Highland Park Baptist church will have charge of the Sunday evening service. Bible Study, Thursday, 7:45 p. m. 114 South Woodward.

Prayer meeting at home of L. B. Schulert, 651 Forest avenue, Tuesday at 7:45 P. M.

United Presbyterian Church
H. E. Lobaugh, preacher
Miss Janet O. Kerr, Bible School missionary. Telephone 1549

Sunday Services:
Bible School, 11 a. m.
Morning worship, 12:15 p. m.
Family song service each Sunday at 7 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. at the homes of congregation members.

Embury Methodist Church
Bennaville Ave.
Rev. Erwin King, pastor

Church School—10 A. M.
Morning Worship—11:15 A. M.
Epworth League every Sunday at 6:30 p. m., at the church.

Christ Church Cranbrook
Rev. Dr. S. S. Marquis, rector
Rev. W. H. Aulenbach, assistant
Rev. Robert W. Woodroofe, 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.

Church school, Brookside division, 10:45 a. m.; Church school, Guild Hall division, 11 a. m.; Vespers, 4 p. m.

First Presbyterian Church
North Woodward at Euclid Avenue
W. Clarence Wright, M. A., pastor

Easter Services of worship will be conducted at 9:30 and 11. These services will be identical with the exception that infant baptism will be administered at the second service.

Primary and beginner departments of the Sunday School alone will be convened at 9:30. Other department members will convene with the regular service of worship.

The Christian Endeavor will hold a sunrise breakfast at 7:30.

Christian Endeavor societies will convene at 6:30 with discussion and worship.

Evening worship at 7:30 will be featured by chorus presentations by the junior and intermediate choirs.

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

St. Hugo of the Hills Church
Opdyke road

The Rev. Daniel T. Wholihan, pastor

The church will resume its spring schedule of Sunday Masses next Sunday, with Masses at 8, 10 a. m., and 12:30 p. m.

The traditional opening of Holy Week will take place next Sunday with the solemn blessing of the Palms at a High Mass at 8 a. m.

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Community House Gossip

Satia Y. Osborne

We were talking about plaids and pipes and kilties and such like Scotch things the other day. Buffy (who as you know, rather fancies himself as a pure bred collie) began to go "braid Scot".

"A wonnerfu' people" he said. "Look at Robert Bruce, look at Robert Burns, look at Mary, Queen of Scots—there was a woman for ye—look at Annie Laurie—And say," he broke off, forgetting his accent in his interest. "Did you know about Annie Laurie? You can look at her, right here at the House. I don't know which one the song is about," he added thoughtfully. We have two Annie Lauries here and they're both so Scotch you expect them to wear plaidies."

"Sometimes one of them does," we answered. "Ask Annie Laurie, file, about the time when she was in college and danced for the visiting "old grads" who wanted a Scotch number. They liked the sword dance she did for them, they thought her kiltie, sporran and plaid were truly in the picture, but when they heard that Miss McIntyre's other name was Onnie Laurie, it was too much. She had to prove it to them."

"Now that's interesting," said Buffy." Do you think she'll dance here some time? I'd like to see a sword dance. The only dance I know is a new dog trot."

Annual Roll Call is coming pretty soon. If you'd like to know where your contribution will go, come take a look at the House as if you owned it. Because you do.

Who HAS forgotten about our coffee boiler? Some one has it, and we do need it.

We do wish we had money enough to open the games room again. But it needs quite a lot. It would be nice though, wouldn't it?

The Thrift Shop needs more and more and more shoes for youngsters. Not hard to guess why it needs so many, is it? Of course we know, they mostly get worn out, but perhaps there are some on the shoe rack that are just too small. Children's feet shouldn't be squeezed, so get Susie or Johnnie a new pair and let some other smaller child have the old ones.

Last Monday night some folks couldn't find a meeting because it was not at the House. However, there ARE other places in town where people meet, though it's true they usually think first of the House.

Thomas To Close Institute Season On Coming Sunday

Lowell Thomas, explorer, world traveler and radio commentator, will close the 1936 World Adventure Series season at the Detroit Institute of Arts with two motion picture lectures on Sunday, April 12. At 3:30 o'clock Thomas will speak on "Through Romantic India and into Forbidden Afghanistan" and at 8:30 o'clock on "With Lawrence in Arabia." There will be no World Adventure lecture on Easter Sunday, April 12.

Lowell Thomas obtained his motion pictures on India during a two-year expedition through that mysterious country. A part of this time he traveled with the Prince of Wales. He was the only American observer to accompany the famous Colonel Lawrence during his operations in Arabia.

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