

### Birmingham before today

By MINNIE HUNT SALTZER

There was an addition on the south side of the Valley Nixon General Store, near the east end of the building. The Crandall sisters had dress making rooms in this addition in the early '80's. The name of one of the sisters was Ellen. Later this wing was removed and the Crandall sisters established a restaurant in its place.

The next place was the home of the grand-parents of Mrs. Zella Bailey Smith, John James and Harry Bailey. I believe Miss Bertha Van Dine lived with the Baileys. I used to see a Mr. Bailey sitting out in front of his house as I was on my way to school by way of "the alley."

In 1894 Mr. William McClelland became the owner of the Bailey property and built an implement building on the north side of this property. This was later the site of the D. U. S. Waiting Room and of a spur of the main track.

McClelland sold agricultural implements, wagons, and buggies. His wife was the former Mrs. Annie James, and they were the parents of Beryl and a son whose name I cannot remember.

I believe Mrs. McClelland's father lived with Mr. and Mrs. McClelland. He was quite elderly. The John Hunter property, which was later the Alex. Park property, has been described as also the M. K. Taber property. The building on the S. W. corner of Grey Court and Woodward Avenue was the home of Mrs. Esther Leonard, mother of Mason Leonard. Mrs. Mason Leonard was Miss Maggie Bingham, sister of Mrs. Edwin Starr and aunt of Miss Helen Mae Wattlew, Silas Wattlew and Mrs. John Miller.

There were six sons in the Leonard family Charles, Stewart, Harry, Bert, Ray and Homer. Mrs. Jas. B. Hunt was born Feb. 20th, 1852 and I believe that Mr. Mason Leonard was born on the same day. Mr. Leonard was in his 50's when he died. Mrs. Hunt died when she was 65, as neither had had many birthdays. The walk in front of the old Leonard home was wider than most of the walks and was built of narrow boards and was slanted somewhat toward the place to roller skate. Mrs. Esther Leonard never seemed to be annoyed by the noise our skates made on the board and she was always very nice to us.

I remember that Mr. Leonard and Mrs. Estelle Hewitt Hemmingway were great friends and I believe they both took painting lessons. I also recall one of Mamie Taber's earliest birthday parties. Mr. Taber came home from the store the day before the party and he had a sack of fancy sugar coated cream candies and he gave Mamie and I each a candy. The day of the party each child was given a white fancy shaped cookie with one of the candies on the top of it. I saved my cookie and hid it in my box for a long time.

The house south of the Leonard home belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Jarvis. There were four children in the Jarvis family Cyrus, Lydia, Ed and Birdie. Cyrus was the father of Samuel, Mabel, Claud and I believe there was another daughter, Sannie, and Mabel were twins. Their mother was a sister of Tom and Maud Alger (Mrs. Cassius Carter).

Mrs. Lydia Jarvis Musgrave was at one time night operator at the Bell Telephone Exchange. Mr. George Mitchell was manager of the office then. Edward Jarvis worked for Whitehead and Mitchell, in the Eccentric Office, as printer for a number of years.

Mrs. Birdie Dawson has been actively identified with the Pythian Sisters and O. E. S. for several years. She has a son and a daughter.

Early in the 80's Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis sold their Woodward Avenue property to George Mitchell and went to live on the west side of Bates Street just south of the Kings Avenue. The house had formerly stood on the east side of Southfield Avenue and the west of its present location. This house and the one later remodelled by Mr. Agnus was built by the King brothers. The houses were connected by a like and stood side by side. Mr. Jarvis bought the one on the south side and moved it to Bates Street. The other house became the home of Mr. and Mrs. Houghton, parents of Addie, Alice and Frank Houghton. The Houghtons were relatives to Mrs. Mary Emeline, Mrs. Susan Reynon.

Mrs. Alice King Campbell, of Royal Oak, is a daughter of one of the King brothers. I believe his name was Fred.

Mr. Mitchell built a large house on the former Jarvis property, on Woodward Avenue. Mrs. Mitchell was the former Miss Hannah Corey and is a sister of Mrs. Ida Corey Sabitt and is now living with her youngest daughter, Emaline, in California. Her daughter Caroline has been in newspaper work for a number of years. Her son Eugene died in infancy.

There was a vacant lot on the N. W. corner of Woodward and Brown Streets. This was surrounded by an old fashioned wire fence. There had been a house on this lot at one time. Later Rev. J. A. Herrard, of the First Presbyterian church, built a home on this site.

The two older daughters were Belle and Lottie. This was at one time the home of Mrs. Ellen Feagley and her mother, Mrs. Gardner. It was later purchased by Mr. N. T. Shaw and became the home of Dr. and Mrs. Shaw and their daughter Helen and son Harold. It was finally moved to Daines Street and I believe it is now the home of Mrs. Hattie Simpson Evans. She is the mother of Marian, Bancha and Grace.

## Church News

**First Baptist Church**  
Willsie at Bates St.  
Rev. L. Earl Jackson, M. A., Minister.  
Rev. of the Death Line. Will be the sermon of the morning service of public worship, Sunday at 11. It will feature the "Message of Kingdom, the Holy Spirit, the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven, the Kingdom of Christ, who comes to Detroit during the week. The service will be held in the sanctuary, with A. Shaway Ross at the organ. Story sermon and activities for children. Visitors cordially welcome. Church schools at 10.  
Youth group meetings at 6.  
Prayer's Progress will be the sermon theme for the informal evening service in the auditorium from 7 to 7:30. A social half hour follows with a hymn, sing, refreshments, and special music before a friend. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30.

**Christian Science Church**  
Chester and Willis Streets  
Church each Sunday at 10:45 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 Wednesday before and after the service.

**Matter** will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, March 29.  
Among the Bible citations in this passage (Psalm 138:9). By the word of the Lord were they broken and all the host of them by the breath of His wrath. For He saith, and it was done, he commanded, and it stood fast. Correlative passages may be read from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, include the following: "The mortal body and material earth, are the material of matter. The material of matter. They have their day before the permanent facts and their perfection in spirit appear."

**First Methodist Episcopal Church**  
Maine Avenue at Woodward  
Rev. Dr. R. D. Hopkins, pastor.  
10 Church School, Junior, intermediate, and senior departments.  
Brotherhood, Epworth, the Community House.

**11:30—Morning Worship, Sermon, "A Social Responsibility," the third of a Lenten series of addresses on "Today's Demands upon the Christian Religion."—Hunters and Hunters, Deacons, Junior and church for children.**  
**12:30—Senior League Luncheon, Mrs. Marie Kivler.**  
**7:30—Evening Service, Address, "The Cross in the Problems of Life," being the third in a series based on "Meditations on the Cross," by Kazawa.**  
Wednesday, 7:30—Adweek Lenten devotional hour.

**St. James Episcopal Church**  
Rev. W. Water Joseph, Rector  
Phone: 2-1207  
1207  
11 A. M. Morning prayer and sermon.  
Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10 A. M.  
Church School, Senior, intermediate and junior classes, 9:45, primary and kindergarten, 11.

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
Lincoln near Woodward  
Rev. Theodore G. Wiggner, Jr., pastor.  
Church School, 9:30.  
Morning Worship, 11:30. Sermon subject, "Praying God."  
A Lenten service will be conducted Thursday evening at 7:30, "Fasting."—Isaiah 55, 5-7.

**Holy Name Catholic Church**  
Harmon at Woodward  
Rev. James W. Cotter, Pastor  
Rev. A. J. Brady, Assistant  
Sunday Masses 7:30, 9, 11 a. m. and 12 noon.  
Holy Day Masses: 6:15, 7, 8 and 9.  
Daily Masses: 7 and 8:25 a. m.  
Baptism by appointment.  
Confessions: Saturdays from 4 to 5:30 and on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p. m.

**Calvary Church (Methodist)**  
Rev. W. S. Hottel, pastor  
Service in St. W. Hotel, past  
Sunday School at 10. Young people's meeting, 6:30. Evening prayer at 7:30. A group of young people from the U. S. Park Hotel that church will have charge of the Sunday evening service, Bible study, Friday, 7:30 p. m., 124 South Woodward.

**United Presbyterian Church**  
H. E. Leback, preacher  
Missions and O. Rev. Bible School missionary. Telephone: 1649  
Bible Services:  
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**  
Benaville Ave.  
Rev. Erwin King, pastor  
Church School—10  
Morning Worship—11:15 A. M.  
Epworth League every Sunday at 6:30 p. m. at the church.

**Christ Church Cranbrook**  
Arms Avenue, Cranbrook  
Rev. W. H. Altmeyer, rector  
Rev. Robert W. Woodruff, Jr., curate  
Holy Communion at 10 A. M. each Sunday and 11 A. M. first Sunday of each month.  
Morning prayer and sermon, 11 A. M. Church school, Brookside district, 10:45 A. M.; Church school, Gull Hall division, 11 A. M.; Vesper, 4 p. m.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
North Woodward at Euclid Avenue  
W. Clarence Wright, M. A., pastor  
Bible School will convene at 9:45 with worship services in three departments. Thirty classes for young and adults.  
Morning worship will be conducted at 11. The Rev. E. Blake Macdonald, of the staff of the First Street Presbyterian Church of Detroit will preach and conduct worship.  
Two Christian Endeavor societies will convene at 6:30 o'clock. Youth and "Pitts" with other churches are invited to unite in these group discussions.  
Evening worship will be conducted by Mr. Wright at 7:30. "Dead Men Do Tell Tales" and "The Evil Spirit Possess His Man: Man's Today" will be the themes of messages.

**Franklin M. E. Church**  
Rev. Francis W. Allen, Pastor.  
Morning worship, 11:15 A. M.  
Sunday School, 10:15 A. M.

**St. Hugs of the Hills Church**  
Opdyke road  
The Rev. Daniel T. Washburn, pastor  
Sunday Masses: 8, 10 and 12:30 p. m.  
Confessions: Saturday, 7:30 to 8:30 p. m.

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