

### Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

#### FIFTY YEARS AGO

"But time to prepare for the glorious fourth."  
George Kemp playeth the snare drum in the newly organized band. The Troy band is steadily improving and is now able to discourse some very sweet music. Our village is more than overrun with traveling agents, mostly those representing Detroit houses. Another wedding on the docket—we don't mean Grover Cleveland, but a wedding in our own midst, and right up amongst the "tum tum's" too.  
William Hall of Franklin is a most wonderful man, inasmuch as he has absolutely no peculiarities whatever, another thing about him is the fact that he is the first white person born in Bloomfield Township.  
On Wednesday of last week Fred Stockwell of Pontiac mended his bicycle and started for Detroit, to witness the ball game between the New Yorks and Detroit. He made the trip in two hours and a half. Returning he left Detroit at 7 o'clock, reaching home before 10. The last half of the distance was in the midst of the thunder storm and almost impenetrable darkness. We would much prefer to be conducted by common horse sense than to take our chances on any of the now fangled perambulators in a dark night.

#### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Earl Jehks has added greatly to his home with paint and other improvements.  
What about the dust nuisance? Nothing will kill "Birmingham—the Pride of Old Oakland," quick-

#### FIVE YEARS AGO

There will be no Memorial Day parade in Birmingham this year, according to officials of the local post of the American Legion, which has customarily sponsored the event in the past. The ceremony was cancelled as an economy measure, following the Legion's desire to conform to a policy of general retrenchment called for in conditions according to David H.

#### Thompson, commander of the post.

Between 400 and 500 War Veterans are expected to gather in all lines of activity by present Birmingham Thursday, June 11, for the annual convention of the sixth district of the American Legion.  
Nearly two score dog owners flooded the Village Commission room at its meeting Monday night to protest that the ordinance recently passed by the Commission forcing owners to keep their dogs confined to their premises is "inhuman" enforced by "high-handed methods" and almost an encroachment on personal liberties.  
A test case to determine the status of mint-vending slot machines in Birmingham is scheduled to come before Justice of the Peace Floyd S. Burk at 2 p. m. today following the confiscation of five of the machines by village officers last Thursday.  
The Birmingham Village assessment rolls, completed last week by Village Assessor Albert H. Noon, were opened to the public Monday morning and will remain open until after the board of review completes its three-day session on Friday, May 29.

### Rambling Reverie

By E. G. Whitley

Woeing Worms: Walking up-town the other day after a heavy rain, this writer noticed several earth worms protruding and expanding their way across the sidewalk. The sight recalled to mind many of those early morning fishing trips, with my old negro mammy, Sal, when a boy on a large Southern farm.  
In the hush of dawn Sal would come to the house for me carrying two long poles equipped with waxed string, coxos and small hooks. Away we'd go to the palmetto bush, bordering the swamp, where Sal would rip up clods of rich soil with a hoe and I would pull it apart searching for the precious earth worm that I used the tasty Brim to our hooks.  
Plunged into the tropical underbrush, wiping huge spider webs from our face as we fought our way to the small still stream deep in the swamp. Sal would chop brush and fashion seats for both of us on a rotten log jutting out to the water's edge.  
Always forgetful, I would stick a nice fat worm on my hook, adjust my cork and prepare to cast when Sal's "Lard, child, you is gon' to bring us bad luck again," would stop me. Sal once what I abashed, "I would pass over my line to the old negress, who would promptly spit tobacco juice on the worm, exclaiming, "That'll fetch the big uns."  
It was a ritual with Sal. To go fishing with her meant that you had to submit to the magic of tobacco. The tobacco in question is here passed along to all the hopeful disciples of Isak Walton who will cast and reel this summer.  
The explanation of this strange custom in fishing follows: The tobacco juice tickles the tender of the fish causing them to convulse with laughter. In doing this they suddenly struggle on too much weight. They then begin to gasp for air and as they swim around, all the while gasping for air, extended hooks gets in the way, lodging firmly in the alimentary canal. This novel method merits attention for its sureness under fire. I mean under water and because it is humane—the fish dying in a happy frame of mind.

### Jots 'n' Jest

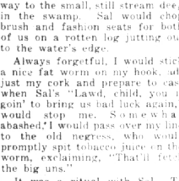
"WERE still wondering how much farmers, under AAA, paid hired men to not help them not plant corn."

With conventions in Cleveland and Philadelphia this summer, it's a question which town will steal Chicago's fame as the "windy city."

Sally Rand's enthusiastic fan waving was more than art when a swarm of bees invaded her dancing stage. The customers wondered at such wild abandon.

Peoria, Ill., laundry men are urged to enter political fight. That's one way to offset those mudslingers.

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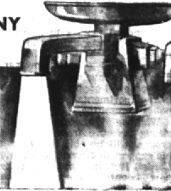
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