

Birmingham before today

By MINNIE HUNT SALTZER

There was just one house on the north side of Brown Street between Saginaw and Pierce Streets. This was the Goodman home. Mr. and Mrs. Goodman were highly respected citizens of Birmingham and their children were quite popular. The names of the children were as I recall them, Frank, "Rev.", Steve and Louis.



Mrs. Seltzer

The Goodman home was about 150 feet west of Saginaw Street and the land on the west side of this property belonged to Moses K. Tabor. Later the home of William Tabor, son of M. K. Tabor, was built just west of the Goodman home.

After the Goodmans left town (I believe they moved to Clare, Mich.) the house had several tenants. A Baptist minister by the name of Good lived here. David M. Doty and his daughter Oleana, also lived in this house about 1897. Oleana was a gifted pianist and taught in The Detroit Conservatory of Music for a number of years.

Finally George H. Mitchell purchased the property and replaced the old house with a modern cement block apartment house. The William Tabor house was at one time the home of Rev. Justina of the 1st Presbyterian Church. They had two little daughters. The youngest child passed on while her parents resided here.

It seems to me that Mr. and Mrs. George Shain owned the house between the Tabor house and the Durkee home. Mr. Shain was a great uncle of Charles J. Shain. He was married twice. His first wife's name was Celia.

When Mr. John Durkee died his

widow came to Birmingham to live. The Durkee home was between the Shain residence and the David Roy home.

Before Mr. Durkee's death, Mr. and Mrs. John Durkee lived on West Maple Road on the farm that is situated on the S. W. corner of W. Maple and the road that connects W. Maple Road with South Street.

They were the parents of two daughters, Lulu and Daisy. Ida Durkee was a daughter of Mr. John Durkee by a former marriage. Daisy was our city librarian for a long time. Lulu was a graduate nurse and was Supervisor of Nurses at Harper Hospital for a number of years and later Superintendent of the Nurses Training School. As a young girl Lulu was quite a promising artist and I recall a picture which she drew which elicited considerable praise. It was the picture of a lovely girl dressed in white and wearing a large plumed hat and fancy lacemitts. When the post office closed in the rear of the Whitehead and Mitchell Drug Store this picture was hung, for a time, over the mail and stamp window.

Stanley Peabody's brother George was a young man who always liked to hear big words and when, after seeing the picture hanging in the post office department, he met Lulu out in front of the store he exclaimed, "Well I declare Lulu, you are really quite a progeny!"

Lulu who now lives on the Bone farm, south of Orchard Lake always laughs heartily when she recalls this incident. When I asked her recently what had become of the picture she replied, "My sister Ida had it for a number of years but finally, after her death, I took it out of the frame one day and put it into the furnace."

The David Roy property was next to the Durkee property and Mr. and Mrs. Roy lived here for a great many years. Mrs. Roy passed on some months ago. They were the parents of Lewis Roy and Mrs. Ethel Dudley.

The Lewis was the husband of Mrs. Mable Koztzy Roy, Principal of the Bagley school in Pontiac. Their daughter, Virginia Koztzy, is in the employ of the Pontiac Board of Education. Ethel is the wife of Professor S. M. Dudley, of Pontiac. She is a talented musician and is a successful teacher of music. She has also been a church organist for the past eighteen years. Her son Roy is also a musician.

The William McKinney home is between the Roy home and the former residence of Mrs. May Tabor. William McKinney's brother was the late T. G. McKinney, T. G. was the husband of Mrs. Blanche Newman McKinney and they were the parents of one son, Newman. Mrs. William McKinney was the former Miss Ethel Dunbar whose father Adna L. Dunbar was a Franklin merchant. Her mother was the former Miss Jeanette White and she was a sister of the

late Mrs. John D. Van Every (Miss Lydia White). Mrs. McKinney's sister is Mrs. May Tabor, former wife of Dr. Frank D. German and mother of Fremont German.

The Tabor home which is now the residence of Miss Anna Parks, was built for Mrs. Tabor and her daughter, Elizabeth Tabor, by Harry Lowe, whose parents were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lowe. After the death of Mrs. Mayne Tabor her old friend of Mrs. Tabor, Mrs. Elizabeth Tabor, lived with her for several years. Mrs. Randall was the mother of Lewis Randall and the daughter of the old Birmingham residents, Lewis and Aurelia Beebe Tompkins.

Miss Anna Parks is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Parks and sister of Hiram, Fred and Charles Parks and Mrs. Eugene Smith (Grace Parks). Miss Parks has been a member of the 1st Presbyterian Church for a great many years and has been a resident of Birmingham and vicinity all of her life. I believe

Church News

First Baptist Church
Willis at Sixth St.
Rev. I. Karl Jackson, M. Minister
The sermon in the Main Ministerial Association will be the pastor's sermon theme for the month of public worship Sunday at 10:30. The message will recount the chief events of last week's meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention at St. Louis. Visitors are cordially welcome. Church school classes at 10. Youth meeting at 8:15.

Christian Science Church
Chester and Willis Streets
Church Service at 10:30 A. M., Sunday at 9 P. M.
Reading room in the church building in the basement from 10:30 A. M. until 4:30 P. M. on all Sundays from 2 to 5 P. M. It is held Wednesday before and after the service.
Articles and Magazine Sentiments: Alvin Monahan and Hypnotism. Debates will be the subject of the next sermon in all Christian Science churches throughout the world on Sunday, May 31.

First Methodist Episcopal Church
Belle Avenue West at Bienville
Rev. Dr. R. D. Hopkins, pastor
10:30 Church School, intermediate and senior departments.
11:30 Morning Worship. Sermon, "Is There a Road to Peace?" This address should be considered in light of the Memorial Day, "Beginners" and Primary Departments Junior Church for children 6 to 10. Edworth League Devotional Hour. Installation Service, postponed from last Sunday.
12:15 Baccalaureate Service for the June Class of Baldwin High School, at the First Baptist Church.

St. James Episcopal Church
Rev. Warner L. Forch, Rector
Phone: Rectory 182. Office 2264
8 a. m. Holy Communion.
Rev. Dr. R. D. Hopkins, pastor
10:30 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. Wagnaser, Jr., pastor
Sunday School—9:45.
Morning Worship—11.

Holy Name Catholic Church
Harmon at Woodland
Rev. James W. Cotter, Pastor
Rev. A. J. Bennett, Assistant
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Holy Day Masses: 6:15, 7, 8 and 9 p. m.
Daily Masses: 7 and 8:25 a. m.
Baptisms Sunday by appointment.
Confessions: Saturdays from 4 to 6:30 a. m. and from 7:30 to 9 p. m.

Calvary Church (Lindenominational)
Rev. W. S. Hottel, pastor
Services in 114 So. Woodward Ave.
Sunday School—10. Young people's meeting, 8:30. Evening preaching service, 7:30. Holy Thursday, 7:15 to 11:15 South Woodward.
Prayer meeting at home of E. B. Schuler, 651 Forest avenue, Tuesday at 10 P. M.

United Presbyterian Church
H. E. Lohrbach, preacher
Miss Janet O. Keefe, Bible School
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 home of congregation members.

Embury Methodist Church
Brentwood Ave.
Rev. Erwin King, pastor
Church School—10. Morning Worship—11:15 A. M.
Edworth League every Sunday at 6:30 a. m. at the church.

Christ Church Cranbrook
Rev. Dr. S. S. Marston, rector
Rev. W. H. Aulbach, assistant
Rev. Robert W. Woodruff, Jr., curate
Holy communion, 8 A. M. each Sunday and 11 A. M. each Sunday of each month.
Morning prayer and sermon, 11 A. M.
Church school, Brookside division, 10:45 a. m.; Church school, Hill Hall division, 11 a. m.; Vespers, 4 p. m.

First Presbyterian Church
North Woodward at Sixth Avenue
W. Clarence Wright, M. A., pastor
A Bible School will convene at 9:45. A splendid corps of teachers, with records for faithfulness in preparation welcome.
Morning worship with sermon. The Presbyterian church school will close. An hour of trying with the Lord. Mr. Wright will preach on "The Holy Spirit and the modern world."
The Young People's Christian Endeavor will meet at 6:30 as members may attend the Baccalaureate service, postponed to the evening. The Senior Christian Endeavor will convene at 8:30 as members may attend.
Baccalaureate service at Baptist Church at 8:30. Mr. Wright will preach.

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
The Rev. Daniel T. Whollan, pastor
Masses at 9, 10 a. m., and 12:30 p. m.

Prize Comedy To Open On Sunday At Cass Theatre

"Boy Meets Girl," the popular stage comedy will open the Cass Theatre, Detroit, for a limited engagement, commencing Sunday, May 31, with matinee, Wednesday and Saturday. This rip-roaring play has enjoyed extraordinary success concurrently in New York, Chicago and London. The cast coming to Detroit is the only prize comedy of the season. Critics agree that "Boy Meets Girl" takes Hollywood for its

funniest ribbing. The play recounts at high speed and with satirical fun this tale of two mad playwrights in Hollywood who upset a cowboy star by making him play with "Happy" a baby star.
The evening prices are \$2.75 and \$2.20 on the lower floor and \$10.00 in the balcony. Wednesday and Saturday matinee \$5.00 to \$1.65. These prices include the tax.
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