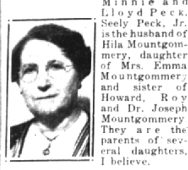


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PECK'S
Woodward—near Maple

Birmingham before today

By **MINNIE HUNT SALTZER**
One of the more recent buildings on Woodward Avenue was the Peck hotel and another was the building known as the Schlaack terraces.



The Peck hotel was built sometime between the years 1902 and 1906 and was owned by Seely and Frances Peck, parents of Seely, Minnie and Lloyd Peck. It is the husband of Hila Mountgomery, daughter of Mrs. Emma Mountgomery and sister of Howard, Roy and Dr. Joseph Mountgomery. They are the parents of several daughters, I believe.

was converted into a cafe and Howard King was employed here for several years.

The Schlaack building was built on the site of the Brownell home. A Mr. and Mrs. Raymond and daughters, Rena and Blossom, lived in the Brownell building, after the Merrills left town, as did also Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Sawyer. The Hotel, terraces and library were finally razed and the present store buildings and the theatre were erected in their stead. I wonder how many can visualize the old Saginaw Street of early Birmingham days. Graveled and wooden or tar side walks, oil street lamps, beautiful shade trees well kept, fencible in lawns, horse blocks, etc. In those days a calm contentment pervaded the place and we could cross Saginaw Street without first stopping at the curb as we do now a-days to "Look and listen," while we offer a prayer for a safe crossing.

No green, red and amber lights blinked at us from every corner and most of us went diagonally across the intersection of Saginaw and Maple Avenue and often stopped and chatted at the center of the intersection without a thought of danger.

The following was written to Stella Ward Ruckman of Minneapolis. Dreaming, just dreaming of old days. When you and I were "Gals," Happy-go-luck and full of pep, And always the best of "pals."

The old town is changed even more than we. New faces replace those we knew. The farmlands are crossed by paved city streets. Where green trees and field daisies grew.

Off I sit in our car at the side of the curb, And watch the people pass by, I seldom discover an old time friend, No matter how hard I try.

The customs have changed since you and I. Were happy and gay together. In those old days we always used Umbrellas for rainy weather.

Low shoes were for summer time alone. If you painted your face, you were tough. Just a few old women smoked clay pipes. Or carried boxes of snuff.

The girls never smoked, and they only drank Lemonade, tea or pop. But now-a-days a girl of that type, Might be thought a dreadful flop.

A V shaped neck was a scandalous thing. A backless gown was taboo. If we went down town, without our hats, It caused quite a "howdy do."

Silk stockings were never thought of then. And when winter time rolled round, We wore red flannels and woolen hose. And our skirts just cleared the ground.

They laugh today at the "gray ninety" styles. Yet the hats the women now wear. Are harking back to those far off days. Of bright flowers, plumes and brims that flare.

No, the old town is not what it used to be. Nor are we what we used to be. Our hair is grey and our knee caps high toned. And our eyes are beginning to blur.

Now the latest models are all stream lined. With flaking power and such. At our best, old dear, we are quite "passed." So we really don't count for much.

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