

Happenings of Long Ago

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

Fifty Years Ago

The whole town was agog on Thursday night over the well substantiated rumor that Jack Ryan and Billy Burns, the noted crooks, were in town and making preparations for a raid. Jack had been seen sneering into some of the store windows, etc. Safes were emptied, curtains and shutters left off the store fronts and lights burning in every store. We put all our worldly pelf in a pill box, hid it in an ash barrel and retired to our restless pillows. The town was right side up the next morning, however, and we went and spent our fifteen cents the first thing, and no we ain't afraid of all the dime and dacks on earth. We think the two crooks were very kind to notify our citizens of their arrival. Hope they'll bring a brass and next time.

Our furniture rooms are now in apple pie order. Bicycle riding and base ball were very popular this season. See if they are not.

If you have lost a tie-strap, call, pay and take away.

Six bicycles were lunched in front of our office on Sunday morning last and five of them were "Star" machines—the little wheel in front. There's no use talking the Star in the machine for comfort and safety.

A box of rough on rats was used to pound poor old Charlie, Cason's horse, to turn up his

toes to the daisies one day last week. Dr. Young made an elaborate diagnosis of the case, but was unable to arrive at a definite conclusion until the empty box was found.

Twenty-five Years Ago

Barbering business is good. Mr. Guy Taylor now owns a fine automobile. The A.I.U. party given last Friday evening was largely attended and all present had a fine time. Strayed—came into my enclosure April 8, one black pig not less than 100 pounds. J. E. Benedict.

Born to Mrs. George Clefke last week Thursday, a pretty baby girl, and no one is happier than papa George over the event.

At the Hard Times party given by I.O.O.F. lodge many come costumes were worn. Prizes for the best Hard Time costumes were won by Miss Blanche Heth and Mr. Bruce Steele.

Mrs. Archie Sampson and daughter Miss Norma of Bleinham, Ontario are spending a few days with Ms. Jamieson. They will leave shortly for Regina, in the Northwest before they will make their future home.

Nine hundred and fifty packages of flowers seed have been taken by the school children this year. Now, if an equal number of dogs could be sent into town, then flowers and shrubs might have a chance to grow.

The Village Improvement society have ordered a few trees which will be given (one or two in a place) to any one promising to take care of them. Put in your application early as the supply is limited. A card addressed to the society will do it.

Five Years Ago

Community House is opening annual drive ask for pledges of \$15,000. Workers under leadership of Fred Woodruff will canvass every house in village.

Bloomfield Township may annual gravel pit contract. Failure to secure title with \$48,900 still owing.

Police patrol wins victory. Village agrees to draft amendment to ordinance reducing bond.

Accident involving defendant Robert S. Phillips brings suit for \$25,000.

Dr. Katherine Rodgers, principal of Kingswood School, Cranbrook, will be the speaker at the annual spring banquet of the Mens Club of the Presbyterian Church.

FIRST BRITANNY SPANIEL TO WIN STAKE



The Brittany Spaniel, "Fentus," owned by Rene P. Joubert, 489 Arlyle St., is pictured above with Doug Davis, handler, after winning first place in the number showing stake at the Springfield trial of the Royal Oak chapter of the Michigan Sportsman Association, held in Royal Oak, Monday.

"Fentus" is the first Brittany spaniel ever to win a field trial stake against pointers and setters. The dog ran second in a similar event at Royal Oak the past Fall. Three other events were run at the trials.

Pythians To Attend Banquet At Pontiac. J. Howard Wendorch, District Deputy of the Knights of Pythias, announces that members of the Birmingham lodge will attend, in a body, the special golden anniversary banquet of the Pontiac lodge which will be held in that city, Wednesday, April 21.

Following the banquet the members will participate in a district meeting. The Tuesday evening meeting of the local group was attended this week by members of the Pontiac lodge.

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BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Ray Rinner was awarded honors for completion of second-year handicraft work in the 1936 club projects of the 4-H club.

Hester White, a senior at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wis., was the guest of Miss Margaret Woodworth, dean of women, at her costume party at Russell Sage Hall, April 13. The party has been given annually by Dean Woodworth for the last ten years.

Miss Adeline Cooke, librarian of Baldwin Public Library, announces that anyone having residence within Birmingham city limits is eligible to have a library card. No other requirement is necessary for library privileges.

At a meeting of the Birmingham Library Board, held this past week, Howard D. Crall was elected to the position of treasurer to fill the office left vacant by the death of Charles W. Randall. Mr. Crall was named to the Board at the recent spring election.

Henry B. Edwards was chosen alternate delegate to the annual meeting of the Michigan Society of Some of the American Revolutionaries held early this month at the Parkland Hotel in Grand Rapids.

O. W. Richard, of the local post-office staff, suggests that when you are in doubt as to just what type of dinner it might be a good idea to contact George Averill of The Eccentric. It seems that since Mr. Averill performed such miracles at the recent cooking school, local citizens feel called upon to recommend him as a chef "par excellence."

H. F. Boer, Director of the local community college, announces that Mrs. Kuller's class in public speaking has been changed from Monday at 7 p. m. to Tuesday at 7 p. m. and that the young class on Monday henceforth will meet Tuesday at 7 p. m.

Word has been received by Mrs. Clarence J. Ford of Southfield road that his daughter, Elizabeth Ford, who is a Freshman at Cornell University, was one of ten women students in the School of Arts to receive an invitation for the tea given recently by the Mutual Branch, Second Women's Home in Detroit.

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