

Birmingham before today

By Minnie Hunt Salzer



The land on the west side of Pierce, lying between Martin and Merrill was owned by Mr. M. J. Mathews. It seems to me that he had a daughter who was a spinster of, Kittle Hand-dall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace A. Hand-dall. This property was later the home of Mrs. Polly Robinson, her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brooks and their son Frank. Mrs. Brooks' given name was Martha Frank Linabury, of Merrill. Frank's wife's name was Clara. Her girlhood home was at Sarasota, Florida. After Frank's death she remarried and went to live in the south. She and Frank were married in 1896.

Mrs. Polly Robinson was a sister of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Ford, nee Elizabeth B. Stanley. Mrs. Ford was the mother of Mrs. Alta Ford Peabody. Mrs. Martha Robinson Brooks was a sister of Mrs. Alex Parks (Anna Robinson).

Mrs. Parks was the mother of Austin and Edgar A. Parks and the late Mrs. Polly Parks Bray. Mrs. Alta Ford Peabody is the sister of Bert Ford, of Saginaw, and Stanley and Austin Ford of Birmingham. The boys are the sons of Mrs. Emma Schlack Ford and the late Mr. Frank Ford.

The land between Merrill and Townsend on the west side of Pierce was originally the E. McLaughlin place. After the house burned in the early '90s there were no buildings on this land except the barn, which was on the south west corner of the property. The barn was later moved to the north west corner of W. Brown and Purdy and converted into a house by Mr. Frank Young. Mr. Julian Litt purchased the two lots at the north portion of the property and built a house on the east side there. Mr. George Ford, Sr., formerly of Crooks Road built a house on the next lot. The house on the north west corner of Pierce and Townsend was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McHugh.

Mr. McHugh was employed by the D. U. R. as a motorman. There were two sons, Laurence and Ed McHugh. Laurence's wife is Mrs. Agnes McHugh. The J. S. Leet house was built for Mr. Leet by Mr. Renwick Logan and Mr. Willis Carter. The mason work was done by Mr. L. N. Baker. The decorating was E. I. and Stanley. Mr. Wesley Faint painted lovely flower panels on the ceiling of the breakfast room. The varnish used in the house was a Berry Brothers product. The heating plant was installed by the Boston Heating and Lighting Co. by whom Mr. Leet was employed. Mr. and Mrs. George Ford were the parents of Frank, Arthur, William, Charles, Fred, Anna and Caroline Emma Ford. Frank's family has been referred to several times. Arthur's children were George, Mrs. Nellie Boughner and Mrs. Minnie Lipka. Mrs. Arthur Ford was the former Miss Mary Shadob, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Shadob. I do not think that Will ever married. He died in early manhood.

Charles was the father of Mrs. Edna Johnson, of W. Brown. Fred was the father of Mrs. Grace Todd, Elmer and Gerald Ford. His wife was the late Mrs. Ida Ford. Mrs. Anna Ford Converse was the wife of Mr. E. B. Converse and mother of an infant son Lewis who died when sixteen months old. She was also the mother of Mrs. Allie Parks, of Denver, Colorado. Mrs. Converse Emma Leet was the wife of Mr. Julian S. Leet and mother of Gracie, Willie and Charles Leet. Gracie and Willie died six weeks apart when Gracie was about four years old.

Mr. Charles first wife was the former Miss Ethel Bruce. They are the parents of Bruce and Sidney Leet. Bruce is married and has one son. Both boys live in Milwaukee Wisconsin. Charles Leet is in business in Chicago. Mr. Leet owned the south west corner property for about thirty years when it came into the possession of the late William Hunt, father of Jay Hunt. Mrs. Laura Hunt is the wife of Jay Hunt. They have one daughter. William Hunt died in Florida last winter.

Men's Club Sponsors Sunday Eve Service

The Men's Club of the First Presbyterian Church will sponsor the evening service to be held next Sunday at seven thirty o'clock in the local church.

The senior elders of the church, all members of the club, will present a symposium on "Current Issues and the Church." Herbert G. Wood, Norman S. Grubbs, Young C. Smith and F. Ray Woolfenden will each speak to the theme in a five minute evaluation of present-day moral and social problems viewed from the attitude and reaction of the Christian Church.

E. S. Barden, president of the club will preside. A quartet of men who have sung on previous occasions will present two anthems.

While the service is the annual Church affair promoted by the men yet its nature is so timely that it will be of interest to all groups of worshippers.

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Church News

First Baptist Church, 10 N. 11th Street, School. We have a class and a welcome for every member of the family. 11—Morning worship, Rev. Frank B. H. of Pontiac, Minister. 6:30—Young People's Meeting. 7:30—Worship, Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Christian Science Church, Chester and Willis Streets, Church, each Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday at 8 p. m. 10:30 a. m. Reading room in the church building is open on Wednesdays before and after the service.

Correlative passages to be read from the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." Mrs. Caroline E. Leet, of the human element in his thought, "the divine, our great Teacher, said: 'Not say what thou, he do.'"

First Methodist Episcopal Church, Maple Avenue West at Eleventh. Rev. John E. Martin, D. D. Minister. 10:30 a. m. Bible School Classes for all ages welcome 9 a. m. Worship. Wednesday evening: 7:30 to 8 p. m. Prayer meeting conducted by the Pastor. 8 to 9 p. m. Bible Study, "Life of Christ," conducted by Mrs. Frances H. Martin. Welcome to these services.

St. James Episcopal Church, Rev. Warner J. Wagner, Rector. Phone: Rectory 159; Office 2556. 8 a. m. Holy Communion. 10 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon. Second celebration Holy Communion on Sunday of each month at 11 a. m. and each Wednesday morning, 10 a. m. Church School: Senior, intermediate and Junior classes, 9:45. Primary and Kindergarten, 11 a. m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Rev. Theodore G. Wagner, Jr., pastor. Morning worship at 11 with installation of new members.

Holy Name Catholic Church, Harmon at Woodland. Rev. James W. Coffey, Pastor. Sunday Masses, 7:30, 9, 11 a. m. and 12:30 p. m. Holy Day Masses, 7:15, 7 and 9 a. m. Daily Masses, 8 a. m. and 9:30 a. m. Sunday by appointment. Confessions: Saturdays, from 4 to 5:30 p. m. and from 8 to 9 p. m.

United Presbyterian Church, Joseph A. Meers, Minister. Sunday Services: Graded Bible School meets at 9:30 a. m.—Daily Services, 11:15 a. m.—Morning Worship Hour—11:15 a. m. Mr. Meers will preach on the First Epistle to the Young People's Hour at 6:30 p. m. at the church.

Embury Methodist Church, Bonaventure. Rev. A. S. Williams. Morning Worship—11:15 A. M. Epworth League every Sunday at 6:30 p. m. at the church.

Christ Church Cranbrook, Rev. W. H. Aldenbach, assistant. Rev. Robert W. Aldenbach, minister. Holy communion, 8 a. m., each Sunday and on the first Sunday of each month. Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m. Vespers: 4 p. m. Church School: Brookside Division, 10:45 a. m. Guild Hall Division: 11 a. m.

First Presbyterian Church, North Woodward at Eccles Street. W. Charles Wright, M. A., Pastor. Miss Esther M. Grebler, Director of Christian Education. Bible School will convene at 9:45 with average attendance for the last quarter. Morning worship will be conducted by Mr. Wright at 11:15. The Minister plans to preach on the "Folly of the Fool." Three Christian Endeavor societies meet at 4:30 and 6:30. Groups for all ages of youth from seventh school grade upward. For further information telephone the Church office, 666.

Evening worship will be sponsored by the Men's Club. The Men will conduct the entire service comprising the evening worship with a symposium on "Current Issues and the Church." The mid-week service in this church is observed on Tuesday evenings.

St. Hugo of the Hills Church, Opdyke road. The Rev. W. H. Whelan, pastor. Masses at 8, 10 and 11:45 a. m. and at 12:30 p. m.

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

Classes in Church School Resumed Christ Church Cranbrook school classes will be resumed this Sunday after adjourning for the holidays. The Brookside School classes will meet at 10:45 A. M. while the other groups will assemble at the Guild Hall at 11 A. M.

At the regular 11 A. M. service this Sunday Rev. W. H. Aldenbach will deliver a sermon on, "Why Join The Church?"

Worship To Play Jan. 17 Charles L. Wierth, organist at the Woodward Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, will present the organ recital at Vesper Services in Christ Church Cranbrook Sunday afternoon, Jan. 17, at 4 P. M. It was announced that the curriculum recitals that have been given regularly on Sunday afternoons at 5 P. M. will be discontinued until Easter.

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