

### Birmingham before today

By Minnie Hunt Salter

There was but one house on the south side of Lincoln avenue between Pierce street and Woodward avenue in the 90's, and this became the property of William Hilliard. Later it was owned by Thomas Hanna. The first house east of Woodward and on the north side of Lincoln was the Kelcher home. I have written of the Kelcher family in a previous article.

West of the Kelcher home was the George Riffenberg home. There were two daughters, the eldest of whom was Mrs. Abbie Pike,

who lived near Franklin, Michigan. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and son, Mark, had a home west of the Riffenberg place. Mr. Smith was village constable at one time. The Abbott home was the next house and was the last house before coming to Pierce street. I have written the Abbott history in an earlier article.

Stanley avenue was one block long. The residents of this street were Reverend and Mrs. Hiram Hood and daughter, Maude, Mr. and Mrs. Abel Burns, also a Mrs. Burns who was a widow and had two sons. Later Mr. and Mrs. Watkins, parents of Guy, Glenn, Fenton and Doris lived on the west side of Stanley, next to the Abel Burns home. The Hood house was later the Hawthorne home. The Hawthorne's had a son, Fred, and a daughter, Elizabeth. There were

other children but I cannot recall their names. After the Fred Smith's left town their former home became the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor and daughter. The Taylors were kindly people and new members of the Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shuler built a home just east of the Hood home. Mrs. Shuler was formerly a Miss Shuler, sister of Augustus and Oscar Madge. Their children are Bert, Beesse and Edna. Mrs. Shuler in Pontiac and is the father of Jack Shuler, who was a member of the Pontiac high school debating team. Mr. Charles Shuler was a brick and stone mason. The house south of the Hood place is the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Grooms. They are the parents of Arnold, Ruth and Beatrice. Ruth died, many years ago. Mrs. Grooms was the former Miss Grace Beckman, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beckman, of West Brown street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mallendar lived in Troy, Michigan, for a number of years. After selling their farm, they came to town and lived in the Calvin Ellenwood house, east of East Maple avenue on the north side of Brownville Street, while their home was being built. It was on the southwest corner of Woodward avenue and George street. Later they sold this home and now live near the Beatty home, which is on Quarrier road.

Mr. Mallendar came to Detroit from Sheffield, England, in 1868. Mrs. Mallendar is the former Miss Sarah Ann Riley. They bought their Troy farm in 1891 and sold it in 1911. They bought their Chesterfield farm in 1913. They are the parents of Edna, Ruby, Winnie, Raymond and Milton. Winnie died aged five years and Raymond died aged three.

Edna is the wife of Mr. John E. McCormick. Their children are June and Ruth. June is the wife of Mr. Harry Jeremy and the mother of Judith Ann. They live on Kenneth road. Ruby is the wife of Mr. George Richardson and is the mother of Robert and Sarah Ann. Milton F. Mallendar is a Detroit attorney and is the husband of the former Eleanor Rainey. Their children are Milton Fred and William Henry.

## The BOOK SHELF

Late Book Reviews and Literary Criticism  
by Doris Flint

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SPRING SEASON

July, to people in the book business means the beginning of the fall season and the end of spring and it is a good time for all of us to stop and ponder a bit over the season's crop. Who, if any of the new authors has made a reputation for himself and what is the quality of the out-put of the seasoned writers?

"Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck is the "top" on at least three counts. It is a best-seller, it is a huge success with the critics and it is a collector's item because of the limited first edition. Though he has written three novels previously, it was not until the fourth had been well received that people became interested in the others.

By far the best English imputation during the past six months is Virginia Woolf's "The Waves" and it has definitely replaced "Gone With the Wind" as a best-seller. The best translations are Ignazio Silone's "Bread and Wine" which is a story of life in Italy under the fascist rule, and Erich Maria Remarque's "Three Comrades." We, too, must not overlook the All-nations prize winner, "The Street of the Fishing Cat" by Jolan Foldes.

Critics agree quite generally that Josephine Johnson's "Now in November" the 1935 Pulitzer winner was far superior to her new book, "Jordanstown." And if you expected a second "Constant Nymph" when Margaret Kennedy published her, "Together and Apart" you surely were disappointed. Phil Stone's "Buckskin Breches" is no "State Fair" nor is James Hilton's "We Are Not Alone" up to "Lost Horizon" or "Mr. Chips." Caroline Gordon's "None Shall Look Back" is, according to the best critics, equal to her former books, "Penhally" and "Alec Maw." However, it is suggested that her last book be classified as non-fiction instead of fiction since her description of the siege of Fort Donelson and the conflict at Chickamauga are so accurate. It is true, there is more fact than fiction in that particular part of the story and it is in no way a discredit to either the book or the author.

William Maxwell's "They Came Like Swallows" is the author's second novel and is a very good one. It deserves a place very near the top of the list and so does Millen Brand's first endeavor, "The Outward Room."

This has been an unusually good season for non-fiction. Foreign correspondents have let up somewhat on their voluminous contributions which heretofore have

been mainly their impressions of this and that stretched out to book length. And non-fiction has turned toward the Constitution and our Supreme Court. Witness, "The Bulwark of the Republic" by Barton Hendrick which is a biography of the Constitution and "The Ultimate Power" by Morris Ernst. The Lynd's "Middletown in Transition" is enjoying splendid success as a sociological and economic study of a small industrial city of the Middle-west.

Among those which might be termed sequels are Yates Brow's "Lancers at Large" following his "Laws of a Bengal Lancer" and Pitkin's new book "Careers after Forty" seems to naturally follow his "Life Begins at Forty." Dale Carnegie's "How to Win Friends and Influence People" has had a wide circulation.

Several splendid biographies have come out this year. "Beloved Friend" the story of Tchaikovsky and "Catherine de Medici" by Ralph Roeder; Kipling's "Something of Myself"; Noel Coward's "Present, Indictive" and Max Bennet's "Angels in Undress" all deserve mention.

It remains to be seen whether or not longevity will be a distinguishing mark of any of the foregoing books. No doubt it will interest many of you to know that a very high percentage of the outstanding books of the past season have already been reviewed in your column "The Book Shelf."

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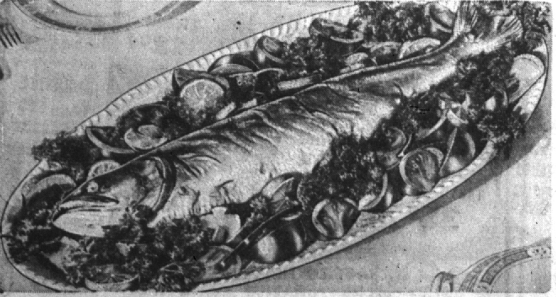
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