

Considering the distractions of the movies, radio, and automobiles, do you not think that today's youth has a hard time in seriously getting an education?

FIFTY-NINTH YEAR—NO. 50

Birmingham before today

The cement block house, which stood on the land just south of the IOOF building, the upper rooms of which are now occupied by the Trading Post, was this home of Mary McDonald and her daughter Maude. (Mrs. Harry Seeger.) I believe that Mrs. McDonald's maiden name was Mary Moise. Her sister was Mrs. Cone, who lived on the west side of the north Wood ward between Franklin and George streets. It seems to me that Mrs. Cone was the mother of Mrs. Harper. Mrs. McDonald argued and Mrs. Cone was a Baptist.

The frame house on the McDonald property was owned by Mr. Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Horace S. Leet became the owners about 1884.

The foundation of this house was brick and the walls were brick with a siding of wood. Mr. Leet carried mail between Birmingham, Franklin and Southfield Berg. Mr. Al Rust was the postmaster at Franklin when Mr. Leet first carried mail and I believe a Mr. Dunbar was the postmaster at Southfield Berg. Mr. Leet and Mrs. Charles Simmons, of "The Berg," were old friends. On winter days the men used to congregate around the stove in the general store and post office. While they smoked and chewed, using the ashes in the lower part of the stove instead of a candle, they argued religion, and politics, told the latest neighborhood gossip and exchanged funny stories. The arrival of the mail carrier was the event of the day.

Horace Leet's mother was Mrs. Millicent Pearsall Leet, wife of David Leet. She was the mother of Horace, Isaac, William George, A. H. "Doc" and Ann. Mrs. Abigail Rockwell, mother of Judge Cleaver Rockwell, was her niece. Mrs. Millicent Leet was only daughter of Mrs. Abigail Scarborough Pearsall.

Israel Leet of Farmington taught school in Oakland county fifty years. Mrs. Effie Tibbals, of Pontiac, was one of his pupils. His daughter, Blanche, was a teacher and a former pupil at the B. H. S. His daughter Mina lives in Detroit. His only son George is the husband of Mrs. Inez Higbie of Pierce street. Horace Leet married twice. His first wife was Mary Ann Scudder daughter of Isaac and Julia Utley Scudder. She died when her son Nathaniel was born, and is buried in the Scudder family lot in the Quaker Cemetery at Farmington. Her children were Emily L. (born Feb. 29, 1852) wife of James Beardslee Hunt and mother of Minnie H. Seltzer and Ernest Horace Hunt. She passed away Sept. 10, 1917. She was the grandmother of Grace Ruth Seltzer (Mrs. Bernard J. Christie, Jr.) and Charles E. Seltzer (math teacher and assistant coach at Grosse Pointe High School) and the late Horace J. Hunt.

Her great grandchildren are Jack Boyd McCumb, son of Grace by a former marriage and Barbara Jean Seltzer. The history of the Jahah Leet family has been previously written in the Pierce street article.

Nathaniel H. Leet lives in Highland Park. He was formerly planning inspector of Highland Park. His wife is Mrs. Alice Hamilton Leet, of Royal Oak. They have an only son Clarence H., of St. Louis, Mo.

A daughter Marian (Mrs. Martin Olson) is a teacher at Ferndale. She has a son, Arthur M.

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Grace Hamilton Stern is the eldest daughter of N. H. Leet. Her husband is Jack Stern, a song writer of Los Angeles, California. She has a daughter Josephine Alice Stern and a son Arthur Stern. A son by a previous marriage is Billy Leet Aicine.

Horace Leet's second wife was Arvilla Garfield Leet, cousin of Pres. James A. Garfield, and the late Charles Garfield of Grand Rapids. She was the mother of five daughters, one of whom died in infancy. Elsieone (Ella) of Hammond, La., is the wife of the late L. D. Spencer. Her son is Earl and his wife Bertha Spencer.

Edith, wife of Frank H. Smith, both deceased, Frances, wife of Ernest G. Spencer. A daughter Vera died in infancy. They are survived by two daughters, Ada, George street, of Hammond, La., and Fieda Garfield Spencer, wife of Rev. George W. Masterson, pastor of the Episcopal Church at St. Charles, La. They have a son George Jr. The youngest daughter, of the Leets, was Mary Delia (Mame) wife of Sheldon E. Peters, formerly of Manistee, Mich. They are survived by two daughters, Edessa, wife of Jack Bahr, and mother of Rose Marie and Jack, Jr.

Marjorie, widow of the late William Hamilton, of Detroit. Mother of Eugene Hamilton. They lived in Hammond, La.

RITES YESTERDAY FOR MRS. ELLIOTT

Aged Troy Resident Dies Sunday At Home On Livernois Road

Funeral service was held yesterday at 3:30 p. m. from the Troy Methodist Church for Mrs. Marietta Gaston Elliott, aged 82, who died at her residence on Livernois Road in Troy, Sunday afternoon. Rev. J. L. Dalgoonjan, of the Troy M. E. Church, officiated at the service and burial was in Oakview Cemetery.

Mrs. Elliott was born in Springfield, Michigan, moving to Detroit early in life where she taught in the Woodland Jefferson School until the time of her marriage to George S. Elliott, now deceased. Following her marriage she moved to Davison, Michigan, coming to Troy in 1884. She was President of the Troy M. E. Church Foreign Missions Society, holding that position for over 50 years.

Surviving are a brother, George T. Gaston, of Detroit; and one daughter, Grace E. Elliott. Another daughter, the late Lucy E. Elliott, who was killed in an automobile accident near Ann Arbor in 1930, was Dean of Women at the University of Michigan at the time of her death. A scholarship fund for post-graduate work here and abroad was recently established in her honor.

The S. O. Wylie Bell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements for Mrs. Elliott's funeral.

Mrs. A. B. Freeland Buried In Illinois

Funeral services for Mrs. Allen Bentley Freeland, mother of Mrs. Nicholas Martin of 312 Linden, with whom she had made her home for the past five months, were held Monday morning in Geneva, Ill.

Mrs. Freeland, who was eighty years old at the time of her death Friday night, was a native of Illinois and spent the greater portion of her life in Chicago.

Surviving Mrs. Freeland, are three daughters and two sons in addition to Mrs. Martin. They are: Mrs. Frederick P. Loombes of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Virgil W. Moore, of Kirkland, Ind.; Mrs. Lorene Mink of Elgin, Ill.; Ernest C. Freeland of Chicago, Ill., and Earl C. Freeland of Los Angeles, Calif. There are two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Happenings of Long Ago

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

Fifty Years Ago

W. Stevenson has arrived home with his Clydesdale colt, and anyone wishing to see him will find him at home at his old stand. Everybody was right on the war path Monday for blood County treasurer Bigelow walked down from Pontiac to save his vote.

The Michigan coat of arms which beamed from the "Corporation Peace and Harmony ticket" was thought by friend Foster to be a cut of a snapping turtle or a fighting cock 'twas hard to tell which.

The happiest family in town on Tuesday of last week was the family of J. A. Sherrard who rejoiced over the safe arrival of a nice baby boy. Won't that young man have a delightful time with two loving sisters to look after his welfare through life. We always did envy the only son with many sisters.

Some vile, wicked and impious wretch stole Louis Keicher's pump from his well lately. Now Louis says if they will come after it they can have the well and if not return the pump; and as he has his eye on the thief, to save exposure and prosecution it would be better to return the property and save time, trouble and expense.

The following new books have been added to Ladies Library: Katy of Colchester, The Entailed Hat, Townsend; Two Years Before The Mast, Dana; Rodman The Rufur, Woolson; On Both Sides.

Oakland Garage Co. are doing business. This firm sold four "Bright Detroiters" the coming automobile, all at once last week. These autos sell at \$850 fully equipped. This firm is also agent for the famous Metz auto, a four cylinder at \$495.

Those who are looking for pleasure and want to get their money's worth had better plan to attend the senior literary at the school house on Wednesday, Mar. 20. The main feature of the program will be a play entitled, "After The Game." Tickets 15c.

A large bible has been added to the public library. In it is written the date of the birth of the Ladies Library Association followed by the list of the charter members. Also the date of the death of the Ladies Library association and the date of the birth of the Public Library.

The young people of the United Presbyterian church will give a shadow social at Martin Grove's

Five Years Ago

in Troy on Friday evening, Mar. 15. Conveyances will leave the postoffice at 7 and 7:30 P. M. Rev. G. H. Whitney was called suddenly to Lansing last week owing to the serious illness of his wife. During his absence Rev. C. B. Allen of Detroit preached in his place.

Harry Allen rejected president of village over Harold Elderby.

Theodore B. Smith, E. W. Osborne and Walter J. Connelly winning candidates for village commission.

Medinger's guilt alleged as hearing opens. Signed confession introduced against suspect facing life sentence. "Y" ditto \$1,000 short of quota expected.

Vogue Cleaners win cage title. Tax deadline extended as school relief. Four percent penalty on winter levy waived to April 1.

Mrs. Dorothea York named president of Thursday Musicale for year. Four hundred Hi-Y club members meet. Oakland County exposure and first pilgrimage to Cranbrook.

Julian Bryan And Burton Holmes On Adventure Series

Julian Bryan, explorer and raving photographer for the "March of Time," and Burton Holmes, world's most famous travel lecturer, will be the World Adventure Series featured speakers at the Detroit Institute of Arts next week. Bryan speaks with new motion pictures on "Modern Turkey" at 3:30 Sunday afternoon, March 21. By popular request Burton Holmes will repeat his motion picture traveling "England, Scotland, Wales" at 8:30 on Tuesday evening, March 23.

Julian Bryan made a motion picture expedition through Turkey last fall. He obtained intimate shots of Turkey's dictator-president, Kamal Ataturk, at work and at play in his summer home. He filmed the mosques, market places and unveiled women of Old Constantinople, and busy scenes in the new Turkish capital of Ankara.

Burton Holmes' traveling starts in London and with new motion pictures travels to quaint and out-of-the-way spots in England, Scotland and Wales.



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