

Birmingham before today

By Minnie Hunt Saltzer

The James Burnett home is south of the old Samuel Jarvis home. There used to be a baseball diamond on the Jarvis property at the rear of the Burnett property. Mr. J. Burnett was a brother of Mr. Frank Burnett, Southfield avenue. He was a watchman at a street car road crossing of the P. O. and R. R. for several years before his death.

The James Burnett children were Norman, who became a U. S. Navy and is buried at Washington, D. C.; Susie who is married and lives in Detroit; and Lina who lives with her mother in their home on Bates street.

The house on the north west corner of Bates and Lincoln was owned by Mr. and Mrs. James Davenport. Mrs. Davenport's given name was Rhoda.

There were two daughters, the eldest one was Grace and Flossie the younger. They married brothers Mr. Lavoy was a carpenter by trade. He and his wife were active members of the Birmingham Adventist Church.

The first house south of W. Brown street on the east side of Bates belonged to Mr. and Mrs. William Young. Mr. Young was a V. S. Surgeon. Mrs. Young had a son and daughter by a previous marriage.

The son was Charles Ascroft, of Northville, Mich. Her grandson's name was Charles Bigelow. I believe he married Miss Minnie Durkee. Mrs. Young wrote poems which were often printed in The Birmingham Eccentric, and signed with her initials. She was a member of the first Baptist church. Her sister was Mrs. Newcombe of Detroit whose husband was one of the firm of Newcombe and Elliott. Mrs. Young survived Mr. Young by a few years.

After the death of Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schlaack occupied this house. Later it became the parsonage of the United Presbyterian Church. Rev. Maxwell brought his bride to this home. Rev. Curry and family also lived here. I can not recall any others. There were no houses between the Young home and the house that was later years the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peck. Later the Irving Vorhels and Cassina Carter homes were built on the land between the parsonage and the Charles Peck property.

I have written of the Crawford and Vorhels in a previous article. I believe that the Peck house was first owned by Rev. Gibson and next by Mr. and Mrs. Major Jones, of whom I have written. Mr. and Mrs. Seeley Peck came to live in this house in May 1898. They were the parents of Seeley, Jr. of Toledo, Ohio, and Minnie and Lloyd of Pontiac. Mr. Frances Peck was a member of the Methodist Church, Epworth League and Ladies Aid and sang alto in the choir. Mr. Seeley Peck, Sr. died a number of years ago. He was the owner of the Peck Hotel which was built in an L shape at the rear and east side of the old Library Hall and faced Woodland street. Maple avenue. Mrs. Peck is a resident of Pontiac at present but has a cottage at Central Lake, Mich. Seeley, Jr. is the husband of the former Miss Hilda Montgomery. They have three daughters.

Lloyd has a son Harvey who is married and lives in Pontiac.

Lloyd enlisted with a Canadian Division and served overseas during the World War.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian S. Leet lived in the Gibson house for a short time before it became the property of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peck. Mr. Peck was the senior member of Peck and sons. Mr. and Mrs. Peck have both passed away. Charles and Christine Peck were the parents of Arthur, Raymond, Robert, Victor, Dorothy and Winifred. Arthur's wife is named Ruth. They are the parents of two or three children. Raymond is the husband of the former Miss Lila Burnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burnett. They are the parents of Constance and Marshall. Robert is the husband of the former Miss Esther Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reynolds. They have several children.

Victor is the husband of the former Miss Frances Merston. They have a son Stewart. Winifred is not married. Dorothy is a former student of the University of Michigan and lives in Detroit.

"LAZIEST" BURGLAR
Chicago.—Breaking into a window of a tailor shop, Edward Lathan, colored, sat down to imbibe freely from bottle. When police arrived and ordered him to come out, Lathan continued to sit and drawled: "Come on in and get me." He sat right there until they did.

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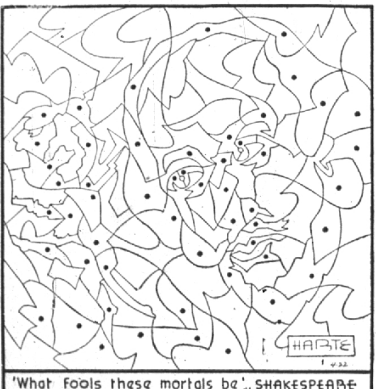


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| EVERGREEN, No. 5 SIEVE | | | |
| PEAS | 2 16-oz. cans | 23c | 1.35 |
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| CHERRIES | No. 2 1/2 cans | 29c | 3.25 |
| COUNTRY CLUB | | | |
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