

**Teacher's Part?**  
**COLOMA**—A couple of apples that would gladden the heart of any lad who wants to make an impression on his teacher were brought to the Courier office here recently by Marion Potter. Each weighed one and one-fourth pounds, both measured over four and one-half inches in diameter, and one measured 15 inches in circumference.

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## 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**  
 AN beautiful, handsome and accomplished diletante of this village now wear those charming snop hats, front piece on both sides with a duck of a knot in yellow ribbon at the top. It looks like an Orangeman's procession to see the students walk down from school.

The spectacle of two prominent Democratic candidates getting lost in the wilds of the township of Southfield the other night, while looking for Jim Miller's residence is what the folks are laughing about. When Don gets his seat in the legislature he will no doubt be looking for a guide post at each of four corners in Southfield.

W. H. Colmar has got a new brother, A. A. Bean, recently wed to Baldwinville, N. Y., and got Colmar's sister for a wife. May be of long duration with the pair.

Buck gloves and mittens; hal-skin gloves, ladies' kid gloves and mittens; goatskin, dogskin and hogskin gloves; gent's kid gloves and mittens—they have all kinds at Whitehead and Mitchell on Lovelace street for newest goods is the motto of this local pair.

Did you notice the dressed calf hanging in the window of P. Worth's shop? It was as fine a specimen of veal as has ever been seen? John Ames raised the youngster and it dressed just 308 pounds. A regular stunner it was and mighty good eating on top. We are under obligations to Mrs. Addie Patch for a most beautiful supply of the largest and finest grapes that we ever saw. The bunches were as large as—oh well, if anyone had told us that grapes ever grow in such clusters as these we would have disbelieved the story so we won't ask our readers to believe us now.

**Twenty-Five Years Ago**  
 Want to know what women's gowns are going to look like this season? Go out in the corn field and look at a scarceron.

A. E. Nelson's home has a rival. George Jennette's home on Pierce street is along the same line but there is more or it in bulk, color and finish.  
 It's hard to believe but we are telling it to youse. Charles R. Hoffman brought to us a full nest of nice, large, rich red and black strawberries. Just as nice as any grown in full season. These vines

of Charles' bear until frozen stiff and he told us he had about six quarts to ripen and they will if Jack Frost don't get 'em.  
 Mrs. W. Martin of Detroit and Miss Woodard entertained ten happy guests at a family dinner party. It was a fine and most enjoyable day for all. Mrs. Charles-Nisbett of Pontiac and two daughters, Ada and Flora, were there and also Mrs. W. Martin of Detroit and Mrs. Elizabeth Thurlby were on hand.

Ellsworth Plumstead at the Family Theater last week played to Standing Room Only. Both performances were well rendered and loudly cheered. He's a winner, he's a winner, he's a winner in his own home town. The pictures, as usual, were very good.  
 Automobile traffic was diverted one-half mile east from Woodward and Maple avenues one day last week, owing to sewer excavations. And the good people whose homes are on those streets enjoyed one night's peace at any rate.  
 The new light at the head of Pierce street is noticed and enjoyed by all these dark nights. We will soon see a well-lighted city.

**Five Years Ago**  
 Governor Comstock will hear plea for public school relief. Birmingham delegation numbering 50 cars will join auto caravan to Lansing. Petitions are circulated. Public works list includes new Birmingham postoffice. But letter to Congressman George A. Dyer to Lansing. Petitions are circulated. \$150,000 appropriation. Loss of first-class rating might forestall plan for Birmingham. Postmaster T. C. Hotelling.

Thad D. Steley is named receiver for First National Bank. Formerly of Birmingham. Twenty years of banking experience. Is former state legislator.

Retail Merchants Association will ask School Board for stip aid. Merchants want past due salaries payable on 1933 taxes. Oklahoma acceptance plan.

National Recovery Act "Buy Now" drive is mapped by local board. Campaign is to open here next week. Jordan describes purpose.

Suit opinion nearly ready. At Birmingham attorneys for Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, to decide whether or not cities have grounds for legal battle.

Township board strongly opposed to disposal plant. Southfield protests Birmingham Commission's proposal.

Baldwin gridlers will play Female. "Parents Day" will be observed here in connection with Saturday's game. Boys on football eligibility list will invite parents to tilt as guests of school.

County welfare districts are formed under centralized plan. Birmingham grouped with Bloomfield Hills and five townships in new setup.

**History of the Diamond**  
 (CRYSTAL FALLS)—That people of this city have been baseball enthusiasts since "way back" was proved recently when Andy Skovra discovered a 51-year-old ticket while remodeling his house. The ticket was for a game in the village opera house, July 26, 1887. The National league was 11 years old then, and the American league didn't exist.

## Number One Hostess Town Hall Speaker

Elisa Maxwell, America's "number one hostess" and party-giver will speak at Detroit Town Hall in the Fisher Theater Wednesday October 26, at 11 o'clock.

A small town girl from California with a talent for making friends and keeping them, Elisa is distinguished for her friendships with princes and paupers and of the most common and uncommon people; for her dominating role in the social life on both sides of the Atlantic, and her own talent as pianist and composer.

She is most famous for her critical parties where big business rags shoulders with royalty and the members of America's oldest families cavort with stars in all fields. Her only philosophy is "Let's have fun."

In her Town Hall subject, "To-day Society Is Different," Maxwell will discuss the radical changes in American society since the days of Ward McAllister, and how she herself played in this change.

## Says Rail Wages Must Be Reduced



Retiroids must reduce wages in order to balance their budgets and meet competition, F. E. Williamson, above, president of the New York Central railroad, testified before President Roosevelt's fuel saving board in Washington.

Report of formation of The Birmingham National Bank at Birmingham, Ala., State of Ala., at the close of business on September 30, 1938. (Published in response to call made by Committee on the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.)

Assets	Liabilities
Capital and surplus	Deposits
United States Government securities	Time deposits
State and municipal securities	Checking accounts
Real estate	Other deposits
Loans	Other liabilities
Other assets	Total

## LIVE and LEARN

By Alice Ann Sanders  
 Joe Carr was a small illiterate man who had been domineered for twenty years by his huge wife.

One day she was taken ill with pneumonia and found that this was the enemy with whom her husbandness was allied.  
 She had heard people say again and again that fat people very seldom survived pneumonia. So she got into thinking of all her unkindnesses to Joe and sent for him.

The nurse ushered him in and left. Joe could not adjust his mind to Annie's being conquered by anything, not even pneumonia. He was embarrassed for her and stood twining his cap waiting for her to speak.

When she did not speak he felt he must say something and ventured, "Well, Annie, if anything happens to you it will be worse than as if the barn burned down. Yes sir, it will be worse! Having my old cow, Polly, dead."

Mary was her mother's helper. She was the oldest of her children, the youngest one year old and Mary, eight.

She did quite a lot of shopping for her mother but she had never been allowed to shop for meat yet as she lacked proper training in the different cuts.

But today her mother was ill and she had to have a roast, so she sent Mary after it.

Mary walked proudly into the meat market. Now she was really grown up, she could shop for meat. Importantly she said, "I want a rump-shoulder roast."

"What?" questioned the butcher, his mouth hanging open. "A rump-shoulder roast," reiterated Mary.

"Well, now, I can give you either of those roasts, but it's beyond my power, little girl, to give you that combination."

"Very well, then I shall look elsewhere," said Mary as she made a haughty exit.

## Detroit Federal Theater Presents Engrossing Study Of Housing Problem

By Carol Dweley  
 Currently showing at the Lafayette Theater in Detroit is "The Third of a Nation," a production which defies all the rules of entertainment as established by precedent, and still manages to be engrossing.

Based on a remark in President Roosevelt's second inaugural speech, in which he said he found "... one third of a nation ill housed, ill clothed and ill nourished," the play, for it is more a series of episodes than a play, is the Federal Theater's version of the housing problem.

Based on accurate reports of the housing question, compiled through The Living Newspaper, organ of the W. P. A. Theaters. That it is accurate, there is no doubt, but that the presentation of 200 years of statistics is good entertainment is something new in the theatrical world.

Outstanding for his comely value and the sincerity of his interpretation is Joseph F. Foley, as The Little Man, American Barton Cooper. He pops on and off the stage throughout the play, rising into fierce arguments with the narrator, Vener Halstone, whose voice is The Living Newspaper.

Through the eyes of Mr. Barton Cooper, the audience is taken from present-day slums to pre-revolutionary New York, in a series of episodes in stylized fashion.

Stylized play production, itself a modern development in the theater, means a bare stage, with the two levels employed in a one-third of a nation.

One of the most striking touches in the play is the music, performed by the Federal musicians. If the score was not actually written for this production, it has been cleverly enough adapted so that all of the music, and there is a lot, plays a large part in the unfolding of the plot.

The Secret Is Out  
 "I wonder why Scotchmen are so good at golf."  
 "They realize that the fewer times they strike the ball the longer it will last."

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