

# 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

Boys who get out coming melons should find out during the day where the melon patch is and where the pumpkins are, so as to have time and trouble.

A strange case of rattle-dazzle came upon a speaker at the Big Beaver pole raising last week Saturday. During his remarks he said: "I can't see how any man in his right mind can vote the Republican ticket and dare to sleep at night."

Billy the Kid, Dan the tooth arlet, Ed the horse milliner, Mort the student, and Smith the forwarding clerk can narrate a hair-raiser.

The kids of Pontiac played a game of ball with the kids of Birmingham on Saturday, the score standing 25 to 30 in favor of our boys. The feature of the game was Charlie Tom's wonderful slide to third; his brilliant double play and the horrible crack he took in the back of the head from a thrown ball while running to first, which knocked him senseless. Fred Reynolds distinguished himself as pitcher, fanning out many opponents.

Honorable M. S. Brewer and Steve Trowbridge will address the citizens of Birmingham and vicinity at the great Republican pole-raising on next Saturday, Sept. 15, raising on the great Saturday, Sept. 15.

Down on the fair grounds very lately, Postmaster Mitchell went up in the captive balloon, said to go up 1,000 feet, tied down with a string. On making a safe return, an enthusiastic old farmer friend of Mitchell's slapped him on the back and yelled "Geurusalem! Mitchell, that's as high as you'll ever get, ain't it?" And Mitchell said: "Yes, I thought I'd get that high."

War in Europe! War in Europe has no terror for John D. VanCvery, of housepainting, paperhanging and ornamental work fame. Right now he and a gang of competent men are busy painting and decorating the Distreem homestead in the Rundel subdivision and from this job they move on to the big Earle apartment and other jobs safely anchored. John's fears are not on the coming winter. See him for an estimate on your job. You will never regret it.

Mrs. E. Baldwin has left her pleasant home at Mr. and Mrs. A. VanAcker's and will be at the home of Mrs. Bell on the corner of Martin and Bates and will be pleased to see all of her many friends.

Sugar took a sudden drop at Shean's last week. Not in price but in a barrel. While lifting a barrel of the precious grains by pulley to the second story, the rope broke and William West received severe cuts on his hand. A very sweet but sticky time was doubtless had by all at poor Will.

Deputy Sheriff Web Bray arrested a sea rover Tuesday. The vessel was taken to Pontiac in an auto after proving that an all-night stay in jail would not sober him. He gave the name of Ed J. Kennedy and said he was a sailor. No wonder he was wet!

Five Years Ago  
N. R. A. compliance board appointed map buying drive. Committee of seven will rule on complaints. J. B. Howarth is named chairman of board by Don Jordan, general chairman. "Hay In Birmingham" campaign is planned by Retail Merchants' Association, to open September 21.

Schools will start Monday on 1938-39. Crandell anticipates increase in enrollment over 2,675 from last year. Girls' length in doubt still but shoot one feared. One major faculty change.

City commission requests share of jobs for Birmingham. Joins southern Oakland in charging discrimination against workers from here, rumored existing in Detroit and Pontiac.

Name winners of vegetable lot prizes. Judges in second annual yard and garden contest decide two entrants are tied for first place. Contest nearly close.

McBride off for Texas to spend winter but won't resign. Not for the present anyway, he says. Commission autochecks appointment. May act next Monday. Absent member says something may bring him back within a month.

Student Loan Fund hold elections. Mrs. Lee A. White is chosen to serve as president of Scholarship Fund association.

Huge Boy Scout rally planned by district committee members. "Appreciation Night" program is scheduled for September 29, at Community House.

City may seek federal aid under Woodward sewer. City officials confer with VanWagoner in Lansing.

# TWO ONE

By Marjorie Elaine Porter

Comes, starts from the National Consumer Tax Commission in Chicago, Ill., that women in 28 states using Michigan, have joined in a "nation-wide drive against taxes that increase the cost of living." Holding the drive in this drive is Mrs. H. R. Alford of Highland Park, a former president of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Members of the Commission describe the drive as "America's first crusade against local, state and national taxes that increase living costs and raid the family pocketbook."

Mrs. Kenneth C. Frazier of Dallas, Tex., president of the group, sets the goal at two million members who will be located throughout the country.

"American women are showing an increasing impatience with politicians and selfish groups, who are still trying to pile taxes, most of which are unnecessary, on the backs of consumers," Mrs. Frazier declared in an address opening the campaign.

"We all know certain taxes are necessary for the maintenance of good government and of proper public service, but we know also that all taxes are not necessary nor in the public interest, and we intend to analyze and study taxes, good and bad, and then fight those which do not contribute in proportion to what they take from our homes and tables."

This is one of the most encouraging pieces of information we have received in a long time primarily concerned with the fact that women, two million strong, are waging a war against taxes, but with the fact that two million women have organized with one voice.

Don't misunderstand, it is much to their credit that they have chosen taxation as the target at which to shoot. It is a subject that is fundamental and one that will bear investigation. But what we feel particularly encouraged about is the fact that two million women are at last becoming aware of their potential power and influence as a unit.

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Mother slipped off her shoes, wiggling her toes in an ecstasy of relief. With a weary sigh she sank into a chair and feebly announced to Father: "We spent the day buying Sister's college outfit, and I have a feeling I'll never be the same."

Father contrasted a mild remark to the effect that his bank roll would probably never be the same either. But Mother rose up in indignation: "Don't be silly," she snuffed. "Buying things as inexpensive as Sister's outfit is right now and anyway, Sister was very considerate about keeping within the budget you and I made out for her wardrobe. She insisted on bringing everything home with her. Heaven knows, and you say for yourself that it wasn't any more than two weary women could carry."

"Why are you so tired then?" Father wanted to know. "From your tone of voice, I had visions of you lecturing me about the stores."

The very memory of it made Mother moan faintly. "I think," she said, "that Sister is going to be either a merchant prince or a dictator. I've never SEEN anyone so exacting. Honestly, I was almost embarrassed the way she made the clerks show us everything they had before she'd even consider buying anything. I will say though, she's contented with her purchases as a claim at high tide."

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"What'd she buy?" asked Father. "I've seen her poring over magazines and catalogues for the past six months and if she concentrates half as hard on her studies she'll probably be a Phi Beta Kappa. What was the result of all this pondering if of a mere man may ask?"

"Sweaters, for one thing," said Mother, in a dull voice. "Four little sweaters, and I'll say they look up to brass knuckles. She wanted a cardigan—that's the kind that buttons down the back—and a plain one with long sleeves and a short-sleeved one and an angora one for dates—imagine wearing sweaters for dates! Young people certainly have changed since we were young."

"Granted," said Father, a trifle wistfully. "But what about the sweaters?"

"Oh, yes. Well, she made sure they'd wash without fading or pulling out of shape and THAT took ages. THEN she worried about harmonizing colors." (Was it possible that a note of pride was creeping into Mother's tone?) "You know," she continued, "Sister bought just one skirt, a lovely bright plaid one, because she's taking her old one to school and then she had her new suit. Well, by the time she'd finished with a jacket, but she put her foot down—she already had one and could always borrow another if she needed to. And GUESS what we ended up with! A black velvet thing with an enormous skirt and not much else. It's strapless! Father looked sort of dazed, as Mother continued:

"She said that people never remembered black, so she could wear it as often as she had a chance, and that this extreme gown would be just as much in style next year as it is now. And you know—now that I think of it, I'm inclined to agree with her." (Mother's pride in daughter's judgment was becoming more apparent. Even Father seemed pleased, if bewildered.)

"She used her head on shoes, too. She bought some of those clumpy saddle shoes, and a nice pair of heavy oxfords, to wear with her suit. Of course she had evening slippers, the only dainty shoes she needed were some little sandals to wear on dates."

I thought she paid an awful lot for shoes but she said she wanted to make sure they'd stand under heavy wear."

There was silence for a minute and then Mother spoke again. "We'll have to have one more day of shopping before she's all ready," she said dreamily. "I wonder if she'd mind helping me pick out a few things for myself..."

# PROGRAM TO OPEN WITH NEW BALLET

An interesting event will be the opening of the Detroit Town Hall in the Fisher Theatre Wednesday morning, Oct. 12. With the Ballet Caravan, making its Detroit appearance. This young organization of 20 dancers was organized by Lincoln Kirstein in 1926. Adts. 2-25

Second on the series of 20 Wednesday mornings at 11 o'clock will be Frank Lloyd Wright at the office of Architectural Record, famous for her original papers, comes Oct. 26 to tell why "Today Society is Different." Nov. 2 is the date for Felix Morley, editor of the Washington Post, who returns to Town Hall to speak on the "Press and Public Opinion."

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Present, Hon. James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Albert W. Wacker, Deceased.

W. Whiting Raymond having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be declared to be null and void, and that administration of said estate be granted to the executor named in the will or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That said 1st day of October, A. D. 1938, at 2 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, for three consecutive weeks, previous to said day of October, A. D. 1938, in some newspaper published and circulated in said County, and that prominent notice of it be made in the several personally or by mail, to all persons named in said petition, and to each of the known heirs at law, legatees and devisees at their last known address, within ten days after the date of the first publication hereof.

JAMES H. LYNCH, Judge of Probate.

A True Copy. LEAH KOCH (Martin), Deputy Register of Probate.

W. WHITING RAYMOND, Petitioner. 415 N. Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Mich.

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