

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

Jan. 10, 1889

A school-marm exodus took place last week, all the visitors returning to the scenes of their labor.

F. Hagerman wife and daughter Gertrude will start for California next Saturday.

Deacon White, formerly of the Detroit, was closed a long time with Jno. M. Hainey, trying to secure John for his (White's) Buffalo ball team.

Sixteen hands are steadily employed at the Tack Factory, turning out certain poles and fixtures that are shipped broadcast all over the United States, gaining thus a world-wide reputation for our thriving little village.

Andrew Nichols of Big Beaver is on the anxious seat with the Sturgis boys and his case drags slowly along and meanwhile for the want of ball "as he is generally known, boards at Pontiac with Mart Bloomberg.

Strayed into my enclosure, a black about four or five months old. Owner can have same by calling, proving property, and paying charges. Ira Bender, Southfield.

These pedic club parties are the most enjoyable things in the world and we were made aware of that fact by participating in one at the residence of Dr. Raymond on Friday last.

A handsome plush frame mirror for first prize and Ed Quick got the "hooby," to which he has a special liking.

Watkins will do good farming if he gets rich. He fattened 14 hogs and then kept two, gave one to Birmingham's poor, and the other six to the deserving poor in Detroit on Christmas Day.

Unquestionably there is more good in giving than in receiving.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Jan. 9, 1914

Conductor W. J. Weise, formerly of Birmingham, saved a woman's life one day last week by practicing the "Safety First" idea.

He received a fine compliment in his issue of Friday last.

Floyd Smith, who has been employed by the Mink Grocery Co. for some time past, has resigned his position and moved to Holly.

Harry Saeger has been engaged to fill the vacancy and we wish them both luck.

John Schram, the picture man, took a trip over to Lapeer Sunday last. Now we are all wondering if it is all anything serious.

We don't know who he is—perhaps we never saw his face—but our snow scraper man without doubt has been in the city for ever, after a fall of snow. He leaves nothing to do for the proprietors. We are waiting for the snow to melt.

John Harmon street. Here's to you, old sport.

Mr. and Jennelle have added to their souvenir card business, many views of handsomely colored cards showing all the pretty spots in Birmingham and many of the business places, churches and attractive streets. They have invested in this line over \$500 and the way people call for them shows their appreciation.

If you have a copy of The Eccentric dated Dec. 26, please give it back to the publishers or leave it at the post office for Mitchell. Want them for advertisers.

Wedding bells are so very tin-tinulating in and around Birmingham. We, W. Campbell's office that the noise is growing up a nervous prostration to the tenants of the Royal block. Not so very long ago, he tied up Miss Mary Edmonds, 20, and John J. Driscoll, 23, both of Oxford, Mich. Edmonds had performed the same operation for Mary Wade, 29, and Fred R. Eldred, 30, all of Oxford, Mich. Edmonds people think this is Gretchen Green.

Five Years Ago

Jan. 1934

Community House will curb unruly guests at parties. Mrs. L. N. Pyle, president of Home Association, answers charges that David Curry Jr., Baldwin graduate and Allied Youth leader, that boys and girls were drunk at New Year's Eve dance. Invites complaints at annual meeting.

Petitions may ask election by public on beer issue. Leader in fight for 3.2 and wine in Birmingham considers circulation for signatures. No hard liquor wanted.

Educations relief project classes will open tonight. Eight teachers are given jobs in program already approved; 251 students enroll. Mrs. William McMillan, 923 East Maple avenue, named general supervisor of school and college work financed by State Extension.

Schools seek part of state \$15,000,000 fund, appropriated for relief work in educational Birmingham district may expect \$25,000, or about 25 percent of money needed to reconstruct granddell. Full term is now in danger.

Bank heads are re-elected. Officers and directors of Birmingham National, headed by Fred W. Johnson, will return for another year.

Harry S. Toy warns service clubs of gang control, at joint meeting. Militant Wayne County prosecutor declares racketeers may over-run town.

son home boots damage far above last year's count, according to annual report issued by Fire Chief Vernon Griffith.

Manager of Detroit Tigers will dress Boy Scouts and their families at annual "Jamboree" in Community House. And Mickey Cochrane may also decide to live in Birmingham.

Individuals

Stefan Zweig.

Stefan Zweig, famous European biographer and novelist, and the most translated of living authors will speak before the Detroit Town Hall in the Fisher Theatre next Wednesday morning, Jan. 18, at 11 o'clock. Zweig's books, according to the Statistical Bureau of the League of Nations, have been translated into more than 30 languages, including such uncommon tongues as Chinese, Japanese, Georgian and Indian.

In his talk, "The History of Tomorrow," he will deal with the coming history of mankind as prophesied by the past.

Zweig is best known in the United States for his two masterful and amazingly successful biographies, "Marie Antoinette" and "Mary, Queen of Scotland and the Isles," both Book-of-the-Month Club selections and best sellers. His latest book, "Conqueror of the Seas," was a Literary Guild choice last February.

What Your City Commission Is Doing—

January 9, 1939

Bills were approved in the amount of \$83,925.15, including a payroll for the two week period ending December 31 of \$6,643.21.

Northwood Hospital, reporting the owners of 15.69 acres of unplatted property abutting the new Woodland Heights, and the Smith and Poppleton Acreage, appeared before the Commission with a verbal offer for the sale of such property to the city, for park or recreation purpose, for \$8,000 cash, provided however that such portion be taken up immediately. The suggestion was approved in a communication from the North East Home Owners Association, and a committee from that group also were favorable to such a development. The proposal will be considered before the next meeting of the commission, and action may be taken at that time.

Part of Woodlake Avenue, in Pleasant Meadows Subdivision, and long considered vacated, was formally vacated and abolished as required by statute.

The manager was authorized to register two tractors and to consider on a deferred payment basis.

Two amendments to the zoning ordinance were presented for hearing to be held on January 30th. One regulates accessory uses permitted in single family residential districts and the other regulates the construction of fences in the various districts.

Irene E. Hanley, City Clerk.

HITLER THEME OF TOWN HALL SPEAKER

The popular speaker Colonel W. Stewart Roddie (C. V. O. of London) is to appear for the Detroit Town Hall, in the city, on Friday morning, Jan. 13 at 11 a. m.

Four year's active service for Great Britain during the World War was followed by special commissions that have kept Colonel Roddie in continuous service in Germany; for the War Office, as Minister of Munitions, in the Department of Overseas Transport, in particular as a member of the Inter-Allied Commission that carried out the work of disarmament. His subject will be "Germany-Disarmament, Revolution and Hitler."

Grace

A woman about to entertain a duchess for the first time gave careful instructions to the maid about the way the duchess was to be received.

"Now, Mary," she said, "remember that whenever you address the duchess you must say, 'Your Grace.'"

When the duchess day arrived, and the maid opened the door to the mistress was at home. The maid answered, "Yes, she is and may the Lord make us truly thankful for what we are about to receive."

'Dear Dad'-Letters of A College Freshman

By Norman Lyle, Jr.

Dear Dad, And so the dizzy two weeks of the Christmas recess have been completed, and I'm back at the old stand to recover from the effects of my recent vacation. In school again, I can catch up on my sleep; I confess that the chairs in the class rooms aren't comfortable as they might be, but the soothing drones of the professors will fill me into a blissful slumber. Honestly, if the recess had extended one week longer, I wouldn't have been in any shape to return to school. I had hoped—fool that I am—to do plenty of relaxing in a man-sized bed at home; I returned here sadder, wiser, and as much in a fog as ever. Oh, well, I enjoyed every waking minute they were all WAKING minutes. I believe of the two weeks, and I wish there had been more of them.

Bowling Scores

House League W L
Mike's Service 27 15
Mil-Pax Coffee Shop 25 17
Orpheum Recreation 28 19
Kurth's Real Estate 10 23
Pham Recreation 18 24
Moulthrop Supply 14 28
High Score, Geo. Smith, 247.

Leonard Electric League W L
Stewart, Team No. 3 6 3
Schaier, Team No. 7 6 3
Corey, Team No. 6 5 4
Macey, Team No. 1 5 4
Oppermann, Team No. 5 4 5
Frankfield, Team No. 2 4 5
Watson, Team No. 4 4 5
Ruddick, Team No. 8 2 7

Junior House League W L
Pham Recreation Jrs. 31 17
Scribb's Candies 30 18
Detroit Creamery 25 23
Mulholland 24 24
Winningham's Chevrolet 24 24
Ritter's Beer Store 23 25
Strober of Pontiac 25 24
Hi-Speed Gas 11 37
High Game, Bob Hopkins, 213.

Wermuth and Son League W L
Team No. 2 28 20
Team No. 3 26 22
Team No. 4 26 22
Team No. 5 24 24
Team No. 1 23 25
Team No. 6 17 31
High Game, H. Schmidt, 157.

Merchants League W L
Post National Bank 24 12
Sherman's Market 25 13
Goebel's 22 14
Lubbers' Hardware 26 12
Clawson Oil 16 20
Pham Eccentric 15 21
Guardian Bank of R. O. 11 23
Will Sleepy 25 25
High Game, P. Burnett, 213.

Ladies League W L
Davidson 21 15
Beck's Cleaners 19 17
Detroit Health Salon 21 15
Freeman's Beauty Salon 16 20
Photographic Shop 15 21
High Game, Dorothy Eastham, 101.

On my part, I started at the bottom of the list and have been working up. I'm not quite half way through yet, and I've got a good notion to start over again: I'm still sleepy.

One spark of hope is stealing me for the coming mid-years. It's the thought that if I can get through my math blue book with no too-serious effects, I'll be all through this one-semester math course. I've been seeing things through a haze of algebraic figures and letters since I passed my last blue book in the course.

Add Plenty Of Greens To Your Diet If You Seek Health-Giving Vitamins

The vitamins that we must have in abundance in green vegetables furnish the necessary roughage food which is not likely to irritate the digestive organs. To the persons not requiring energy food they are a boon and to the one needing food of energy value they should be served with sauce or dressing high in calories.

How to Cook Greens. Wash and rub the greens, having all leaves free. Put in a bowl of cold water. Set two vessels of water on the stove and bring to a boil, into one kettle put 1 teaspoon of baking soda and into this put the greens. Let boil 3 minutes—no longer. Then drain the water off and refill the kettle with fresh boiling water. Add 1 teaspoon of salt to the quart of water and allow the greens to cook until tender. Drain and add 1/2 cup butter, bacon fat, cream or white sauce, salt and pepper if desired.

Spinach and Tomatoes. Put a layer of seasoned fresh or canned spinach in a greased hot pan. Then a layer of canned tomatoes, well seasoned, on top with buttered crumbs. Bake in an oven 375 degrees for 20 minutes.

Braised Lettuce. Cut washed heads of Boston lettuce in quarters, cook in salted water until tender. Lift out, shape and brown in shortening in which has been sautéed a slice of carrot, 1 onion and 1 crumbled bouillon cube.

Old Fashioned Dutch Greens. 2 cups canned greens. 3 slices bacon. 1 tablespoon sugar. 1-2 cup water. 2 tablespoons flour. 1-2 teaspoon of mustard. 1-2 cup weak vinegar.

Cut bacon in small pieces and fry until crisp. Put these in the cooked greens. Add other ingredients to the bacon fat and cook until hot. Pour over greens with milk and serve while dressing is hot.

Beef Cups. Whole beets of uniform size. 1 pint cooked greens. 2 hard-boiled eggs. 1 tablespoon vinegar. Salt and pepper.

Wash the beets well and drop into boiling water. Cook until tender, then drop into cold water and allow to cool. Remove the center of the beets to form cups. Brush the inside of the cups with salt butter. Place in top of double boiler to keep hot until just before serving. Then fill with cooked greens prepared as follows:

Spinach Baskets. Trim the crust from a stale loaf of bread and cut in 2 inch squares. Scoop out deeply, brush all over with melted butter and brown crisply in a moderate oven. Fill these cornstarch with well seasoned spinach. Serve very hot.

Cheese and Spinach Timbales. 2 cups cooked spinach. 1-3 teaspoon salt. 3 eggs. 2 raw carrots. 2-3 cup of milk. 2 tablespoons butter.

1-2 teaspoon of mustard. Chop spinach very fine. Beat egg yolks, add milk, melted butter, seasoning and stir while beating. Add one half of cheese sauce with the spinach and fold the stiffly beaten egg whites. Fill the hot timbale molds with mixture and place in a pan of hot water. Bake in a moderate oven until firm. Turn out on a hot platter, garnish with slices of hard-boiled egg and pour the rest of the cheese sauce around the timbales.

Elephant Vanishes. Iron River—The elephant was the symbol for the boys in a CCC camp near Kenton and was placed on all their trucks and other equipment. This was all right until a national radio artist spoke of it over the air, commenting upon an elephant as an emblem during a Democratic administration. The elephant vanished immediately thereafter.

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