

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. 3, 1889 Social masquerade party at Red Ribbon Hall, Big Beaver, on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 13, Bill—50 cents.

The children will never forget Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Travis, who stood Santa Claus for all those whose parents were unable to provide presents, at their annual Christmas tree. Mr. and Mrs. Travis supplied all the less lucky ones with beautiful presents, in the shape of books, dolls, games, candy, nuts, fruits and everything without limit. It perfectly set wild with delight the little ones, many of whom never heard her names called at a Christmas tree before.

At one fell swoop, Mr. Erity's flowing wells have taken the life of the whole neighborhood. He has a monster, a six inch stream, inside the towns, two three inch streams, making a solid flow of a twelve inch stream of water into his pond, day after day, week after week and month after month. All the flowing wells of the farmers on that belt hung up dry. Too bad, too bad.

All ready for the Ladies Library Association Annual masquerade party? It will be held Friday evening, Jan. 18, 1889. The ladies have been reduced to meet the times and for a single dollar you can go and participate in one of the very finest dance parties of the season. Just think of it! A party in the direction of the L. A. and the bill only a dollar. We predict a jolly crowd of lively participants. And to further the cause of the Misses Baines of Detroit who have been the popular customers who have furnished costumes for parties for many years, have signified their intention to be present. They inform us that costumes have never been more or more numerous and the prices lower than ever. Many few costumes for ladies and gents, and you can get them starting at a dollar. Take our advice and don't try to make one when you can't get one for the very same money.

Twenty-Five Years Ago Jan. 2, 1914 Signal bells have been installed at the G. T. crossings in Royal Oak and the Oakton, etc. The Frank Blakeslee family had a "full house" on Christmas, twenty members sitting down to the big turkey.

Everybody thought Friday was Monday for the last two weeks. Monday for one man who was in a clock on Thursday and quarreled with his wife because she made fun of him.

Mrs. E. Baldwin, of Mrs. Jennie Ferguson's for the winter, received from Mrs. Gertrude Baldwin of Palm Beach, Florida, a big basketful of fine oranges, right off the tree. A fine present.

A reunion of the Wright family was held on Christmas Day, the beautiful residence of C. I. Wright of 14th Avenue, in Detroit, today being also the 29th anniversary of his sister, Mrs. Almyra Mudge. More than 30 were helped to a bountiful supply of everything in the way of eatable after which Dr. Charles Frankfurth took a flashlight picture of the merry group.

There have been lively times with young people at the pond these past two weeks, with hockey and skating. The kids have paraded a popular song and sing it: "When there's skating on the pond at Birmingham, or if they haven't, they might."

The proposed Birmingham Club shows signs of eventually developing into an organization of which our old town would be proud. They have several places in view for a clubhouse, the old Tab property on Woodward avenue being the most prominent. Our prominent citizens are taking interest in it, too.

Five Years Ago Jan. 4, 1934 Young people are disorderly at New Year's Eve party at Community House, is charge. Noise drinking of high school and collegiate guests irk neighbor, James Atwell. Police will keep check as neighbors leave, henceforth.

West Maple avenue may be re-paved. Funds from Federal C. W. A. believed available as Commission forwards resolution to State Highway Department. Improvement may widen bridge and at least partially eliminate dangerous curve.

Educational relief plans are taking shape. Committee announces probable list of courses to be offered in youth and adult extension education work. Registration continues.

City Commission votes against new by the glass Mayor Allen will transfer sentiments to meeting for uniform control zoning 11 county municipalities, to be held tonight. Tentative law is drawn.

Baby girl is first arrival of 1934-Born Monday night, at 10:45. Barbara Ann Zettel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Zettel of Cole avenue will win gift awards offered by local merchants.

Drive on double parking is delayed. Police will wait until West Maple is posted, between Pierce and Bates, with warnings, before issuing traffic tickets to all offenders.

Sign on theater wins exemption because of size and expense involved in move. Commission

amends ordinance prohibiting signs which project more than three feet over sidewalk.

Scout Heads are re-elected. District Committee officers, headed by Shelton Wright of Aspen road, will posts for another year.

What Your City Commission Is Doing—

January 3, 1939 Bills were approved in the amount of \$1,282.51. A report was received from the manager listing a number of recent requests for street lights. Such requests will be considered when the 1939-40 budget is adopted.

There was considerable discussion of ordinances now being prepared, amending the zoning ordinance, and one regulating the construction of fences.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—Richard C. Fowler, 737 Harmon avenue: "Mrs. Fowler and I spent two months of the past summer at our cottage north of Harbor Springs, and of all the publications that we missed, The Eccentric was not one. Several times I was on the verge of having it re-addressed from my home to the north. I like to think of getting The Eccentric as an excellent "good habit".

Film Folk

Eddie Cantor's next picture will not be a musical. He will play the part of a dare-devil pilot in a story entitled "The Flying Yankee Man".

Lola Rosemary, Priscilla Lane and Gale Page will play in "Four Daughters". I like to think they were featured previously in "Four Daughters".

Deanna Durkin is again at work. Her picture, "Three Smart Girls Grow Up", was delayed by her illness.

Another George Bernard Shaw play has been purchased and will be shown on Broadway, after which it will be made into a play. It is "Newton" and the story revolves around the Neilsen and Charles H. . .

Madeline Carroll sailed on the "Normandie" Christmas Eve for Europe. She carried toys which she intended to distribute to the orphans in Paris on New Year's Day.

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May Kottson, Margaret Lindsay and Fay Bainter are being considered for the part of Clara Barton during three periods of her life in one of the Red Cross plays developed. Miss Robson has also gone back into the film.

"The Madge Mc Criminal" as the grandmother of the Dead End boys. She was replaced by Beulah Bondi when she broke her arm, but the Bondi sector is being re-shot . . .

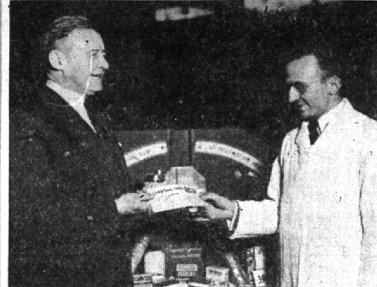
Oscar Polk, Negro actor who appeared on Broadway in "Can't Take It With You", has been assigned to the role of Pork in "Green in the Face" in "Gone With the Wind" . . .

Richard Dix is to appear in a series of short adventures in "Stanley and the Three Aces" . . . Newspaper columnist. He continues the character created in "Five Rednecks Hours" . . .

The life of Anne Adams and a story of her Hull House activities will be screened and released in September, which will be the fifty-fifth anniversary of the founding of that settlement work center.

Leslie Howard and Wendy Hiller (of Pygmalion) will be featured in George Bernard Shaw's "The Doctor's Dilemma" . . .

Kroger Veteran Gets First Bonus Check



First to receive his Christmas bonus check, of the \$200,000 distributed to 15,000 Kroger employees, was Ray Ader of Cincinnati, veteran store manager shown with Albert H. Morrill, president of the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company. In presenting the check Morrill congratulated Ader on his 25 years of service and recalled that his father, the late George Ader, was a Kroger manager for 40 years, starting with the late B. H. Kroger when there were only two Kroger stores.

Ader is a charter member of the Cincinnati Branch 25-Year club, one of several such service groups organized by Kroger veterans throughout the middle-west. He also is a member of the Kroger employees Credit Union and, like other members of the organization, participates in a health, accident and life insurance plan.

Your Michigan -- And Mine

Horie Goes To School Alleged—The city caused an education-seeking nag and surprised school officials recently. When sent to school one morning, they found a horse roaming on the first floor of the high school. The expected arrival of many a laugh and a job for the janitors. Oh, yes, the day before the horse was found was Halloween.

Fish Without Tackle Portland—One of the finest pike which has been taken from Grand River in some time was caught without tackle by Russell Ader, a nine-year-old young boy. He was walking along the river when he saw the pike catch several shiners. He ran and grabbed the 4 1/2 pound pike by the gills.

A Big Birthday Vassar—George F. Houston's 88th birthday was a big one, proving that the people of Mayville went out of their way to honor Michigan's youngest Civil War veteran. He was presented with a huge birthday cake 18 inches tall and weighing 20 pounds. In addition, he received a lashed basket full of birthday greeting cards.

Strong Little Fellow Mason—A small, furry animal was attacked by two dogs and five men here, but escaped safely without even a scratch. The event took place in Mason's business section. You see, the animal was a skunk, and the attackers decided that discretion would be the better part of valor. The skunk withdrew leisurely, and the cleaner didn't get any extra business.

Too Many Coats Dearborn—Police thought something was a bit strange when they discovered a man in a factory jacket wearing three winter jackets. He was arrested, and admitted that he was wearing two too many coats. He was sentenced to serve 30 days in the Detroit House of Correction.

Healthy Onions Lake City—Michigan seems to have been gaining a reputation as the state where big vegetables are grown. In addition to big pumpkins, tall corn, and freak turnips that have been reported this year, now comes an onion specimen, Warner Corwin of Lake City has

Blanchard—Here's the story of another gentleman who "did not choose to run." When Clyde V. Shovalter received a proof ballot for the November election, he found his name as a candidate for auditor general on the Sunapee District. As he was a candidate for register of deeds for Isabella county, it cost him a telegram to every county clerk in Michigan to correct his name on the ballot.

Three Oaks—When a horse slipped and fell in a creek near here, presented a problem. The owner, a crew of neighbors struggled to raise the horse, but the more they worked, the quieter the horse laid. Then a dog showed them how. He nipped the horse on the leg, and old Dobbin hopped up without any help and walked out of the water.

Albino Deer Seen Newberry—Albino deer, a rare sighted animal, has been seen in several places in the upper peninsula this season. An Albino buck was reported by a south of Marquette. Conservation officers reported seeing several of the all white animals near Vanderbilt, and another one has been seen in the vicinity of L'Anse.

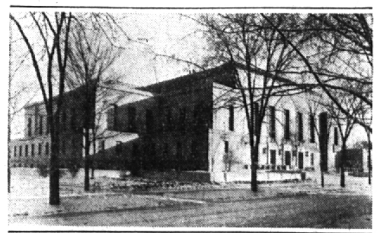
Wanted To Vote Harbor Springs—David Ducker, who was visiting here at the time of the November election, mist had been pretty anxious to vote. He sent to Columbusville for an absent voter's ballot, and when it failed to arrive on time, Ducker boarded a bus and traveled 200 miles to his home town to cast his vote.

These Political Stephens Scottville—Stephens, Stephens, and Stephens sounds alike like a law firm in the line of a Republican family here, all three of whom hold public office. Eusebius Stephens, Sen., Mason County's ex-legislative representative, Lloyd is a Mason county coroner, and Rupert E. won the Republican vice-presidential nomination county.

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Your University

PERSONS, PLACES AND ACTIVITIES YOU HAVE HEARD OR READ ABOUT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



THE HORACE H. RACKHAM SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES This new building and an endowment of \$400,000 for the support of the Graduate School of the University of Michigan came in 1925 as the result of a gift from the Horace H. Rackham and Mary A. Rackham Fund. The building, which was dedicated this summer, contains lecture halls, reading, study, discussion and conference rooms and facilities for research and other graduate organizations. The income from the endowment, which is one of the largest in the state, will be used for unspecified purposes, will be used to improve and expand research and educational facilities for the graduate functions of the University. The structure that will serve educational purposes, the building is a memorial to the long and continuing interest of the donor and will bear his name, The Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies. In the words of Dr. Clarence S. Yoakum, Dean of the School, it will be a vital force in the research and creative activities of the University, planned and constructed so that it will suggest and utilize those activities and forces which increase the well-being and happiness of mankind.

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