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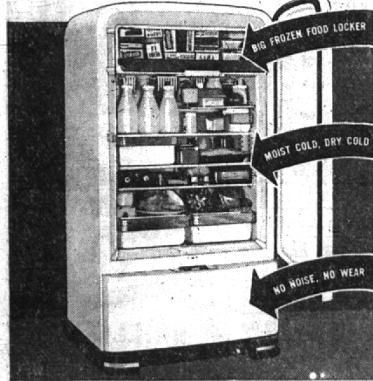
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Labor Union, Civil War, School System Stem From Marshall's Historical Past

By the Old AAA Traveler

Strange how we pass through a town time after time, year after year, and yet know nothing about the town except what might be seen along a few blocks of the main street. There's nothing along that street to tell anything of the town's background. No clue as to the happenings in the town in by-gone days.

So it is with the placid little town of Marshall, west of Detroit on US 12, a town most Michiganders traverse when heading westward. We know it's an attractive little town, tree-shaded streets, a green circle in its center, with a fountain bubbling, that's about all.

Yet Marshall is an utterly fascinating place if you budget out time for just a bit of exploration.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Detroit in and County on the 1st day of July, 1947, present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the Estate of Daniel J. Bell DeMarre and Anabel R. Doyle, executors of said estate having filed in said Court a petition, praying for approval to sell at private sale the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described.

It is Ordered, That the 26th day of July, 1947, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said Court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted.

It is Further Ordered, That notice of this thereof, be given by publication of a copy of this order, once in each week for three weeks consecutively, previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
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—time to hunt out markers and monuments—time to delve into the rich historical background.

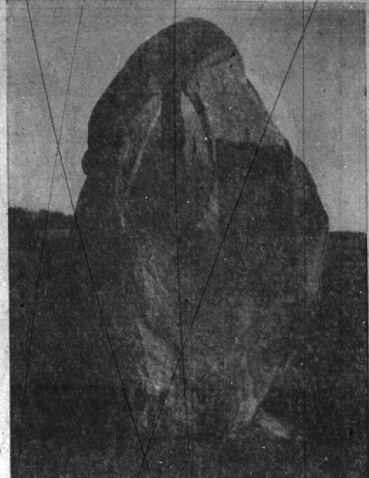
Marshall parades ante-bellum mansions and intriguing architecture, but, more than that, rich history has been written there. For years Marshall has the principal point on the railroad between Detroit and Chicago, and it was in Marshall that the now gigantic and powerful Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers was organized. In the old railroad days travelers all over the country raved enthusiastically over "Marshall venison" and "Marshall duck" which they had eaten in meal-stops in the town.

Probably the No. 1 historical occurrence in Marshall was the famous Crosswhite case, which truly was the seed which grew into the Civil War.

Marshall had been a center of anti-slavery agitation for many years when, in 1846, one Adam Crosswhite, a slave who had escaped from Kentucky, was seized by force by his former owners who had followed him from the Bluegrass country. Crosswhite had lived two years in Marshall and had become established as a peaceful, honest and respectable resident. When the Kentuckians seized him by force the whole town of Marshall rose in his defense. He was freed from his captors and he and his family were sent into Canada—and the Kentuckians thrown into jail! Two years later suit was filed by the Kentuckians against the residents of Marshall, and a verdict in favor of the Southerners was found in Detroit. The Crosswhite case brought about passage of the so-called Fugitive Slave Law in 1850—and it was that law which actually brought conflict between states, between brothers. Today a great boulder stands on the spot where Adam Crosswhite's home stood.

Another of the highlights in Marshall history was the birth of the present day Michigan public school system. It was in 1834 that the Rev. John D. Pierce and Isaac E. Cray sat on the grass beneath an oak tree and mapped their plans. The oak tree still stands on the lawn of the Brooks mansion, one of the showplaces of Marshall. The Brooks mansion is a striking example of Greek Revival architecture.

Another amazing old home is the so-called "Hawkins House" which flanks the circle on the main street. This old home is a



This boulder stands on the spot where Adam Crosswhite lived in Marshall, the Adam Crosswhite whose flight from Kentucky was a strong contributing factor in bringing on the Civil War.

replica of the governor's mansion smaller in scope, as the ancient in Honolulu when Judge Aber architecture of Williamsburg or Pratt was American minister to Sandwich Islands, as Hawaii then was called.

Marshall, of course, has the patina of years, for in 1930 it held some of the tree-shaded streets of its Centennial. At that time it was suggested that Marshall be termed "The Williamsburg of Michigan" because of its parade architecture, as impressive, if state visitor.

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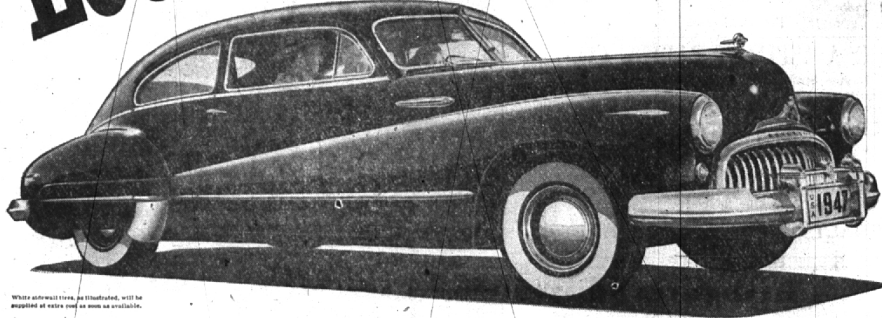
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