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But from where I sit, those little differences aren't important—unless we go out of our way to make them so, by being hypercritical. As Will says now: "Well, anyway, those long skirts hide a multitude of shins." ... and lets it go at that!

*Joe Marsh*

And Will admitted she was right.

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## Birmingham Barn Recalls 50 Years of Life as It Faces Exciting Future

**As Told to Alice E. Morgan**

Well, here I am, pretty well set now, and waiting for something else to happen that is exciting. I've had a pretty exciting time in my years in Birmingham. I began life, you see, as a barn just at the turn of the century. Not just an ordinary barn, John O'Connell (the man who built me) was a carpenter and a fine one. He cut the timbers himself, also the siding, and he put me together very carefully so I would last. That's why I'm still around today, of course. I suppose I'll be here for a long time, too. I certainly hope so, because I find that life here in Birmingham is very thrilling and exciting.

You see, I was built to be a barn, but almost never was one. Mister O'Connell wasn't well, and there were many times that he could not work to his trade. To have something to do he turned me into a store, and the youngsters who went to Hill School used to stop in here to buy their candy and school supplies.

**Times Change**

How times have changed! Today the youngsters stop in and buy candy, sure, but not like they used to. Back in those days they bought "back-eyes," peppermint molasses, peppermints, licorice rings, nigger bakes, jaw breakers and that sort of thing.

I can remember the boys and girls who used to come in, and believe me, seeing a nickel for candy then was a major investment. They would look and choose, and hold arguments about which was the best buy.

Some of the boys would bring their girls with them, and then it was even more important to get just the right thing. Once in a while a boy would come in, real shy, with a girl. Before they left some of his pals would come along, and what teasing and shouting that would set off.

The school supplies weren't much like they are now, either. The pads of paper were so very different, and the pencils. There were slate pencils in those days, too. But half these youngsters today would not know one if they saw it!

These children were quite a bit different from their granddaughters and grandsons of today. They didn't make much noise then. Their fun was a lot simpler—things they invented themselves. I suppose their lives were a lot simpler, too.

I'll tell you something else that has changed about youngsters, too. Clothes. Do you know, those girls actually wore more pounds of clothes at a time than own, nowadays? It's a fact!

**Build Slide**

Well, of late years I wasn't a store, but there was something about me that seemed to hold the youngsters close. They used me to play in. Probably half of them would be scared to death to pull some of the stunts now that they used to. I know they'd have a fit if they saw their own boys and girls doing some of those things.

"You know, they fastened a big cable from high in my side and strung it across the River Rouge gully out back, the other end fastened to a big tree. They rigged a sort of cable—and used to slide along this cable across the ravine! I remember a lot of the men and women who are prominent figures in Birmingham today, back at the time when they were losing their baby teeth and going through the first stages of puppy love. There are a number of them that I can recall, but so many have moved away and all that, it makes me hesitate to mention any one of them. I'd rather not say a thing about a few than miss so many. You'll forgive me, I'm sure, for all of you who have had your moments of fun in and around me will recall the rest with no help on my part.

Just a little while ago a Mrs.

## State Fund Effort Begins Organizing County Units

Organization of county health and welfare units, must have public support for a federated campaign for state and national agencies this year, will get underway at once, it was announced in Lansing by J. M. Shackleton, president of the United Health and Welfare Fund of Michigan.

In a report to the Board of Directors of the organization, Shackleton said initial contacts indicated that the larger agencies were not ready to join a federated appeal.

"We are certain that the 203 divisions of the fund speak for the people who raise the money and need the service when they say federation of fund raising campaigns is logical and necessary. Agency spokesmen however, seem to question this," he said. "County organizations will make vocal this widespread interest in federation and provide a campaign when the federated campaign is a reality."

**Local Members**

Paul N. Averill, Herbert H. Gardner and Ernest W. Seaborn of Birmingham are board of director members from Oakland County.

Shackleton reported to the board that in last fall's community chest campaign 45 local or county chests, federated with one or more of 10 state or national agency appeals.

Shackleton's report told of a recent meeting in Chicago which brought together representatives of 12 states interested in a state-wide federated campaign and a national approach to bringing the agencies together for this purpose.

Michigan, he said, is setting the pace for other interested states.

The National Grants and Awards board, has passed a resolution at its national convention urging that a national movement for a federated campaign for state and national agency funds be started to do away with the present confused, competitive, individual campaigns. The resolution also urged states to move out on a federation ahead of a national approach.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce of Michigan has passed a resolution endorsing the State Fund plan and pledging its cooperation to the movement, he said.

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## Cub Scouts to Hold Annual March Meet

Cub Scouts of Pack B2 held their monthly Pack meeting at the Quanton School Gym Friday, Feb. 27. Feature of the evening was a movie showing "Birds That Live in Michigan."

The PTA of Quanton School has presented Brownie troop No. 22 with a new troop flag.

The annual meeting of the Quanton PTA will be held Tuesday, March 9, in the school gym at 7:45 p.m.

Mrs. Alice McHugh, teacher vice-president of the Quanton PTA will conduct the meeting.

## What Your School Board Is Doing . . .

Regular meeting of the Board of Education held February 17, 1948 at 8:00 P.M. in the Hill School.

Resignation of Mrs. Clara Adams, teacher, accepted.

Appointment of Barbara Carrier, clerk, and Patricia E. Parker, teacher, approved.

School calendars for the year 1948-49 adopted.

Payment of \$1459.10 to the J. L. Hudson Company and \$1186.00 to the Oakleaf Corp. from the Deferred Maintenance and Capital Outlay Fund approved.

Resolutions covering the exchange of property with the City of Birmingham and the School District of the City of Birmingham adopted.

Payment of current bills and transfer of funds to other accounts in the amount of \$190,305.96 approved.

New purchases in the amount of \$3,442.70 approved.

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