

Around The Cracker Barrel . . .

In about the year 1891 a small boy of nine landed at Baltimore from Latvia. His mother was with him, but after nineteen days in the steerage quarters of a poor ship, she landed in this country with a fatal lung condition. The two had fled the wrath of the Czar of all the Russias, and hoped to find the land of the free. The mother and boy were not sure whether the father, who had been guilty of political activity against the Czar, had fled to America or Africa. The boy was sure it was America, and felt he would know the name of the city if he heard it.

A society in Baltimore, which helped friendless immigrants, took the boy to a railway station where he could hear the train caller name the cities where the trains were going. Not speaking a single word of English, the boy listened intently. Suddenly he heard the name "Louisville," and he clapped his hands in joy. That was the city. The last few dollars of the immigrants' funds were spent for tickets to Louisville, and in two days they arrived in the Southern city.

A charitable institution initially took care of the two, and started a vain search for the father. A room was found for \$4 a month. The mother was failing, and the boy of nine had to go to work. Not being able to make himself understood, he went to a newspaper office, and indicated he wanted to sell papers. The good-natured circulation manager wanted to see the boy's money. When it was counted out on the counter, the boy was given papers of equal value—at whole-sale.

The lad decided a good corner, plus lots of noise, was all that was necessary. He walked to one of the principal corners in Louisville, and at once set up a loud clamor. He started to sell papers almost immediately. But very suddenly he was approached by a red-headed Irish boy. The red-head "gawped" at this little corner, and in technical Irish fashion he was demanding his rights. But the Latvian boy didn't understand him, nor until he received a convincing wallop on the jaw. Down on the pavement went the papers of the immigrant boy, and with fists flying in every direction, the Irish boy beat a hasty retreat. But he called a big Irish cop.

The gardemane came over smiling, listened to the red-head, and tried to talk to the stranger. But, he didn't know much about Latvian or German, and the boy didn't get Irish-American. The lad was afraid, for in Latvia the uniformed gardemanes were tough on street boys who came in the path of the law. But this cop was different. He sent off the Irish boy, and then did something that has given America a great citizen.

The officer walked to a street stand nearby and bought an apple and some peanuts for the Latvian lad. He gave them to him, and the boy received them with some trepidation. The cop walked away with a big smile.

The boy could hardly wait to get home to his Mother. When he told her the wonderful news he said: "This is the country where we will stay. The gardemane gave me an apple and peanuts, and he did not hit me. Not in Latvia. And I am going home." The boy stayed. The mother died. The father was traced and found in Pittsburgh, and brought to his son. That father had one ambition for his boy he wanted him to be a great musician. The boy studied hard, for many years. He traveled with the band in T. T. Barton's circus, he traveled with Victor Herbert; he played in the pit before the great Sarah Bernhardt. But he wasn't happy, for he wanted to play in a great symphony orchestra. Then came war.

He served his new country in a combat unit during the first world war. He returned to take up where he left off. He came to Detroit for an audition before Ossip Gabrilowitch, who was then conducting the Detroit Symphony. When the audition was over, Mr. Gabrilowitch said to the young man: "You are the finest flutist I have ever heard. You will play first flute for the Detroit Symphony." But the young man said no. A sixteen week's engagement left too much of the year open. He went to Cleveland, and was engaged as first flutist in the Cleveland Symphony for a much longer period. He played for a few years, but suddenly stopped.

His new country was good to him. It liked his music. But he wasn't making any money. He decided to go into business. Because his father was a tailor he thought that clothes could be made to fit by measure. He started the first made-to-measure house in the United States. In a few years he was wealthy, and greatly respected. His firm has made fine clothes for a great many years.

Now his time has come to retire. The business is being turned over to younger men, men who have been assiduously trained in honest workmanship and quality. This gentleman will leave next week for a long sojourn in Florida. And what do you suppose he proposes to do? He's going to fit some Tone Poems he started as a youth. We know his Tone Poems will be exquisite, for out of a man of such background only sweet notes can flow.

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Social Briefs

Mrs. Gregory Lyon of Marblehead, Mass., is leaving today for her home after being the houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred LeBelle of Sheringham road for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Van Meter of Fort Wayne, Ind., were the weekend houseguests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ward of Holland street. The weekend before, Mrs. Ward's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Bennett also of Fort Wayne were here for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Derby of Stanley street will be among those attending the Grosse Pointe Villagers dance Saturday evening in the Lochmoor Country Club.

Mrs. B. A. Skellan of Waterloo, N. Y., has been visiting with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Skellan of Chester street and their four children.

Now settled in their new home on Red Maple lane are Mr. and Mrs. James H. Gilchrist. They recently moved from Overhill road.

Last Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hunt of Kenesaw road entertained at the first week-end series of cocktail parties preceding their future move to the North Shore in Chicago.

WITH THE Collegians

Frank S. Lyndall, 424 Wellesley Drive, has been elected treasurer of the Purdue University chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity. Lyndall is a junior in the school of chemical engineering at Purdue.

Officers Elected

The Past Chiefs' Club of the Pythian Sisters held election of officers recently. Gladys Madaras was named president; Violet Moyer, vice-president; secretary and treasurer, Florence Brown; chaplain, Mio Parks and Guard, Jane Capling.

Tell of Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Selvala of Pontiac announce the recent marriage of their daughter, Louise to Albert B. Babbitt, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Babbitt of Hazel street, Birmingham.

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Michael A. Bida of Royal Oak District Supervisor of the United States Bureau of the Census for this area, announced today the opening of official headquarters in the preparation for the 17th decennial census of the United States, in the Oakland County Social Welfare Bldg., 1260 West Blvd., Pontiac.

Bida stated that preliminary work on the 1950 census, to be taken in April, will begin immediately. This includes organization of the district office, conducting publicity, interviewing applicants for jobs and later, training of office personnel, field crew leaders and enumerators.

Territory in the census district which Bida will supervise includes all of Oakland County, and the 22nd ward of Detroit, the townships of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, and Redford in Wayne county.

Approximately 450 enumerators and 25 crew leaders will be employed to take the 1950 census in this area as has a Democrat, Bida assured.

"Frankly, we are confronted with the problem of finding enough people of the proper caliber to do the job," he explained.

DAR Chapter Names Conference Delegates

LATHRUP—Delegates to Lansing and Washington meetings of the DAR were named Tuesday at the dessert luncheon meeting of Three Flags Chapter.

Mrs. Richard Layge, regent and Mrs. Richard Bayles, regent were named to attend the meeting in Lansing on March 22, 23 and 24. They, with Mrs. Conrad Bloom were named for the Washington conference later in the spring.

The Rev. Emil Kozik, pastor of the First Baptist church was the guest speaker at the meeting. Mrs. Quigley and Mrs. Raymond Bodinus presided.

News and society copy must be in the Eccentric editorial office by 4:30 each Tuesday afternoon.

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Police of Birmingham and 14 other vicinity communities today began their training period before their municipalities start using the uniform traffic law enforcement and court policy.

The object of the school is to acquaint officers in the methods needed to install a uniform enforcement policy which has proven effective in other parts of Michigan and the nation.

Two identical sections are being run daily for six days, giving each officer a total of 12 hours of supervised study and training. The policy is said to be far fairer to both motorists and officials who handle violations.

State and national safety highway experts will act as instructors of the local classes, which are being held at the Community House.

At Surgery Clinic

Dr. Luther R. Leader has returned to Brookside, Cranbrook road, after attending a surgical meeting at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., last week. Dr. Luther headed a group of some 60 surgeons from the Detroit

Academy of Surgery who were guests of the Mayo Foundation.

Have You Met . . . Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Thompson, formerly of Detroit and now of 1638 Corbett. Mr. Thompson is with the Burroughs Adding Machine Company.

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