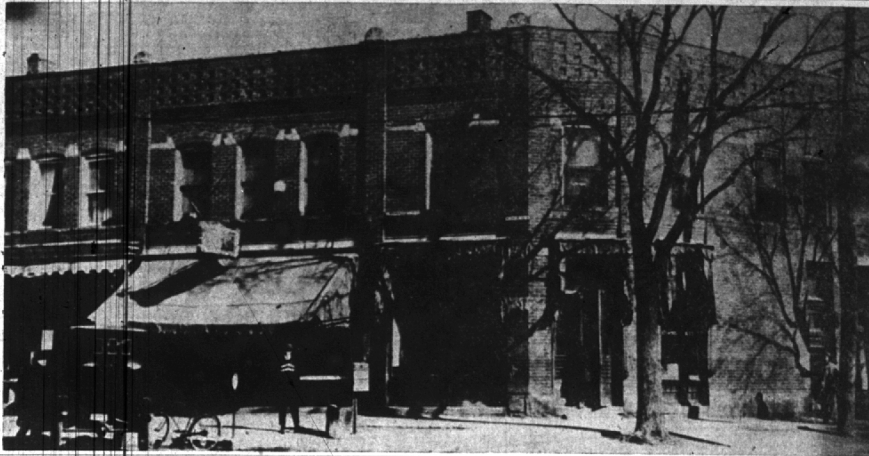


## Birmingham Background

• Local History in Story and Picture •

For many years, the northeast corner of Woodward and Maple was the site of a meat market. In the 1870's, Thorne & Converse had their meat market there in a small frame building. By 1885 the market was in the hands of Alex Parks who built a new "modern" business block on the site in 1889. Frank Hagerman, whose drug store was north of the Parks property, added to the front of his store to conform with the new brick block. After Alex Parks retired, his son, Austin, ran the market until 1911 when it was taken over by Bell Bros. & La Joie. According to Stanley T. Ford who took the picture at the right, this view of the Parks building was taken about 1914. The market then was run by Frank Schlaack and David Bell. The next store north was a bakery followed by a C. F. Smith store at the extreme left. The man with the striped sweater, recalled Mr. Ford, was Webb Bray who at one time was village marshal.



*Making a living for one's family is, of course, a practical necessity; providing adequate food, clothing and shelter is every married man's job. But he fails to measure up to all responsibilities if he doesn't exemplify capacity for spiritual development.*

# The Birmingham Eccentric

SECTION 3

Wednesday, November 25, 1953

## La Belles At Christmas

For your convenience  
A new room downstairs  
featuring just Christmas

Christmas Personalized Cards  
Christmas Counter Cards  
Christmas Gift Wrappings  
Christmas Box Assortments  
Christmas Candles  
Christmas Decorations

Birmingham's Shop of Gifts, Books & Stationery  
137 West Maple Road  
Birmingham

# A Day of **T**hanksgiving



The Thanksgiving table our forefathers set up those many years ago was an oasis in a desert of near-starvation days. An immigrant people, newly arrived and untrained for the needs of this wild continent, needed help to even exist. This they received from their friendly Indian neighbors.

The meaning of those early times is sometimes lost in the dazzling brilliance of our present wealth. We forget that all this is not merely the product of our labors, but also the result of the kindly benevolence of our Lord. Let us then celebrate our good fortune with humility, vowing to use His Light as our beacon.



# LAKE JEWELERS

"The Sterling Store Of Birmingham"

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