

Unfinished Houses Are Not Playgrounds

During the past few years the Birmingham fire department has responded to many alarms of fire in partly constructed homes.

Most of these fires have been started by youngsters playing with matches. They ignited, with these matches, highly flammable insulating material or piles of building paper.

The children either carried the matches to the building or found them in the structure where the workmen had left them.

Many children have barely escaped with their lives after they have started these fires, for buildings when in a semi-finished state burn furiously because of the lack of plastered partitions and other retardants.

TOO MANY CHILDREN have been injured recently while playing in these buildings and falling through holes in the floor or walking out on scaffolds which are not solid.

To be sure of your children's safety, see that they do not visit partly finished buildings alone or without an adult accompanying them.

The Builders Association of Metropolitan Detroit is sponsoring an extensive campaign to keep children out of these buildings. With the cooperation of the parents, injuries to children can be avoided and damage to the homes kept to a minimum.

Play it safe; instruct your child to stay out of buildings under construction.

Prepared as a public service by members of the BIRMINGHAM FIRE DEPT.

No two people have the exact pattern of finger prints; no two people have the exact pattern of thinking; either. This often results in two people disagreeing over something, but if they each have the same pattern of kindness, they won't quarrel.

The Birmingham Eccentric

Birmingham Background

Local History in Story and Picture

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COBB AND JENNELLE'S—AN EXCLUSIVE DRUG STORE
"September Morn" was best seller in 1913

Art and Aspirin Dispenser

More than 2,000 invitations were sent out for the grand opening of Cobb and Jennelle's drug store in the summer of 1913.

There were souvenirs, special gifts for the ladies and music to entertain the ever-changing crowd of potential customers.

No neophyte in the drug business, Jim Cobb, with his brother Tom, bought out the oldest established drug business in Birmingham from Frank Hagerman in 1907.

The Cobb store then was on the east side of Woodward avenue where Birmingham Fruit company now is situated.

THE COBBS continued with the same line of goods that characterized the old Hagerman store and was typical of drug stores of that day. Groceries, crockery and other household items were sold along with patent medicines and drugs.

The Cobbs, however, were progressive merchants and were among the first to illumine their establishment with acetylene gas—a remarkable improvement over kerosene lamps.

While customers at other stores may have helped themselves, without sanction, from the cracker barrel, free coffee and wafers were served customers at Cobb's on Saturday morning.

IN 1908 Tom Cobb resigned from the company to become cashier of the newly organized State

WHILE GROCERIES and household items had been dropped from the stock of this "exclusive" drug store, the proprietors, nevertheless were aware of the artistic needs of the people and determined to raise the cultural standard of Birmingham.

Therefore, an ad appeared in the Birmingham Eccentric (1913) which in big bold letters proclaimed their newest line.

"ART... ART... ART" the ad screamed modestly in letters a half inch high.

"If you are a lover of ART you want to come to Cobb and Jennelle's drug store and see some of the finest reproductions of the greatest artists known."

"WE HAVE obtained from one of the largest art stores in Detroit a collection of the most beautiful pictures at a very reasonable price."

"SEPTEMBER MORN, the picture that everybody has been raving about in the East.

"Only a limited number of September Morn is in this collection, so would advise that you call early if you wish one of those."

JIM COBB, now retired and living on Oakland avenue, remembers with a chuckle the sale of September Morn.

"That," he said, "was the fastest selling item of the collection. We couldn't get enough fast enough from our Detroit supplier to satisfy the local demand."

Jim Cobb remained in the drug business until 1922 and then sold out to the late Ralph E. Wilson.

Household Goods of every description are offered for sale in the Classified Columns of The Birmingham Eccentric.

Magazine Cites Area Sculptor

Additional tribute has been paid to the work of Marshall Fredericks, Birmingham sculptor, in the September issue of "American Artist."

An article carries a resumé of several of his works, especially his now-famous "Victory Eagle" which graces the Veterans Memorial building in Detroit.

A total of 210 tons of Vermont marble were used in the making of the huge figure. One of the 10 blocks quarried weighed 86 tons, said to be the second largest ever removed.

The work was done in separate pieces which were fitted together after completion. Additional rough work was necessary on the back of the blocks to fit them to the steel framework which held the finished figure to the building.

OTHER FREDERICKS' works mentioned include the bas-reliefs for the University of Michigan administration building, Cranbrook pieces, the 16 reliefs, each eight feet high, at the Ford Rotunda in Dearborn, and the 44 foot piece on "Romance of Transportation" in the Fort street station, Detroit.

Disposal Plant Gets Roof Repairs

Repairs to the roof of the city disposal plant have been authorized by the city commission.

The \$1,310 contract was awarded the Ronger Roofing and Improvement Co., 29040 W. 12 Mile, Southfield township.

To Serve in Hawaii

KOREA—Pfc. Thomas A. McKinley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor McKinley, 156 East Frank street, is a member of the 25th Infantry Division, which is leaving Korea for Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Pfc. McKinley entered the army in May, 1951, and received basic training at Camp Pickett, Va., before arriving in Korea in Nov. 1951.

Jump School Grad Accepts New Duties

Pfc. Roger G. Llenard recently was assigned to the 676th Battalion of the 11th Airborne division at Ft. Campbell, Ky. He received the service in March 1954 and received basic training at Camp Chaffee, Ark.

In August Llenard joined the Ft. Campbell Jump school. After graduation, he was assigned to the Artillery Battalion, where now he will take over his duties as a wireman.

Before entering service he attended Birmingham high school. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roger Llenard, 1807 Hazel street.

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