

55 Years Ago—Shain Started a Drug Store

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"He was always a forceful man; never in doubt of what he wanted to do or how to do it."
"There was never any doubt as to where he stood on any question. He never carried water on both shoulders."
"He made some enemies, but people knew in all issues where he stood."
"I would say he was a man of highest integrity, brilliant in his profession."

THIS IS MRS. Charles S. Shain's memory of her husband as she recalls that it was 55 years ago that he started the Shain Drug Store at 106 W. Maple, Birmingham.

It is the oldest continuous retail business in Birmingham. It is as April 1, 1906, that Shain became owner of the business, which then was Whitehead and Mitchell's General Store.

"The store then had the telegraph exchange which was operated by Florence Cobb," Mrs. Shain recalls.
"I sold staples as well as the regular stock of drugs and drug supplies."
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the city.
"Mrs. Lizzy (Purly) Benson was one of the first clerks in the drug store."
"Miss Ethel Bassett entered the store in 1912 and has been there ever since. She came in as a clerk, became a pharmacist and is still there."

Mrs. Shain recalls that the then village streets were unpaved at that time.
"The lineup of hitching posts in front of the stores indicated that there were few autos in town."
"ONE OF THE added attractions in the store was a soda fountain, the only one then in Birmingham."

"Small tables and chairs occupied the entire center of the store."
"On Saturdays the entire countryside gathered around those tables to exchange the weekly gossip, recipes and weather conditions, occupying their seats for half an hour at a time."
"The store was open Saturday nights till nearly 1."
The Eccentric was started in 1878 by Almeron A. Whitehead

and George H. Mitchell, when they owned the building prior to Shain's purchase of it. Its first editions were put together in a small room on the third floor of this building.

Mrs. Shain related: For a number of years, prior to 1925, the Birmingham Masonic Lodge rooms were on the second floor.

"THE POST office was across Pierce St. from the drug store—where the Federal Savings & Loan Association now is. Where Danby's

now was the fire station." Remembering the interurban that traveled down Woodward Ave., Mrs. Shain remarks:
"It was a wonderful evidence of progress to have that car come out from Detroit."

Woodward was shaded by many magnificent elms and maples that joined at the top to provide wonderful shade.

"The car barns were on the west side at the foot of Woodward and Harmon."

THREE PRESENT-DAY retail establishments that date back to the origin of Shain's drug store, Mrs. Shain says, are Houston's Hardware and Peck's Tailors.

She tells how through the years her husband became president of the school board, village president, Community House Association president, Masonic leader, library board president, charter commis-

ion chairman, charter member of Birmingham Rotary Club, county supervisor and an active member of numerous other organizations.

It was while Shain was village president that the village commission presented to the voters a proposition to obtain a strip of lot sunning from Pierce to Chester, ordered by Martin and Merrill, at a public mall, on which are the City Hall, Shain Park and Baldwin Library.

SHAIN PROVED to be a popular figure in the community for more than his business and government activities, his widow relates.

"Probably his chief recreation was horseback riding. For at least 25 years he could be seen every morning riding his horse from the City Hall, Shain Park and Baldwin Library."

Shain died in May, 1951. Summing up his civic enter-

Consumers to Have Shareowners Confab

Shareowners of Consumers Power Co. in the Royal Oak area will attend a regional meeting Monday at 8 p. m. in the Company Service Center, Coolidge Road south of 14 Mile, at which R. F. Briggs, executive vice president will discuss company affairs.

Briggs' talk will be followed by a motion picture outlining major company activities during 1950.

The Royal Oak meeting is one of a series of conferences being conducted this month in 11 cities.

Mr. Shain declares: "It is safe to say that Mr. Shain has had an important influence upon the character of development in the city of Birmingham."

Seaholm to Present Band, Orchestra With Guest Soloist

Seaholm High School will present a band and orchestra concert April 25 in the school gymnasium at 5:15 p. m.

The program will include numbers from musical comedies presently running, symphonic selections and Sousa marches. Guest soloist will be Leonard Falcone, director of bands and professor of music at Michigan State University.

The band will be directed by Arnold Berndt and the orchestra by Dale Barlett. Tickets will be sold at the door.

To Install Officers

Midvale PTA has elected officers for 1951-52. They are president, Elmer Bush; father vice-president, Harvey J. White; mother vice-president, Mrs. Betty Aldread; recording secretary, Mrs. Helen Morrow; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Virginia Wandel and treasurer, Everett Harrison.

The officers will be installed at the April 26 meeting.

Olsen's Market
FREE—See P. 1, Sec. B



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Eight O'Clock COFFEE
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3-LB. BAG 1.45
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"SUPER-RIGHT" MATURE BEEF

Beef Rib Roasts

4th & 5th Ribs LB. **65¢** First 5 Ribs LB. **69¢** First 3 Ribs LB. **75¢**

"SUPER-RIGHT"—1-LB. ROLL 34¢

Pork Sausage . . 3 1-LB. ROLLS **1.00**

"SUPER-RIGHT" **Large Bologna** BY THE PIECE LB. **39¢**
Sliced Bologna . . . LB. PKG. 49¢

FRESH **Perch Fillets** LB. **69¢**
Cleaned Smelt LB. **19¢**

Beef Rump Roast "SUPER-RIGHT" BONELESS, ROLLED LB. **79¢**

"SUPER-RIGHT" SKINLESS **Semi-Boneless**

FULLY COOKED HAMS
Whole or Half

59¢

NO CONFUSION AT A&P!
Any Weights—
10 to 12 Pound Selections
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No Center Slices Removed

REDEEM YOUR LEVER COUPONS AT A&P

New Liquid all . . . QT. SIZE **73¢**
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Fluffy all 3 LB. BOX **79¢**
New Swan Liquid 22-OZ. SIZE **63¢**
Handy Andy QT. BTL. **67¢**
Lifebuoy Soap NEW PINE GREEN 2 BATH CAKES **33¢**

Beef Hash 3 15½-OZ. CANS **79¢**

Apple Sauce MOTT'S . . . 3 35-OZ. JARS **1.00**
Luncheon Meat SUPER-RIGHT 3 12-OZ. CANS **1.00**
INSTANT MIX FOR ORANGE BEVERAGES 14-OZ. JAR **59¢**
Au Gratin Potatoes Betty Cracker Mix PKG. **35¢**
Heinz Cucumber Disks SWEET 2 15-OZ. JARS **39¢**
Dailey Polish Dills 3 1/2-GAL. JARS **49¢**
Instant Coffee CHASE & SANBORN 15¢ OFF LABEL 6-OZ. JAR **84¢**
Keyko Margarine 3 1-LB. CTNS. **89¢**

CRISP, SOLID, 24-SIZE HEADS

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ONLY **10¢**

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TENDER, YOUNG SHOOTS **Broccoli** BUNCH **29¢**
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Enriched Bread

Made with Buttermilk

2 1¼-LB. LOAVES **35¢**

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O' Cedar Mop Refills . . . EACH **99¢**
Beads O' Bleach EACH **59¢**
Galvanized Pails EACH **59¢**
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MIX OR MATCH SALE
HEINZ SOUPS
Mushroom, Chili or Chicken-Noodle

6 10½-OZ. CANS **1.00**
Larger Quantities Sold at Regular Retail

Risdon's Cottage Cheese 1-LB. CTN. **19¢**
Popsicles or Fudgsicles . . DOZ. **49¢**

SAVE AT A&P
Yuban Instant Coffee 6-OZ. JAR **99¢**

A&P FROZEN
Spinach CHOPPED OR LEAF . . . 10-OZ. PKG. **10¢**

All prices in this ad effective thru Saturday, April 19th in all Eastern Michigan A&P Super Markets

THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA COMPANY, INC.
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TIMING is STILL the ESSENCE

as demonstrated by the fire-fly who said, "I'm delighted," as she passed through the electric fan.

Well, what more can we say than:—

1. The grass needs FERTILIZING NOW. It needs AGRICO 10-6-4 or STADLER'S 10-6-4 or 20-10-5 now. Don't be chincy—give it the full treatment.
2. The CRABGRASS seeds in your lawn are hoping you will forget to apply the PRE-EMERGENCE CONTROL this season. Fool them and get it on after fertilizing and BY MAY 1st or close to it.

The best are:—

DOW'S ZYTRON
AGRICO PRE-EMERGE
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72% CHLORDANE

3. SPREADERS are LOANED by us with your material order. But don't be beguiled into thinking that on a Friday we have 70 or 80 spreaders. Be reasonable and

RESERVE a spreader 4 or 5 days ahead!

4. Are you going to make an early visit to the cottage to check conditions for the grand opening? It may be chilly so take along a couple of bags of FREQUETS to offset the lack of natural B.T.U.'s.

5. Complaint! If you are not going to be home when your order for salt or peat moss or sand or fertilizer is to be delivered, PLEASE CALL US BEFORE we load the order on the truck.

You would be dumfounded to know how many tons of merchandise we load and unload on the same spot due to this slight mental aberration.

6. LAWN FUNGUS PREVENTION.

Most of the damage is done before you realize what is happening. When the "yellowing" of grass begins most people yank out the hose and soak the spots. Most times this is the worst thing to do as it helps spread the disease.

Start early—about mid-April, and spray the areas desired with

ACTI-DIONE RZ. Do this 3 times at 10 day intervals.

7. Not all of the spring bulbs can be planted now (of course, some can), but it is not too early to buy them if you want a BROAD SELECTION.

CALIA—PERUVIAN DAFODIL—TUBEROSE—CANNA—DAHLIA—PHLOX—DAYLILY—GLADIOLUS—LILY—CLIMBING LILY—BEGONIA.

NOTE:—A fascinating new gladioli named GREEN ICE is available at \$32.5 a doz. There are only 50 in the rack!

8. Among the packaged seeds you will find (if your timing is decent) are these:

GLORIOSA DAISY: DOUBLE & SEMI-DOUBLE. FIRST YEAR BLOOMING PERENNIAL. GOLDEN YELLOW FLOWERS. BLOOMS MID-SEASON UNTIL LATE. 2½" x 3".

HALO ZINNIA: MAHOAGNY TIPPED WITH FOOLS GOLD (THESE TIPS MAKE THE HALO). 1½". HANS C. ANDERSEN WOULD HAVE LOVED IT.

ROSE O'DAY ALYSUM: QUICK FLOWERING. 3". DEEP ROSE PINK. FRAGRANT. SPREADS TO 10" DIAMETER.

CORAL SATIN PETUNIA: F-1 hybrid multiflora (whatever the heck that means).

LHAC TIME ZINNIA: hybrid. 2½" x 3". petals curled & curled.

BRIGHT EYES PHLOX: 8" to 10", compact, wide RANGE OF COLOR.

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9. ONION SETS—white and yellow—35¢ a pound.

10. Since TIMING is the ESSENCE we feel we (I) should hit the sack NOW.

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