

Aunt Sophronia Has a Birthday

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MISS SOPHRONIA WEST, Aunt Phronce to everyone in her small world, sat up, shut off the alarm. It was five o'clock and cold. Shivering she dressed. She was weary and old, she had hated cold. Her one desire had always been to live in a country where there was good hot sunshine every day in the year.

And she still dreamed of rooms of her own instead of this tiny cubby-hole in her sister's house, with a little half window you couldn't see through.

"Nice way to start the day—drumming—Sophronia West! Peggy's wedding day, too! Peggy was the eldest of her sister, Alice's five daughters.

In her long-stemmed combination bed and nurse's petticoat she shuffled to the bathroom. At that moment it came to her that this was her birthday; that she was—yes, she was fifty-five.

Well, nobody took any notice of it, hadn't for years. Must be ten—no—twelve years ago that Eben Bradford had sent her a card from Bombay. It said, "Many happy returns on this day or no later, come a big box of tea with a flower smelt to it. She wished he'd given her an address, so she could thank him. He couldn't have loved her very much. Thirty-five years and he never came back. After the first year away he never wrote.

If only she could have gone! Gone to live in the house he was going to build for her in "hot sunshine, looking down on a blue sea." If only she could have gone—but there was her sick mother, then her father, and finally Alice with five babies. She'd been twenty when he went. At thirty she was still cheerful, but her hair was quite gray. Only her lovely dark eyes were still young. She looked at herself in the glass. Little, mousy, old. But her eyes were not fifty-five.

"Phronce," her sister looked out of her room, "I'm getting one of my headaches. Maybe if I take aspirin, and keep quiet—but there are the cakes to ice."

"I'll attend to it. Molly and Ruth can help me."

"They're dead, poor things! The dance last night—"

"Don't I always finish on time, Alice?"

"Ooh—Aunt Phronce!" That was from the children's room. Joan and Marge were thirteen and sixteen. "Put down our windows, Aunt Phronce, and give the furnace a poke. Like Greenland in June, Aunt Phronce, make pancakes for breakfast, please."

"Sh-Sh-Phronce—!" Alice again, "don't you want Peggy to get some sleep? If I had a cup of coffee, black, to get these aspirins down. Shall I come down?"

"No, I'll bring it."

She put the kettle on, prepared the drip coffee-pot; flew down to the furnace, struggled with the heavy door; took Alice her coffee. Then she anxiously inspected the pan of dough she'd set for clover rolls. It was just light enough. She turned it out on the board. With the rolls in the pans, she considered how much icing she'd baked yesterday. Oh dear, the whole sink board taken up by dirty dishes! Molly and Ruth must have had the gang in. Chocolate, and cake crumbs. Oh, they couldn't have—but they had.

Three cakes were left.

Her brother-in-law appeared, "Your busy day, Phronce. I don't want much; just eggs and bacon." He sniffed, "Hot rolls."

"Not yet, John. I'll make you toast."

"No, I'll wait. You're some cook, Phronce."

Before she could finish the cakes the girls were down, all talking at once, squabbling, over the mail, perched on table and sink, eating.

"A letter for you, Aunt Phronce," on the hall table. One of those pink pills for pale people's ads.

At one-thirty Alice fixed a tray for Peggy. "You forgot her, Phronce!" The dining room wasn't half ready for the buffet supper, they had to go to the church at four, at five they'd be back. There was a bulletin about dressing.

It was midnight when she fell into bed. Oh, this cold! For the second time that day she remembered her birthday, nearly gone. And that letter. Night as well as—

Why, it wasn't an ad. "Loves, Solicitors of London, England, beg to inform you by the will of our client, the late Eben Bradford, his home on Malabar Hill, Bombay, India. As in this advertisement are listed at Farmington, Michigan, and you there on condition that you occupy it at once. Our client wishes you to know this house was built for you in 1902."

A house in hot sunshine looking down on a blue ocean. Love's hand across the years.

Poetry

"The falling leaves fill me with melancholy thoughts," said the poetic person.

"They used to have that effect on me," said the unpoetic person.

"What changed you?"

"I moved into an apartment and don't have to rake them any more."

WHO ARE YOU? The Romance of Your Name

By RUBY HASKINS ELLIS

A. Sterling?

THIS name is classified as a "place name," being derived from the town of Stirling, in Strathgairn, Scotland. The family name about the beginning of the Twelfth century. At this time family names began to come into use among the Scots. Prior to this date names were designated in various ways as some of their fathers' Christian names or members of their respective clans.

During the process of time there has been various spellings of the name, different words being used, but this has no bearing on any theory of an individual origin of each form. In Scotland the name has been spelled in every conceivable way during the 800 years of its existence, some of the forms being Stirling, Stirling, Stirling. However, for more than 150 years the form Stirling has been in general use in Scotland, and when the name is spelled in this way, one may be reasonably sure that there is a close relationship to the Scottish family.

The earliest known progenitor of this family was Walter de Stirling, who lived about 1100. He was mentioned in the charter granted by King David I of Scotland.

Another early bearer of this name was William Stirling, a ship carpenter and miller, of Scotch descent, born near London, England, in 1575.

He came to America and was a resident of Salem, Mass., in 1690. He later removed to Lynn, Conn. Other early settlers were John and David Stirling, who made their homes in Charlestown, Mass. Thomas Stirling came from Scotland and settled in Olverton county, Maryland. He patented land and was a man of great wealth and called his estates on the western shore of the Chesapeake "Stirling's Neck."

In Ireland the form Stirling has been used since the Scotch Corporation crossed over into northern Ireland during the first half of the Seventeenth century. This spelling is the prevailing form in America.

Rev. Andrew Stirling, from Ireland, was a member of the Scotch-Irish settlement in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in 1720.

The English Stirlings came from Herefordshire, and settled in Massachusetts. The above-mentioned David, born in 1622, was of this branch.

There are fifty or more coats of arms of the Stirling and Stirling families, thirty-nine of which bear the same emblem as the Stirling of Cadder, viz.: the three buckles upon the shield.

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CHURCHES

All notices for this column must be in the Enterprise office not later than Tuesday at noon.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. John J. Larkin, Pastor

Sunday masses at 7:00 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m., and 12:00 noon.

Benediction after 10:30 mass.

Daily masses at 7:30 a. m., and 8:00 a. m.

CLARENCEVILLE M. E. CHURCH
Rev. Wm. Priek, Pastor

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.

Church service, 11:15 a. m.

Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.

Redford Gospel Tabernacle
18000 Lasher Road

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.

Pentecostal prayer and praise service, 11:00 a. m.

Evangelistic service, 7:45 p. m.

All are welcome regardless of circumstances.

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Salem Evangelical Church

The regular Sunday service of the Salem Evangelical church is in charge of the "Women's Union" with services at 10:30 a. m.

Prelude, Dorothy Kurz.

Invocation, Margaret Maas.

Doxology

Prayer, Hertha Pauline.

Response

Hymn, vocal solo Mrs. Floyd Howard.

Scripture Lesson, Mrs. R. Fredricks.

Hymn

Address, Louise Bollens.

Announcements

Offertory solo, Dorothy Kurz.

Vocal solo, Mrs. Floyd Howard.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction.

Methodist Episcopal Church
Rev. Delmore Stubbs, Pastor

Morning worship at 10:30. Sermon by the minister.

As long as the extreme heat continues the service will be held in the basement of the Parish House.

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Church school at 11:45. Classes for all ages. Ours is a twelve-month program that carries thru July and August. You are urged to attend.

First Baptist Church
Gilbert A. Miles, Pastor

Morning: worship 10:30 A. M.

Evangelist Albert E. Hesketh has

been with us for two weeks and will close his work in Farmington this Sunday. He will speak at the morning service, giving his final message to the church in Farmington.

Bible School 11:45 A. M. The Bible School will meet at the church.

Junior and Senior B. Y. P. U. 8:30 P. M. These services will be held at the tent on Grand River avenue.

Evening Evangelistic Service 7:45 P. M. This evening service will be held in the tent at Grand River and Maple avenues. This will be the closing service of Mr. Hesketh's ministry among us. The tent meetings will continue for another week under the leadership of the Highland Park Gospel Team.

There will be special features and a good gospel message each night.

WEST POINT PARK

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Addis and daughter Jean and Mrs. Emerson Ault were among the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith on the Hea-Mar last Thursday. A sail was taken through the flats to their cottage.

Clifton Clark and family, formerly of West Point Park of east side Detroit, were callers in this vicinity last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gedig of Detroit were guests Saturday night and Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorhees.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hoffman and family of Detroit were guests Friday afternoon and evening of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ault.

Miss Genevieve Vance of Delta, Ohio is the house guest of her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Vance.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Witte and family moved to Wayne this week.

In honor of the 70th birthday of Mrs. J. W. Ault, the families of Emerson, Clifton and Austin Ault gathered at the home of Russell Ault Saturday evening and enjoyed a picnic dinner. "Grandma" Ault was presented with a number of lovely gifts and received a great many letters of congratulation and cards from distant relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bousneur and family of Plymouth were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Heichman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert and family were guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes of Detroit.

Miss Dorothy Edwards returned Sunday from her home in Pennsylvania to attend summer school at Ypsilanti.

Mrs. Arthur Sharrow and her nephew John Thompson of Detroit motored to Bay City Tuesday on a business trip.

Mrs. Jennie Pardonnnet and

daughter, Mrs. Leslie Chavey of Detroit were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heichman.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Talman and family were guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Foster of Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Zwahlen of Detroit were guests Sunday of the latter's sister, Miss Alma Berger.


Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kitchen of Cass City are visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Talman.

Mrs. Fred Ford and daughter, Mrs. Carl Edwards of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clarke.

To finance his proposed flight into the stratosphere, Dr. Jean Picard proposes to carry a passenger for \$100,000. Those who think this fare to be somewhat high should remember that it includes a return ticket.

Most of us shouldn't complain about having such a hard time. Just look at all the kings who are unemployed.

Deer with full stomachs of food have been known to starve to death in Michigan. When suitable food is not available deer will eat other browse, such as balsam and jack-pine, which may be so low in nutriment as to result in malnutrition and even death.



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