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LEARNED TO ASSEMBLE GUN

Lieut. Harley D. Warner Writes From Utica, N. Y., of His Duties.

In a letter to his brother Howard, from Utica, N. Y., Harley Warner tells of his learning to tear down and assemble a "Machine gun" at the Savage Arms Co. Works in that city.

Mr. Warner was sent to Utica immediately after his arrival home from Fort Sheridan, Ill., and expects to be there about 30 days, putting in his time becoming familiar with the munitions of war manufactured by that company. Following is his description of a "machine gun," and his first three days at the gun works.

"The Lewis automatic machine gun sure is a wonder. It is 30-calibre, 1917 model, and weighs about 26 pounds; fires at the rate of 600 shots per minute; is magazine fed, gas operated and air cooled.

To fire the first shot it must be cocked and then by pulling on the trigger and holding it, it continues firing at the rate of 10 cartridges per second until magazine is empty—they hold 47, 72 or 96 cartridges—three different sizes.

"There are 62 different parts, counting all springs and every thing, and our first day's work consisted of learning the names of all these parts and looking them over. Second day we assembled and tore down the machine until I got so I could completely tear it down and assemble it in 2 1/2 minutes. Third day we did the same thing blind-folded, and I am able to do it now in about six minutes.

"Really thought such a thing was impossible when I came, but I find that nothing is impossible if you go at it, and that's just what we had to do."

PONTIAC COURT DOINGS

Court Items of General Interest Obtained From the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Maurice Teeple, charged with cruelly beating his son Emmet, aged 3 years, has been bound over circuit court for trial at the September term. Teeple lives at the village of Highland.

After a three-weeks period of a further investigation, the examination of Allan Livingstone, charged with the murder of 13-year-old Hope Alexander, of Royal Oak township July 4th, will be taken up before Justice Rose at Royal Oak. The officers have secured further testimony and expect to ask to have Livingstone held for trial at the September term of court.

Prosecuting Attorney Gillespie has prepared a list of cases to be placed on the criminal calendar for trial at the September term of court. The cases are as follows: E. J. Gribbins, grand larceny; Neim Nazif, violation of local option law; Charles Pollen, assault and battery, appeal; Bert Remington, grand larceny; Russell Knowles, larceny of automobile; Charles Smith, larceny of automobile; Mite Maricoff, false pretenses; Wilber Laback, removing contract property; Gilbert Grosjean, indecent liberties with young girl; John English, breaking and entering; Walter Clifton, driving away automobile; John Phillips, indecent liberties with young girl; Maurice Teeple, cruelty to child; William McCormack and Clara Smart, adultery; George Stevens, indecent liberties with young child and Allan Livingstone, murder.

It has been arranged for a military salute of thirteen guns at 2 p. m. each day, at the State Fair, at which time all bands and musical instruments will render the National Air "America," and all people present are requested to stand and join in singing same. Seventy-five Boy Scouts will distribute copies of this song that there will be no excuse for people present not taking part in this patriotic movement.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Newspaper Items Taken From Other Papers in and About the County.

The new A. B. Peterson home is nearing completion and they figure on being Redfordites in a few weeks.—Redford Record.

Holly was visited by a heavy rain storm Monday afternoon, accompanied by hail. Considerable damage was done to gardens around town. A peculiar feature of the storm was that it was confined to a very small territory, hardly any or no rain falling beyond the limits of a mile or two outside of the village.—Holly Advertiser.

C. R. Bradley got his recently as he was returning from Detroit. When near Farmington he was obliged to get out and pump up a tire and while so engaged a car driven at a rapid rate skidded into him. His hip was badly bruised and his jaw nearly broken, so nearly so that he finds it difficult to eat.—South Lyon Herald.

We are glad to notice that the great volume of "please publish free" stuff isn't getting the space in the country press it did. The newspapers were largely instrumental in securing up the Liberty Bond loan and raising the Red Cross fund. And we get our reward by having the postage rate increased. Why not buck, Brother Goats.—Elkton Tribune.

Talk of \$1 eggs for next winter is not impossible. In fact the Eccentric printer is now paying more than \$4 per dozen for nice fresh eggs! He has 21 hens that generously contribute one egg every three days, while they carry 100 pounds of feed in less than four weeks. And that same 100 pounds of energy cost just \$4.25 cash. He is going to live on chicken instead of pork chops.—Birmingham Eccentric.

We heard of an unusual occurrence the other day worth printing. A farmer in Commerce township went fishing and on his return left the pole with bait still on the hook, lying in the water. A chicken came along, picked up the worm, swallowed the hook and had to be dispatched by the usual method. The farmer then threw away the head still having the hook and along came a porker who picked up the head, and attempted to swallow hook, head and all. The farmer, who wasn't so funny for the farmer, who had paid a good price for it a few days before.—Milford Times.

A daring hold-up was perpetrated Wednesday evening about dusk near the Frank Durfee farm northeast of town, when three men attacked N. Allox, a salesman for the Chevrolet Motor Co., who was driving his car along the country road. Two of the robbers jumped on the running board of Mr. Allox's auto, one on each side, one of them striking him a smashing blow over the head with a billy, and the other hitting him on the arm, nearly breaking it. The attacking party then relieved the victim of his valuable gold watch and chain and his purse containing \$50. They were traced as far as Farmington, where the trail was lost, the thieves having got too good a start before the pursuit was begun.—Northville Record.

Inspection Desired.

A. B. Peterson, sexton of Oakwood cemetery, invites the public to inspect that cemetery grounds, as the lots, drives and shrubbery were never in a better condition than at present.

Mr. Peterson is very proud of "Beautiful Oakwood" and the many improvements made there in the last few years by the ladies of the cemetery association, whom he greets glad praise for their efficient and labor in beautifying the premises. When out for a stroll on a warm day you will find the cool breezes and excellent shade of Oakwood a fine place to spend a few minutes in silent contemplation of one of Farmington's beauty spots.

SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS TUESDAY

Everything in Readiness, and a Successful Year in Sight—Census Increased from Last Year.

The Farmington school houses have been put in shape for the beginning of school next Tuesday, September 4th. The corps of instructors are ready to begin the year's work, and the prospects point to a successful school year. The instructors are as follows: H. D. MacDougall, superintendent.

Florence Hicks, principal. Alfreda Hutton, assistant in high school. Martha J. Horton, Seventh and Eighth grades. Sara E. Day, Fifth and Sixth grades. Emily Knox, Third and Fourth grades. Hester Power, Primary.

The school census for this year shows an increase of about 22 over last year, the total number of children in the district of school age being 220. Prof. MacDougall has been on the ground for a week, becoming acquainted, and he will be pleased to interview any pupil in regard to his course of study, and is especially anxious that all pupils begin school Tuesday for classification and assignment of class work.

Local News

Blacksmith shop opened again. See ad.

Mrs. Ellen Trowbridge, of St. Johns, was a recent caller at the Perry Wixom home.

Reed Webster and M. Quigley went out to Farmington Tuesday evening, calling on relatives.

Regular meeting of the O. E. S. on Friday evening, September 7th. Officers come early.

Vonda and Hortense Conroy are spending the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Stanley, in Northville.

Master Percy Pauline, who has been visiting at the home of Thad Andrews, at Fowlerville the past week, returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Randall and son, Kenneth, of Farmington, visited their cousin, Clifford Randall and wife, Thursday.—South Lyon Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Getzel, Mrs. Charles Leach and H. C. Bates and wife were in Detroit Wednesday, and on Sunday the entire party, were Pontiac visitors.

Mrs. Martha Papke and two daughters, from Detroit, were out Thursday to visit the former's mother, who is very ill at the home of her son, Herman Schaeper.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Franklin, William Hamilton and Miss Stella Foley, of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Laing and two children, of Redford, were Sunday visitors at the Forest Pierson home.

Mrs. Martin Stiff and daughter, Gertrude, of Ovid, who have been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred Biery and family for a couple of weeks, returned to their home Thursday. They went via Pontiac. Little Alfred Biery accompanied them for a visit.

Marriage Law Amendment.

The Michigan marriage law has been amended so that in case a girl under 18 years desires to marry she must have the consent of one of her parents, "in writing" in the presence of a county clerk, or sworn to before a notary or other officer empowered to administer oaths.

Hereafter the written consent alone has been sufficient. In July, according to statistics furnished the state, there were 3,481 deaths in Michigan, Pontiac State hospital furnishing 16 of the number. There were also reported as having been 7,315 births in July, which is an increase of 788 over June.

Death of Miss Burton.

Miss Nancy Burton who has been a resident of this village 26 years, passed away at her home here Monday afternoon, after an illness of several months, having fallen some time ago and received injuries from which she never recovered.

She was born in 1832, in the town of Lyons, and was the eldest daughter of Ira and Abbie Burton. At the age of 16 her mother passed away, leaving her with the care of her father and four younger sisters, one of whom is left. She also leaves two nephews and a niece, besides a host of friends to mourn the loss of a loved one.

The funeral was held from her late home in the village Thursday afternoon, Rev. J. S. Priestley officiating. The remains were interred in the Everett cemetery, at South Lyons.

New List Called.

Dr. J. A. Miller was called to Royal Oak Thursday morning to assist at the examination of a new list of registrants for the many physical objections making it necessary, in the second district, to call a new quota.

In the prior list Dr. Miller examined 135; out of which 35 were rejected on account of physical disability.

Of those accepted at the physical examination to face, as we have been able to learn, four have been exempted by the local board on claims filed. They are: L. F. Schroeder, Tom Densmore, James Dean Parker and Arthur Clayton Culver. However, we understand, these still are subject to examination by the government agent, and the local board's findings accepted or reversed.

Those in the village called on the second quota are Edward Goers, George Cox, John Shear, William Chamberlain, Leo Gilmeister and Walter Spaller. There were 22 in all called from this township.

Club Meeting.

The New Idea club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Groves on Roger street. This meeting was the first after a lapse of four weeks. There was a general renewing of friendships, and as usual a general good time was enjoyed.

All members were present except Mrs. Stearns, who was out of town, and Mrs. Randall. Little Emily Maas, 6 weeks old, is the latest member to be added to the club membership. She seemed to enjoy the hour, and the compliment was more than returned by the other members. The present hostess was a beautiful white linen tablecloth.

Refreshments were ice cream and cakes of various kinds, tempting the most delicate appetites. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. George Cox on Shiswassee avenue, September 12th.

Wixom Family Reunion.

The annual reunion of the families of Mrs. Adaline Wixom occurred Sunday August 26th, at the pleasant home of Mark C. Wixom on Warner street.

There were present her three sons and one daughter and her grandchildren. There were 83 people present, making the affair very enjoyable by their presence.

A bountiful dinner, plenty of music and a general good time was enjoyed by all.

The families represented were C. B. Wixom, of Pontiac; Mark and Harry of this place; Mrs. W. Hayward and daughter, of Ypsilanti; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hatcher, of Ann Arbor; C. W. Bostford and two daughters, Bessie and Mrs. Webster Adams, of New Boston.

A reunion like this renews the old pleasant memories, and is always especially dear to the mother heart, as well as to the children, and the beautiful day gave all a chance to enjoy the "great out-of-doors."

Willard Service Storage Batteries for sale. Also batteries recharged. W. H. Lee & Sons, 17

Pleasantly Surprised.

A very pleasant birthday surprise occurred near the Junction last Sunday, when Ernest Bauer least expected anything of the kind being planned.

His birthday coming on Saturday, the 26th, he had invited a couple of friends to spend Sunday afternoon with him at his home. Taking them to the grove near the creek on his father's place, where they had been but a short time when Ernest was summoned. Going to the house he was surprised to find gathered on the lawn and in the house about 40 friends.

After receiving congratulations from all present Ernest gathered himself together, and a fine social time was enjoyed. At 6 o'clock lunch was served by his two sisters-in-law, Mesdames A. and W. Bauer, and two cousins, Winnifred Oldenburg and Mrs. Syntha Springer, assisted by his mother, Mrs. H. Bauer. The lunch consisted of hot coffee, sandwiches, pickles, ice cream and cake, and a large beautiful birthday cake with 22 candles was presented Ernest by Mrs. Albert Bauer.

He was the recipient of a number of presents, and the day was one to be remembered by all present.

German Exaggeration.

A citizen of the United States, with fanatical admiration for all things German, undoubtedly would be surprised to learn that in the last half century Americans have produced probably ten notable inventions for every one created by a German. In that period Americans have revolutionized many industries and changed the whole mode of ordinary living by numerous great inventions.

In 1876 Alexander Graham Bell gave the telephone to the world. Two years later Sholes brought out the typewriter. George Westinghouse invented the air-brake, and changed the entire scheme of railroad travel the year before the Prussians swept to Paris. Ten years later Brush invented the electric lamp and Thomson the electric welder. Edison, the wizard, came forward with the incandescent light, the phonograph and the motion-picture machine. Goodyear's shoe-making machine changed the entire footwear industry. The trolley car, the pressurizing machine, the rotary disc plow, the automatic car coupler, the automatic block signal, the cash register—all the result of American inventiveness and ingenuity—have been given to the world within the last fifty years.

Even in the invention of instruments of warfare the greatest military nation in the world had nothing to do with the bringing out of wireless telegraphy, the submarine and the aeroplane. The Italian, Marconi, gave us the wireless and Americans were responsible for the submarine and the aeroplane. The Gatling gun or exceeds the armory for all machine guns—was an American product and military experts say that the best machine gun in the present war is one invented in the United States. And it is more than doubtful whether any powder expert in Germany knows more about high explosives than the Du Ponts of this country.

Germany, after preparing for war for almost fifty years, is now far outdistanced in the matter of artillery by England and France, as has been fully demonstrated on the western front.

In view of all these facts, it is not about time that Americans, who have been exulting over the German initiative and efficiency, should turn to the history of their own country and people, and learn that, while we have our shortcomings and faults, everything good and effective is not "Made in Germany."—Bloomington (Ill.) Pantagraph.

There were 225 new state laws effective August 10th.

Nathan McClellan, a Southfield township farmer had three of his toes so badly mangled by the gears of a hayrack into which one of his feet slipped, that amputation was necessary.

Pure Bred Holstein bull calves at Warner Farm.

CHURCH NOTES

Salem Evangelical

Rev. A. C. Stange will preach next Sunday morning at 10:45, eastern time, in the Clarenceville German church.

The Farmington Ladies' Aid meets on the first Wednesday in each month at the Parsonage.

Baptist Church.

Rev. J. W. Salton, Pastor. Pastor's subjects for Sunday: Morning—"The Fragrance of a Beautiful Deed." Evening—"Three Conditions in One Day."

Sunday school at noon. On Wednesday afternoon the Sunday school teachers and scholars had a picnic at the church. A program of stories and recitations were well given by the children, followed by an animal hunt, and many games were played. A delicious picnic lunch was served on the church lawn, ending a day long to be remembered by the children.

Methodist Church

Rev. James Priestley, Minister. The Ladies' Aid society met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. M. E. Pierce. The meeting was devoted chiefly to Red Cross work.

Last Sunday we had most enjoyable services, and well attended, considering so many were away on their vacation. This week the pastor and family are enjoying themselves at Walled Lake. The services next Sunday will be as usual, the preacher for the day will be the Rev. L. H. Cone, of North Farmington, we hope he will have good congregations.

Sunday school at the regular hour and we expect to hear of a large attendance.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30—this will be the last before conference.

The Ladies' Aid will meet next Thursday with Mrs. Charles Collins.

FOR SALE—Good work horse. Inquire at Owen House Farmington. 42c

FOR SALE—Lansing Silo, cheap also 16-foot row boat for sale at a bargain. L. C. Harger 44p

WANTED—A middle-aged woman as a companion and to help with housework. Phone No. 15, Farmington. 44c.

FOR SALE—Two new milch Gradys—clean cows. Inquire of Howard Warner, or at the Warner farm. 43c

FOR SALE—At a bargain, second hand Dodge car, only run about 300 miles. Inquire of C. H. Ely.

LOST—Ladies' gold watch, on Grand River one day last week. Finder please return to Mrs. Rue Langbecker. 43c.

FOR SALE—Visiting cards—either printed or engraved. Best of work and prices right. Ask the Enterprise man.

FOR SALE—Large sheets of Blotting paper; also Bristol Board, Cards of all kinds, either printed or plain. Call at the Enterprise and see what we have.

BIRTH CARDS—We will print you a neat card announcing the birth of your baby, and furnish the envelopes for mailing. Cards and envelopes 25 for 50 cents. Enterprise office.

NOTICE—If the woman who was seen on the afternoon of August 10th leaving Nelson's bakery who picked up the pocket book from the pavement in front of the store, containing a ten dollar bill, a five dollar bill, one dollar bill, 25 cents in silver and a gold ring with a garnet set, will acknowledge same to Mrs. J. J. Webster, there will be no further comment. Otherwise the matter will be investigated. 44c