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LOST GRAIN AND HOGS

Barn on Old Waack Farm Near Clarenceville Burned to the Ground.

The barn belonging to Charles Reidle on the old Waack farm near Clarenceville burned to the ground Tuesday, together with its contents, consisting of 210 bushels of oats, a mow full of hay, and five hogs, besides a quantity of straw.

About 11 o'clock Tuesday the fire was discovered, and before anything could be done the whole structure was a mass of flames.

Mr. Reidle is a heavy loser, as it is stated he carried no insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought sparks from a threshing engine, which was operated at the farm a few days ago, lodged in the straw and smothered until they had gained headway enough to doom the structure, when they burst forth in a fiery furnace.

A paper was circulated for Mr. Reidle's benefit, and at last accounts the citizens of the neighborhood had raised over \$100.

New Probate Judge

Former Justice Ross Stockwell, of Pontiac, was last week appointed by Gov. Sleeper to fill out the term of Judge K. P. Rockwell in the Oakland county probate court, and took up his duties the first of the week.

Mr. Stockwell, the former well-known justice of the municipal court at Pontiac, assumes the duties of probate judge with experience in the work, as he spent four years as clerk of the court under his father, Judge J. S. Stockwell, which experience will undoubtedly render him able to carry on the work in the same efficient manner in which it has been executed during the nearly nine years of tenureship of Judge Rockwell.

Judson A. Fredenburg, the efficient probate registrar under Judge Rockwell, and who was a candidate for the position secured by Mr. Stockwell expects to resume his practice of law, and leaves the probate duties with the best wishes of all who had business relations with him. In regard to Judge Rockwell, who assumes the duties of circuit judge on January 1st next, those who know him best are the heartiest in his wishes for his success in his new duties, especially the press of the county, whose relations have been the most pleasant with the probate office during the incumbency of Judge Rockwell and Mr. Fredenburg.

Later, Mr. Fredenburg was tendered, and accepted, the position of justice for the municipal court, vacated by Mr. Stockwell.

Ladies Literary Club

The regular meeting of the L. C. C. was held November 7th at the home of Bertha Steele. The beautiful weather brought out 23 members, who spent a profitable afternoon, listening to the various reports from visitors to the county and city federation meetings.

Two papers, one on "Sources of Sugar," by Anna Cook; the other "Sugar in the Diet," by Jennie Melow, proved very enlightening, and the meeting closed with a rather humorous discussion, "How Shall the Housewife Spend Her Recreation Time?" led by Ernestine Pierce.

The club meets November 21st with May Crossman.

Two freight cars, loaded with potatoes and gravel respectively, were smashed to "kinding wood" at Brighton last week, when a passenger train collided with a freight. The engineer of the passenger train jumped and was slightly bruised, but otherwise no one was injured.

Read the liners.

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

School Notes.

Total enrollment 260. Harold Chavey, Leo Hendryx, St. Clair Switzer and George Gildemeister were absent from school Wednesday afternoon.

There will be something special for the Friday morning exercise. Frederick and Arthur Martin, of Detroit, have entered the first and second grades.

Miss Power is reading "Black Beauty" to her pupils.

Clara Conrad is a new pupil in the second grade.

We have 36 now enrolled in the Primary room.

Miss Day is reading the Ruth Fielding series to the Fifth and Sixth grades.

Worth Hearing

As was stated a couple of weeks ago in the Enterprise, Rev. E. Halliwell, of Detroit, began a series of 12 lectures on the "Story of the Bible," October 28th, at the Baptist church.

Two of the lectures have been given, and we can say they are most interesting and instructive. Rev. Halliwell is a bible student of acknowledged ability, and he is able to tell the story in a very interesting manner.

The next lecture, taking up the later chapters of the book of Genesis, will be given next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, and we venture to say that if you attend you will not miss one of these lectures.

There is no charge for the lectures and the Baptist church should be filled to overflowing next Sunday evening.

Red Cross Report

The Farmington Red Cross is doing a great work, and reports the following as having been made since July 20th last:

Surgical bandages 8,000, shirts 81, pajamas 85, Nightingale throws 18, socks, made of outing flannel, 5 pairs, towels 43, pillows 36, napkins 219, handkerchiefs 55, knitted articles: Sweaters 11, mufflers 6, socks 9 pairs, wristlets 5 pairs, pillow cases 137, sheets 85 and warm cloths 38.

The ladies report that there is plenty of work on hand for every woman in Farmington, and the "boys" need your help—their requirements becoming greater each day as the cold weather advances, and each lady is urged to go to the Red Cross headquarters in the new Warner block Saturday from 1:30 to 5 p. m., and secure material.

It is your duty to help in this great work of comfort for our boys at the camps, who will soon be going overseas to the trenches. Nothing but your boy's or some relative or friend will be one of them, and think of the satisfaction of knowing that you have done your part toward their happiness and comfort.

Don't be a "slacker," but go to headquarters Saturday afternoon and give your services, which you can do, and that will be small beside the sacrifice of those who are giving "their all" for your protection and happiness.

Local News

Attorney Clinton McGee was over from Pontiac Monday.

Palmer Chilson and wife are now nicely located in the Peterson house on East Grand River.

William Shear, who was seriously ill last week with threatening bronchial pneumonia, is much improved at this writing.

Word has been received from Waco, Texas, of the promotion of some of our soldier boys, who are Howard Eisenrod, Norman Lee, Bertram Gross, Geo. Goers and George Miller. The first upward step is "first class privates," and all of their friends are very glad to hear the good news concerning them.

The village inhabitants are requested to help find the "Prisoner" which has escaped from the Library. We thought perhaps it was caught by the "Undertaker" which is also missing. For a clearer record, there are two books belonging to the Farmington Library and their return would be greatly appreciated.

M'GEE AND KELLEY SPEAK

Big Crowd Attends Mass Meeting for Red Cross and War Relief Benefit

A large crowd assembled at the Town Hall last Thursday evening to hear Congressman Clinton McGee, of Pontiac, and Congressman Kelley, of Detroit, and when to expect peace.

The object of the meeting was to provide funds for our Red Cross and War Relief committees, the latter being a purely local organization to provide necessities and comforts for our own Farmington township boys who are at camp, and will soon go to the front, and the charge of 25 cents was freely given. However, those who attended were amply repaid in the strong, instructive and interesting talks by Attorney Clinton McGee, of Pontiac, formerly a Farmington boy, and Congressman Kelley.

Ex-Gov. Warner acted a chairman of the meeting, and following several selections by the band, Mr. Warner stated that Farmington township had responded nobly to the second Liberty Loan, giving western credit to the northwestern part of the township, which is mostly composed of citizens of foreign descent or birth.

After an appropriate song by the M. E. choir, Attorney Clinton McGee, who had unexpectedly come over to the "home town" from Pontiac, made a strong argument against the circulation of the many stories which are causing trouble in the work of conservation of food stuffs and the work of the Red Cross—designating the repeating of them "as much an act of treason as non-patriotism as it is to be the author of them." In relation to the origin of such he said he did not know where they came from or by whom started, but "it is not alone the foreign element that passes them along and uses them as a bait to buying bonds or to stop the signing of food plots—it is some of our own American-born men and women. I know of a canvas which was made just the other day on a certain street in Pontiac, where there were living Germans, Italians, Poles, Russians and Americans, and out of 74 families in the street who were asked to sign, only one refused—an American-born housewife.

"This should not be, because, regardless of your birthplace, one thought should be for abolishment of autocracy now and forever. Any man who passes on this great story of rumor is not fit to be called a citizen of this the highest of all free countries.

Following Mr. McGee, Congressman Kelley, in his usual pleasing manner, began his address by quoting the following from Edwin Burke: "The state is composed of three things, our contract with the dead, our contract with the living and our contract with the unborn. And we are fighting this great fight today to keep our contract with those dead heroes who gave their all at Lexington, Bunker Hill, Valley Forge, Yorktown and in the battle of Chancellorsville, Antietam and Vicksburg; who are fighting to keep our contract with the living, those men who are going to the battle lines in France and Flanders, with those in this country who are giving their all to uphold that Old Glory stands for; and last we are fighting to keep our contract with the unborn, the coming children of this great nation, the children of Belgium, of France and for the little children to come of Germany who will have to bear the burdens for years of this great monster warbed in the argument who rules with an iron hand by what he calls 'divine right.'"

He stated that any man or woman who had been protected during years past—"lived under the protection of the stars and stripes"—regardless of race, creed or anything else, at this time of crisis, owed protection to the flag—a reciprocal arrangement, with no difference in race, creed or

fatherland; stand firm behind President Wilson and our people—and if we don't do this nothing else will matter when it is all over.

"The principle business of this country now is making war—horrible, bloody war—and the sooner you and every other man in the United States gets this thought into his head the better it will be for all concerned."

Mr. Kelly said before the war it cost a billion and a quarter to run the government for a year, but since February they had spent 21 billions, and were going to need much more, "and we are coming to you after it again—as often as the need arises, and you are going to shell out just as liberally as you did on the Liberty Loan."

The congressman stated that by next June we would have 22,500 airplanes in the sky at the seat of the war.

Gone to Waco

The following letter was received by Mrs. J. Walker from her son, Lemuel, written while enroute from Camp Custer to Waco, Texas:

Dear Mother— Just a line to tell you I am going about 40 miles north to camp the southland. We left Camp Custer Saturday, October 27th, just 20 minutes after we received word to move—some short notice.

The first night we went to bed in Kalamazoo and woke up in Chicago, and the next night we "hit the bunks" in St. Louis, Mo., and woke up on the banks of the Mississippi—expect to cross the bridge very soon now. I'm having lots of fun, and feeling fine. This is a great life. I slept in an upper berth on the train and every time the train would stop I would bang my head, so last night I put my suitcase at one end and my bundle at the other.

We passed through two dangerous places—one at St. Louis where there are many I. W. W.'s. Here we had to keep very quiet, close all the windows and lights all out. Later we crossed a very high bridge and it cracked and cracked, but we got over all right. I am enjoying the ride very much. There is a lot of grain in the fields yet in Arkansas. When we went through the state I thought of and sang that song used to sing at home, "The Arkansas Traveler."

We are now just 62 miles from Little Rock, and expect to be in Waco, Texas, Tuesday or Wednesday—some journey this.

There were 608 of us left Camp Custer, and we have all kinds of fun at night. The scenery is fine in some places. At Newport all I could see was bales of cotton. We go through lots of towns—some of them having names much larger than the town itself. People do not cut their corn out here—they pick it off.

They say that when we get to Texas we will find it 150 in the shade—and no shade.

Mother don't worry about me, and I will write you again as soon as I get there. With lots of love to all I am,

Your son,
LEMUEL WALKER.

Read The Ads

Do you want to make a clear saving of \$25 to \$50 on your expense between now and the first day of next January? You can, and this is the way you can do it. You will be making many purchases for yourself and family for fall and winter purposes and for the Christmas time. There is always some merchant in town who will do a little better by you than anybody else. When a merchant is able to do this he is keen to advertise and let the people know what he can and will do. Your own cue is to read carefully each week the advertisements in the paper. They tell the story and the name of the merchant who makes the story. Read the ads.

The liners are money getters. Seven New Mich Cows for sale. See Howard Warner, or inquire at the Warner Dairy Co. office, Farmington.

Dropped Dead

Alfred Coleman Dies Instantly—Thursday Afternoon.

Just as we were going to press word came to us of the sudden death of Alfred (Buster) Coleman, who dropped dead Thursday afternoon about 2:30, while sitting in a chair at the Grace House.

Mr. Coleman had been feeling bad for a few days, but nothing serious was apprehended, and his death will be a shock to the community.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

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

The worst Hallowe'en "joke" played on "us folks" this year was the winter-weather-in-October stunt pulled off by the meteorological department. (If you don't know what that is, look in the dictionary. We did.)—Northville Record.

The editor of the Advertiser has received an invitation and complimentary ticket to the International Live Stock Exposition to be held at Chicago, December 1st to 8th. If we were in the habit of eating meat we would go without one day in order to be able to attend.—Holly Advertiser.

Miss Minnie Lohmeyer, of Bloomfield township, pleaded guilty Monday to a charge of passing a worthless check on Charles C. Phelps of Pontiac, the complaint being made by Mr. Hanson, and was let off on suspended sentence by paying the amount of \$21.25.—Birmingham Electric.

After conducting a general store on the Seven Mile road ten or eleven years, James Mack discovered in his attic the other day a new source of revenue. Up among other articles he found a nest of bees and seventeen pounds of A-1 honey.—Redford Record.

What impresses us as one of the most ridiculous things on earth is the fact that while our government is urging everyone to save—cut down expenses—our county solons and our state officers seem to feel no necessity for the reduction of expenses. In fact they seem to delight in making our taxes higher, probably figuring if we save enough in following the advice of Mr. Hoover we can more easily pay these higher taxes.—South Lyon Herald.

Local News

Pay car Wednesday. Joy McGee, of Pontiac, was a Farmington caller Sunday.

Mr. Clyde Plank visited Miss Edna Goers over Sunday.

A. B. Peterson, of Redford, was in Farmington, Monday.

Harry Harding was on the sick list the first of the week.

Mrs. Carl Isaminger and Mrs. Emily Stamm attended "Peg O' My Heart" at the Lyceum Wednesday afternoon at Detroit.

Mrs. Anna Robertson, of Orchard Lake, and Mrs. Jennie Wick, of Portland, Oregon, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kerr Tuesday.

On the strength of the high cost of fuel, as well as the scarcity of same, the Farmington Town Library will fall in line to "do its bit," by closing at an earlier hour. The hours hereafter will be from 2 p. m. until 7 p. m. Please bear this in mind, and you will be helping yourself as well the association.

Subscribers who will read the ads in this paper and take advantage of the bargains offered will save the subscription price many times over in the course of a year.

"Trench and Camp," a publication at Camp Custer, by the Y. M. C. A., in the interest of the soldier boys, came to our desk last week.

Michigan has 220,770 licensed motor vehicles, 60,000 more than last year. In addition to this total there are 8,675 motorcycles licensed and 18,661 chauffeurs.

Over 30 freight and passenger trains on the P. M. system have been temporarily discontinued since October 31. Inability to get coal is the reason assigned.

Novel Way to help "Y"

War Work Fund.

At the sale November 14th, at Ypsilanti, of the Washtenaw County Holstein-Friesian Cattle Breeders' club, advertised in this issue, the proceeds from the sale of a grandson of King of the Pontiacs, will be contributed by the consignor to the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. fund now being raised.

LITTLE WANT ADS

STATIONERY—Let us print you some nice stationery. Good work and reasonable prices. FOR SALE—New milch cow, call on side Harry McCracken, Phone 42J 2.

FOR RENT—Heated Flat in new Warner block. Inquire at Warner Dairy Co. office. 1tf

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

FOR SALE CHEAP—Buick 5-passenger car, taken in exchange, and in A-1 condition. E. S. Grace, Farmington. 2c

FOR RENT—The store next to the telephone office. Inquire of Mrs. Harry Harding, phone 74.

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.

WANTED—Girl for general housework—2 in family; all modern improvements in home, and wages \$2.50. Apply at Mrs. C. F. Smith's farm. 2p

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

FOR RENT—Ten-acre farm, 4-room house and attic, furnished, garage, \$20 month. Between 7-mile road and Grand River. J. W. Bell, Route 2, Box 97, Farmington. 2p

CHANCE OF YOUR LIFE—160 Acre Farm in Isabella County, on a good gravel road, six miles from a number one market; an old improved farm; good clay land, with No. 1 buildings; well fenced and tile drained. Will sell for \$75 per acre. Inquire of F. J. Thorpe, Novi, Mich. Write or call. 2c

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