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MICHIGAN LAKES ARE LOW
The 450 lakes of Oakland county have been lowered from three to four feet this season due to dry weather, and it will take several years of normal rainfall to restore them to their regular levels. Owners of cottages have been writing Prof. R. A. Smith, state geologist, and he explains there is no mystery about the abnormally low water this year. Government reports show that the rainfall for the first six months of the year has been about 30 per cent normal, and the lowest since 1904. Conditions of this sort are not limited to Oakland county. About 3,400 inland lakes in the state have been affected in the same way.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Regular meeting of the council held Aug. 10, 1925.
Called to order by President Wilber.
Trustees present: Johnson Warner, Bickling, Lamb, Russell and Cook.
Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.
The following bills were read and allowed:

- George Grant \$55.40
- Harvey Blough 70.83
- Jessie Peasley 44.40
- Ed Kutschke 66.00
- Herbert Dusha 60.60
- Herman Kreager 83.33
- George Grant 85.40
- Harvey Blough 70.83
- Jessie Peasley 46.00
- Roy Richardson 52.50
- Ed. Kutschke 69.00
- Herbert Dusha 68.00
- Roy Richardson 18.50
- Neil Keekap 13.50
- Herbert Dusha 39.90
- Olin Russel 12.69
- Harvey's Sons 12.69
- Kenneth Anderson 112.25
- William Ringie 42.15
- V. Evans 75
- H. J. Jones 32.30
- Greenslade Oil Co. 38.50
- Park Garage 9.79
- Auto Shop 25.22
- Farmington Lumber Co. 123.96
- Sentry Meter Co. 262.50
- Det. Lead Pipe Co. 46.60
- Claude Lee 7.69
- Farmington Hardware Co. 61.90
- Andrew Salow 6.00
- Lake Drive Garage 1.50
- Farmington Enterprise 14.75
- J. H. Johnson, VIII. asses. 214.75
- John Dingfelder 16.07
- Lee Hardware 775.00
- Mark Wixon Graves 352.90
- Detroit Edison Co. 467.89
- William Shaw 362.79

The Council ordered the clerk to present bill of \$11.52 to the School Board for cement blocks used in putting in water meter.

A communication received from M. B. Pierce in regard to water and sewer connection on Cass ave. On motion by Lamb and supported by Russel it was referred to water and sewer committee.

Moved by Russel supported by Warner that cement walk on the east side of Division street between the bowline alley and D. U. R. tracks to be relaid. Carried. All yeas.

Moved by Russel supported by Johnson that street committee be allowed to use about 50 yards of gravel on South end of Lakeway. Carried.

Moved by Johnson supported by Russel that Warner street be excavated graded and graveled from Shiawassee street to Thomas street. Carried. All yeas.

Council was addressed by Mr. Cox representing the Federal Electric Co. of Chicago in regard to Fire Siren. On motion it was placed on the table until next regular council meeting.

Mr. Rosborough of the Farmington Woods Co. Sub. submitted a plat of the same for inspection. After much discussion the matter was postponed for further consideration.

Adjourned. N. H. POWER, Clerk.

Why So Many Divorces
Nearly half of the divorces granted in London courts in 1923 resulted from childless marriages. Divorces for couples without children numbered 1,201 out of 2,834 cases.

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The "Story" Over the Wire

By DONALD A. KAHN

WNY Service

DURBIN, the telegraph editor, could take down the wire, edit it, put it on a typewriter, hold a fair, cut, and smoke a corncob pipe, all at one and the same time.

One afternoon, as Durbin was talking and typing a story on the telephone, a knock came and a messenger, dressed in the garb of a local burglar with Jenks, the police reporter, Edlison, the managing editor, joined in the conversation.

"What are you taking?" he asked Durbin. "Anything for the six o'clock extra?" Durbin jammed the tobacco down in his cob, slipped a fresh sheet of copy paper into his typewriter, and the floor commingled, in a pound away.

"Three-legged cat born in Jasper township," he responded, between gasps.

"For heavens sake, cut it off!" he gasped. "Can't you give us something about Durbin?"

"Of course," replied the telegrapher, hesitatingly. "I don't receive the news. I just sit here and receive Jenks' news. He comes in and says, 'The cat is on the head, hunched in apprehension of the nightly shift between the telegrapher and his superior.'"

"I've had a talk on the wire Durbin about it," he said, looking at the clock. "I've had a talk on the wire Durbin about it," he said, looking at the clock.

"Hello!" he shouted to Edlison. "Here you are! Loudon cabgram says King Frederick of Graustark has kicked the bucket!"

"Just in time for the extra!" rejoiced the managing editor, biting like a fish. "Condescend to him." He leaned over Durbin's shoulder, scribbling down the "details" as the telegrapher punched them out on the machine.

Durbin's imagination ran to the accompanying typewriter had just reached the matter of funeral arrangements when he was hurriedly called by the telephone by the copy boy.

"My house on fire!" screamed Durbin, rushing from the phone and out into the street before any one could stop him.

Barton, Durbin's assistant, was summoned from the fire room and put in charge of the insurance.

"Get the rest of King Frederick," ordered the editor.

For a moment Barton listened to the dots and dashes. "It's something about a three-legged cat," he stated.

"Well with the cat!" exclaimed Edlison, impatiently. "We want the rest of the funeral stuff for the extra. Break in on them."

Following instructions, Barton interrupted and demanded one at a time the royal funeral. But the sender, taking the request as a joke, threatened to fine the operator.

"Let 'em go!" decreed Edlison. "We've got enough to fill a page any way."

In an incredibly short time Durbin's fake on the death of the Danish monarch was set on the typewriter, cast by the stereotypers, and screwed to the presses. With pictures of the king, the story, redaction, monopolized the first page of the extra.

Of course no other paper carried this "news." Edlison congratulated himself on what he took to be the superiority of his telegraph and cable service. The entire edition, in the hands of the news boys, sold out in a few moments.

"Just by chimney burned out," announced the telegraph editor, presently returning to the office. "Where's Jenks?"

"He left the same time you did," replied Edlison. "Why?"

"Durbin turned phantly pale. 'Did he put you to rest that Frederick story?' he gasped.

"Sure, we got it—beat 'em all," answered the managing editor. "Didn't you see the extra?"

"Lord!" moaned Durbin. "You used the 'finger'!"

"The fire at his house put him on the blink," observed Barton, not unkindly.

WHY

Simple Signature Is Best Protection

In their attempt to defy forgery of their names it is not uncommon for men to develop a certain flourishing in the signatures they attach to bank checks. Almost any bank cashier will corroborate this statement. They think they are smart, but in reality they are making a mistake, for, paradoxical as it may sound, the simplest signature is the hardest to forge without detection.

A plain, straightforward signature, without flourishes, must be limited with consummate skill in the shape of shading each letter to avoid detection by keen eyes, whereas the one that is scarcely decipherable, or which is characterized by unnecessary elaboration, presents a comparatively easy task.

The forger, naturally presuming that the customer's signature is identified more by the characteristic flourishing than by the actual name, concentrates his effort on producing a perfect copy of them, trusting, and apparently with good reason, that any slight deviation in the unemphasized part of the signature will not be noticed.

The most painstaking forger may, however, it is pleasant to say, fall in his purpose through some careless slip where everything else is perfect.

Such was the case when, not long ago, a paying teller detected a forged check not by the signature but because he knew that the man by whom it purported to be signed always put the date before the name of the month, whereas on this check they were reversed.

Why Wood Rot

It is claimed that rotting of wood results from the activity of low forms of plant life which take nourishment from the wood and thus destroy it. This refutes the theory that wood rot is caused by the elements or by direct chemical action.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO THE Michigan Public Utilities Commission

In accordance with Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1913 and Act No. 419 of the Public Acts of 1910, notice is hereby given that an application will be presented by the Michigan Bell Telephone Company to the Michigan Public Utilities Commission, at the office of the Commission in the City of Lansing, on the 20th day of August, 1925, at 10:00 A. M. of that day, for authority to put into effect certain rates for the furnishing of telephone service in the exchanges of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company in the State of Michigan, by the establishment of the Schedule set forth below and the said Commission will be then and there requested to fix SEPTEMBER 8, 1925, or such other day as may suit the convenience of the Commission, as a day of hearing of said application.

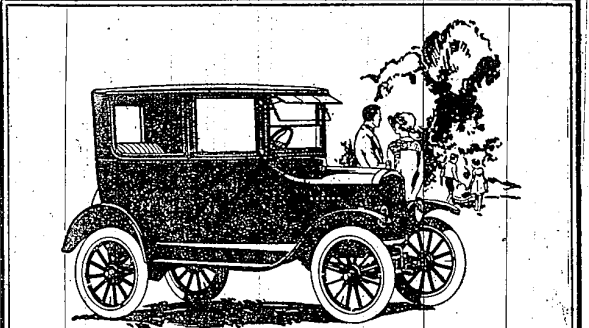
PROPOSED SCHEDULE MONTHLY EXCHANGE RATES. Table with columns for Business Service, Residence Service, Rural Service, and Service Station Service. Includes rates for various groups and distances.

PRESENT SCHEDULE MONTHLY EXCHANGE RATES. Table with columns for Business Service, Residence Service, Rural Service, and Service Station Service. Includes rates for various groups and distances.

TOLL RATES

Application will also be made to modify the present schedule of toll rates. The present schedule with respect to the initial period rates for Station-to-Station "day" messages provides for a minimum rate of 10¢ for distances up to 12 miles, and 5¢ additional for each 6 miles or fraction thereof over 12 miles up to 24 miles, and 5¢ for each 8 miles or fraction thereof over 24 miles.

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY



Out Where the Paving Ends

Ever noticed the cars you meet in out-of-the-way places, approached by narrow, twisting trails, or rough country roads? They are Fords—nearly every one.

Ford advertisement featuring the Ford logo, a list of models and prices (Runabout, Touring Car, Coupe, Fordor Sedan), and a coupon for requesting a Ford car on easy payments. Price listed as \$580.

PONTIAC COMMERCIAL and SAVINGS BANK advertisement. Includes text: "The Largest Bank in Oakland County Welcomes Your Patronage. Complete Safety Vault Protection For Less Than 1 Cent A Day." and "SAN-YAK For weak Kidneys, High Blood Pressure, Rheumatism, Back Ache, Dizziness, Diabetes and Indigestion. Get San Sak in Liquid or Pill Form at Smith's Drug Stores."

Professional Cards advertisement for Z. IL. ASCHENBRENNER, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, Office Hours: 2:00 to 4:00 P. M., Evenings Except Sun. and Wed. 7:30-8:10. Farmington, Phone 160.

GEORGE FULFORD advertisement. Lathing - Plastering Contracts, Stucco Work, Phone 217 Redford.

MONUMENTS advertisement. Direct from Manufacturer 2-U MILFORD GRANITE CO. Milford, Michigan.

Butterfield & Butterfield ARCHITECTS advertisement. 2847 Grand River Avenue Detroit. Telephone Glendale 8891. STUDIOS, AT FARMINGTON.

Dr. L. W. SNOW advertisement. Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist. Office Hours: 11-12 a.m. 2-4 p.m., Tel. 162. Northville, Mich.

Wm. S. McNAIR ATTORNEY-AT-LAW advertisement. Office—64 Main St. Northville, Michigan.

Detroit Unit Lines advertisement. Farmington Time Table (Eastern Standard Time) (Effective May - 1925). Cars leave Farmington for Detroit at 6:54 a.m., 7:48 a.m. and hourly to 8:48 p.m., 10:58 p.m. (to Junction only 1:03 a.m.).

Detroit Unit Lines advertisement. Farmington Time Table (Eastern Standard Time) (Effective May - 1925). Cars leave Farmington for Orchard Lake and Pontiac at 5:30 a.m., 6:50 a.m., 7:55 a.m. and every two hours to 4:55 p.m., also 6:10 p.m., 7:55 p.m. and 9:55 p.m. First car leaves Farmington for Northville at 7:00 a.m., hourly to 8:00 p.m., also 10:00 p.m. and 12:22 a.m. Cars connect at Northville with those for Plymouth and Wayne over the D. J. & C. Hourly limited service to Ann Arbor.