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## STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE OF FLOYD ENGLISH

The following news article concerning the mysterious disappearance of Floyd English from his home at Middlesboro, Ky., where he has been engaged in business since last September, shortly after disposing of his interest in the Auto Shop here, is taken from the December 15 issue of the Middlesboro Daily News:

Considerable mystery still surrounds the disappearance of Floyd English, 30-day proprietor of the White Star confectionery store which closed Saturday night English, who came here from Farmington, Mich., purchased the lease and fixtures of Joe Bertozzi, September 1, according to reports, \$3,450 in cash for the business and giving a mortgage on the fixtures for \$750 to the Citizens bank of this city.

It is said that Bertozzi had leased the room on an annual paid in advance basis and that the lease fell due on December 26, the consideration being \$1,000. On November 22, English left the store in charge of Miss Troy Hall, saying that he was going to Cincinnati to purchase new Christmas goods. That was the last seen or heard of him.

Miss Hall, continued operation of the store until last Saturday evening and on the advice of friends, locked the doors and turned the keys over to a local bank. On Monday, foreclosure proceedings were initiated by local creditors, and the store permanently closed.

English, who made a number of friends in Middlesboro, proved an enigma. Although, it is said, he took his books with him and that a reasonable appraisal of the business done during his stay is problematical, those who claim to have some idea of his business life here assert that he did not possess business while those in possession of his liabilities say that claims against him are negligible compared to the amount of his investments.

Whether English fell victim to foul play, or fearing that his business here would fail to permit him to make good on renewal of his lease is a matter of conjecture, but the fact that he is gone as though swallowed up, leaving behind him a good opportunity is cause for much speculation along the street.

## COUNTY ATHLETIC COMMITTEE NAMED

A board of supervisors to rule all county interscholastic athletic meets was appointed by the Oakland County School Men's club at its recent meeting at the Walled Lake school, says the Royal Oak Tribune. In addition to the regular interscholastic events, the board will concern itself with the annual spring field day hereafter.

Members of this athletic board are: Principal Cleve R. Bradshaw, Ferriside; Principal M. C. Hart, Birmingham; Superintendent W. E. Parker, Rochester; Principal Frank DuFrain, Pontiac; Superintendent Henry Lopez, Oxford.

Another committee was appointed to sponsor a track meet for children in the grade schools. This group is composed of Superintendent T. F. Davis, Hazel Park; Superintendent Chas. R. Johnson, Clawson; Superintendent Clarence Vliet, Birmingham; Superintendent A. A. Calder, Clarenceville, and Principal Arthur W. Selden, Pontiac Junior high school.

These two boards will act in an advisory capacity in conjunction with their other work as athletic directors of the county and will form a committee to settle disputes regarding athletic contests. The two groups will act conjunctively in planning the annual spring field day.

Supt. A. G. Leonard of Farmington is president of the School Men's Club.

## POSTOFFICE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

This year for the first time, postoffice employees will be given a holiday Christmas day. No mail will be delivered, giving the carriers the holiday privileges enjoyed by others. The local postoffice will be closed all day.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

World War orphans quartered at the American Legion billet at Otter Lake, Mich., will have a Santa Claus this year, as a result of a lot of hard work on the part of the members of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Federation of Women's clubs of Michigan, Superintendent George Yeomans of the billet and Billet Service Officer Ann Cress. Santa Claus will visit the billet just as he does the homes of the more fortunate children of Michigan, and when he departs the World War orphans at the billet will have their stockings filled, perhaps not as generously as many other Michigan children but this will be filled.

For more than a week little children have been looking under beds, in closets, in the store house and other out of the way places to see if Santa had paid them an early visit, just as other American children do in every home in the United States.

This year the orphans will each receive a suit of clothes, shoes, stockings, mittens, caps, fruit and nuts. They will enjoy a real Christmas turkey dinner with all of its trimmings as a result of the generosity of the members of the Pontiac Post, American Legion, and its auxiliary. The members of the Federation of Women's Clubs of Michigan were much interested in seeing that the fatherless children at the Otter Lake billet have a real Christmas this year. They raised considerable money and assisted in other ways to make the day a big success for the waifs.

For some of the orphans at the billet it is their first real Christmas since their fathers and mothers died. Christmas has been just the same as any other day in the year to many of them since the World War. Many Detroiters will visiting the billet during the holidays, and every person living in Michigan, who can possibly make a visit to that place is invited. There are about sixty orphans and fatherless children being cared for at the billet at the present time, fourteen of whom are children under three years of age.

The Legion endowment fund of Michigan is being raised rapidly. Urniture City Post, American Legion, of Grand Rapids, donated \$500 during the past week, and Brighton, Mich., sent in \$257.25 to the endowment fund headquarters in Detroit. Campaigns are being conducted in Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor, Jackson, Flint and several other cities in an effort to raise their quota for the fund. Persons who desire to contribute to this fund can send in their subscriptions to the American Legion Endowment Fund, 1423 First National Bank Bldg., Detroit, Mich., and their contributions will be acknowledged and credit given to their city.

Not one cent of the principal of this \$5,000,000 fund will be used for any purpose. Only the income received from it will be used for the care of the fatherless children. The children will be fed, clothed, trained and educated and given an opportunity to become self supporting when they reach manhood and womanhood.

The principal of the fund will remain intact, and when there are no more World War orphans to be cared for the income from this fund will be used for some similar charity to be named by the then President of the United States, and the then Chief Justice of the United States Supreme court.

"Our plan is that these World War orphans of ours a chance to help themselves," said State Commander J. Joseph Herbert, of Manistiquette.

## MANDAMUS SUIT

TO UP JUDGE The Snell mandamus suit to compel the township board to show cause why it refused to approve of certain plats is now up to Judge Lamb of Cadillac, before whom the case was presented in court at Pontiac last week. He announces that a decision will be following within twenty days.

## CHRISTMAS ARRIVAL

A daughter, Joyce Elwyn, was born Wednesday evening to Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Heeny.

## THE PASSING OF THE OLD PIERSON SCHOOLHOUSE

by Dr. and Mrs. H. N. McLean

No longer clang of axe resounds through frosty air, Adown the old oak trail the wild fox hunts no more, No graceful fawn starts up, alert, from hidden lair, The forest's but a memory. The city's at the door.

This school must go—its space too cramped to meet Demands of progress' ever increasing needs, Its passing leaves behind a reverie—tender—sweet, Of happy, honest folk, and kindly deeds.

These rafters, roughly hewed, for learning's halls, Reverberate what memories—through half a hundred years, Many a radiant hope was born within these walls; Fond friendships formed—much joy—some bitter tears.

The sturdy builders gave to it their best, This structure, like a rugged oak, today it stands, Through ravages of storm and time it stood the test— A monument to honest hearts and willing hands.

Let's honor, then, by carrying on their work, The noble pioneers who pointed out the way, With such a task before us, dare we shirk? Think what the nation owes to such as they.

Rises a new school, which we justly view with pride, A new day comes, and with its early dawn, Shoulder to shoulder—each one, side by side, Let duty urge us on.

## High School Spotlight

Third Grade The Christmas candles we each dipped was our gift to our mother. It was great fun as we made them the same way Colonial children did.

After the Captains we had our Christmas tree and party. The winners in the spelling contest each received a prize.

Fourth Grade We had our tree Wednesday afternoon after the Captains, and all enjoyed a good time. The prizes in the bag were their "A" papers for the month.

Left Out by Mistake Last Week In arithmetic we are learning how to find area. This is a new adventure for us, and we are already using such new words as inches, square feet, length and width.

Twelve pupils have succeeded in getting presents put in Santa's bag. We do not know who these pupils are. Some of us think the presents will be grade cards with "A" grade! But—we are only guessing.

There are a great many pupils absent this week because of sickness. We hope that they will all be back soon because we have many interesting things planned between now and Christmas. Monday we are starting another trip in geography class; this time with Santa from the North Pole to Farmington.

Our bulletin board is all dressed up for Christmas with pretty snow scenes. In geography we are studying about Germany. We hope that Santa fills your stockings from the toe to the top.

Seventh Grade We are going to the Captains, and then we are going to have our Christmas tree and party.

Eighth Grade Mildred Mohring received a

## SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

Motor coach service between Farmington and Northville was established Tuesday of last week by the People's Motor Coach Co., primarily for the benefit of the school children along the way. There are two round trips daily, leaving Farmington at 7:55 a. m. and 3:05 p. m. and leaving Northville at 8:30 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. The stations enroute are Marvel, Northrup, Fruit Hill, Meadowbrook and Lake View.

For adults the minimum fare is 10 cents with a 25-cent rate between Northville and Farmington. There is a half-rate for school children on school days with a minimum fare of 5 cents.

Enterprise Liners will sell it.

## HOWARD COX HELD UP BY ARMED BANDITS

Howard Cox of Farmington was held up by armed bandits at 1:00 o'clock Sunday morning and relieved of \$19.75, a gold watch and other jewelry.

He was on his way home alone in his car when he was stopped by three men in a big sedan. One of the bandits covered him with a revolver while another went through his pockets, taking everything they contained. After satisfying themselves that they had secured all the valuables the young man had with him, they told him to beat it.

Mr. Cox reported the holdup to the officers, but could not furnish a very good description of the parties.

## THE FORD SHOPPING LIST

The shopping list taken to market by the Ford Motor Company when buying materials for the improved Ford cars would impress even Santa Claus. Yet the most canny housewife is no more critical or painstaking in disposing of her modest budget than were the Ford purchasing agents in spending millions.

The new "longer and lower bodies," "All-Steel construction" and "closed cars in colors" made necessary vastly increased supplies of the materials which had gone into the discontinued line as well as distinctly new raw materials and equipment in staggering amounts.

Changing over to all-steel bodies alone meant an increase in consumption of steel of that type of more than 38,000 tons per year. Increasing the size of the gasoline tank and changing its location called for another increase of 2,000 tons. Effecting the changes in the design of the running board and shield to give greater rigidity and improved appearance required 5,000 extra tons of that type of steel.

Others improvements and refinements were proportionate. A year's production of the enlarged rear wheel brakes would require, it was estimated, 13,000 extra tons of cast iron, 10,000 tons of steel and 2,500 miles additional asbestos brake lining. Color enamel to the volume of 100,000 gallons were estimated to cover a year's production of "closed cars in colors." Adoption of nickle-plated headlight rims and radiator shells as standard equipment on closed cars required 125 tons of pure nickel anodes.

## FARMINGTON SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS

Farmington's public schools closed Wednesday for the Christmas and New Years vacation, to be opened again January 4.

All the rooms observed the last day, with appropriate programs, parties, etc., the holiday spirit being manifested everywhere.

The teachers leaving for their respective homes are, Miss Knapp to her home in Yale, Miss Boorman to Spring Lake, the Misses Wallace to Carleton, Miss Porter to Adrian, Miss McKellar to Ypsilanti, Miss Wood to Frankfort, Miss Stewart to Fremont, Miss Hudson to Marlette, Miss Tapio to Calumet, Miss McClellan to New London, O., Miss Phillip to Grand Rapids, Miss Percy to Big Rapids, Miss Koterba to Owosso, Miss Schiffler to Camden, Mrs. Hamlin will spend Christmas with her husband's people at Clare.

## TRACY-READING

The wedding of Miss Marie Agnes Tracy of Lansing and Avery Judd Reading of Farmington took place Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the First Congregational Church at Lansing.

Mr. Reading is a graduate of Farmington High School and son of Mrs. Grace Reading, Maple avenue. He attended M. S. C. and is now associated with the Ingham County engineering department. They will make their home in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Russell and children will spend Christmas with Mrs. Russell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jubb at Howell.

Supt. and Mrs. A. G. Leonard are entertaining for New Years, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tatch, principal of schools at Trenton.

## OAKLAND COUNTY MAN SECRETARY LARROWE INST.

Charles Staff, prominently identified with scientific research and practical work in all phases of animal industry, has been appointed executive secretary of the Larrowe Institute of Animal Economics, according to announcement made in Detroit today. He will direct his work from the headquarters of the institute at Detroit.

Mr. Staff always has been a lover and student of animals and has carried on many valuable ex-



CHARLES STAFF, Executive Secretary of the Larrowe Institute of Animal Economics

periments in feeding, breeding, production and management on his own farm at Royal Oak, Mich. As the guiding genius of the Larrowe Institute for Animal Economics he will supervise the Research Farm of the institute, just outside of Detroit and direct other experimental farm work which will be carried on in various states.

Born in Sydney, Australia, in 1874, Mr. Staff came to the United States in 1886. He has been an extensive world traveler and student of economic conditions. For many years in conjunction with James E. Larrowe, of Detroit, Mr. Staff has made an exhaustive study of the dried beef pulp industry of the United States especially with reference to its application as a feed in dairy and livestock production.

## HEAVY CHRISTMAS MAILS

Postmaster McGee states that both the incoming and outgoing Christmas mail this year far exceeded that of any previous year at the Farmington post office, but by overtime work the inadequate force furnished by the government has succeeded in handling it with but little inconvenience to the public and without delay. The rural route mails have been unusually heavy, both in delivery and collection. The carriers have well earned a Christmas without work.

## EXCHANGE CLUB AS SANTA CLAUS

The members of the Farmington Exchange club indulged in its annual Christmas dinner Tuesday noon. The ladies left nothing undone in making the meal one calculated to produce good cheer.

Each member brought a Christmas present to be placed on a tree, furnished by the club and which now is delighting the children at the Methodist Home here. Rev. E. F. Dunlavy gave an interesting talk on Christmas.

## NEW POULTRY GROUP TO HOLD STATE SHOW

An entry of more than 1,000 birds is expected in the first annual exposition of the new Michigan Poultry Improvement Association, to be held at the Michigan State College during the annual Farmers Week in February.

Exhibition, production and egg classes will be included in the show, which will embrace all poultry interests of the state. D. E. Spotts, of Hillsdale, a student in the agricultural division at the college, is serving as exposition manager for the poultry show.

## THE RIGHT TIME

The Farmington State Savings Bank has just had installed a new clock in its banking office. It is automatically wound by an electric impulse and each day the time is corrected automatically, being connected with a Western Union service.