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VIGILANTE PLAN FIGHTING BANDITS

Michigan Bankers' Association Organizing To Combat Hold-up Evil

The Michigan Bankers' Association is now preparing to take up the fight against banditry in this state. The Vigilante Plan adopted in several border states has appealed to officers of the association and it is now to be tried out in Michigan if present plans are carried out.

H. M. Brown, secretary of the Michigan Bankers' Association has just sent out to membership banks throughout the state the following bulletin which tells of the plan proposed:

Bank robbers in Michigan are growing bolder every day. In point of fact, if an organized resistance is not opposed to them soon, they will get completely out of hand.

It was with this state of affairs in mind that former President Case at our last annual convention appointed a committee to investigate this matter and try to find a solution for it. Mr. Paul J. Ulrich of Mount Clemens was made chairman of that committee and serving with him are Mr. F. W. Merrick of Lansing and Mr. B. P. Sherwood of Grand Haven.

After compiling statistics of bank attacks in Michigan—statistics that revealed the extreme gravity of the situation—they cast about for a remedy. They found that the Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Kansas and Minnesota bankers' associations had inaugurated what was known as the Vigilante Plan for eradicating bank bandits. The success obtained by these bankers' associations was phenomenal.

In the case of the Indiana Bankers' Association, it was found that during their first year of operation under the Vigilante Plan, the number of bank robberies in that state was reduced EIGHTY-FOUR PER CENT; the amount of money stolen was reduced SEVENTY-NINE PER CENT.

This investigation also revealed the fact that since those sister states of Michigan surrounding our borders—Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin—had offered organized resistance to these potential murderers, they naturally would follow the line of least resistance and prey on those localities that were not prepared to oppose them with force. That means that Michigan is fast becoming the hunting grounds of criminals who formerly operated in all the border states.

Your committee therefore got in touch with Mr. Joseph Rylands of Chicago, the man who put on the field campaign for the Indiana Bankers' Association. After explaining to the committee the method of operation in Indiana, he was invited to appear before our Executive Council at its Mid-Winter Meeting. At this meeting he went into details on the plan, answering all questions put to him.

The Council then went into deliberation session with the result that your committee was instructed to engage Mr. Rylands to do similar work in Michigan. Since the entire plan is built around the county sheriff, meetings will be held in each county seat. It is urged that every bank in the county be represented at these meetings by as many of its officers as possible and all members of the Board of Directors. Mr. Rylands will then explain the plan to the bankers, leaving the decision regarding its adoption to the meeting.

Since Mr. Rylands will have to appear in every county of the state, it is readily apparent to all that earnest co-operation on the part of the county bankers will expedite matters greatly. We plan to have him address at least one meeting a day. We invite ALL bankers to write to the Michigan Bankers' Association immediately, advising us when it will be most convenient for him to appear before your body. The expenses of Mr. Rylands' field work will be borne by the State Association.

In the very near future, as the

DELINQUENT TAX LIST

Copies of the Birmingham Eccentric, containing the delinquent tax list for Oakland county can be secured at the Enterprise office. The property listed for sale is for taxes of 1924 and previous years.

DOGS PROVE GOOD

RAT EXTERMINATORS

Joseph Graham, a Farmington township farmer, beat out a clean up, started in Wednesday morning to clean out his chicken coop. He soon discovered that the building was infested with rats and with his two dogs he commenced a war of extermination. When the smoke of an exciting battle had cleared away 63 dead rats were strewn about the scene of conflict.

The tails of the rodents brought \$6.30 under the rat bounty law which insures the annual license on the dogs for a few years.

Church Notes

Farmington Methodist Church

Rev. Edward F. Dunlay, Pastor
10:30—Worship and sermon.
Anthem by the choir.
Sermon by the pastor on "A Living Wage."
11:50—Sunday School.
6:30—Epworth League.
7:30—Evening service.
Anthem.

Evangelical Church

Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor
10:15—Services, German.
11:45—Sunday School.
7:30—Lenten service, church hall.
Stereo-phon views—Life of Christ. Everybody welcome.

First Baptist Church

Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor
Sunday services—
10:30—"The Discovery of Another Soul."
11:45—Sunday School.
6:30—B. Y. P. U.
7:30—Evangelistic service—"What Should Be Our Personal Attitude Toward the Return of Christ."

Week end Gospel Mission

Wednesday, 8 p. m.—"The Greatest Name in All the World."
Thursday, 8 p. m.—"Halting."
Friday, 8 p. m.—"Playing the Fool of Today."
These services are open to any who would like to come and worship with us. We will have special musical numbers at all services.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville

(At Switzer Road)

Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor

9:30—Sunday School.
10:30—English service.
2:00—Quarterly meeting of voting members.
Wednesday, 8 p. m.—German Lenten service.
Thursday, 8 p. m.—Bible class.

Universalist Church

Services at 3:00 p. m. Sunday conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. Adams. Ray E. Amerman of Detroit will deliver the address, subject: "The Prophets."

speaking schedule begins to shape up, you will be asked to arrange meetings to conform as nearly as possible with this schedule so that the difficulties of transportation may not be too great.

This inauguration of the Vigilante Plan is a big step in the right direction and, by lining up shoulder to shoulder with the bankers' associations of our sister states, we hope to put an end to the forays and attacks of these predatory murderers and thugs. The plan is perfectly legal; no responsibility devolves on a bank or banker and the vigilante force so organized are regularly appointed deputy sheriffs under the leadership of the county sheriff. The bankers simply act as directors and leaders in the fight.

H. M. Brown, Secretary.

EACH SUNBEAM

By M. MARIE WALLING

With the golden sunlight streaming
O'er the window casings wide,
Then we know that winter's over,
And t'will soon be warm outside.

In every nook and corner
Of a city large or small,
You will find a bit of sunshine
Gently flooding over all.

Let's cherish dear each sunbeam
That spreads its glorious ray,
For soon it will have faded
At the closing of the day.

FARMINGTON GIRLS WIN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

The High School Girls' basketball team took undisputed first place in the league when Royal Oak tied Northville last week 34-34. The Farmington girls have won seven out of eight games, giving them a percentage of .375 while Northville has won six and a half out of eight which gives them a percentage of .312.

The league in which Farmington won the first basketball championship was originated this year and is something of an experiment in the field of girls' athletics. The league has undertaken to adapt such rigid rules as will eliminate the undesirable aspects of girls' athletic contests. There has been much dissatisfaction in the schools throughout the state in regard to the girls' athletic program and the result has been in many that basketball has been eliminated entirely or limited to intra-mural competition. Several of the schools in the county felt that the girls were being deprived of certain worthwhile school activities when the athletic program was left so unattractive. As a result of this, the league was formed to promote better organization and uniformity in girls' athletics. This step is being closely watched by the state since it may prove to solve some of the problems with which the schools are now confronted. Not only does the league sponsor basketball, but all of the seasonal sports including indoor baseball, track, tennis and hockey, the last being a fall sport.

A cup is awarded to the team having the highest percentage of victories in each sport, and must be won three successive years to remain in the possession of a school. We feel very proud that Farmington's will be the first name on the basketball cup under this new league organization.

The following schools are members of the Suburban League of Girls' Sports: Northville, Walled Lake, Rochester, Birmingham, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Oak Ridge, Royal Oak, and Farmington.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS

Mrs. E. F. Holcomb was hostess to members and friends of the Progressive Bible Class on Monday afternoon of this week. After the business meeting at which time the following officers were re-elected, a social hour, with true Irish stories, music and contests, were enjoyed.

Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess. The class has decided to hold a cafeteria supper in the Community Hall on Tuesday, March 29, from 5 p. m. until all are served.

The officers are as follows: President, Merlah Andrews. Vice president, Mrs. A. L. Ross. 2nd vice president, Mrs. Edward Baker.

Secretary, Mrs. Elmer Empson. Treasurer, Mrs. Frank Macomber.

M. W. E. Sec.

Home Management Group

The Home Management Group of North Farmington will meet on March 30 at Mrs. Ralph Perry's residence for the study of the "Care and Furnishing of the Sleeping Room."

FARMINGTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The regular meeting of the Farmington Woman's Club was held Wednesday, March 16, at the home of Miss Murlah Andrews. Those present gave close attention to Miss Esther Boynton's keen and appreciative treatment of King Lear, which Miss Boynton characterized as one of the greatest, possibly the greatest of all written tragedies. Miss Boynton discussed the mission and purpose of tragedy, and then, assisted by Miss Katherine Sprague, who read several of the most noteworthy and significant passages from the play, ably outlined the development of the story and gave glowing tribute to Shakespeare the Master who so well knew the depths of human life.

The next meeting of the club will be held Wednesday, March 30, in Community Hall of the M. E. Church. Mrs. Ross and Miss Mac Foster, assisted by Mrs. Nola Switzer and Miss Murlah Andrews have arrangements in charge.

Mrs. A. H. Crowell of Pontiac will talk on Parliamentary Law, and will illustrate by actual test points at issue.

It is hoped that the members of the Northville Woman's Club will for this occasion be the guests of the F. W. C.

Helen L. Hard, Cor. Sec.

SUNDAY NOON CLUB

Members of the Sunday Noon Club, Superintendent Leonard presiding, discussed the vital and ever recurring question in the minds of men—Immortality.

"If a man die, shall he live again?"

Are we all immortal or are some doomed to everlasting oblivion?

Are we entirely changed in character after death or do we begin practically, where we left off, ever developing in our future state?

Does a child, dying, remain always a child, or develop to maturity after death?

Is heaven a place or a state of mind?

With its inhabitants in a high state of spiritual, mental, moral, physical, political and economic development could not this marvelous and beautiful planet, earth, be made a place so desirable to live in, that it would approximate at least, our conception of heaven itself?

These and other side lights of this great question occupied the minds and enlivened the discussion, during the period allotted and far beyond it.

OPENING OF CASINO

AT WALLED LAKE

Monday, April 18 has been set as the date for opening the 1927 season at the New Casino pavilion at Walled Lake. Mr. Tolentine the enterprising proprietor states that the pavilion, which is one of the largest and finest to be found at any American summer resort, is in fine shape for the opening day. Freshly decorated, with a new and perfect lighting system and other improvements, the building is already for the merry makers.

Dance music will be furnished this season by Nat Natoli's Cincinnati orchestra.

Our Liner column brings results.

TWO NOVI TOWNSHIP TICKETS IN FIELD

The Republicans and Democrats of Novi township will contest on April 4 for the several township offices, both parties having full tickets in nomination.

The electors will also decide by their votes whether the township board shall be authorized to grant amusement privileges on public and private grounds in the township except dancing on Sundays.

The Republican nominations are:

Supervisor, Fred W. Durfee.
Clerk, Earl Banks.
Treasurer, Charles W. Hamilton.

Justice, Eugene J. Ver Duyn.
Commissioner of highways, William Mairs.

Board of review, Frank R. Erwin.

Constables, Charles W. Hamilton, Walter Tuck, Henry Hills and James N. Edwin.

Democratic nominations: Supervisor, John Christensen. Clerk, Orren S. Hulet. Treasurer, Ford S. Brooks. No candidate for justice.

Commissioner of highways, Burton H. Leavenworth.
Board of review, Eugene M. Root.

Constables, Ford S. Brooks, Stephen R. Hicks, Albert Wedow and Albert Hicks.

LOCAL NEWS

Amicus Club

Mrs. Lee Weller of Detroit will be hostess to members of the Amicus Club at her home, 12843 Coyle avenue, Friday, April 1.

Boston Guest Honored

Mrs. J. H. Johnson was hostess to eight guests at a luncheon Wednesday, honoring Mrs. Pason of Boston, who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Harding.

1860 O. E. S. Initiation

At a meeting this Thursday evening of the O. E. S. chapter at Redford Masonic Hall the work will be put on by Pontiac Past Matrons as in 1860. A number of Farmington O. E. S. ladies are planning to attend.

Miscellaneous Shower

Miss Mildred Katherine Locke of Redford was honored at a miscellaneous shower, given Friday at the home of Mrs. William Hayes in Plymouth. Miss Locke is a granddaughter of C. Wedenstors of Farmington and will be the bride of Robert Meeks Gallup of Redford next Saturday.

Clarence Bicking Honored

Mr. Bicking has been chosen by the Oakland County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League as delegate to both the state and national conventions.

The state convention will be held in Detroit March 25 and 26, and the national convention will be in Chicago, April 7, 8 and 9.

Played Guitar

Miss Gladys Wood rendered several beautiful solos on the guitar at the assembly of the Barbara School in Detroit, Friday.

The program was given by the Girls Reserves, which is a branch of the Y. W. C. A.

Miss Wood also accompanied the girls in a number of G. R. camp songs.

Pleasantly Surprised

John Ryel, at his home in North Farmington was pleasantly surprised March 17 when about forty of his friends and relatives dropped in to help him celebrate his birthday anniversary.

A pot luck dinner was served at seven o'clock, after which progressive five hundred was played. High scores were won by Miss Winifred Walling and Kenneth Rye.

Baby Clinic

The Oakland County Health Department is conducting a Mother and Baby Health Center in the Farmers State Bank Building every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 to 4:00.

All mothers of infants and preschool children are invited to bring their children.

The Oakland County Department of Health greatly desires to make these Centers helpful to all mothers throughout the county.

PASSING OF NOVI HOTEL

Landmark of This Section Gives Way to the March of Progress

With the demolition of the Novi Hotel at Novi passes one of the oldest if not the oldest hotel buildings in Michigan. It occupies a space in the heart of that community on which will soon be erected by its owner, George P. Gaffney, a modern auto service station.

For many years this old inn has been a familiar sight to those who travel the Grand River road. Architecturally it follows the style of wayside inns of a century ago; substantial, constructed, its frame being of heavy timbers, commodious rooms and quarters, well calculated to serve the needs of the traveling public of pioneer days when stage coaches furnished the only means of transportation.

There is no record of the date of its erection, but the older residents of that community state that it is at least a hundred years old. Philo Clark, living south-west of Novi, says that it was an old building when he was a boy and Mr. Smith of Walled Lake states that it was a landmark seventy-five years ago. It is known that the old inn was doing a lively business early in the last century, and was known far and wide as one of the leading hostels of the many that measured distances along the turnpikes of Michigan when ox carts and lumbering stage coaches toiled slowly over rutty roads; when Indian tepees gave picturesqueness to the lake shores where now stand summer cottages; when wild turkeys and deer found shelter in the dense forests and there reared their young.

The staircase, recently purchased by Henry Ford, was an attractive feature of the interior finish of the building. It was made in England of black walnut and brought to America for the purpose it was put in. Constructed by hand, by skilled artisans of early days, it possesses all those peculiar touches of exquisite workmanship now so eagerly sought by people of refinement of taste who appreciate the beauties of early handicraft.

On tearing open a partition by a plumber a few years ago a Public Defense bond for 24 shillings, issued by the Colony of Massachusetts in Revolutionary days, was brought to light. Who played it there or how long ago is not known.

With this old building removed will come a decided change in the appearance of Novi, the old hotel having for many years stood boldly out as the distinguishing feature of that locality.

BAPTIST CHURCH

EVANGELISM PROGRAM

The local Baptist Church and congregation are planning to major an Evangelism between now and Easter. All this week cottage prayer meetings are being held in various parts of the community. These meetings are being well attended and much good is expected to follow.

A week end Gospel Mission will be conducted at the church Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday, March 30, 31, and April 1 and 3. Each night the pastor will preach a straight from the shoulder message.

During Easter week there will be preaching services every night. These, together with all Sunday services, will be given over to Evangelism.

The people of the community are invited to all these meetings.

SCARLET FEVER

PROVES FATAL

George, the 11-year-old son of Delos Johnson, of Johnson Bros., proprietors of O-Ace-See Inn, died at his home in Dearborn early this morning of scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Webster and daughter Margaret saw "Able's Irish Rose" at the Garrick Theater, Tuesday evening.