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Editorials

A Fine Bit Of Neighborliness

One of the good things that seems to have come out of the first Firemen's Field Day for Wayne, Plymouth, Northville and Farmington last Friday is the arrangement, whereby Farmington and Northville agree to go to each other's aid in case of a serious fire, without charge to the town calling for assistance. Northville has had the experience of asking Detroit for help, and paying \$100 for it, without in the most recent instance getting any substantial benefit.

It is quite conceivable that either community may need the aid of its neighbor some day, and even that such a serious occasion may come to both in turn. Meantime it lends not only greater actual security but also increased peace of mind to citizens of both towns to know that help is close at hand to meet almost any contingency. It is a fine, neighborly understanding, this agreement for one to give aid to the other when most needed, and all will agree this is one instance in which it will unquestionably be "more blessed to give than to receive."

One "Cloud With A Silver Lining"

One person in Farmington has a right to smile this summer, who in years past could not be blamed if oft and anon his face was clouded with a frown. He had a tough job, and if this year it is less annoying, he has earned his peace of mind.

Every summer brought its puzzling problem to the street commissioner of Farmington, as it did to men in charge of streets in small towns everywhere. How to keep down the dust without having the roads swimming in oil that was quickly tracked-in on despairing housewives' newly-cleaned rugs, or how to answer woeful tales of motorists' ruined auto fenders—no wonder Commissioner Fred Stemann heaved a sigh of relief when September came in other years. But this summer he can smile before the season's half gone, and everybody seems happy. A way has been found to spread oil on the streets so that it soaks in instead of laying on top. Thus it lays the dust without proving to be another "cure" that is worse than the disease." Not only that, but it promises to last the greater part of the summer season.

So Mr. Stemann, whose telephone used to jingle morning and night with calls from irate townspeople, annoyed over something he could not help, now can wear his broadest smile. His cloud of dust and oil has shown its "silver lining."

The Free Show—Plus Comfort

A pleasure to the eye and to the senses, but something of an outrage to the tired feet have been the movie programs in Farmington Saturday evenings, or thus they seem to Commissioner Leo Gildemeister. So he brings forward the suggestion for benches upon which the spectators may be seated and enjoy the programs. The commissioner remembers that in the best tradition of hospitality, the first duty of "Mein host" is not merely to see that his guests come, but that they are made comfortable. Hence the benches or chairs that may soon be expected to appear in front of the screen in the park.

One may well expect that competition will be keen for the seats, and that every one will be filled. Granting that the "free movies" are a good thing, they are worth the additional investment that will make them even more attractive. Many of the adult spectators undoubtedly stand in the Park not so much to see the program themselves, but to wait until their children have seen all of the movies. Possibly the parents may be right if they have felt, after two hours or so of standing through the free show, that they at least have paid pretty well for it.

The "Press Pass"

Many there are who bring their woes to the newspaper office, some seeking sympathetic understanding and some to give vent to their troubles before the rest of the world. Editors and publishers have their own daily trials and tribulations and on occasion one or another of them, with overburdened soul unable to endure longer in silence, gives forth his own lament. Sometimes he cries out in verse, but whether poetry or prose, his fellow-members of the craft greet it with an understanding heart and a thankful "Amen." From an unknown editorial hand comes these lines:

THE PRESS PASS

The editor stood at the pearly gate,
His face was worn and old;
He meekly asked of the man of fate
Admission to the fold.

"What have you done?" St. Peter asked,
"To seek admission here?"
"Oh, I ran a country newspaper plant
On earth for many a year."

The gate swung open sharply
As Peter touched the bell.
"Come in," he said, "and take a harp;
You've had enough of—or—trouble."

Scotland Yard is now considering a plan for training women as detectives. Many a small boy thought his maternal parent a pretty good detective without need for training.—The Detroit Free Press.

The Storm

Last night the air in sullen mood
Was sulking silently,
In yellow haze the sun went down,
Upon its face it's wore a frown.
It peered through anxiously.

A super calm did seem to brood,
No motion caught the eye,
No sound was there which caught the ear.
Each bush and tree seemed filled with fear.
Soon came the answer why.

For suddenly from where I stood
There crossed the western sky,
A jagged, forking tongue of flame.
The thunderclap right after came.
Trees trembled, seemed to sigh.

Night seemed to drop like hangman's hood
To suddenly be rent
In twain by tongued flash,
Which showed the tree tops dive and lash.
Storm fiends on rampage went.

With hatred each one was imbued,
Destruction seemed their aim.
So back and forth across the sky
They hurled to earth their bold defy,
In shooting, shrieks of flame.

A rain drop fell, then two. 'Twas good.
A sudden pent up flood
Poured soothing balm on heated brow.
The Storm King's wrath was blessing now
To calm the racing blood.

To soothe the fever heated blood
Upon the wings of wind,
The Storm King raced, his lightnings loosed.
The thunder clap by him was used.
All hail the Storm King kind!

The might Oak which proudly stood
Fair in the Storm King's path,
Must yield unto the Storm King's speed
For he would do a kindly deed
There's mercy in his wrath.

Oh, strange indeed is Nature's brood,
Strange hands are hers to deal.
She sends the Storm King raging mad.
Yet, makes unhappy mortals glad.
It makes me humble feel.

HARRY J. MERRITT,

Royal Oak, Michigan.

CHURCHES

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. James J. Callahan, Pastor
Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m.
and 11 a. m.
Daily mass at 8:00.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:10 Prayer meeting.
10:30 Morning service. We will have a reception of new members and the Communion service.
11:45 Bible School. Each week we are passing all previous attendance records. We invite you to come and visit our school next Sunday.
6:30 Open Air Service on Town Hall lawn. We are having the largest attendance this year that we have ever had. The singing is enjoyed by all and the special numbers are exceptionally good. This week the Pastor will preach on "Get the Message Through."
Wednesday nights we meet at 8 o'clock for Bible Study and Prayer.

Methodist Church
Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister
A fine crowd was in attendance last Sunday to welcome the pastor back after his three Sundays away. Rev. Johnson will preach next Sunday at 10:30 and Sunday School will be held at 12:00.
Prayer services have been held every Wednesday evening at 7:30. The pastor will lead this week.

WEST FARMINGTON
Mrs. Ervin Knapp
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The annual Graham reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Starr Graham on 13-Mile Road. A picnic was held in a hickory grove on the original 60 acres which was bought by Mrs. James Graham who moved there with a family of small children in the year 1878. The land has been in the hands of the Grahams ever since. 107 attended the Graham reunion and partook of a bountiful dinner which was eaten on one long table. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. George Heikler, Sr., President, Mrs. Sarah Murray, vice-president, Mrs. Graham, Secretary-treasurer. Committees were appointed to carry out Wednesday ball game was played between the married and single men the score was 6 and 7 in favor of the single men.

CLARENCEVILLE
Mrs. Clarence Witte
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Mrs. Karl Ritter and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dagtoker of Pleasant Ridge, returned home Sunday after spending the past two weeks on a motor trip through Wisconsin where they visited many places of interest.
Miss R. Barr, Eugene, and John Hallman and Alfred Kurtz, spent Tuesday evening at the home of the latter's grandmother, Mrs. George Kurtz.
Seven couples met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Laura Hallway in honor of her birthday. The evening was spent playing "Bunco." At midnight a luncheon was served.
Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner spent Friday in Highland Park as the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wagner.
Mildred Jones was a guest of Shirley Hallock on Sunday and Monday.
Melvin Witte spent a few days in Detroit as the guest of Robert Holmes.
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wheaton and their daughter Sybil and Mrs. Baker of Detroit were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hallock, Sunday.
Mrs. Carl Waack spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Detroit with relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson of New York are spending a few days with the former's sister, Mrs. O. Jensen.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kennedy returned home Sunday evening after spending the week at White Lake.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gouin returned home Sunday morning after spending the week with relatives in Northern Michigan.
George Wagner who spent the past week in Highland Park with his grandparents, returned home Sunday.
Mrs. John Wagner entertained the members of the Baseline Pedro club on Thursday afternoon. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. C. H. Witte.
Mrs. Della Jones was called to Detroit Sunday because of a serious illness of her sister, Sybil.
Mrs. Mabel Farmer of Detroit, spent Friday evening with her brother, Mr. E. Halloway.
Miss Joy Brooks of Detroit was a guest at the home of Betty Doheny, over the week end.
Mrs. Elmer Doheny and daughter, Mrs. J. Halloway, spent Tuesday in Lansing.
Mrs. Carl Smith spent Wednesday in Pontiac where she visited friends.
Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Goers and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wooster spent Sunday at Pontiac Lake.

Danger From Bottles
It has been pointed out that bottles left in the woods by picnic parties, that start forest fires if the sun's rays are concentrated by the curved glass.

Facts About the Telephone

Cleveland with 250,000 telephones, has about 100,000 more than it had ten years ago.

Radio telephone service has been inaugurated between all parts of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and all parts of New Zealand.
Twenty-six new communities were recently connected by telephone in the Province of Taraco and the regions of Drama and Kavalla in Eastern Macedonia.

Shoes for Desert Walkers
Sand shoes of wire mesh, which operate on the principle of snowshoes, are used by soldiers in Syria in marching over the deserts.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Dr. Joseph W. Norton

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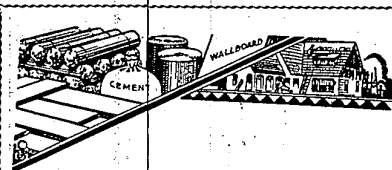
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