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DIPHTHERIA AND SMALL-POX

Sudden Death of Phyllis Conroy & Shock to the Town.

With three cases of diphtheria and one of small-pox in town, the community was shocked at the report of the death Tuesday morning, of Phyllis Conroy, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Conroy.

Phyllis Conroy was born at Northville on October 21, 1905, and died of diphtheria at the home of her parents in this village on Tuesday, January 15, 1918, aged 12 years, 2 months and 25 days.

Phyllis was a cheerful, bright little girl, and a member of the Seventh grade in our school, besides a faithful member of the M. E. Sunday school, being secretary of her class, the Cheerful Givers, and was loved by both teachers, schoolmates and all who knew her.

Phyllis attended school a week ago Monday, coming home at noon not feeling well, and was under the weather all the week, but was not considered in a serious condition until early Tuesday morning when she fainted away, and a physician was called, but despite all efforts, she died within an hour after his arrival.

Burial was made in Oakwood Thursday.

Other children in the Conroy family are suffering with the disease, besides the case of little Dorothy Talbot. All are progressing nicely, however, and it is hoped that the epidemic is again checked.

A case of small-pox is reported in the family of Henry Luderman, back of the D. U. R. power house at the Junction, and reports come of 10 or 15 cases of the disease in Redford, where every effort is being made to prevent the further spread of the epidemic.

It is also reported that Detroit and Highland Park are full of the disease, and the coal shortage, together with the terribly severe weather of the past week make it a serious matter.

School Notes.

Become enthusiastic. The Second Semester begins January 22nd.

Success comes in "cans;" failure comes in "cans."

The First Semester examinations begin next week Wednesday.

School closes today (Friday) for the Oakland County Institute, which is held at Pontiac.

In many cases the only difference between half a heart and a whole heart is the difference between a miserable failure and a splendid success.

Officers Elected

Monday afternoon a number of young ladies of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. E. Roos and organized a Queen Esther Circle. This is a part of Woman's Home Missionary society work. Mrs. E. Roos, Detroit, the conference organizer for Young People's work, was present and assisted in the organization. Mrs. Roos is superintendent of the work, and the following officers were elected: President—Hattie Cushman. Vice President—Alice Friedley. Recording Secretary—Clara Shear. Corresponding Secretary—Vivian Haselton. Treasurer—Pauline Pickett. Mite Box Secretary—Winifred Walting. Secretary of Supplies—Julia Sinsendorf.

Tuesday evening the Invincibles met at the home of Clarence Hendryx. The principle business of the evening was the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President—Lester Harger. Vice President—Forest Green. Secretary—Dallas Harger. Treasurer—Clarence Hendryx.

A number of plans were discussed, and these will be carried out by committees appointed by the President. An enjoyable social time was spent, after which a most appetizing lunch was served by Mrs. Hendryx.

WORST BLIZZARD IN YEARS

Business Paralyzed in This Section Saturday—Several Near Freezing, While Water Pipes Were Frozen All Over Town

The worst storm in years struck this section last Friday night, the mercury dropping to 10 below zero, accompanied by a fierce gale and snow, tying up all traffic and business. The storm showed no abatement until late Sunday afternoon and caused much suffering and inconvenience.

The D. U. R. limited to Detroit went through here Saturday morning for Northville and was stuck in a snowbank on the "Y" at Northville, about 300 feet of feed wire being down, no cars running to Northville Saturday, the break being repaired along toward night, and the first car put through. During the repair of the wires several of the men froze their fingers, ears and faces. At 9:40 Saturday morning a car backed up from the Junction as far as this village, bringing the mail and taking passengers to the city—winter service was continued intermittently all day, the regular through schedule being resumed during the evening.

Frederick, on the Nichols farm started for town with the milk Saturday morning and became snowbound a short distance north of town, and when reached by relief parties was nearly exhausted and would undoubtedly be frozen to death had not Mr. Nichols sent a relief party to his assistance.

Water pipes were frozen all over town, and many cases of fingers, ears, noses and feet are reported frozen, and trucks and cars stuck in the snowbanks near town, in some places the snow piling up 10 and 15 feet high. A string of Ford cars left Detroit, but could get no further, the drivers being nearly frozen when they reached here.

A fortunate circumstance in connection with the storm was the fact that two cars of coal arrived in this village last Friday night, and it did not last long, however, and we are again "right up against it" on the fuel question, the roads and fields being so drifted that it has been almost impossible to get into the woods for wood that had been cut.

Much suffering is reported in Detroit and Pontiac, where the fuel question is the most serious of the winter, and to make matters worse Detroit is up against a small-pox epidemic, which is taxing the health authorities to keep under control.

Blacksmith Shop Opened

The blacksmith shop was again opened up for business Wednesday by Northville parties, who came here well recommended, both as to workmanship and character.

James E. Martin, the new proprietor, is said to be good workman and always "on the job." Mr. Martin tells us there will be no trouble hereafter about the farmers and those having blacksmith work to be done not finding anyone in the shop. Will be right on the job every day.

Watch for their advertisement in next week's paper.

There is a great need for a good blacksmithshop in Farmington, and there should be a good business for anyone who will attend to business.

U. S. treasury officials are urging purchasers of Liberty Bonds to "hold them," and not exchange them for merchandise and thus defeat the object of the government in getting them placed outside great money markets.

The Green School District No. 2, fractional, will give a box social at Arthur Green's Friday evening, January 26, for the benefit of the Red Cross. A literary and musical program will be furnished. All invited.

NEAR FATAL ACCIDENT

Mrs. George Biery Seriously Injured by the D. U. R. Limited Friday Evening

Mrs. George Biery, whose husband was ill, came to this village from her home near the Junction last Friday evening to procure medicine. Securing the needed prescription she went to the home of her brother-in-law, Fred Biery and family, just west of Dr. Holcomb's, and waited for a car back to the Junction.

The limited coming back from Northville came in sight, and thinking it the regular car, Mrs. Biery hurried across the street and attempted to signal the car to stop, but as the limited is a "special" back to the Junction, they did not slacken speed, and the blinding snow, which stuck to her glasses, prevented her from noticing her nearness to the tracks and the big car struck her and knocked her down.

This car was immediately stopped, and Mrs. Biery was picked up and taken to the office of Dr. Holcomb, where it was found she was bleeding from the nose and ears and was unconscious for some hours.

Later she was taken to the home of Fred Biery where everything possible was done to relieve her suffering. On regaining consciousness she complained of her head and back.

Sunday night Mrs. Biery was taken to the home of J. D. Leavenworth in the new Warner build, and she is slowly recovering.

Bound Over to the Circuit

Ralph Gilbert, Alvin Turner, James Fortcooper and Pearson (Whipple) the four young heads implicated in the Novi and New Hudson robberies some weeks ago, with whom Deputies William Gerts and George Francis had a running battle in the road west of here, were brought here yesterday and taken over to the Circuit Court.

Gilbert and Whipple, charged with the Novi affair, waived examination and were placed under \$500 bail each, with two sureties.

Fortcooper and Turner, charged with the New Hudson case also waived examination and were placed under \$500 bail each.

All four were taken back to the county jail by Deputy Goers, where they will remain unless bail is furnished.

The case of the people vs. John Lumby, John Mainschinski and Gertrude Mainschinski, which was to have come up, failed to materialize, as the parties did not appear.

They will be apprehended and placed under arrest to await a hearing.

New Bank to Open

The fixtures for the Peoples State Savings Bank arrived this week and the work of installing them will be rushed, with the expectation of opening for business the first of February.

At an annual meeting of the directors and stockholders at the bank parlors last evening, January 8th, the following officers and directors were elected:

President—James L. Horle. First Vice President—J. A. Miller. Second Vice President—George A. Newboud.

Cashier—B. E. Storms. Board of Directors—Charles H. Ely, Charles B. E. Storms, Wm. Shaw, Wm. Maas, G. C. H. Krugler, E. V. Blanchard, John Power.

Mr. Storms, the new cashier, comes to Farmington very highly recommended, from the Woodward avenue branch of the Federal Savings Bank of Detroit, and has 12 years' experience in the banking business, six of which was spent in small town banks.

The trial in the circuit court at Pontiac last week of Allen Livingston, charged with the murder of Irene Hope Alexander, near Royal Oak, on July 4th last, resulted in a conviction and Livingston was sentenced to life imprisonment at Marquette prison.

Death of Mrs. McManus

Mrs. Jane McManus, who fell and dislocated her left hip, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Forest Pierson, on the night of December 9th, died last Friday morning, January 11, 1918, aged 83 years, 2 months and 22 days.

Jane E. Burlison was born in Victor, N. Y., on October 20, 1834, and after receiving her education taught school for a number of years, having taught at Nichols Corners for two years after coming to this township. On September 24, 1859 she was united in marriage with William McManus. They spent 15 years of their married life at Walker, Ont., after which they lived for several years on their farm near this village, having come to Farmington village to reside 24 years ago, where she resided until her death, her husband passing away on September 21, 1884.

Mrs. McManus was the mother of three children, two of whom died in infancy. The daughter with whom she resided, Mrs. Addie Pierson, surviving her, together with two grandchildren, Tessa and Lloyd Pierson, besides a large circle of relatives who esteemed her most highly, and who extend their sympathies to the bereaved family.

While health permitted Mrs. McManus was a faithful attendant at church, always ready with an encouraging word or kindly deed when needed, an exemplary wife, a tender and a devoted mother.

"Like the grass and the flowers of the field; like the clouds in the heaven's above, life speeds on, from infancy through the vicissitudes to which all are heir, into age, when the heart ceases its automatic action and the engine stops, and the soul makes its escape from the tabernacle in which it lived."

Funeral services were held at the home of her daughter Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. James Priestley, and interment was made in Oakwood cemetery.

Ladies Literary Club

Sixteen members attended the regular meeting of the L. L. C. January 16th, at the home of Mrs. Nellie Dickerson.

A very interesting program was presented, the first paper being, "The Influence of Character Upon Society in General; Does County Aid Increase Pauperism?" which was ably discussed by Zayda Wilber. Second, "Value of Young People's Societies," was given by May Ely.

The club also listened to an original poem by Jennie Melow and the program closed with a magazine article on the work of the Y. M. C. A. among our soldiers at home and abroad, read by Mrs. Ernestine Pierce.

The next meeting will be held January 30th with Nina Heeney.

Red Cross Notes

The Red Cross circle met with Mrs. D. L. Dickerson, Tuesday afternoon.

The O. E. S. Red Cross Sewing circle will meet with Mrs. E. F. Holcomb next Friday afternoon, January 25th.

An interesting meeting of the Red Cross ladies was held at the home of Miss Minnie Maas, with a good attendance on January 8th. A nice lunch was served, after which they adjourned to meet in two weeks with Edith Sulkowski.

The Secretary of the Farmington Red Cross reports that there have been 15 knitted outfits sent to "our boys" consisting of sweaters, wristlets, mufflers or trench caps. The replies all show how much these articles are needed and appreciated.

We print auction sale bills.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the New Idea club, the Ladies' Union, the M. E. Sunday school, schoolmates, relatives and entire community for the kindness and sympathy during our bereavement in the death of our little daughter; also Rev. Priestley and William Heeney for their services.

George P. Conroy and Family.

Don't forget our liner column.

GAINED TWENTY-FIVE POUNDS

Letter from Waco, to Mrs. L. Oldenburg, from Her Nephew, Ernest Oldenburg.

Camp Mac Arthur, Waco, Texas Dec. 27, 1917.

Dear Aunt:—

"Was more than pleased to receive your letter and Christmas box. The sweater is just fine, and something we all use every day, as they are regulation and worn under our blouses; also the 'eats' were immensely enjoyed.

"We all enjoyed our Christmas, turkey being our stronghold. We also had our mess hall decorated, so we could realize it was Christmas, even though snow is not known here.

"I have just finished a three weeks' course of bayonet schooling and am well pleased with that method of warfare. I am now back with my company, with nine other boys, who also just finished, and we are now acting as instructors. We sure have had fine training, as the weather here causes us to lose no time, and we all feel prepared to cross and 'do our bit'.

"We expect to leave here some time this month, and we are equipped to leave at a moment's notice.

"Our drilling has been rifle range work, practicing shooting at targets at 100, 200 and 300 yard ranges, bayonet fighting, hand grenade—meaning the throwing of bombs out of the trenches by hand, company drilling, long hikes, usually for half a day—about 12 miles and regular trench work; in the trenches dug five miles from camp, also have our turn at guard duty in camp.

"I am well pleased with the good military training I have received, and never felt more able-bodied in my life, and weigh 155 pounds, a gain of 25 pounds in five months. I would not take a good deal for the good it has done me, and every young man misses the best thing in life if he fails to receive some training.

"A few drafted men arrived Monday, so we know our time here is short, for men from Washington were here recently and saw our field review and claim we are well prepared. We sure are all anxious to see France and show the Kaiser our skill in blotting him off the earth.

"Just received a letter from home saying it is awful cold, but if here you sure could never believe it. It is warm in the daytime and very cool at night—and we have to wear our overcoats at night and in the morning until the sun appears.

"Am always glad to get your letters and hope you will write soon. Will send you my picture soon. Thanking you again I am Your Nephew, ERNEST OLDENBURG.

School in Water Works Hall

At a joint meeting of the village Council and the School Board last Thursday evening it was decided to fix over the second story of the water works building for temporary school quarters, and work was commenced immediately on the remodeling of the hall.

A new furnace is being installed and the hall will be plastered and petitioned off and put in shape for school purposes until arrangements can be made for the erection of a new school house.

Mrs. Mudford, a war widow of 1812, made a subscription to the Oakland County Patriotic League last week.

Taxes Due

I now have the tax roll for Farmington Township in my hands for collection of state and county taxes, and will be at the Farmington State Savings Bank on Fridays and Saturdays, during banking hours, until February 9th, to receive your taxes.

R. H. MARSH Township Treasurer

Don't overlook the liners.

Successful Ball

One of the most successful dancing parties ever held was participated in at the Town Hall New Year's eve, by about 200 couple, when the O. E. S. gave their annual ball.

A part of the proceeds of the ball will be used by the ladies in their Red Cross work and other benevolent purposes.

Fred Renner, a former Bloomfield man, aged 75 years, who has been at the county farm since 1912, died last Saturday morning.

That Lesson

We had at Sunday School last Sunday regarding OBEIDENCE was one needed by everyone.

Too bad it was such a fiercely cold day.

Do not miss attending next Sunday, 11:45 to 12:45.

M. E. Sunday School

LITTLE WANTS ADS

FOR SALE—Portland Cutter. Inquire Clyde Adams, at Cook's store. 11tf

FOR RENT—20 acre farm. Inquire of E. Nacker, at Cook's store. 10tf

STATIONERY—Let us print you some nice stationery. Good work and reasonable prices.

FOR SALE—Holstein Bull, 16 months old, 750 pounds, well bred, 350. Charles C. Wedow. Walled Lake Village phone. c

FOR SALE—Small Base Burner coal stove, in good condition. Inquire of Kenneth Lord at Ely's garage.

FOR SALE—Hard dry wood, at \$4 a cord, William Guldner, 1½ miles east of Conroy's Crossing, Route 3, Farmington. -11p

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

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.

SALESMEN WANTED to solicit orders for lubricating oils, greases and paints. Salary or Commission. Address The Harvey Oil Co., Cleveland, Ohio. 10-11p

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

Enterprise liners sell things.

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Every SATURDAY Evening

SOCIAL DANCE

—AT— REDFORD

Good Music, Fine Floor, and best of order.