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THE PASSING OF A PIONEER

Carlous Steele's Father one of the First Settlers in Oakland County, Coming Here in 1825

In the passing of Carlous Steele, whose death occurred June 7th, 1918, at the age of 89 years, 8 months and 15 days, this community has lost another of its few remaining pioneers.

The funeral service was held at the home on Monday, June 10th, and was largely attended. Memorial addresses were made by Rev. E. L. Conklin, of Charlotte, and Rev. Duncan Ward, of Pontiac, and interment was made in Oakwood.

Carlous Steele was born in the township of Farmington, Michigan Territory, on the farm now owned by his eldest son. There his life work was accomplished—one of the pioneers who made the wilderness blossom as the rose; there, with the exception of seven years spent in the state of New York, where he went for better educational advantages, he lived with his family until 34 years ago, when he retired to this village where he had spent the evening of his days.

In January, 1850, he married Mary Ann Cloyse, of Farmington, who died in February 1865. In October 1866, he was again married to Ella Nelson, of Cornuna. To them were born nine children, all but one of whom are living, as are nineteen grandchildren. With the exception of an infant child and an infant grandchild his own was the first death in a family life of nearly 52 years.

For nearly 60 years he has been a faithful attendant and supporter of the Universalist church of this place.

On October 18, 1916, their children gave a golden wedding reception, the invitations to which were unrestricted; the church, for so many years almost a second home, suitably arranged, was opened for the occasion, and friends from far and near came to pay respect to this old friend and his companion of 50 years. This proved to be the last time that he was able to attend any social function, but it was one of great pleasure, alike to the guests of honor and to those who came to honor them.

In parting with the pioneer, it is impossible, even to these strenuous times, not to give a few moments of reflection to the experiences which were his. It was his privilege to live through perhaps the most remarkable 90 years which the world has seen.

When his father, Edward Steele, came in 1825 from West Bloomfield, N. Y., with his bride, Louisa Murray (sister of the late Theron Murray, whose sons, Osro and Albert, were well known citizens of this town) the township of Farmington comprised nearly the whole southwest quarter of Oakland county, and the first tree in this unbroken wilderness of giant timber had been cut just one year before.

He sought government land on the high banks of a branch of the Rouge, built a cabin, cleared a little space around it and sowed wheat for the next year's bread, and very soon built the first, and for some time the only gristmill (now known as the old Hardenburg mill), so vitally necessary to the settlers in this part of the county.

On this farm Carlous Steele was born September 22, 1828.

He had accomplished his heaviest tasks before even the older friends of his later life had begun theirs. He lived to see the fourth school house built in his school district; he had seen the day of the ox team and cart, the ax and the primitive plow develop, year by year, to this day of electricity when almost every task is performed by mechanical power. He had seen the journey to Detroit, in his boyhood often a matter of days, shortened to an hour's drive; he had seen Detroit itself develop from a frontier village of possibly 2,000 inhabitants, straggling along the river bank, grow to a city of nearly a million, the acknowledged "wonder city of the world," where today they are building thousands of ships to fly through the air and thousands more to vanquish the submarine "monsters of the deep."

To have lived this life has been a privilege; to have known and enjoyed the friendship of this unostentatious, honorable, kindly man is a happy memory.

Sun Eclipsed

Last Saturday afternoon there was a total eclipse of the sun, visible here only as a partial eclipse. At 5:50 Saturday those observing the big ball in the western sky gradually began to see a difference in the light, the sun seeming not to give forth its usual bright rays, the ground and vegetation appearing "dulled," although the sun was not overclouded.

Shortly after this, or about 6 o'clock the form of a part of the moon could be plainly seen on the lower and southern side of the sun, making a sight well worth observing.

The writer was driving toward the west at the time, and while it was still light, at times the road was so shaded that it was with some difficulty that the ruts and "dip holes" could be seen and avoided.

There is a partial eclipse of the moon scheduled for the 24th of June, which will comprise the year's "stunts" of the sun and moon as far as we of America are concerned.

County Camp For Boys

Plans have been completed for the Oakland County Boys' Camp for 1918, conducted by the Oakland County Committee, Young Men's Christian Associations.

The camp site, a permanent one, is located on the south shore of Green Lake, between the villages of Waterford and Clarkston, and a more healthful or beneficial place for a boys' camp cannot be found.

Opening on June 23th, the camp will continue for eight days, ending July 3th. Boys twelve to sixteen years, of good character, can make application, and those who meet requirements will be accepted in the order they are received, until a limited number is reached. Accommodations for fifty boys will be provided.

The object of the camp is not to pay dividends in money, but in the development of character. "Character is caught, not taught." The leadership of the camp is therefore all important and the leaders are men of character who understand boy life.

North Farmington Auxiliary meets with Mrs. Frank Dickie at Pleasant Lake Tuesday afternoon, June 18th. Everybody welcome.

Get the best Margarine, CHURNOLD at Cook's Grocery, phone 3.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Newsy Items Taken From Other Papers in and About the County.

A wiser woman indeed is the rural lady, who, upon pricing some dishes at a local store, wanted to know if dishes were being used to shoot Germans, to which the dealer replied: "No, neither are eggs."—Rochester Clarion.

Last Wednesday evening 250 persons in the South Avon district were treated to a great sight, when a Selferidge Field aviator soloed his great 12-cylinder machine to the ground, his engine becoming overheated. The plane, with two passengers landed in Mrs. Hope Dewey's oat field at Stoneshop.—Rochester Era.

We Americans need not only to put less into the garbage can but also take more out of it. In the past year we have learned much about the evil of wasting food, but we still have a lot to learn about utilizing the material that of necessity goes into the garbage can. Many cities burn or dump garbage that might furnish food for hundreds of hogs.—Oxford Leader.

An automobile driven by A. J. Lapham of north village, was struck by the noon passenger train from Detroit, last Monday at the Mill street crossing of the Pere Marquette. Mr. Lapham was thrown from his seat in the car onto the pilot of the engine, and was carried to the depot before the train could be brought to a stop. Mr. Lapham was taken from the pilot still conscious, but in a dazed condition, and taken to his home. He sustained a severe bruise on the head and his back is severely injured, but no bones were broken.—Plymouth Mail.

Put Us Out of Commission

The fierce electrical storm of last Thursday afternoon came pretty near delaying the publication of the Enterprise for a day.

About 3 o'clock lights were required in the office; but burned only a short time, and we were forced to bring into play some old kerosene lamps to finish getting the paper ready for the press.

Later in the evening the lights came on but remained only a short time, but about 11 o'clock were again "on the job," and we were ready to begin printing, when, after starting our motor, found everything running backwards; the break in the wires between Redford and the power house evidently having been spliced wrong, making the flow of the "juice" run in the opposite direction.

The consequence was that we were obliged to get up with the birds next morning. However, we were not quite early enough and missed our out-of-town mails. Those in the village and on the routes received their paper on time, however.

M. E. Parsonage Struck

Last Thursday afternoon during the storm a bolt of lightning struck the eavestrough on the M. E. parsonage and followed it to the eistern in the basement.

Rev. Priestley happened to be in the basement at the time, and after hearing the crash which sounded like a common shot, saw two or three flashes of fire coming from the water pipe. No damage was done.

Try a liner. It will pay you.

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION

Township Eighth Graders Were Awarded Diplomas at Town Hall Wednesday Evening

The Farmington township Eighth Grade graduation exercises were held in the Town Hall in this village Wednesday evening and were largely attended by the patrons, pupils and citizens of the rural school districts, as well as many from the village.

The Farmington band very kindly furnished music for the occasion, and the program as printed last week in the Enterprise was nicely carried out by the pupils of the rural schools.

Supt. G. L. Jenner, of the Pontiac schools made a very interesting and instructive address to the class of 22 graduates, and County Commissioner A. L. Craft presented the diplomas in his usual pleasing manner.

Miss Hazel Lytle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lytle had the honor of having the highest standing in the county for the year, while Miss Florine Wood was second. Miss Lytle was presented with a \$5 gold piece by Commissioner Craft.

The stage was appropriately decorated with the class colors, Red, White and Blue, the class motto being: "On Life's Highway," and the flower a wild rose.

Farmington township has the honor of graduating 90 percent of its eighth grade pupils, while the percent of the county was 73.

M. E. Service Flag

The Service Flag which hangs in the Methodist church was donated by the Patriotic Sewing Circle. The sons and husbands of the mothers and wives who are and have been our church members, and the boys who have come to our Sunday school, 22 in number, are represented there. They are Norman Lee, Carl Goers, Bertram Groves, Hugo Schaupter, Howard Eisenlord, Harley Warner, Mark Owen, John Alland, Albert Goers, Andrew Crawford, Miller Davis, Lemuel Walker, Aaron Button, Fred Schaupter, Percy Power, Floyd Howard, Carl Hogle, Luther Lapham, Roy Robinson, Allen Prindle, Ivan Whipple and Edwin Allen.

We wish to thank all our boys represented, so if there is a name omitted that should be on the flag, kindly notify Mrs. Grace Miller, the chairman of the Patriotic Circle.

The circle is accomplishing a great deal in their Red Cross sewing. We have a splendid work room for the summer donated to us by Miss Mary Kennedy. We could complete more garments if we had another sewing machine. If you have one to loan the circle for the summer, kindly telephone to Miss Kennedy at No. 52.

A good pair of Overalls at F. L. Cook & Co.'s for \$1.00 while they last. All sizes.

Important Notice

We are again obliged to remind the residents of the village who keep chickens; that they must keep them on their own premises, or the ordinance will be enforced. A number of complaints have been made. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

George Francis, Marshal.

Get CHURNOLD at Cook's Grocery. We deliver. Phone 3.

Enterprise liners sell things!

Ladies Literary Club.

The Ladies' Literary club closed a very successful year of study and pleasant social gatherings, when they held their annual President's Day at the home of Mrs. Mary Johnson Wednesday, June 5th. After the business meeting, the ladies were entertained by a program, of which Mrs. Flora Hendryx was leader.

The little daughters of the club were the main participants, showing only the patriotic spirit of the day with their little songs, music, tableaux and recitations. A delightful luncheon was served at the close of the afternoon.

Will Be Given Instructions.

As the Oakland County Chapter of the Red Cross has requested each unit to furnish a guarantee that all work has been inspected and well packed and tied ready for shipment to France, it is requested that every lady call at local headquarters in the basement of the Warner block and receive full instructions as to how each article should be made Saturday afternoons.

This is important, and means much for the local as well as the Pontiac headquarters, and it is urged that every Red Cross worker avail herself of the opportunity to become familiar with all of the work direct from headquarters.

Red Cross Notes

Priscilla club next Tuesday with Mrs. Rose on the Switzer road.

The O. E. S. Red Cross Sewing Circle will meet on Thursday, June 20th.

The Base Line Red Cross Circle met with Mrs. Anna Robinson Thursday. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Lester Vincent in one week.

The Loyal Red Cross club of this place united with the Yoland club, of Detroit, about 25 in all, and enjoyed a picnic at Bob-Lo on Tuesday last. They will meet next Tuesday with Mrs. Cavell, at Northville.

We have a quantity of Mohawk Overalls, in all sizes, at \$1.00 per pair while they last. Worth more money. F. L. Cook & Co.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the many friends for their kind sympathy and floral offerings.

Mrs. Carlisa Steele, Children and Grandchildren.

Marie Osborne

This little Screen Star will be the leading character in the famous five-features play entitled, "The Little Patriot," which will be presented at the local picture theater Saturday evening, and which is sure to draw a good crowd.

The last of the serial, "Hidden Hand," was enjoyed Tuesday evening by a large crowd, and Managers Bristol and Eisenlord are making arrangements for a Tuesday evening program that will be enjoyed by their patrons, an announcement of which will be made later.

Don't miss seeing "The Little Patriot" Saturday night. It will interest and please you.

Pocket Road Book

I have a number of books containing map of auto trails of Southern Michigan, Northern Indiana and Northwestern Ohio, which I will sell at 25 cents each while they last. The best small road guide out. Just what you want for that auto trip.

E. S. Grace, Owen House.

Mohawk Overalls at Cook's—all sizes, for \$1.00 per pair.

LITTLE WANT ADS

WANTED—A good fresh milk cow. Inquire of A. J. Pickett, phone 90. 31c

FOR RENT—An up-to-date apartment. Inquire at Warner Dairy office. 22c

ROOMS TO RENT for light housekeeping. Inquire of Miss Abby Burton. 33p

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

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

FOR SALE—New Milch Cow, with calf by side. Inquire of Robert Graham, phone 40w6, Farmington. 31f

FOR SALE—A 20-horsepower Gasoline Engine and Cider Mill. Inquire of H. Wadenstorer.

FOR RENT—Pasture land for young stock—running stream. T. L. Irving, 1 mile west and 1/2 mile south of Farmington village. 28f

LOST—A gold ring with two large rubies and six pearls in setting. Finder please return to Mrs. George Biery and receive reward. 31c

FOR SALE—Nearly new Radiant Home Kitchen Range, No. 9. Good save. Inquire at Enterprise office.

FOR SALE—No. 1 Timothy Hay; also quantity of Oats. L. F. Salow, phone 39J2, Farmington. 26f

WANTED—Two men for cutting wood. Mrs. Middlewood, about one-half mile south of Base Line, on Farmington road. 31p

FOR SALE—Small Potatoes; good for seed; cheap if taken at once. Charles Walling, one mile west of Farmington. 31p

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.

FOR SALE—Quantity of hardwood timber and lumber. All sizes and shapes, from \$15 per thousand and up. Inquire of Bert Simpson, phone 50J11, Farmington. 33p

LOST—White Baby Blanket on road between Hatten's Corners and village, last Thursday, June 6th. Finder please leave at Enterprise office and get reward. 31p

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.

ESTABLISHED 23-years; specializing in farms. Buyers for all kinds of farms; also small places. Address Mr. McDonald, 1250 West Duclif Ave., Detroit, Mich. Phone Garfield 1117. 1mar9

George Biery will sell at public auction on the Hatten farm, one mile west of Farmington Village on Grand River, 20 miles west of Detroit, on Tuesday, June 18th, 1 o'clock p. m., 20 extra good Holstein Cows, and a few tools. 31c

FOR SALE—Baby Chicks—Special Bradley Bros. Strain Barred Rocks, \$13.00 per 100. Rhode Island Reds \$15.00. J. D. Parker, farm back of Farmington Junction, Box 192, Farmington. I also buy market poultry; will pay 2 cents under Detroit market, at your door. Phone 25. 34p