

FROM THE SUNNY SOUTH

Miss Ada Ely Writes of Her Trip and the Sights to be Witnessed in Florida.

Dear Editor and Farmington Friends:

I have been reading about the zero weather you are having, and so thought I would write a little about the time we are having here.

We are living right on the Biscayne Bay, three miles out of Miami and about one-half block from the Dixie Highway.

The soil is very very poor down here, consisting of fine white sand and a lime stone rock, of which the roads are all made, and is as good as cement. The climate is quite warm, although it has gone down to 40 degrees at times. The air is always fresh and moist, as it comes right off the ocean. Our evenings are like early fall evenings up there; the crickets and grasshoppers are singing and the moon and stars are so bright. We sit out nearly every evening without coats, and our kitchen and dining room is only a screened porch. If it rains we drop down, the awning; if the sun shines we put it up.

We all go to school and we have a fine place to go. It is called the Dade County Agricultural school. We have music, drawing, sewing, cooking and gardening along with our other studies. They have autos that go all over the county and bring in the children and take them home. I like it very much.

Our trip down here was very interesting. We arrived in Cincinnati just at daylight; we had to change cars, and as we stood waiting for our train, what I at first thought were clouds, proved to be great hills all around me. It seemed several miles from one to another, but they were all connected by great bridges, over which run street cars, autos and all kinds of vehicles.

We passed many, many wheat fields and corn fields going through Kentucky, and many nice looking homes, but what interested me most was passing through the mountains of Tennessee. For miles and miles we rode with the rock away above us on one side and clear below us on the other. Many, many places we could wave to the engineer ahead, as the train went around the curves.

We passed through 14 real long tunnels, and several short ones. We reached Chattanooga at night, and when we woke up the next morning everything was changed. Georgia's soil is red clay and white limestone sticking out of the ground all the way. The streams were all very muddy and the farms small. It was here we began to see mules and pigs and colored people. We passed fields of fax cotton and peanuts, but I hardly can see how people live there.

As we continued on into Florida the clay turned to sand, and we began to see pine trees and swamps of all kinds of plants and ferns. The trees were covered with moss, which reached nearly to the ground. We arrived in Jacksonville about noon.

Jacksonville is a very busy place, but awfully dirty. The houses are built right up to the walk and close to each other and the rooms are very dark. We stayed about a week here. On Christmas day grandpa and I went down to St. Augustine. It was very warm there, but nice and clean and the palms made a canopy overhead which protected us from the blistering sun. The houses here in Miami have well kept lawns with flowers all around. On our way to the beach we pass into a drive called "Palm Walk." It is a beautiful place; the drive curves this way and that, while on one side are planted the live Oaks which have long limbs that extend clear over the drive. These limbs are covered with great masses of gray moss. This makes a very

pleasant and beautiful place to sit or walk.

After passing through this we came to orange orchards, and there I picked my first orange. We then took a street car, crossed a very large bridge, over the St. Johns river, and were soon at the ocean, and I'll never will forget the first time I saw the ocean. It was truly a wonderful sight to me. The tide was going out, and the air was full of large birds, and such a roar; the sand was piled in great drifts, which at first I thought was snow-banks.

We just received the Enterprise, and was very glad to hear from home; also very sorry to hear of so many flu victims. We don't know what the flu is here. There are many things I would like to tell you about, but I guess I have taken too much time. I would like to hear from all my friends. My address is

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Golden Wedding

A surprise for Mr. and Mrs. S. E. DuBois, of Redford, was happily enjoyed on Tuesday, January 7, 1919, at their home from 2 p. m. until midnight, it being their 50th anniversary.

Mrs. DuBois had remarked to her daughters, that she thought she would have a little party for her children, and grandchildren in the evening, so the girls, Eva Tupper and Lottie Grace, helped her to get ready for the evening. The house was beautifully decorated in yellow and white, the dining table spread with a lovely luncheon set, a large bouquet of yellow roses and narcissus having the center, while to this was added the bride's cake, a white layer with lemon filling and white icing, decorated in yellow raised designs and the figures "50" in center. The groom's cake was a dark cake with white icing, and the red, white and blue decorations, with a beautiful American flag, Steven being one of the very few civil war survivors of this locality. Cream and sugar occupied their respective places, dishes of olives and other goodies, of which there seemed to be no limit.

There were a number of beautiful presents which it was very hard to keep Mrs. DuBois from looking into, as it was planned to have the grandchildren make the presentations at the proper time, but by close watching she was kept under subjection.

The time was fully enjoyed by each one, both the older ones and the children, of which there was a goodly number. Music, and at times dancing, was most thoroughly enjoyed by all. There was one of the youngest set who were so tired when she returned from the work she had been engaged in during the day, that thought she just couldn't go to the party she was so tired, but finally decided to make the effort, did so and got rested to such a degree it was quite hard to tear herself away from the little party at Uncle Stevens'. S. E. DuBois was the oldest in years, while little Nelson Sherman, of Detroit, was the youngest gentleman of the evening. Each person present was requested to register, and as the name, and not the age, was asked for, everyone responded to willingly and in their own hand writing.

So passed a few short hours of enjoyment and exchanging of jokes and pleasant memories. As the time for the last car came creeping nearer, there was the final grand march, and gradually all was quiet at the pleasant home.

Those from here attending were Mrs. M. B. Pierce and Mrs. Olive Sprague, there being guests also present from Detroit, Pontiac, and in fact from all over this section of the state.

The midwinter meeting of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical society will be held jointly with the Barry County Pioneer society and the Thornapple Valley Pioneer association, at Hastings, on Wednesday and Thursday, January 22 and 23, 1919.

Try the liners. They sell.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

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

Rochester, from all reports, is to enjoy a good building boom this season. —Rochester Clarion.

The township has appointed ladies on the election board in each of the two precincts. —Rochester Era.

Howell votes Jan. 14 on a proposition to sell the municipal lighting plant to the Detroit Edison Company, now operating it under a lease. —Milford Times.

The weather the past week has been much more favorable to the ice men. Operations have already begun at Island Lake, the ice being about eight inches thick. —Brighton Argus.

Miss Irene Brown, teacher in the Oxford schools, while returning home Monday evening from her school duties slipped on a piece of ice in front of the school building, falling in such a manner as to splinter her right wrist. —Oxford Leader.

The number of marriage licenses issued in Wayne county dropped off more than 4,000 during the past year. With the return of the soldiers from overseas this business is expected to boom during 1919. —Record Record.

Tax-payers of Jackson county will vote April 7 on the question of issuing \$1,400,000 in bonds for the construction of roads according to unanimous vote of the board of supervisors Wednesday to submit the proposition at the coming election. Bonds probably will be issued in denominations of \$50 and up to \$500, to enable people of small means to invest. The roads are to be built according to a road system indicated on a map at the office of the county clerk. —Farmington News.

Suit for damages for loss of a cow valued at \$250 and a calf valued at \$200 has been brought in circuit court by Walter Synkarek, who owns a farm in Novi township, against George Evans of Novi. The bill alleges that on November 11, 1918, while a drove of cattle owned by the plaintiff were being driven along a highway in Novi township the defendant, drove an automobile into one of the cows, killing it. The calf died from lack of proper nourishment several days later, it is asserted. —Press Gazette.

The Railroad Problem

The Enterprise has secured for publication in next week's issue a most interesting and important article by William G. McAdoo, director of general railroads and former secretary of the treasury.

In this article Mr. McAdoo will outline the reasons for his recent action in asking congress to extend for five years the period of government operation and control of railroads. He will clear up some doubts that have existed as to his attitude on the question of government ownership and government control.

There is no after-war problem of greater interest to all the people than this question of what shall be done with the railroads now that the war emergency has passed. Will you agree with Mr. McAdoo or not on all the points he raises you will find his article of the greatest interest, coming as it does from the directing head of all the railroads in the United States.

Look for this article in the next issue of the Enterprise. It will be worth reading.

Do Cows Pay Dividends?

George Tiernan, one of the Warner Dairy Co. patrons, is very emphatic in his declaration that they do.

He has delivered milk from two cows during the past ten months for which he has realized \$521.16, the largest month being \$68.45 and the smallest \$38.79.

Mr. Tiernan is making arrangements to increase his milkers by two for the coming year.

Try a liner. It will pay you.

OAKLAND COUNTY LOOSES PIONEER

John S. Voorhies Died at His Home Here Last Sunday After Three Years' Illness

John S. Voorhies was born in Waterford township, Oakland county, on July 4, 1838, and died at his home in this village last Sunday, January 13th, aged 80 years, 6 months and 8 days after an illness extending over a period of about three years.

On November 22, 1885, he was united in marriage with Sarah Osmun, and to them were born 10 children, seven of whom survive him. The first five years of their married life were spent on a farm at Cass Lake, moving from there to West Bloomfield, where they lived for 35 years, coming to this village about 10 years ago.

Mr. Voorhies was a well known and highly respected citizen of Oakland county, and a great admirer of horsemanship, having in his younger days owned a number of very fine and speedy animals.

During the past three years of his life he has been confined to his home by illness. He is survived by his wife, five daughters, Mrs. John DeConick, Julia Voorhies, of Orchard Lake; Mrs. Elwood Demmon, of Grand Rapids; Mrs. F. H. Nichols, of this village, and Mrs. C. A. Nichols, of Detroit, and two sons, John Voorhies, of Orchard Lake, and Mortimer Voorhies, of Clarston; also one sister, Mrs. Susan Donaldson, of Pontiac; two brothers, James K. Voorhies, of Pontiac, and Ebb Voorhies, of Waterford, besides 13 grandchildren and many friends.

The funeral was held at the late home on Grand River Wednesday morning, Rev. E. C. Benson, of the local M. E. church, officiating, and the remains taken to Pontiac for burial.

Club and Society Notes

The Patriotic Sewing Circle met Friday afternoon with Mrs. J. A. Miller. Lunch was served.

The Sunshine Circle met with Mrs. Arthur Lamb Wednesday afternoon and did Red Cross sewing.

The Farmington Ladies' Literary club will meet next Wednesday, January 22nd, with Mrs. Linda Hamblen.

The Enthusiastic Circle met at the home of H. C. Thayer last Friday afternoon, finishing five suits of pajamas for the Red Cross. Mr. Thayer has kindly opened his home for the club every Friday afternoon.

In the recent Red Cross Christmas roll call Farmington comes across with the third largest number (outside the city of Pontiac), having 423. Bloomfield and Royal Oak being the only townships in the county to outnumber us.

Died at Harper Hospital

The two sons of Mrs. Julius Landau, of Livonia, died at Harper hospital, Detroit, within five days of each other. Walter Helm, aged 24 years, died last Thursday with the flu, and his brother, Arthur, passed away on Tuesday of this week of typhoid pneumonia, following the flu, aged 21 years.

Mrs. Landau, formerly Mrs. Louise Helm, is a sister-in-law of John Landau, of this village. Mr. Helm died about 10 years ago. The boys are also survived by one sister, Mrs. Emma Lazie, of Detroit.

Both boys were employed in the city, both being sick in the same ward at the hospital at the same time.

In commemoration of Benjamin Franklin, designated as the apostle of thrift, today (Friday, January 17th) is being observed as "Franklin Day." Everyone is supposed to buy a Thrift or War Savings Stamp.

Try our liner column. It pays to both read and advertise in it.

School Notes

Hazel Chavay was absent Tuesday.

Laura Martindale has not yet returned to school.

Russel Catherman was a visitor in school Friday.

Lucille Thornton was absent Monday and Tuesday.

Alvina Bach has been absent from school with the flu.

Almeda Travis has been absent from school for two weeks.

Miss Hulett is back to school, after having an attack of the flu.

Julia Eisenlord was absent several days last week and this.

The American Literary class are reading Irving's "Sketch Book."

A very good program was rendered by the Freshmen last Friday.

Gladys Hazelton was absent Thursday afternoon and Friday of last week.

The Camp Fire Girls had a meeting in the High School room last Friday night.

The Modern History class are taking a general review, previous to the first semester examination.

Louise McDonald has returned to school, after the sickness of her mother, and the death of her little brother.

A great number of the pupils look sleepy these mornings. They spend most of their spare time skating, we are told.

From All Over.

At the annual meeting of the Oakland County Threshers association in Pontiac Saturday afternoon, William Mairs, of Novi, was elected president for the coming year.

We have received from Director W. J. McAdoo, of the railroads, a 47-page copy of his annual report, but have not as yet had time to find out whether the railroads are operating at a profit or loss under government control, or whether we will receive our "dividend" or not.

In a proclamation Gov. A. E. Sleeper appeals to the people of Michigan to make generous contributions for the relief of the oppressed people of the "Near East"—Armenia, Syria, Persia and other peoples of Western Asia. It is said that 4,000,000 people are perishing from hunger and disease.

At the spring primaries, March 5th, two regents of the university, one superintendent of public instruction, one member of the state board of education, two members of the state board of agricultural and a state highway commissioner will be nominated, besides a county school commissioner for Oakland county.

Soldiers and sailors who receive their discharge are urged by the government to "hold onto their government insurance." It is the safest, cheapest and best life insurance in existence, and you owe it to yourself and family to keep it, in force. If you once let it lapse you lose the right and can never regain it.

We have received from Commissioner of Schools A. L. Craft a copy of his annual school directory of Oakland county. It is a nicely printed 68-page book containing the names and addresses of the officers and teachers of every school in the county, the cover being decorated with the red, white and blue, the first page containing a service flag with 32 blue stars.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Schroeder and baby were entertained at a six o'clock dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Jones Saturday evening.

Mrs. John Walters received a box of oranges from her father, A. A. Roberts, from Florida last week.

The Junior Red Cross of Dist. No. 1, will give a dance at Franklin Hall, Friday evening, Jan. 17. Everyone come and have a good time. 16p

The Enterprise and the Woman's World, both one whole year, for only \$1.75.

LITTLE WANT ADS

WANTED—Woman for general housework. Mrs. J. Chapman, Grace Stop. 10p

FOR SALE—Three Rhode Island Red Roosters, \$2.50 apiece. Inquire of G. C. Collins. 10c

FOR SALE—Range, 6-hole, in good condition. Inquire at Schroeder's Meat Market. 10c

WANTED—100 bundles of Corn Stalks. E. S. Grace, Owen House, Farmington. 10p

LOST—A silver thimble marked with the letter L. Reward if returned to this office. 10c

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—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.

NOTICE—Oddfellow dues are now payable at Henry Lee's store, during the absence of C. R. Ely. 9c

FOR SALE—We have one carload of good-bated Timothy hay, shipped in from north. For sale in any quantity. Farmington Lumber & Coal Company. Phone 20. 10-11c

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.

FOR SALE—62 acres of land, 3 miles from Farmington, 1 mile from State road, 5 acres of orchard, good buildings, plenty of good water. R. W. Graham, Farmington, Mich., R. F. D. No. 3. 10tf

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Taxes Due

Having received for collection the tax roll of Farmington Township, I will be at the Farmington State Savings Bank on Fridays and Saturdays, during banking hours, until February 10, 1919, to receive same. After that date 4 per cent will be added.

R. H. Marsh,
Towship Treasurer.

TO WOMEN VOTERS

All women who intend to vote at the coming village election will have to register. It may be done at any time previous to registration day by filing your name with the Village Clerk, and certifying that you are 21 years of age and a citizen; and if married, that your husband is a citizen of this country, either because of birth, or that he has become naturalized by taking out his full citizenship papers.

Women may also register on registration day, which is the second Saturday prior to the election, election being on the second Monday in March. It is also necessary that those who have registered heretofore to vote on bond issues, etc., register at this time.

WILLIS E. LORD,
Village Clerk.