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IN A SERIOUS CONDITION

Robert W. Graham Badly Burned Last Friday Morning—About 10 Head of Cattle Roasted in Burning of Barn

Last Friday morning about 6 o'clock as Robert Graham, living west of town, was doing his morning's work at the barn his lantern was knocked off of a bale of hay by a cat or dog and set fire to the hay and straw, with the result that the large basement barn, about 100 head of cattle, one team of horses and a large amount of hay, grain and farm implements and tools were destroyed, besides seriously burning Mr. Graham in his attempts to extinguish the fire and liberate the live stock.

Mr. Graham, according to our information, went to the barn with a lantern, and on going up above to throw down some hay and straw, set the lantern on a bale of hay near the hay chute, and had thrown down some straw when a dog or cat knocked the lantern over into the chute, where it started a blaze. Mr. Graham jumped into the chute in an endeavor to stamp out the blaze, but it was not possible and he picked the blazing straw up in his arms, and rushed for the door, terribly burning his face, hands and breast, but seemingly to no avail, as the fire spread rapidly and in no time the whole barn was in flames.

Mr. Graham then endeavored to liberate his live stock, and got the horses to the door, but found it locked on the outside, and he was obliged to abandon the effort. Later one of the horses was found near the door, the other having gone to the other end of the barn and "wedged" itself under a crib. "One hog was saved."

Mr. Graham on finding it impossible to save anything and suffering terrible pain from his burns, ran screaming to the house, where his wife threw a pail of water over him and extinguished the fire on his burning clothing, most of which had already been burned off his body, and his face, hands and breast were terribly burned, leaving him in a very serious condition, from which there is small hope of his recovery.

Only the day before Mr. Graham had made a deal for the sale of the farm, as his health had been poorly for some time. We understand the barn and contents were partially covered by insurance.

From Russia
Following is a letter just received, February 4th, from Pvt. George T. Welch, Co. B, 339 Regt. American North Russia Expeditionary Forces:

Archangel, Russia, Nov. 9, 1918: Clarence Aldrich and family, Route 2, Farmington, Mich. Hello, Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich.

I was much surprised today when I received a letter from you which was worth more to me than you can possibly imagine. I haven't the slightest idea how much it cheers us up when we get some mail letting us know something like is going on at home, so please keep on writing back and tell us how it is at home, which is a hard thing over here.

Well, at present things are quiet here, but I have a whole lot of back letters to answer, so won't promise to be very long. I'm sure you'll be glad to hear from me again, and I'll be glad to hear from you again.

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in the states. There are a few birch and willows and that's all. We haven't seen a railroad since leaving Archangel, and the roads are worse than plowed fields in the spring in Michigan. The people are about 2,000 years behind the times. They make their own clothes and utensils, eat with a wooden spoon, and all out of the same dish; never take their clothes off and sleep on straw over the fire place, and the old lady gets right into it, with her head sticking out. There are enough cockroaches to run away with Farmington.

Well, here's hoping it won't be long before I'll be back with you all again, and get down to a double life, if there's any one left. When you write to Arthur tell him I send my best wishes. Things are quite high by the price list in your letter, which was very good of you to write.

I am writing this by the light of a searchlight, which is a bully beef can, bacon grease and a piece of string, and you have to strike a match to find the light. Am attached to the signal corps at present, with the artillery, which is pretty good at the front. My chum next to me is having some real sport looking for a "Cootie patrol," and a few "snipers" in his unit suit, and I'll be called upon to do the same thing pretty soon, I'm thinking. He just came into contact with the leader, as I heard something go "snip," and the last reports are that they had formed a skirmish line in the seams and around the neck, but with a brilliant stratagetic stroke we surrounded two outposts under the arm pits, capturing 974 and two pair socks. I am full of the devil, and that is, "Full of cooties" Ha Ha!

Could sit and write a lot more, but have to be on guard for four hours, so give my best to all around there; also Dr. and Mrs. Sherill.

Please write and tell me all news. Tell the kids hello for me. GEORGE T. WELCH.

Note—Private Welch is of English birth, located at Orchard Lake about eight years ago. Previous to enlisting he was employed by Dr. Edwin S. Sherill on his farms and nursery east of Farmington. He is a husky young man, an excellent gardener and amateur florist, and will likely locate in our neighborhood upon his return. Let us hope for his safety.

In a letter from Maitron-Aigne S. Duc, France, dated January 11th, to Mrs. L. C. R. Harger, Priv. Frank E. Coe, field hospital 20, 6th San. Train, A. P. O. 777, A. E. H., expressed his delight at receiving a sweater made by Mrs. Harger. He says in part: "Yesterday the Red Cross came through this town with a supply of sweaters and socks for all the boys here, which is nothing strange for the Red Cross to do. They have been so very good to all us boys that we are always glad to see them. Today I was issued one of the sweaters which they gave the company, and when I put it on I found your address on the inside, so thought you would be glad to know where your sweater had gone and who received it, and how pleased I was with it."

Ladies' Literary Club
The regular meeting of the L. L. C. will be held February 8th at the home of Nina Reeney, 18 members responding to roll call.

After a short business session, the program for the afternoon was taken up: "Engineering Problems—Chagres River, Onleha Gulf, Landslides, Barth's Quakes, Rainfall," etc., by Ernest Pierce, was most ably handled while "Canal Construction—Sea-level, Ypsilocs, Gatun Dam," etc., by Arthur Schrodner, proved interesting and instructive.

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FIRST OF OUR BOYS HOME

Hugo Schaupter Arrived Home From France Last Saturday Night—Discharged From Camp Custer

Hugo V. Schaupter, who arrived here last Saturday from France, having served in the U. S. forces since April, 1917, was wounded August 3, 1918 at Chateau Thierry, operated on at Evacuation hospital No. 7, and later taken to Base hospital 19, Vichy, France, where he was confined to his bed for 21 days, later having charge of the mess



HUGO V. SCHAUPETER

for wounded soldiers, and using crutches for three weeks. Later he suffered with diphtheria, and on December 2nd was before the classification board and placed in B. 2 (able to be sent home on a regular transport).

He left Base 19 on December 3rd, was put in a box car intended for 42 men or eight horses, but which was hardly large enough to hold one horse comfortably—took eight hours to get six miles out of Vichy and four days from Vichy to St. Auginaw, where he entered a convalescent camp, made up into company 430—were placed in tents on bare ground with mud two or three inches deep, for 14 days, where 8,500 men were fed from one kitchen, making them stand in line at times for three hours before receiving their rations.

From there they were taken to Brest, a three day journey, where they stood in line for hours with rain pouring down. Boarded S. S. Canada January 10th, and after 10 days landed once more on American soil at Boston, Mass.

At Boston and Camp Devins the Red Cross and Salvation Army treated them like princes, serving delicious food, doing something never known of the Y. M. C. A. in France, he says.

At Camp Devins Hugo was placed in the 15th depot brigade and after five days went to Camp Custer, where he received his discharge Saturday, February 1st, and arrived here on the evening of the 5th.

will always be a bright spot in an otherwise trying and perilous year of his life, the experience of which, however, he would not exchange for a fortune, although he would not wish to repeat it.

Mrs. Carl Gow

Marie Witt was born in Grossen Luckow, Grand Duchy Mecklenburg, Schwerin, Germany, on July 31, 1846, and in November, 1876, was united in marriage with Carl Gow, 10 children, five sons and five daughters being born to them, two of the sons dying when quite young.

Mr. and Mrs. Gow came to this country in 1873, living three years in Detroit, when in 1876 they came to this township and rented a farm, about 16 years ago purchasing the homestead on which she had since lived. Mrs. Gow had been sick for about three months, passing away on Saturday last, February 1st, 1919, aged 72 years and 6 months. She is survived by her husband, three sons, Charles E. Gow, of Farmington; John Gow, of Novi; and Louis Gow, of Paw Paw; five daughters, Mrs. Frank Hutchinson, of Detroit; Mrs. William Sprague, of Farmington; Mrs. Amos High, of Pontiac; Mrs. George McClellan, of Walled Lake, and Elizabeth, of Washington, D. C.; besides 18 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many friends and neighbors.

The funeral was held from the Evangelical church in this village Tuesday, Rev. Stange officiating, and burial made at Oakwood cemetery.

Club and Society Notes

Regular meeting of E. S. next Friday evening, February 14th. Initiation.

The Rebekah Sewing Circle are spending the day (Friday) with Mrs. Eliza Lee at Redford. Pot-luck dinner.

Class No. 6, of the M. E. Sunday school met with Miss Pauline Pickett Tuesday evening. A splendid attendance, a business meeting and a fine social hour was enjoyed. The next meeting will be held the first Monday evening in March with their teacher, Mrs. H. Johnson.

The Priscilla club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Ed Bulson and tied off a computer for the Red Cross, 13 members and two visitors being present. Mrs. Fred McCrumb and Mrs. Fred Page were guests. After the business meeting a light luncheon was served by the hostesses. The club will meet in two weeks with Mrs. John Dear.

CHURCH NOTES

St. Clem Evangelical
Rev. A. C. Stange, pastor, will preach each alternate Sunday morning at 10:45 eastern time, in the Farmington and Clarendenville Evangelical churches.

The Farmington Ladies Aid meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the parsonage.

Methodist Church
Morning 10:30 Evening 7:30
Sunday School 11:45
E. C. C. Benson, Pastor
Theme for next Sunday morning will be, "Stewardship."

In the evening we shall hold Memorial service. L. Goodenough will give a short address.

Next Monday, February 10th, there will be a Centenary Group meeting held in the M. E. church at Northville. All the local counsils, ministers, men, unit leaders and members of churches in Redford, Farmington, Northville, Plymouth and St. Lyons are expected to be present.

The morning, afternoon and evening meetings will be addressed by Dr. George Elliott, Dr. Mussen, E. J. Warren and others.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

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

Alonzo Sessions was so unfortunate as to lose a part of the thumb and the middle finger of his right hand Monday while operating a sawing machine at his home in Novi township.—Northville Record.

The way for any merchant to increase his business is to advertise it. Waiting for the goods on the shelves to disappear without printers' ink pushing them is like waiting for the girl to propose—it sometimes happens but not often.—Oxford Leader.

The weather has been exceedingly balmy for the past week until Tuesday night when a cool wave struck and it froze up again. The buds were swelling, the bees buzzing and the birds singing, just like spring. Well, anyhow, Herb Dean saw a real robin on his route Tuesday.—Brighton Argus.

The problem of unemployment is daily becoming more acute in Detroit with the returning soldiers adding to the list of men out of work. Although the coming to Detroit of soldiers not residents of the city is discouraged, because of lack of labor, it is said, that hundreds are arriving daily from Camp Custer and other cantonments.—Press Gazette.

One of the papers tells a story of a party of Yanks aboard a transport bound for France, reaching mid-ocean and being overtaken by wireless news that the armistice had been signed. The transport turned around in the night and no one were the wiser. The soldiers crowded the decks, watching for signs of France. Finally they approached a shore. "By gosh, fellers!" said the keenest eyed among 'em, as he spied the familiar outlines of the statue of liberty, "how in 'ell did old Lib. beat us over here?"—Parma News.

Suit for \$10,000

Mrs. Edna Chaptoun, of Detroit, has brought suit for \$10,000 against the Oakland county road commissioners for injuries sustained while riding in an automobile on Grand River road two miles west of Novi.

She claims while traveling the road on the night of June 14, 1917, the machine struck some deep ruts in the roadway with the result that her spine was injured and her face lacerated until she is permanently disfigured, besides sustaining internal injuries.

State Senator Walter Hayes has received the appointment of chairman of the senate executive committee in all matters of legislative character. Mr. Hayes is of Farmington, boy who has made a record in the banking business in Detroit, being one of the prominent bank officials of the state. He will handle in his new chairmanship all appointments made by Gov. Sleeper requiring senate approval.

Ladies! You must register if you wish to vote. Eleven criminal cases are on the circuit court calendar for trial during the February term.

Herman Kreager has been appointed deputy sheriff by Sheriff Cross, of Pontiac, to succeed William Goers, whose term expired January 1, 1919.

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their assistance and sympathy during the sickness and death of our wife and mother; also for the floral tributes, and the singers.

Carl Gow and Children.

To the Voters
Having decided to become a candidate for the nomination of Supervisor of Farmington township, on the Republican ticket, your support is solicited at the coming township caucus.

CLARENCE WOOD.

Village Caucus

Notice is hereby given that the Village Caucus will be held at the Council Chambers in Water Works Hall on Monday, February 17, 1919, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for village officers for the ensuing term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

By order of Village Council.
WILLIS E. LORD,
Clerk of Village of Farmington, Mich.

LITTLE WANT ADS

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

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

FOR SALE—Or will exchange for Farmington property, 6-room Bungalow in Royal Oak. S. H. Green, Ford Sales & Service, Farmington.

SALESMAN WANTED to solicit orders for lubricating oils, greases and paints. Salary or Commission. Address THE HARVEY OIL CO., Cleveland, Ohio.

ESTABLISHED 23 years; specializing in farms. Buyers for all kinds of farms; also small places. Address Mr. McAdams, 1250 West Euclid Ave., Detroit, Mich. Phone Garfield 1117.

FURNITURE repaired, re-finished and upholstered. Come and see our large line of samples; also all kinds of woodwork. Repairing prices reasonable. R. B. Botford, shop in rear of house.

WANTED—To rent a furnished Dairy Farm in vicinity of Farmington, by experienced dairyman; must be good land and good buildings. Address Dairyman, Box 27, Farmington.

FOR RENT—120 acres west side of Pontiac road, 1 mile north of Farmington, lying immediately south of the Sarmiento farm. Fertile fields, some orchard, excellent pasture, with running water, natural spring at barn. Necessary repairs will be made to buildings and fences. Interested write C. B. Dunfield, 488 West Canfield avenue, Detroit.

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 taxes will be added to the roll. W. P. Marsh, Township Treasurer.