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AVOID DROWNING LEARN TO SWIM

Large Percentage of Deaths by Drowning Due to Bathers' Extreme Carelessness

"Learn to Swim—Drowning Season Now Open"—Y. M. C. A. sign.

"Come on in—the waters fine" bathing beach sign.

Hundreds of swimmers who heeded the first slogan are bathing this year while 223 persons who dashed into the water on reading the second announcement last year were drowned.

"Don't swim within an hour after eating has been a swimming don't, but even more important than that is the don't that prohibits swimming when one is tired or the body overheated," says Dr. R. M. Olin, state health commissioner.

"A large percentage of drownings in four months of 1921 was caused by persons becoming exhausted because they were tired before they began swimming or because the body was so overheated that the cold water produced cramps with disastrous effects.

Bathing during the hot part of the day is dangerous."

Every summer claims its quota of victims by drowning. Figures compiled in the bureau of vital statistics for four months of 1921 show the number who came to their death by drowning: June—77; July—92; August—37; September—17; Total—223.

"If everyone knew how to prepare for a swim and knew the mere rudiments of artificial respiration fewer persons would be sacrificed," says Dr. Olin.

"When a bather has been brought from the water apparently drowned, don't delay a moment in beginning resuscitation. At any minute up to two or three hours signs of recovery may appear. Use the Schafer or one man method of restoring breathing.

Before going into the water, o should feel confident of his stroke be in good physical condition and never tired or overheated."

The Ladies Aid will hold their next meeting on July 20th in the church.

Engagement Announced

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Ethel Bade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bade, and Malcolm McGregor, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. McGregor of Ypsilanti. The wedding is to take place in the fall. They will reside in Detroit.

The Misses Warner and Carlisle are erecting a garage at their home on Oakland avenue.

Use Reflex Gases on Road Signals

Announcement was made Saturday by L. V. Belknap, Oakland county highway engineer, that 130 of the 579 road signs that are to be erected in the county this year will be fitted with reflex glass warning signals.

The signals are particularly effective at night, as they reflect headlights beams for a long distance. They can also be clearly seen in the daytime.

An order for the glass has already been forwarded to the manufacturers. The contract for the remainder of the signs has not been let, Mr. Belknap says.—Pontiac Press.

Man Injured by Motor Car

Ivan Wilson, aged 21 years, a laborer employed by the Oakland county road commission, was painfully injured near Farmington last week when he was struck by a motor car driven by two alleged drunken men.

When struck, Wilson was using a shovel, and the handle of the implement tore off one headlight of the machine, and completely destroyed it. At his home it was reported that he was suffering from many severe bruises and a sprained ankle, and that an X-ray examination will be necessary to establish definitely the extent of his injuries.

The number of the motor car was obtained at the time and county authorities are now looking for the man believed to have been the driver.

School Commissioner Makes Report

The annual report of A. L. Craft, county commissioner of schools, just completed, shows that there are 192 of the 202 school districts in the county opening schools and 547 legally qualified teachers in the county.

During the year, according to the report, the commissioner visited each of the 192 schools once, 38 of them twice and seven of them three times.

A total of 2... teachers applied for certificates during the year and 472 eighth grade pupils were examined.

The total school enrollment in the county, including the city of Pontiac, was 22,840, between the ages of 5 and 20 years, who draw primary money totalling more than \$625,000 for the July apportionment besides nearly \$21,000 literary money from the penal funds of the county.

There are 174 one-room schools in the county and 28 having two or more rooms. There are 40 standard schools, and five consolidated school districts with 32 districts in consolidation. There are six private and parochial schools and one business college in the county.

The commissioner has to his credit \$900 in teachers' institute fund, after paying \$516 for the expense of the October teachers' institute meeting at \$400.

There are 54 university degree teachers, 373 state normal and 46 state life certificate teachers employed in the schools of the county besides 13 first grade, 175 second grade, 108 third grade and 20 county normal and 35 city teachers' certificates.

More than 600 rural children have attended the public schools in the county six months without being absent or tardy and will receive honorary diplomas from the school commissioner.—Pontiac Press.

Cavern Cafeteria

Cool, Clean, Comfortable Culinary Confections, Conveyed to Consumer by Clever Capable Cooks and Co-workers.

Cookery Costs Considerably Cut. Cause?—Concise.

Come and be Convinced. M. E. Church—July 18—5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Ollif Morrison has been enjoying a week's vacation at Hastings, Cadillac and Lansing.

NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

THE METHODIST PARISH.

—Farmington—

10:30 Dr. Spair of Detroit will preach.

11:30 Sunday school.

7:30 Dr. Spair of Detroit, will lead the evening service. The Men's chorus will sing.

Sidney D. Eva, Pastor.

—North Farmington—

2:00 Preaching service.

3:00 Sunday School.

—Clarenceville—

10:30 Preaching service. Rev. W. W. Dale, preacher.

11:45 Sunday School.

7:30 Evening service.

—First Baptist Church

10:30 Dr. Ford's sermon subject will be: "Forgetfulness of Self is the True Road to Greatness and Usefulness."

12:00 Bible school. We have a teacher for every class and a class for every scholar.

6:30 B. Y. P. U. Topic: "Earnest or Triflers?" Mr. E. P. Bates leader.

7:30 Dr. Ford will preach on: "Soul Marriage." He will show the superiority of the second over that of the first. Come and hear this important subject.

—Salem Evangelical Church.

10:30 English services. Children's day.

11:45 Sunday school.

Y. P. L. meetings every second and fourth Wednesday evenings.

Choir rehearsals Friday evenings at 8 p.m.

2:00 p.m. German services at Clarenceville.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Oldenburg, on Tuesday, July 11, a baby boy.

M. E. BIBLE CLASS GIVES SUPPER

Progressives Plan Unique Supper to be Given in M.E. Community Dining Room

The Women's Bible class of the M. E. Sunday school known as the "Progressives" are planning for a unique supper to be given in the dining room of the M. E. church on Tuesday, evening, July 18th.

These ladies are all that their class name implies and on many occasions have proven their right to the title. Many worthy enterprises have been helped by these ladies, both in home and foreign fields, and they are now preparing to finance the laying of the concrete walks and otherwise beautifying the new church edifice.

Further announcement will be found in the columns of this paper.

F. J. Schmidt Re-Elected.

At the annual school meeting held at the Walled Lake school house F. J. Schmidt, who has been secretary for the past year, was re-elected for a term of three years.

The new consolidated school is expected to be ready for occupancy by September. Seven teachers have been hired at a total salary of \$10,500 a year. Three buses will be hired to bring the children from the outside districts.

The baseball grounds will be prepared at once, but it was voted that no balls games would be played there on Sundays.

Warner Dairy Basket Picnic

The Farmers' Basket picnic and the Warner Dairy Co.'s July basket picnic will be held at Canaqua Shores, Walled Lake, on Saturday afternoon, July 29th. A full dairy lunch, consisting of cream, cheese and milk, will be served to their patrons free of charge.

Developing Hardy Dairy Breed

In some of the valleys of Alaska where grain and forage crops do well dairying seems to be desirable, and many farmers have taken it up on a small scale. The United States department of agriculture is trying to develop a hardy breed of cattle for that climate by crossing the Galloway and Holstein-Friesian, but in the meantime Milking Shorthorns have been introduced at two of the department stations, as they are considered fairly hardy and in addition to being good milk producers are good beef animals, a combination of qualities desired in this rigorous region. The animals brought in were secured in Iowa and Minnesota.

Repairs are being made on the Salem church steeple. The church was struck by lightning a few weeks ago and together with the necessary repairs and painting the property will again be in fine condition.

Cause of Many Accidents

Automobile accidents are ranging such a frightful catalogue that their causes ought to be carefully studied, to determine what habits and practices among motorists most frequently get people into trouble.

One very common cause of collisions is the habit of passing other cars on curves in the road. Drivers get irritated by having to drag behind some slow moving machine on a narrow and winding highway and can't wait until they each have a clear stretch of road where they can see ahead.

So they try to pass on a curve but in so doing they get well over on the left side. If another car hidden by the turn, happens to be coming along in the opposite direction at a high rate of speed, it becomes very difficult to avoid serious smash.

The driver who delays in passing until he knows the road ahead is clear, stands a much better chance of keeping out of the law court; also out of the hospital and the cemetery. It is claimed that country people are slow, but anyway they don't get out of breath chasing the latest fad.—Brown City Banner.

Phone Decision Due This Month

An opinion and order from the state public utilities commission, answering the petition of the Michigan State Telephone company for permission to establish permanent rates, is expected early this month. While no announcement as to the contents of the commission's opinion has been made, indications are that the company's request for increased rate schedules will not be unqualifiedly granted.

It is presumed the commission will take the attitude if the telephone case that it has summed in other utility cases, that service charges should be based upon physical valuation of utility property. It is not unlikely, it is said, that the commission will hold that the valuation set upon its property by the Michigan State Company is too high, but regardless of what disposition is made of valuation and reserve features, the new rate schedule will be based upon the value in the opinion of the commission, of the service rendered by the company to its subscribers.

The company, during the rate hearing, submitted two proposed schedules. One was for exchanges in which the Michigan State controls the field. The other was to affect cities served by both the Michigan State and the Citizens' companies. The latter schedules were worked out in anticipation of merger, and with the idea that the elimination of double telephone service would entitle the Michigan State to higher toll.

Commissioner W. W. Potter, who is directing the preparation of the telephone order, has raised the question of whether the state company has jurisdiction over the company reserve fund and the amount of its revenue it should set aside for reserve.

He gave as his opinion that the federal transportation act, which gives the interstate commerce commission jurisdiction over interstate carriers of intelligence, might rob the state of regulatory control over this feature of the company's business. This phase of the situation undoubtedly will be treated in the forthcoming opinion.

Car Owners Rush for Titles

Belated seekers of automobile certificates of title here flooded the department of state with applications. Thursday there were nearly 200,000 applications stacked up in the department and Secretary of State DeLoach admitted that his clerical force was swamped. He planned to employ additional staff and to move the work of issuing certificates from the legislative chamber recently vacated by the state's former governor.

The law requiring all owners of motor vehicles to possess certificates of title became operative July 1. No effort will be made to penalize those who failed to comply until the department of state has ascertained the last minute rush of applications.

Proposed Amendments Fail

One or two, and perhaps all, of the constitutional amendments which have been proposed, may fail to qualify for places on the ballots in the fall election, the indications were Thursday. Petitions have been received so far by the department of state for four amendments—the so-called parochial school, the proposal to make the office of superintendent of public instruction appointive rather than elective, the county home rule amendment, and the amendment of the moiety clause to make apportionment for the legislature on a strictly population basis. None of them, however, has received sufficient signatures. Sponsors of the proposed amendments had until the close of business, Thursday to file completed petitions.

Of the four amendments for which some signatures have been filed, the proposal to make the superintendent of public instruction appointive, leads. It still needs 41,000 signatures to qualify.

Backers of the parochial school amendment stated some time ago that they expected to file completed petitions.

It appears doubtful whether the county home rule and moiety amendments will qualify.

CONFERENCE OF ROAD BUILDERS

Standardization of State Highway Specifications and Materials Main Topic

The committee on tests of the American society of state highway officials met with the officials of the bureau of public roads of the United States department of agriculture, in Washington, June 26 and 27, to consider standardization of specifications and tests for road materials. The purpose of this meeting of representatives from all sections of the country was not so much to lay down rigid rules as to harmonize the general practice. Standardization taking into account local conditions is being brought about by a series of meetings between officials from groups of states and engineers of the bureau.

The present activity of highway officials along this line is most encouraging for road building. A few years ago the general tendency was toward individualism in each state, without much opportunity for exchange of ideas and knowledge. Today the tendency is in the other direction, and a better solution should be reached when the problems are discussed at meetings of the best highway engineering talent of the country.

Clarence Wood is gaining very nicely.

Mrs. Charles Leach is very low at this writing.

Austin Habermehl, Fraser Stammen and Perry Ranous were fishing at Boga Lake Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hoyt and baby of Pontiac, visited Olin Russell and family Sunday.

Velma and Mable Cook have gone to Canac for a few weeks' visit with their uncle and aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. John Delling visited Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins at New Hudson the fore part of the week.

Mrs. Kretlaw and daughter, Audrey, of Detroit, are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Henry West.

Miss Eva Nelson and Mrs. M. L. Oldenburg spent Sunday at Wyandotte with Mr. and Mrs. French.

The North Farmington Ladies Auxiliary will have a picnic at Orchard Lake Tuesday. Basket dinners. Everyone invited.

Mrs. Florence Bachelor returned home from Walled Lake Tuesday, after spending a week with her son, Marley and family.

Will Way, F. L. Cook and son, Robert, and friend Forest Maine of Midland, spent Sunday with John Harlan and family.

A. J. Dodds will leave Sunday for a two week's vacation. He will visit Belding, Cadillac, Manistee and Kalkaska. Mrs. Dodds and son will join him at Belding.

Miss Emma Ley, daughter and children, and friend, Mrs. Johnson of Detroit, called on Mrs. Olive Sprague Thursday. They took Mrs. Sprague for a ride in their new car and carried flowers to the cemetery.

Center Line base ball team will play the Detroit Fire Department on Center Line diamonds, corner of Center Line and Seven Mile road, on Sunday, July 16th. Hobbins will umpire. A good game is promised.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Switzer called on Mrs. Henry German at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Renshaw in Detroit Tuesday. Mrs. German has been at Harper hospital where she had an operation. She was taken to the home of her daughter after the operation. They found her doing nicely.

Rev. F. A. Armstrong, wife and daughter, Ruth, called at the home of Olive Sprague on the Fourth. They are driving thru Michigan calling on old acquaintances. They are accompanied by their son, Arthur, wife and little daughter. Arthur is also pastor of one of the Indiana churches. Rev. F. A. is located at Ridgeville, Indiana.

Shakes Big Stick at Congress

President Harding recently notified congress that if it adjourned without passing the ship subsidy bill he would reconvene congress. The ship subsidy bill has the support of farmers' organizations. They see in it continuation of necessary American shipping facilities to move our agricultural exports, the exports which largely determine farmers' profits. Furthermore, President Harding told farm organization and merchant associations at the White House, other nations are subsidizing their merchant marines and forcing American ships off the seas.

With the present American merchant marine idle and depreciating rapidly the nation is approaching a state where it will have no merchant marine to support its naval defenses, a situation highly dangerous to the national welfare, Mr. Harding said. He is putting up a strong fight for a ship subsidy to retain an adequate American merchant marine. The American farm bureau is backing him in this fight.

The senate is now discussing tariff schedule and the house is recessed until August 9. A wide difference of opinion has developed between the senate and the house over the various tariff schedules and conference of the two probably will be necessary in reaching a final decision. Recently a strong movement has developed for a scientific tariff to be developed by a non-partisan commission. President Harding is said to favor such a plan and farm bureau organizations have endorsed it.

Enterprise "Ad" Brings Results.

Mrs. Joe Graham inserted an ad last week for a white French poodle dog that she had lost.

On Thursday morning of this week she came into the office with the dog to show us what The Enterprise had done for her.

Liners in The Enterprise invariably bring results.

180,000 Miles Federal-Aid Roads

The chief of the bureau of public roads of the United States department of agriculture will probably never personally inspect all of the systems of federal-aid roads provided for by the federal highway act and for which initial appropriations have been made.

The system is being designed to serve the whole country and will be approximately 180,000 miles in length. Should he make an inspection, traveling at the rate of 30 miles an hour, 8 hours a day on all working days, and not go over any mile twice, it would require nearly two and one-half years to complete the job.

Boy Scout Camp Opens Thursday

Preparations are now being hurried by the Oakland County Y. M. C. A. for opening Thursday of this week of the first Oakland county boys' camp section at Y. M. C. A. Camp Boyville, Elizabeth Lake.

While the camp has a capacity of 60 boys, and the required number of leaders, it is not expected that that many will attend. Boys between the ages of 11 and 17 years may attend this section, at a charge of \$1 a day.

Walter Hinder of Detroit, will be in charge of all camp activities, and will be the swimming instructor. The boys will be allowed to stay at camp until July 27, when the second section will be opened.

Saturday last the Oakland county school girls' section was concluded after a successful two weeks' outing.

Ask Injunction Against Pit Owner

To restrain the defendant from undermining their lands in Commerce township, Charles E. and Mrs. Orville Bone have sued Earl Bachelor in circuit court. They ask an injunction restraining the defendant from further excavating his gravel pit so close to their property line that the land caves in, carrying away their fence posts. They state their farm has already been greatly depreciated in value because of excavating already done and they allege the defendant refuses to cease operations. They also want damages.

Rev. H. H. Ford spent last week at Grand Rapids and Traverse City.