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## PUTTING LABELS ON COUNTRY

Towns, Roads, Rivers and Bodies of Water to Be Posted

"What town is this?" All tourists have asked the question hundreds of times. Progressive towns put the name of their city on signs at the city limits, just as they also put "through arrows" to guide the traveler.

"What road is this?" is asked almost as often, especially on the less traveled highways. Main traveled roads are rapidly being marked, so that the visitor from afar is not confused.

"What river is this?" is often a matter of wonder to the motorist, who passes over several branches of the same stream, alongside a lake, or over a bridge without knowing what body of water it is which he crosses or passes.

The League of American Pen Women is asking the various State Highway Commissions to place suitable markers near famous streams to inform the traveling public. It is a laudable work but why, the traveler wants to know, stop at famous streams? Why not mark all bodies of water on or near any and all roads, so that the traveler may get better acquainted with the country through which he passes?

Municipalities find it pays to welcome the tourist, to guide him surely and quickly to make him feel at home. The "Stop" sign, ten miles an hour under penalty of the law, sign is disappearing in favor of the "Our speed limit is fifteen miles an hour; please observe it, as we make you welcome," type of sign. With the latter goes the courtesy of road markers and stream label, worthy work for any civic club to take up, that the municipality be visited with joy and remembered with pleasure.

## INCOME TAX IN NUTSHELL

Who?—Single persons who had net income of \$1,000 or more or gross income of \$5,000 or more, and married couples who had net income of \$2,000 or more or gross income of \$5,000 or more must file returns.

When?—The filing period is from January 1 to March 15, 1924.

Where?—Collector of internal revenue for the district in which the person lives or has his principal place of business.

How?—Instructions on Form 1040A and Form 1040; also the law and regulations.

What?—Four per cent normal tax on the first \$4,000 or net income in excess of the personal exemption and credits for dependents. Eight per cent normal tax on balance of net income. Surplus from 1 per cent to 50 per cent on net incomes over \$5,000 for the year 1923.

## CLARENCEVILLE

SCHOOL NOTES  
School opened Wednesday, Jan. second.

The comedy "The Widow Mullin's Christmas" which was presented by the Student Council last Friday evening, was a success in every way. Peter Mullins and his mother, the Widow, covered their selves with glory, as did also the three little Mullin girls. The play was also a financial success—over \$30 being cleared. The proceeds are to be used in paying for a new bass drum for the orchestra and purchasing music books for the high school chorus. The high school orchestra made a very creditable record during the evening of the play. The five numbers rendered during the evening were well received, and the assistance of the orchestra helped to make the event a very enjoyable occasion.

In the recent contribution toward the Harding Memorial fund from the Clarenceville schools. Grades six and seven in charge of Mrs. Rubert, made the best record of any room in the schools; \$2.65 being contributed by this room alone.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Pierce entertained at dinner New Year's day Mr. and Mrs. Edgar S. Pierce and children, Mrs. F. W. Warner and Mr. and Mrs. William Slocum.

## MORE TIME FOR SECURING LICENSES

Secretary of State Charles J. Deland has extended the time for securing automobile licenses to January 15, throughout the state. He had previously arranged to allow a time extension in Detroit. Reports received from branch offices indicated that hundreds of applicants had been unable to secure 1924 plates, due to the lateness of opening the sale.

## CROSS TOPS SPIRE

The gold covered emblem of Christianity was placed in position recently atop the slender spire of the Methodist temple in Chicago—the highest cross in the world.

In the heart of Chicago's business district, 556 feet above the street, the cross will be visible day and night for miles around. Each evening searchlights will be trained upon it so that its brilliance will never be dimmed.

The cross is made of bronze, with a heavy coating of copper, upon which a comparatively heavy gold leaf has been placed. The searchlights are hidden in the ornamental stone work below, and only 20 feet from the cross itself.

## STORY HOUR FOR CHILDREN

The Young Woman's class at the Methodist church wishes to announce a New Year's gift to the children of Farmington. Every Saturday afternoon in the village library at 2:00 to 2:30 there will be a story hour for the children from 5 to 10 years of age. The first will occur Saturday, January 5, 1924.

## HO! FOR THE ICE RINK

With the arrival of a cold spell, the kiddies, and not a few of the older ones, are looking with longing expectancy toward the ice rink that the village authorities have made near the new water works.

While the zero weather predicted by the weather man failed to put in an appearance here, the temperature dropped to a wintry point, driving the first frost into the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Adams entertained Mr. and Mrs. William Herbert and Mrs. Nauman, Mrs. Connelley and son Mark, and Mrs. Dolph of Detroit, for dinner Sunday.

## NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Farmington Methodist Church  
S. D. Eva, Pastor

10:30 "The Privilege of Living."  
11:45 Sunday School.

6:30 Epworth League.  
7:30 Story-sermon, "How Kesick Saved My Life."

Wednesday—7:45 Mid-week service.

Clarenceville Community  
M. E. Church

Rev. T. J. Gregg, Pastor.  
10:30 "Longing to Love God."

11:45 Sunday School.  
7:30 "The Meaning of Life."

First Baptist Church  
C. W. Townsend, Minister.

10:30 Congregational worship. Sermon, "Supply and Demand."

11:45 Church School. Adult lesson, "Abraham the Pioneer."

6:30 B. Y. P. U. Led by Alma Robinson.

7:30 P. M. hour. "Our Great Devotional Hymns and their Composers." This is the first of a series of sermons on "Our Great Hymns and their Writers."

7:50 Neighborhood meeting on Wednesday, at the home of C. R. Smith, Stevens Road, 1-2 mile east of Pontiac paved road. Subject, "Jesus, Our Constant Companion."

Universalist Church  
A. B. Beresford, Minister.

10:30 Worship and sermon. Dr. Beresford will preach. Subject, "The New Year and the New Chances in Life."

12:00 Adult Bible class and Sunday School.

Evangelical Church  
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor.

10:15 Services in English.

11:45 Sunday School.

Monday at 1:00 p. m.—Annual congregational meeting.

Wednesday Y. P. L.

## MASONIC ORDER POPULAR HERE

Present Fine Condition Due to Loyalty of Its Early Members

The Masonic order teaches the practice of every moral and social virtue. Its distinguishing characteristics are brotherly love, relief and truth. History and tradition ascribe its origin to the days of King Solomon. Certain it is that it is the oldest of all secret societies. It has been persecuted, misrepresented and assailed in various places and at different times in its history. But because of its inherent truth, its lofty aims and its sublime teachings it has appealed to men in such a way that at the present time it is one of the great institutions of our country. It has a devoted and loyal membership most of whom are even faithful to the great truths it seeks to teach. Farmington Lodge No. 30, B. E. & A. M. was organized Jan. 30, 1869. Its first officers were: Oliver B. Smith, Master; Oliver P. Hazard, secretary; H. H. Jackson, Senior Warden; and B. Weidrick, Junior Warden. Their first place of meeting was in the hall of the stone store of O. B. Smith. This was destroyed by fire in 1872 with all the records of the lodge. Their next meeting place was in the hall over the store of Norman Lee which stood near the site now occupied by Brown's Auto Shop.

Officers were again to a hall that was over the store of the Farmington Hardware Co., and this they occupied until Dec. 1876 when the hall that they now occupy was dedicated. They have a lease of this hall for a term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years for which they paid a cash consideration of eleven hundred and fifty dollars. Because of their splendid increase in membership additional room became necessary and in 1915 the hall was enlarged, and a dining room was also added, being completely equipped with chairs, tables and chinaware. The disaster of 1872 was a severe blow to the society. All of the furniture of the lodge was destroyed. It was a period of great financial depression—money was scarce and credit not easily established. Members were few in number but were bound and determined that the order of Masonry should survive and flourish in Farmington. They made sacrifices and gave their time and funds without stint whenever either were needed. We owe our existence as a lodge today to men like Albert Murray, Norman Lee, Horace Green, Ozro Murray, Reuben Crawford, H. G. Saxton, Will Harlan, James Baldwin and others who in this critical time never wavered or faltered in their loyalty and devotion to the order.

During the last three decades of its history its growth in membership was slow but steady. Within my recollection no less than six or seven secret societies have been organized in our town. They have started with good prospects, and has increased their membership for a time but for some cause have dwindled until not one survives. Notwithstanding the fact that initiatory fees are more than twice the amount of what they were once candidates are more numerous than ever, and the growth in membership in the last two or three years far exceeds any similar period in its history. Its finances are in a very satisfactory condition. It is out of debt and there is a substantial balance in the hands of the treasurer.

Brothers that have occupied the Master's chair are as follows: 1868—O. B. Smith, Norman Lee, John H. Smith, James Baldwin, Ozro Murray; 1874—R. W. Crawford; 1876—H. A. Green; 1878—79—80—Albert Murray; 1880—Will Harlan; 1882—83—84—87—Albert Murray; 1885—A. B. Avery; 1888—89—Thomas Davis; 1890—91—96—John Wilcox; 1892—93—94—Wallace Glace; 1895—C. J. Sprague; 1897—98, 1904—5—John Thayer; 1899—A. J. Crosby.

## SERIES OF STUDIES BY MEN'S CLASS

The Men's class next Sunday in the Methodist church will begin a series of studies of the early history of the Jewish race, its religion, customs, wars and developments.

The introduction to the lesson may be found in Genesis, Chap. 11, verse 31.

Mr. Butterfield will present the subject, using blackboard and illustrations. Following will be an open discussion by the class.

## FATHER GABRIEL RICHARD

On the westerly side of Bates street, between Congress and Larned streets, in the City of Detroit, there is imbedded in the east wall of a sabbath brick building, a tablet of bronze, set there to indicate to the sons of men that on that spot stood, once, the first temple of higher learning dedicated to the youth of Michigan. The inscription reads as follows:

"The Original Building of the University of Michigan, which, since 1837 has been established at Ann Arbor, was originally located at Detroit, and occupied a building erected for the purpose in 1817-18, on the spot here designated.

The first professors were held by the Reverend John Monteith of the first Protestant church and the Reverend Gabriel Richard of St. Anne's church.

From 1844 until demolished in 1858 the building was occupied by the Board of Education of the City of Detroit.

The first Sunday school in Michigan began its sessions in this building October 4, 1818.

This tablet is erected by the University of Michigan association of Detroit, A. D. 1901."

Thus is perpetuated the life work of two outstanding men of early Michigan, the learned Rev. Doctor Monteith and the gentle Pere Richard Cude de Ste Anne. Now, to that illustrious twain, in the short and simple annals of God's noblemen who well served their fellow men, I would add another name; that of Nathan Powers, a pioneer of Farmington, a man who "was not afraid."

I am moved to pen these lines by a reading of "N. H. P.'s" splendid article in The Enterprise of recent date in which he recalls that Father Richard was himself struck down while ministering to those mortally stricken with the dread Asiatic cholera which scourged Detroit and vicinity in 1832. Nathan Powers, himself, lost his devoted wife and dear daughter at that time.

Today, more than ever before in the history of our state and country, and we need men and women "who are not afraid" to live in peace, helpfulness and harmony with their fellow men.

BEN C. HUGHES.

## DO YOU LIKE A GOOD THRILL?

To see Richard Barthelmess and Dorothy Gish floating on an ice floe toward the cataraht, as will be seen in "Way Down East" furnishes a real thrill. "Way Down East" is the feature picture at the M. E. motion picture night next Tuesday at the community hall. "Way Down East" is one of the great successes in the motion picture world.

1900-01—Blake Northrup.  
1902-03—Frank Lee.  
1906-07—Isaac Bond.  
1908—E. A. Drake.  
1909—E. E. Drake.  
1910—J. L. Hogle.  
1911-12-13—A. F. Allyn.  
1914-15-16—William Pauline.  
1917—H. C. Thayer.  
1918—R. G. Hogle.  
1919—Clarence Wood.  
1920—T. H. McGee.  
1921—C. W. Unterreimer.  
1922—Clarence Bickling.  
1923—Arthur Lamb.

Our popular and highly efficient secretary, James L. Hogle, holds the record for length of service as that office. First elected in 1885, 1886 and 1887. Again in 1904 and since 1915 continuously in that office.

N. H. P.

Mrs. J. A. Miller is confined to her bed with the grippe.

## D. U. R. FARES GIVEN BOOST

Commencing Next Thursday It Will Cost One-Half Cent More Per Mile

The State Public Utilities Commission Wednesday issued an order permitting the Detroit Railway to increase its interurban fares. The advances vary from 3-8 to 1-2 cent a mile in the different divisions. The company is allowed to put the new rates into effect Jan. 10.

D. U. R. interurbans have been charging 2 cents a mile, the minimum under the Glaspie Interurban Rate Law. Recently the company petitioned the commission for permission to increase to 2 1-2 cents claiming that the 2-cent fare was insufficient to show a return on the investment. Hearings were concluded a short time ago.

The order issued Wednesday specifies that 2 1-2 cents may be charged the D. U. R. system including the Orchard Lake, Pontiac, Wyandotte, Flint and River Rouge divisions, and the Rapid Railway System including the Detroit, Mt. Clemens & Marine City, the Port Huron, St. Clair & Marine City, the Rapid Railway Co., and the Detroit & St. Clair Railway Co. Two and three-eighths cent rates may be charged on the Detroit, Monroe & Toledo Short Line and the Detroit, Jackson & Chicago, including the Northville and Saline branches.

The order states that appraisals made by the commission show that on the first two systems the company could not make a fair return at 2-3 cents but can on the latter two.

The commission, in connection with its rate order, also granted the D. U. R. permission to issue commutation tickets. It is understood they will be sold at the prevailing rate of 2 cents for daily riders, and will affect chiefly industrial workers who ride to and from work.

The company's petition for an increase in the valuation of its interurban property to about \$30,000,000 was denied. The commission based its rate findings on a valuation of \$26,691,320.

Helen May, who has been helping Mrs. Truscott the past few months, was called to Pontiac this week by the serious illness of her sister.

## FARM BUREAU BOARD TO MEET

The annual meeting of the county board of delegates of the Oakland County Farm Bureau will be held in the bureau offices at Pontiac Thursday, Jan. 10, beginning at 11 o'clock, it was announced recently.

The principal business of the meeting will be the election of a president and vice president, three male members of the board of directors and one woman member. The retiring members of the board of directors are A. O. Carmers, Frank Powers, Isaac Bond and Mrs. L. J. Walters.

The secretary-treasurer of the bureau is appointed by the board of directors at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the county board of delegates.

In addition to the election of the officers and directors, it is considered certain that the matter of appointing successors to C. B. Cook and Miss Eva W. Garrett, farm and home demonstration agents, respectively, who have resigned, will be discussed, as will the matters of finance and program for 1924.—Pontiac Press.

## DEATH OF DAVID E. STORMS

David E. Storms, aged 69, father of B. E. Storms of this city, died in Harper hospital, Detroit, Dec. 24, following an operation. Mr. Storms had resided here for a short time, coming from Harrisville, Mich., where for several years he served as postmaster. The remains were taken to that place for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bond and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Hudson of Milford, spent Sunday with Mrs. C. Wolfe.

## SMALLPOX SPREAD CAN BE STOPPED

Smallpox is spreading in Michigan, according to the state department of health. During November the disease confined itself almost entirely to Wayne, Hillsdale, Shiawassee, Ottawa and Jackson counties, but now it is breaking out in neighboring and adjacent counties as well. Smallpox is highly infectious, and spreads rapidly where population is dense. For that reason it exists mostly in southern Michigan.

Coincidentally with the spread of smallpox, an increase is noted. During November 417 cases were reported to the department of health. Last year the figure was 97, and the average for November of the past ten years is 181. The first 19 days of December saw 229 cases, reported as compared with 145 for the same time interval in December 1922.

The increase and spread of smallpox in Michigan is entirely preventable. There is no excuse for its existence anywhere. Thru the simple medium of vaccination the scourge can be entirely eliminated. Counties that have smallpox right along, must be full of backward people, else they would avail themselves of the fruits of modern enlightenment to stop the uncalled for spread of disease.

## C. H. BANKS LEAVES \$5,000.00 ESTATE

Charles H. Banks, well known resident of Novi, who died recently, left \$5,000 in personal property which he willed to relatives. It is to be divided into five equal portions to go to his son, Guy Banks; daughter—in law, Mrs. Jessie Banks; and grandchildren, Thos. H., Lucy and Charles W. Banks, all of Novi. The will has been filed for probate.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Mildred Stanley of Northville, spent her holiday vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hatten.

Mr. and Mrs. Manley Newman spent New Year's with her parents T. J. Houghton and wife at Redford.

About 30 from Farmington attended a dancing party at the Aviation club New Year's eve.

Major and Kenneth Bristol of Franklin, spent Sunday with Henry and Roderick Mahaney.

Mr. and Mrs. Culver-Wood of Franklin, spent Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Eisenlord.

Homor Eisenlord and family spent New Year's day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Eisenlord.

Miss Dulah Shear of Northville, called on her uncle and aunt, Mr. Mrs. William Shear, Monday afternoon.

Dorothy Talbot entertained her school class of the seventh grade from 3 to 9, the last day of the old year.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Daker and Mrs. O'Connor of Detroit, were guests Sunday evening for supper of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gray.

The Ladies of the Maccabees will meet at the town hall Friday, Jan. 4th, at 7:30 p. m. All applicants for membership please be present.

Mrs. William Scott, Nicholson and Miss Alice Nicholson of Detroit, spent Friday with the former's daughter, Mrs. Charles Gray and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wenzel and daughter Elaine, spent on Saturday until after New Year's with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. McFarland at Port Huron.

Mrs. Charles Gray was hostess Friday afternoon at a luncheon and bridge party. Twelve ladies were present from Detroit and Farmington. Among the guests was Mrs. Alex Roberts of Melrose, Scotland, who was visiting her cousin, Mrs. Howard Warner.

The Golden Key class of the Methodist church will meet Wednesday night as usual. This week the session will be held at the home of Miss Butterfield, the teacher, Warner street at Shiawassee. All young women of the village whether members of the class or not are invited to join in this session which will be a fire-side evening.