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THRILLS, ACTION FOR GALA DAY

Groves-Walker Post Preparing Attractive Program for Third Annual Event

The Groves-Walker Post No. 346 American Legion, announces that it will stage its third annual Gala Day on Labor Day, September 1st.

Their Gala Day has for two seasons set a standard for excellent entertainment both in magnitude and in quality of its production which never has been equalled in the history of Farmington.

The Gala Day of 1924, the committee states, will fully measure up to its name and will in fact be a gala day completely outdistancing in thrills and action, thrills and spectacular features the two preceding events, which were in themselves world-beaters.

Action, thrills and daring stunts will follow each other in such rapid succession as to barely give the spectators time to recover from one surprise before another follows on its heels, in the assurance given by those who are now arranging the program.

The day's events will be marked by many altogether new and novel features. Watch The Enterprise every week for further developments.

DEATH OF MRS. IDA BECKER

Mrs. Ida Becker, beloved wife of Mr. Fred Becker, and mother of Ethel and Leona Becker, has passed away.

Mrs. Becker was born October 8th, 1852, being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rutenbar, living at that time in Wayne county, December 4th, 1901 the deceased was married to Mr. Fred Becker. The well known couple has lived ever since in Farmington.

Eight months ago Mrs. Becker complained about throat trouble and is spite of the best treatment and care science was unable to keep away the angel of death from the threshold of this happy family.

It was on Sunday, July 20th that at an age of only 41 years, 8 months and 12 days, the dear wife and mother breathed her last.

Besides the deeply mourning husband and children and the aged mother, Mrs. Becker leaves five brothers and three sisters. The names of the brothers being Herman, William, Charles, Albert and Edward Rutenbar, and the sisters are, Minnie, Mrs. Ed. Westrick, Emma, Mrs. Claude Westrick, and Eva, Mrs. Louis Fendt.

The deceased was a member of the Evangelical church and belonged to the Ladies Aid society. The funeral was held from this church.

She was laid to rest Thursday July 24th at the cemetery at Clarencville.

NEWMAN-WRIGHT

In the presence of a few relatives Miss Juanita Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wright and Mr. Norman Newman of Detroit, were quietly married Saturday afternoon, July 19th, at the Baptist parsonage by Rev. C. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. George Golman, aunt and uncle of the bride, were the attendants. They will live in Detroit.

FARM DAY TO BE LADIES DAY TOO

In the expectation that "the family" will come along with dad for the annual Farmers' day at M. A. C. on August 11th, plans are being made to provide special headquarters and entertainment for the women visitors. As a result, Farmers' day will be Ladies' day too at the college this year.

Making their headquarters in the new M. A. C. home economics building the ladies will find much of interest in their particular field, and in addition they will join the men in inspection trips over the college grounds in the morning. The big afternoon meeting under the canopy trees is, of course, planned for all the Farm day visitors.

The livestock parade, or "style review," the band concert, the talks by national agricultural authorities, and the specially prepared exhibits are expected to be of as much interest to the women as to the men.

During the afternoon, tea will be served in the parlors of the home economics building, the faculty of the college home economics department serving as hostesses for the social gathering.

"ROAD SNAKE" WITH BOOZE AT THE WHEEL

A "road snake," sometimes called a body truck, came into Farmington from the west one evening last week minus the tail or trailer, used for carrying eight of nine auto bodies. The driver who was carrying an over-load of moonshine had noticed the loss of his trailer, until he reached here. Search for it was made and about two miles out Grand River avenue it was found overturned in the ditch. A collision with another truck had caused the disaster.

These body trucks are a menace even when a sober driver is at the wheel. It is intimated that booze is carted on some of these trucks between Detroit and Lansing.

SHEEP KILLING

"DOGS DESTROYED"

Last Thursday evening while Harmon Fritch was coming from the farm to his store he saw three dogs worrying a flock of sheep belonging to Jim Dalgleish, who works the Brabb farm near Stony Lake. Harmon went to a farm house, borrowed a 22 calibre rifle and opened fire. He succeeded in getting two out of the three dogs and one was a German police dog, valued at \$1500. Harmon says, "He fell just as easy as a sheep."

The dogs had killed six sheep, tearing chunks of wool and flesh a foot square out of the sheep, besides lacerating twelve others. The two dogs Harmon killed didn't have a tag—Oxford Leader.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

"Yes, it pays to advertise," remarked a Farmington lady last Friday when her pocket book containing several dollars in money was returned to her by the finder as a result of an advertisement inserted in last week's Enterprise.

HARD TIME SOCIAL

The hard time social given by the Y. P. L. of the Evangelical church at Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sallow's Wednesday evening was a success. About 100 people had gathered and after ball and lawn games were played refreshments were served. At 10 o'clock a service was held and the candidate for the ministry, H. E. Bolten, was presented with an extending book rack which is very much appreciated. Everyone present seemed to be much pleased.

WEATHER BAD FOR FISH

That the death of fish in Oakland county lakes by the thousands during a recent hot spell was caused by weather conditions rather than by poison of dynamiting as was suspected by local sportsmen is the opinion of E. Carl Hubbs, who came to Oakland county from the state conservation department recently to investigate the situation. He believes the difficulty was entirely due to the sudden change of the weather from cold to hot.

Miss Belle Mason of Chicago, has been the guest of her cousins at the Nelson home for the past two weeks.

NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Farmington Methodist Church

S. D. Eva, Pastor

10:30 Morning service, conducted by Rev. C. S. Dopp of Detroit.

11:45 Sunday School. Emily Butterfield, Supt.

8:00 Evening service, conducted by Gerald Parker, Mabel Mahaney and B. D. Snook.

8:00 Mid-week services, Mrs. S. D. Harger, leader.

Clarencville Community

M. E. Church

10:30 Morning service.

11:45 Sunday School.

8:00 Evening service.

First Baptist Church

C. W. Townsend, Minister.

10:00 Church School.

11:00 Worship Sermon.

8:00 Pictures.

Universalist Church

A. B. Beresford, Minister.

12:00 Sunday School and Adult Bible class.

Evangelical Church

Rev. J. Rollens, Pastor

10:30 Services in German.

11:45 Sunday School.

7:30 Ordination of J. H. Bolten. Besides the local minister Prof. F. Mayer, D. D. of St. Louis, Mo., and Rev. C. A. Haneberg of Detroit, will officiate.

NEW SLANT ON VAN LOON BRANDING

Thought the Preacher Might Have Been Victim of Hazing

Sheriff Butler and Prosecuting Attorney A. F. Blakelee, of Oakland county, spent Tuesday at Battle Creek in an effort to secure new evidence in the Van Loon branding mystery, they refused to admit having found any evidence of consequence.

Dr. A. F. Kingsley, who attended Van Loon at Nichols hospital, expounded a new theory, however, which may lead to developments. Dr. Kingsley believes Van Loon was the victim of hazing by young experimenters who drugged him and then dumped him at Battle Creek to get rid of him—a parallel to the Franks case in Chicago, except that the crime of murder was not committed.

Dr. Kingsley does not venture an opinion as to whether the hazers knew Van Loon or not, but believes he was treated as a subject on which to work off the plan of dissected mice, the same as the Franks boy was.

The "K. K. K." brand, Dr. Kingsley believes, was made out of a barrel hoop, crudely fashioned into a brand. He thinks the brand was suggested because of the Klan meeting in Jackson, July 4th, the perpetrators hoping thus to divert suspicion.

DEATH OF CHARLES H. PHILBRICK

Charles H. Philbrick died at his home in Redford July 16, aged 71 years, brother of William F. of Mt. Clemens, Avery Eugene and Mrs. Florence DuBois of Redford. Funeral services were held from his sister's home, 19129 Hartford avenue, south, Saturday, July 19th at 2:30 p. m.

Mr. Philbrick was a man of sterling qualities, always had a pleasant word for everyone, ever ready to lend a helping hand to those in need of a friend, quiet and unassuming. He was a cousin of Mrs. Olive Sprague of Farmington.

STONE SCHOOL REUNION

The fourth annual reunion of the Stone school will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Skelton on Friday, August 8th. All who ever attended that school of who have taught there are invited to attend. A pot-luck dinner will be served at noon. Bring food and cup; spoons and paper plates will be furnished.

Please take this notice as personal invitation and come with your family for a visit with old friends and schoolmates. Mrs. David W. Moore, president. Libbie Jones, secretary.

BRIDGE LUNCHEON

Mrs. H. N. McLean entertained at a bridge luncheon on Thursday last, complimenting her sister Mrs. James T. Colbert of Rogers Park, Chicago. The guests were Mrs. William R. Banks, Mrs. Harrison Johnson, Mrs. Clarence Bickling, Mrs. Ralph Hagle, Mrs. Spencer Heeney and Mrs. E. A. Fink.

GREENINGS FROM OLD ENGLAND

The Enterprise has received word from Rev. Sidney D. Eva, who with his wife is on a vacation in England. He says: "We are spending a few days at Plymouth, the historic spot from which the Pilgrim Fathers sailed in 1620."

MICHIGAN WELL UP IN CONCRETE ROADS

A late official report of the gross mileage of concrete roads within the United States shows California in the lead with 3,286 miles built to the close of 1923. Following in order are: Illinois, 2,991; New York, 2,243; Pennsylvania, 2,083; Wisconsin, 1,653; Michigan, 1,466; Ohio, 1,403; Indiana, 1,151; Washington, 980; Maryland, 835; North Carolina, 695; New Jersey, 530; West Virginia, 511; Virginia, 494; Minnesota, 446; Iowa, 439; Arizona, mainly in the country of Maricopa, 414; Kentucky, 407; Texas, 366. The remaining states the lowest record is that of South Dakota, credited with just one mile of concrete paving. Other low states are North Dakota, with four miles, and New Hampshire and Vermont, which have eight miles each.—Michigan Roads and Pavements.

Mrs. Mae Oldenburg entertained Mrs. Louise Oldenburg of Grand Rapids, this week.

FLORAL PARK ANNEXATION PROPOSED

A petition is being circulated and numerous signatures are being secured by the supervisors to pass a resolution submitting the question to the voters of Farmington township and Farmington village for annexing Floral Park subdivision at Farmington Junction to the village of Farmington.

This subdivision contains 589 lots and is one of the finest in this section. All improvements including sidewalks, streets, sidewalks, water mains and sewers are taken care of by lot owners and no part of the cost of the same is to be paid by the village.

In order to detach the territory from the township and annex it to the village an affirmative vote is required of both corporations.

"OFF AGIN, ON AGIN" GONE AGIN

The uncertainty of water supply, taken together with the hot spell of weather, is causing considerable mental and bodily irritation among Farmington citizens. A slight dribble at the faucet is hailed with delight, but once the water is "off agin" before thirst is slacked.

Trouble seems not to be with a lack of water in the wells but in getting it out of the wells. The continual filling up of the small holes in the pump barrels soon puts a well out of commission. Three are now used and a fourth one is being put in readiness. While there is still some trouble with leaky mains, they are not causing the present water shortage.

PONTIAC BANK FORMS TRUST COMPANY

The stockholders of Pontiac Commercial and Savings Bank have approved the organization of the Pontiac Trust Company to be an affiliated corporation and application has been made to the State Banking Department for a charter for the new financial institution. Its capital will be \$200,000 and it will all be owned by stockholders of Pontiac Commercial and Savings Bank. The capital stock of Pontiac Commercial and Savings Bank will be reduced from \$1,000,000 to \$300,000, the surplus being the capital for the trust company. The officers and directors of the two institutions will be identical. The business of the trust company will be carried on in the same building as the bank's new building, providing ample space for this expansion. Cramer Smith, president of Pontiac Commercial and Savings Bank, says: "There have been a growing demand for such a service as the trust company will render, and we have taken this means of meeting it, as the state banking law does not grant such powers to state banks. Outside trust companies have been called upon in many instances to serve in such capacity, particularly through the probate court in handling of estates. We anticipate that a large part of our business will, at the start, be in that class of service. There is a growing tendency on the part of banks throughout the country, to give trust company service to their patrons."

Officers of the Pontiac Commercial and Savings Bank will become officers of the trust company.—Michigan Investor.

OAKLAND COUNTY HAS D. B. C. ASSOCIATION

The Oakland County Tuberculosis association was formed at a meeting of Oakland county residents in Pontiac recently. Oakland's association will be affiliated with the state association with headquarters at Lansing and it is now being planned to place a paid worker in the county next fall.

The proceeds derived from the sale of Christmas seals will support the Tuberculosis association and all expenses will be paid from this budget.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Charles White was given a pleasant birthday surprise while visiting the relatives at South Lyon.

Mrs. T. J. Alderman of Stark, Florida, came home Tuesday for a few days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Gitzel and father Mr. Charles Leach, and Mrs. Samuel Lock motored to the West Coast last Sunday and visited the Bigelow Clay plant.

Miss Ida Lee Leford of Wixom, and J. F. Musolf of South Lyon, were united in marriage at the Evangelical parsonage here Wednesday, Rev. J. Rollens officiating. They will reside at South Lyon.

OUR RURAL MAIL CARRIERS

Roads Must Be Kept in Good Repair in Order to Insure Continuance of Service

Postoffice Inspector J. E. Wall gave an interesting address at a Rural Mail Carriers' meeting at Bennett Park, July 4th. Among other things he said:

"The department has no jurisdiction over public roads, but requires that the roads included in rural routes shall be maintained in such condition as to be traveled easily and safely at all times. If the local authorities fail to keep the roads in suitable condition the department has no alternative but to withdraw the service."

"Carriers are required to serve their routes in accordance with official description, as ordered by the department, except that in cases of emergency, it is expected that the carriers shall make such deviations and use such roads as may be available and will enable them to serve the greatest number of their patrons. When the situation involves but slight additional travel, and is likely to be of short duration, it is not necessary that any report shall be made to the department. On the other hand, if the change from the established route is of any considerable extent, or likely to be necessary for a considerable period, immediately report should be made to the department with a statement as to the portion of the route involved, the additional travel required, the latter being accurately given, the time the change became effective, and the probable date of the resumption of the official route, as nearly as can be estimated."

"When it is essential that carriers make detours, and are thereby required to travel materially greater distances, temporary adjustments of salary may be made by the department, but not from a date earlier than the first of the month in which accurate information concerning the matter is received."

"Postmasters are expected to take up with local officials and patrons interested in all cases brought to their attention [by carriers, where repairs or more extended improvement of roads included in rural delivery routes are needed. In the event of their failure to secure co-operation, the road, becoming practically impassable, report of the facts should be made to the department with recommendation for suitable re-adjustment of the routes with a view of withdrawing service from the neglected roads."

"Carriers should bring to the attention of their postmasters all instances where work on the roads is needed in the interest of regular and efficient service."

"Rural carriers may have outside business interests and accept employment which will engage their attention when they are not on duty, provided they do not permit such interests or employment to interfere in any way with the proper discharge of their duties, and no charge can properly be made against them of unfair complaints."

"Rural carriers are prohibited by law from soliciting business or receiving orders of any kind for any person, firm or corporation. They are likewise forbidden to engage in any business while on or off duty which shall offer them temptation to solicit patronage from carriers may not hold any state, county, municipal or township office, whether appointive or elective, regardless of whether any compensation attaches to the position, and they may not enter primary or general elections in a view of securing a political office."

"Rural carriers are granted holiday on New Years day, Washington's birthday, Memorial or Decoration day (May 30); Fourth of July, Labor day (the first day in September), and on such days as the President may set apart as Thanksgiving day and Christmas day. On these days no service is required of the carriers either on their routes or in the office."

"Christmas day was included among the holidays for the first time in the year 1923. It was authorized experimentally and with the understanding that all mail routes would be closed on or before December 24th, would be delivered by the carriers, even if an additional trip or partial trip would be necessary to accomplish that end. No protests resulted from the experiment and in view of the large number of expressions

MADE ELIGIBLE FOR LIEUTENANT'S COMMISSION

Avery Judd Reading of Farmington, was included among the two hundred thirty-five students who were graduated this year at the sixty-sixth annual commencement of the Michigan Agricultural college. Reading took the course in engineering.

Seventy-one were graduated from the engineering division, 81 from the agricultural division, 13 from the course in applied science, and six from the division of veterinary science.

Commissions as second lieutenant in the officers' reserve corps were awarded 41 men. These men have successfully completed four years work in the Reserve Officers' Training corps at M. A. C. Reading was made eligible for one of the commissions. He was a member of the Coast Artillery division of the R. O. T. C. while in school.

THE ULSTER COUNTY GAZETTE AGAIN

The Ulster County Gazette is again showing up. A number of years ago thousands of copies, a facsimile of the issue of that paper of January 4, 1890, were printed and sent broadcast over the country. After a few years many people discovered a rare old copy of that journal among their possessions.

LANSING ROAD

"TO OPEN SOON"

Paving of M-16 has progressed so rapidly that in all probability the entire Grand River road, between Detroit and Lansing, will be open for traffic in another month, or about September 1st. Governor Alex. J. Groesbeck predicted after receiving reports of unexpected progress in the paving between Brighton and Howell. It is possible some few very old detours then will remain, but the governor believes not.

This does not include the work past the state agricultural college campus, in East Lansing, which the governor expects to complete before cold weather. The present paving will be available for use there until the added stretch of paving, giving a two-way road is completed.

One little stretch of the road between Brighton and Howell will not be paved this fall. It has developed a "sink hole" and dirt is disappearing as fast as it can be replaced. The road is being ordered to skip it in paving. It will be graveled if a stable roadway can be effected, and paved when all danger of sinking has been eliminated.

DEATH OF MRS. ANTONETTE PETTIBONE DOYLE

Word has been received by a Farmington friend of the sudden death of Mrs. Antonette Pettibone Doyle Saturday, July 12th, at the home of her daughter in Chicago. She was born, and spent much of her early life near Farmington. Mrs. Doyle passed away in the spring of 1922.

Mrs. Berri Cogswell of Detroit, and Mrs. Frank Marvin of East Jordan, were guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Gitzel.

FRANKLIN TO CELEBRATE HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY

Franklin will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of its founding with a Homecoming Day Saturday, August 9th. James H. Lynch, president of Oakland County Historical society, will deliver the address.

The officers of the Homecoming association are: President, Geo. Bingham; vice-president, Mrs. B. D. Bigelow; secretary, Bert Beebe; treasurer, Mrs. Stanley Case; program, S. E. Siv.

EXCHANGE PICNIC

The Exchange Club of Redford is making arrangements for a picnic at Watrous, Mich. August 14th. The Exchanges of Farmington and Northville have been invited to join them. At the Tuesday noon day meeting of the Farmington club it was decided to join in the afternoon and evening picnic at the lake. President Gilmeister appointed as a committee on arrangements, Edgar Pierce, John C. Clark and Arthur Lamb.

Rev. John Bollens entertained the members of the club with a vivid and interesting description of the Grand Canyon.

of appreciation received from the carriers, it is probable that the holiday will be continued and that the carriers will be entirely willing to do their utmost to effect the delivery of all mail before that day so that the patrons will have no cause for complaint."