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SUNDAY'S PASSING SHOW

Watching the parade of autos that pass down Grand River avenue every Sunday night has an ever increasing fascination for Farmington citizens.

"They're jammed again" is the exclamation passed along the sidewalk fringe of spectators as the long double line of flivvers, limousines, and hup cars come to a standstill in close juxtaposition; the fenders of a brougham in which "my lady" lolled lackadaimically, touching those of a old seater bolt, over the sides of which dangle the bear legs of occupants returning from the lakes.

The monotony of the scene is frequently relieved by humorous incidents. Irritability, imperturbability and recklessness as individual characteristics of drivers are shown in the action of the cars when the jam closes in.

But few serious accidents occur within the village limits owing to controlled speed and absence of ditches, but occasionally a bump occurs in which the "other fellow" is entirely to blame and a warm war of words ensues.

One auto passed through bearing at the rear a sign in moderately sized letters: "If you can read this sign you the too close."

A flivver with a middle aged woman at the wheel and seats crowded with youngsters was bumped in the rear. The woman stopped the car, trying to treat for several minutes while she went back and in no "small, still voice," but one that drowned out the purr of a hundred auto engines, gave the young man responsible for the mishap, a generous piece of her mind.

All of the traffic officers assigned to this section were kept busy during the evening rush lining up the incoming traffic.

CLARK COGSDALL

The builder Clark Cogsdall, instead of Cogdill, as mentioned in last week's Enterprise, was the builder of the Pierson house on Grand River avenue, just torn down to make room for a gasoline service station.

A QUICK TURNOVER

T. D. McCord opened his barbecue on the Telegraph road Saturday as per announcement, did a big business, through advertising in The Enterprise and before the sun had set on a perfect summer day, sold the place to W. J. Bealey of Detroit at a fair margin of profit. Mr. Bealey took possession Monday. Mr. McCord is now casting about for another opening.

WAYNE COUNTY TO IMPROVE GRAND RIVER

One of the most welcome items of news that has come to Redford in weeks is that the Wayne County Road Commission is now ready to undertake the widening and paving of Grand River avenue from Mill street west.

George W. Burt, president of this village, received a letter Tuesday from the commission stating that "The Board is now ready to undertake this improvement and will do so as soon as the money raised by your village to be expended on this project is in our hands."

At the council meeting Tuesday evening President Burt instructed Fred Dye, village attorney, to prepare the necessary papers, preparatory to the issuance of the bonds which were authorized by the electors of this village at the spring election; the fund to be expended in paying the village's share of the cost of widening and paving Grand River avenue west of Mill street to the village limits.

President Burt stated that the Road Commissioners would undertake this improvement within a few weeks and that it is probable that the Commission would continue the improvement to the intersection of Seven Mile road, —Redford Record.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten are the parents of a son, Ralph James, born Wednesday, July 15.
To Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gorman, a son was born, Monday, July 13.

FARMINGTON TO HAVE ITS GALA DAY

Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, is making preparations for its annual Gala day. The plan decided upon is somewhat different than characterized these events of former years. The day of celebration will be held on the Saturday just before Labor Day, which will be September 5th.

The entire town hall lawn and the village park adjoining it has been secured for the doings, and here all the various attractions will be placed, consisting of sports, games, vaudeville acts. The hall games will be played on the Warner field as usual.

The affair will be made doubly interesting by the giving away of a Ford car. This feature was dispensed with last year.

The using of the park will render the closing of any streets to traffic unnecessary.

THOMAS MEIGHAN AT COMUNITY HALL

Everybody delights in the pictures of Thomas Meighan. They are full of full blooded action and comedy.

"Coming Through" with Thomas Meighan will be the picture on the Community Hall screen next Tuesday. The usual comedy will precede the main picture. The show begins promptly at 8 o'clock.

ANNIE ROTHWELL FOSTER

Mrs. Annie Rothwell Foster, aged 82 years, wife of the late Robert John Foster, passed away Sunday, July 12, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Maude Lewis at Redford.

Deceased was the mother of five children, Frank, Mary E., Mrs. Susan Keyes, Mrs. Etta King and Mrs. Maude Lewis, all of whom survive her.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 14, at the home of Mrs. Lewis, the Rev. Sidney D. Eva officiating. Mrs. Millard sang, "O Love That Cannot Let Me Die" and "Abide With Me." Interment at Grand Lawn cemetery.

CONROY REUNION

The Conroy family celebrated their sixth annual reunion Sunday, July 12, with a picnic at the home of Mrs. A. Metta Ambler, Northville. About sixty-four members attended and it is hoped the number will be 103 next year when the reunion will be held with Mrs. Roy Brown, Farmington.

NEW GRUB AT CORN

N. E. Howard brought to The Enterprise office a curious looking grub, resembling somewhat a carpenter, which he found eating leaves of corn in his garden. He says that he has noticed quite a number of these grubs on corn. They eat everything from the leaves to the tassels.

Church Notes

Clarencville Community M. E. Church
Rev. H. B. Duttweiler, Pastor

Farmington Methodist Church
S. D. Eva, Pastor
10:30—Dr. I. S. Morris.
11:45—Sunday School.
7:30—Epworth League.
No evening service.

Evangelical Church
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor
10:15—Morning services, English.
11:45—Sunday School.
Y. P. L. meeting Wednesday, July 22.

First Baptist Church
R. F. Wilson, Pastor
10:30—Morning worship. Rev. Brown of Detroit will fill the pulpit.

11:45—Sunday School.
No other services.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarencville (At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor
9:30—Sunday School.

10:30—Regular services, first, third and fifth Sundays in German; second and fourth in English.

Delightful Comedy, "Adam and Eva," Notable Chautauqua Feature



"Adam and Eva," popular Broadway comedy success, will be one of the outstanding features of the coming Redpath Chautauqua. Presented by a capable cast of New York actors, this merry comedy of American life is sure to please everyone.

"Adam and Eva" points out that the seemingly frivolous and idle young people of America today, indulged by doting parents, are underneath made of good stuff and can and will assume responsibilities.

How this fact is demonstrated in the family of Papa King, the rubber magnate, is told with delightful humor in this interesting play.

ANOTHER SERVICE STATION BIG IMPROVEMENT PLANNED FOR FORD S & S GARAGE

Plans have been made for a large addition to the Ford Sales and Service garage here by the owner, Olla Russell.

The residence building which stands on the 50-foot lot at the east of the present garage is now being torn down and in its place will be erected a building the full width of the lot and extending back nearly to the new addition just completed. The addition to be erected will be used for office purposes and a large auto display room. It will be constructed of brick and stucco to conform in style and appearance to the present front.

Mr. Russell acquired the lot about two years ago with a view to providing additional room for his growing business. When the new part is completed the garage will have an unusually large floor space.

HOUSE TO HOUSE SALESMAN ENTERS HOME; SUIT MISSING

Several days ago an agent selling vacuum cleaners knocked at the front door of Howard Osmus home on Rogers street. Getting no response he quietly turned the door knob and entered the house. His actions aroused the suspicion of a lady living next door and she got the number of the curb. After remaining in the home for several minutes a stranger came out, entered his car and drove away.

When the occupants of the house returned later the lady informed them of the occurrence and an investigation revealed that a valuable suit of clothes belonging to Mr. Osmus was missing.

Through the license number Deputy Sheriff Wilson secured the name of the car owner and his residence in Detroit.

THE ADVERTISING FAKER
At Tuesday's noonday luncheon of the Exchange Club the question of adopting some method of putting a curb on the activities of advertising schemers was under discussion but no definite action was taken.

The plan adopted by the businessmen and merchants of many villages and cities of requiring all outside advertising solicitors to submit their propositions to a regularly appointed committee for its O. K., before negotiations are entered into, has resulted in weeding out a large percentage of good money and incidentally a greater number of fakers flocking to towns where no organization exists.

W. H. M. S.
Mrs. Harry Bartlett was hostess to the members of Group No. 3 of W. H. M. S. at her home Tuesday afternoon. This being the regular monthly meeting a business session was held followed by a social event. About twenty guests enjoyed the delightful country air. A pot-luck luncheon was served at 5:00 o'clock.

The Enterprise is indebted to Mrs. Joseph Graham for two boxes of a very fine variety of luscious raspberries.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD ACTS ON GD. RIVER CUT-OFF

The following newspaper despatch was sent out of Lansing Tuesday:

The state administrative board today authorized a 204-foot right-of-way for the proposed new location of trunk line M-16, the Detroit-Lansing highway, between Redford and a point a short distance west of Farmington. The new route will eliminate the curve west of Farmington. From Redford into Detroit, Wayne county now has a 204-foot right-of-way providing room for a double pavement. The new location, which will skirt the west side of Farmington and connect with the Wayne road at Redford, eventually will conform to the double pavement plan.

FRANK EGAN'S HOME BURGLARIZED

Some time during Monday night thieves entered the farm home of Frank Egan on Southfield and Farmington township road and stole \$35 in money which was taken from Mr. Egan's trousers. Evidence of forcible entry was apparent next morning, but no clue to work on has been found.

Deputy Wilson is working on the case.

SCHOOL REUNION

The reunion of the pupils of the Angling Road School at Southfield was held Saturday, July 11, at Belle Isle.

A pot-luck luncheon and happy reminiscences were enjoyed, after which a business meeting was held with Mrs. Sadie Conroy acting as chairman, and the following officers were elected:

President, Frank White; Vice-president, Carl Tibbitts; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Evelyn Wikom; Committee on Entertainment, Mrs. E. L. Andrews, Mrs. Iva Cox, Don Conroy, and Charles Heliker.

Old-time dancing and music was a diversion of the afternoon. Guests were present from Fremont, O., Caro, Pontiac, Birmingham, Southfield, Detroit and Farmington.

The oldest pupil to attend the reunion was Joseph Delling, of Caro, Mich., who will soon celebrate his 84th birthday. After a delightful trip around the island they adjourned to meet one year from hence in the vicinity of the old school.

FRANK RYE

Miss Doris B. Frank, who for the past three years has been a successful teacher in the High School here, is now Mrs. Wilbert Rye. Her marriage to Mr. Rye took place on July 2, at her parents home on Forrest avenue, Ypsilanti. The Rev. Sidney M. Eva, pastor of Farmington M. E. Church read the marriage service in the presence of a large circle of relatives and friends. The couple was attended by a sister of the bride, a brother of the groom and Miss Gladys Rupert.

The bride wore a beautiful white gown of satin and lace and carried a bouquet of white roses. Miss Ernestine Pierce played the wedding march. Two tiny children acted as flower girls, adding a touch of beauty to the occasion. The home was artistically decorated with gladioli and ferns.

Following the harmony a wedding luncheon was served. Friends attending from Farmington were, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Pierce, Miss Ernestine Pierce, Mrs. S. D. Eva, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rupert, Misses Gladys and Katherine Rupert and Miss Louise Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Rye will make their home in Monroe, Mich. Mr. Rye is the county surveyor of Monroe county in Michigan.

Mrs. Rye is well and favorably known in Farmington.

John and Norton Lapham were called to Toronto, Ont., Saturday, because of the sudden death from appendicitis and complications, of their brother-in-law, Harry Walker. Mr. Walker and daughter Madeline visited in Farmington the week previous to his death. Mrs. Walker will be remembered as Miss Daisy Lapham, a former resident of this village.

CITY INCORPORATION IS NEEDED

The second step toward incorporating Farmington village as a city will be taken on September 14 when the electors will vote for a commission consisting of nine citizens to formulate a city charter of the fifth class. The present members of the village council are eligible as commissioners and as all have been more or less active in bringing about the movement for a city charter and are familiar with the situation and the village's needs, it seems that at least a majority of them should be placed on the commission.

In formulating a charter the advice and services of an attorney, familiar with municipal laws, should be secured in order that danger of mistakes and errors be reduced to the minimum. It is absolutely essential that such legal proceedings conform closely to statute requirements which are not always perfectly clear to a layman, who otherwise may possess excellent judgment or clear conception of what is needed.

This conditions under which the present village organization is operated are faulty is recognized by all who have had to do with the village government and especially the officers and councilmen of the present time, who, in response to increasing demands for progressive action, have attempted to meet them.

The council has started proceedings for a betterment of municipal conditions, it is now up to the citizens of Farmington to take an interest in the proceedings and see to it that men of good judgment are elected as commissioners. When this is done see that the right persons are put in office.

THRASHER FAMILY REUNION

A very enjoyable reunion of the Thrasher family was held on July 12 at Drayton Plains, the home of Dean W. Thrasher, to celebrate the 82nd birthday of his mother, Frances R. Thrasher Riley.

His father, Ray H. Thrasher, was in the Civil War and did not return. He died in Nashville, Tenn., in 1864, leaving a son, Dean W. Thrasher and a daughter, Carrie, the latter is now the wife of Nelson Howard and lives in Farmington.

There were about thirty children, grand children and great grand children, who had their pictures taken in groups and the four generations, ten grandchildren, one of whom is in Galveston, Tex., and could not be present.

Those who were present were, Mrs. Frances R. Thrasher Riley, of St. Cloud, Fla., Dean W. Thrasher, of Drayton Plains, Mrs. Carrie Thrasher and her husband, Nelson Howard; of Farmington, Gertrude Howard Hennessey and her son, Howard, of Redford, Mrs. Myrtle Clement Aiken, daughter of Mrs. Hennessey and her husband, Mr. Aiken and two children of Detroit, Lou Howard Bedeau and her little girl Carol, of Plymouth, Grace Howard and her husband, Floyd Leavenworth and three children, Grandpa Leavenworth, of Howell, Jaenette Howard and her friend, Miss Butler, of Chelsea, Mrs. Ethel Thrasher Solomon and her husband, Adam Solomon, of Drayton Plains, Miss Mamie Thrasher and her friend, John O. Boyle, Ray H. Thrasher, of Highland Park and Louis Thrasher, of Detroit.

The reunion was held on the banks of the beautiful Clinton river, under the shade of some fine old apple trees. All sat on the grass and ate a good old picnic dinner.

AUTO THIEVES GET PRISON SENTENCES

Deputy Sheriff Wilson returned last week from Grand Rapids with Jack Boomshaw and Al Steffens, charged with stealing an automobile belonging to Fred Maas, which was parked near the Evangelical Church.

They pleaded guilty before Judge Gallispe in the Circuit Court at Pontiac. Boomshaw, who has a prison record, was sentenced from one and a half to five years and Steffens, one to three years imprisonment, at Jackson.

Enterprise Liners bring results.