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COUNTY PRESS CLUB MET SATURDAY AT HOLLY

The Oakland County Weekly Press club held its December meeting last Saturday at Holly, the home of its president, Joe Haas. It was a 99.44% attendance meeting at which several quite important actions were taken.

The members were unanimous in voicing disapproval of free publicity "copy," plates and mats being sent out by various corporations for which some one is getting big pay while the country publisher is left holding the bag and furnishing a means by which shrewd publicity experts are able to get a fat piece of money out of those seeking extended publicity by showing how the country publisher can be made a goat.

In the future Oakland County publishers will turn down all such propositions, except those coming from the Red Cross and similar organizations, state institutions, colleges, etc., which are supported at public expense, or by donations. The publishers are, however, at liberty to use a reasonable amount of purely news matter furnished by concerns carrying paid advertisements.

For some time a certain advertising agency in Detroit have been furnishing a page of plate with advertisements of Detroit merchants for which a rate is collected by the agency in excess of the rate regularly charged by the publication for display space, and paying for the same a ridiculously low rate. In the future regular rates will be charged for such advertising by Oakland County publishers. For the past two years The Enterprise has not carried this agency's advertising, refusing to accept it at the price offered.

The publishers were pleased on arriving at Holly to find welcoming signs on the streets.

A chicken dinner such as is prepared at the Allenby Hotel is well worth a somewhat roundabout trip from Farmington to Holly.

The January meeting of the club will be held in Pontiac.

SUBURBAN LIFE HAS MANY ADVANTAGES

"Detroiters are more and more feeling the urge to get out of the tight city and take up their residences in the freer and closer-in communities," says Harry F. Menard, of the Clemens-Knight-Menard Co.

"There are 15,000,000 Americans living the suburban life, 15 per cent of the entire population of the United States and this number is growing.

"The fashionable thing among Americans today is a country home where they may have the privacy and independence of suburban life with the stimulus and rewards of the metropolis.

"Folks who live in the suburbs develop a community consciousness that is seldom, if ever, found in the city. How many of you who live in apartment dwellings know more than one or two of your neighbors? Most suburbanites have their commercial and business interests in the city, but their homes and leisure hours are elsewhere.

"Another and important factor to be considered is children. Even though we must crowd into congested areas to earn our livelihood we can, thanks to modern transportation that has reduced miles to terms of minutes, safeguard our children and bring them up in more open areas."

INJURIES PROVE FATAL

John Wilcox, a former resident of Farmington, died last week at his home in Venice, Calif., from injuries received on Thanksgiving when he was struck by a street car. The remains arrived at Plymouth last Friday where the funeral was held Tuesday with Masonic honors.

Mr. Wilcox was made a member of the Masonic lodge here in 1870 and was at one time worthy master. At the time of his death he was a member of the Commandery at Northville which order conducted the burial services. He was 78 years of age and had been a resident of California for a number of years.

OAKLAND'S EXTENSIVE ROAD PROGRAM

Adoption by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors of a road map which controls the widths of all county and state trunk lines as well as the new superhighways, insures the future platting of Oakland County property in accordance with a master plan.

Copies of this plan have been filed with the clerk of every township board and with the county board of auditors with instructions that before any plat can be accepted in the future that provision must be made for these roads at the widths specified. The map was prepared by the Oakland County Road Commission.

On this map appear the proposed Telegraph concrete road leading north from the Wayne County line, which is a project to be undertaken by the State Highway Commission; Woodward avenue, on which work is well along; that portion of the Sunset boulevard superhighway lying in Oakland and the Stephenson superhighway to be built by the county road commission next year.

L. B. Belknap, Oakland County road engineer, said the other superhighways include the proposed Northwestern highway leading from Detroit into Oakland County will be laid out as soon as the superhighway commission meets and decides on definite plans. These highways will undoubtedly follow plans already prepared by Wayne County's highway commission.

"Construction of concrete pavements on the Macomb-Oakland County line from the Eight-Mile road 13 miles north to the Auburn road and on the Eight-Mile road from the Macomb County line to Grand River avenue are projects which it is believed will be undertaken the coming year by Oakland County in conjunction with Macomb and Wayne counties," said Mr. Belknap.

Both concrete and gravel roads are to be constructed on several parts of Oakland County, in 1926.

"Plans already approved by the supervisors call for the building of the Stephenson superhighway from the Eight-Mile to the Eleven-Mile road with concrete; a concrete pavement on the Twelve-Mile road from Southfield road to the Orchard Lake road; three miles of concrete to complete a gap in the Orchard Lake road in West Bloomfield Township; five and a half miles of concrete on the Monnier road between the Eight-Mile road and Woodward avenue; two miles of gravel on the Dublin road between Union and Oxbow lakes in White Lake Township; two and a half miles of gravel to connect the Elizabeth Lake and White Lake roads in White Lake Township; and four and a half miles of gravel to connect the Seymour Lake and Clarkson roads in Independence Township."

JOHNSON-SEELEY

A very quiet but pretty wedding occurred Wednesday, December 9, at 521 Randolph street, when Mrs. Mary E. Johnson of Northville was united in marriage to William P. Seeley of Walled Lake. Rev. William Richards, officiated.

The rooms were arranged with a color scheme of gold and white. Chrysanthemums and ferns formed the decorations.

After the ceremony dainty refreshments were served. Again the color scheme was accentuated by a center piece of yellow roses and ferns, with favors, corresponding.

Only the immediate relatives of both families were present.

Both bride and groom were well and favorably known at Northville and Farmington and a host of friends wish them happiness in this union in the after-glow of life.

STEWART & VIVIER DISSOLVE

The firm of Stewart & Vivier which has been conducting Staroline gas stations at Detroit and Farmington, has been dissolved. Earl Vivier, a resident of Farmington takes the station here and Walter Stewart the Detroit station. Mr. Vivier's station at the corner of Grand River avenue and Orchard street is one of the finest on Grand River road.



High School Spotlight

Kindergarten

The boys made a fireplace of Patty Hill blocks for the Christmas party which will be on the 23rd. Names have been drawn for the tree presents and the children are very busy making gifts. Scarefoot and The Three Billy Goats have been dramatized.

Mrs. Hamlin.

A fireplace helps to make our room look more Christmas.

The second class in reading will begin their lessons next week.

We are enjoying Christmas stories for literature class. Some of the children are bringing books from home to be read.

Miss Schiffer.

Second Grade

Christmas decorations for the room have made. Duane's class lose their leader as Duane is now reading with William's class. Ruth Pagel has chosen to take Duane's place.

We have two towns "Careful Town" and "Careless Town." Everyone is trying hard to keep out of "Careless Town," although rules of citizenship for "Careful Town" are very strict.

Third grade dramatized a story for us.

Miss Koterba.

Third Grade

Emily Maas is our mayor for the month of December.

We have been reading the story of Columbus and are now making booklets.

Today we learned in arithmetic how to divide and find it great fun. We can now add, subtract, multiply and divide.

Miss Phillip.

Fourth Grade

We drew games for the Christmas gifts and it has caused much excitement in our room, because we are trying to keep the names we drew a secret.

Catherine Storme has drawn a Santa Claus for our blackboard and we have heard that he is to have a pack full of toys for all the "A" people this month.

In geography we are studying form, and movement of the earth. We find studying the globe a very interesting subject.

We have taken several long trips, and are planning on taking another one soon.

Miss McGlellan.

Fifth Grade

Only nine more days to get an "A!" We are having a Christmas tree and when we get an "A" in a test, we are allowed to decorate the paper and hang it on the tree.

Our Christmas picture study is Raphael's, "Madonna of the Chair," which we like very much. In English class we are learning how to wrap and mail Christmas presents.

Section II, lost in the good behavior contest, so Friday afternoon they are to entertain Section I.

Sixth Grade

Our maxim this week is, "Make no expense but to do good to others or yourself; i. e., waste nothing."

Vincent Harrison entered our room Monday.

In language we are beginning to study the steps in an "Argument of Debate." We are anticipating an interesting debate in the near future.

Miss Haddon.

Eighth Grade

Margaret Mitchell is a new friend in our room. She has just moved here from Maring, City.

Christmas is in the air once more. We have our plans all made for our own room celebration and are going to help in the operetta.

Miss Stewart.

Freshmen

The Freshmen girls prepared their Tuesday breakfast for an experiment.

Sophomores

The Sophomores were delighted to hear their English classes would not meet Monday.

Juniors and Seniors

The red and green side in the contest for selling magazines gave a pre-historic party, Monday evening for the winning side which were the blues.

The Sophomores' Philosophy

Eat less, breathe more; Talk less, think more; Worry less, work more; Play less, accomplish more; Waste less, give more; Preach less, practice more; That's us: the Sophomores.

Louise R. Sheill.

Athletics

The first basketball game of the season was played at Redford, Friday night. The score was 25-21 in favor of Farmington. The team looks promising for a good basketball season this year.

The second team also played Redford Friday night, but they were not so fortunate as the first team. The score was 11-22 in favor of Redford.

The boys will play their second game Friday night with Walled Lake here.

The girls basketball team play their first game of the season Friday night with Birmingham here.

Mabel Gravin.

Too Polite

One day Johnnie Lindstrom came to school with very dirty hands.

Miss Knapp: "Johnnie, I wish you would not come to school with your hands soiled that way, what would you say if I came to school with dirty hands?" Johnnie: "I wouldn't say anything," was the prompt reply. "I'd be too polite."

Mr. Crawford: "Can anyone tell me what thought passed through Sir Isaac Newton's head, when the apple fell on it?"

Rushed Button: "Glad it wasn't a brick."

Miss Porter: "Jerry, how can you prove to me that the earth is round?"

Jerry Palacky: "Why, I never said that it was."

Miss Boorman (in history class): "Order, please."

Allen K.: "Egg sandwich."

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

At the Tuesday noonday luncheon of the Exchange Club, Wells D. Butterfield gave a short talk in civic matters in which he said something worthy of careful consideration. He urged the necessity at this time of taking a glance ahead of us with a view to planning now for future requirements. Lack of foresight of past generations in planning for streets, sewers, etc., is now costing the present generation millions of dollars for construction. Farmington, he said, has now reached a point where improvements in streets and sewers are necessary. He pointed out the many advantages of adopting definite and practical plans for the work to meet later requirements so that when new streets and sections are opened up and sewers constructed improvements made now will not have to be replaced.

YOUTH MOVEMENT

In a Michigan small town Armistice Day came around. Men had gone from that little town in 1917, some of them came not back, but most of them had brothers. When these youngsters went to school on the morning of November 11, they noticed that no flag was flying from the mast atop the schoolhouse. Thereupon, dispersing, they went home, gathered up flags and marched through the town. The school authorities explained that there was a flag displayed, but it was inside, in the school hall.

This typifies the true Youth Movement. Of the opposite type we have heard much and have seen little. There is no doubt that alien and anti-American influences have much desired to capture Young America, and have even made attempts at it, but there is equally no doubt that it is impossible.—Dearborn, Independent.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

An unusually good attendance marked the regular meeting of Group No. 3 of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. John Clark was hostess to about thirty guests at a delightful Christmas party at her home on Grand River avenue. Santa Claus was a feature of the afternoon and each member received a gift. Games were also a diversion. A nice luncheon was served at the close.

Mrs. A. G. Leonard, Mrs. Emil Roos, Mrs. E. F. Dunlavy and Mrs. Jennie Grace were invited guests.

TWELVE-MILE CHASE WON BY POLICE

A twelve-mile race at 65 miles an hour with two Michigan state policemen the winners and a couple of alleged booze runners the losers, prevented the delivery, possibly in Lansing, of forty gallons of alcohol, and caused the arraignment of the two men in Livingston County on a charge of illegal transportation and possession of liquor.

Troopers George Sidebotham and Raymond Katke, who are stationed at the East Lansing headquarters north of the State Police, were patrolling Highway M-16, near Brighton, when they sighted a large automobile which gave every evidence of being a booze car. Noticing the policemen, who were riding in an automobile, the driver of the booze car attempted to make a get-away, but was stopped at Howell, twelve miles away. The men gave their names as Carl Morrison and Grover Patterson, both of Lansing.

Since the re-organization of the uniform division of the State Police by Commissioner Alan G. Straight, the East Lansing post, under the command of Lieutenant Lawrence Lyon, has played an important part in the policing of this part of the state. A patrol is constantly working on M-16 and other trunk lines in and out of Lansing, keeping a close watch for booze cars and violators of the state traffic laws. In addition to the patrols enough men are on duty at the post at all hours of the day and night to answer emergency calls and to do police work of every nature.—State Trooper.

CHARTER READY FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE

The city charter commission has completed the work of formulating a charter for Farmington as a city of the fifth class. The document, which is quite a large one, comprises 72 typewritten pages. It was sent this week to Lansing and when approved by the governor the village council will be authorized to call an election at which the question of its adoption will be submitted to the electors. It is expected that the election will be held some time in January.

Previous to its submission to the decision of the electors, it will be published in full in the Enterprise. The date of publication will be a sufficient length of time previous to the election to give citizens ample time to study its provisions.

In formulating the charter the commission has selected provisions of charters now in force in other cities of the state which have proved satisfactory and practical.

The charter provides that the mayor shall be the city's representative on the board of supervisors.

GOVERNOR GROESBECK'S PARLONS REACH 7,254

A Detroit Free Press staff correspondent writing from Lansing, says:

Governor Alex J. Groesbeck is through issuing paroles this year. This was announced today by Fred E. Janette, state parole commissioner.

At the same time, Janette disclosed that 200 paroles already have been authorized for December, and all during the first week of the month. These liberations bring the total for the year to 1,701, which figure exceeds the number freed from prison by the governor in any other year of his five in office with the single exception of 1923. That year was the first that convicts were engaged in state road work and given parole rewards for their labors.

The figures given out by Janette covered the last four months of the year. Paroles in each of these months, excepting December, were less than the number granted in August, when the clemency writs outnumbered the total of individuals received in the several state prisons.

The December releases were more than in any other month of 1925. The total of paroles granted by Groesbeck since he has been in office is now 7,254.

It was the surprising fact that paroles in August exceeded receipts at the prisons, coupled with instances of flagrant law violation by paroled men, that stirred statewide criticism of the governor's parole policy. Judges, attorneys, police officials and private citizens joined in a resounding chorus of disapproval, claiming that the releases were lending impetus to the so-called crime wave in Michigan and tending to break down respect for law and order.

When this criticism began, the parole office was closed to the public. Information about the releases subsequently was not available until today.

MANDAMUS SUITS SET FOR NEXT TUESDAY

Farmington township officials have been notified that mandamus suits brought by the Snell Land Syndicate to compel it to show cause why it should not approve of certain subdivision plats in the southern part of the township, will come on for trial in the Oakland County circuit court next Tuesday.

OFF WITH THE OLD ON WITH THE NEW

On the last night of the old year the Y. P. L. of the Evangelical Church will give a chopue supper. A limited number of tickets will be sold by the young people for this occasion.

After a social time, services in English will be held at the close of the old year and the beginning of the New Year.

The regular meeting of Farmington Chapter, No. 239 O. E. S., will be held Friday evening, December 18, instead of Friday evening, December 25.