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SCORE OF NEW LAWS ENACTED

(By Ed. A. Nowack)

The 17th special session of the Michigan legislature during our 89 years of statehood came to a close last Friday night under the pleasant provisions of a "call of the house," that festive measure frequently employed to render missing members to vote under stress of parliamentary labors. It was the fifth special session of the Groesbeck regime. The call of the house, that pulled three representatives from bed, also also alienated all former administration votes on the Okemos women's prison bill which resulted in the defeat of that measure, and the Atwood trunk line maintenance bill.

The special session of the 53rd legislature ended in the 18th day of its 20 day limit for which representatives and senators drew \$110 plus mileage. The senate did all its work in less than one day's actual working time. The house went through with the exception of the Atwood bill which was smashed to pieces in the conference report the house rejected as the last work it did under the call. Outside of the Grand Trunk bill, the Kirby highway bill, the Central Michigan Normal bill and the Atwood bill, all called for in the original message, the major points in the governor's second message were of minor importance and prepared as a means to pave the way for consideration of about 20 pet measures of legislators who had local iron in the fire.

Much political significance was attached to the special session. Much was said in condemnation of the Groesbeck regime. Equally much was said commending it. There was no mistaking the fact that members had their eyes attuned to the sentiment back home. Consequently, after many of the boys worked off their oratorical energies as Rep. Howell, Saginaw, bitingly explained, most of the boys voted for the governor's bills. So strong was the governor's support in the house, the heralded seat of the anticipated Groesbeck "death knell"—that the house in a virtually unprecedented action and by a vote of 67 to 28 expunged from the records—the terrific arraignment of the administration by Rep. R. W. McLaughlin, Quincy.

The assembly met with utter indifference the governor's invitation in his second message to investigate the parole commission and while the House gave the Grand Trunk bill a vote of 90 to 3 approving abrogation of the special charter that for 92 years has enabled that road to escape taxation, the members took the Okemos women's prison bill and whipped the governor to a standstill.

Among the new laws enacted at the special session are: The Kirby bill, establishing definite dates for payment of the nine millions of overdue county reward as well as township road rewards.

The \$750,000 appropriation to rebuild Central Michigan Normal buildings destroyed by fire. Five bills by Rep. Upjohn, Kalamazoo, pertinent to school tax money collection, and authorization for sale of lands adjacent to Kalamazoo state hospital.

Lewis bill permitting counties to establish sinking funds for building purposes.

Sink aeroplane bill compelling aviators to fly at a 1,500 feet altitude over public assemblies.

Palmer bill providing for commissions to re-educate criminal laws and procedure and investigate crime causes.

Culver bill doing away with faking practices of professional bondsmen.

Callender bill amending mortgage law foreclosure to permit posting of notices to notify tenants.

Hinkley bill enabling cities of over 70,000 population to issue and sell bonds for sewage disposal plants without submitting question to popular vote.

Evans bill to investigate Michigan

PLEASURE SEEKERS CLUB

Mrs. Henry Wick was hostess to the members of the Pleasure Seekers club on Thursday, March 4. A bountiful pot luck dinner was served at the noon hour to twenty-six guests.

Mrs. Wick also planned a surprise for her aunt, Mrs. E. A. Empson, whose birthday anniversary was March 6. Four birthday cakes, hosts of greetings, cards and gifts showered the honored guest.

Miss Mabel Greer won out in the spelling contest and received the prize, a copy of the "Wee Irish Lassie".

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 18 with Mrs. W. A. Pangborn and daughters.

Wolf Slain In Oakland County

Trailed for three hours by fox hounds and a band of hunters and farmers, the last wolf of a pack that has been causing considerable loss and worry to Oakland county farmers was killed recently near Lake Orion by William J. Nettney, of Rochester.

The wolf, found in his lair by the hounds, put up a desperate battle and even attempted to attack one of the hunters after being first wounded by Nettney. The animal weighed within a fraction of 45 pounds.

Oakland farmers now are confident the killing of sheep and chickens will stop with the death of the last marauder of the fields. Several other wolves have been killed in the last few months by hunting parties following farmyard raids by the pack.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church met Friday afternoon, March 5 at the home of Mrs. W. E. Knight, Power avenue.

This was the regular monthly meeting of the society and also a farewell party in honor of the hostess who is soon leaving with her husband for an extended trip abroad.

After the regular business meeting the program under the direction of Mrs. Emil Rods, consisted of readings and discussions of the yearly study book which was finished up at this time. Mrs. William Irish, on behalf of the society, with most appropriate words, presented Mrs. Knight with a pair of gloves and a writing portfolio, to which she appreciatively responded.

An enjoyable social time followed during which a most delicious English luncheon was served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be April 6th.

GETTING INTO CITY WAYS

The city commission has made a move toward securing a street cleaner. The need of such a device is apparent. A sidewalk cleaner might also be used to advantage.

RETURNS TO FARMINGTON

E. R. Stevenson has sold his home on "Wilmarth" avenue to Miss Helen Hard, a former resident of Farmington. Miss Hard has been living in California since selling her home on Oakland avenue until last spring, when she made a trip abroad touring Norway and Sweden. The residence she has recently purchased here will undergo extensive alterations and will be her future home.

Ignatius Society fund expended \$100 and to report before April 1926.

Senator Frank P. Bohn's legislation and new structures for the time for purchase of automobile licenses.

Herzick bill boosting mileage of supervisors one dollar per day and four cents per mile.

March bill providing for amendment to law governing recording of township plats.

Pay up your subscription.

THE OLD FASHIONED MOTHER

(By Dr. H. N. McLean)

Moonbeams flitting through the ivy cast a shadow on the wall. Take my memory back—stealing to the happiest days of all. There my mother in her gingham; with her ever gentle smile, in a sweet voice lowly singing, making all in life worth while; With a gentle hand restraining, always pointing out the light; In reverie I live again those childhood scenes tonight.

Her cares was just as tender when old age had creased her brow; Her first thought was of forgiveness, as in mind I see her now: Though she has gone forever her memory's with me still, Urging me to higher purpose, as it has, it ever will; There's no greater gift from Heaven to any may befall; Thank God for such a mother, the greatest gift of all.

Stored away in vaults of memory are the scenes of other years, Passing now before my fancy, some bring smiles and others tears; But the picture that I treasure is my sweet faced mother there Looking to a bright tomorrow for release of every care. Now I know there is a Heaven, though it's sometimes hard to see, Where my old fashioned mother is, that's Heaven enough for me.

ENVOY.

She's resting by the rippling stream where the wild arbutus blows; Summer brings the flowers she loved, that pass with winter snows. Autumn winds may sweep the hillside, but this quiet nook they spare, While the happy birds in summer sing their sweetest carols there. Here, the lofty elm and maple stand as sentinels o'er the plot, And the trailing vine and wild flower lend their beauty to the spot. Even here the sunsets' splendor shines more radiant from the skies; All she loved—all things worth loving—now pay homage where she lies.

Written for the P. T. A. meeting of March 5—Pierson School.

High School Spotlight

Second Grade

The second grade are making spring booklets. They are reading the "Dutch Twins" and have made a Dutch border.

Miss Koterba.

Second Grade

For nature study the second grade is reading "Heidi". They are learning the multiplication tables of "3's". Also they are having races in addition and subtraction. They are reading the "Dutch Twins" and have made a Dutch village on the window sill.

Miss Percy.

Third Grade

The third grade are reading the story of "The Early Cave Man". They are making a spring border on the blackboard of tulips and Easter bunnies.

Brandon Lav entered our room this morning.

Miss Philipo.

Fourth Grade

We are going to finish our maps of the New England States this week. The best maps will be chosen for our bulletin board.

The slogan in our room this week is "16 ounces make one pound." We find that our store keepers must be honest, accurate and courteous.

We are putting on our March border this week, under the direction of Mrs. Potter. We had 23 out of 26 depositors this week in banking.

Miss McClellan.

Fifth Grade

The past two weeks we have had 100 per cent in our school savings.

In English class we have been studying about artificial and natural lighting. In connection with this we have read the Greek myth about Apollo, the Sun God and studied also Rin's picture "Aurora."

In reading class we are dramatizing the play, "William Tell." We are playing safely with the apple however.

Miss Tapio.

Freshmen

A few of the first year Latin students have been having "tea parties" after school regularly for the past week.

The domestic science classes have been trying their abilities

at making pies. It is believed the pies are to be used in making moving picture comedies.

Sophomores

Having killed all conspirators in "Julius Caesar," we are now about to begin reading "The Princess" by Tennyson.

For some time now, the second year Latin students have escaped "tea parties." It is too good to last, however.

Juniors

Due to Mr. Loosard's absence, Mrs. Conroy has been teaching the American Literature classes for the past week.

Seniors

The Seniors have nearly enough money for the Washington trip and are gathering more every day.

The candy case in the high school is a great success. Long before the candy truck comes every week, the case is empty.

Walter Nielsen.

Girls Athletics

Farmington girls team went to Plymouth Friday, March 5. The first half of the game was very slow. Plymouth had a large score started on our girls. But after a little encouragement between the halves the girls came in stronger but it was too late. The score at the end of the game was 14-26 in favor of Plymouth. The lineup was as follows:

Adams, center.
Goers, center.
Banfield, forward.
K. Murphy, forward.
A. Murphy, guard.
Graham, guard.

Substitutes: Olsen for Graham. The girls have chosen up sides and are going to play probably next Monday night, March 15. The losing team has to give the winning team a dinner party.

Mildred Graham.

Boys Athletics

The Farmington team went to Dearborn on March 3 set for a heavy battle. The score at the end of the half was 9-9; in the third quarter one basket was made by Farmington, the quarter ending at 11-3. The last quarter the Dearborn boys came back strong and as the final whistle blew, ended with 11-17 in favor of Dearborn. Lineup:

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P. T. A. OF PIERSON SCHOOL

The P. T. A. meeting held in Pierson District, Friday evening was enjoyed by a large attendance of interested members and friends.

The officers for the ensuing year are, Mrs. E. Middlewood, president; Mrs. F. Gerge, secretary; Mrs. Waggoners, treasurer.

After the business meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Owen sang two enjoyable selections. Kenneth Wolfe, two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wolfe sang and acted a comic song that brought down the house. Mrs. Ault gave a reading which was much appreciated by the audience.

The next meeting will be held April 1.

Mrs. C. Wolfe, cor.

Arthur Rich Convicted Gets Life Sentence

At his second trial which has been in progress at Mason for the past few weeks Arthur Rich was found guilty Wednesday afternoon of criminal attack upon Miss Louise King, Battle Creek college girls on May 25 of last year and Judge Charles B. Collingwood immediately sentenced him to Jackson prison for life.

The taking of testimony took seventeen days. The jury reached its verdict inside of twenty-three minutes and on the first ballot, although it did not return to the court room for about a half hour.

When the verdict was announced, George R. Rich, president of the Rich Steel Products Company and father of the boy, who had collapsed once before during the day, sank upon his wife's shoulder. Arthur Rich leaned over and put his arms around his father and mother, and the three of them huddled close while the jury roll was called and each man was asked if he concurred in the verdict.

"Arthur Rich, will you step in to my office," Judge Collingwood directed.

The two were closeted for two or three minutes, and then emerged, Rich taking his seat again. In the interim his father, accompanied by the mother, had been assisted from the court room and the senior Rich placed on a lounge.

"Defendant, step forward!" the court resumed Rich. "Do you know any reason why sentence should not be passed?"

"No," said Rich. His cheeks were highly colored, his forehead moist, his large hands shaking. "Then," said the court, "I sentence you to spend the rest of your natural life in Jackson prison."

MR. SCHULTE

APPOINTED JUSTICE

John Schulte, attorney, was appointed justice of the peace by action of the city commission last Monday night. Mr. Schulte is appointed to fill the vacancy of Mr. Ben Meyers who failed to qualify. Mr. Ben Meyers says he has no desire for honors. The appointment holds until the annual election in April, 1927. Mr. Schulte will open an office here and perform the full duties of justice.

JOHN H. THAYER

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

A surprise was sprung on "Judge" John H. Thayer last Monday evening when about twenty friends from Rochester, Orionville, Pontiac and Farmington gathered at his home, the occasion being his birthday.

A pleasant evening was spent playing five hundred and a delicious lunch was served by the visitors, after which in a few well chosen words Arthur W. Spencer, on behalf of the company presented Mr. Thayer with a fine umbrella. Mr. Thayer responded with words of appreciation at the honor accorded him, assuring them he valued their friendship highly. At a late hour the guests departed wishing Mr. Thayer many happy returns of the day.

Township election will be held Monday, April 5.

TELEPHONE'S 50TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Michigan Bell Telephone Co.'s fiftieth birthday party at Farmington proved a very pleasant affair. The operating rooms of the local exchange were visited by a number of citizens among them being several persons whose names appeared on the first Farmington exchange directory. They were, James Hogle, Dr. E. F. Holcomb and T. H. McGee. Others who called during the day were Rev. John Bollens, George Nacker, C. N. Andrews, Forrest Pierson, Margaret Turner, Mrs. John Green, Miss Mary Foster, Miss Bollens and Miss Kreager.

The operation of the switchboard and its connections were demonstrated by Lawrence Miller, lineman. Miss Daisy Cairns, chief operator and her assistants, Miss Sadie Cairns and Miss Martha White, entertained the visitors with demonstrations in the work of making connections and the general operation of the switchboard.

James Hogle, in whose place of business was installed the first telephone in Farmington, recalled many interesting incidents regarding "talks over the wire" in the pioneer days here of telephone communication.

Rev. Bollens told of "listening in" with a receiver in the early days of the telephone in Germany.

The celebration was in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the telephone in this country, the forty-ninth anniversary in Michigan and the twentieth in Farmington. Mayor Estlin expressed his congratulations in the form of a beautiful potted flowering plant and Miss Daisy Cairns contributed a birthday cake appropriately candled and lettered "50th Birthday."

The company and employees extend an invitation to the public to call at the exchange at any time when they will be pleased to demonstrate its working and explain its mysteries.

CITY PLANNING

The City Commissioners at their meeting Monday took an initial step toward city planning by extending a n invitation to Glenn Phillips of Royal Oak to meet with them and discuss plans for this city.

Mr. Phillips has had considerable experience in this line of work and is considered an authority on it. There is a growing sentiment among citizens here that all future permanent improvements should be made in conformity with definite plans.

ESCH-ROSSOW FAMILIES

GATHER FOR BAPTISM

A gathering of about fifty people consisting of the Esch and Rossow families witnessed the baptism of Ralph Edward Rossow, son of Herman Rossow and his wife, Martha, nee Esch, at Redford Sunday, March 7. The sponsors were Louis Esch, Jr., Mrs. Minnie Peters, Mrs. Nellie Esch and Mrs. Anna Dudley. Rev. J. Bollens officiated.

JAMES OAKLEY

James Oakley, aged 59 years, died Friday at his home on Oakland avenue of apoplexy. Deceased was employed by the Farmington Lumber and Coal Co., and leaves a daughter at Royal Oak.

Funeral services were held Monday from the Homey Undertaking parlors, conducted by Rev. E. W. Palmer. Burial at Royal Oak.

EXCHANGE CLUB

Next Tuesday at the Exchange Club Howard Warner will relate some of his experiences and speak of some of his observations while serving recently on the federal jury.

Under the heading "All in a Day's Work" George Grant will tell the club what a superintendent of public works in a small city is liable to encounter.

Republican caucus at Town Hall Saturday evening.