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SOCIETY PAYS BILL FOR CRIME

An article in Detroit's Sunday News by Russell Gore, one of the staff writers, deals with the operation of Michigan's new marriage law and the work being done under it by Oakland County's judges and officers. The article in the main consists of interviews with Judge Gillespie of Pontiac, who has clear and decided views in regard to the causes that lead so many to the divorce courts.

The importance of the work in Oakland County, says Mr. Gore, lies largely in the legislation, applicable to every county in the state, which has been and is being initiated there by two judges with a keen sense of the social responsibility of the bench to the taxpayers.

The marriage law drafted there is already saving thousands of unhappiness and it is likely that the legislature will be applied to some time after for a medical certificate provision until this clause ultimately is incorporated. Then, it is asserted, the huge economic loss represented by a family breeding criminals, mental defectives and public charges in all of its many branches will be made practically impossible forever in Michigan.

"Society, in the long run, pays the bill for crime, disease, retarded mental development and poverty," says Judge Gillespie. "Strict marriage legislation at all where necessary, sterilization, at the taxpayers' only, weight against the mounting cost of trying, sentencing or maintaining such a family in state institutions. The greatest good of the greatest number ultimately will bring the people, as represented by the legislature, to a protective marriage law."

"I do not like divorce cases, but I feel that the most important work I can do on the bench is to mitigate its evils as much as possible by complete information prepared by trained and reliable investigators," says Judge Covert. "Under the old law, the prosecuting attorney was supposed to represent the interests of the minor children. I was once a prosecuting attorney myself and I took the case fee of \$5 for appearing in court and taking a perjury oath, based on totally independent information, in divorce actions."

"As a Circuit Judge I see my time, and the time of many high-priced lawyers—to say nothing of the time of deputy sheriffs, jurymen and other court attendances—taken up for days and weeks deciding money matters. I sat in the Wayne Circuit Court once and in 45 minutes disposed of 18 divorce cases. I was ashamed of myself."

"Think of it! Weeks to try a matter involving money. Moments to try a case involving human beings. Not only the human being as represented by the parties to the divorce, but also helpless and innocent human beings represented by the children."

"I tell you that our so-called 'Crime Wave' is intimately and inextricably bound up with our divorce problem. We can not stop divorce, but we can mitigate its evil effects by supervision and control. Crime never will be wiped out by a return to capital punishment and other barbarisms of our ancestors. But it can be checked by wisdom and patience in dealing with its roots."

"One of its roots is the divorce court. No judge can go too deeply into the circumstances surrounding the break-up of a family. The Friend of the Court legislation has amplified the machinery by which a judge may obtain information about the antecedents of persons applying for divorce. I believe that such information should be made a part of the record so that the Supreme Court, in appeal cases, can see the background of the case as the Circuit Court judge sees it."

"In this county we have instituted hard labor at the cement plant in the county jail for all money dodgers. We spent more than \$1,000 to bring one man

OAKLAND COUNTY T. B. SEAL SALES

The returns of the Oakland County Tuberculosis Association seal sale for 1925 is as follows: Total money received \$4,595.07. Of this sum the schools raised \$674.19. Returns from booth sale \$158.00.

The program of the Oakland County Branch of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association depends on the returns received. There were 1000 letters sent out in December on which, as yet, we have had no return.

A permanent clinic has been established in Royal Oak. This clinic will be held at Royal Oak Township Hall once a month beginning March 19. The hours are from 10:30 to 12:30 a. m. This permanent clinic has been made possible through the co-operation of the Royal Oak Extension of the Detroit Community Union and the Detroit and Wayne County Tuberculosis Association. The purpose of these health clinics is for the diagnosis and prevention of disease.

Fifty schools have received towel containers for selling \$5.00 worth of seals. Twenty-seven schools have received a booklet entitled "Clothespin Piggy Bank" for selling \$3.00 worth of seals. The Waterford School received a De Luxe scale for the room, having the highest sale per capita.

P. T. A. OF PIERSON DISTRICT

The monthly meeting of the Parent Teacher Association of Pierson District will be held Thursday, April 1. The entertainment committee has a first class program in view. The speaker for the evening will be Mrs. W. A. Morley, president of the P. T. A. of Ford School, Highland Park. Miss M. Lucas, violinist of Highland Park, Mrs. Jorgensen and William Woodworth, violinists, of Detroit, will be part of the entertainment besides local talent. The social committee is active as usual. Every one in the district are welcome to the meetings.

Mrs. C. Wolfe, Cor.

NO CAUSE FOR ACTION

In a suit brought by Martha Noble and Isabelle McCrumb against School District No. 6 of Farmington on a claim for services in taking the school census and other work, Justice Buck of Birmingham last Saturday rendered a verdict of no cause for action.

Charles Wilson of Farmington appeared for the school district and Attorney Phillips of Pontiac for the plaintiffs.

MORE DRAINS

The County Drain Commissioner is making preparation for commencing the construction of Pearl and Oxford avenue drains in this township.

back from California. Our board of supervisors have seen alimony payments—and consequent savings of public relief funds—multiplied five fold under a system that compels a man, irrespective of his troubles with his wife, to pay adequately for the children he has brought into the world.

"The Oakland county case exists in various forms, in perhaps every county in the United States. Always there is some family where the boys steal or kill, the girls go wrong, and the children grow up to follow in their parents' footsteps. In our lawless family its members, when not feeble-minded, diseased or criminal, take up the time of the courts by petty slander suits, petty disagreements over money and petty actions brought against their neighbors. The brightest of them are not mentally competent to keep out of trouble."

"It is time we stopped all this. Michigan is building at Jackson the largest prison in the world. Fifty two acres are to be enclosed by a wall."

"I am ashamed of that. We would not need the biggest prison in the world if we had enough hospital and other institutions to care for these unfortunate cases. Adequate laws to prevent them breeding more criminals and defectives to be put in our huge prison."

MICHIGAN AT WORK

MICHIGAN SUGAR OUTPUT HIGH
State Ranks Second Only to Colorado
As Beet Producer



The production of beet sugar is becoming an increasingly important industry in the United States. Beet production is mounting faster than cane sugar output. Michigan is one of the leading states, ranking second to Colorado in the raising of beets and the production of sugar from them.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington, Michigan's sugar production in the year 1924 was 165,000 tons. Colorado produced 364,000 tons. The production of California was 150,000 tons and that of Nebraska 105,000 tons.

These four states are the leaders in this line. Their production during the next few years is expected to top the 1924 figure.

The field for the growth of the industry is shown by the fact that the United States is the greatest sugar consumer in the world, using the equivalent of 115 pounds per capita each year. However, the country at present produces only a small part of the sugar which it consumes, the remainder being imported.

WALLED LAKE NEW CASINO OPENS EASTER MONDAY

The New Casino at Walled Lake will be opened for the 1926 season on Easter Monday, April 5 with a grand ball for which unusual preparations have been made. Music will be furnished by Nat Natoli's famous orchestra, a Seymour Simons production.

The Casino, which is one of the finest in Michigan, and only recently built, has been considerably enlarged during the past few months. A new electric lighting system has been installed and many added conveniences made for patrons.

The proprietor, J. L. Toiletine is looking forward to a successful season at this popular resort.

MASONS TO ATTEND CHURCH SERVICE

The Farmington Masonic Lodge has accepted the invitation of Rev. E. W. Palmer to attend divine services at the Baptist Church next Sunday evening. The members will attend in a body.

ORCHARD LAKE ROAD GIVES OUT

The Orchard Lake road from North Farmington to Orchard Lake is in bad shape. Many automobiles and trucks have been stalled the past week on this stretch and it has been necessary to close it to travel.

A SUGGESTION

I wonder if it would not be a good idea to have some of our society clubs help to amuse our small boys Saturday evening or on other evenings as well, so they would have something to do besides thinking that it is necessary to rap on windows at the library or opening and shutting doors and making themselves a nuisance in general. Why not think it over?

Reader.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Honoring the seventeenth birthday anniversary of her daughter, Adeline, Mrs. Perry Wikom entertained twenty guests, Friday evening at her home on Shiawassee street. Dancing and cards were the diversions of the evening, Smith's orchestra furnishing the music. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Many nice gifts were presented the honor guest.

AUCTION SALES

Saturday, March 27, Earl W. Gow, 1 mile south of Novi on South Lyon road.

Tuesday, March 30, Mary Carey, three-fourth mile south of North Farmington, 1 mile west and one-fourth mile south of Nichols siding.

Saturday, April 10, William Knight, Powers avenue, Farmington, just north of Grand River. Horses, cows, poultry, and tools.

HOWARD-HEPBURN

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. N. E. Howard of Oakland avenue on March 20, when her youngest daughter, Jeanette, became the bride of Mr. Gerald Hepburn of Chelsea, Mich.

The bride was attired in a blue dress trimmed in silver ribbon and carried a bouquet of sweet peas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Howard, cousins of the bride, attended the couple. Rev. E. W. Palmer of the First Baptist Church of Farmington read the ceremony.

A delectable lunch was served to the immediate family and witnesses at 6:30.

The young couple, who are prominent both in social and religious work, will make their present home in Pontiac, where they are both associated with the Oakland Motor Car Co.

The wedding was a quiet one owing to the death of the bride's father a few weeks ago.

CASTERLINE-BRIGGS

A pretty home wedding was solemnized by Rev. William Richard of the Northville First Methodist Church, Sunday, March 21, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Casterline, Northville, when their daughter, Ruth Dora and Dana Albee Briggs, son of Mrs. Eva Briggs of Farmington, were united in holy matrimony.

The bride was lovely in a gown of smoked blue flat crepe and carried a bouquet of white roses and sweet peas. Her sister, Miss Esther Casterline, as maid of honor, wore julep green canton crepe and carried a bouquet of two tone pink sweet peas. Clyde Casterline attended the groom.

Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served at the home of the groom's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ross of Farmington.

The wedding was a quiet one and only immediate relatives were present, because of the illness of the bride's mother.

The happy couple were the recipients of many nice presents. Mr. Briggs, formerly of Hamilton, N. Y., has been a resident of Farmington two years and has made many friends during that time, being the genial clerk at the Farmington Bakery.

Mrs. Briggs is well and favorably known in Northville, her home town. Her many friends will join the Enterprise in extending congratulations.

They will reside in the Owen Apartments; this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Chaffee of Novi, are the proud parents of a daughter, born Thursday morning, March 25. Mrs. Chaffee was formerly Miss Sadie Turner.

The second floor of the Lee block corner of Grand River and Division street is being converted into office rooms with entrance by stairway on Division street.

GRADE SPELLING BEES CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOLS

The fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades participated last Friday in the Detroit News Metropolitan Spelling contests. So far as was possible, no pupil received any different treatment from the district and national contests in which they may participate later, each grade having its spelling bee handled by a teacher who was totally unacquainted with the young people. Mrs. Herrington handled the seventh grade while Miss Backus pronounced for the eighth grades; Mrs. Cox handled the sixth grades while Miss Pfahler pronounced for the fifth grades.

The winners in the various grades were as follows: Eighth grade, Gerald Speer; seventh grade, Ruth Pelzer; sixth grade, Clifford Horton; fifth grade, Ward O'Hara. The words which they spelled after their last opponents had missed them were respectively, objection, sudden, automobile, and second. Of course, these words are all comparatively easy and there is little doubt that almost all children could have spelled them, but it so happens that these are the words oftentimes misspelled in the heat of a contest, as most old-timers who have themselves participated in spelling contests will remember and admit.

In addition to these people, thirty-six others will participate in the school championship match which will be held at the Tri-Township Community House at Colwell and Long avenues in Clarenceville at 2 p. m. on April 9 unless present plans fail. These other thirty-six people are the nine last to be spelled down in each of the grades mentioned above. The only exception to this is in the fifth grade where Esther Rosenboom and Dorothy Clark, fourth graders who had not missed a word this year, spelled against fifth grade pupils, earning a place on the team with eight fifth graders.

The teams are as follows: eighth grade team; Gerald Speer, Arnold Jorgensen, Margaret Hough, Dwight McFarland, Fred Harris, Bayley Alverson, Joseph Jakks, Glenwald Walbridge, Billie Rosenboom and Irene Barrand; seventh grade team, Ruth Pelzer, Frank Steady, Gladys Newman, Dorothy Bowen, John Kaufman, Julia Graves, Angella Byrnes, Viola Wurtzbacker, Agnes Moon, and Roy Chapman; sixth grade team, Clifford Horton, Ross Lyons, Edward Killeen, James Frantz, Esther Parker, Metha Jurgenson, Frieda Helman, Minnie Ehlensch, Harold Manthey and Maxine Speer; fifth grade team, Ward O'Hara, Daniel Dufuette, Esther Rosenboom, Ruth Ransier, Robert Rosenboom, Edward Caddell, Cyril Wilkerson, Dorothy Clark, Bruce Johnson, Aurelia Frantz.

In the school match, the fifth and sixth grade teams will compete as a unit-called the Junior Team against the seventh and eighth grade teams united to form the Senior Team. It is open to argument that these two junior grades will beat or will not beat the senior grades. The fact remains that the sixth grade team survived the hardest and longest drawn out match of any of the spellers of last Friday. Long after all three of the other grades were done spelling and had gathered in the big assembly room of the Central building to hear the results, the couriers brought back the reports. "Eleven left standing," "Eight left up yet," "Six left up yet," etc. Eventually, when all but two were down of this grade, the two survivors escorted by the remaining members of the grade repaired to the assembly room to settle it. Here many weary rounds were spelled until James Frantz mis-spelled the very up-to-date word, automobile, a word which Clifford Horton spelled correctly.

Excitement runs high in the grades mentioned and speculation is rife as to the identity of the winner. If you are interested and care to attend at the place and time mentioned, you will be very welcome. No admission will be charged, but you are heartily invited.

Pay up your subscription.

DR. DRAKE DEAD WAS BORN HERE

The following announcement of the death of Dr. Homer Drake, a former Farmington man, well known to the older residents of this city appeared in the Chicago Tribune of March 15.

"Dr. Homer A. Drake, 818 Eastwood avenue, a dentist, who has for years been well known as a handmaster; died yesterday after an illness of several weeks. He was 66 years old."

"At the time of his death Dr. Drake was director of the Englewood Commandery band of the Knights Templar, and of the Union League Boys' club band."

"During the war he was leader of Swift's Military band, said to be the only organization of its kind authorized by the war department to wear the regulation army uniform."

"For many years he had organized and led many bands, chiefly in fraternal orders. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. at Oriental Consistory, where his splendid work on the cornet was the delight of his Dearborn parkway and Walton place. The rites will be conducted by Englewood commandery No. 59, K. T."

Homer Drake was born in Farmington in a house that stood on Power avenue, on land now occupied by A. C. McDonald. He was the oldest son of a family of eight children. His school days were spent here. Early in life he showed a decided talent for music. Under his direction and leadership there was organized a band whose reputation for excellent music was well known in this and adjacent towns. Few men could equal him in the playing of the cornet. For a number of years he was associated with John Tinham and Volney Canning in their playing at dances. And in the years that are gone, his was a familiar figure at the town hall hearers. He was one of a large family that were well known and prominent in the affairs of the town at one time. Now they are scattered and gone and remembered only by the older inhabitants, but at one time "They grew in beauty side by side They filed one home with glee."

CATHERMAN AGAIN MEMBER OF COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

Harlie Catherman, of Farmington, has again been chosen as a member of the Men's Glee Club of Alma College. During spring vacation the club is going to make its annual tour. The itinerary includes McCain, Cadillac, Manelona, Boy City, East Jordan, St. Ignace, Gladstone, Manistique, Newberry, Sault Ste Marie, Cheboygan, Alpena, and Rogers City.

COUNTY PIONEER DIES

AT AGE OF 85
Mrs. Sarah Ann Smith Edwards, 85 years old, died Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ellis Randall in West Bloomfield township.

Mrs. Edwards was born May 15, 1840 in Somersetshire, England, and came to this country with her parents at the age of ten years. She was the oldest of fourteen children and is survived by two brothers, George Walters of Pontiac, Henry Walters of Farmington, a son, John Smith of Pontiac, and a daughter, Mrs. Ellis Randall of Farmington and six grand-children.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Ellis Randall, Rev. E. F. Dunlavy of Farmington, officiating. Burial was in North Farmington Cemetery.

BOOKS WANTED AT THE LIBRARY

"Queer Judson, Joseph Lincoln.
"Partners of the Tide," Joseph "Spirit of the Border," Grey.
"Judith of Blue Ranch," Gregory.
"Bread," Norris.
"Top of the World," Dell.
"Holly Order," Correll.
"Rise of Roscoe Paine," Lincoln.