

VIGILANTES JOIN THROUGHOUT STATE TO PROTECT BANKS

Organization of Over 1500 Men
Formed to Combat Bank
Robbers

More vigilantes than would form a battalion and a half of infantry have already been enlisted in thirty seven of the eighty three counties of the state, to combat bank robbers, according to the statement of Paul J. Ulrich, Mt. Clemens, chairman of the Banker's state protective committee.

Over fifteen hundred men, especially selected for their fitness, have been divided into units of three men each and distributed over the state at strategic points. Although the standard equipment of these vigilantes, Mr. Ulrich stated, consists of a Krag rifle, .45 calibre revolver and plenty of ammunition, many counties are supplementing this equipment with shot guns and riot guns.

Unless we concede at the start, Chairman Ulrich said, "that a literal state of warfare at present exists between the bandit and the banker, we will not get very far in our plans."

To Practice Shooting
"For this reason we are putting the vigilantes on a war footing as rapidly as possible. Rifle and pistol practice will be the rule within a very short time; former army officers are being selected to head up the county vigilante committees and an accurate survey of the country around each banking community has been made."

"We have already organized a belt of vigilantes clean across the state and have surrounded all the larger cities with a network of armed men who will frustrate any effort of the bandits to seek refuge in the metropolis."

"In Grand Rapids and Hastings we have stationed two aeroplanes manned by experienced pilots who will be able to fly at a moments notice to any part of the state where a robbery is reported. These planes are equipped with machine guns and the pilots flying low, will be able to halt any fleeing bandits as well as survey

BEWARE THESE FAKIRS

The Hastings Banner calls attention to a gang of men who are traveling through Barry County selling linoleum. Last year these same men canvassed that county and sold linoleum of inferior quality, gave short measure and charged a higher price than good linoleum could have been purchased for from home dealers. It is altogether likely these men will invade other counties in the state as soon as they have finished in Barry.

OLDEST MASON HEARS DISTANT GREETINGS

The oldest Mason in the United States, and likewise the oldest naval officer in the country, celebrated his one hundredth birthday on March 22 at Hood River, Ore.

In honor of the event, a special telephone hook-up was arranged between Philadelphia and Hood River so that, while the Hood River Masons were honoring Captain Charles Alexander Schetky, retired, of the United States Navy, the Masonic Lodge No. 2 of Philadelphia, the lodge which he joined 72 years ago, was able to send him its congratulations by word of mouth.

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WEST FARMINGTON

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Correspondent
Devern Cox, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cox of Clarenceville, is spending this week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cox.

Walter Bohlin, formerly of this place, has been visiting friends here for the past month. He left for his home in Norfolk, Va., Wednesday morning.

The West Farmington Junior Agricultural Boys' club ball team played with Walled Lake Agriculture Boys' ball team Tuesday evening and won the game.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Layland, Mansfield, and two other friends were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cox.

Joseph Lepley is spending this week with his nephew and family, Wm. Kurtz.

Mrs. E. K. Tamm and little daughter spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. John Tamm.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tamm attended the funeral of their niece Mrs. Henry Evert Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shyrer of Plymouth spent Tuesday with Mrs. Frank Cox.

Ray Howard and Mr. and Mrs. George Shelden attended the Baptist Sunday school picnic at Island Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt and family from Grosse Point were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green's.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heliker and Mrs. Sarah Murry visited at the Herman Kiefer Hospital in Detroit Sunday to call on Miss Mary Murry.

Saturday afternoon Charles Heliker and Cecil Cox enjoyed a fishing trip and also the fish they caught 3 large fish weighing 12½ pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cox spent the week end with Mrs. Cox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ulmer at Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. Starr Graham and family spent Sunday with their uncle, Arthur Davis and family at Milford.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Seeley are driving a new Chevrolet sedan.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Giegler and daughter Edith of Hartland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Knapp.

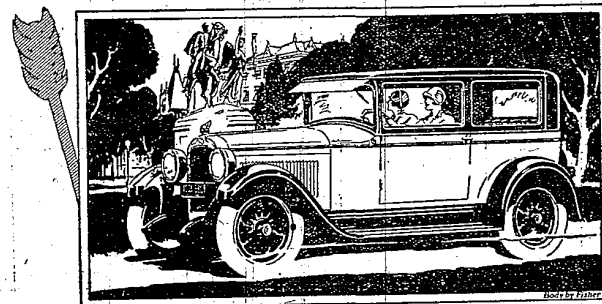
HAPPISINGERS

The Happisingers gathered for their annual banquet at P. A. Gliddens, Tuesday, June 27, at 7

p. m. after which the club was to close for the summer months. After lunch a program was given which was in the hands of Miss Rosetta Cairns.

The club presented a beautiful plant to Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Gliddens to show the appreciation of what they had done for us.

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