

WEST FARMINGTON

Mrs. Irvin Knapp
Correspondent

William Graham spent Thursday at Hartland with his daughter and family, Mrs. L. W. Giegler.

Miss Mary Murry, who has been home on account of poor health, will return to the Childs Hospital, Detroit, for training. Mrs. George Heliker and Mrs. Sarah Murry will accompany her to Detroit.

E. K. Tamm and family spent the Fourth with Mr. Tamm's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Tamm.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heliker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marley Bachelor and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Heliker and family, had a picnic dinner at Pleasant Lake, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schluscher and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cox spent an enjoyable time at Union Lake, Friday evening.

Joseph Leflie who has been visiting with his nephew, Mr. William, started for his home in Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz accompanied him and spent the Fourth there.

James Heliker and family, Mrs. Sarah Murry and family of Pontiac, spent the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. George Heliker.

Mrs. Starr Graham, Mrs. Irvin Knapp and son William, spent Saturday in Pontiac with their cousin, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Adams spent the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heliker.

Frank and Archie Curry of Detroit spent the week end with their sister, Mrs. James Heliker.

William Morris was severely injured by a fall Saturday evening.

HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK ON INCREASE

Home-demonstration work is increasing, according to the 1926 reports received by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Twenty-one new counties employed home-demonstration agents during the year. Sixteen counties reappropriated funds for the work, after they had discontinued it for a year or more. Ten counties have a definite prospect of putting in an agent in 1927 and 50 counties expressed themselves as interested. Several counties in Kentucky made three-year appropriations, assuring the continuance of the work. In Georgia renewal appropriations were promptly granted in 63 home-demonstration agent counties. In Tennessee there was stronger support of appropriations in practically all the counties.

Thirty-four counties increased their appropriations. Ten counties requested appropriations but were denied by the county commissioners. Twenty-nine additional counties made appropriations and are waiting for Federal and State funds. In 88 counties home-demonstration agents carried on extension work as the only extension representative in the county. The outlook for the further development of home-demonstration work is good.

Mrs. Starr Graham spent Wednesday with Mrs. Gus Giesler, who is quite sick.

Mrs. Guy Seeley spent Tuesday in Northville.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Baker died at birth. Miss Ethel Seeley is caring for Mrs. Baker.

With the Other Ghosts

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ROSCOE WILLIAMSON (Robert by baptism) entered the huge store-room and made his way among the rows of filing cabinets.

"Hey, there, Ro, what you doin' down there?" A voice came from somewhere in the depths and Williamson carefully made his way through the maze of boxes until he located the speaker.

"Hi, John! Gov'nor sent me down to root out the papers on the Conley case. You know, those people who sued us about the water main running to the factory. . . . Say," he added, suddenly changing the subject, "who's the little red-headed Jane in father's office? Just glimpsed her as she was leaving yesterday afternoon."

"Ah, see what you've been missing by being away at college. That's Elizabeth Powell, the prettiest little girl ever wielded a lipstick. Her father was a judge. Down on her uppers, and had to take a job."

"Watch me make a killin'! You know I always had a way with girls." "Absolutely irresistible!" said John Fortune drily, but Williamson missed the slight tone of sarcasm in his voice and plunged ahead with his plans.

"I'll have her eating out of my hand before six weeks are over. Watch me!"

"Get out o' here. You're too darned good-looking to be human."

Fortune kicked at him and went on with his own search among the files.

Williamson procured the papers he was sent for and hurried to the elevator and upstairs, scrutinized himself carefully in the little mirror in the cloak room, then sauntered into his father's office.

He felt the impression he was creating and was satisfied, but refrained from glancing toward Miss Powell's desk. In fact, he did not see her desk. He was in a brown study, but he was suddenly roused from his little reverie by his father's rasping voice:

"Where the devil have you been all this time and what are you doin' walkin' in here lookin' like a moon calf? Here, hand me those papers and get busy."

Williamson flushed with mortification and anger. Involuntarily his eyes went toward Miss Powell's desk. A sudden joyful weakness engulfed him as he realized that her chair was empty.

"Please remember that I'm a man now, father. You can't talk like that to me." His voice was surprisingly quiet and calm. He placed the papers on his father's desk and left the room. As the door closed the old man checked to himself.

"Didn't know he had it in him," he mused, half pleased.

Williamson had a pretty fair technique with girls. As a rule he knew the ones who would respond to rushing and the ones whose acquaintance had to be cultivated more slowly. However, both methods failed with Elizabeth.

"You know how it is," she would say. "I don't think employees should go out with their employers' sons. Business and social things should always be kept apart."

"Hang business!" he said after his third month of refusals. "I'll make dad fire you if you don't behave."

"If you do," she taunted, "I shall accept a position as secretary to Judge Webster, an old friend of father's in Maxton, and then I'll be two hundred miles away."

"Oh, darn!" he ejaculated desperately.

As time passed he was certain at moments that she was actually flirting with him, yet if she liked him why did she not let him take her out? Things were getting pretty nearly unbearable. Fortune remembered Williamson's boast in the storeroom six months before and was not too delicate to remind him of it occasionally. "You wait. I'll surprise you yet," was Williamson's mysterious retort, but how he was to do it he had not the least idea.

At last one day at lunch time when his father had left the office he did something that amazed him more than anyone else. When Elizabeth walked in to her little white sports suit, her red lips puckered as she whistled some popular air, he rose and went toward her.

"Elizabeth," he said, taking her in his arms, "I know I oughtn't to propose to you here, but you won't let me call and I'm mad about you. I love your red hair and your little fiery temper and I'm going to marry you if it's the last thing I do on this earth, so you might as well submit."

To his astonishment she did. She let him kiss her soft red hair, her neck, her cheeks, her lips.

"You're so sweet, so sweet," he murmured happily. "But why did you always squelch my advances?" he asked after awhile.

"Because I was in the storeroom that morning you were bragging about being such a lady killer and I couldn't help hearing, so I decided to give you a run for it," she laughed.

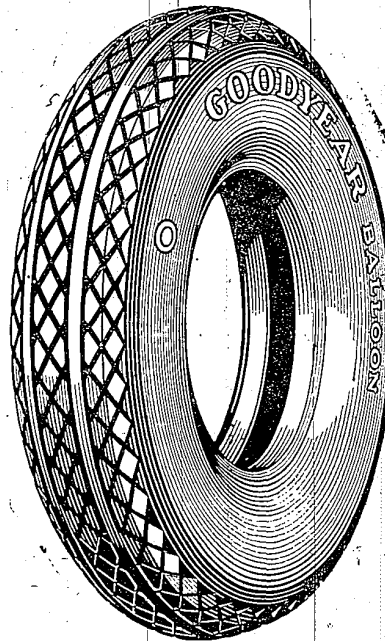
"I'm a chastened man," he said humbly. "I've changed a lot since last days."

"You certainly have, Robert," she smiled.

He winced as she called him Robert, but decided that after all the name was more manly, so he let Roscoe go into the discard along with the other ghosts of his college life.

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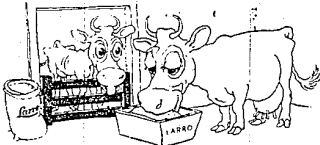
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