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## EDITORIAL

During the absence of the Editor The Enterprise is being edited by W. N. Miller, former publisher, and Charles Jacobs. Mrs. Erskine Evans in charge of social news.

## PESTS OF THE HIGHWAY

The wonderful flexibility of the modern automobile is being constantly demonstrated in the many traffic jams that occur along Grand River avenue on Sundays and holidays. At times the long line of cars move forward at a fair rate of speed with but few feet of space between them. Sudden stops are made with nothing more startling than the occasional loud squeal of brakes. There are many "tight pinches" and "close shaves," but serious mishaps are comparatively few considering the number of cars on the road.

Reckless, ignorant and drunken drivers are the pests of the highway. Just what the reckless driver intends doing at any time is problematical. He does not seem to be governed by ordinary rules of common sense, but plunges in like a bull at a red flag. Unlike the ignorant or drunken driver, he usually is a skilled wheelman and with a car that quickly responds to proper action he generally maneuvers out of a bad situation which his own recklessness has caused.

Occasionally the most perfect of mechanism fails to function properly. When this occurs while a dare devil stunt is being made the "bad accident" invariably follows, with innocent parties as victims.

With the elimination of dare devil, drunken and ignorant drivers autoing, with the present perfected car, would be comparatively safe. With constantly increasing penalties for traffic violations being meted out by our courts, travel on the streets and highways promises to become less hazardous.

## PUTTING REAL MEANING INTO LIFE SENTENCE

Two years ago there was much agitation in the State over the question of life imprisonment. Publication of statistics showed that the average term served by those sentenced to life for crime was lightly over 10 years, the low average being the result of many pardons, commutations and paroles.

There was a strong feeling aroused at the time that this practice was taking the solemn form and deterrent effect out of the judge's sentence and reducing it to a comic opera performance.

Fred W. Green, then a candidate for governor, took notice of the condition and publicly announced that the indiscriminate granting of pardons and paroles to convicts would not be tolerated if he was elected governor. That he has kept his word is shown in the report this week submitted to him by Arthur D. Wood, commissioner of pardons and paroles, which indicates that the average term now being served is over 12 years.

Highbrows don't have much in common with the rest of the world except that they get hungry at the same hours.

## A CANOE TRIP

Oh, for a trip in a little canoe  
Where winding rivers flow;  
Waters rushing toward the sea,  
Wearily on they go.

To camp at night along the shore,  
Under the starlit sky;  
Lonely perhaps, but filled with joy,  
Just a pal and I.

Then when the morn awakes us,  
Down the stream once more;  
Following in its endless course,  
Loud is its mighty roar.

So winding down the river  
Is where I'd love to be;  
Living in God's great out-of-doors,  
And nature's beauty see.

—M. Marie Walling.

## HOMER WARREN

On Tuesday of this week there was laid at rest, at Detroit, the earthly remains of a man who by his kindly deeds and uprightness of character has left an inspiring impression on the minds of his fellow men. One that will long endure and serve as a wholesome influence.

Homer Warren was a native of Michigan, born in Shelby Township, Macomb County in 1855. His father and grandfather were Methodist ministers of New England ancestry, and their sterling virtues are reflected in the course of his private and public life, giving evidence of the benefit of sound parental guidance.

Mr. Warren was one of Michigan's most widely and favorably known private citizens. He was never an office seeker, though frequently solicited to become a candidate for high office. In early life he became affiliated with the Republican party and took quite an active and prominent part in its affairs.

Among his many fine qualities he possessed a good voice and no great political or social function of a few years ago was considered quite complete without his rendition of "The Sword of Bunker Hill," which still pleasantly echoes in the memory of thousands who heard him.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## HOMER WARREN

(Once a resident of Farmington)

The death of Homer Warren, well known and respected business man of Detroit, reminds the writer that at one time he with his parents and sisters, were residents of our city. Squire E. Warren, his father, was a Methodist preacher and occupied the pulpit of the M. E. Church here first about 1869 and 1870, and later in 1878 and 1879. He was a devout Christian, a firm believer in the Bible and an effective speaker. He and his family were well liked and held in high esteem by the members of the church and the citizens of the town. It was from here that Homer Warren went to Detroit where he secured his first job which was a clerkship in J. M. Arnold's book store. He was an active, genial, well-groomed young man with fine business capacity and an ambition to succeed. His hosts of friends will long remember Homer Warren for his kindly disposition, his ability to do great things in the world of business, and his willingness and disposition to help wherever and whenever the opportunity afforded. Truly the world was made better because he lived in it.

—Farmer.

Isn't it amazing how a married couple can be perfectly happy one moment and madder than tigers the next?

Compromise may be cowardly, but it's better than driving head-on and wrecking yourself against a stone wall.

"As good as a bond" has a hollow sound to the man whose coupons have been returned from the bank marked "No funds."

Telephone service between Great Britain and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg was recently opened.

## CHURCHES



## Methodist Church

Rev. E. F. Dunlavy, Pastor  
10:30—Morning worship and sermon.  
Anthem by the choir.  
Sermon by the pastor. "With One Accord."  
11:50—Sunday School.  
An interesting place to be.  
6:30—Epworth League.  
A good program and a good time. Young people particularly invited.

## Baptist Church

Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor  
10:30—Morning service.  
John Watts of Bronson, Mich., will speak.  
11:15—Sunday School.  
6:30—Young Peoples Hour.  
7:30—Open Air service in Town Park, John Watts, speaker.

## St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville

(At Switzer Road)  
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor  
9:30—Sunday School.  
10:30—English service.

## Our Lady of Sorrows Church

Rev. E. J. O'Mahoney, Pastor  
Sunday masses at 8:30 and 11.  
Daily mass at 8:00.

## Evangelical Church

Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor

## West Point Park Church

Gen. E. Gullen, Pastor  
10:30—Morning worship and sermon by the pastor.  
11:45—Sunday School.

## North Farmington Independent Church

Rev. George P. Davey, Pastor  
Church services held in the Bond School auditorium evenings only during August.

## BIG RACE EVENTS

AT STATE FAIR SEPT. 5

An attempt by Gratten Bars, the famous Canadian pacer, to break the State Fair Track mile pacing record of 1:59; will be made on Wednesday, September 5, Governor's Day, during the five days racing program at the Fair, according to Fair officials. Five afternoons of racing, from Monday to Friday inclusive, will bring some of the most famous horses and drivers from all over the country during State Fair week, September 2 to 8.

Gratten Bars, whose owner, Fred Throver of Kewwood, Ont., is said to have refused \$100,000 for the horse, has already won three Derbies in succession, and is so fast he will not be entered in competition with the other horses on the program, but will be driven by Vic Fleming, veteran race horse driver in a special effort to break the Fair track record.

Of special interest to the thousands of women visitors at this year's fair will be the exhibits in the Department of Domestic Economics, under the direction of T. H. Broughton of Lansing. Here every opportunity will be afforded the housewife and others interested in the home preparation of foods, to display the finest examples of their skill in the preparation of foods. A total of \$670 will be offered in this competition, which will be offered to Michigan women only.

Entries for this department will close on Monday, August 27. The entries must be in place by 6 p. m. on Saturday, September 1.

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