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COURAGE AND CAPABILITY

In the sadness that has resulted from the burning of the Providence Hospital infants' boarding home, on Twelve-Mile road, two things stand out. One is the well-nigh-miraculous achievement of the nuns and nurses in bringing safely out of the burning building all but one of the 68 children, most of whom probably would have perished in the presence of less courageous and skillful guidance. Had it not been for their presence of mind and resourcefulness, the tragedy might have assumed huge proportions.

Another outstanding accomplishment was that of Farmington's fire department. The whistle sounded at 4:30 a. m. on a cold and dismal morning. Yet within a very few minutes, these volunteers had hustled into their clothes, and run to the fire-hall, to speed to the scene of the fire, arriving, as the man who sent in the alarm said, almost before he realized that they were there. While there was little that could be done, the speed with which the volunteers gathered and started on their way gives Farmington a just cause for pride in these firemen.

The new truck, too, proved itself a source of satisfaction. The call Monday morning was to the extreme corner of Farmington Township, and the run fully demonstrated the new truck's capacity for speed. Its performance should be a comfort to every citizen who realizes the danger and horror of fire.

FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT

It is pleasant to note again Michigan's Governor, Fred W. Green, again taking a stand for and making an active effort toward better government, this time in an endeavor to better the State election law. In naming a commission to recommend changes to the State Legislature, he has made a start which it is hoped will result in considerable improvement.

Particularly is the commission to be concerned with bettering the method of naming delegates to the county conventions. In emphasizing this Governor Green brings to the fore a fact that probably few citizens realize, which is more important than the election of any official, State or county, is the choice of delegates to the county convention. This part of the election receives the least attention of any, and yet it is the vital, determining factor in deciding what kind of government we have. The delegations to the county convention have it in their power to put before the people the right, or the wrong, kind of men to hold office, and the same condition prevails right up to the nomination of candidates for president of the United States.

Any serious attempt, therefore, to better government, not only in the county, but in the State and the whole country, must begin with what is sometimes regarded as more or less of an honorary and rather inconsiderable job. If the commission appointed by Governor Green does no more than to restore something like dignity to at least one of Michigan's county conventions, it will have served a useful purpose.

CHURCHES

Evangelical Church
Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor
English Advent service, 10:15.
Sunday School, 11:15.
Social hour and lunch with young people of Royal Oak and Pontiac churches, 6:30 to 7:30.
Evening worship, 7:30.
Sermon by Rev. A. Kuehn of Pontiac.
Adult class, Monday 7:30.
Evangelical class and chicken supper at church hall Wednesday afternoon and evening. Entertainment at 8 o'clock.
Choir Friday.
Confirmation class Saturday morning.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor
10:30—Morning worship, and Communion service. Sermon subject, "What Did Jesus See in the Cup?"
11:45—Bible School. We have classes for all ages.
6:30—Young Peoples Hour. We are having grant services for youth, all young people will enjoy this service.
7:30—Gospel service. We are having large crowds at these services. We invite the people of Farmington who are not attending some evening service to come and visit us. This week the pastor will speak on "The Lamb of God."
Wednesday nights we meet for Bible study and prayer.

Methodist Church
Dr. H. Addis Leeson, Pastor

Clarenceville M. E. Church
Rev. Robert Richards, Pastor
10:30—Morning worship.
11:30—Sunday School.
7:30—Evening service.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor
Sunday masses at 8:30 and 11.
Daily mass at 8:00.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville
(At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul Graesser, Pastor
10:00—Confessional service.
10:30—German service with Holy Communion.
2:00—Sunday School and practice for Christmas program.
Thursday, 8:15—Bible Class.

West Point Park Independent Church
Rev. George Gullen, Pastor
10:30—"At the Evening Fire." Object talk, "The Wild Turkey."
11:45—Sunday School.
Christian Endeavor—Topic, "What Is Our Reasonable Service," by Mrs. Maudie Addis.
7:30—"What's Wrong With the Flappers?"
The Sunday evening discussions are creating greater interest each week. Be sure you hear next Sunday's "What's Wrong With the Flappers," by Earl Gullen.

NEWS 200 YEARS AGO

In connection with the 200th anniversary of the Maryland Gazette which was celebrated at Annapolis a few weeks ago, some early copies of that newspaper were exhibited.

The news and advertisements of that day were naturally quite different from what is found in current newspapers, as they reflected the customs and beliefs of their time.

One of the stories from Vienna told of the burning of several persons convicted of witchcraft, among them "a midwife who had baptized 2,000 children in the name of the devil." A local item related the experience of a negro slave who struck a white man in an argument over a dog fight. The negro was sentenced to have one of his ears cut off "pursuant to the law in such cases."

Among the advertisements was one announcing the arrival of a cargo of "about 200 choice slaves, which will be exposed for sale on Thursday the 23d of this instant."

In its issue of October 21, 1782, the Maryland Gazette published the news of the birth of a son to the British king and queen, which had occurred on August 12. The story bore the headlines: "Great Joy to the Nation! A Prince of Wales is Born. God Save the King." This was the dissolute and notorious character who afterwards became George IV.

The Maryland Gazette was frequently suspended for varying periods, but is still published and is credited by the Librarian of Congress with being "the dean of present-day American newspapers."

A dentist says that a woman loses her teeth sooner than a man. Probably she wears them out with her tongue.

Said an Irish physician of a patient, "If he lives till morning he may pull through; but if he doesn't there is no hope for him."

Not Much Chance Involved

By RAY LEWIS

MRS. BRAYTON was tremendously disturbed. Never since Molly's babyhood days with her anxieties attendant upon scarlet fever and measles combined had she been so exercised. Molly was about to choose a husband.

Now, some girls are not in a position to choose. They must wait and be chosen. Not so with Molly. Apparently only two applicants were still in the running. Tom Hall, fairly poor, unquestionably solid, and Bates Schuyler, fairly rich, unquestionably insecure.

Some mothers would have preferred Bates. Mrs. Brayton, making choice above prosperity alone, preferred Tom. While Molly herself—but at this point we arrive at the reason for Mrs. Brayton's disturbance.

Molly apparently loved Bates. Mrs. Brayton deduced as much from a brief colloquy she had overheard. Bates had brought Molly home from the theater and Mrs. Brayton, parentally sitting up for her daughter, had unwittingly caught Bates' parting words and Molly's response as they stood together a brief moment in the hall.

"To have you say you love him, Molly, is more than any man deserves," Bates had said.

"But, remember, Bates," came Molly's whisper, "nobody knows it yet and I haven't really said 'yes'!"

With Mrs. Brayton's disappointment for herself mingled her sorrow for her daughter. By Molly's own admission, she wasn't as yet irrevocably bound. Suppose it wasn't too late—suppose a removal from Bates' undeniably fascinating personality would lessen the attraction. It was worth trying.

Over their toast and grapefruit the following morning, Mrs. Brayton sprang her scheme. "We leave for Highland lodge this afternoon, dear," she said quite casually.

Molly, a bit of toast half way to her mouth, paused in astonishment. Then she slipped the morsel between curried red lips. "Lovely, mother," she acquiesced.

While her mother was packing, Molly said good-bye to Bates over the telephone and wrote to Tom, who was away on a business trip. Three hours later she and her mother were on the train.

The letter which Molly had written found Tom in a stuffy little hotel in one of the smaller cities of a western state.

At the end Tom paused as if he could not believe the words he saw. Then, like a released spring, he jumped to his feet, pulled out his watch, seized a timetable and was out of the door.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Brayton reminded herself frequently that if there was ever a case of out of the frying pan into the fire, she was its illustration. Bates Schuyler was bad enough, but the young man Molly annexed the third meal in the dining room at Highland lodge was a great deal worse.

His having graduated from high school with Tom Hall was not, in her eyes, sufficient pretext for allowing him to take her daughter canoeing, rowing and walking at all hours.

The day came when Mrs. Brayton decided on a bold stroke. If Molly could enjoy so greatly the companionship of a comparative stranger, her feeling for Bates could not be very deep. A word to Tom and his arrival at the right moment—Mrs. Brayton's hopes mounted. A telegram economically expressing the situation in ten words went over the wires.

Highland lodge was at its loveliest on the night that Tom arrived. Molly was waiting for Jack Penrod. But when he came Molly had vanished—vanished into the arms of a tall stranger, who turned as Jack approached, then held out his hand and cried, "Jack Penrod, as I live!"

And Molly, emerging shyly, held out a slim hand, too. "Mr. Penrod has helped some tedious hours pass, telling me about the things you used to do in school, Tom," she said.

Later Mrs. Brayton received the explanation which was certainly due her. "I don't see," she complained, bewildered, "how you can love Bates. Schuyler and Tom Hall at the same time, Molly? I overheard you tell Bates you loved him even if you hadn't quite said 'yes'."

For a moment Molly looked blank. Incidentally so did Tom. Then she laughed joyously. "Oh, mother, I see it all! You carried me off to this place because you heard me tell Bates, who had just asked me to marry him, that I couldn't because I loved another man, although I hadn't told him so yet."

"Well," said Mrs. Brayton after a moment, "so much is clear. But how did Tom finally discover that you loved him? He came here because I telegraphed."

"Not altogether," smiled Tom. "When your telegram reached me I was speeding this way. You see, before your telegram I received a letter from Molly in which she said she looked at Molly for permission to go on, and Molly, in spite of a self-conscious blush, allowed him to continue."

"Mother is carting me off to Highland lodge, and I'll marry the first man who comes to my rescue! So I took chances, but came at once!"

"There wasn't much chance involved!" laughed Molly. "You were the only man to whom I wrote of my predicament!"

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