

Men Of Exchange Fete The Ladies --And Dance About With A Broom

A Farmington Exchange Club's "Ladies Night" which ends up at 11 o'clock in the morning around sandwiches and coffee is unusual. It happened last week for the first time, and it surprised everybody and so upset the routine of Farmington's newspaper office that the event got itself left out of the paper.

But it must not go unrecorded that everyone had a most enjoyable time at Glenoaks Golf Club, and every member of the Club was asked by every lady—"Why don't they have these more often?"

Fearing that some of the

dances might prove too modern for some members, Darling Master Arthur Lamb promised some old-time dances. He kept his promise so well that there was scarcely a modern step stepped all evening—by those who knew anything else.

At one point Mr. Lamb even called for the old-time "three-step," and only Exchangeite John Clark and Mrs. Clark could get out on the floor and dance it. There was also a "broom-dance" during which gentlemen usually "choosy" had for a partner a humble broom, and thus learned to be humble themselves.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor Farmington Enterprise.

In last week's Enterprise I noticed an article asking for fill-in dirt in the widening of Grand River avenue and crossing of the Rouge, east side of Farmington. I do not recall to whom replies should be directed and hence am addressing you and ask you to kindly direct this communication in the proper channel.

Here is a suggestion: Why not depress the grade of the road, bend from the bridge eastward, half way, or more, to the Junction, just as was done, and is being done, in front of the Henry Ford property at Clarksburg, and as was done in the construction and grading of Grand River avenue across the draw, west of Farmington in front of the C. F. Smith property? This would reduce the steep grade approaching the bridge, and would greatly improve the road both as to utility and appearance without harming anyone. If this be done it appears to me there would be ample fill-in dirt at hand.

Yours very truly,
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Miss Ellen Perry To

Be Wed Christmas Day

Announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Miss Ellen Agnes Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Perry of Farmington, to Mr. Warren Rice. The wedding will take place on Christmas evening, at the home of the bride's parents, 31705 Grand River avenue. The ceremony will be performed at 7:30 o'clock.

Around the Home

By MARGARET BRUCE

Turning Defeat Into Victory

The young housewife stood in the middle of her kitchen, wringing her hands and giving voice to genuine distress. Before her on the snowy table stood a cake—a wreck of a cake—fallen in the middle and ragged and crumbly around the edges. The icing had been too thin and had refused to spread, dripping down over the sides of the loaf and revealing here and there bare patches of slightly burned surface. It was a pathetic sight, that cake. It was one of those petty tragedies that we home women all experience at one time or another, and that fill us temporarily with despair.

"I wouldn't mind a bit if it were for home use," murmured the housewife, "but I promised to bake it for the Year-end cake sale, and there isn't time to start another. I'm late as it is. What an awful looking thing! I can't take that mess up to Betty's. The girls would all certainly have the laugh on me. Yet I can't bear not to do my share."

She wiped her eyes and stood staring disconsolately at the cake. Prizes had been offered for the best cakes and she had hoped hers would be a winner. And just look at it! She looked and grimaced. It was so utterly ruined that it was funny. Then she laughed aloud, for she suddenly had an idea for turning defeat to victory. She rushed to her desk, drew out one of her visiting cards and printed on the back, in clear letters:

"Singed Cat Cake! Better Than It Looks!"

This sign she affixed to a long violet pin and stuck it upright in the frozen, dragged cake.

"It does taste all right, I know that," she assured herself; "and it isn't as if the girls did not know I could bake wonderful cakes—sometimes! I'll take it along to show that I meant well and that I'm a good sport!"

The singed cat cake was the sensation of the sale, being greeted with shrieks of laughter, and winning—well, a consolation prize, anyway.

"A cake may be down, but it's never out!" voted the judges amid the general hilarity.

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WAR VET FINDS HE HAS NO COUNTRY

Singing in Streets to Earn His Living.

Belfast, Ireland.—Vigilantly a man without a country, an American who fought for Britain in the World War is singing in the streets of Belfast, accompanied by his wife, in a desperate effort to keep body and soul together.

He has made two round trips across the Atlantic trying to re-enter the land where he was born. He was turned back at Ellis Island, and the emigration officials at Liverpool sent him back to America again because they thought the American authorities had no right to refuse him permission to land.

George Young was born in Rhode Island and has the birth certificate to prove it. At the age of eighteen he decided to see the world. He was in Ireland at the outbreak of the World War and joined the Royal Irish Fusiliers.

During months of fighting in France Young was wounded three times and given the military medal for bravery under fire. He remained in the army until 1923, when he was given an honorable discharge and started to work on a farm near Belfast.

Things went nicely with the soldier of fortune and he received money from his family in America to pay his passage home. He had no difficulty getting aboard ship when he showed his birth certificate. But it was a different story at Ellis Island. The emigration officials held that the oath of allegiance to the British flag, taken when he joined the fusiliers, made him an alien, and that he would have to await his turn on a quota passport.

The State department upheld the decision of the Ellis Island officials and Young returned to Liverpool. From there he was shipped to New York once more, and back again. He finally reached Belfast, but has been unable to find work.

"To make things worse," Young said, "all my papers, including my birth certificate, were retained by the steamship company and sent to New York in connection with the charge against the company of bringing me to America without a visa. I cannot get a passport until my papers are returned. It seems unfortunate that I cannot return to America, because I fought for Britain. If I finally get a passport, I will have to wait my turn on the quota. In the meantime I suppose I shall have to keep on singing in the streets."

An Illusion Smashed, Flea Circuses Fakes

Houston, Texas.—Scientific experiments conducted with fleas have proved to Dr. M. A. Stewart, Rice Institute professor, that fleas are dumb and that flea circuses are fakes.

Doctor Stewart is conducting experiments to discover actions of fleas with barbolic bacilli. His explanation of the flea circus hoax came by accident.

"The so-called flea trainers provide the intelligence they claim fleas have," said Doctor Stewart.

"They have platinum wires so thin about the fleas' necks that it takes microscopes to see them. The trainers attach the free ends of these wires to their fingers. Then they can make them go through their tricks on the stage."

"To make them 'waltz' they tie two fleas together. It's the most natural thing in the world for the insects, in trying to get away from each other, to skip around the table. That's the waltz."

"Making a flea play a miniature musical instrument is more difficult. They glue the flea to the table on its back and make it 'hollo.' With a piece of paper glued to its legs, the flea kicks about trying to right itself. That's when it plays the instrument."

In his experiments, Doctor Stewart uses the same kind of platinum wire to prevent the fleas from escaping.

Father and Daughter Keep Job 106 Years

Cantonbury, N. H.—For 106 years the financial affairs of the local Baptist society have been in charge of two generations of one family. Miss Christiansa Clough, eighty-six, has just resigned as treasurer after fifty years' service. Before her, her father, the Rev. Jeremiah Clough, held the office for fifty-six years.

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