

Letters To The Editor

"Five Years"

To the Editor:
Five years of faithful service to Farmington public schools. Five years of hard work—for what? To be denied promotion that every fair-minded person knows should be his. A hundred and fifty signed the petition that said so.

And as if that was not enough, to be kicked out like a dog from the position he holds now, and for which even those who kicked him have declared him highly qualified.

For what? For revenge, because he had some friends who know him worthy, and many others who admire him and were willing to speak for him. Is this the kind of thing we are to expect from our Board of Education? Is it acting by the Golden Rule? Let them answer if they can.

—Justice.

"Not A Coward"

To the Editor:
It seems that to have qualified as a candidate for principal of the High School, it would have been necessary for Mr. Crawford to have been shrewd enough to recognize that a few with authority would wantonly override the overwhelming popular opinion; and that he should have been cowardly enough to withdraw his application for the superintendency immediately upon perceiving that by not doing so, these same might be placed in the embarrassing position of having the windstorm of public interest remove the protection of their smoke-screen of secrecy, and be forced to go on record as refusing to give him reasonable consideration. Common courtesy called for at least a statement of the source and substance of their objections to him.

Had Mr. Crawford been of such cowardly character as to have complied with their expectations of him, by their own statements they would have retained him as principal at a substantial increase in salary.
But no, Mr. Crawford's character was not of that kind. He did not choose to taint himself with the stench of a performance of that kind and as a consequence was not even accorded treatment

that might reasonably be expected by a cur dog.

As a result of this a widespread demand for the removal of those responsible has developed. A petition for their recall is the only method provided for in the laws of Michigan. Act 325, Public Acts of 1913 specifically includes school officials among others who may be recalled at any time by the people.

As anyone knows who has read the reasons stated, the recall petitions now being circulated contain nothing which reflects upon the character of those sought to be recalled, but expresses the general public opinion of their recent acts as members of the school board.

Any who may have been informed as to his rights as citizens to petition may rest assured that every precaution has been taken to carry this out in a regular and legal manner.

No difficulty may be incurred by anyone in signing a petition which is provided for by the laws of Michigan. Also the Constitution of the United States in article one of the Bill of Rights established and guarantees the right to petition.

Respectfully,

W. Allen Nelson.

"Gonna The Limit"

To the Editor:
If the School Board doesn't know when they've gone far enough, it's about time the people showed them. In my estimation they have gone the limit, and a little bit past it.

They have fired Crawford because the people stood up for him and came to the Board meetings to tell the Board so. But it was no use because the Board wouldn't listen. Nobody had anything to say but them—they said so themselves.

Somebody has said that the Board's actions remind him of the way Mussolini does things. Well, we're American citizens and we have our rights. Are we going to sit by and let them get away with that kind of stuff? If they think they can go on slapping the public in the face, they're in for a big jolt. And they're going to get it.

—One Who Will Help.

Helen Chandler



Blue eyes, blond hair, five-foot-three, and a bit of fragile beauty weighing 102 pounds—that is Helen Chandler, new recruit to the "talkies" from stage fame. Miss Chandler was born in Charleston, S. C., and she was educated at the Academy of Our Sacred Heart, and other educational institutions. Her first stage appearance was at the age of nine, and she was being featured before she was thirteen. She lives at Santa Monica.

THE WHY of SUPERSTITIONS

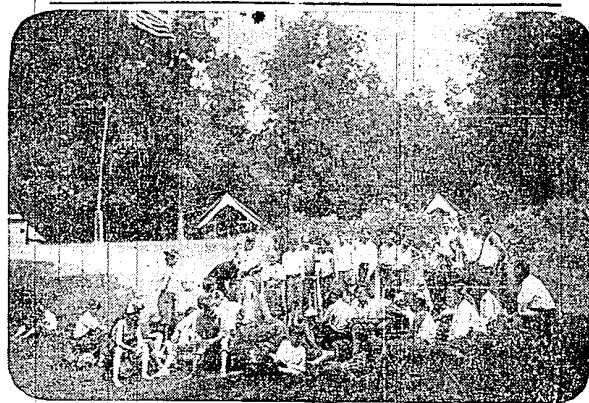
By H. IRVING KING

HORSE CHESTNUTS

WHEN you carry a horse chestnut in your pocket to cure or ward off rheumatism, it only shows that you have not quite outgrown the treachery of your ancestors. That tree were the abode of supernatural beings, if not gods themselves, was a belief common to all our European progenitors and the lingering remnants of it are frequently found in modern superstitions of your ancestors. That tree were the abode of supernatural beings, if not gods themselves, was a belief common to all our European progenitors and the lingering remnants of it are frequently found in modern superstitions of your ancestors.

In these old days certain trees were supposed to exert a beneficent influence upon certain diseases. Thus the ash as a tree-god cured hernia and its leaves were a specific against the bite of serpents. In some parts of England and today there is a custom of passing a child afflicted with congenital hernia through the growing ash in expectation of a cure; and there is a New England superstition that a snake will not crawl under a ash tree.

Here's The Story Of One Oakland County Boy Who Has "Turned Over A New Leaf"



Looks as Though Something May Happen Here in this Y. M. C. A. Summer Camp Group

There is a boy in this little story, but his name isn't going to be mentioned. He is just one of the many boys in Oakland county who have benefited from the summer camp conducted by the four associated Y. M. C. A. groups in the county.

It was last year that the boy came to the attention of the men who sponsor the Y. M. C. A. summer camp. The story was much like that of other lads of his age—the home broken up by the separation of the father and mother, the lad finding it necessary to go to the home of an uncle to live.

"Good Uncle" Now, almost all uncles are good uncles. This uncle was, too. But it was not to be expected that he would, or could, give this boy the training and attention that a youngster is rightfully entitled to and receives in a home of his own, where all is congenial. The lad began to pick up with companions who were not of the highest order. His language began to take on too much "color" and too much vividness and too much emphasis.

At about this time he was discovered by the men who are furthering the Oakland County Y.

M. C. A. camp for boys. He was taken under a good man's wing—oh, yes, indeed, there are men who have wings to take boys under—and a fund was raised to allow this lad to participate in the joys and good times and health training at the summer camp.

When he arrived he was somewhat in tatters, somewhat unkempt and careless in his speech. It so happened that the group of boys to which he was assigned was led by a Welshman, a good leader of boys and, more than that, a fine singer. He had the habit of directing the boys in song, and before the camp period was ended the lads were not only extremely fond of their Welsh friend, they had become quite a band of songsters.

Boy Improved

And our hero, what of him? He developed into one of the "singest" boys in the whole bunch. His language improved, his behavior became as good as that of any other boy, and his spirit and pride were touched into ambition. On stunt night he didn't hang back in bashfulness, not he. He stepped into the program like a little solo, gave a fine harmony solo and, together with

another boy, put over a vaudeville number that was a regular humdinger.

Camp Given Credit The men sponsoring this Y. M. C. A. camp cannot help but believe that the days spent at the camp virtually rescued this youngster, put him on his feet, destroyed his inferiority complex and made him an up and coming boy, with confidence in himself. Since that time he has made good the confidence that his big men friends had in him from the start. He has verified their good judgment, and today he is a fine student at Sunday school, and a lad that any father and mother could be proud of.

This is only one story in support of the belief on the part of Y. M. C. A. leaders in Oakland county that the summer camp 150 miles north of Birmingham is a vital need in developing the best in Oakland county boyhood. A tract of land is available on Loon Lake, near Hale, Michigan, with the Au Sable river not far distant. All the activities that go to make up any ideal camp for boys will be supplied, together with health and behavior training and instruction.

GROVES-WALKER Post, Farmington Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays of Every Month H. Schroeder, Comdr

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Census-Takers Begin Work In This Section

(Continued from page one) a fine of \$10,000, imprisonment for a year, or both.

Enumerators are permitted to ask questions only on the subjects listed in the census portfolios. Any attempts to sell merchandise or divulge information obtained are prohibited.

"This census is the most important ever undertaken in an official state," it is the success, the co-operation of the entire populace is necessary. Without such co-operation, our efforts will be a failure.

Vital Information "Census statistics are as vital to the community as health statistics. Without its statistics, the Health Department would grope in the dark in its war against disease. A person can not benefit himself intelligently unless he knows himself in detail. As it is with the person and the community, so it is with a nation made up of individuals and communities.

"The United States is trying now to make a thorough accounting and analysis of itself, calculated to show not only the number of its citizens and residents but also every phase of their life. "When the enumerators call upon you, give them the information they seek. The greatest difficulty we face is the fear that our enumerators are snooping informers. Such fears are groundless. Enumerators and supervisors are sworn to secrecy, any violation being punished by law. No questions will be asked of anyone that can involve his security in any manner." Enumerators are required to be courteous and to refuse all data not required by census statistics. They are not permitted to praise or denounce any person, party, religion or commercial enterprise.

CAR DAMAGED

J. Hoyt Wilson was uninjured, but the front wheel was damaged and the windshield and one door glass of his coupe broken when he ran off the Maple road last Thursday night when returning from Pontiac. Mr. Wilson was driving along and fell asleep, waking just as his car ran off the pavement, but he was unable to pull it back on the road, before striking a post.

Tell your merchant you saw his advertisement in the Enterprise.

Dear Editor:

A FURNITURE dealer today gave me the lowdown on the economics of the country.

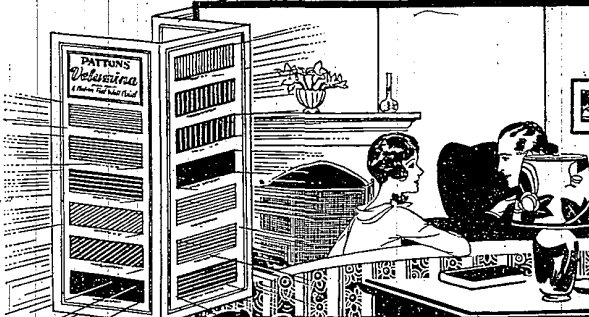
"Our trouble is all due to wartime prosperity," he said. "A lot of people got into business who hadn't any right to be, and they've kept themselves going with forced sales."

"The farmers had the water squeezed out of their holdings right after the war, but many business men are still feeling the pinch."

I hope to live long enough to hear a politician make a speech about how all of us can make money. But maybe the business men will get along better if politicians just leave them alone. FRED BARTON. (Copyright)



Round the World for Rugs A valuable collection of oriental rugs, which entailed adventurous journeys around the world for the collector, is in the St. Louis Art museum. They were a gift from a millionaire and are valued at \$250,000.



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