

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Editor:

Those who may have hoped that the people would quickly forget how our school affairs were handled a few months ago, are doomed to disappointment. Everybody is going to be there at the high school Monday night.

Here is a point to remember. The school meeting will undoubtedly be called sharp at 8 o'clock, and every citizen should be there before that time. Last year the meeting was called at 8 and was over in a little more than five minutes after the hour.

Since the names of a number of possible candidates were published last week, the list appears to have grown considerably, from reports about town. Confusion threatens, but there still remains only the names of two men who have had the courage to take a positive stand on the issue involved. That issue, of course, is whether or not the domination of Mrs. Roos is going to continue after the people hold their meeting Monday night.

The situation demands men who have the courage of their convictions and are strong enough to stand by them. There are two such men in the District, men who believe in public business being conducted in the open and with some respect to the opinions of the people they represent. These men, Arthur Lamb and A. L. Ross, are going to be nominated. But care should be taken that votes intended to elect them are not divided, and that there is no confusion on this point. A few might welcome such confusion among the electors. Guard against it and make your votes count as you want them to.

Respectfully,

—W. Allen Nelson.

Meetings End, But John Comes Just The Same

Habit is a powerful influence, as friends of John Clark will attest.

John, whose home is in Detroit now but whose heart has never left Farmington, comes out each Wednesday noon to attend the Farmington Exchange Club luncheon and visit "the boys."

The Exchange Club suspended meetings for the summer two weeks ago, but Wednesday noon friends of John, to their astonishment, saw that he had come to Farmington as usual. When accused of just absent-mindedly getting into his car because it was Wednesday and driving out to Farmington, John did not deny it, but offered a rather makeshift alibi. And then, apparently to stave off being "kidded" by further, he set about telling one of his inimitable stories.

The daily vacation Bible school of Salem Evangelical church, which closes Friday, wishes to express its thanks to Farmington Lumber and Coal Co. and Amos Otis, for lumber used, also to A. Johnson for cookies.

Wixom Boy Is Winner Of Health Contest



—Free Press Photo

Francy Hoyce, 15, of Wixom won first place as the healthiest boy in southern rural Michigan this week at the annual 4-H Club contest at Lansing, for boys from 12 to 18 years.

Funeral Is Held For Mrs. Myrtle Overholt

Mrs. Myrtle Overholt died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jessie Power on the 14-Mile road. Mrs. Overholt was a resident of Pontiac and had been living with her sister for the past two months.

Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Power, Mrs. Libbie Grades, Mrs. E. J. Hines and Mrs. M. D. Dinkie and a brother, Mark P. Sofo. Funeral services were held Sunday at the Heene funeral home at Farmington, with interment at North Farmington.

NOVI RESIDENCE IS SCENE OF A PRETTY WEDDING

George Atkinson Married To Fenwick, Mich. Girl; To Live In Plymouth

The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Atkinson, Grand River avenue, Novi, was the scene of a very pretty wedding Saturday evening, July 5 when Mary Ann Hallahan, daughter of Mrs. Anna J. Hallahan of Fenwick, Mich. became the bride of George F. Atkinson.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. William Richards, pastor of the First Methodist church of Northville before a mantel banked with ferns and flowers.

The bride was charming in a gown of shell pink taffeta and white net tight-fitting to the waist with full skirt flowing to ankle length. The bridal bouquet was of Ophelia roses, baby breath, and daphnifolia.

The bride was attended by her sister, Kathryn, who was gowned in Nile green chiffon and Spanish lace which was ankle length. She carried an arm bouquet of Columbia roses, and sweet peas. George Kahrl of Northville acted as best man.

Carol Colleen Atkinson, niece of the groom, was flower girl. She wore a frock of pink organdie and carried a basket of forget-me-nots, and pink rose buds.

Miss Thelma Garlick of Farmington, cousin of the groom, sang, "I Love You Truly."

The wedding march was played by Mrs. John Walters of Fenwick. Miss Frances Shonks of Detroit, had charge of a buffet lunch served to forty guests after which Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson departed for a motor trip through Northern Michigan. They will reside in Plymouth.

Meeting Next Week For Flower Carnival

Attention of flower and nature lovers is called to the meeting scheduled for next Thursday, July 17, when it is hoped that new and greater interest will be developed in the second annual Flower Carnival to be held later in the summer.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church will entertain Aid societies of other churches at the meeting which will be held in the Methodist Community hall. All interested in flowers are invited to attend.

MISS E. FRENCH IS MARRIED AT HOME TO GEO. SWANSON

West Farmington Girl Becomes Bride Of Shields, Mich. Resident

On the evening of July 5, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer French at West Farmington, was the scene of a pretty wedding when their only daughter, Evelyn Lucille, became the bride of George Swanson of Shields, Mich.

The bride was attended by Miss Bernice Swanson, sister of the groom. Glenn T. French, brother of the bride acted as best man.

The bride wore a gown of blue georgette while the bridesmaid was attired in an orchid gown. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Joseph Chapman of Clarkston at 8 p. m. in the presence of the bride's immediate family. F. B. Tanner, grandfather of the bride, of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Aursden, F. B. Tanner, Jr. and wife of Detroit, Mrs. Alex Swanson (and sons, Edward and Oscar of Shields, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gillis of Saginaw, Robert Swanson of Shields, Miss Marie Gartner of Swartz Creek, Mrs. Joseph Chapman of Clarkston and June French of Shields.

Mr. Tanner, grandfather of the bride, now a man past 76 years of age, recalled a similar occasion some 52 years ago, July 10, when he took his bride from this same homestead. He told how the place had been taken up from the government by the great-grandfather of the bride and has not been out of the family as yet.

Miss French has lived all her life at the same place and attended Walled Lake school.

After the usual congratulations were over a lunch of ice cream and cake was served in the dining room. After this friends bid the happy couple adieu. Mr. and Mrs. Swanson left Sunday for their home at Shields.

FARMER HAS HIS OATS EATEN—AND PAYS FOR IT, TOO!

Justice Court Moves In A Mysterious Way, Its Justice To Perform

When a herd of cows eat a farmer's oats, and he not only loses the oats but has to pay damages for harm the oats did to the cows—that's news, no matter what anybody says. It was front-page news in the Detroit Free Press on Monday of this week, when the following article appeared in that newspaper, regarding residents of this section, well-known in this community.

"His neighbor's cows and the astounding ways of justice have combined so to puzzle Farmer Krumm, that even now, nine days after, when the subject is raised he can only stroke his whiskers and softly mutter curs words.

"Did you ever hear the beat?" says Krumm. "My neighbor's cows get into my oat field and eat themselves goggle-eyed, and then the justice of the peace makes me pay \$20 damages, because the cows get sick."

Locked In Barnyard
"The invasion of Krumm's oat field at Eight-Mile and Powers roads, occurred during the night hours of June 10 and, when Krumm and his sons arose at dawn, there were the cows, 10 of them, knee-deep in his promising crop.

"Those cows had sampled my oats before," said Krumm, "so I locked 'em in the barnyard." "Within an hour, Orville Taggart, owner of the herd, who tills the acres across the road from the Krumm farm, appeared. After a spell of good-natured dicker-ing, Taggart handed over \$10 for damages to the oat crop and Krumm released the cows.

"The matter appeared to be settled until Taggart's son-in-law came out from Detroit for a visit. Injustice had been done, said the man from the city, and he advised recourse to a court of law.

Damages Are Asked
"Hence, on the evening of June 27, the plaintiff and defendant, their families and a sprinkling of neighbors crowded into the tiny backroom of the gas station and store on Five-Mile road operated by Mrs. Maybelle M. Rohde, justice of the peace of Livonia Town

ship. "Taggart asked damages of \$149.30 for the havoc wrought upon the 'innards' of his milch cows by their feast of Krumm's oats and by the subsequent confinement in the barnyard. "The milk production of these cows dropped off as the result of their treatment," Taggart's attorney informed the court. "At the current price of milk my client's loss amounts to the sum specified."

"Krumm said he was bewildered by the turn of events and had little to say.

What She "Figured"
"If I had known what was up," he said, "I would have spent \$5

more to hire a lawyer and we'd have given 'em a real lawsuit." "After deliberating briefly Justice Rohde awarded Taggart damages of \$20 and assessed Krumm court costs of \$5 in addition.

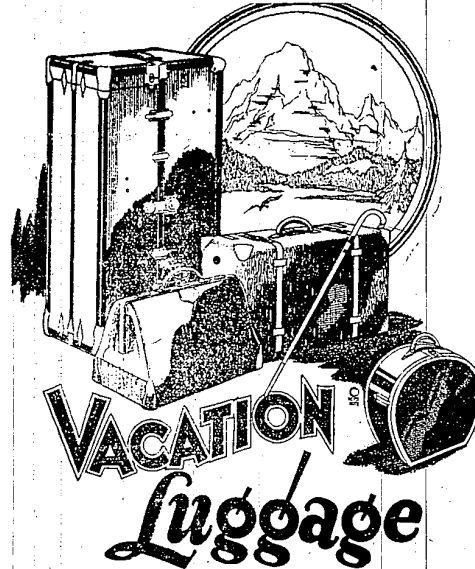
"Sunday afternoon Mrs. Rohde discussed informally the decision which has become the talk of Livonia township.

"If I had thought the cows quit giving milk by reason of their eating Krumm's oats and being locked up in his barnyard past their milking time," explained Mrs. Rohde, "then I certainly would have awarded Taggart the full amount he asked.

"But I was brought up on a farm and I figured there was another reason. "You see, we always say that a cow's milk drops off at elderberry blossom time. I don't know whether it's because they eat the blossoms or just because it's the turn of the season, but I knew it might have something to do with this case.

"So I only awarded damages of \$20," she concluded. "And Krumm is still puzzled. "I'm still out my oats," he said, "and danged if I want to pay for having 'em eaten'."

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