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News From The County Seat

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A serious effort is being made to bump out the awful dent in the fenders of Prosperity, suffered last Autumn when the old Juggernaut crashed into the stone fence of Poverty.

In the industrial plants of Oakland County the hum of activity is returning (sweet sound) and there is gossip among the officials of new establishments which might absorb a goodly number of the current mass of idle, restless men.

There is every evidence in the renewal of production operations in automobile plants around Pontiac that the executives are striving toward a stabilization that will mean steady work for a limited number of employees. It is a matter merely of keeping up with orders and not building for the stock rooms and potential business.

It is hardly likely that any great numbers of new employees are to be taken on, only a few being added to the force from time

to time, as they are needed, and these new men NOT to be selected at random but from the files of old workers.

On the other hand there is persistent talk of several new plants, allied with General Motors, being established in the County. Fokker aircraft, the aerial division of General Motors, is one that is being mentioned as a possible occupant of one of the idle Pontiac plants.

While the aviation industry is at its lowest ebb since the great post-Lindbergh-hop-to-Paris boom, Fokker, as always, retains its place among the leaders in the commercial aircraft field, and the placing of its operations in Oakland County undoubtedly would attract other industries allied with aircraft. It is also a possibility, contingent of course, upon Fokker taking over one of the plants, that a General Motors aircraft grounds, meaning another landing field, would be laid out. There is any amount of good terrain available for this purpose.

Another possibility is the establishing of the General Motors Diesel motor experimental plant. Such an activity doubtless would be carried on in connection with the aircraft work.

Officials of the companies are reluctant to talk of these prospects for the simple reason that they hesitate to make any statement that might bring a stampede of idle men into the County. (There are enough already). The same executives who a year ago were ready and willing to indulge in superlatives to describe "prosperity ahead," now have become ultra-conservative in their predictions.

And when these executives become conservative—there is hope.

Love, after all, is just another industry, peculiarly dependent upon big business, and just now in the dumps of sympathetic depression.

And Dan'l Cupid, the automatic little boss, has been forced

to admit his factory is running on a part time basis. Cupid's stock, for the first time within our ken, isn't paying dividends.

Take Dan's Oakland County plant for instance. Its business, according to that minion of Cupid, County Clerk Daugherty, has fallen off almost 33 1/3 percent during the first six months of 1930, as compared to the January to June period of 1929.

Mr. Daugherty, who issues licenses to deal in Cupid's product, told us that in the six months' period of 1929 he sold 723 licenses to Oakland County swains. Cupid's business is always on the up and go in those months, with June always a banner period.

But during the January to June period of 1930 Dan'l has taken a pretty awful wallop. His Oakland County plant has issued only 496 licenses and the June business was the poorest in years.

"The people would like to buy," said Mr. Daugherty, "but it is a well-known fact that no company will finance Love."

Night Baseball League

An Oakland County night baseball league is to be established next Spring with eight and probably ten teams, representing various business and industrial establishments. Games are to be played every night on some of the light diamonds and twice or three times weekly on others.

This game, one of the liveliest and most interesting of sports, is played with what is called the "diamond" or semi-soft ball. It was inaugurated in Florida, where a large number of leagues now participate.

The lighting equipment is not costly; the games are free to the public.

Efforts are to be made this winter to organize teams to represent business and industrial firms in Birmingham, Royal Oak, Pontiac, Holly, Milford, Orion, Oxford and Farmington, with other teams possibly from South Lyon, Clarkston and Rochester.

Promoters of the league have advised that they have obtained money for lighting four diamonds and will have funds for more when suitable grounds are made available. Uniforms and equipment are to be furnished each team by the officials of the companies they represent.

Flat O' His Back

Joseph Greenalgh, who entered politics for the first time this year as the Oakland County manager of Senator Seymour H. Person's campaign for the Republican nomination for Congressman, did most of his work from a sick bed in his Pontiac home.

A vigorous worker, Greenalgh covered lots of territory in the early weeks of the campaign, but a fortnight ago his physicians discovered a clot in his right leg and ordered him to bed, his life in the balance.

A phone was placed within arm's reach and in this way Greenalgh directed the activities of the Person workers in the County. He had a valuable aid in his wife, an affable lady of marked intelligence and ability, who occupied his chair at headquarters and carried out his plans.

Mr. Greenalgh established a laudable policy in his work. He directed that no "mud" either directly or otherwise, be thrown at Mr. Person's opponent, Congressman Grant M. Hudson.

And no "mud" was thrown in Oakland County by any of the workers under Greenalgh's direction.

Old Hiram Digby, who tills the soil near Clarkston, was a constant visitor to town until a month ago. Then he disappeared and didn't show up until Monday night. He explained to some of his cronies that he "jes came out to vote tomorrow. Sure bin a hectic campaign with a lot of mud slingin'". I was shocked I might git daubed some myself, so just stayed home with the misus. But I guess I know who to vote for. I'm like that feller—Will Rogers; all I know is what I read in the papers, but that's enough.

The "hard times" have brought the small farmer and orchardist and their products out to squatting places on the road junctions, with a consequent cutting of prices and benefits to the thrifty but hard pinched folks. One squatting huckster out near Milford, told us his stuff had been going to waste until he decided to peddle it and that he had done right well, never failing to dispose of his load.

Apartment house owners of Birmingham, Pontiac and other of the larger centers in the County have solved the problem of getting tenants for their vacant rooms. Two weeks ago there was a general cutting of rentals in all the better and newer buildings with a resultant scramble for the apartments at the lower prices. Two large apartments that had had eight to ten vacancies for two months and more, filled them within a week after the price cut.

Plant Breeders Aid Winners In Contest

The value of the work done by plant breeders on College experimental plots for the improvement of old varieties of grains or the creation of new ones is shown by the number of such varieties grown by prize winners in the Ira Butterfield contest at the State Fair in which prizes were offered for the best fields of grain harvested in Michigan this year.

Ernest Knivierin, Blissfield, won first place in the wheat class with a yield of 59.34 bushels per acre. Wheat varieties created at Michigan State College won nine out of the first 15 places.

Exceptionally good yields of oats were entered in this year's contest, and out of the first 15 places, varieties developed at the College took 12. First place was won by George Aldrich and Son, Fairgrove, with 125.57 bushels per acre.

Spartan, the last barley variety developed at Michigan State College, took 13 out of the 15 first places. Ferdinand Foss, New Haven, was first with a yield of 66.95 bushels.

If your tooth aches have the dentist cap it with a crown of gold; it is likely the only one you will ever have.

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Week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Wabnitz, Lincoln avenue, were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dowling of Grass Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gilbert of Mt. Clemens.

Mrs. A. L. Garland arrived on Saturday from Dayton, O., and will be a guest this month in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hall.

A group of friends from Detroit surprised Gus Werner at his home on Seminole Saturday evening on the occasion of his 60th birthday. Cards were enjoyed and a large birthday cake decorated with 60 candles. The party was arranged by Mr. Werner's daughters, Elsie and Hilda.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Burton, Lincoln avenue, on Sunday, September 7, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Durham, Fourth Gate road, attended the Newman family reunion at Cass-Benton park Sunday. The guests numbered 76. Miss Mabel Newman of Brighton came home with the Durhams for a few days' visit.

From a two months' stay in Madison, Wis., Mrs. L. C. McBride arrived Saturday at the L. J. Hamill home where she will spend a few months.

Misses Jane and Dorothy Atkinson returned Sunday from Mackinac Island where they spent the summer. Jane has gone on to Lake Placid, New York, where she will remain until October.

Miss Marjorie Cote is home from spending the summer with her grandmother, Mrs. J. McGuire in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Carroll and daughter of Jackson were recent

guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekman, Farmington road.

The officers and teachers of the Sunday School met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Carl Gridley for their quarterly business session. Among plans discussed were included a party to be given for the young people of the community on Saturday evening, September 27, and an adult party later. Both affairs will be held in the Community building.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Scofield of Detroit were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Odbert Townsend, Farmington road, Saturday.

Donald Dorman, Clinton Spies, Ralph Eckler and Ward O'Hara have returned home from a week's tour through the northern part of the state and the Upper Peninsula. The boys camped along the way and stopped at various points of interest, coming back through Wisconsin and Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. William Eckler had as guests Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Milham of Grand Haven.

Joyce, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rodenhause, is ill of spinal meningitis. She has been cared for a part of the time at the Children's hospital in Detroit.

Mrs. Hertha Strider and Miss Marjorie Davis returned Monday from a four-day visit among the former's relatives in Chicago.

Miss Edna Ridley was a guest over the week end of Miss Merelda Daniels in Detroit.

From several days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gokee in Petoskey, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Lossing and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Parker returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Joy had as dinner guests Sunday Dr. and Mrs. William Ver Hoeks of Detroit.

From Friday until Monday Madeline Silver visited her sister, Mrs. Raymond Reynard in Detroit.

Mrs. Truman Oliver and children and her mother, Mrs. L. D. Hulbert were guests of Mr. and

Mrs. Nathan Lefever in Detroit Sunday. Mrs. Hulbert plans to go to Lapeer Sunday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. William Nimmoth, Indian avenue, will entertain over the week end Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schneider and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nimmoth of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Berns and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Thomas in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nevill and daughter, Jane, and son, Walter, Jr., spent the week end at their cottage on Lake Erie near Toledo, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perry and daughter, Eleanor, returned Saturday from a motor trip through the northern part of the State. A part of the time was spent with Rev. and Mrs. James Lees in Cheboygan and with Miss Dorothy Atkinson at Mackinac Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tenney and daughter, Gladys, and their cousin, A. M. Hough, motored to Sunfield to attend the Hought family reunion.

Mrs. William Ellis has been quite ill for the past week with ptomaine poisoning.

Plan Great Tribute To Disease Warfare

Arrangements have been completed to make the Achievement Day banquet which will be held at Michigan State College, Friday evening, September 19, a memorable tribute to those who have had a part in the bovine tuberculosis eradication campaign in this state.

The banquet will mark the conclusion of a nine-year campaign whose success is attested by the federal accreditation given to Michigan as being the first great dairy state to reduce the percentage of cattle infected with tuberculosis to less than one-half of one per cent of the total number within the State.

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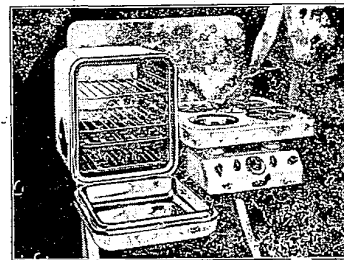
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