The Latch-Key

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT

The basketball team won three straight games.

Gladys Krumm is back on her feet again.

Ivan Cox started the new year right by being to school on time, Monday morning.

Only 100 days till the seniors pull stakes for Washington.

Louis White sprained his wrists trying to carry a piano.

Ben Starkey lost his girl at the New Year's dance.

Duke Wixom is a coal man by trade.

Bill Wilson is about to draw his trapping season to a close.

Due to the hard times Santa Claus had to eat his Reindeers and come in an Austin.

Sid Robinson was very ill New Year's Eve.

Everybody had a big time in the old town New Year's Eve.

Jack Jyleen knocked out Merle Van Marter in a sociable scrap.

This year's seniors have a big habit of loafing on the job.

Only 344 more shopping days till Christmas.

HIGH SCHOOL DEFEATS ALUMNI

The high school defeated the alumni 23-21 in a fast thriller Friday night.

The alumni opened up by dropping two field goals and two penalty throws. The high school offense soon began to function, Cox and Cairns dropping a field goal and a foul shot apiece, Maas making a field goal and Howarth a foul, the score being 9 to 6 at the end of the first quarter.

Alumni placed a new team in during the second quarter, who were able to drop two fouls and a field goal, while Drake and Fendt dropped field goals, Cox and Maas sinking a foul shot apiece, bringing the totals to 15-10 in favor of the high school.

The alumni opened up in the third quarter by sinking shots from various angles rolling their total up to 21. The high school was able to drop two field goals and a penalty shot, bringing the total to 20.

The high school came through in he fourth quarter, Howarth dropping a field goal and a foul which proved to be the winning points. The high school defense was very good, holding the alumni scoreless during this quarter. The ineups were as follows:

Rf, Cox; df, Cairns; c, Maas; rg, Howarth; lg, Drake; f, Fendt; g, Taggart.

Rf, Graham; rf, Catherman; rf; Button; lf, Spaller; lf, D. Cox; lf, J. Spaller; c, Sallow; g, Middlewood; rg, Wixom; rg, Rozenboom; lg, Morvial; lg, Starkey; lg, McCulley.

HONOR ROLL FOR DECEMBER

Seniors

Rosetta Cairns, 5
Mary Clark 5
Thelma Garlick
Roderick Howarth
June Johnson
Virginia Otis 5A
Dorothy Owens 5A
Roberta Russell 5
Hedwig Schoen 5A
Marion Sholtz
Johnny Lapham

Juniors

Marion Erwin 5A
Beulah Gullen 5
Lucille Jacobs 5
Frank Kerr
Lewis Maas
Bessie Palacky 5
Margaret Roediger
Jean Storms

Sophomores

Helen Borchart 5A
Wanda Drake
Ruth Fenningdorf
Victoria Gaff
Kenneth Graham
Carl Lehman
Margaret Lehmann
Charlotte Lester
Eugenia Regentik
Charlotte Roediger 4A
Pierson Roos
Frances Schmidt
Dorothy Smith 5
Wayne Wixom 5A

Freshmen

Norine Erwin 5
Arlene Fink 5
Geraldine McCulley
Ada Maiden
Erma Regentik
Zella Scholtz 4A
Catherine Storms
Imogene Whitlock
Lobisa Asch

PERSONALS

Dorothy Owens was very ill during vacation.

Miss Piercey returned Sunday after spending the holidays with her home in Owensboro, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalrymple spent Christmas at Fenton.

Gladys Krumm has returned to school.

Otto Regentik is driving a new Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Shadley entertained friends at a bridge party at their summer home at Silver Lake, the Monday before school closed.

The girls' play basketball with Northville, here, Friday at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Shadley spent Christmas at Evart.

Willard Cradit fell while skating and broke his left arm.

DANCE A SUCCESS

The New Year's "Aviation Ball Unique," sponsored by the Junior Class, New Year's Eve at the Town Hall was a very colorful affair and proved a financial success.

The old-fashioned dancing, along with the modern, proved quite a drawing card and the dance was well attended. Excellent music was furnished by "Jay's Jesters" of Royal Oak and refreshments were served at midnight.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the Commissioners of the City of Farmington held January 5, 1931.

Called to order by Mayor Lamb at 7:40 p. m. Commissioners present: Hogle, Stamman, Gildemeister, Hatton, Otis, and Goers.

Minutes of the meeting of December 15 read and approved.

The Clerk reported the receipt of $77.70 by his office in the month of December.

The following bills were approved by the Auditing Committee:

Farmington Hardware	$8.27
American Insurance Co., premium for three years insurance on Water Works plant	98.75
Cass Auto Service, gas	5.92
Manning & Locklin, gravel	1.50
Standard Oil Co.	2.08
Doubleday-Hunt-Dolan, printing	3.72
L. F. Fendt, sand	.75
Curly's Electric Shop, labor and material	16.50
American LaFrance & Foamite Co.	2.62
Hunter Machinery Co., parts for air compressor	56.02
Crane Co., sewer rod	14.50
Solvay Sales Co., road salt	11.38
George Bushnell, attorney, retainer fee in Town Hall ownership suit	125.00
Bell Telephone Co., fire hall	4.85
Bell Telephone Co., police booth	6.97
Detroit Edison Co., light and power	679.81
C. O. Lueke, gravel	30.00
Township of Farmington, taxes	37.52
Auto Shop, gas, etc.	6.78
Farmington Lumber & Coal Co., coal, etc.	118.04
Earl G. Vivier, gas	18.92
A. J. Laing, sewer material	1.80
Lapham Oil Co.	21.38
Olin Russell, gas and merchandise	64.28
City of Farmington, taxes, police booth	37.34
John Fitzpatrick, treasurer's bond	99.30
E. N. Geney, garbage deficit	45.75
Farmington Enterprise	52.25
Marl Pettibone, police work	16.00
Amos Otis, labor and material, sidewalks	91.93
G. H. Ruhling & Co., sewer map of the City of Farmington	199.10

Motion made by Hogle, seconded by Gildemeister that bills be paid as read. Carried.

Report of George H. Ruhling, civil engineer, in regard to the treatment of sewage by chlorine was read and discussed by the Commissioners.

Motion made by Hatton, seconded by Goers that we accept the record of the sewer system of the City of Farmington prepared by G. H. Ruhling & Co. Carried.

Adjourned 9:15 p. m.

N. H. POWER,
City Clerk.

Try an Enterprise Liner.

WEST POINT PARK

Mr. and Mrs. John Barger and family of Detroit were the New Year's dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman.

Little Elaine Woodworth entertained several friends and playmates Sunday in honor of her fifth birthday.

Mrs. Margaret Davis, who has been ailing for some time, is confined to bed.

The winter picnic of the West Point Presbyterian Sunday school will take place next Saturday evening with a pot luck supper at 6:30 o'clock. Leslie Mansfield's class of junior boys, for having the largest attendance, will have a turkey supper. There will be all kinds of stunts. Don't miss it.

Miss Esther Middlewood returned home New Year's day from her holiday trip to Knoxville, Tenn., with the National High School orchestra. Esther left Sunday for her school at Caro.

John Harlan Jr., who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Harlan the two weeks of the holidays, returned Monday to the Kemper Military School in Missouri.

Mrs. Ethel Middlewood entertained the Woman's Business cleb of Farmington at her home, Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hunt and family of Windsor, were the guests a few days last week of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorheis.

Mrs. M. E. Ault, Mrs. M. Addis, Mrs. E. Bollinger and Russell Ault visited Mrs. Russell Ault on Sunday in the Herman Kiefer Hospital, where she has been confined the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Trainer and family moved Wednesday from Fred Pean's house on Farmington road to Plymouth.

Miss Shirley Zwahlen attended a pajama party Friday night at the home of Miss Katherine Richardson in Farmington.

Mrs. Norman Gedig of Detroit was the guest Sunday of her mother, Mrs. E. Rowe.

Miss Lenna McCulley of Farmington was the New Year's day guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Zwahlen.

Fred Sharp of Howell is the guest this week of his daughter, Mrs. Marvin Addis.

Miss Alice Parks of Detroit was the week end guest of her cousins, Misses Vivian and Shirley Addis.

The young people of West Point Park will give a hard time party Friday evening, anuary 23. Prizes will be given. Everyone is welcome.

The Pedro club last Saturday evening, under the auspices of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stromosky, was largely attended. January 17, Mr and Mrs Earl Gullen of Detroit will be hosts

Ed Hebrick was taken to Ann Arbor Hospital last week and will be operated on for lead poisoning soon.

Mrs William Zwahlen and daughter, Shirley were guests on Wednesday of the former's niece, Mrs Carl Thisted in Detroit

Miss Barbara Middlewood spent the week end as the guest of her aunt, Mrs Alma Stewart in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Birchum attended the funeral Wednesday of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Walter Birchum, who died Sunday in Detroit.

Miss Anna Thayer, who has been home for the holidays, returned Sunday to Muskegon Heights where she teaches school.

Mrs. Lucian Gilbert, Doris and Junior spent the week end in Detroit with her mother, Mrs. Charles Pankow.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Goodsky of Detroit are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerge.

GAME LAWS VIOLATORS PAY HEAVILY IN FINES

Lansing. — Conservation law violators paid $91,366.86 in fines and costs in Michigan during the first eleven months of the year 1930, a report issued today by the Law Enforcement Division of the Department of Conservation show.

In addition to the payments of fines, conservation law violators served during the eleven months an aggregate of 6,479 days or the equivalent of 17.7 years in jail. Practically all of the jail sentences were alternatives for the non-payment of fines.

All of the money paid in fines went into the county library funds as provided under the Constitution.

FARMINGTON ACRES

About 35 friends from Detroit and Farmington Acres gave Mr. and Mrs. Albert Koss a surprise party New Year's evening. Lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson and son, Billy, were called to Custer, O., last week by the sudden death of the latter's father and accidental shooting of her brother, who is still in a serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. McIntyre were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cass Bolton in Northville, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hofmann, sons and mother, Mrs. Felhauer of Detroit attended the Christmas party of the G. B. U. in Ferndale, recently.

Word was received this week of the serious illness of Mr. Marchant who is spending the winter with his daughter in Detroit.

Mr. Tilmans and daughter Betty returned Wednesday from Achen, Germany, where they have spent several months visiting his mother and other relatives. Betty is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Hofmann.

Alex Wendt and Miss Alma Freland of Detroit were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. McIntyre.

Miss Virginia Seebaldt returned to Capac Monday to resume her studies.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nett and daughter, Violet, returned Saturday from Hillsboro, Ill., where they motored to spend the holidays with Mrs. Nett's parents.

Mrs. Albert Koss is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crandall entertained Mr. and Mrs. Peeps Sr., of Toledo, O., at their home Sunday.

Edward Measell, Mr. and Mrs Galnor and Mr. and Mrs. Fifoot attended a holiday party at Mr. and Mrs. Jack Steele's home in Detroit Saturday evening.

H. A. McIntyre has been confined to his home by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hofmann entertained their mother, Mrs. Felhauer, New Year's day.

SLAT'S DIARY

By ROSS FARQUHAR

Friday—ma and pa had been haveing a few wirds this evning that is ma had the wirds and pa played the part of a awdience and this evning Mr Gillem dropped in for a game of chekkers and finely wile ma was up stares I herd pa ast Mr Gillem how did he get a long with his better ½ and Mr. Gillem replyed and anserred. Well I havent never ben able to figger that out.

Saterday—Blisters was a bragging about his grampay today becuz he was eight 9 yrs of old age. well I dont think that is so mutch to brag about becuz it has tuk him all most a life time to do it.

Sunday—wile we was at Blisterses house this p. m. ma ast Blisters where the old vase was at witch had ben handed down for fore Generashuns and Blisters smiled and sed that this generashun drapt it yesterday. And it is not no more.

Munday—Clem Brant was a telling pa that a cupple of weaks ago he told his wife he was a thinking of getting a devorce frum her so she hassent spoke to him since then so now he dussent half to wirry about no devorce.

Teusday—Unkel Hen was in town today and went & Boughten a lot of Malt. I thot at 1st he was a going to try to get sum Malted Milk mebby frum his cows but pa winks at Ant Emmy and sed this hassent got ennything to do with no cows. Sum fokes makes me tired with there rimarks on the side to each another.

Wensday — Teecher diddent menchin no names today but she looked at m when she was tawking.. she sed They are sum kids witch dussent no mutch but they try to lern and they are sum kids witch dussent no mutch and you cant lern them nuthing. I dont no if I blushed or not but mebby I winced a little.

Thirsday—Jakes uncle has started a drug store and was a getting along fine till yesterday and sum guy comes in with a Perskiptron and now Jakes uncle says he will half to go and put in a stock of drugs.

Gerald Found He Was Too Rich

By CLARISSA MACKIE

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"I COULDN'T marry you, Gerald," said Rose, softly.

Gerald Miner looked glum. "Who is it?"

"Nobody at all—only you're so terribly rich! Your horrible money would always be in the way."

"It can be spent, you know."

"I know, but who wants to spend money like that? You see, Gerald, if you had only fallen in love with another girl—one who really wouldn't be happy without lots of money—"

"But I didn't!" he declared hotly. "I fell in love with you—what's the matter with you? Don't you—really love me, Rose?" His voice dropped to that wooing undertone that always moved her. Then, as she made no reply, he went on: "You didn't say that you didn't love me—you just jumped at the financial side of it and slammed hard!"

Rose blushed beautifully. "I wanted you not to have the money," she said in a strained tone, giving her secret away with every word and look. "I wanted you—us—to make it together."

"I see, my dear," he said, slowly. "But some one with good common sense has to disperse vast incomes, and all that is business, and business makes the wheels of progress go round and round, grinding out bread and butter and clothes and education and maintenance for millions of people. My father trained me to take care of money—it is a trust."

She nodded. "I understand, Gerald, only I had always dreamed—girls do, you know, of the man they will some day marry—and I had thought of the splendor of achievement—of helping a man find himself—and everything."

Gerald scrambled to his feet and sat down beside her on the rustic seat. His face was quite serious and he twirled his straw hat between strong, sun-browned fingers.

"Rose," he said deliberately, "with me, you know, there has never been any other girl but you, but you cannot possibly care two whoops about me if you let my money come between us. Some day you might meet the ideal combination, a man you can love, who is poor and ambitious. You will go far together. Darling, I wish you joy." Swiftly he bent and kissed her hand, and before she could speak he had leaped the fence and was in his car.

Gone—forever. Love had come—and gone.

Rose Wheaton looked dizzily around. The flowers in the borders all seemed to echo her thought with bending, swaying heads.

"Love has come—and—love has gone—forever."

Autumn came and Rose, a little thinner, and with soft gray eyes seeming larger than ever in her charming face, had recorded in the diary she had kept since childhood, the interesting facts surrounding two proposals of marriage which she had refused. "Jack Hilton is a dear boy, but he has the wildest ideas about making a living—says he is not a Socialist, but he talks like one—when he began to say bitter things about Gerald Miner, I just came to Gerald's defense. I told Jack that Gerry couldn't help being rich and that he was studying hard to train himself to expend it wisely. And then Peter Lattin—I told Peter I couldn't love him—ever, but that if I did care for him his poverty would not stand in the way! I wanted to tell them both that I loved Gerald in spite of his horrible fortune, but of course I could not. I know Gerry has met some other girl—"

About ten o'clock one morning the town rang with the exciting news that three bandits had robbed the Second bank and Gerald Miner had been badly wounded in trying to save some of the bank's funds.

"Mother—I must go and learn the truth about Gerald," cried Rose.

"No, dear, I will telephone your father for news. Wait until you hear."

So Rose waited, knowing that she had no right to be especially interested in Gerald Miner. She determined to tear her thoughts away from the subject.

She did not hear the gate open and close, and it was not until a shadow darkened the vine-hung veranda that she looked up and saw Gerald, tall, commanding, rather pale, with his right arm in a sling.

"Oh, my dear, I've been thinking about you!" she whispered involuntarily.

He nodded. "I fancy everybody in town's talking about me," he said wearily, then sitting down in one of the big chairs he went on: "Well, Rose, I came to tell you that they got away with a hundred thousand dollars, so I'm a poorer man than I was last summer."

"Gerald!" She hid her shamed face.

"Not very poor, dear, but one-tenth of it's gone—do you like me any better, Rose?"

"I couldn't love you any more than I did before," she began, but his good arm was around her and she told the rest in his ear.

One thing Gerald never told his wife, and it was never discovered—one of the masked men was none other than Jack Hilton.

Non-Rollable Button

A fortune also awaits the genius who will invent a collar button that will stay put when it strikes the floor. —Omaha World-Herald.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Farmington, Mich.
Dec. 26, 1930.

Editor of the Enterprise
Farmington, Mich.
Dear Mr. Levinson:

Some weeks ago you published A. L. Moore's views on taxation and governmental reform, and invited comments. I am enclosing a copy of a letter which appeared in the Letter Box of the Royal Oak Daily Tribune. It gives some discriminating criticism on Mr. Moore's views, and a good exposition of land value taxation. It interested me, and perhaps it would interest the readers of the Enterprise if you care to republish it in whole or in part.

I am also enclosing "The Pittsburgh Plan," a circular which I intend to distribute among the business men in Farmington.

Sincerely yours,
Harley Gibson.

(The following letter appeared in the Daily Tribune, Royal Oak, Mich. It is a brief but discriminating presentation of land value taxation, the only tax reform that really goes to the root of our present tax troubles. Read it carefully and you will be convinced. —H. Gibson.)

LAND VALUE TAXATION

To the Editor:

Mr. A. L. Moore in his seven steps for lower taxation suggests that 1, the Covert road law be replaced 2, the drain laws be amended; 3, the State assume certain unpaid assessments of Covert road bonds; 4, the form of county-township organization be changed as an economy measure; 5, primary money be raised indirectly; 6, local expenses be cut, and 7, the State laws be amended to facilitate appeal from high valuations. These seven changes may be summed up under the following heads, 1, Economy, both in circulating certain projects and in cutting routine expense; 2, Substitution of indirect taxation for a part of the property tax; 3, Shifting taxes, or adjusting valuations, which amounts to the same thing, so that the burden is spread over a wider area. He also states that inflated land values, i. e., speculation in real estate, is the chief cause of our tax-trouble.

Now the lowering of the direct taxes through economy, or by the substitution of indirect taxation will give an increased impetus to land speculation because of the resulting lower cost of holding the property. Similarly, the shifting of taxes by revaluation will increase land speculation because the substitution of cash values for speculative values in assessing property will mean lower valuations and lower taxes for property held for speculative purposes and, necessarily, a higher tax on property not now assessed at speculative values. Thus, we perceive that these suggested tax reforms, while praiseworthy enough for other reasons, are not sufficient to prevent inflated land values; in fact, they would increase such values somewhat.

The only real tax reform which discourages land speculation and at the same time encourages building construction is the substitution of a direct tax on land valuation alone for the present tax on the combined value of the land and the improvement thereon. This tax reform makes idle vacant property carry its full share of public expense and reduces the burden on the home owner or owner of other improved property. The lower taxes on improved property, and the lower rent made possible thereby would greatly increase the demand for improved property in this district. At the same time the holders of vacant land would feel more inclined to build, because their taxes would be no greater after they had built, except the increment due to gradually increasing land values as the district developed.

This method of tax reform has been known for many years and it is indorsed by many proninent economic authorities. However, I have no hope that any such change will be made; for, as we all know, real changes in governmental policy never occur as long as the old system can be patched up and enabled to limp along.

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Royal Oak, Mich.

The struggle for existence is the most interesting part of existing.