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## Editorials

Where Life Is Far From Dull

Life in that particular part of Southfield Township at the southern end, known as "Southfield Community," may not be idyllic, or ideal. All of the people may not be happy every day. Life there undoubtedly has its problems, and probably is often difficult, as elsewhere. But surely it is not dull.

What, for instance, is an election in Southfield without a recount? They had one last year when just two votes separated the leading candidates for treasurer. Now recounts seldom change the results, but in Southfield, of course, it was different. The recount changed the loser to winner by three votes. Again, on Monday night, two men who have been fighting back and forth in and out of the highway commission for six years, found themselves two votes apart. So another recount is in the offing, with all the pleasant nerve-tingling excitement that will bring.

But do not think that elections are all—in Southfield, whatever new is stirring in this part of the State, whatever movement is under way, there is sure to be a reflection of its sentiment north of where Fourth Gate Road meets Grand River. Or the Southfield men and women may not be merely followers, but originators of movements. Meetings are held in Southfield Community Hall, and one sees there no desolate stretches of empty chairs. People who attend these meetings do not forget them.

For added diversion, it can always be depended upon that during the year at least one, and maybe two or three extra school meetings will be thrown in for good measure, and they are warm ones! The present board of education are firm believers in free speech, and are broad-minded enough to let every elector speak his thoughts, no matter how bitterly he happens to be against them. They appear to fear criticism not at all, and so our ancient American tradition of free speech continues to live there, if nowhere else in the country today.

Few of the people of Southfield know luxury (who does, these days?) Possibly even an ordinary measure of happiness is not possessed by many of them. But whatever others have, and they have not, that may seem desirable—riches, happiness, or what not, they have also avoided the thing that pulls upon so many supposedly happier human beings living in what appear to be more fortunate circumstances. They have escaped boredom. As individuals and as a community group, they are alive, alert. Always "something is stirring" among them. Life in Southfield is not dull.

### Gone To The Gangsters

So the country's gone to the gangsters at last. It has been "going to the dogs" ever since the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock, in the estimation of some. But never since 1620 has it been quite so clear as now that a single element, and that element a vicious one, has seized us all within its grip.

It is not the isolated occurrence of the Lindbergh kidnapping, prominent though the victims are. But only this instance was needed to dramatize and demonstrate beyond all doubt how far lawlessness in this United States of ours can go—has already gone. The knights of the underworld are now the overlords of us all. We proudly believe ourselves "the most civilized nation on the face of the globe," have instead proven a miserable failure in the chief characteristics which should distinguish a civilized people.

What is a truly civilized nation? Opinions may vary, but surely we can all agree on this: that no country can claim to be really civilized which does not afford to those within its borders, first, a sufficiency (though not necessarily a superabundance), for every man, woman and child, of those things necessary to sustain life, namely, food, clothing, and shelter; second, a near-perfect protection from lawless members of its own society, so that its citizens may go about their daily lives in safety, and without being subject to fear, intimidation, or danger. One might add that any civilized society ought also to be so organized and adjusted that most of its citizens should be able to realize during most of their lives at least a moderate degree of happiness. It is this last element, of course, in addition to the prime necessities, which makes life worth the living. But without food and shelter and general safety, life as we know it in this country today cannot continue to exist. It must and will give way to chaos.

The Lindbergh kidnapping does not make our shame as a nation, although it adds considerably to it. That shame was here before, growing with each of hundreds of other crimes of similar and different natures. This latest and most spectacular happening merely holds up our shame for all the world to see.

We generously open our purses to send teachers to "civilize" other "backward" countries, some of them, we are told, like China, constantly over-run by hordes of ferocious bandits. Yet here in our own country we have so poorly organized our life that frantic parents must put aside the officially constituted guardians of the public safety to grasp the desperate chance of getting back their child alive, by recognizing and employing gangsters.

What a confession for us all to make! In this age of "enlightenment," our government and our social organization, (or perhaps we should say, our misgovernment and our unsocial organization), comes to this! Those who have plenty have no safety, and the millions who have nothing (while granaries bulge with overabundance of food), they are safe only because—they have nothing.

Yet it is only fourteen short years ago that we were telling the

whole world how everybody ought to get together for world happiness, telling them how life ought to be lived, how to make the whole world like ourselves.

Here in this United States, despite the critics and scoffers, we probably still live in the freest, most prosperous and happiest country, of any size, on the globe. But what a job we have before us, of putting our own house in order, and how quickly we must do it, to save ourselves from having our necks crushed beneath the heel of those wild adventurers of our big cities, the gangsters, the hoodlums, and the crooks.

## CHURCHES

Evangelical Church  
Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor

German service, 10:15.  
Subject: "A Ministry Reviewed."  
Sunday school, 11:30.  
Evening worship, 7:30.  
The pastor will give a stereopticon sermon on the closing months of Jesus' ministry.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church  
Rev. James J. Callahan, Pastor

Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.  
Daily mass at 8:00.

West Point Park Presbyterian Church  
Rev. John Adams, Pastor

23232 Grand River, Redford

10:30 Sunday School.  
11:30 Morning worship.

Baptist Church  
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30 The pastor will speak on, "The Joy of Salvation."

11:45 Bible School We can invite you to come next Sunday because we have a class and teacher for any age.

6:30 Young People's Hour. We have a junior and senior group, come to our next at this hour.

7:30 Evangelistic service. We have an old-fashioned testimony and praise service. This week the message will be "How Men Are Saved."

"The Friendly Church" let us prove our welcome to you.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville  
(At Center Road)

Rev. Paul Baumann, Pastor

10:30 Divine service.

The first and third Sundays of the month the services are conducted in the German language. All others are English.

Methoist Church  
Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister

The church's foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord.

She is His new creation.

By water and the word.

"My Dream and your Dream of our church" will be the theme of next Sunday morning's sermon.

Rev. F. C. Johnson will preach at both morning and evening services.

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the dedication of our church an informal banquet will be held next Thursday evening March 17.

Don't forget the mid week fellowship service every Wednesday evening.

WEST FARMINGTON  
Mrs. Ervin Knapp

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About 75 agriculture farmers met at the home of Howard McCracken Friday afternoon on Twelve mile road to attend the trimming demonstration, conducted by K. C. Bailey, county agent, with Don Johnson of Michigan State college as speaker.

The West Farmington school has three new pupils added to the school roll. They are Irene, Pauline and Edward Szaryki.

Miss Alice German and Miss Elsie Danderson, who attend college at Ypsilanti, spent the week here.

Alice Gerber spent Saturday night with Arley Post.

Miss Elsie Danderson and Miss Alice Gerber gave a miscellaneous show in honor of Mrs. Louella Slaybaugh Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Danderson. About 20 attended. Mrs. Slaybaugh received many useful and beautiful gifts.

The girls of this section who sing in the Walled Lake M. E. choir will sing Sunday at Hillsdale church.

The leaders of the East Walled Lake extension group will take their lesson at Walled Lake Friday under the direction of the Oakland county extension leader.

The West Farmington quilting party met at West Bloomfield

town hall with Mrs. William Wedow acting as hostess. A pot luck lunch was served at noon. They have nearly completed one quilt and cut-out blocks for another. The quilt is to be for the benefit of the West Farmington Cemetery Association.

Lloyd Graham is out of school with a cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Starr Graham attended a party at the home of W. Davis at Southfield Saturday evening.

### FARMINGTON ACRES

Mrs. H. A. McIntyre

Miss Mary Bravender was taken seriously ill Thursday with pneumonia and is under the care of a physician. Although somewhat improved, she is still very ill.

Mrs. Jerry Frisot and daughter Marion and Geraldine were Detroit callers Saturday.

Mrs. Harold Bilgig and Mrs. John Jantovsky and son, John are ill at their homes this week.

Randall Bonning of Detroit was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Sherwood Friday.

Miss Violet Nett is ill.

Mrs. Edward Schulze of Cass avenue called on Miss Mary Bravender Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ramm and son, Richard, Jr., of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Smith and son Donald of Keego Harbor, Catherine Jean, Bernadine and Charles Kingsley of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willard and son, Charles, and Mrs. N. F. Orsland and Mrs. Iva G. Palmer of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Damon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Carter and son Lewis of West Point Park called at the Markham home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kingsley and children of Detroit called on Mr. and Mrs. B. G. McIntyre Sunday.

Miss Amanda Markham has a severe cold.

I. E. Sherwood and son, George have recovered from their recent illnesses.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Hofmann visited relatives in Detroit, Monday.

### CLARENCEVILLE

Mrs. Clarence Witte

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Mrs. Earl Holloway and Mrs. Clarence Witte were callers Thursday at the home of Mrs. Ida Bond.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Hazen were Sunday callers at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kennedy spent Sunday at Milford at the home of Mrs. C. Graham.

John Wagner and Floyd D. Hallock were guests of Sea Scouts ship 408 in Detroit Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Witte and son Melvin with Bryant Henderson of Redford were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith.

Mrs. E. Holloway spent Thursday at the home of Mrs. Diamonds.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Adams of Huntington road, Grosse Pointe.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Holloway spent Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Witte.

Baseline polo club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Earl Ransier. There were three tables of cards. Prizes were won by Mrs. C. Waack and Mrs. C. Witte. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. C. Barber.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schmidt of Redford spent Monday evening at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ferris.

Mildred Jones, who has been confined to her home for the past week with influenza is back at school.

Mrs. Mitchell Durham spent Monday at Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Weston, who have spent the past few months in the south have returned and are living on Eight Mile road.

Mrs. Carl Waack entertained the members of the Five Hundred club at a luncheon Wednesday.

Mrs. George Kurtz, who fell and injured her arm last week, is

convalescing at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Velma Witte.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt spent Saturday and Sunday with the latter's parents at Hillsdale.

Miss Edna Fisher entertained her mother and two sisters of Detroit at dinner Sunday.

Miss Ruby Monroe and Mildred Kercher spent Sunday at Hillsdale with the former's parents.

Mrs. Charles Rogers is confined to her home on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thistle of Detroit were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Crase of

Detroit are spending a few days at the home of their cousin, Mrs. Otis Jensen. Early next week the Crase family will leave for Louisville where they will live.

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