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Editorials

Official Procrastination

A perfect example of the effects of official procrastination in important matters is at hand in the report of an accident at Farmington Road and the Cut-off last Friday. One person was seriously injured; and four others had narrow escapes, one that was little short of miraculous. One car, was wrecked beyond repair, the top having been nearly torn off. Two other vehicles were damaged.

The occurrence of the accident occasions no surprise. For weeks and weeks Farmington people have felt that it was only a matter of time before some serious mishap would occur at that intersection, which one citizen went so far as to term "the most dangerous place in this part of the State." The situation has been called to the attention of road authorities more than a sufficient number of times, by numerous newspaper articles, and by personal contact. And finally, two weeks ago, the matter came officially to attention when Mayor Lamb reported to the City Commission on January 18 that the situation would be corrected if the Commission would indicate to the State Highway Department office at Plymouth its approval of transfer of the useless stop-and-go light at Farmington Junction to the Cut-off and Farmington Road. The approval was voted immediately and a letter to that effect, as requested, was dispatched the very next day by the city clerk. It should have reached Plymouth the following day, yet over a week from that time nothing had been done. Over two weeks since the requested approval was given, there has still been nothing done. Had there been prompt action it is quite likely that the triple crash with consequent injury to one man and damage to three vehicles, would not have taken place.

It is unquestioned that the accident was, in some measure due to carelessness on the part of one of the drivers involved, in that he failed to stop at the Cut-off. But, as often happens, persons suffer who are perfectly innocent parties, in no way violating any regulation, but proceeding legally on their way. Though the one driver was somewhat careless, it must be admitted that the "flicker" light which faced him as he approached the crossing was not sufficient warning to him; this type of flasher light almost universally indicates a place to use care, but so each death-trap as that intersection. As for the "stop" sign in the ground beside the road, when there is an overhead light ahead few drivers notice the signs at the side, because the hanging lights are seen much farther away.

It is extremely fortunate that no one was killed or crippled for life. It is only chance that not one, but perhaps dozens of smash-ups have not occurred. Not even the most careful driver has been safe. In the crash last Friday, one of the three motorists, on the Cut-off, had even stopped at the intersection when he was not required to do so, and seeing a collision was probable, did what he could to get out of the way. But his car was struck, too.

Meanwhile, down at the Junction where there is no cross-street and where a car enters the main highway perhaps once in five or ten minutes, hangs the stop-and-go light that for two years has served no more useful purpose than to inspire the creation of new kinds of profanity and the development of an ever-growing disgust.

A Speaker Who Knows And Loves His Subject

Rep. George A. Dondoro's work in the study of Abraham Lincoln could not be more accurately described than by quotation of the old adage, "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country." For it is literally true that this Michigan man, Oakland County's own, is more highly acclaimed throughout the country as a student of the life of the Emancipator than he is in his own State. Until the last few years, his labors in that field had received practically no recognition in Michigan, and though within the past year or two, the people of the State have come to realize the extent and value of his studies, the recognition accorded him does not yet approach that which is due him from his own commonwealth. It still remains true that Illinois, by publishing at its expense his fascinating little story of "Why Abraham Lincoln Grew A Beard," has done far more than anything Michigan has done, at least in an official way, to properly evaluate and to make permanent Mr. Dondoro's work.

Farmington's opportunity next Tuesday night to hear Mr. Dondoro on his favorite subject is not, to be merely an occasion to pay tribute to the guest of the evening, however much it may be deserved. It will be rather an event of true enjoyment for everyone who finds pleasure in one of the most pleasurable of all things—hearing a speaker who not only thoroughly knows and loves his subject but who can also bring it to his audience in such a way that they catch something of the knowledge and the spirit that is his.

It's A Cash Crop

(Exchange)
The beet sugar industry in Michigan should be encouraged. Last season 14,000 farmers have invested 1,184,000 tons of sugar beets from 127,000 acres of land. The cash value of the crop will be well over \$5,500,000 and places Michigan in third place as a beet sugar producing state. There should be no diminution of effort until first place is reached.

Wherever sugar beets are raised there is prosperity in that particular farm community. Many farmers are finding that this cash crop is helping them to solve their financial problems. Stimulation of a home market for beet sugar by the housewives of Michigan backed by remedial legislation in Congress, will result in over 500,000 acres being planted this year, it is said. Factories which have been closed for several years will be opened and millions of dollars in new wealth for agricultural created.

WEST POINT PARK

Mrs. William Zwahlen

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nacker entertained the Scotch Eight "500" club Friday evening at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph K. Smith of Rosedale Park, Detroit, were luncheon guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Zwahlen.

George Middlewood, president of the Young Peoples' Club of the M. E. Church in Farmington attended the Epworth League institute Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Born Friday morning to Mr. and Mrs. George Fredericks a 6½ pound son, George Jr. Both mother and son are doing nicely. Miss Shipley Zwahlen was the week end guest of Miss Beatrice Smith in Pontiac.

Miss Helen Berger of Detroit was the week end guest of Miss Barbara Middlewood, who came from Caro after completing her examinations.

Mrs. James Eastman attended the Neighborhood Club Thursday night dinner at the home of Mr. Frank Bryan on Eight.

Mrs. Mabel Hinkle and daughter, Bobbie Burns of Detroit, were Sunday of the for Mrs. E. Rowe, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Albert entertained Sunday evening on Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes in Detroit for which they attended a theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Voorheis and two children and Ernest Voorheis and D. DeLoe, Detroit, were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorheis.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilbert and son Charles were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carpenter in Redford.

Mrs. Marvin Addis was the guest Tuesday of her daughter, Mrs. Max Bergin in Howell. Mrs. Addis' father, Fred Sharpy, who has been visiting her, returned to his home in Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Meyers of Detroit were guests Saturday evening of Mrs. E. M. Rowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilson of Detroit were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Ault.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Paulk and Mrs. James Johnson of Clarenceville were guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ault.

Miss Vivian Addis was ill part of this week, with a touch of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lute of Plymouth were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gorge.

Lewis Graham on Sunday visited Mrs. Graham, who is in Ann Arbor Hospital.

A regular meeting of the P. T. A. will be held next Thursday evening in the Community Hall. Founder's Day will be celebrated with an entertainment followed by refreshments. Bunco will be played.

NOVI NEWS

Mrs. J. O. Munro

A new "500" club has been organized with the following membership: Loren, Lynn and Floyd Leavenworth, Glenn Shurtliff, John Morey, John Green, Bill Hanson and Ralph Smith. Last week the meeting was at John Morey's. The next meeting will be with Glenn Shurtliff Friday evening.

Al Whittle, Esther and Mary Munro and Jennie Oles, were in Detroit Saturday on business.

Some of the young people held an informal party at the home of J. O. Munro Monday evening. Music, singing, games and popcorn were furnished.

Bob Shurtliff spent last week in Detroit entertaining his aunt from Ohio, who was seeing the city.

Mrs. Nesh and children went to visit relatives.

Novi School News
The local teachers will co-operate this week with the teachers in the State in an effort to get a large number of the supporters of public education to sign petitions regarding the Primary School Fund.

The petitions will be presented to the State Legislature as a plea by the general public to have the Primary School Fund maintained by taxes other than those of the home and farm. The recent tax limitation amendment will so deprive the Primary School Fund that some schools will be in critical danger next year.

Gerald Trotter, president of the Student Association, appointed Bayne Park, Robert Snow, and Geraldine Kiteon to a committee to make arrangements for the presenting of a school play early in March. They have selected the play "Clock Love," and have induced Mr. Hadley to direct the performance. The cast of characters will be selected in the near future so that regular practices may begin.

The City is making an effort this month to again receive the County Health Award. The children are furnished with hot soup at least twice a week and the intermediate grades have done some special work in a study of

CLARENCEVILLE

Mrs. Fred Menke

On Friday evening at the Naval Armory Wayne Ward and Fred Menke were awarded certificates from the National Council of Boy Scouts of America for successfully completing the elements of Sea Scout Leadership. This first course being a success, the second course will be established. This is the first time the certificates have been awarded from headquarters.

Guy Cook has been suffering from a badly infected thumb. Mrs. Oscar Reed has been confined to her bed for the past two weeks.

On Monday evening, Mr. and Mrs. F. Menke and son were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Judge and family in Detroit.

Mrs. Clara Goers attended a luncheon and card party at the home of Mrs. Arthur Coe Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Kelly of Park Side Blvd., celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary January 17. Members of their family were present.

Jack Mowan of Mesick, Michigan visited at the Clarenceville home during the week.

Edgewood Rebekah Lodge entertainment committee held a card party at the home of Mrs. Clarence Aldrich, Wednesday afternoon. Prizes were won by Mrs. Thos. Matthy, Mrs. Herbert Vivian, Mrs. James Zimmer and Mrs. Wm. Allen.

Sea Scouts Voorheis, Stinnell, MacGlennon and Menke, took part in the Sea Scout swimming contest at the Northern High School Wednesday evening. The Eastern section won the contest and will compete with other winners from Troops outside of Detroit at the mid-winter cruise in Lansing.

On Thursday evening, February 2nd, the Clarenceville M. E. Church will hold a Father and Son banquet. The speaker of the evening will be George Gullen, former pastor of West Point Park, now assistant prosecuting attorney in Detroit. A boys' band from Detroit will furnish the music.

On Friday evening February 24 the tenth grade pupils will have a card party and dance at the I. O. O. F. Hall. The proceeds will be used for graduation purposes.

M. J. Beiser, Superintendent of Clarenceville High School gave a talk at the John Grace school P. T. A. Thursday evening. His talk was on the school situation which may be facing the people next year due to the proposed tax reduction.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Menke and son were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parthum and family in Grosse Pointe on Sunday.

On Tuesday evening Addie Smith of Grosse Ile, treasurer of the Rebekah assembly of Michigan, Minnie Cline-Smith, district president, Mabel Falls, district vice-president, Florence Fraser, district secretary, Mrs. Grant, district treasurer and Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Beneway, Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Ellsworth of Berkeley were guests of Edgewood Rebekah Lodge. Following the regular meeting a supper was served by Mrs. George Ferris and her committee. The District meeting will be held in Utica, Michigan on the 23rd of March. Representatives from Edgewood will be Helen Oliver, Recording Secretary and Isabelle Menke, N. G.

On Sunday, February 12, the Rev. Lyons will give a Lincoln sermon, the subject will be "Lincoln, The Man." Members of the men's club are invited to attend.

On Thursday the Ladies Aid of Clarenceville celebrated their 12 birthday anniversary with a pot luck dinner. Minutes of the last meeting held were read and proved interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Barnum and two daughters and son Raymond visited in Freemont, Michigan from Thursday until Sunday.

George and Harry Barnum visited their parents over the week end.

Wm. H. Barnum attended the funeral of Mrs. Barnum's father Mr. Fawcett who passed away on January 9th.

Mrs. Ernest Monett has been on the sick list.

Last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. George Houts were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schweizer.

TO PROMOTE CONSERVATION
Lansing, Mich.—The violations of conservation laws in any locality are in a direct ratio to that community's evaluation of its natural resources, according to Howard R. Sayre, Chief of the Field Administration Division of the Department of Conservation, and it is because of this that conservation officers are being urged to devote as much time as possible to educational work among both children and adults.

The prevention of colds. The primary grades have started a cleanliness contest, and the biology class has been conducting an experiment with food values.

WEST FARMINGTON

Mrs. Ervin Knapp

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A baby girl, Wanda Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Starr Graham Saturday morning. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graham and grand-daughter, Trilby of Keego Harbor, called on Mrs. Charles Heliker, who is very ill, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Green of Detroit and Calvin Green of Royal Oak, called on Mr. and Mrs. Smith Green and family and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lee and family.

Miss Lucy Howard spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. Keeth at Union Lake.

Mrs. Floyd Howard spent Saturday in Detroit.

Elva Pennell spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Starr Graham and baby.

Mrs. L. W. Geiger and sons Graham and Lee called on relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cox and family motored to Detroit Wednesday to spend the evening with his cousins Mary and Lawrence Estabrook.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Hunt and son called on Mrs. Sarah Murray Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grace of Clarenceville called on Mrs. Charles Heliker Wednesday.

Send in your news items.

Short Boston Street
There are few shorter streets in the world than Franklin avenue in Boston. Some 35 feet long, it connects Brattle street with Cornhill, in downtown Boston. Little more than a glorified alley, Franklin avenue, nevertheless, is designated by a shiny name-plate like the city's longer thoroughfares.

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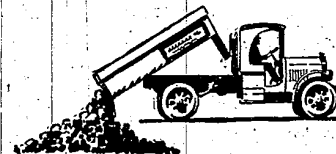
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