

Editorials

Then And Now

Reading the article which appeared in last week's Enterprise describing an election in 1862, one wonders what it would be like to have similar conditions during elections today. Every man's voting was quite apparent in those days, because he had to deposit a ballot of one party or the other, signing his name to the ballot. If such were the case today, would there have been 615 votes cast out of a registration of about 650, in the Farmington city election of three weeks ago? With the general reluctance of citizens to take a stand, the prevalent hesitation lest someone take offense, one is inclined to believe that a large proportion of the voters might have solved the problem by not going to the polls at all. Thereby the minority would rule, as so often occurs.

In the article one sentence explains it all. It says "each member of a party was extremely proud of his political name and affiliations, and was as ready to contribute to the fund as he was to uphold his viewpoint against persons of different political ideas."

A complete return to the olden times is hardly to be desired, certainly not to the "open" ballot. But we might well endure at least a partial reincarnation of the old time spirit, when men stood forth courageously and let their principles and beliefs be known, in the conviction that adoption of those principles would mean better government. Formerly men stood up, to their full stature, where public affairs were concerned; today they prefer to sit, clambering to seats on the bangwagon as soon as it appears, after having straddled through the earlier stages of whatever campaign it might be.

The Ancient Drug-Store Joke

One of the hoary old jokes was heard over the radio the other night, a so-called humorous story that is fast taking its place as one of the leading state jests of the time—the drug store joke. The hilarious anecdote tells about someone going into a drug store and finding there everything but drugs.

Well, what is the truth about the business? Not entirely different from any other. The druggists are just doing what every businessman does who is trying to keep going. He is meeting competition wherever possible and endeavoring to satisfy the needs of the people.

Granted that drug stores carry almost everything. Why not? In the first place, other lines of business long ago began to encroach on the druggist's province. Department stores have drug counters, confectionery stores carry first-aid goods and remedies, and so on. No one ever remarks about that, and why should it be so strange if the druggist now dispenses articles that department stores might consider their more proper lines? "Sauces for the goose" applies in truth here.

But there is a deeper reason for the drug store's being as it is. It is instantly apparent if we but stop to think how this trend began. Who wanted the drug store to become an emporium? Would the druggist himself ever have thought of putting in the hundreds and even thousands of items now carried in stock, without some outside cause? He would have been a daring merchant, indeed. No, drug stores carry the innumerable things they do because the public wanted them. Drug stores are open longer hours than others, and people, having forgotten to buy things in regular business hours, started to go to the drug stores and ask for them. The druggist shook his head once, twice, half a dozen times to various would-be customers. Finally, according to the public demand, he put this and that little thing in stock, and so like Topsy, it "just grew." It may have gone to a startling extent in some cases, but no form of business is without its extremes.

The druggist, finding it was good business for his pocketbook and an appreciated convenience to his customers, did the sensible practical thing. As a result, he became, long years ago, the object of a remark that might be regarded with generosity, have passed for humor the first time it was heard. But even good jokes lose their sparkle with constant repetition, and this one, never entirely valid, is becoming sadly tarnished. One suspects that the radio "humorist" who used it may be needing some druggist's good smelling salts one of these days, when his boss breaks upon him the sad truth, which won't be so funny for him either.

Valueless Dollars

From the pen of a former publisher of the Enterprise comes an editorial that is filled with good, sound truth. W. M. Miller in his Leslie Republican, writes as follows:

"It probably never occurs to most of us that there is such a thing as valueless money. And it isn't of counterfeit either. Millions of honest and legitimate good dollars in this country are now absolutely valueless and useless. This is the money that drops out of circulation. It is hoarded money. Its owners keep it in safe deposit boxes or in tea pots or buried in the back yard."

"Money has no intrinsic value—its value is determined by what it can do when it is working. When out of circulation it is as useless as would be a number of similar sized pieces of tin. It isn't paying taxes or meeting dividends or employing labor or buying supplies. It isn't doing its part in keeping the wheels of enterprise turning."

"There are two distinct ways of putting money back into circulation. One is depositing it in commercial or savings accounts in banks, or purchasing government or other high-grade securities. The other way is by buying needed articles

or effecting necessary repairs. And this way is the best of all. The money spent serves a double purpose. It provides employment and alleviates distress—and it obtains for the spender the supplies and repairs at the lowest prices since pre-war days. "Put at least part of the dollar into furnace renovation, into a new roof or other house repairs or paint. Into some labor saving appliance, into plumbing or yard work. You'll get about twice the value you'd have got three years ago—and you will have helped the cause of recovery."

"America needs more jobs, and less charity. It needs more spending—wise spending, that gets honest and permanent values in return."

"Remember that right now 'investment and employment are cheaper than charity.'"

Spring

Pale peers the ghostly cloud smeared moon.
As shadows shroud its face.
They maddly seem to race.
The wild winds play a weird and ghostly tune.
High ride the clouds tonight. High sits the moon.
The winds drive high and free.
The clouds before them flee.
I hear the haunting calling of a loon.

Soon comes aslant the pattering, pelting rain
And seeping into earth—
Bids life spring into birth,
And nature's cycle starts to turn again.

Royal Oak, Mich.

HARRY J. MERRITT.

CHURCHES

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. John J. Laskin, Pastor
Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.
Daily mass at 8:00.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor
10:10 The Church at prayer.
10:30 The Church worshipping.
11:45 The Church teaching.
Come and study God's Word with us. We have classes for all:
6:30 The Church and Youth.
7:30 The Church evangelizing.
This week the Pastor will speak on, "Why I Preach The Second Coming of Jesus Christ."
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Clarenceville Methodist Church
O. J. Lyon, Minister
10:00 Morning worship.
11:00 Church school.
6:30 Epworth League.

Methodist Church
Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister
The Rev. Sidney D. Eva of Mt. Clemens will preach next Sunday morning at 10:30 and Rev. F. C. Johnson will preach at Mt. Clemens.

At 12 the Sunday School meets the Community Hall at 7:30 the Open Oxford Group meets in the Club room.
Everyone is very cordially invited to attend all services.

Evangelical Church
Rev. Breitenbach, Minister
Church Service, 11:15.
Sunday School in conjunction with church service.
Mrs. Florence Edgar, organist.
Evelyn W. Evans, Sunday School Superintendent.

West Point Park Presbyterian Church
Rev. Roy J. Miller, Minister

Sunday, April 30th:
10:30 a. m. Sunday School, Mrs. Robert Fredericks, Supt.

11:30 a. m. Morning worship. Sermon: "The Splendor of May." 7:30 p. m. A Religious Drama is offered by the Calvary Players without expense to the Church. "The Rock" is the name of the production, which interprets in a masterly way the development of Simon, the disciple, changeable and fickle at the start, into the rock, Peter. The scenery is beautiful, and the acting is superb. Simon Peter will be a strong, powerful character of more impressive worth to every one who sees this portrayal. There is no charge for admission; but an offering will be taken.

Thursday, May 4th:
2:30 p. m. The Community Club will meet with Mrs. Ash at her home.

Friday, May 5th:
8:00 p. m. A Mock Trial. One half of the proceeds of this affair will be given to Township officers for welfare work in the community.

Sunday, May 7th:
Watch for the announcement next week of the change of time for Sunday school and Morning Worship.

The following furniture polish may be used on wood or varnish finishes: one tablespoon turpentine, three tablespoons raw linseed oil, one quart hot water. Wipe the furniture with a cloth dampened with this solution. The turpentine cleans and the oil gives a polish.

CLARENCEVILLE

The Adult Bible Class met at the church for its pot luck supper Friday night. After supper a business meeting was called and then Mrs. O. J. Layon was given a pound party. She received about 3 bushels of groceries.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Moody and family called on their sisters Mrs. C. Mellar and Mrs. E. Furh Thursday afternoon and evening.
The Wonder Workers Call met at the home of Miss Dorothy Wersch Thursday night for a surprise party on Miss Wersch, it being her birthday.

The Clarenceville and Edgewood schools opened their doors Monday after Easter vacation.
Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Shepard entertained 30 of their friends from Detroit Saturday night. The evening was spent in dancing. Lunch was served at a late hour. All departed, wishing Mrs. Shepard many more happy birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Franklin and Mrs. S. F. Shepard spent Saturday shopping in Detroit.
The Cheerful Circle will give a Mother and Daughter banquet at the Clarenceville Church May 12 at 6:30 p. m.

Mrs. Kate Fairbairn spent Friday and Monday in Detroit.
The Cheerful Circle met at the home of Mrs. S. F. Shepard Thursday April 20, with Mrs. Charles Raley and Mrs. Earl Williams as assistant hostess. It being the birthday of all three. They served a chicken dinner. The tables were set for 40. After dinner a business meeting was called.
Miss Katharine Mallar is ill with chicken pox.

Mrs. Thoras is ill at her home.
Mrs. Roy Smith and Mrs. Stark and baby daughter called on Mrs. Charles Raley Tuesday.
Miss Ruth Franklin spent Tuesday night with Miss Margaret Johnson.

Mrs. Wilkerson and family attended church in Redford Sunday night.
Tommy Dare is working at the Children's Village on Six Mile Road.

Mrs. J. Franklin and Mrs. S. F. Shepard attended church in Detroit Sunday night.

Mrs. May Furb and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Raley visited at the home of Mrs. J. Franklin Monday evening.

Mr. LaPlant is able to be back in the store part time. Mrs. LaPlant is also greatly improved.

Mrs. Earl William shopped in Detroit Saturday.
Miss Beatrice Frantz is much improved, since she had her ear lanced.

Fred O'Hara is improving.
Mr. and Mrs. Bieser have returned from their Easter vacation.

Miss Betty Johnson spent Monday night with Virginia Franklin.

NOVI NEWS

Mrs. J. O. Munro
Novi School News
Doris Shinn, the youngest school champion in the Detroit News spelling bee has the measles and will not be able to compete in the district bee at South Lyons Friday. Her place will be taken by the alternative, Marjorie Feele. Marjorie is in the sixth grade and is also quite young to compete but the teachers feel that she has a good chance.

A number of people who were to take part in the May Day assembly program planned for next Monday are sick with the measles. Mrs. Hill had planned several attractive musical numbers with May Queen but the epidemic will force her to give up the plans. Some health plays by the primary grades may be given but it is doubtful if it will be practical to carry out the program.

Only three more weeks of school remain for this school year. School will be held nine months instead of ten months as in the past. Commencement exercises are planned for May 19. The teachers are finding it necessary to eliminate some of the work in order to give adequate reviews in all subjects.

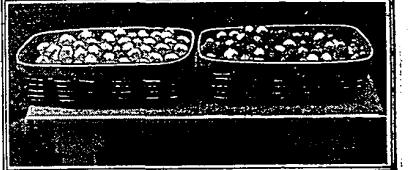
The baseball team played a game with a group of local graduates and a few others last Friday with the latter winning by a score of 5-2. The pitching of Trotter was much improved as he succeeded in striking out 12 of the veterans and held them to 7 hits. The old timers worked the hidden ball trick on some of the school base-runners but the boys soon learned their lesson and nearly gave their opponents a dose of their own medicine before the game was over. Ask Harry Watson for details. Games with West Point and Clarenceville will be played in the near future.

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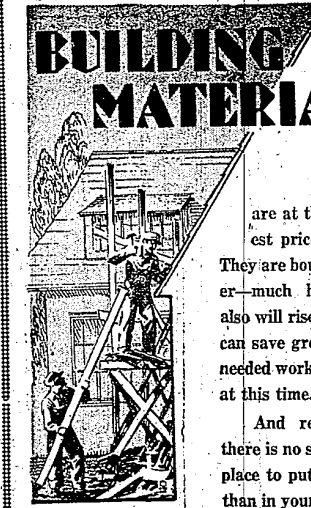
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