

Gay Musical at Redford.



Robert J. Taylor and Elmore Rowland in "Broadway Melody of 1938".

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Herald Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Ramsay and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nelson returned recently last week from a hunting trip into northern Michigan. The men, however, returned to the lodge for a few more days' hunting.

Band Members Get Pins at Dinner

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The mothers of the members of the band gave the dinner. After the dinner, all met at the band room where pinning and other games were played.

Those receiving band pins at the dinner were:

First Year
Dorothy Goetz, Brady Greenman, Arlene Kellogg, Wanda Kellogg, Patry Laflin, Charles Larson, Robert McCafferty, Don Oldenburg, Susan Slocum, Robert Smith, Mary Lou Worfield, Wilmer Kroeker, Lois Storms.

Second Year
Virginia Fisher, Clyde Greenman, Robert Ham, Ray Ollham, Barbara Whipple, June Whipple, Ernest Smith, Charles Wellington, J. C. Wellington.

Third Year
Wade Dickerson, Bud Norton, James Norton, Dan Starkey, Bud Davis.

Fourth Year
James Davis, Robert Plettenburg, Ernest Ham, Dorothy Lancaster, Edith Kahn.

Fifth Year
Robert Hogle, Edwin Marsh, Frank Brown, Gordon Hogle, Wm. Slocum.

The band will play a concert December 31, at the Methodist Community Hall. They will be assisted by the Girls' Glee Club and the Junior Band.

Name, Canada, Is Traced to the Iroquois Indians

The derivation of the name Canada accepted by our leading historians who have investigated the word make it an Iroquois word, still surviving among them in the form Kanata, meaning a collection of dwellings or a settlement. Cartier, in one of his vocabularies at the Iroquois speech, says it is: "They call a town (ville) Canada." recalls a Canadian Resources bulletin.

Its evolution into a place name, Canada, can be fully followed in the narratives of Cartier, who first appears first in his account of his second voyage in 1535, observes a writer in the New York Times. The two Iroquois Indians who he had seized at Gaspé and taken to France the preceding year informed him on entering the Great River (now the St. Lawrence) that their home was in Canada, which proved later to be an alternative name for the village of Stadacona, on the site of Quebec city. Cartier himself seems to have extended the word to the surrounding region as a convenient territorial name—the name Quebec has been extended from the city to the province.

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Hair Growth After Death

Whether the hair grows after death is a debated matter and authorities may be quoted on both sides. The weight of authority inclines to the belief that growth of hair stops with death, says the Detroit News. The lengthening of the hairs of the beard often observed in a dead person is explained by the shrinkage of the soft tissues around each individual hair, the result of the drying up of the skin and muscles. Even those who do believe that hair can grow after death admit that such growth is very brief. The popular idea that sometimes a complete beard or long hair growth on the head may be produced on a body is given no credence. C. Nessler, in "The Story of Hair," mentions two cases of hair growth after death, one of these in connection with a lawsuit against the heirs of the duke of Portland in England.

Good Roads Diminish Farm Fire Loss

The loss of your home by fire, if you live out from town in the country can be the direct result of the poor condition of the road that passes your door. Farm-to-market roads that have not been improved and hard surfaced have a habit of going to pieces in bad weather. I remember a case in Delaware. I was at that time engineer for the Dupont Highway. One night I was returning by car to my headquarters town in the central part of the state. Rain had been falling heavily, on and off, for about three days and nights, and the condition of the unimproved road over which I was forced to travel was resulting in a ticklish and sometimes uncertain process. It was about seven o'clock when I sloshed around a sharp curve and noticed the red glow in the sky several miles ahead. The light was so bright that red glow could mean only one thing. Some farmer's house or barn was burning. I reached the scene of the fire and found the farm and barn burning using an antiquated hand-pump apparatus. They were doing their best to put out the fire.

The house was a well-built two-story structure and the family was in the house. I was told by one of the neighbors that the fire had been a small one at first, having started in a chimney near the ground floor and had gained momentum slowly when it was seen that the flames were going to spread over the entire side of the house, the fire department in Wilmington, a few miles away, was telephoned for help and several pieces of furniture and clothing was removed to safety. If the fire truck had arrived in the quick time ordinarily required for the short trip from Wilmington, the house would have been saved.

We watched with anxiety and pumped with fury, but the odds were against us in our fight to control the steadily spreading flames. Each inadequate fire-fighting equipment, all that was left to do was to wait for the fire-fighting apparatus from the city and hope that it would arrive in time. Expectant ears strained to hear the engine roar and siren that would announce its approach and smarting eyes kept looking down the road for headlights they hoped would be those of the overdue fire truck.

The farmer and his family were stunned into speechless dejection at the sight of their home being devoured by flames that they were powerless to extinguish. That night I returned to the ground that night because the chemical fire apparatus of Wilmington failed to arrive. It bogged down to the axle on a muddy stretch of road only six miles away. No, the road could not have prevented damage to the house to a certain extent, but it was to blame for the total loss of the house.

Your home, if you live in the country on an unimproved secondary road, could be lost by fire the same way. This is but another reason why the Congress of the United States included in its federal-aid appropriations for highway a stipulation of aid for secondary or farm-to-market roads. Twenty-five million dollars has been set aside for the improvement of back roads through new highway construction and proper maintenance. It is wise, therefore, for those who legislate the expenditure of road funds within the various states to give careful consideration to the road needs of the country and the others who make their homes and their living on the back roads of America.

SERVICES WILL BE HELD FRIDAY FOR MRS. L. ESCH

Funeral services for Mrs. Friederika Reidel Esch will be held Friday at 2 p. m. from the Salem Evangelical Church, the Rev. Carl Esch officiating. Mrs. Esch was born in Wildenburg, Germany, July 24, 1857, the daughter of Sophia and Frederick Reidel, coming to this country in 1837. In 1839 she married Louis Esch. To them were born twelve children, nine of whom are living. Surviving are her husband, Louis and her children, Mrs. Anna Dudley of Detroit; Henry Esch of Redford; Ernest Esch of North Farmington; Reynold Esch of Farmville; Mrs. Martha Rosow of Plymouth; Mrs. Emma Way of West Point Park; Louis Esch of Salem; Albert Esch of Mt. Clemens; Alvin Rosow of Redford, and 30 grandchildren. Also surviving is a brother, Charles Reidel of Walled Lake and three sisters, Mrs. Minnie Peters of Clarenceville, Mrs. Amelia Esch of Plymouth and Mrs. Elfrida Lindeman of Indianapolis. Burial will be in Clarenceville cemetery.

MASON'S ANNUAL MEETING

Preparations are going forward for the annual meeting of Farmington Masonic Lodge, to be held Monday evening, December 13, in the lodge rooms.

FARMINGTON HIGH PRINCIPAL TO ATTEND MEETING

Curriculum revision in secondary schools is highly essential because of changing economic and social conditions. Dr. Eugene B. Elliott, state superintendent of public instruction has announced following a conference of the state curriculum revision committee. Dr. Elliott plans to submit a preliminary curriculum revision program to Michigan secondary school principals at a gathering in Lansing Dec. 2 and 10 which Principal Max Thompson of Farmington High School, plans to attend.

"Life is so complex today that secondary schools must of necessity alter their courses of study to cope with the situation," Dr. Elliott declared. "Schools have been too far away from life itself. We find that high school enrollments contain thousands of boys and girls who have no desire to go to college but intend to start out in life as soon as they complete their high school course. To meet the situation squarely, we must alter the secondary program so as to turn out useful citizens. We must offer them greater opportunity to develop themselves in high schools. Years ago most high school students were preparing for college work. Today we find fifty per cent of the boys and girls of high school age, attending high school. This is much higher than it was 20 years ago, and is an indication of what educators are confronted with in regard to curriculum revision work."

The state curriculum revision committee is busy at the task of formulating a program under which curriculum revision work is being assisted financially by the General Educational Board of New York City.

"THE GOOD EARTH" TO BE FEATURED AT NORWEST

The opening attractions for the coming week include Jane Withers in "Wild and Woolly" and "The Man Who Cried Wolf" with Lewis Stone, Barbara Reed and Tom Brown. This double feature will be shown Friday and Saturday, December 3 and 4.

The screen's finest achievement comes to the Norwest Theater for a three day engagement beginning Sunday, December 5. "The Good Earth" has been proclaimed by critics throughout the land as the best piece of acting and screening to come from Hollywood in many years. Wang and O-Lan, versatile Paul Nuni and lovely Luise Rainer transformed into orientals whose faith in the fruitfulness of "The Good Earth" leads them through a powerfully dramatic series of privations to ultimate fortune in Pearl S. Buck's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel. This Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer masterpiece achieves a place of immortality among great pictures of all times!

An added extra attraction with great drama will be that very popular screen and radio comic, Charlie McCarthy, in "Biting on the Glass."

REDFORD THEATRE TO SHOW MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

Teaming drama with light comedy for a double feature attraction, the Redford theater will show "The Road Back," a dramatic hit and "Married Before Breakfast," a very pleasing comedy, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 2, 3, and 4.

Thursday, as usual, the ladies will receive free silverware.

For Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 5, 6, 7, and 8, "The Man Who Cried Wolf" and "Broadway Melody" will round out a week of super specials in screen entertainment.

Hollywood's newest stars, Robert Taylor and Eleanor Powell, are teamed again in the musical extravaganza, "Broadway Melody of 1938" which is booked at the Redford Theater for a four day showing.

When the two players were teamed for the time last year in the 1936 "Melody," they were both newcomers to the screen, but each in record time reached stardom.

Both sing and dance as well as act in the new musical which is said to surpass both "Born to Dance" and "The Great Ziegfeld." The supporting cast gathered from stage, screen and radio, includes George Murphy, Binnie Barnes, Buddy Ebsen, Sophie Tucker, Judy Garland, Charles Fox, Gene Raymond, Warren Robert Benchley, Willie Howard, Charles Grapewin and Robert Wildback.

Nacio Herb Brown and Arthur Freed, the song writers responsible for the hits in the other two "Broadway Melodies," wrote six new songs for the picture, which was directed by Roy Del Ruth and produced by Jack Cummings.

EAGLE SCOUT TO GET BADGE AT COURT OF HONOR

A member of Farmington Troop 45, Boy Scouts of America, will receive next Monday evening, December 6, perhaps the most coveted honor in scouting, the Eagle Scout Badge. The presentation will take place at a Court of Honor to be held in Methodist Community Hall, at 7:30 p. m. Earning of the award is considered not only a high honor for the scout but for the entire troop.

Bond School Scouts will be guests at the Court of Honor, at which the Farmington troop will demonstrate sending of messages. It is hoped many parents and friends will attend.

At the Monday night meeting the younger boys practiced their knot-tying, while the older group practiced signaling. A signaling team sent and received messages which were translated by the receiver for the benefit of the other members of the troop.

A meeting of the troop committee is called for Friday night at 8:00 in the Scout Room.

MOVIE STAR AT MAYFAIR SHOP ON FRIDAY

Comely Eleanor Whitney, Paramount movie star, who the famed Negro dancer, Bill Robinson, once called "the fastest thing on feet," will be in northwest Detroit on Friday when she stops off for a half hour at The Mayfair Shop, Grand River avenue near Lahser road.

Miss Whitney will be at the Mayfair Shop from 1:30 to 2 p. m. First noted for her extraordinary dancing ability, Miss Whitney is now appearing in a dramatic role in "Blonde Trouble," which is currently showing at local theatres in Detroit.

After appearing at The Mayfair Shop, Miss Whitney will be accompanied to Ann Arbor by Sam Hartman, proprietor of the shop.

Miss Whitney's previous dancing roles included "Turn Off the Moon" and "College Holiday," in which she was cast opposite Johnny Downs.

Downs and Miss Whitney are being billed as "America's favorite romance team." Miss Whitney is said to be one of the only two pupils ever accepted by Bill Robinson, king of the "hot" dancers. The other was Shirley Temple. Engaged primarily as a dancer, she has won her spurs as a dramatic actress and today is rated as one of the most promising of the younger groups of screen players.



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