

## At The Redford Theater



Wallace Beery is a ruthless gunman of the wild West in the picture "The Bad Man of Brimstone" showing at the Redford Theatre from Friday to Monday. He is assisted by Dennis O'Keefe, a newcomer to the films, and by Virginia Bruce.

The laugh-hit "Sally, Irene and Mary" is on the same bill. The comedian of the airwaves, Fred Allen, brings his wisecracks to the screen. On Friday night and Saturday.

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## LOCALS

Mrs. Elizabeth Holcomb spent three days in Pontiac this week as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Asford.

Mr. and Mrs. McBride of Redford and Mrs. Charles Arnold of Seven Mile Road attended the concert given by Miss Evelyn Amherst at Ypsilanti, Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gores of Detroit called on Mrs. David Ross and Mrs. Rhoda Roche, Saturday afternoon.

The Old Time Dance Club will hold a dance Friday evening at Botsford Inn.

Mrs. Harold Westfall and infant daughter have returned from Pontiac General Hospital, and are at home to their friends.

Dr. and Mrs. R. Hawley and children of Utica, and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Schrandt of Flat Rock, were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns.

Mrs. Pearl Simpson is confined to her bed with a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Aldrich and Miss Ellen Grace were the Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Irving.

Mrs. Lovejoy of Cheboygan is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ross.

Bruce Arnold left Thursday for Washington, where he spent four days.

Mrs. Drew, who makes her home on Farmington Road with Mrs. Ed Quinn, was presented with a large bouquet at a gathering in Detroit Saturday evening, for being the oldest person in attendance.

Harry Lapham is absent from his duties at the Post Office, due to a cold.

Mrs. Albert Koss and children, Shirley and June, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ramsden of Detroit spent the week end visiting relatives at Lenon and Erie Beach, in Canada.

Mrs. Thomas McGee left Thursday to spend several days in Saginaw.

Miss Eleanor Cavanaugh spent the week end with her parents in Lansing.

Miss Elleen Lapham spent Sunday afternoon in Franklin with Miss Doris Facer.

John Dowell is out, following his recent illness.

Mrs. A. L. Ross was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Farmington, at a Mother and Daughter Banquet held at Mt. Hope church in Detroit, Friday evening.

A Mothers and Daughters Breakfast was given by the daughters of Isabella Circle of Our Lady of Sorrows church, Sunday, May 8, at the school hall. A program was arranged by Helen Nauris, chair woman. Readings were given by Mrs. Leo Gamache and Joseph Butler rendered a solo. Songs and music were given by the Daughters of Isabella choir.

Mrs. Marie Pettibone returned to her home from the Osteopathic Hospital Wednesday. She is recovering from a major operation.

Mrs. William Davis has returned home after spending several weeks with her sister in Chatham, Ont.

Sam Billings of Purlingbrook Road has sold his house to Ernest Keyes of Detroit who will move in about two weeks. Mr. Billings is building a new home on the next lot which will be finished in two weeks. The old house, recently vacated by Frank J. Heph, who moved to the Southfield district.

A special communication of Farmington Lodge No. 151, F. & A. M. will be held Monday evening, May 16, for work in the second degree. Luncheon will be served following the work.

Mr. and Mrs. McBride and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arnold spent Sunday at Sear's Lake.

Miss Marvella C. Auten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Auten, was a member of the graduating class of Grace Hospital, which held its commencement exercises Thursday evening from the First Congregational Church in Detroit.

New occasions teach new duties, time makes ancient things uncouth; They must upward still and onward, who would keep abreast of truth.

—J. R. Lowell.

To me, Cyrus, it appears more difficult to find a man that bears prosperity well, than one that bears adversity well; for prosperity creates presumption, in most men, but adversity brings sobriety to all. —Xenophon.

Prosperity is only an instrument to be used, not a duty to be worshipped. —Calvin Coolidge.

## Calendar of Coming Events

MAY 11, 12, 13, 14—May Festival given by U. of M. Musical Society.

FRIDAY, MAY 12—M. E. Church Mother-Daughter Banquet.

MONDAY, MAY 16—Meeting of Masonic Lodge for work in second degree.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18—Woman's Club meets with Mrs. Bertha Steele.

MAY 20, 21—Annual Poppy Days.

MONDAY, MAY 23—Special election in City of Farmington on sale of liquor by the glass.

MAY 25-June 5—Our Lady of Sorrows Circus at Farmington School.

JUNE 1—President's Day of Woman's Club at Dearborn Inn.

JUNE 10, 11, 12—Oakland County Boy Scout Camporee in Farmington.

### COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

A special meeting of the City Commission of the City of Farmington held May 11, 1938.

Called to order by Mayor Warner at 8:15 p. m. Commissioners present: Hatton, Gildemeister, Oldenburg, Hamlin, Nacker and Bagnall.

Motion made by Gildemeister, supported by Nacker, that the City of Farmington build a 12 inch sewer on the east side of Pickett avenue, north from Oakland Road to the north line of lot No. 25, known as Pickett Subdivision, also to include two manholes, one to be placed at the corner of Pickett and Oakland Road and one at the north end of the sewer on Pickett avenue.

Roll Call: Gildemeister, Oldenburg, Hamlin, Nacker and Bagnall. Carried, all yeas.

Motion made by Oldenburg and supported by Hamlin that a bid of 40 cents per foot for the digging and back filling of a sewer, which is to be approximately 500 feet on the east side of Pickett avenue, be given to L. L. Granzow.

Roll Call: Gildemeister, Oldenburg, Hamlin, Nacker and Bagnall. Carried, all yeas.

Motion made by Hamlin, supported by Bagnall to adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard Warner, Mayor.

Harry Moore, Clerk.

### Rice Culture in South Result of an Accident

It is regarded as a special virtue to share one's rice in India, and the wasting of even a single grain is a sin in thickly settled districts where poverty is great and food is scarce. Fortunately, it is more expensive to eat polished rice than to leave on the outer coating, because the latter contains food elements that prevent beriberi, a disease suffered by those whose diet is almost exclusively polished, writes Martha Harman in the Philadelphia Record.

The ancestor of our modern rice was a grass that grew along the edges of lakes in India, and was similar to a sort found in northern Australia. All Oriental peoples used the seed or grain of this grass, dating back to such ancient times that 3,000 years before the Christian era it was customary for the Chinese emperor and the prince to sow handfuls of rice at the beginning of each planting season in honor of the country's chief crop.

America's rice fields are the result of an accident. After centuries at rice raising in this country, it happened that a ship from Madagascar put into Charleston, S. C., harbor to escape a storm late one winter day in 1694. The colonists were friendly and when the ship departed the captain showed his appreciation by presenting the governor with a sack of seed rice. And from this accidental start, rice culture in the American colonies spread through the South.

Distributed "Mourning Rings" In George Washington's day the curious custom of distributing "mourning rings" among relatives and close friends was common. When a person felt that he had only a short while to live he would order a supply of rings made up, into which could be inserted strands of his hair. A Smithsonian institution collection contains several "mourning rings" of less notable individuals of Revolutionary days. Strands of hair in the Washington ring are gray. Washington in his younger days had sandy hair.

How High Is a Tree? Did you ever want to know how high a tree was without going to the trouble of going to the top with a yard-stick or tape measure? It can be done all from the ground, says Hoard's Dairyman. Set up a stick straight from the ground and measure the length of the shadow it casts. Now measure the length of the shadow of the tree. Multiply the length of the tree shadow by the height of the stick. Divide this figure by the length of the shadow of the stick and you have the height of the tree.

## TWO BLIND SCOUTMASTERS RECEIVE AWARDS

Scoutmasters are civic-minded men whose volunteer service as leaders make possible the 31,201 Boy Scout troops of the nation. Many of them lead the same troops for many years.

Two unusual records of Scoutmasters' devotion to their boys were recognized with the presentation of Silver Beaver Awards to two blind Scoutmasters, one of Chicago and the other of Brooklyn, N. Y., for "distinguished service to boyhood."

Lewis Holden Smith became Scoutmaster of Troop 19, Brooklyn, N. Y., when it was organized in January 1919. In June 1920 he partially lost his sight, and feeling it would be impossible to carry on his responsibility as Scoutmaster he told his feelings to his scouts and the troop committee and presented his resignation.

Completed 19 years. This, his associates flatly refused. They assured Mr. Smith that they would do the work if he told them how to do it.

Late in 1926 Mr. Smith's vision failed completely. By the time the troop, under his guidance, was going along so well that he felt there was no reason for not going on. When he was honored at a testimonial dinner at the completion of his 19 years as Scoutmaster at which time he was succeeded by another Scoutmaster, Mr. Smith cheerfully said:

"Being a blind Scoutmaster is not really a hard job. With faith in boys, a vivid imagination, and by training oneself not to worry unnecessarily and putting the responsibility for the details of the work squarely up to the Scouts, it is just as much fun, if not more so, than to be a sighted leader with all sorts of technical training."

19 Blind-Scouts The second blind Scoutmaster is Fred F. Dolotin of troop 300, Chicago, Ill., all of whose 18 Scouts are blind. In its 19 years this troop has made an amazing record, having among its "graduates" a lawyer who uses a seeing-eye dog, a foreign language tutor, several chiropractors, college students and a piano tuner.

These boys wear Scout uniforms and work in Scouting just like their brother Scouts. Their Scout handbook is in Braille and they signal with Morse code buzzers in stead of flags. They make neckties and belts of leather, book ends of wood, Scout insignia of beads and needlework. Four

Scouts play accordions and one sings very well. "The most important thing we try to teach our blind Scouts," Scoutmaster Dolotin says, "is to be absolutely fearless. At a camp near Whitehall, Mich., for two weeks each summer, each boy must climb a tree; it gives him courage. We haven't had an accident in twelve summers."

EPWORTH LEAGUE TO MEET SUNDAY IN NORTHVILLE Members of the Epworth League of the Methodist Park Sanctuary at Northville Sunday afternoon. This will be the last meeting of the year.

The Ladies Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. George Checketts on Grand River Thursday noon. A potluck dinner was held.

Letters to the Editor are always welcomed by this newspaper.

Two huge concrete and steel airplane hangars, costing \$500,000, have been completed on Treasure Island, site of the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition.

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