

Michigan's Shifting Sands
Bury Whole Villages

Many yards deep in the creeping sand dunes of Newaygo county's Big Prairie lies a former garden spot of farming land. It is reported by WPA Federal Writers' Project workers preparing the Michigan edition of the American Guide Book Series.

Less famous than the great "dust bowls" of the West, Michigan's desert reaches are even more

remarkable because they have buried primal forests so that only the tops of tall pines remain visible. Houses and fences, long ago buried and are all but forgotten, even by Michigan residents.

The desolated area lies only a few miles from the "ox bow" of the Muskegon river in eastern Newaygo county along a stage road of Civil War days. The internment of the rich district took place late in the nineteenth century but before lumbermen could reach the doomed timber.

Desperate efforts to confine the devastating sand failed and the dunes spread relentlessly over the works of man and of the virgin forest as well. At the edge of the desert lies an old cemetery whose tombstones mark the resting places of residents of the district in its days of prosperity, and only occasional ruined farmhouses remain in the less heavily sand-buried borderland of the dunes.

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At The Redford Theatre



Deanna Durbin with Jackie Cooper and Peggy Stewart in "That Certain Age."

That certain age, adolescence, has long been overlooked by a Hollywood that divided its efforts between frolicking Shirley Temples and Jane Withers and college youth-in-love, represented by indolent Blaise like Doug Crooby and George Burns. "Love Finds Andy" was among the first pictures that dealt almost entirely with the storm and stress of a 15 year old boy's love life.

"That Certain Age," deals with a girl, Deanna Durbin, and a boy, Jackie Cooper, who are both teenagers. The picture tells the story of their first love affair with a man old enough to be her father. It is a situation particularly suited to Deanna, for she is a girl who is just beginning to think of her being in love with the typical 15 year old boy. Perhaps because of the maturity of her fine voice, we think of her as being more than a little girl.

Naturally the heroine's affair with Melvyn Douglas is dissolved without any heartbreaks and the picture ends on a happy note. Deanna sings popular and classic music in the picture, with equal facility. With "That Certain Age," Friday through Monday, is a college picture, "Hold That Co-Ed."

Tuesday through Thursday at the Redford is a double bill. One of the pictures is "Keep Smiling," with Jane Withers. It is a comedy depending on a lot upon the impishness of that incorrigible inn, Jane Withers.

Also playing with "Keep Smiling" on Tuesday through Thursday is "Army Girl."

FOREST FIRE GAVE
RED CROSS FIRST
PEACE TIME JOB

How Michigan furnished the first opportunity for the newborn American Red Cross to function in a peace-time disaster is revealed in records found by WPA Writers' Project research workers.

The occasion was the great San Jacinto county forest fire of 1881 which took nearly three hundred lives, made 3,000 families homeless, and left 11,000 persons destitute. Conservative estimates placed property loss at \$2,500,000 and relief costs from all agencies were estimated at \$400,000.

For several days, small fires had burned in the undergrowth of San Jacinto, Tuscola, and Huron counties, but were believed under control. Then on September 5, a tornado dipped into the embers lying there across control lines, and whipped the new flames into "crown fires" that raced eastward with the speed of a running horse. So sudden and swift was the outbreak that within four hours after the tornado had struck, most of the damage had been wrought.

News of the event startled all of America.

A Red Cross report said "no sweeping has been the destruction that there is not wood left for a rabbit to eat, and, indeed, no rabbit to eat it, if there were."

In Danville, N. Y., where Clara Barton, president of the Red Cross, and her summer home, the first local Red Cross society had been formed for peace-time duties. The Michigan disaster occurred before the unit was a month old. The group's report tells how 100 miles away the skies were darkened "and our atmosphere made bitter with the drifting smoke that rolled over from the blazing fields of our neighbor Michigan, whose dead settlers remained in the ashes of their hard-earned homes. Instantly we felt the help and strength of our organization, young and untired as it was."

Clara Barton came to Michigan to superintend relief work for the Red Cross and as president and treasurer of the new organization, she reported \$40,000 worth of supplies and money contributed through her organization.

This fire, following the disaster of 1871, erased the centuries-old wealth of timber in most of the Thumb district, but its undaunted settlers remained to establish the prosperous agricultural and dairy industries that mark the district today.

CHURCHES

All notices for this column must be in the Enterprise office not later than Tuesday at noon.

Salem Evangelical Church
Rev. Carl H. Schultz, Pastor

Worship Service—10:00 A. M.
Sunday School—11:00 A. M.
Please note the change in time; services beginning one-half hour earlier than before.

Eighth Church of Christ, Scientist
Grand River Ave. at Evergreen Rd.
Detroit, Michigan

"God the Only Cause and Creator" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, December 4. The Golden Text (Isaiah 42:15) is: "I am the Lord, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King." Among the Bible citations in this passage (Psalm 145:9-11): "The Lord is good to all; and his tender mercies are over all his works. All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of the kingdom, and talk of thy power."

Correlative passages to be read from the Christian Science text book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, include the following: (p. 331): "The Scriptures imply that God is All-in-all. From this it follows that nothing possesses reality nor existence except the divine Mind and His Ideas. . . . Everything in God's universe expresses Him."

Methodist Episcopal Church
Rev. Delmore Stubbs, Pastor
Morning Worship at 10:30.
Church School at 11:45.
Men's Forum at 12 noon.
Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Teacher's Training Class.
Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Adult Choir rehearsal.

CLARENCEVILLE M. E. CHURCH
Rev. W. J. Prick, Pastor
Church Service, 10 a. m.
Sunday School, 11 a. m.
Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p. m.
Thursday Evening, 7:30 p. m.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. John J. Larkin, Pastor
Sunday masses at 7:30 a. m., 8:00 a. m., 10:30 a. m., and 12:00. Benediction after 10:30 mass.
Daily masses at 7:30 a. m., and 8:00 a. m.

Redford Gospel Tabernacle
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Evangelistic service, 7:45 p. m.
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Gilbert A. Miles, Pastor

Morning prayer meeting 10:15.
Morning worship 10:30.
Bible School 11:45.
B. Y. Y. 7:30 p. m., for Juniors and Seniors.
Evening Evangelistic Service at 7:30.
The mid-week Fellowship meetings are held Wednesday evenings at 7:30.

Community Church
West Point Park
Rev. O. J. Lyon, Pastor

10:00 Sunday School.
11:00 Preaching Service.

References to Michigan copper were made in a book published in Paris in 1630.

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Damask Roses

By SAGE STULL
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THE first damask roses were a bloom in Great-aunt Alicia's garden the morning she permitted me to read Mistress Betty Linley's diary. Their rare fragrance mingled with the lavender and musk still clinging to the little blue covered book.

"The same garden, my dear." Great-aunt Alicia said very softly. "Each generation of Linleys have proudly perpetuated the roses Mistress Betty so loved."

She drew aside the curtains that I might have a clearer view. The simple movement seemed to dispel more than a century's mist. My glance traveled past the wonderful display of roses to the distant highway. The latter's macadam surface vanished as if by magic, leaving the natural road bordered by weeds and wild flowers. Deep ruts in the rain-soaked earth marked the passing of the stage from Albany. So it must have looked to Mistress Betty the morning she penned that letter on June 2, 1775.

"The Post brought a letter from Patty Royston. She writes that her mother is distraught because of Jasper's severe intention to take up arms against all his kin. Patty hints that I should know why he is so ardent a rebel now, when only a year ago the king had no more loyal subject—his excellency no more trusted secretary than Jasper Royston."

SHORT SHORT
STORY

Complete in This Issue

"That was before he met fair Mistress Betty," Great-aunt Alicia laughed softly. "Family tradition says they first met at one of the royal governor's grand routs."

The very gown worn by Mistress Betty on that occasion is preserved in the old treasure chest in the attic. A deep pink taffeta tied with tiny ribbons at one side—a snug little bodice with rare lace collar and a round, full skirt. In her powdered hair nestled a perfect diamond earring.

Great-aunt Alicia turned back the diary's yellowed pages to June 11, 1774.

"Somehow I lost the rose from my hair last night. I wonder that I lost not my head as well. Such vain flatterers—not even excepting His Excellency! Only one did I regard with favor. Patty Royston's brother, lately home from college in England, was the best dancer and of a surety the most gallant beau of the evening."

Once again Great-aunt Alicia laughed softly. "That was before she met young Joel Ronalds. Tradition states it was Doctor Warren who introduced him to Betty—one sunny May morning when she was pruning the rose bushes. Tradition further states that the young doctor carried the choicest bud away with him—promising to return for the choicest rose when they should bloom in full." Great-aunt Alicia's voice grew very tender. "Remember the entry for June 16, 1775." I read: "My heart is both glad and sad this day. In the morning came Doctor Joel for his promised rose and my answer for his safety in the battle at Charles Town on the morrow. At dusk came Jasper Royston. The dear lad showed me a withered rose, worn next his heart since the night of the Governor's Rout—the rose I had thought I lost from my hair. . . . He, too, wanted a fresh token and my prayers for the morrow. Ah, me! In all sincerity I promised to pray for him, but my heart made me tell him of Joel."

I turned eagerly to the next entry—June 17, 1775.

"Findings at last from across the river! Our untrained men held their own against the king's regulars until their powder gave out. Dear Doctor Warren fell—facing the enemy like the dauntless patriot we all knew him to be. . . . No tidings of Joel or Jasper. Dear God—help my prayers!"

There were tell-tale blots on the following page—tear stains the long, long years had not effaced.

"June 18, 1775."

"Poor Jasper was killed at Joel's side. His last breath was a prayer for his hapless—and the success of the patriot cause."

I gently closed the diary and my glance wandered out the window. The road wound west again, but the roses in the garden below still breathed of ye olden days—the days of fair Mistress Betty and the two brave men who loved her.

How England Acquired Gibraltar Spain took Gibraltar from the Moors in 1482 and held it until it was taken in 1704 during the War of the Spanish Succession by a British fleet under Admiral George Rooke. Several attempts were made for Spain and France to wrest the stronghold from the English, the last great siege being from 1779 to 1782, when it was successfully defended by Sir George Elliott. Since the peace of Versailles, in 1763, Great Britain's claim to Gibraltar has been unchallenged.

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