

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Sprague entertained at their guests on New Year's day, Mrs. Gaston and daughter Miss Harriett, of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wilcox celebrated their wedding anniversary, the 27th of December by being host and hostess to Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Pierce, Miss Ernestine Pigeon, Miss Esther Boynton and Miss Helen Hard.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Andre of Detroit were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jensen.

Sunday guests at the Albert H. Ross home included Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hutz and daughter Olive, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Johnson, all of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hall entertained a number of friends at their home on Maple avenue, New Year's eve.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Hutton entertained at a party New Year's eve at their home.

Mrs. Norman Barrons spent Monday in Detroit with her sister, Mrs. William Burrows.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Adams and son Harry, spent New Year's in Anchorage with Mrs. Adams' sister, Mrs. Herbert.

Miss Edythe Wilkinson is entertaining Miss Shirley Rice of Oak Ave. as her house guest this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten entertained members of their family at dinner New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers, daughter Sally of Ithaca, Carl Maxwell of Fort Wayne and Arthur Fulkerson of Detroit were Saturday and Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jensen. Mrs. Rogers remained with her parents until Friday.

Masson Macdonald returned to his studies in Chicago, Wednesday, after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Macdonald.

Mrs. Arthur Lamb and daughter Marietta, attended the theater in Detroit Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thornton and daughter Nancy of Trenton spent Monday with Mrs. Thornton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moore.

Forrest Huff spent Christmas with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hill of Vermontville.

Mrs. Millie Perrine of Detroit was a Saturday evening guest of Mrs. Otis Jensen.

Mrs. Ione Tucker and daughters, Christine and Margaret of Grosbeak Pointe Farms, spent the holiday school vacation with Mrs. Tucker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Chamberlain. They returned to their home Monday.

The regular monthly meeting of Farmington Chapter No. 239, O.E.S. will be held on Tuesday evening, January 10 at the Masonic Hall. At this time the newly appointed chaplain for the year will be installed.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jones of Dearborn were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thistle and son Donald of Detroit were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jensen.

The annual capsule party of the Golden Rule Circle of the M. E. church will be held at the home of Mrs. Plettenberg on Maple avenue, Thursday, January 12. Pot luck luncheon promptly at 12:30.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Edgar entertained a number of friends at their home on New Year's eve.

Murray Moore of Detroit and Miss Marguerite Moore of Lansing spent the holiday week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moore.

Mr. Clyde Adams spent Wednesday in Plymouth as the guest of Mrs. George Hale. In the evening Mr. Adams and son Harry Adams were also guests at the Hale home.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis White spent New Year's day in Romeo as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fautler.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Schreiber and son Richard attended the theater in Detroit New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Omsus entertained at their home New Year's eve.

Miss Edythe Wilkinson was guest of honor at a party in celebration of her birthday anniversary, at the Ralph Auten home on Tuesday evening.

Karen Ann is the name selected for the infant daughter born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rolake at the Osteopathic Hospital.

Truman Monroe and daughter, Mrs. Fred Pinnow, of Plymouth were Wednesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jensen.

Vine, Verkes of Nine Mile road, died at Sessions Hospital, Northville, Tuesday morning, following an appendectomy. Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Gertrude Verkes and daughter Betty.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Cook and Mrs. Robert Cook attended a performance of the Santa Home for carnival at Olympia, Thursday evening.

Junior Spallier, youngest son of Mrs. Bertha Spallier, is in Pontiac General Hospital, following an appendectomy, Saturday.

Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Ross included Mrs. McKinney and children Donald, Marilyn and Wilkie and Mr. and Mrs. Meyer, all of Detroit, and Mrs. Meyer of Buffalo, New York.

Mrs. C. W. Chamberlain has been critically ill for the past three weeks at her home on Grand River. At present her condition remains unchanged.

Sunday guests at the R. C. Burns home will be Dr. and Mrs. Russell Hawley and family of Utica.

Mrs. Ethel Parkinson and daughter Emma Jane, a sister, Miss Ruth Tyrer, and Sydney Oleson, all of Pontiac, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele.

Mrs. Ethel Parkinson will attend a meeting of Leaders of 4-11 Sewing Clubs at Pontiac on Friday.

Miss Winifred Laing of Detroit spent the New Year week-end with Mrs. Evangeline Pettibone.

Mr. and Mrs. George Checkett and son Billy, and Mrs. Emily Checketts were New Year's day dinner guests of Mrs. Checkett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. VIII Stark, at Northville. On Monday the Checketts family attended the family dinner of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stark of Northville.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baker of Haggerty Highway entertained at a family dinner at their home on New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Hulett have entertained as their holiday houseguest, Mrs. Searle from New York, who is Mr. Hulett's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sullivan and sons, Charles, Jr. and Walter have recently moved from Highway road to Twelve Mile road.

A. C. Worsfold left Saturday on a business appointment in North Carolina.

Marilyn and Audrey Vivier, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vivier, are spending the latter part of this week with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Smith of Plymouth.

Mrs. Charles Pettibone and son John were Friday luncheon guests of Mrs. Ralph Noble and son Adelbert.

Dr. Elmer Switzer is reported recovering from his recent attack of pneumonia, at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vivier and daughters Marilyn and Audrey, were dinner guests of the former's parents New Year's day.

Ulysses S. Grant once lived at Jefferson Ave. and Russell St. in Detroit.

MICHIGAN TEALS ARE RECOVERED IN PORTO RICO

Blue winged teals banded at the Munuscong waterfowl refuge south of South St. Marie have been returned from as far away as Porto Rico and Haiti, but only six among southward this year with Michigan bands on them, reports from the State Conservation Department say.

The number trapped this year was the smallest in several years, because water levels were generally higher than usual. The blue winged teal prefers shallow water for feeding.

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Oregon Curbs Drunk Drivers By New Law

Stringent application of Oregon's license revocation law is reducing drunken drivers from the highways of the State. Such was the declaration of Earl Snell, Secretary of State, speaking on the Oregon State Capitol campus on the problem of traffic safety, as recently reported in The Christian Science Monitor.

Reports on file in Salem disclosed the fact that out of 961 revocations of licenses during 1937, only 3 per cent were able to obtain liability insurance coverage for their automobiles. This is one of the requirements established by law before a new license will be issued to an offender.

The Oregon law also makes it mandatory to revoke a drunken driver's license for a period of up to three years.

Although drunken driving is a problem in the State, Mr. Snell said, the majority of accidents are caused through drivers losing control of their cars. Control was defined as the condition of the vehicle in which the driver could stop within the limits of his range of vision at night, or could stop safely at any time regardless of what other drivers on his side of the highway might do.

Porto Rico, Haiti, and Cuba are largely the source of southern nesting grounds of this species, while north, central states and the prairie provinces of northwestern Canada are a preferred northern nesting ground for it.

One reason why few of the banded teals have been shot in the United States is that the bird is one of the earliest migratory ducks and usually goes south before the hunting seasons open.

Approximately 550 ducks of several different species were banded at the refuge this fall, open season permitting the continuance of trapping operations to a later date than usual. The trapping is done during a period of about two months in the spring and about three months in the fall, the weather being the controlling factor in the length of time during which the fall work can be carried on.

Original records of Joliet's first explorations in Michigan were lost when his canoe overturned near Quebec. He rewrote them from memory.

AT LONG LAST GREAT WHITE FATHER AWAKENS

In the midst of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln was so impressed by America's maladministration of Indian affairs that he declared: "If we get through this war, and I live, this Indian system shall be reformed." It was a long time before the Emancipator's hopes for Indian reform found practical expression, but today—in a report of a survey of conditions on the reservations compiled by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington—there is evidence that the descendants of aboriginal Americans are beginning to benefit from a program of "Americanization."

Organizations and individuals friendly to the Indians, co-operating in the survey, declare that after long years of defeat and discouragement, the attitude on the reservations is changing to expectancy, as the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act begin to function. An increase of 2,750,000 acres in Indian land holdings in the past four years; the benefits accruing from a \$1,000,000 credit fund for the purchase of farm machinery and other improvements by tribes and co-operative Indian groups; a widely planned program of conservation—these are some of the visible evidences of the changed attitude of the Great White Father in Washington toward his red children.

Three cardinal precepts governing present-day Indian administration are seen operating in the above results, and these precepts mark the new day in Indian affairs. They are: Indian self-government; the conservation of Indian lands and resources; and socially directed credit. As a result of the self-government theme—which restores to Indians considerable of their ancient democratic right to speak their own language, worship in their own way, pursue their own concepts in art and tradition—a new sense of self respect and self-improvement is traceable in definite results.

But these, and other encouraging features of the report, mark only a beginning. A century of mismanagement, mistakes, misdirected efforts is not erased in four years. It takes longer than that to reassure those whose past confidence have been abused. But it seems obvious that the Indian Bureau is on the right track, because so many of the sign-posts along the way appear to have been measured by the Golden Rule.

Colonel Dr. Peyster, British commandant at Detroit in the 1790's, later commanded a Scottish regiment in which the poet, Robert Burns, was enlisted.

of State Secretary, Mr. Snell has stressed, as the three chief factors in highway safety, education, engineering, and enforcement. To strengthen his belief in this direction, he reported that, as a result of the campaign being waged throughout the State this year, using the three "e's" as a basic principle, highway fatalities for the first 10 months of 1938 have been reduced by 37 over last year. During the same period there were 1,000 fewer accidents than were reported for a similar period in 1937.

CONVERSATION A LOST ART NOWADAYS?

"I am beginning to look upon conversation as a lost art," commented Mr. Jeffrey Parnell, the well-known English author, in a recent interview. Many people, comparing their experiences, as Mr. Parnell compared his experience, with the picture obtained by reading the English classics, and, one might add, with what is recorded of the table talk of the past, would come to the same conclusion. In spite of the fact that the spoken word has encroached to a considerable extent on the former preserves of the written word, that modern inventions have enabled the world at large to emulate the diplomats in substituting "conversations" for "notes," talk appears to have declined as an aesthetic occupation.

Yet one hesitates to see in this only a lamentable result of the speeding up of existence, of the lack of sufficient leisure, and of the competition of new distractions. What Stevenson called "the grand jury of the talkers" is as much in evidence as ever; and if the members of it are less concerned with the artistic merit of their performance, less set upon astonishing with their rhetoric, de-

lighting with their eloquence, and "keeping the table in a roar," they are perhaps the more in earnest—more felicitous to make it "stable talk" rather than an entertaining juggle with words.

In fact, if conversation is losing its art there is reason to think that it is becoming more responsible; and although the perfect combination is obviously one of brilliance and earnestness, that has never been a widespread phenomenon, and the present situation can hardly, in contrast with the past, be reckoned altogether deplorable.

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