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EDITORIALS

The Curse Causeless

(Exchange)

While at the outskirts of civilization humans may still be found throwing salt over the left shoulder, or wearing a spider in a nutshell around the neck, or embroiling their eyes on their children's shoes to spray out and ward off evil influences, progress is fast freeing the world from belief in the ability to curse.

"Egyptologists," reports Science Service, "take no stock in curses." The passing of Howard Carter many years after his spectacular entry into the tomb of King Tutankhamen has led to the exposure of a legendary curse around which the superstitious built a pyramid of circumstance. It all appears to have developed from the loss of Mr. Carter's pet cat, which for the curse inscription supposed to have existed on the limestone walls has never been located, and, according to Herbert Winlock, an Egyptologist at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the press made the most of the incident.

The cobra that got the canary evidently led a poetic nature, remembering the poet in the Pharaoh's headrest, to remark, "The serpent from the crown of the King has eaten the Golden Bird. Bad luck will follow." The legend circulated thereafter. "Death shall come on swift wings to him that toucheth the tomb of the Pharaoh."

"Thin stuff for the writer of melodrama, but reassuring to those who prefer the scriptural promise: 'As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.'"

The World Around

(Christian Science Monitor)

It may be difficult for those who always have lived in temperate regions to imagine the appearance of night that is now descending upon the Antarctic, as a few short days of twilight precede full months, relieved only by the light of the moon and stars, at intervals when the sky is unclouded.

While in the far south, night is descending, in the Arctic daylight is approaching on wings of the morning. The arrival of the sun at the northern shore of Alaska is an event to celebrate. Inhabitants seek vantage points where they can watch the sun's red disk slowly emerge above the frozen horizon, flame brightly for a few moments, and again sink from sight.

Throughout the north temperate zone, the equinox is bringing signs of spring. The period of equal day and night is no novelty in the tropics where time is divided in this regular way the year round. Visitors from other parts of the world, for the "dawn comes up like thunder," as Kipling phrased it.

Summer is over and harvest is at hand in Australia and the Argentine. Migrant birds are moving. Their warblers have already flown northward; and wild geese will soon be winning their way to warmer climes near the equator. In America, hooping of geese will soon be heard on moonlight nights as the gray feathered wedge takes its traditional way through the skies, on their way to open water. Yet all ears are tuned to catch the first songs of spring birds whether these come in April or September.

Cold

(Exchange)

"What good is it?" someone asked Prof. Frederick Keyes following his recent lecture on methods of achieving temperatures approaching absolute zero. Dr. Keyes has spent many years developing cheaper and better methods of trekking to chemistry's Antarctica where strange things happen to matter.

He has followed in the footsteps of others and made contributions of his own when it comes to boiling liquid oxygen at minus 297 degrees Fahrenheit. Boiling liquid nitrogen at minus 321, hydrogen at minus 423, and helium at minus 452. In fact he's been down within one-hundredth of a degree of absolute zero (minus 459.69°F) and now with a new electro-magnet, capable of pulling the nails right out of a pair of shoes, probably the strongest magnet in the world, he hopes to come within 0.001 of a degree of coldest cold.

As for the practical value of such research, Dr. Keyes explained how it might some day be the savior of what he termed the politician's passion for squandering

The Scarecrow

(Exchange)

It has been noted recently in The Times, of London, that the scarecrow is fast disappearing from the English countryside. It is a fact that one learns with a tinge of regret. He has always been an arresting sight, ludicrous yet with an aloofness, a "Punch" of the fantastic dignity, that would persuade one that he is pathetic bewitched from his humanity by a spell that deceives all save the birds. So that the invasion of the scarecrow is easy to grant him such moments as he has claimed through the poet:

But when that child, called Spring, and all
His host of children, come
Scattering their buds and dew
Upon

These acres of my home,
Some rapture in my veins
Aves.

I lift void eyes and scan
The skies for crows, those
ravens' flocks.

Of my strange master, Man,
It would seem however, that
birds have come to disregard him.
Possibly they have discovered that
they, too, were indulging a pathetic
fallacy, or perhaps it is because
he is so much less frightening
than the monstrous
have invaded the earth.

With the simultaneous announce-
ments that Walter Johnson and
Frankie Frisch, two of modern
baseball's greatest retired players,
are to radiocast games played this
summer at Washington and Boston,
it is evident the great American
game has gone "on the air" to stay.
While the game has been radio-
cast in Boston for twelve years,
the owners of clubs in other cities
have generally refused to permit
the broadcasting of any games ex-
cept the World Series. The ap-
pointments of Johnson and Frisch
are said to be in line with a policy
calling for former diamond stars
at the microphone.

Boston fans will regret the retire-
ment of Fred Hoey who has given
play by play the games of both
the Boston National and American
Clubs since 1927. Hoey was the
first man to radiocast baseball
regularly. In 1937 an announcement
that, at the request of sponsors, he
be released, led to such an
outburst of protests from fans
throughout New England that the
sponsors were forced to yield to
public opinion. Aside from the popu-
larity of Mr. Hoey, one of the rea-
sons for the protest was said to be
the desire of the sponsors to have
a "chatterbox" type of announcer
instead of Mr. Hoey's recital of the
facts and developments of the vocal high
pressure, snappy announcements
favored by some radio advertisers.

Let us hope there is nothing in
the contracts signed by Johnson
and Frisch that calls for "chatter-
box" announcing has been many times
heard from the radio. It brings into
the home an emotionally intensi-
fied type of speech that is jarring
discordant and utterly out of place
in the quietness and peace of a
real home. Certainly it has no place
in the broadcast of a ball game
that averages at least two hours
in length.

Mrs. Knapp Hostess To

Farm and Garden Club

Mrs. Karl Ritter gave a very in-
teresting talk on Michigan Wild
Flowers to the members of the
Northville branch of the Woman's
National Farm and Garden Association
at the home of Mrs. Knapp of
Northville. The talk was given by
Mrs. William D. Walker, Jr. and
Mrs. B. A. Rodge of Northville.

Mrs. Knapp displayed her collection
of china, glass, and precious
metal pitchers which have been
gathered from all over the world.
The collection which includes more
than five hundred pitchers was
greatly enjoyed by the members.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the City
Commissioners of the City of
Farmington held April 8th, 1939.

Called to order by Mayor Warner
at 9 p. m.

Commissioners present: Hutton,
Gildemester, Oldenburg, Hamlin,
Nacker and Bagnall.
Minutes of the meetings of March
6th and March 21st were read and
approved.

The following bills were paid by
the City Clerk:

Salary Expense, March \$500.00
Labor Expense, March 147.00
Mayor and Commissioners

salaries for Jan., Feb.
and Mar. 104.00
Fire Department salaries
for Jan. and Feb. 246.00

Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner,
Health Officer, 75.00
The Farmington State
Bank, office rent 15.00

The Detroit Edison Co.,
lights for City Bldg., 16.71
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.,
some service 16.55

Arvale Tipper,
typing petitions 1.00
Farmington Postmaster,
stamps, City Treas. 5.00

Arthur Lamb, Treas. Del.
school taxes 315.25
William Mans, Est., tire
repair, truck 1.25

Geo. C. Gildemester, Treas.
City tax collector booth 9.00
Crane Co., 50 lb. oil drum 5.00

Ann Arbor Foundry Co.,
manhole steps & covers 40.20
Abrams & Anderson, labor
& repairs to dir. com-
pressor 77.25

The Detroit Edison Co., light
gasoline 312.30
Howard Otis, glass for truck
door 6.91

Boice Standard Service,
gasoline 12.52
R. L. Phillips, Exp. town
hall case 137.00

Farmington Hardware,
mice 30.60
Dickerson Hardware,
mice 5.17

Farmington Mills, bags 1.00
Mannine & Locklin, gravel 18.90
G. P. Taft, gravel 73.70

Farmington Lumber,
coal & sewer material 210.92
Earl Viller, gasoline 19.62

Greory, Mayer & Thom Co.,
Election supplies 2.60
Olin Russell, tire repair 2.15

Samuel & Ford, Ins.,
LaFrance truck 7.15
Clare Grace, Ins., dump
truck 21.00

Kenneth Loomis, Ins.,
truck 35.91
Morton made by Oldenburg and
supported by Hamlin that the bills
be paid as read.

Roll Call: Hutton, Gildemester,
Oldenburg, Hamlin, Nacker and
Bagnall, Carried. All Years.

Motion made by Nacker and sup-
ported by Hamlin that the commis-
sion having canvassed the results of
the election held April 3rd, 1939,
has determined the following per-
sons have been duly elected to the
several offices respectively:

Howard M. Warner, Mayor
Delos F. Hamlin, Commissioner
(Full Term)

Adolph E. Nacker, Commissioner
(Full Term)

Fred W. Bagnall, Commissioner
(Full Term)

Harry W. Moore, City Clerk
Lloyd S. Gullin, Justice of the
Peace (Full Term)

James L. Hogle, City Assessor.
Harrison Johnson, Board of Re-
view.
Clinton W. Wilber, Board of Re-
view.

Geo. C. Gildemester, City Treas-
urer.
Marle F. Pettibone, Constable.
Horace Durham, Constable.

Carried. All Years.
An official written notice given
to each candidate elected to office
at the Farmington City Election,
April 3rd, 1939, states that he has
subscribed to the official oath and
has been sworn in and filed the same
with the City Clerk.

The new commission called to
order by Mayor Warner at 9:30
p. m., April 8, 1939.

Commissioners present: Hutton,
Gildemester, Oldenburg, Hamlin,
Nacker and Bagnall.

Mayor Warner ordered a ballot
taken for the election of a Mayor
Pro Tem. The ballot resulted in the
election of Commissioner Leo F.
Gildemester. Leo F. Gildemester
declared elected.

Mayor Warner appointed the
following committees:

Finance and Sidewalks, Leo F.
Gildemester.
Buildings and Water, Adolph E.
Nacker.

Sewer, Street and Police, Emory
O. Hutton.
Lights and Parks, Delos F. Ham-
lin.

Fire and Ordinance, Harold C.
Oldenburg.
Township and Cemetery, Fred W.
Bagnall.

Library Committee: Anna Cook,
chairman; Helen Harv; Ella Irish;
Delos Hamlin.

Motion made by Hutton and sup-
ported by Bagnall the committees
be confirmed. Carried. All Years.
Motion made by Gildemester and

supported by Nacker, William C.
Hase to be appointed Supervisor
of Public Works and Harvey
Blough to be appointed assistant su-
perintendent of public works. Car-
ried.

Motion made by Hamlin and sup-
ported by Hutton, Harold C. Olden-
burg be appointed Fire Chief and
Edward Thayer, assistant fire
chief; and the following persons
appointed as firemen: Norman
Barons, Bernard Bartfield, Elmer
Darling, Harrison Johnson, Louis
Kahri, Fred Maas, Howard Osmus,
Marle F. Pettibone, Harold Olden-
burg, Edward Thayer, Harvey
Blough and William Maas.
Carried. All Years.

Motion made by Hamlin and sup-
ported by Bagnall, Dr. Z. R. As-
chenbrenner be appointed City
Health Officer. Carried. All Years.
Motion made by Nacker and sup-
ported by Gildemester, the City of
Farmington pay the premiums on
the bonds issued for the City Treas-
urer, two Justices of the Peace and
two Constables.

Roll Call: Hutton, Gildemester,
Oldenburg, Hamlin, Nacker and
Bagnall, Carried. All Years.

Motion made by Oldenburg and
supported by Hamlin, the inspec-
tors of the election board be paid
at the rate of 60¢ per hour.

Roll Call: Hutton, Gildemester,
Oldenburg, Hamlin, Nacker and
Bagnall, Carried. All Years.

Motion made by Oldenburg and
supported by Hamlin, that a
docket fee of fifty cents (50¢) be
charged by the Justices of the
City of Farmington for all civil
and criminal cases that come be-
fore them in their office. Also, a
statement of all fees, fines, etc.,
collected, be turned over to the
City Treasurer on or before the
first Monday of each month.

Roll Call: Hutton, Gildemester,
Oldenburg, Hamlin, Nacker and
Bagnall, Carried. All Years.

Motion made by Nacker and sup-
ported by Gildemester, Tuesday
and Wednesday, May 2nd and 3rd
were named as Clean Up Days.
Carried.

Motion made by Hamlin and sup-
ported by Oldenburg, that the Com-
missioners approve the application of
Gust Pappas for a class "C" liquor
license from May 1, 1939 to May 1,
1940.

Roll Call: Hutton, Gildemester,
Oldenburg, Hamlin, Nacker and
Bagnall, Carried. All Years.

Motion made by Hamlin and sup-
ported by Gildemester, that the
Commissioners of the City of Farm-
ington sponsor some young man
qualified to attend a meeting of the
Wolverine Boys' State, Incorporated,
to be held in East Lansing,
July, 1939. The expense of twelve
dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) to
be paid by the City of Farmington.
Roll Call: Hutton, Gildemester,
Oldenburg, Hamlin, Nacker and
Bagnall, Carried. All Years.

Adjourned, 12:30 a. m.

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Ten "Don'ts" Advised On Social Security

Ten don'ts for those who have
social security numbers have been
issued by Walter B. Redman, man-
ager of the Social Security Board
field office in Pontiac. His sugges-
tions are:

1. Don't give any wrong infor-
mation when you get a social se-
curity number.
2. Don't lose your social se-
curity account number.
3. Don't fail to make a record of
your social security number and
keep the record in a safe place.
4. Don't have more than one
social security account card.
5. Don't give your social se-
curity number to any one else.
6. Don't hesitate to ask the
Social Security Board to cancel ex-
tra numbers.
7. Don't hesitate to ask the
Social Security Board to correct its
records.
8. Don't be afraid the infor-
mation contained in your social se-
curity application will be disclosed
by the government.
9. Don't fail to apply for a
money payment if you reach age
65 and have worked in commerce
or industry since January 1, 1937.
10. The same is true, if you are the
legal heir of a worker who has
died since the date mentioned,
after having been employed in a
covered occupation.

Don't hesitate to call at the
Pontiac field office of the Social
Security Board for any information
you may desire.

Consult the Librarian

Readers come to public libraries
in large numbers, not knowing
what they wish to study, but ear-
nestly desiring more education. Fre-
quently what they want is some
guidance in reading. The problem
of meeting such requests is per-
petual, but it seems to have added
significance in times of enforced
leisure.

In the small libraries the lib-
rarian himself is the readers' adviser.
In a quiet interview the readers' ad-
viser discusses the inquirer's sub-
ject of interest, his purpose in un-
dertaking the study, his education-
al and reading background, and
time available. The adviser then
finds in his files a printed read-
ing course which fits the case, or
after, prepares one to suit the
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One woman TO ANOTHER

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BAKE SALE

The Progressive Class of the
Methodist church will hold a bake
sale at the Farmington Hardware,
Saturday, April 15, at 11 a. m.
Contributions of baked goods from
any member of the church, whether
in the class or not, will be accepted
gladly.