

## FARMINGTON ACRES

Mrs. David Measell was the guest of her niece, Mrs. Ell of Detroit, Wednesday.

Mrs. and Mr. Albert Koss, daughters June and Shirley of Base Line Road, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ramsden of Detroit are spending the holidays with relatives in Florida.

Mrs. George Vanderpool's mother, of Edward avenue, is seriously ill at her daughter's home.

Mrs. and Mr. Bryon Youngblood and son James and daughter, Mary, of Farmington have returned home after spending the holidays with Mr. Cox and family in Detroit.

Mrs. and Mr. Richard Erickson with a group of friends, were Christmas eve callers at several homes.

Edward Measell is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Measell after several weeks absence.

Mrs. Emma Damon and Edwin Cooper spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Watkins of Detroit.

Mrs. and Mr. Sarver entertained Mrs. Sarver's mother, Mrs. Neus, of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Stewart at their home on Edward avenue, Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre entertained with a family dinner Christmas day and during the evening a group of friends, including Donald and Glenna had a few school friends for a skating party and lunch.

Mrs. M. Taylor and daughter, Patricia of Capac, Michigan, are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Walker and sister, Mrs. Maurice Seabald.

Miss Amanda Markham of Palmers Woods spent the week and day with her nephew, Harold Markham and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Walker, of Detroit, and Mrs. Maurice Seabald, daughter Virginia, and son Richard, of Edward avenue, Mr. Taylor, daughter Patricia, and Mr. Seabald, of Capac, were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lee at Wall Lake.

Mrs. and Mr. Richard Erickson, daughter Virginia and son Robert are enjoying a belated Christmas with their mother and grand-mother, Mrs. Robison, of Detroit, who has returned from a sojourn in Florida and Louisiana.

Mrs. David Measell spent Friday at the William Hilton home in Detroit.

## UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS SHOW SHARP DECREASE

A sharp drop in the number of claims for total unemployment benefits filed with the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission during the week ending December 16 was revealed today by Harry A. MacDonald, Commission chairman.

MacDonald, in a weekly report on Commission activities, announced a total of 21,938 claims during the week, the lowest weekly total in Commission history. The previous low was 25,061 to the week ending October 21, 1939.

The number of claims for total unemployment benefits during the week was about 25 per cent below the previous week's total of 29,207 and more than 60 per cent below the figure of 69,337 for the corresponding week in 1938.

Claims for weekly partial and monthly partial unemployment benefits also declined, and were about 60 per cent below the previous week's total of 29,207.

MacDonald also disclosed that the number and face value of benefit payments declined about ten per cent from the preceding week. A total of 34,425 checks, with a value of \$426,732 were issued during the week ending December 16.

The total number of checks issued since July 1, 1939 rose to 1,417,950 for a total value of \$5,685,912.

The Commission chairman indicated that there may be some rise in the number of claims for benefits at the end of the year, because of temporary holiday lay-offs.

"It seems certain, however," MacDonald said, "that the balance in the Unemployment Compensation Fund available for benefit payments on December 31, will be more than eight million dollars above the balance at the same time last year."

## CARD OF THANKS

Joyce Ann Hull wishes to thank her many friends for their kindness in helping her win first prize in the contest held at the Smith-Bradley Drug Store. 10-1-p

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I wish to thank the Goodfellows for their gift to me, and to wish them all 365 happy and prosperous days of the New Year. Mrs. David Ross 10-1-p

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## SNARE

By B. A. BENEDICT

(Reprinted by Associated Newspapers and Services)

IT WAS common talk around Farmington that Claire Montgomery was getting her cap for Rus Stanton. Folks picked Rus, because Claire had a reputation. Ever since the day she had come home following her graduation at Vassar, she had been a young lady.

That is, all save Rus Stanton. He alone had withstood her intoxicating beauty and charm; but now even he seemed demoralized.

Claire was without scruples, a fact evidenced, first, by her total lack of concern regarding the shattered hearts of suitors whose love she sought and, winning, spurned. And second, by her indifference toward the feelings of one Dolly Kilbourne.

Dolly Kilbourne had been in love with Rus Stanton since high school days. Indeed, rumors had it that sooner or later the two of them would get together on a matrimonial enterprise.

Claire, that of course was before Claire Montgomery had returned from Vassar.

She was pretty sure of herself, this Claire, and when Rus showed any casual interest in her frank liking for him, she merely vowed to make his punishment the greater when eventually he was gathered to the fold.

Rus did a pretty good job of holding off, so much so, in fact, that observers of the drama began to speculate as to Claire's success.

One or two, indeed, hinted at the extent of chiding her about it.

"You'll never collect Rus," Fred Burgess told her, grinning. "He and Dolly Kilbourne have been hitched it off together for a dozen years or so. You'll never get him out of the extent of chiding her about it."

Fred was one of Claire's vanquished suitors. He was a little resentful and would have liked nothing better than to see failure reward her.

Claire regarded him scornfully. "Dolly Kilbourne! My dear Fred, that ugly little hussy is the least of my worries. Her sex appeal is no more than a faded flower."

"She's at least honest," Fred replied.

Claire turned to the others who were standing about with a derisive little laugh.

She saw the looks on their faces, and the determination in her soul to collect Rus Stanton increased a hundred fold.

The campaign lasted more than six months.

Claire employed all the cunning tactics and womanly instincts at her command.

And in the end she won.

Rus Stanton succumbed and pronounced the words that placed him in the category of suitors seeking the hand of the beautiful Claire Montgomery.

Flushed and triumphant, Claire returned home that night, feeling that she had won a beautiful political candidate after the votes have been counted.

For a long time she lay awake, musing over the outcome of her campaign.

Tomorrow her cup of victory and satisfaction would be filled to the brim, for then the world would know that Rus Stanton had been entrapped in her snare.

Claire thought about the matter for a long time, and as she thought an unaccountable feeling of remorse began to steal into her soul.

For some unknown reason her triumph seemed incomplete.

The thing was disturbing.

Analyzing it she wondered if it lay in the reputation she had gained for herself, the esteem in which the people—especially the young people of Farmington—regarded her. And after a detailed review of her activities during the past two years, she decided that that was the answer.

"The result of her cogitation was a little frightening."

Those people—neighbors and friends—who knew her of her scornfully and with contempt.

And now that the last field had been conquered, now that the last heart was broken, their friendship would be a pretty precious thing.

Then it was that the idea came. The idea would restore her to the good graces of her fellowmen, win back their admiration.

She would surprise them by becoming virtuous.

It was a wholly selfish idea, because its purpose was designed merely to accomplish a personal gain.

But instead of that Claire would become virtuous.

She would marry Rus Stanton! The thought sickened her, yet she knew it would be far better than run the risk of being estranged by Pelham society.

And Pelham society would forgive her for all that was past. They would cease condemning. They would shake their heads and say she had been wise to wait for Rus Stanton and she were well matched.

Claire dropped off to sleep with the plan assuming elaborate proportions in her mind.

She was well satisfied, well pleased; no longer disturbed or afraid.

The problem had solved itself, as all problems do, once you give them a little thought.

She rose late the next day, breakfasted in her room and spent the remainder of the morning and part of the afternoon making her toilet.

There was to be a dance that night at the country club. Rus had said he would call. He wanted, she knew, to announce their engagement as a feature of the affair.

The dance was no unusual event, not unlike a dozen others Claire had attended. It occurred to her that this might be an opportunity to torment Rus a little, without sacrificing anything herself or increasing the animosity of Pelham society.

Yes, it was an excellent opportunity. Claire waited until 7:45 that evening to put her scheme into execution.

At eight Rus was to call for her. She pictured him getting ready to leave, features aglow with excitement and anticipation at thoughts of seeing her.

At ten minutes before eight she picked up the "phone and called Rus' number. His mother answered.

"This is Miss Montgomery," Claire told her. "Will you put Rus on the wire, please?"

"I'm sorry, Miss Montgomery, Rus isn't at home."

"Oh, he's on his way here then. So sorry. I called to tell him I couldn't attend tonight's dance."

"I doubt very much, Miss Montgomery, if that fact will affect Rus one way or another," Mrs. Stanton's voice vibrated with contempt and triumph.

"For you see," she went on, "Rus left Pelham two hours ago for Boston with Dolly Kilbourne. They were married this afternoon. He tried to get you on the phone to explain, but whoever answered said you were still asleep." Pause. "Rus left a message. He said he was sorry, but that he only proposed because you forced him into it. However, no one need know the circumstances unless you came to tell them yourself."

"Black Widow Spiders Overrated as Menace"

The menacing black widow spider, once the object of considerable fear throughout the country, is much like a highly publicized fighter when it comes to actual battle, according to two University of Utah professors.

True enough, the spiders are potentially dangerous, but not half so dangerous as panicky housewives and others thought them to be.

For Dr. R. E. Chamberlain, head of the school's biology department, and Dr. Wilton Ivie, have discovered that the spider's strongest point is also its weakest.

The fangs through which the insect transfers its poison is an intended victim are extremely tiny and very weak. In a large female the fangs average less than one-fiftieth of an inch in length.

Long interested in spiders and their habits, the two have spent the greater part of the past few years in two rooms of the university's Museum building. Surrounded by thousands of vials containing all types of spiders, they watched development of the black widow from egg to death.

There were plenty of specimens, for Dr. Chamberlain, formerly curator and director of development at the Harvard museum of comparative zoology, is continually receiving specimens of spiders, millipedes, centipedes and other crawling members of the insect world from brother scientists.

Not satisfied with laboratory observation alone, Chamberlain and Ivie habitually spend vacations in odd corners of the country, deliberately hunting spiders on their own grounds.

Males are generally half the size of females, but have relatively longer legs.

The female, having established herself in a favorite location—generally a dimly lit corner, under a bridge, in rodent burrows, cellars, or occasionally on dry bushes— seldom leaves the web. The male is a wanderer, and often may be seen scuttling about in search of a mate.

Buddy Popples Sale

"Buddy Popples" are made by disabled and needy ex-servicemen, the majority being patients in government hospitals throughout the country. The proceeds are used for welfare and relief work, including an allotment to the Veterans of Foreign Wars' national home for widows and orphans of ex-servicemen. The sale is annually endorsed by the White House. The poppy was first chosen as a memorial flower by the American Legion at the suggestion of Miss Mollie Michael at Athens, Ga., who received the inspiration by reading "In Flanders Fields," a poem by Col. John McCrae. The poppy was first sold in Milwaukee in 1918.

## NEW GROUP TO FIGHT PARALYSIS IN OAKLAND COUNTY

At a meeting held recently at the Congregational Church of Royal Oak, the charter of the new Oakland County Chapter of The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc., was presented. Theodore L. Deegenhardt, chairman, said that the formation of the Oakland Chapter in no manner interferes with the functioning of the local chairman throughout Oakland County, while providing many valuable things formerly missing.

"Under the former arrangement, the local chairman planned and carried through the method used to raise money," said Mr. Deegenhardt. "The money was divided and a specific percentage was sent to the national headquarters, while the balance was kept locally, and, in many cases, it was kept in personal accounts. The money thus kept was spent without consultation with the County authorities."

In many cases, the money has remained unused. Under the new charter, the national headquarters has ruled that these accounts shall be pooled into one account, thereby centralizing the distribution in experienced hands.

The epidemic of infantile paralysis that hit Oakland County during the past year has shown clearly the weaknesses of the former method. Under the new charter, the local chairman still plans, organizes and carries through the plan. When the money is collected, it is not split, some being sent to national headquarters and the balance kept locally, instead the entire amount is sent to the County Chapter treasurer.

The money is kept in the Chapter's own account, with a bonded officer of the Chapter handling the disbursement at the order and direction of the executive board. All local chairmen are members of the executive board.

"The Oakland County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc., has no paid officers. All work is voluntary."

Individuals who realize the need of the continuance of the fight against this dread disease, yet, such men as Doctors C. H. Binning, John D. Munroe and Hugh W. Williams—all well known for their work with infantile paralysis and children's diseases—give their time free. These professional men are assisted by hard-headed successful business men of the county.

This means that the handling of the money collected throughout the county will be spent wisely and where it will do the most good. It means that the money will be available where and when necessary—for one never knows where the next case of infantile paralysis will be.

"Each local chairman is automatically a member of the executive board of the Oakland County Chapter. The executive board consists of the local chairmen, the officers of the Chapter and several elected members. Each serves without remuneration."

"The securing of this charter and the formation of the Oakland County Chapter is a step forward in the fight against this dreaded of dread diseases. It means that there will be a unified front against this enemy of your family and mine—Infantile Paralysis."

PROMPT RETURN OF CHRISTMAS SEAL MONEY ASKED

Calling on women, as natural protectors of health and happiness in the home, Mrs. J. H. Sickles, president of the Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs, urged that tuberculosis Christmas seal money

be turned in at once. Most American homes are gay during this holiday season," she said, "but there are those that even good will or charity cannot touch."

"What seems most pitiful," she went on, "are the families beset and broken by tuberculosis deaths that could have been prevented. Tuberculosis can be cured, if it is discovered and treated in the early stages. And," Mrs. Sickles added, "Christmas seal penitents have developed a program designed to help weed out these unnecessary deaths."

The Michigan Tuberculosis Association is fighting the white plague with what Mrs. Sickles termed "the most modern available weapon"—education. Regular health literature and a special teacher are sent into schools while sound movies, magazine articles, special talks, news stories, radio and the like keep citizens well informed of the healthful living. The Association's X-ray unit is on the road constantly.

Conducting clinics throughout the state in an effort to help discover early tuberculosis.

Last year 1,866 persons in Michigan died of tuberculosis, an appalling number, yet the lowest our state has ever seen, and the decrease is largely attributed to the program carried on by the state tuberculosis association.

In view of this year around protection offered both the home and community, Mrs. Sickles concluded, "I am sure that every woman joining in urging the immediate return of Christmas seal money."

SMITHS FIRST IN LONDON TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

The Smiths, Joneses, Harrises, and Coles, in that order, lead in the total number of names of subscribers listed in the London telephone directory. In the book for Manhattan, New York City's "big four" are the Cohens in first place, followed by the Smiths, Millers, and Browns.

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WASHINGTON IS FIRST IN PHONE DEVELOPMENT

Capital Has Most Telephones per 100 Population; New York Has Most Telephones of Any City

Of the cities of the world, New York leads in actual number of telephones, with 7,584,000; Washington, D. C., ranks first on the basis of telephones per 100 of population.

New York City on January 1, 1938, the last date for which world-wide figures are available, had 1,623,117 telephones and was the only city in the world with more than a million telephones.

This is equivalent to 22.28 per cent of its population of 7,584,000; in other words, more than 22 telephones for each 100 inhabitants.

New York has more telephones than there are in many foreign countries; more, in fact, than there are in all of Japan.

San Francisco Ranks Second

When telephone development is figured on the basis of population, however, Washington outranks any other city, with San Francisco in second place. Washington has 35.32 telephones for each 100 of its population, while San Francisco has 33.17. New York, which ranks highest in actual number of telephones, is outranked by other cities both in this country and in Europe on the basis of telephones in proportion to population.

Stockholm Holds Third Place

However, New York City does outrank not only in numbers but in percentage to population many of the capitals of the world. London has only 17.18 telephones, Paris has 15.29 telephones, and Berlin, 13.34 telephones, for each 100 inhabitants.

Stockholm holds third position

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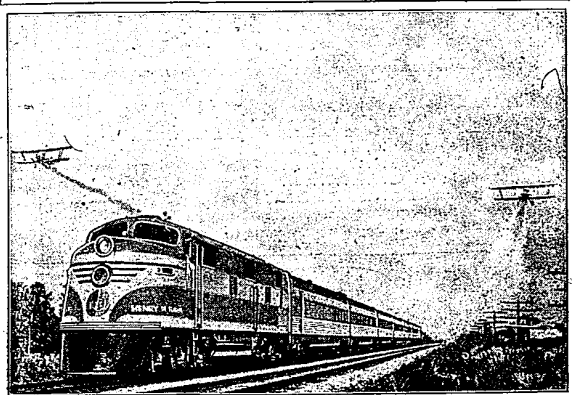
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