



SALE OF TAX REVERTED LAND IS DELAYED

General sales of tax reverted lands at public auction will be delayed for several months according to P. J. Hoffmaster, director of the conservation department, or until completion of special sales of lands applied for under the statute by former owners.

Auction of lands which former owners are seeking to repurchase in five counties at the tip of the lower peninsula November 25, 26, 27 and 28 will be the second series of such sales which are to be held for all 17 counties north of the Muskegon-Bay City line. Lands in the Muskegon-Bay City line. Lands in the Muskegon-Bay City line.

Former owners were the chief purchasers at the first series of sales, held in Delta, Mecumville and Dickinson counties October 21, 22, and 24. Lands are resold at not less than 25 percent of the 1939 valuation, and time payments are allowed former owners.

Next sales scheduled involve public auction of almost 10,000 acres and 474 platted lots. The November 25 sale will be at Gaylord, of 21,780 acres and three platted lots in Antrim and Ogemaw counties. At Charlevoix November 26 a total of 6,538 acres and 101 lots in Charlevoix county will be offered. Emmet county's 17 platted lots and 5,644 acres of applied-for tax reverted lands will be auctioned November 27 in Ewenaw. Last sale of the series will be 5,780 acres and 353 platted lots in Cheboygan county, in the city of Cheboygan, November 28.

All sales begin at 10 a. m. eastern standard time. Sales in the northern counties will follow shortly.

612 DEER COUNTED IN EVENING—MOST ON FARM LAND

Good news for hunters, and news for northern Michigan farmers is the count of 612 deer in a single evening by L. H. Bartlett, in charge of deer investigations for the conservation division of the state department of conservation.

With conservation officers Verne Dockham and Howard Rowe, Bartlett counted the 612 deer in a 7 hour and 45 minute drive along 64 miles of road near Mio, Fairview, Curran, McCollum lake and Fairview valley. All but 19 of the deer were seen in farmers' fields—67 in one field, 62 in another, and an average of more than 20 deer for each of the 23 fields observed. Deer counted included 24 bucks, 103 does, 72 fawns and 338 deer which could not be easily identified.

On other evenings, during shorter drives, from 180 to 421 deer have been counted in this area, mostly in farmers' fields. For one farmer, deer concentrations as high as 35 on two acres have kept alfalfa cropped so closely to second cutting could be made. Bartlett is now working on different types of fencing that will prevent such deer damage.

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Rescue

By ISABEL WAITT
(McClure Syndicate—WNU Service.)

"HELP! H—ell-l-l-l-l!"

Teddy Newman, patrolling his beat over the lonely Cape Cod dunes along the coast below the coast guard station, jerked towards the sound. It seemed to have come from the sea directly below him, yet for a moment he could see no one.

"Help!" Louder this time. Now Teddy could locate the head, bobbing like a bit of cork, in the furious sea. Spinning down the precipitous sandy cliff, he came with such momentum that his body was hurled forward across the narrow beach into the oncoming breakers—past him drowning boy—girl. "She must be nearly gone," he thought, "or she would crawl in," so shallow was the water he found her lying in.

A dead weight, the girl's sand burrowed him in. It would have to do. He carried the girl to it and tried to roll her on it. She struggled to sit up, reviving almost at once.

"Oh, save me! Save me!" she cried. Then, behold, the astonished rescuer, "Oh, you have saved me! That awful sea!"

"Do you feel all right?" asked the coast guard.

"I'm just a trifle cold. I'll be all right in a minute. You were wonderful to risk your life."

"But I didn't. You were washed away," said the girl, her count around her. "Say, what are you doing out here alone, anyway? Don't you know there's a dangerous undertow here? No bathing. Why do you go in with the others, over the coast?"

The girl's blue eyes came back from the sea to meet Teddy's blue ones. "I'll be frank with you. I came here to see you. I'm in the others. I came here to end it all and then—then when the great waves began to swallow me I got scared and called. I guess I have that much to thank you for."

"You poor kid. You poor dumb kid. Don't you know there isn't a guy worth giving up your life for?" "You're sweet," she said. "If I were rich I'd give you a big reward. As it is, Miss—"

"Betty Lyons. I have my night off next Friday. I'm going up to town. Couldn't I drop by the Seaside and we take in a picture show? Can you walk back all right?"

She was as fresh as a daisy. The recovery appeared startling in a would-be-sulcid, both physically and emotionally.

Braving the curious stares of the Seaside piazza buzzards the following Friday, Teddy Newman learned that Miss Lyons was not in. Probably thought herself too good for him. Stung, he started down the boardwalk toward the little main thoroughfare. A boy ran after him. "I know where Betty is," he volunteered. "She's gone to meet a fellow who saved her life."

"Which way did she go?" "Across the jetty," he heard her telling Betty, "bout an hour ago."

The jetty! He saw it all in a flash. The girl had supposed he would walk away along the dunes. Instead he had come in the cutter. If only it hadn't gone! That long stone jetty, he realized, would be under water at full tide. And little Betty would be in the middle of it.

It was just about to pull out when Newman signalled from the fishing pier near the Seaside. With frantic speed he jumped aboard and they headed across the bay for the long jetty. He could see a girl start a few steps forward, then, hesitating, turn back. Except for the land and the ocean had crept over the rocks. Betty, in a pink frock, swayed precariously.

"Help! H—ell-l-l-l-l!" That instant she tottered into the murky depths. Seconds later, Teddy divered. He had her in his arms. Sturdy hands drew them aboard.

"Say, have I got to rescue you every time I see you?" he gasped.

"Oh, Teddy," panted Betty right before the others ran to the cutter, "you're so wonderful! It's marvelous to be saved by a big strong man like you."

After five more I-think-you're-wonderful meetings Teddy Newman succumbed and asked her to marry him. It was then she confessed she'd faked the attempted suicide just to get acquainted with this handsome man she'd ever seen in a coast guard lifesaving drill.

"Pooh, you little devil; I knew it all the time," he grinned. "But it was darned lucky for you I happened along that time you were on the jetty."

The Blue And White

Archie Leonard Addresses Student Body

Mr. Archie Leonard, in an Armistice Day address to a student assembly Monday, stated that the democratic institutions for which boys sacrificed their lives and health during the First World War are "in greater danger today than they were then." He went on to say that the "United States is not at peace, but at war—war not declared by Congress—because we have participated indirectly in conflict by selling cruisers, airplanes, tanks, and other ammunition to belligerent nations and by sending our navy into foreign waters to watch over territories it there holds to be a transfer of such territories to powers unfriendly to democracy."

Since such activities make the situation serious and since every effort is being made by the powers of Europe to destroy democracy where it grows, even boys and girls of school age must assume responsibilities. Instead of accepting the privileges of democracy, all must earn the right to live in a democracy, (1) by becoming intelligent citizens who not only vote but carefully investigate and analyze the records and characters of those men and women they choose to serve them in public life, (2) by exercising greater respect for authority than we do today, and (3) by bringing greater loyalty and devotion to our national ideals.

Mr. Leonard mentioned some very startling figures supporting the statement that people in our country do not show proper respect for authority. It seems that crime last year cost \$16,000,000; that there are three undetected, unapprehended, and unpunished policemen in uniform; that 35,000 people are killed annually on our highways; that in the average city each twenty-eighth person on the street is a criminal with a record.

Other thoughts which impressed the assembly were that democracy exists only in the United States that it has "disappeared in Europe except in England and there is no assurance it can endure there because it takes more than law and order and determination to win wars in a materialistic age like this."

Comments from boys and girls after the address indicated that they were beginning to realize that privileges can no longer be taken for granted and that "democracy is not a legacy handed down from generation to generation," but an ideal to be jealously guarded with the best of our minds and hearts can muster.

Thanksgiving on Armistice Day

November 11, 1915, the Armistice was signed, and we thought perhaps that this War to end wars had been successful. That was twenty-two years ago, and today we are on the verge of another great war, a war as grave and as cruel as the first.

As yet, no one has had the grounds to say that we shall have no more wars, because it so happens that a great and terrible war is now existing and is threatening to engulf the world.

There are some who say that the thought of achieving selfish ambitions by engaging in bloody content among countries would be impossible if the population were the civilized. I believe that any nation which comes in contact with other countries is surely civilized at this day and age.

The term "civilized" does not necessarily imply that the people are non-materialistic, nor does it mean that they are democratic, but it does mean that they follow the despised life which their country has to offer them. That is where WE, the younger citizens of this great country, have plenty to be grateful for.

We can honestly say that we have the oldest and most secure government in the world. Through-out the years other countries have changed their governments time and time again, only to grow worse, it seems with each regime.

They still are not so stable as that of the United States, and there is a reason. Every generation which is born into foreign countries has something in common with our generation—namely, that they can take what they are offered and return what is expected to preserve their governments.

Through the selfish regime of a totalitarian government this new generation is deprived of every right of liberty just to satisfy the future security of that government. The government has nothing to offer but militaristic encouragement and all the new generation can offer is their well-being.

We the younger generation of our country are offered every opportunity that can possibly be availed and we owe it all to the unselfish ambitions and sacrifices that were made by our descend-

ents. In the years to come I believe that the same course will be followed because more opportunities are being offered which will undoubtedly prove that this country will live in the same democratic sort of way it always has, that it will continue and surpass any other country that has less to offer. So I feel that we, the young citizens of this country, should take advantage of every opportunity that comes our way in order to better our country and to preserve democracy forever.

Farmington High School Has Pep Meeting

On Friday, November 8, a pep meeting was held in the High School gym to arouse the school spirit for the Farmington-Berkley game. Ed Barrons, President of the Student Council, conducted the meeting.

The first thing taken up at the meeting was the subject of conduct. During the past assemblies and pep meetings the conduct of the students has been very bad. There has been a great deal of unnecessary miscreaking and whistling coming from the balcony. In order to have more assembly programs and pep meetings it will be necessary to have the full cooperation of the student body, both in their attitude toward the programs and their manners during entering and leaving. Ed was very frank and put his point across, as is typical of Ed.

The school spirit has been very low during this football season. Although we have had other pep meetings, they have not seemed to arouse the old school spirit. This meeting was called for the purpose of promoting a big crowd at the last game of the season, which was between Farmington and Berkley, Berkley, during the past years has always had a big crowd on our field, a crowd that has always cheered for their team and shown excellent school spirit even if they lost to us.

Ed handled the meeting very well and drew the attention of every student in the gym, (as every teacher dreams of doing). He brought up the fact that we have

some very fine cheer leaders, but they are not getting the cooperation that they deserve from the students. After urging all students to stand behind the cheer leaders and cheer with the old school spirit, he had the cheer leaders come out and the response could be heard from here to Berkley.

After the cheer Ed introduced the seniors who were playing their last game for our school. They were as follows: Mark Ferrell, Captain; Dick Davidson, Charles Larson, Gordon Nelson, Hugh Schram, Lyle Cook, Bob Carlson, Arnold Wersheim, George Brykalski. This was also Ed's last game. Each of the fellows in turn expressed his appreciation for being able to play under the guidance of Coach Shoemaker and Coach Hutton, and all wished they had another year to play.

Ed said, "On the field one of the main things a football player listens for is the cheers that come from the sideline urging him on." This is a true statement and holds true not only in football, but in other sports as well.

After the Farmington-Berkley game Friday afternoon Coach Hutton said, "The pep meeting did a great deal of good, and we had an outstanding crowd at the game."

—Max Rowe.

Armistice Day Program Held in Gymnasium

On November 11, an Armistice Day program was held in the Farmington High School Gymnasium at 11:00 a. m. Members of American Legion Post No. 346 were present. Mr. Dunkel, Superintendent of Schools was acting chairman.

The program was opened with an invocation by Rev. Gilbert A. Miles, after which the audience stood, for the singing of the national anthem. This was followed by the song "I Am An American," sung by a special girls' chorus—which proved exceedingly good and was generously applauded.

The Armistice Day address was given by Mr. Archie Leonard, who spoke on the keeping of Armistice Day in tribute to the soldiers of the last war and with the hope that we would never go through another.

er. After this the audience sang "God Bless America" and pledged allegiance to our flag.

In memorial to the honored dead some 500 stood in a meaningful silence as taps were sounded by Scout Howard Richards.

The program was closed with the benediction by Rev. Gilbert A. Miles.

—Ma Rowe.

Miscellaneous Notes

HOMEMAKING

Felice Stevens, Betty Schweizer, and Virginia Scanlon were hostesses at a buffet supper given at the home of Virginia Scanlon, Wednesday evening, November 6. Guests were Miss Johnston and members of the Homemaking III class.

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