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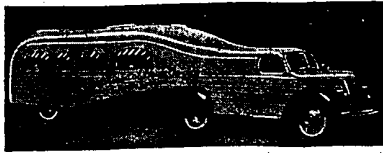
February 17, 1943
An Open Letter to the People of Farmington:
It is a well known fact that a family living in the same house, and each going their own way, regardless of the other, never knows what happy, harmonious living can be.
Now there is no roof over the town of Farmington, but there might as well be, cause a lot of people call it home. Wouldn't it make for a much better "family spirit" if a Board were set up, composed of a representative from each organization, to meet once a month, for the purpose of planning meetings, programs and entertainment, so as not to overlap? This would eliminate a person choosing as to whether he goes where he wants to go or where duty compels him to go.
Think it over, folks, it's one way in which a true Community Spirit could be attained.
—One of the Family.

February 8, 1943
Dear Friends of Farmington:
I have just finished reading the paper of February 4, which I received Monday afternoon, February 8. Often at home I won't get my paper until Monday. Here I have it delivered.
Reading the letters from the friends in St. Petersburg, I just want to say that they have nothing "over us" on the East side here in Ft. Lauderdale. The weather has been perfect since I arrived January 16. Only need a light coat when out in the evening. The average temperature is about 78 degrees. The flowers, shrubs and trees are so beautiful. All my letters from home have been rather "chilly" so I think it is a good winter to be in the "Sunny South."
Mr. and Mrs. Noble, with whom I am staying, join me in sending greetings to the Farmington friends.
Sincerely,
Zelda L. Steele.

LOCALS

On Thursday, February 25, the Gospel Workers Bible Class sent a gift of flowers to little Mary E. Wilson on Greening Ave., who has spent the last ten weeks in bed. The Calbouns are back in their home on Alyce Kay for a couple of weeks.
Billy and Jackie Buchanan of Hollywood Ave. are recovering from severe colds.

"TRAILER VAGABOND"



By WARREN BAYLEY

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

"Some two years ago when the first edition of our travelogue was printed and offered to the public, I wrote a column dealing with Los Angeles in the early days. This column was a special, and was never released to the papers for publication and as a result its number of readers was small in comparison with a regular release.
In view of this fact we were surprised in checking our files, to find that a number of readers who have written in regarding the veracity of the statements made in Los Angeles in the early days is considerably larger than the general average. As a result we are releasing a part of the column for newspaper publication at this time that all readers may have a clearer picture of the city of "Los Angeles" when it was anything but that.
Searching through the records at that time I found that prior to 1800 California land had no value. At a penny per acre there were no buyers. Thousands of acres were exchanged freely and in 1849 the city was surveyed and the streets laid out. Soon after all hell began to pop.
From 1850 to 1870 Los Angeles was probably America's toughest city. In 1854, with 1,600 population, the town averaged one murder a day. The city newspaper reported murders in small print. In desperation, law-abiding citizens formed their own vigilantes.
In 1863 seven men were lynched; in one month. Lawyers often held gun battles in court, frequently urged on by the judge. A mayor resigned to head a lynch mob. The head of a famous brothel was sold at public auction for \$58.
Lawlessness reached its peak in 1871 when twenty-two Chinese were massacred. National concern was aroused and soon after the city quieted down.
Today Los Angeles is filled with beautiful women. Seeds of them, in the old days the city's growth was retarded by a lack of women. There were a few marriages with Indian girls, but as a whole, the male population stayed single because of a lack of desirable mates. Mexico was repeatedly urged to ship in a few boatloads of fair señoritas. The request was never granted and the local swains had to worry along in the same old rut.
With the growing of the city came the problem of a railroad. There was considerable trouble getting the railroad company to get the town's possibilities. Finally they were succeeded and in 1876 the last spike was driven. In its tracks a second railroad ran in 1886. Very soon a rate war was in progress. One-way fare from the mid-west dropped to \$1. Colonists began to swarm to the land of sunshine. Desert lands began to blossom as orange groves.
Los Angeles was on its way.

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Mrs. H. A. McIntyre

Private Erven Chubran of Atlantic City, N.J., called on Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre Friday evening. Private Chubran and their son, Private Donald McIntyre were in Miami Beach, Florida for their basic training and his parents live near Nine Mile and Telegraph Road.
Mrs. Annette Ward of Detroit is spending several days with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Chandler on Power Road.
Mrs. David Edwards of Parker Avenue has been ill at her home for a few days.
Mrs. Thomas Kelly of Parkville Avenue had the misfortune to fall on the ice and break her right arm which is not responding as well as expected.
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Booth of Hugo with several friends attended a party at the Eagle Club in Detroit Sunday, in honor of their third anniversary.
Mr. Clifford Naylor and family of Alpena attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Mary Jane Godfrey in Detroit on Friday and then spent some time with his sister, Mrs. J. H. Chandler on Power Road before returning home.
Mrs. Arthur LaMontague and children of Parkville Avenue are in quarantine for scarlet fever and are recovering very nicely at this time. Mrs. LaMontague wishes to thank the Rebekahs and Maccabees for their gifts and kindness shown them since their illness.
Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Haskins and children were Saturday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Simms on Nine Mile Road.
Mrs. Keller and Henry Melash of Detroit were Sunday dinner guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Kenneth Lord and Mr. Lord on Gill Road.
Mr. and Mrs. William Henzie and daughters of Windsor, Canada and Mr. and Mrs. Donald McNeal of Detroit were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Flotoff in honor of their son, Jack, who leaves for the service on Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kelly of Parkville visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kelly in Detroit.
Little Miss Marilyn Carnack of Cass Avenue is much improved from her recent illness.
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Banfield of

CLARENCEVILLE

By Mrs. Mary Rutla

The Girl Scout Troop entertained their mothers at a tea on Tuesday afternoon in the High School.
Mrs. Edward Sponenburgh of Louise Avenue is now employed at the Bomber Plant.
Mrs. Sonnenburg, Mrs. Morene and Mrs. Cartee attended the Eastern Star dinner at the Lodge Rooms on Thursday evening.
A number from the Community attended the public installation of officers of Maccabees, Tent Five at Farmington, on Thursday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. Spies of Renoslaer have been in northern Michigan attending the funeral of Mrs. Spies' father.
Mr. Mann is busy getting the Band in shape for the carnival to be held soon at the High School.
A new Red Cross Sewing Unit came into being last week. Thursday when twelve women met at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Tucker on Floral Avenue. Mrs. Rita Tucker of Deering was appointed the chairman of the group which hopes to gather more women into its folds and continue their worthy work.
Mrs. Nicholas Hautamaki accompanied her son, Bill, to Chicago on Thursday, where he joined other boys headed for the Army Air Corps in Miami, Florida.
The community was well represented at the Blue Star Mothers Card party last Thursday.
Mr. Belser was well pleased with the way food rationing registration was handled by the teachers and volunteer workers.
Mr. and Mrs. Art Walsh were dinner guests of Mr. Walsh's parents in Milford last Saturday evening.
The Manley Kelly family attended the funeral of Mr. Kelly's father, to Emmett, Michigan on Saturday morning. The old gentleman died in his 84th year.
Mrs. Pink called a meeting on Monday afternoon of the canvassers who are to help with the Red Cross drive in this vicinity.
Mrs. Benderman, Mrs. Sonnenburg, Mrs. Cartee, Mrs. Kaufman and Mrs. Rutla are helping with North territory and Mrs. Rose Ferris and assistants have the Southern district.
The Harvey Barnes entertained a number of friends and relatives in honor of Mrs. Harry Barnes' birthday anniversary on Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Christmas entertained on Saturday evening in honor of their son, Bill, who left on Tuesday for induction into the Army.
Only seven women responded to the Livonia Auxiliary Police plea for recruits last week. Many more are needed, of course.
Misfortune is still hovering about the youngsters of the community; Albert Bellitto fell on Saturday, lacerated his face and knocked out one of his front teeth, and Charles Gordon severely cut one of his hands on a pane of glass.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

The regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Farmington was held Wednesday, February 19th, 1943.
Meeting called to order by Mayor Hamlin at 8:30 p.m.
Commissioners present: Nacker, Bagnall, Hulet, Hinger and Johnson.
City Treasurer's Report Ending January 31, 1943
CASH RECEIPTS
This Month Yr. to Date
Tax Collections
Current \$ 0-00 \$21,292.44
Delinquent 1939-1941 69.75 1,034.07
Delinquent 1932 and Prior 18.46 1,442.94
Intangible Tax 0-00 45.30
Weight Tax 74.89 385.10
Total Tax Collections \$ 164.10 \$24,199.85
Other Receipts
Accounts Receivable \$ 0-00 \$ 610.81
Water Accounts 1,828.19 7,239.18
Dividends—Closed Banks 181.01 181.01
General Fund—Miscellaneous Receipts 423.46 3,075.70
Water Fund Receipts 0-00 70.19
Cemetery Receipts 0-00 198.74
Agency Fund Receipts 17,861.45 20,674.85
Cemetery Trust Fund Receipts 50.05 50.05
Total Other Receipts \$20,344.16 \$38,155.31
Total Cash Receipts \$20,508.26 \$56,355.16
Cash on Deposit—First of Period 11,878.26 2,909.93
Total Cash to Account For \$32,386.52 \$59,265.09
CASH DISBURSEMENTS
Accounts Payable \$ 0-00 539.73
General Government 287.74 2,664.63
Bureau of Finance 109.20 1,209.73
Bond Principal and Interest 0-00 5,600.00
Public Works 835.53 5,554.99
Police Department 326.12 2,364.77
Fire Department 688.01 1,803.94
Public Buildings 292.34 4,586.95
Water Department 182.47 2,014.48
Cemetery 15.60 515.21
Agency Fund 5,943.00 3,456.20
Cemetery Trust Fund 0-00 7.00
Total Cash Disbursements \$8,658.01 \$35,566.58
Balance Cash on Deposit in Following Funds
General Fund \$ 9,106.05
Sinking Fund 1,815.67
Cemetery Trust Fund 675.71
Agency Fund 12,101.08
Total \$23,698.51 \$23,698.51
Motion made by Hinger and supported by Nacker that the bills presented to the Commission for the month of January, 1943 be paid. Roll Call: Nacker, Bagnall, Hulet, Hinger and Johnson. Carried, all yeas.
Minutes of the regular meeting held January 13th, 1943 were read and approved.
Motion made by Bagnall and supported by Hulet, in view of the action taken by the State Legislature regarding a change in time for the State and which order makes it optional for each individual community of the State to change the time, also due to our close association with the City of Detroit in the metropolitan area, I hereby move that the time to be used in the City of Farmington for the duration shall be the same as established by the City of Detroit. Carried, all yeas.
Motion made by Hulet and supported by Johnson that the City pay Normal Barrows Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per month for janitor service at the City Hall. Same to take effect as of February 1st, 1943. Roll Call: Nacker, Bagnall, Hulet, Hinger and Johnson. Carried, all yeas.
Motion made by Hinger and supported by Nacker to adjourn. Carried.

DELOS HAMLIN, Mayor.

Harry Moore, City Clerk.

Earthworm Parasites
Many of the flies found about the house during fall are not house flies, but cluster flies, a parasite of earthworms. Spraying with a good fly spray is the most effective control.
Riding Horses Again
At Yakima Indian agency, Washington, automobile driving has been cut more than one-third by Indians and agency employees, who are riding horses again to save rubber and gas.



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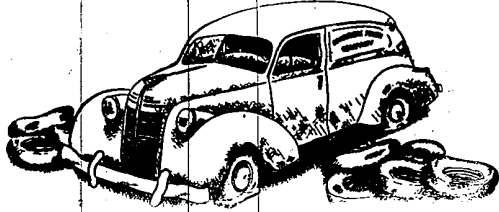
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