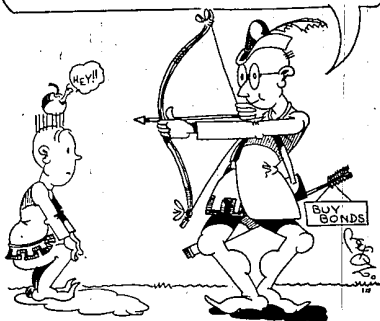
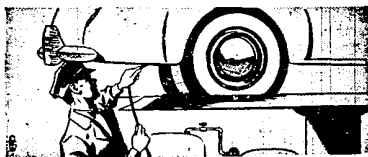


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CLARENCEVILLE

By Mrs. Axel Ruttie

(December 7, 1944)
There are busy days in our vicinity with preparations being made for the annual Football Banquet on Wednesday, December 13. This year the food is being prepared by the Edgewood Mothers Club, and we understand a good program is being planned for the evening as well. Miss Mary Kearley and Mr. Mann are busy with preparations for the Christmas Musical to be given at Redford Union Gym on Thursday evening, the 14th.

The Prom given by the Juniors at Botsford Inn on Saturday evening was a grand affair with the 140 or more youngsters in attendance all dressed up in their Sunday best, and dancing to Bobby Grayson's music. The ballroom was decorated in life size silhouettes done in black, and the lighting made them appear life like. Mr. and Mrs. Belser, Mr. and Mrs. Mackie, Mr. and Mrs. Graybill, and Miss June Jacques were the chaperons.

William Sonnenberg of Oxford is much improved and able to be up and around his home somewhat.

Mrs. Albert Brown has been visiting with her mother and relatives in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mead and Mrs. Otto Schenck attended the funeral of a little 7-year-old boy who died Friday of leukemia. The little fellow had been ill since October.

Miss Maida Scanlan entertained members of her club last Thursday evening.

A form of influenza is on the rampage in our community and those suffering from the ailment are slow in recovering.

Parents of Girl Scouts and Brownies are invited to a Christmas party to be given at the High School next Friday evening, December 15, at 8 p.m.

Thomas Kelly of Parkville is confined to Redford Hospital with a heart ailment.

The 12-year-old and neighbor boy have at last completed their communication system and the whole family is getting proficient in the use of Morse code.

Mrs. Hubert Marx of Pearl St. was hostess on Wednesday when the Edgewood Mothers Club met for a pot luck luncheon. Mrs. Lancaster of Farmington graciously entertained with a reading.

The LePain family of Pearl Street have taken up their new residence in Herman Gardens.

WEST FARMINGTON

By Mrs. Irvin Knapp

(December 7, 1944)
Harold E. Knapp, brother of Irvin Knapp, was recently in Detroit on business from Los Angeles, California, and spent Sunday with Irvin Knapp and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heliker called on Mrs. Mary Heliker and Mrs. Sarah Murray at Pontiac on Wednesday.

The Wallied Lake W.C.T.U. was held Tuesday at Mrs. Watkins' home.

Mrs. August Schuster is very sick at this time.

Mrs. Irvin Knapp, who has been sick with a bad cold, is gaining.

Mrs. Ellen Graham, who is very sick, is in Grace Hospital, Detroit.

Richard Heliker had the misfortune to hurt his ankle while playing Tuesday morning.

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Justice Holmes and His Family

Catherine Drinker Bowen

The story of Justice Oliver Wendell

Holmes is, in a broad sense, the

story of his country. The narrative

cannot begin with the flat

date of his birth—1841. This was

a man whose presence carried

tradition. His roots reached

into American earth. It was the

strength of these roots that per-

mitted so splendid a flowering. To

know Justice Holmes at eighty—

courtly, witty, scholarly, kind—

it is well to have acquaintance

with his Calvinist grandfather,

Abiel Holmes, with his handsome,

worldly great-grandfather, Judge

Wendell; with his mother from

whom he inherited, he said, "a

trace of melancholy." And above

all it is well to know his father,

that sturdy Yankee who wrote bad

verse and good books—professor

of anatomy, talkative five-foot-five

Autocrat of the Breakfast Table

who lived upon applause and said

so with engaging frankness.

Justice Holmes' greatness lay

most of all in his manner of meet-

ing life. Mrs. Catherine Bowen shows

his genius for living, his genius

for finding himself wholly, using

himself wholly. He loved life and

believed in it. For him the act of

learning was always an adventure.

Passionately, until the morning of

his death, he pursued knowledge.

"To know is not less than to feel,"

he said. "A valid idea is worth

a regiment any day."

Mrs. Bowen brings Justice

Holmes before us with extraordinary

vividness, lets us hear him talk,

lets us stand behind his chair,

as he wrote, while he writes the

decisions and dissents that made

him part of American history. His

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is good, these troubled times, to

read these words—and to share

the story of the man who wrote

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THE GREEN YEARS — A. J.

Cronin. All that has endeared Dr.

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sitive, trusting boy beset from

every side with crushing difficul-

ties.

Orphaned and compelled to live

with his maternal grandparents,

Robert Shannon finds himself in

an unfriendly world, an object of

ridicule and persecution. His man-

ners, his clothes, his religion, all

were the wrong kind in the provin-

cial Scottish town. His relatives

constitute an amazing family of

contradictory and unpredictable

personalities, each with his or her

own problems and deceptions. Over-

shadowing them is Robert's great

grandfather, who is the buffer

that partially deadens the shock

of the youth's persecutors.

The story of Robert's experience

with life in all its aspects—fam-

ily friends, school, church, love and

ambition—will recall comparable

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important characters, but "The

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CONSUMERS POWER BILLS CARRY SHARP REDUCTION

Mailing of Consumers Power Company service bills carrying the 75 per cent reduction ordered by the Michigan Public Service Commission is now under way and will continue through December, Division Manager David L. Brown said today.

"The Commission's order specified that the reduction should be made on all bills rendered to electric, gas and steam-heating customers during December, 1944," Mr. Brown said. "Some customers therefore will receive the benefit of the reduction on bills mailed during the first few days of the month, while others will find the reduction on bills rendered late in the month."

Usually, Mr. Brown pointed out, the bill rendered in December and carrying the 75 per cent reduction will cover service during a period lying partly in November. The billing period varies among groups of customers, a portion of bills falling due each working day of the month.

The Commission's order provides for a total reduction of \$3,750,000 on all Consumers bills throughout the state for December. Of this amount, 85 1/2 per cent would normally have gone to the Federal Government in Washington as "excess profits taxes." The other 14 1/2 per cent represents a reduction in the Company's cash receipts.

Mr. Brown pointed out that the term "excess profits tax" is a misnomer, as applied to Consumers Power Company, since the tax is not levied on excessive profits but on the Company's taxable income in excess of the average for the base years 1936-39.

"Actually, this 'excess profits

tax is a war tax, designed to drain off income resulting from war business," Mr. Brown said. "The Company's net income, after taxes actually is lower now than it was before the war."

Mr. Brown added that the Company is not complaining about wartime taxes, nor about the Commission's order for a 75 per cent reduction of December, 1944 bills. Less than a day after the Commission's order was issued, the Company announced its intention to comply.

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