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CLARENCEVILLE NEWS

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Thursday, April 3, 1947

A new Knitting and Needlework Club has sprung up in our community, meeting each couple of weeks. The get-together of this week was held at the home of Mrs. Paul Nelson and Mrs. Arthur Colvin.

The Extension Group met at the home of Mrs. C. L. Mortimer on 5 Mile Road. A lesson on curtains was given by the leaders at the meeting.

Briefs from the young try. Your popularity is governed by the length of the skipping rope you are able to bring from home and in talking to a senior about the multitude of student activities carried on these years and the lack of same when that correspondent was in High School, her bland remark, "What a dull time you must have had."

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Swarthout attended the Brush and Palette Club's exhibition at the Scarab Club recently.

Mr. Emanuel Kelly and little daughter, Carol, of St. Francis are visiting with Mrs. Kelly's sister in Chicago.

Mrs. Priebe of St. Francis entered the University Hospital in Ann Arbor for surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pink announced the birth of a new little daughter, Kathleen Elizabeth, at Mt. Carmel Hospital on March 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wanack are receiving congratulations on the birth of a new little son.

The talent contest held in conjunction with the Junior shindig was won by Marguerite Bosquette.

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Bringing other school news to date the ladies of the faculty won over the Senior girls, while the Senior boys took the Men's faculty members in recent basketball games held for the benefit of the senior class.

The Operetta "Bells of Bagdad" presented at Volney Smith Auditorium under the sponsorship of Miss Margaret Tremier on Friday evening was composed of a large group of youngsters with Fred Green. The Calph of Bagdad, Leonard Jean Lemmcke, The Belle. The supporting cast consisted of Laverne Garchow, American Consul; Marguerite Bosquette, and Norman Lee Gault, Donald Wellman, Loretta Arnold, Virginia Workman, Wynne Barnes, Jacob Daglian, Dick Klaseen, Bob Riggs, Marilyn Russell and Glen Grimms. Mr. Croftchik and his Art class were responsible for the scenery.

Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Edgerton and their Girl Scouts entertained the mothers of the Scouts at Tea on Monday afternoon at Edgewood School following a candlelight initiation service and entertainment.

Joe Tank of Orchard Lake came up the grade spelling camp, Carol Fry was the runner-up.

Scouts and leaders of CL2 attended a rehearsal at Holcomb School, Detroit, of the disaster event which will be part of the huge show at the Coliseum on April 11 and 12th. They will be present at the dress rehearsal on April 8th at the Coliseum.

The Cub training and Handicraft course at the High School Monday evenings is being handled very thoroughly. A Mr. Holloway from Edison Institute was on hand the past Monday evening to pass on his skill in weaving. Mr. and Mrs. Westergard and daughter Joan are giving of their untiring energy and ability in metal and oils and weaving. Mrs. Warren Joy was on hand with her brooding.

Mr. and Mrs. Swarthout helped as usual and Mrs. Edgerton also. Mr. and Mrs. Tate helped with the leather work. One never found a more rounded out program. These folks give of their skills so unsparsingly. In the same breath we might call to mind Mr. Grose's untiring energy being given to the Seniors during their play rehearsals which will be presented this month and then in another room Mr. Samuels was busy with their Varsity Club planning their Carnival of April 11th.

The Edgewood Mothers Club have decided to meet twice a month, one meeting for business, the other for social. The trend is to be more social these days.

VEGETABLE CROP IS BIG BUSINESS IN MICHIGAN

The Michigan vegetable crop is big-time business. The 1946 farm value of commercially produced vegetables is estimated at 34 million dollars. In terms of retail value, this means something within the range of 100 million dollars. Of all vegetables in Michigan, celery is rated at the top of the list with an annual crop value fluctuating between 5 and 18 million dollars. Second in value is the tomato crop.

Some of the other crops valued at more than a million dollars each year are: sweet corn - 2 million; snap beans - 1½ million; rhubarb and cauliflower - 1 million each. In addition to the crops mentioned, about thirty other vegetables are grown in the state. Michigan produces nearly one-half of all of the pickles in the United States - forty thousand acres.

In overall annual production of vegetable crops in the United States Michigan ranks between fourth and sixth. In the past ten years, only California, New York and Florida have consistently ranked higher. Why is it that Michigan ranks so highly as a producer of vegetables? S. H. Wittwer, vegetable specialist at Michigan State College, says that the answer is found in three words: climate, soil and markets.

The climate, made up of cool nights, warm sunny days and low humidity in late summer, permits production of a wide variety of crops. Conditions are ideal for growing vegetables for the fresh market, as well as for canning and freezing.

The soil types - muck and light sands - lend themselves to many special crops. There are plenty of heavier loams for market garden vegetables, too.

Large cities and citizens with big appetites for fresh vegetables make it easy to dispose of the vegetable crop.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Mitchell and family on Floral and Mr. and Mrs. Tonge and family of Redford spent Saturday with her brother, Thomas Holaday in Windsor, Canada, to help him celebrate his birthday.

SPARKS - PARKER WEDDING IS PRETTY AFFAIR

About two hundred guests were present at the First Baptist Church of Walled Lake Saturday afternoon, at three o'clock, and heard Freda Mae Sparks and Lowell D. Parker repeat their marriage vows before an altar decorated with pink gladiolas and white flowers, palms and ferns. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Logan Sparks of Maple Avenue, and Lowell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell D. Parker of North Farmington Road. Rev. Richard Nyberg officiated at the ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a gown of white satin, fashioned with full skirt and train. She carried a shower bouquet of white carnations, and wore a fingertip veil, caught to a tiara of real flowers.

The bride's sister, Monadine, was maid of honor and wore a gown of light blue lace, while the two bridesmaids wore gowns of pink. James Parker, brother of the groom was best man, while another brother, Onely Parker, and Donald Dickie, acted as ushers.

Miss King sang "Because." For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Sparks wore a navy blue crepe gown with pink corsage.

Following the wedding a reception was held in the church parlors. A square, iced wedding cake graced the center of the table.

The young couple are now on a motor trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mundt on Randall have returned home from a visit with relatives in Flint this past month.

Mrs. E. C. Grace celebrated her 86th birthday quietly in her home on Grand River on Good Friday, April 4th. It is always a pleasure to honor one so symbolic of a good life.



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But freight rates have just recently been increased an average of only 17 1/2%—a year after the effective date of the last big wage increase.

What About This Year?

It is estimated that the return for 1947, even with the recent freight rate increase, will be only about half the 6% minimum return required to provide minimum returns and service needed. This will be because of increased costs of materials and supplies; because certain wage increases granted in 1946

were in effect for only part of 1946 but will be in effect for all of 1947; because of increased special payroll taxes on railroads; and because of a decline in passenger business.

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