

NO NEED TO FEAR FRIDAY 13, SAYS U. M. PSYCHOLOGIST

Unless you are scared of the world you probably are not worried, because this Friday is the so-called "unlucky Friday the thirteenth."

According to Wilbert J. McKenchie, associate professor of psychology at the University of Michigan, "A person who is timid and anxious is more likely to be superstitious. It takes a certain amount of emotional stability to be able to tolerate uncertainty."

"It's the unsure person who refuses to blame himself but attributes his misfortune to that unlucky day on the calendar or the black cat that crossed his path first thing in the morning," he states.

The psychologist also states that another reason superstitions die hard is that our memories and perceptions are highly perceptive. "We tend to remember those things which confirm our beliefs and disregard what does not bear them out. So if something unpleasant happens to us on Friday the thirteenth we are not surprised to find our convictions justified."

"According to the teaching of the astronomers of the Middle Ages Friday was unlucky because of the crucifixion of Christ on that day. Others advance the theory that Friday is regarded as an unlucky day because it was Friday when Adam and Eve partook of the forbidden fruit," Professor McKenchie says.

"As to the number 13," he continues, "according to some 12 is an unlucky number and according to others it is lucky, so you can take your choice. The superstitious dislike of being on the 13 at dinner is derived from the Last Supper of Christ with his twelve disciples. So when Friday falls on the thirteenth day of the month it's a case of insult added to injury."

BURNING OF FIELDS DESTROYS HUMUS, SPECIALIST CLAIMS

Burning grasses, weeds and brush may be the simplest way to get rid of them but it may also be the most damaging way, contends Charles Shick, game management specialist at Michigan State University.

Fire removes the humus from the soil and reduces its moisture and nutrient holding ability. As commonly believed, fire does not always destroy weed seeds and harmful insects, either. In fact, there may even be more weeds because the fire removed the grass competition. Any control of harmful insects by the fire may be offset by the destruction of beneficial insects.

If fires must be used, as is practiced in some situations, Shick advises burning as early as possible in the spring. He also points out that Michigan law requires a burning permit for brush or grass and that fires when the ground is not covered with snow.

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WOOD KITCHEN CABINETS CAN BE GIVEN NEW LOOK

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FOURTH GRADE students at the Ten Mile Elementary School were a happy group recently when they were taken by their teacher, Mrs. Maynard Harris, to Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti. The purpose of the trip was to indicate to the teachers group at the college, the way in which rhythmic activities are

Fourth Grade Students Demonstrate Class Rhythmic Activity Program

Students of the fourth grade class at Ten Mile elementary school taught by Mrs. Maynard Harris were guests at Michigan State Normal College in Ypsilanti last week when they demonstrated the rhythmic activities in an overall classroom program in personal preference on the type of finish when the cabinets are first ordered from the manufacturer or installed by the local dealer. Unfinished cabinets can be ordered so that the final finish can be applied at home.

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Letter To Editor

Letter submitted to The Enterprise to publish the most important expression in this column. The writer and I do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper.

Dear Sirs:

This letter is written in hopes that the many people including myself who benefit daily by our police department, water department and parks and recreation department will let the men in these departments know that their efforts and courtesy are truly appreciated. It is high time some of us give a vote of thanks to them. These few men have favorably met an overwhelming obstacle and helped people like true giants.

We moved to Farmington from a city far bigger in population, taxes and with bigger budgets and for better equipment. Yet we received for less service from this city, especially police cooperation and service and work on our roads. This past month we had several days of horrendous weather. Our road graders and the public works department were out full force using every visible and human means possible to give us open and safe roads.

Our police department was faced with traffic problems yet never once was a complaint heard. They quietly and efficiently went about their way and got their jobs done. I have talked personally with different people from the various departments and have always found them pleasant and glad to answer any and all questions.

I sincerely hope that our budget will allow us to keep these men. To keep good men you must make the salaries and the working conditions and equipment at a level of so as to induce others of the same caliber to apply.

Let us all get behind Police Chief John DeVries and the police department and Floyd Salvo and the water and parks departments 100 per cent, and above all, keep them as we have.

Sincerely,
W. W. Powell
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FARC Outlines Tentative Budget

A meeting of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission was held at the home of Mark H. Sitts, 1200 S. 10th St., last week when a tentative budget was formulated.

At the meeting it was disclosed that between 1,200 and 1,500 youngsters are expected to take part in the FARC summer recreation program; this year. Last year 946 youngsters took part regularly in the summer program.

Another meeting of the group to formulate operation plans further has been set for May 16 at the home of President Sitts. Subdivisions and neighborhood groups are urged to attend this meeting and help in planning a well-rounded, overall program.

Window Boxes Beautify Home

There is no denying it, a modern functional type home is rather a "plain Jane" to look at from the street, compared with the attractively symmetrical and ornamental residences from the various subdivisions and neighborhood groups are urged to attend this meeting and help in planning a well-rounded, overall program.

It may never have the dignity of a pillared southern mansion, but its informal air and spreading lines can be made beautiful and inviting by growing flowers in window boxes and plantings such as the architects often provide.

If your architect forgot this detail, it is a simple do-it-yourself job to make them and fill them with floral color or evergreens.

For a standard single window, a box 21 feet long, 8 inches deep and 10 inches wide is a good size. But measure your windows and make boxes to fit. Even longer porch planters need not be deeper or wider than forty good results.

Think of the box as a decoration of the house; make it of a suitable size and a color to match the house color or trim.

Rich soil of the type which florists call potting soil, must be used for window boxes. Because there is so little of it to feed the flowers, it should be well fertilized. A tablespoonful of balanced plant food for each square foot of soil should be used.

For most annual flowers, at least six hours of sun a day is necessary and this requires a south exposure. The best subjects are those of dwarf or trailing habit, the Japanese flowering espalier of bloom from the boxes. Petunias of the balcony type are excellent, as are the tall nasturtiums, the giant morning glories, dwarf geraniums, impatiens, and dwarf morning glories, petunias and zinnias can be grown.

Boxes which spend most of the day in shade offer a special treat. If the shade is that of a building, perhaps only foliage plants can be grown, such as ferns.

Under a recent agreement, United States and Russia will soon begin distributing government-sponsored magazines in each other's countries. The U.S. magazine, to be published by the U.S. Information Agency, is changing its name from America to American Illustrated. Distribution of America Illustrated was halted in July, 1952, after the Soviets clamped a series of restrictions on the American publication.

SEASON-LONG CHECK ON GARDEN INSECTS, DISEASES NEEDED

Crops from the home vegetable garden can be disappointing unless you plan a season-long check-up for controlling insects and diseases. If weather and other conditions are favorable, insects and diseases sometimes destroy a large part of the crop before harvest, points out John Bray, Assistant County Agricultural Agent.

He recommends one all-purpose dust or spray mixture that will prevent most of the disease and insect losses. This mixture should be applied once a week throughout the growing season, starting when cucumbers emerge.

The mixture contains either fixed coppers or zinc to control diseases and either rotenone or pyrethrum or rotenone alone to control insects. The fixed coppers and zinc dust should be 7 per cent in concentration, dusted out the growing season, starting when cucumbers emerge.

For spray, use one-third ounce of water for three gallons of water. For rotenone alone, use a 1 per cent dust. One-half ounce of three tablespoons of four to five per cent concentration per gallon of water is recommended for the spray.

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Clarenceville High School News

Material for this column is prepared by members of the Clarenceville High School Journalism Class

Senior Highlights Easter Assembly

Thursday afternoon, March 29, an Easter Assembly was presented in the Clarenceville gymnasium.

The assembly began with the playing of hymns by the choir. The assembly was presided over by Bob Barnes, Student Council president. An invocation by Elaine Johnson was then given.

Several choral selections were presented by the choir under the direction of Mr. Perrin. The selections were "God of Our Fathers" by Daniel Roberts, "God So Loved the World" by John Stainer, and "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J. S. Bach.

Joyce McKinley sang a solo, "Were You There." Following this, McKinley, Ronald Partridge gave the reading "Why He Rose" by Peter Marshall.

Gary Moore of the V. C. Y. Detroit Area Council gave several songs. The Reverend Elsie Johnson of the Clarenceville Methodist Church presented an Easter Meditation.

The chorus closed the assembly with the selection "The Lord is Risen Today" by Wesley and Dartride.

Senior CLASS PLANS PROM, PICKS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday the senior class was called together by their class president, Glenn Kelly, following a special committee meeting.

The final selection of senior announcements was voted by the class from a committee selection of three. Orders were given by the class members for announcements and class cards.

The senior prom was discussed slightly. Committees were reminded to begin functioning before it was too late.

Seniors To Sell Gas, Wash Autos

If you're in the market for a car wash or car wash, you are encouraged to stop off at Inkster and Grand River and purchase it from Clarenceville High Seniors for a worthy cause.

The Courtesy Speedway 70 station has offered their facilities to the seniors for the hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. of that Saturday, April 21. The seniors are to make a profit on every gallon of gas they pump and every car they wash. The project is being conducted as a means for earning money for the Senior trip to Washington, D. C. in May.

G.A.A. Adds Golf, Plans For Dance

G. A. A. has voted to give twenty-five dollars toward the purchase of golf clubs. They also decided that golf should be included as a minor sport offered by the club.

A constitutional amendment was made adding it to the list of sports. The club planned the dance coming up on April 12. Committees were appointed.

Catherine Barnes and Janet Van Arnam were chosen to attend the G. A. A. All-State Officers Conference to be held at Clear Lake, Michigan on May 16, 19, and 20. The girls will be accompanied by their sponsor, Miss Myers.

The club was host to fourteen girls from Bloomfield Hills High School for the March 28th basketball playday. It was a return invitation for C. H. S. and the two schools are planning more of the sports playdays in the future.

Ten Qualify In Grade School Spelling Bee

Diane Squair spelled down her opponents with the word inoculation, last Tuesday, March 21, in the Metropolitan Area Spelling Bee sponsored by the Detroit News-Volunteers for the bee met in the school cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Ten students qualified to compete in the school spelling bee on April 10. Those who qualified were Diane Squair, Gene Schuster, Fredricka, Darlene Hamilton, Joanne Haskof, Anita Laupitz, Agnes Fuller, Joanne Nelson, Marylyn Johnson, and George Dugan.

The awards will be given to the winners of both bees. The grade champions receive a suitable inscribed copy of Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary. Champions of the school competition will receive a bronze medal and a Paper-Mate automatic pen.

Two Debaters To Attend Championship Debate

Two debaters from Clarenceville High School will attend the championship debate at Ann Arbor, April 21, with their sponsor, Miss Anderson. Those attending will be Sharon Lee Edgar and Jack Mann.

After the debate has been held, all spectators will be served lunch.

APRIL SKY BRIGHT WITH PLANETS, SAYS U. OF M. ASTRONOMER

April is a month for stargazers who prefer looking at planets. Five bright ones will be visible, according to University of Michigan astronomer Hazel M. Losh.

"There can be no mistaking Venus, she says, because it's the brightest object in the heaven (with the exception of the Sun and Moon). On April 12 it will set about four hours after the Sun.

Jupiter, visible toward the east after dark, rises high across the heaven throughout the month.

On April 10, the professor notes, the gibbous moon (between half moon and full) will pass about six degrees below Jupiter.

Saturn, the ringed planet, is just preceding the rising of Scorpius. The planet is located at the extreme western tip of this constellation and is marked out easily enough because it shines with a steady light. -- as do all planets -- while stars will be twinkling, Professor Losh described.

The end of the month the red planet, Mars, following Saturn, will rise at about 2 a.m. It will be moving from the constellation Sagittarius to Capricornus and will be increasing noticeably in brightness.

Mercury, closest planet to the sun and hardest of the naked-eye planets to see for this reason, will be visible during the last week in April when it reaches its greatest angular distance from the Sun. It will set more than an hour after that body.

And speaking of the Sun, re-emphasized Professor Losh, by the end of the month we'll have about 14 hours of daylight.

Girls who swear they've never been kissed can hardly be blamed for swearing.

Tips For Potential G.I. Home Buyer

Five tips for veterans with the Spring urge to buy homes under the GI loan program were offered this week by Lloyd H. Jameson, Manager of Veterans Administration Regional Office at Detroit.

The tips are:

1. Make sure your home is near enough to transportation, schools, and shopping to suit the needs of you and your family.
2. Be sure your income is large enough to pay all costs of home ownership, including loan principal and interest, taxes and insurance, utilities and maintenance, and anything you are buying on installments.
3. Make certain your interests in such matters as deposits, purchase agreements, and sales contracts are fully protected before you make a deposit or sign any document.
4. Be sure you understand the important legal documents you have to sign when you make "final settlement" or "close the loan." And, remember, a GI loan must be repaid. GI loans offer you many advantages, but like any other debt, they must be paid back in scheduled installments.
5. Details on these five tips and many other helpful hints for veterans thinking about buying a home with the aid of a GI loan are contained in the 30-page VA pamphlet, "To the Home-Buying Veteran," available at any VA office. Mr. Jameson said veterans may obtain a copy of "To the Home-Buying Veteran" by writing or visiting the Veterans Administration Regional Office, 310 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit 33, Michigan.

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