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MEMORIAL AND DECORATION DAY

Services for the Former Next Sunday and for the Latter the Following Friday

The annual Memorial services will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church at the usual Sunday morning, May 26. Comrades will gather in the vestibule of the church at 10:00 a. m.

The usual Decoration Day exercises, assisted by the schools of the township and vicinity will be held at the town hall at one o'clock on Friday, May 30. After the march to the cemetery, headed by the band, and decoration of the cenotaph, they will return to the hall, where the usual program will be rendered. All school children and their parents are invited to be present and bring flowers.

By Order of Commander,
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Increased Car Service

Publicity Agent VanZandt of the Detroit United Lines announces that the summer schedule of the Orchard Lake Division will go into effect Tuesday, May 27. The daily schedule will operate as at present with the addition of the morning limited out of Pontiac and the evening limited out of Detroit for the benefit of the resorters in the lake region.

In addition to the regular service there will be half hourly service on Saturdays and Sundays between Detroit and Pontiac. On Saturday this half hourly service will leave Pontiac at 11:50 a. m. and every thirty minutes up to 8:50 p. m., while on Sundays it will leave Pontiac at 8:20 a. m. and every thirty minutes to 9:20 p. m. This service will be given by means of the additional cars running through from Pontiac to Detroit supplementing the service that is now in effect, necessitating change of cars at the Junction.

This half hourly service on Saturday will leave Detroit at 9:45 a. m. and every thirty minutes to 8:45 p. m.

"The New Hamlet"

The class play given by the Seniors of the F. H. S. last Saturday night in the town hall was well attended. The play, entitled "The New Hamlet," which was a combination of Hamlet and Romeo and Juliet, was well rendered and instead of Shakespeare's tragical climax the play had a charming finale and all lived happily ever afterward.

One of the special features between the acts was a May pole drill by some of the pupils of the Intermediate room.

The proceeds of the evening amounted to \$28.

Gibbons Gets 90 Days

R. J. Gibbins who was arrested on a charge preferred by a Nov. 1 man of securing \$65 by the sale of an engine, which he claimed to own but which proved not to be his property, pleaded guilty in the circuit court Monday, and was sentenced to 90 days in the Detroit house of correction. Gibbins was a former Farmington blacksmith.

Odd Fellows Entertain Visitors

About thirty Odd Fellows from Pontiac were entertained by the Farmington lodge last Thursday night at their regular business meeting. The severity of the afternoon storm prevented the attendance of many of the out of town members, but nevertheless the visitors were treated to strawberries, ice cream and cake and a jolly time enjoyed by all present.

A Study of Switzerland

Another pleasant afternoon was spent by the Ladies' Literary club on Wednesday of last week at the home of Mrs. Riley Adams.

As the study of Switzerland progresses we are filled with admiration for the sturdy, brave and patriotic race, who govern so well their little rock ribbed country.

Several interesting papers were given. Mrs. Way's paper on "Military Switzerland" showed that by her system the expense per man in maintaining her army was but seven pounds per year, while it costs Russia twenty-five pounds and England one hundred pounds to maintain one man one year in their respective armies. The high sense of patriotic honor of the Swiss makes each man, private or officer, share the same conditions.

Mrs. Truscott read an exceptionally fine paper on the "Educational System." As a marked contrast to Italy, where illiteracy is the rule; not the exception, Switzerland has a compulsory primary educational system and counts no price too high to pay for school sites, equipment, etc., provided they offer the best facilities for furthering the educational object.

A review of Schiller's "William Tell" was given by Mrs. Pierce. While William Tell may have been but a legendary hero, he has for six centuries been worshipped by the Swiss as the highest type of incorruptible patriotism, and in this great drama, a great poet has immortalized his story for all time to come.

Mrs. Chamberlin gave an interesting and humorous article on "Mountain Climbing."

Miss Eva Bradley favored the club with a solo which was heartily enjoyed. Mrs. Adams then invited the club to the dining room where refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

The club met again this week at the home of Mrs. M. B. Pierce.

The club wishes, at this time, to express their sincere thanks to the public for the generous patronage of the lecture given by Miss Kate Sprague. The library fund has been enriched by \$25 by your liberality and is much appreciated.

Another Grand River Nursery

The second nursery has been started out Grand River avenue between Farmington and Redford.

The three-cornered piece of land at Five Points that was recently sold by Robt. Graham will be the location of the Keller Nurseries and it is already being set out with fruit, shade and ornamental trees, vines and shrubbery. The proprietor assures this paper that they will grow only full-rooted trees. They also do landscape gardening and give instructions in the preparation of the ground and advice as to varieties adapted to each particular piece of ground.

The nursery that was started at Switzer crossing on the Grand River road last spring has been the scene of considerable activity this spring. A large piece of ground has been planted with trees and shrubbery.

Eighth Grade Examination

Prof. Finch conducted eighth grade examinations in the grammar room last Thursday and Friday. The sixth and seventh grades were dismissed and all the time and attention devoted to the ten eighth graders.

The questions used were the same as those used in the county eighth grade examinations, and although their papers do not go to the county commissioner their promotion will depend upon their credits.

WATER CAME IN A DELUGE

All Low Land Flooded by One of Heaviest Rain Falls that Ever Struck this Region

One of the most severe rain storms that Farmington has known visited our city on Thursday afternoon of last week. The rain, which partook almost of the nature of a cloudburst, came in three successive showers, closely following each other.

Every bit of land below the level was flooded, water running over sidewalks and railroad tracks to a depth of from six inches to a foot, and cellar windows making natural water courses. All cellars connected with the sewer were filled to a depth of about three feet. The water backed up because the rain fell so fast the sewer could not carry it. Lightning and hail accompanied the storm.

Lightning struck one of the engines at the power house and impaired car traffic for a few hours. It also did much damage to the telephone and electric lighting systems.

The road commissioners have since been busy repairing bridges, sluices and graveling washouts.

The rain was as short as it was severe and by seven o'clock the water had well drained away.

Mrs. Ezekiel Diugman, who was well known in Farmington, passed away at her home in Northville Wednesday.

Dr. J. A. Miller is attending the clinic of the Detroit Medical college held this week and next at Harper and St. Mary's hospitals.

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