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WILL TRY FOR LOCAL OPTION

Meeting In Pontiac Decided To Circulate Petition for "dry" County

Oakland County is again to have the privilege of voicing sentiment as to whether they favor a "wet" or "dry" county, if plans of county ministers and prominent anti-saloon workers are carried out as decided at a meeting at the county seat last week.

It was decided to circulate petitions and if enough signatures are secured the matter will be submitted to the board of supervisors at their January meeting which would mean that the matter would be voted upon at the April elections.

This county is in a healthy condition to decide upon the matter, as the county voted for location six years ago which remained in effect for two years. Four years ago the matter was again submitted and the wets won out. This was repeated two years later.

Taxpayers and residents of the county have therefore had a chance to view the matter in both lights, and can handle not only the petition but the issue itself, if it is submitted, in an intelligent manner.

Pleasant Evening At Cards

Last Friday evening at the Town Hall, fun and merriment were rampant when the Order of Eastern stars held their first public card party.

Practically all of the tables were filled with players early in the evening, and the playing was spirited, Progressive Pedro being the order of the evening.

You didn't have to be a good player to have a good time, and whether you won or lost for yourself and your partner made little difference in the end.

Those who attended enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

1st prize for men was won by P. L. Prindle, C. S. Price 2nd. For ladies, Mrs. Carl Ely 1st, Mrs. Clara Phelps 2nd.

New Books at the Library

The following new books have been recently placed in the village library:

The Eyes of the World
How it Happened
Delia Blanchflower
Bambi
The Lights are Bright
Big Tremaine
The Bird Store Man
Saturday's Child
Miss Billy
Miss Billy's Decision
Miss Billy Married
The Iron Trail
The Wall of Partition
Dr. Llewellyn
Post of Adventure
The Promised Land
They Who Knock at Our Gates
Phyllis
Neighborhood Stories
The Twenty-Fourth of June, and a long list of books for the younger readers.

Ladies Literary Club

Mrs. Martha Hatten was hostess to the Ladies Literary Club, Wednesday, November 18th. The program of the afternoon consisted of readings from Shakespeare by the club, and a very able paper by Mrs. Zada Wilber; homes and haunts of Shakespeare, supplemented by views gathered by Mrs. Wilber during her visit to these historic places. The club will meet with Mrs. Agnes Chamberlain, Wednesday, December 2nd.

Farmington Road a Model

Oakland County was ably represented at the Fourth American Road Congress at Atlanta, Georgia last week by Thomas Lytle chairman of the Oakland County Road Commissioners, being one of eight delegates from different parts of the state.

The convention and trip proved a very pleasant and instructive one, and thoroughly enjoyed by Mr. Lytle.

State Highway Commissioner Frank F. Rogers read a paper on Michigan gravel roads before the convention, in which he made reference to a strip of gravel road built by Mr. Lytle in Farmington township, this county. The reference to the Farmington road is as follows: "I wish to take one other road as an illustration of effective gravel road building. It is a nine-foot gravel road built on the Grand River road in Farmington township, Oakland County in 1910. It was resurfaced on account of becoming a part of the trunk line, in the fall of 1913, although it was not in bad condition at the time of refacing. The traffic record shows this road to have carried 795 tons per yard of width per day; 58,500 tons per yard of width per year; or during the three years 175,500 tons per yard of width before it was resurfaced. This again is nearly one and one-half times as much as the waterbound macadam was rated at. About three-fourths of the traffic on this road was from motor vehicles. The cost of building it was reported at \$2,524 per mile."

Finding of Body a Mystery

Last Saturday afternoon at about 3 o'clock, while returning from a hunting trip, two boys, Fred Schaupeter and Carlos Goers came across the dead body of what later proved to be the remains of Franklin L. Hamilton.

The body was found near the Creek at that point known as Parish flats, and had evidently been there for several days.

Little is known of the man, although he has lived around these parts at different times, and of late it is said had been making his home at or near Northville. No relatives of the dead man are known to the authorities. Deceased was supposed to be about 76 years of age.

Justice Thayer conducted a short inquest after which the remains were turned over to Undertaker Zessau. A short funeral service was conducted at the undertaking parlors on Monday afternoon by Rev. Stevenson, and the remains conducted to a final resting place.

Methodist Church Notes

Union Thanksgiving services at the Universalist Church next Sunday morning. The pastor of the Universalist Church will preach.

Services at the Methodist Church Sunday evening. The pastor will preach on the subject, "Just a Matter of Habit." A welcome for all.

Contractor W. C. Dillion writes the Enterprise man to change his address from Northville, to Detroit. Mr. Dillion has recently secured several good big contracts for the installation of water systems in different parts of the state, which is just as good news to the writer as it will be to a big list of local friends.

Howard Warner's name is included in the list of those fortunate Ann Arbor students who received the letter "R," these being given out at the same time the "M's" were given out to the regular football squad. Howard also received his "R" last season, and many friends here are predicting that next year his too will be an "M."

Local News

Herman Voss was looking after business matters at the county seat the first of the week.

Edgar and Miss Ernestine Pierce were at the Garrick Matinee in Detroit Wednesday afternoon.

Don't forget the lecture at the Town Hall Sunday evening, Nov. 22 at 7:30. Seats free. No collection.

The many local friends of Dr. Thomas Henry of Northville will learn with regret that he is seriously ill at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wilber entertained the latter's brother Ernest Sprague and son Robert of Cleveland, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Daines enjoyed a visit from their daughter, Mrs. Fred Carr and children of Pontiac, the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Alice Way and Mrs. M. B. Pierce gave the reports of the county S. S. convention at the Sunday School service at the M. E. Church.

Basket Ball is commencing to engage the attention of the local school, and several teams are being and to be arranged among the various grades.

Helen Prindle entertained a number of her young friends on last Saturday afternoon the occasion being in honor of her birthday, and the young folks spent a very pleasant afternoon helping her to celebrate the event.

Today (Friday), the Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. Church will serve its annual donation dinner, at the town hall. A fair, consisting of articles suitable for Christmas gifts, etc., will be held in connection with the dinner.

The big annual Thanksgiving dance will be held as usual at the Grace House Hall this year, on Nov. 26th. Invitations have already been issued, and a big time, good music, etc., is being arranged by the management.

The Sunday School class of Mrs. M. B. Pierce met at the Pierce home on last Saturday afternoon, and in addition to a highly enjoyable social afternoon, the young ladies engaged themselves in knitting a quilt. Refreshments were served by the hostess and the afternoon voted a most pleasant one.

Invitations are being issued this week for a dancing party to be given at Odd Fellows Hall on the evening of Friday, December 11th. The invitation list is not large and those receiving the coveted "bids" are considering themselves fortunate. A first class dance orchestra from out of town has been engaged for the occasion, and the catering will be in charge of Messrs. Ambler and Schultz of Northville.

The first real snow storm of the season struck Farmington Sunday, and this section received its first touch of really winter weather. Tuesday morning for the first time the ground was practically covered with snow. The snow was preceded by a heavy rain, and was generally accompanied by a generous portion of wind. We have been exceptionally fortunate this fall in the variety of weather handed to us by the weather man, and should thus be able to take this change in good grace.

The only reason Edgar Pierce is not compelled to sit huddled close to the stove for warmth since last Saturday is the fact that he could find no takers. Ed had the Michigan-Ann Arbor football game all doped out and was willing to stake anything from his overcoat and sweater down to his shoe strings that Michigan would win. He's recuperating on a newly patented nerve tonic this week and says it tastes just as bad as the result of the football game.

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