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## THE HIRED MAN LOSES HIS CHIFFONIER



## THE CENTENNIAL CARD PARTY

Between Sixty and Seventy Attend Party at Town Hall Last Saturday Afternoon

The card party and social "get-together" of the women of Farmington, in the interest of the Oakland Centennial, given at the Town Hall Saturday afternoon, was a decided success. Between 60 and 70 women enjoyed themselves at the card tables, where pedro and other games were played, according to the preference of the players or in social groups indulging in pleasant conversation.

In tribute to Lincoln's birthday the decorations were in the national colors. The stage was arranged as a parlor, and was made very effective by the new scenery which has been placed in the hall. Many ladies from out of town were present.

Mrs. Avery of Pontiac, gave a brief history of Oakland and of the plans for the celebration of its one-hundredth birthday next August, and urged the women of Farmington individually and collectively to do all in their power to give "Women's Day" and Farmington township an honorable place in the five-day celebration.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Two prizes, beautiful bouquets of carnations, were presented to Mrs. Carl Ely and Mrs. John Laudau, as winners of the largest number of games.

### Mrs. Wendenstorer Wins Prize

In the bean guessing contest put on by Glenn H. White at the White grocery store a couple of weeks ago, the correct number of beans contained in the jar was 10478.

Mrs. Henry Wendenstorer was the nearest correct, her guess being 10456.

L. F. Schroeder secured second prize for his guess of 10111, and Charles Habermehl third for his guess of 10102.

The contest was very popular, and a large number of contestants guessed near the 10000 mark.

Fine new home for sale by Fred M. Warner.

It's nearly time to fix up the Spraying outfits. Remember Cook & Co. have the repairs.

### Old Time Stage Driver

Almost daily for the past ten years there has shuffled into the lobby of the hotel Hodges at Pontiac, and old, gray bearded man, who sits for an hour or so, watching the usual arrivals and departures and then limps out.

The place has a unique attachment to the past for him, for he was a boy of eight in Pontiac when the house was built in 1837. Four years after it was opened he entered its employ as bell boy and later graduated from the hotel as stage driver.

The man, now 84 years old, is B. S. LaFontaine, "Ivory Jack" one of Pontiac's oldest residents and perhaps a man who is in closer touch with old times around this portion of the state than any other man now living.

LaFontaine was a stage driver between Lapeer and Pontiac in the early days when they used four and six horses and when the fare was \$2 each way. The halfway house was at the old Hovey house at Oxford.

Later he drove stage coaches from Pontiac to Almont, from Pontiac to Milford and between Pontiac and Romeo and Saginaw and Flint.

He tells interesting tales of the early days and proudly displays bullet wounds received when he was held up by bandits in the "Big Tuscola woods," while driver of a stage coach between Pine Run and Vassar.

At the time of the hold up he was taking \$2,600 to the hotel proprietor at Vassar and although wounded managed to escape with the money.

Despite his years LaFontaine is as spry and hearty and daily takes the walk from his home on Willow avenue to his favorite seat in the hotel lobby.

"The most exciting of the old days were those when I 'staged' from Jackson to Lansing for Dan Hubbard, of the Hubbard house, and from Jackson to Charlotte," he says.

When the name of the hotel was changed last fall to the Kenwood, LaFontaine was silent with amazement.

### Read the liner column.

I am not a traveling photographer. I hope to get your picture business year after year. Therefore if I come to your home to make portraits, these pictures must be right and stay right. C. O. Wisdom, Photographer, Northville, Mich.

## AIRSHIP SEEN SUNDAY NIGHT

South End Residents Excited Over Appearance—Watched Night Flyer for Two Hours.

A number of south end residents were greatly excited last Sunday night, so Louis Rowley informs us, by the appearance of an aeroplane off to the southeast of the village.

Mr. Rowley says he was attracted to it by a bright light reflecting on his house, and following the rays, observed two brilliant lights in the air resembling the lights of an automobile. After viewing the object for a few moments, Mr. Rowley says he called several of the neighbors in that vicinity, and they kept watch for nearly two hours.

When first seen the "flyer" appeared to be coming in a north-easterly course, but finally seemed to turn south and disappear.

We have been unable to obtain any news of an aeroplane making trips at night in this vicinity up to the time of going to press. However, we give the story as it was imparted to us.

### Ladies Literary Club

Ladies Literary Club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Florence Moore.

The program for the afternoon was exceptionally good, since it concerned American authors. Mrs. Anna Cook gave the "Life of Mark Twain." Mrs. Josephine McGee and Mrs. Iuda Hambleton read most interesting and humorous extracts from his writings. When the meeting came to an end each lady present concluded that for once the "Man from Missouri" had shown us. If you need real proof read Mark Twain's "Diary of Adam and Eve."

The musical number which occurs March 1st will take place in the evening at the home of Mrs. Mary Johnson.

MARY JOHNSON, Secretary.

Don't fail to attend the Masonic ball March 10th.

A "go to church" campaign is being held at Pontiac, and everybody is urged to make a special effort to attend church from February 27th until Easter.

## BURNS PROVED FATAL TO FATHER

M. P. Bachelor Passed Away Tuesday, As Result of Burns Received February 4th

Owing to his advanced age and the development of complications of the kidneys and liver, Marcus P. Bachelor was unable to combat the seriousness of his burns sustained two weeks ago today when the use of gasoline to kindle a fire in a "tank heater" at his farm in North Farmington produced an explosion that seriously burned himself and son, Mark, and severely burned Mrs. Bachelor, who went to their aid. Mr. Bachelor died Tuesday morning, February 15, 1916, aged 60 years, 9 months and 12 days, after suffering intense pain for 11 days.

Marcus Perry Bachelor was born in West Bloomfield township, Oakland county on May 3, 1855, where he spent most of his life, coming to North Farmington and purchasing the farm, on which he died, about nine years ago, of John R. Wixom.

On February 19, 1873, he was united in marriage with Miss Florence Wixom, and to them were born six children, five of whom survive him, as follows: Frank, Mrs. Emory Ransom, Marl, Mrs. Arthur Lamb and Mark, all of whom live in this vicinity.

Mr. Bachelor was a well known and prosperous farmer, a good husband and father, and will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

The funeral will be held this (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock, sun time at the home of his son, Mark, Rev. G. E. Gulien of Detroit, officiating, and burial will be made at the North Farmington cemetery.

The son, Mark, who was the most seriously burned, is improving rapidly, and it is expected he will fully recover.

### Leap Year

The custom which ordains that a woman may propose marriage to a man in leap year dates back seven or eight hundred years. An act of the Scottish Parliament, passed about the year 1228, made it a crime punishable by a fine, for an unattached man to refuse to become the life partner of a woman who had the courage to "speak ye mon she liked!"

The custom in a milder form is referred to in a work published in 1606, entitled "Courtship, Love and Matrimony."

"Albeit it has now become a part of the common law in regard to social relations of life that as often as every bissextile year doth return, the lady have the sole privilege during the time it continueth of making love unto the men, which they do either by looks or by words, as to them it seemeth proper; and, moreover, no man shall be entitled to the benefit of the clergy who doth in any wise treat her proposal with slight or contumely."—From the People's Home Journal for February.

### Pleasantly Surprised

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sulkowski, was the scene of an enjoyable evening last Saturday, when about 40 of their friends and neighbors surprised them. Everybody carried baskets filled with eatables, and the evening was spent in card playing and social intercourse.

Prizes at the card tables were won by Mrs. Charles Gow and Paul Maas, consolation prizes being given Miss Stella Wendenstorer and William Morris.

### School Notes

Very cold Monday.

Several absent on account of measles.

Forrest Green is absent from school, having had an operation.

Ninth grade examination in General history Wednesday afternoon.

Lucile Botsford is again in school, after a week's absence, caused by sickness.

Gwendolin Cogsdill of Redford, was a pleasant visitor in the primary room last Monday.

The basket ball boys were very pleasantly entertained by Oxford last Friday evening and Saturday forenoon.

All seventh and eighth grade pupils enjoyed an examination on Michigan geography Wednesday afternoon.

The party given by a number of the school girls last Saturday evening in the water works hall, was enjoyed by all. The evening was spent in games and music.

The primary and intermediate rooms united Monday afternoon, and all pupils enjoyed the opening of a Valentine box, which had been filled with valentines, made by the pupils of those rooms.

A great deal of interest is displayed in the spelling down contests, held in the high school. The girls usually spell against the boys and usually win out. There are more good spellers among the girls than among the boys.

The F. H. S. boys won from the fast Oxford team on their floor last Friday night.

The F. H. S. team was shifted on account of sickness, and until the last three minutes of play, it looked as though F. H. S. would go down to defeat, the score standing, O. H. S., 17 and F. H. S. 16. The F. H. S. then gathered themselves, and secured 12 points, 5 field baskets and two foul baskets, making the final score 28 and 17, with F. H. S. on the "big end."

Oxford will play a return game here March 17th.

O. H. S.	POSITION	F. H. S.
H. Lee	F.	Osmus
Stearns	F.	Goers
Whitecomb	C.	N. Lee
Whims	G.	W. Lee
R. Lee	G.	Gates

Score: Final, F. H. S. 28; O. H. S. 17. First half, F. H. S. 8, O. H. S. 6. Baskets from field, Osmus 6, Goers 5, N. Lee 2, H. Lee 2, Stearns 3, Whims 2. Baskets from foul, N. Lee 2 in 6, Whitecomb 3 in 12.

Time of halves 20 minutes.

Referee, Whittaker.

### A Suggestion

TO THE EDITOR:

Why is it, that when there is "something doing" at the Town Hall, the door into the new part of the lower hall, which is used for all entertainments, as it was on Saturday last, is closed, and every lady who went there had to come back to the "old front door," which, it seemed almost impossible to open, and when it did, it compelled those who entered with parcels to make a "grand march" down the whole length of the hall where the tables were placed, thus surely causing some discomfort at least. Why not see to it, that the new door at the side, is left in a manner to be used, thereby doing away with the unpleasant and very trying experience of going nearly around the building to find which door is the right one.

A SUBSCRIBER

The barber shop of Elmer Lazenby at Novi burned early last Sunday morning, destroying the building and contents. Dr. A. T. Holcomb owned the building.

Several new things in Dress Goods just received at Cook & Co's.

### New Garage for Farmington

H. W. Lee will erect a cement block building next to his present store, 28x64 or 80 feet, to be used as a garage.

The building will be one story and basement, with a brick and glass front of 28 feet, the basement to be used for car storage.

Mr. Lee expects to begin building at once and be ready for the spring business.

### Sick a Year and a Half

Fred Howard Iwert, who has been ill for the past year and a half, died Wednesday February 16, 1916, aged 44 years and 27 days.

Mr. Iwert was born in Farmington township on January 20, 1872, and had spent his entire life in this vicinity.

He was married to Miss Anna Feinst on November 14, 1899, and to them were born four children, three of whom besides his wife survive him. He is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Iwert, one brother and three sisters.

The funeral will be held from the German church in this village Saturday at 12 o'clock, Rev. A. C. Stange officiating. Burial at Clarenceville.

### CHURCH NOTES

#### Methodist Church

Services are at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. eastern time. Sunday School meets at 11:30 a. m. Welcome.

#### Salem Evangelical

Rev. Stange will preach in the Clarenceville church next Sunday, February 20th 10:30, at a central standard time.

#### See Cook & Co. for Art Linens.

We can make you a rate of \$3.00 for the Enterprise, Detroit Free Press, Michigan Farmer, Green's Fruit Grower and the Housewife—all five for \$3.00.

### Farmington Boys Win Again.

The third game of the series between Northville and Farmington bowlers was played at Redford last Tuesday night and was a hot contest, about 20 "rooters" from here and a number from Northville going down. The score follows:

#### NORTHVILLE

Wooley	167	170	189	536
Daley	135	143	176	454
Schrader	135	177	312	159
Griffin	150	154	162	466
Austin	161	168	152	481
Hill	120	120	120	360

Totals 743 770 856—2369

Wooley 10 strikes, 17 spares; Daley 8 strikes, 13 spares; Schrader 6 strikes, 7 spares; Griffin 7 strikes, 14 spares; Austin 8 strikes, 14 spares; Hill 1 strike, 3 spares.

#### FARMINGTON

Grace	192	143	170	505
Lamb	189	186	145	520
Clark	212	151	363	181
Cox	129	120	184	433
Heeney	121	197	318	149
Johnson	112	161	273	136

Totals 834 921 857—2412

Grace 10 strikes, 11 spares; Lamb 7 strikes, 16 spares; Clark 8 strikes, 5 spares; Cox 10 strikes, 7 spares; Johnson 2 strikes, 8 spares; Heeney 7 strikes, 9 spares.

The Redford team challenged the winners to a game, to be played at Redford next Friday, February 25th.

The interest in the game continues among the ladies, Mrs. Herman Maas running up a score of 110 last Tuesday afternoon.

The highest score during the past week is 212, made by Harriett Johnson.

See Cook & Co. for that old reliable line of "Keith Konqueror" Shoes for Men.