

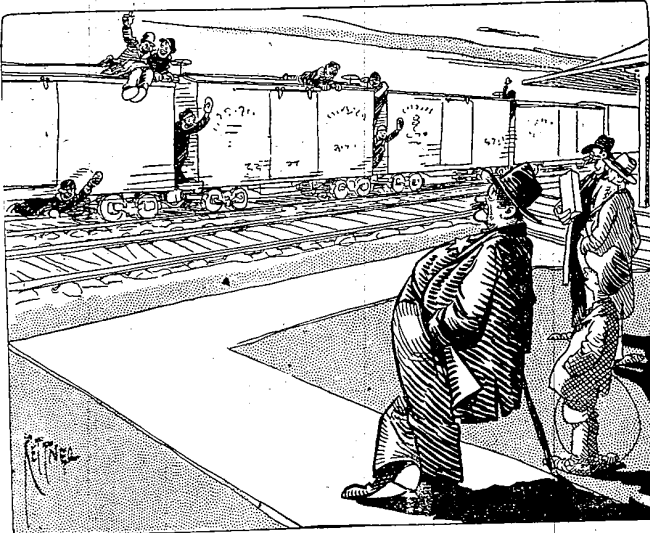
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TOURISTS RETURNING FROM THE SOUTH



THIRD PLACE IN TOURNAMENT

Farmington Basket Ball Team Among the Best at Ypsilanti.

The Farmington high school basket ball team took part in a tournament at Ypsilanti Normal College last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The teams represented were Marine City, Dundee, Milan, Royal Oak, Mancelona, Elkton, Wayne, Mt. Clemens, Saline and Farmington. Our boys played six games, winning three and losing three. The results were as follows: Farmington 27, Mancelona 43; Farmington 42, Elkton 13; Farmington 2, Wayne 0 (Forfeited by Wayne); Farmington 23, Marine City 20; Farmington 8, Marine City 9; Farmington 12, Mancelona 25; Farmington at time time was tied for first place with Marine City, Mancelona and Dundee, but the final score gave Marine City first, Dundee second, and Farmington, Mancelona and Milan tied for third.

This was particularly encouraging, as our team was the smallest one there; also representing the smallest town.

Farmington had the credit of playing the cleavest game of all, having only 18 fouls called on them in all their games. This fact easily made them favorites among the fans and officials.

Royal Oak proved the biggest surprise of all, being the heaviest and supposedly the fastest team there. They won only one game however, and that being from a comparatively weak team.

Although the local team is perhaps the youngest and lightest basket ball team seen in this village the past winter, they have won a majority of their games at home and abroad and our citizens should be proud of them.

Much credit for the development of the team is due Prof. R. Auten, who has spent much time and patience in the practice work of the team.

Don't forget, however, that we also have a girl's team that has "made good" the past season.

The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church are preparing a fine entertainment, consisting of two plays, to be given at the Town Hall April 14 and 15.

Filled Up On Eggs.

Albert Mauzel is champion "egg eater" of this vicinity.

Last Saturday night a number of men were discussing the eating question at the store of G. H. White, when Mr. Mauzel made the assertion that he could eat 27 eggs at one time, whereupon Mr. White produced a kettle and boiled 30 eggs.

Mauzel began his repast, and before he finished he had devoured the 30 eggs and a half loaf of bread.

Annual Rural Spelling Contest.

Eighth grade pupils of the county rural schools will be given a contest in spelling on Friday, April 14th. Commissioner A. L. Craft will mail a list of 100 common words to each teacher in the county who has eighth grade pupils, and he offers two prizes—a gold initial signet ring as first prize and a book of Longfellow's poems as second prize.

In case of a tie a second list of words will be given at the eighth grade examination May 11th and 12th.

All rural and 10 grade schools are eligible, and the plan is to create an interest in spelling.

Second Game From Redford.

Last Thursday night the Farmington bowlers went to Redford and played a match game with the Redford five, in which the locals were victorious by 98 pins. The score follows.

FARMINGTON-REDFORD									
Grace	155	175	135	465	155				
Thayer	155	171	150	476	158				
Heuey	195	99	156	450	159				
Maas	137	231	157	515	172				
Clark	142	180	224	546	182				
Totals 782 845 822—2459									
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The "Suffragette Convention." Don't fail to attend. April 14 and 15.

BONDING PLAN MEANS GROWTH

With the Building of Good Roads Farmington Township is Bound to Rapidly Develop

The adoption of the proposition to bond Oakland county for the construction of the system of good roads, as scheduled by the County Road Commissioners, means the more rapid development of Farmington village and township. The assessed valuation of the platted property will increase as they develop, multiplying the returns in taxes for both village and township.

Many Detroit people are building or contemplating the erection of country homes in this vicinity, every one of which has a tendency to increase the value of land and decrease the rate of taxation.

The building of good roads to Detroit means many city residents for Farmington, and each one will help to pay the taxes of the village and township.

Numbers of homesites have been purchased in the new subdivisions here, and improvement of the purchases will begin immediately on the adoption of the bonding plan. Voting for the bonding of the county for good roads on next Monday means prosperity and rapid growth of all parts of the county.

Ladies Literary Club.

The annual meeting of the Ladies Literary club was held at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Holcomb Wednesday afternoon. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Pres.—Mrs. Edna Hambleton. V. Pres.—Mrs. Imogene Bicking. Sec.—Mrs. Mary Johnson. Treas.—Mrs. Nettie Dickerson. Librarian—Miss Mary Kennedy. All the annual reports were given, as required, in a manner satisfactory to the club.

After agreeably settling all matters of business for the year ending March 29, 1916, the meeting was adjourned to meet April 12th with Miss Kennedy, where study will be resumed. "Legislation day" being the nature of the program.

MARY JOHNSON, Secretary.

"Whiskers." See the wild man.

April 14 and 15.

DISASTEROUS FIRE IN PLYMOUTH

School House, M. E. Church and Parsonage Burn Thursday morning

Plymouth, March 30, 1916.

Fire which destroyed the school house, Methodist church and partially consumed the Methodist parsonage, started in the school building about 4 o'clock Thursday morning, entailing a heavy loss, and threatened the entire village.

The fire was discovered in the school house at 4 a. m., and had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the building, a modern brick structure, part of which was practically new.

Before the fire was gotten under control the Methodist church a frame building, on which \$10,000 had recently been spent in improvements, had been entirely consumed, and the parsonage adjoining badly damaged.

Sparks from the burning building were carried to the residence of Mrs. J. D. McLaren, nearby, and it was feared for a time that her house would also be destroyed, but the residence was finally saved from serious damage.

The household effects of Rev and Mrs. Joseph Dutton were all saved.

The origin of the fire is not known, as no fire had been in the school building, this week it being vacation.

The loss is a heavy one for Plymouth.

Democratic State Convention.

The Democrats will assemble at Lansing on Wednesday, May 17, 1916, for their state convention, for the purpose of electing 30 delegates to the national convention. There will be 1,477 delegates. Oakland county is entitled to 37.

A state chairman to succeed E. C. Shields will also be elected at the convention.

At a committee meeting last week the administration, both national and state, were endorsed, and National Committeeman R. O. Wood, of Flint, and Gov. Ferris made strong appeals to Democrats to stand by their party during the coming campaign.

Three Entered From Oakland.

The State Fair "Body Building Contest" will be represented by 31 men and eight women, three of whom are from Oakland county.

Those from Oakland county to compete for the gold, silver and bronze prizes are Essie Montgomerie, R. B. Montgomerie, of Royal Oak; John D. Clapp, of Pontiac.

Manager Dickinson says great interest is being taken in the event, and scores of people are making an effort to improve their bodies physically, besides those who have entered the contest.

Competent judges will decide the contest, and great interest is developing in its outcome.

The Willing Workers of the West Farmington cemetery association will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Robeson Thursday April 6th, for dinner. Everybody invited.

A play, "Fun on the Podunk Limited," will be given at the Nichols school house April 7th and 8th, for the benefit of the North Farmington Auxiliary. Admission 15 cents.

Some of our congressmen have the idea of preparedness all right, but it takes the form of a strongly supported political fence.

Around the County

George Johnson, aged 83 years, and for 38 years a resident of Holly, died last Sunday morning. He came to Michigan in 1833.

Miles E. Richardson, who came from New York state to Novi 80 years ago, died last week aged 83 years. Funeral Saturday at the Novi Baptist church, of which he was a member.

Pontiac voters will be called upon to mark six ballots at Monday's election. They are the presidential primary, the good roads, an appropriation of \$35,000 for the purchase of Elk park, the question of official time (central or eastern), candidates for Mayor, and the ticket for supervisor and constables of the wards of the city.

The plant of the Pennsylvania salt Co., at Wyandotte, burned last Sunday, entailing a loss of some \$200,000. It was the largest fire ever known in that village, and a dangerous one for the fire fighters as there were frequent explosions. The fire started in the salt drying room storage department, and is thought to have been caused by defective wiring. The fire will not stop operations, it is said.

Look Out For These.

Publishers and merchants are warned to be on the lookout for three parties—a man and woman traveling as man and wife and another gentleman—working the telephone directory stunt, contracting for a page in the newspaper and the printing of cards containing the directory. Their plan is to obtain credit until collections are made and then leave town without settling their bills. The parties have evidently been theater people and are all dressed well and put up a good appearance.

Short Course in Milling to All School Children.

That every school child in Michigan may receive practical instruction in flour milling is the plan of the Michigan Miller's Association, according to Stephen J. McDonald, of Grand Rapids, who has the work in charge.

Demonstration charts and specially prepared treatise on milling processes will be furnished free to all public and parochial schools, whether or not domestic science is taught.

The need of these instructions is apparent from the large number of requests for information received, and the short course furnished by the Miller's association is the first of a series of educational activities to be promoted by this organization.

Clocks That Are Almost Human.

One of the most wonderful clocks in the world is owned by a Frenchman, Louis Desoutter. It is mounted on a Louis Seize stand and has four faces. Besides marking the hour, it shows the tides at six different parts of the world, the mean time and the solar time, the age of the moon, the movements of the planets and all eclipses. It is also a perpetual calendar. It was made by Janvier, of Paris, in 1789, and took eleven years to manufacture. Sap Diego, California, has a wonderful clock with twenty dials which tell the time simultaneously in all parts of the world, also the days of the week and the date and month. It stands twenty-one feet high and four of its dials are each four feet in diameter. It is encased in plate glass, so that every action can be seen, and the whole is illuminated every night. It is jeweled with tourmaline, topaz, agate and jade, and required fifteen months to build. The motive power is a 200 pound weight, which winds itself automatically. The cost of the clock was \$3,000.—From The Peoples Home Journal.

Don't forget those liners.

Buy your Hardware of Cook & Co.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Newspapers Taken From Other Papers Over the County and Surrounding Territory

Some towns this with a \$55,000 school house, an automobile factory and a country club—soon.—Northville Record.

After an internment at Oak Grove last Friday, Samuel Richman, the sexton, was heard to remark that that was the 1,400th body he had interred since he had been sexton. This covers the period since the fall of 1877, something less than forty years.—Milford Times.

Edward Swain, night operator at the M. C. depot, fell on the icy walk in front of his home Monday night, dislocating his hip. He was carried into the house and it took two physicians to replace the thigh in its socket. Mr. Swain is a heavy man and a cripple, and it will be some time before he will report for duty.—Rochester Era.

Mrs. William Fry, living a mile and a half south of town, suffered from a fall and exposure at her home. She was alone and out of doors when she fell and was unable to rise. When Mr. Fry returned he found her nearly exhausted from pain and cold. She is nearly 80 years old and her condition is considered critical.—Press Gazette.

America is amusement mad. Europe is war mad. Our malady is the easiest corrected. Just give a little thought to your earnings. The money is yours to spend, but spend it judiciously and spend some of it with the savings clubs which have been instituted by various banks. The advantage of spending some of your earnings with the banks is that you can get it back again.—Rochester Clarion.

Fred Benham, who has for many years been interested in development of new and valuable varieties of fruits and seeds, has at Bird's drug store an exhibit of fourteen varieties of seed corn. One of the most valuable is called the Extra Early Petoskey, said to mature in 65 days. Mr. Benham has requests both from the United States and Canadian governments for plantings of this variety for far north experimentation.—Milford Times.

Why didn't Frances marry Chester? April 14 and 15.

Dr. R. E. Watson, of Redford, located next to the moving picture theater with a full equipment for dentistry, and is in his Farmington office every Friday from 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

CHURCH NOTES

Methodist Church

Dr. D. H. Ramsdell, superintendent of the Detroit West District, will preach Sunday morning at 10:30 eastern time. You will be pleased to hear Dr. Ramsdell. This will be his first appearance here as our superintendent. Be sure to hear him.

Sunday evening the subject is "Mexico" or "Villa, Dead or Alive."

Next Sunday evening the services begin half an hour later, 7:30, eastern time.

Salem Evangelical

Rev. Stange will preach in the Clarenceville church next Sunday, April 2nd and 10:30, at central standard time.

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

If you are contemplating buying a Ford you had better get your orders in at once, as the company is greatly behind in their orders at the present time. See Carl Ely at the Park Garage.