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LOCAL COAL CONDITIONS

Farmington is Getting Her Share of Coal Despite Stories to the Contrary

In pursuance of a resolution by the Council last Monday evening, when a request was made for the village to take hold of the coal question and see what could be done for the relief of our citizens, President Francis, in company with the editor of the Enterprise, started out Tuesday afternoon to investigate the situation in the surrounding towns.

Many stories having gained considerable circulation of Redford and Northville having an abundance of coal, the investigators made a trip to both towns, went to the coal yards, interviewed a number of citizens of both towns, besides making a trip through the coal and railroad yards of each town to ascertain the amount of coal on track and in the bins of the coal dealers.

At Redford no coal was found in the bins of the company and only one car on the tracks—that ordered through the school board, for the school house, about half of which had been put into the school house bins, while the remainder was being portioned out in half and quarter ton lots to those actually in need of fuel.

In the bins of the Grand River Coal Co. about five tons of "stiff" called coal was found, which was actually nothing more than screenings and refuse from the mines, sent to them through coal administration, and which they were having a hard time to get anyone to accept and try to burn.

By the way, this is the "coal," which, according to local rumors, was offered to Mr. Hogle and he refused to accept—practically nothing, but screenings.

In regard to Redford's being well supplied with coal, it was found that they were no better, if as well taken care of as were the citizens of our village.

Although they have had, perhaps a few more cars during the last month, it must be remembered that they have a much larger territory to cover, and that a number of the cars, billed to Redford went to the Greenhouses, Boys' Home and several manufacturing concerns. However, from January 1, 1917, to January 1, 1918, there has been more coal unloaded in Farmington than was ever brought here before in any one year.

In Northville there were two cars of coal on track, both having been procured by the manufacturing concerns for their own use, and of a very poor quality, no coal being found in either of the coal yards, or in their bins. Mr. Ambler told us that there practically was "no coal" in Northville, the two cars recently obtained having been dealt out in 500 and half ton lots, and that he was unable to procure any, many of their people having taken down their coal stoves and were burning wood. He also stated that Plymouth was in practically the same condition.

We found a car of coal at the Junction of a very inferior quality consigned to Lewis Barnes and being portioned out in small lots. No one seems to have coal enough to supply the demand, and there seems to be the same feeling all along the line that has been expressed in this village the last few days, which, in the

opinion of the investigators is uncalculated.

As far as we can see, and we have gone over the ground pretty thoroughly, Mr. Hogle is and has been doing his best to procure coal for our citizens, notwithstanding the unjust criticism he has received during past few days, much of which has no foundation in fact.

During 1917, from January to January Mr. Hogle has had 76 cars of coal unloaded in this village, which is more than he had during the year 1916, and at the present time has four cars on the way one shipped from the mines on December 27th, and should have been here before this; one shipped January 1st that should follow it closely, and the others not far behind. He also assures us that if the people will have a little patience for a few days he is sure he will be in a position to prevent anyone being entirely out of coal.

Another point in Mr. Hogle's favor is that while our neighboring towns have been getting some coal that is of the very poorest quality, we have had "good quality and better prices."

Part of a car of coal was sent to this village Thursday noon, and Mr. Hogle informs us that he has about nine cars of coal which should be here, within a few days, and the shipments are beginning to come along in a freer manner.

Killed at Fourth Gate

The community was shocked last Friday morning by the news of the death of E. Langbecker, who was struck by a D. U. R. car at the crossing at the Fourth Gate.

Mr. Langbecker was on his way here for a visit with his wife, who makes her home with her son, LaRue Langbecker, in this village, he having resided with his daughter, Ida Laderoot, at Redford.

In attempting to cross the D. U. R. tracks he stepped directly in front of the car and was struck and almost instantly killed. The crew picked up the remains and brought them to this village, when they were taken to the undertaking rooms of W. E. Heeney and later to the home of the son, where the funeral was held Monday afternoon.

Rev. Priestley, of the M. E. church conducting the services. Burial was made in Oakwood cemetery.

Ernest Langbecker was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, on January 27, 1837, and was married on March 13, 1865, and they came to America on April 27, 1865.

Besides the aged wife Mr. Langbecker leaves five children, Freda Middleford, Pontiac; Rudolph Langbecker, Bertha Sass, Detroit; Albert Langbecker, and Ida Laderoot, of Redford; 17 grandchildren and four great grandchildren, together with many friends throughout this vicinity, who extend to the family their sympathy in their bereavement.

Show Patriotism toward your Home as well as to your Country. Get a policy with the Northern Assurance Co. Hill & Waller, general agents, 9-11 Marsh building, Pontiac.

Water Rentals Due

Water bills from October 1st to January 1st will be due the first of January, 1918. All bills payable to the village treasurer before January 15th. Treasurer Eisenberg is at the Warner Dairy office every Saturday afternoon. W. E. Lord, Village Clerk.

OLD SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED TO GROUND

Early Morning Fire Thursday Wipes Out Building Erected in 1888

About 5:45 Thursday morning fire was discovered in the old school house by the janitor who was on his way to start the fires for the day.

The alarm was turned in, but by the time the department arrived on the scene the whole building was ablaze and nothing could be done to save it.

The fire evidently started in the basement of the north wing of the building and probably had been burning for some hours before being discovered.

John Melow saw a light from his place about 4:30 as he went to the barn, but could not determine whether it was a fire or just a



(OLD SCHOOL HOUSE—BUILT IN 1888)

light in the building, and did not think it was a fire until the flames burst through the roof just before the alarm was given.

Nothing was saved, even to about 15 tons of coal in the basement, and the children from the 6th grade down will be given a forced vacation for a week or two until arrangements can be made for temporary quarters and the procuring of books and supplies.

The building which was of brick, was erected in the fall of 1888, and was considered at that time an up-to-date school house. George McGee, now superintendent of the Cadillac public schools, was the first instructor in the new building.

The building was insured for \$5,000. It is proposed to fix up the upper floor of the water works building for a temporary school, until arrangements can be made for a new modern building, which is absolutely necessary, as the new building is at present crowded, and the old building was accommodating 115 children.

It is thought arrangements can be completed for the resuming of school in the lower grades in about two weeks.

A fortunate circumstance in connection with the fire is the fact that there was a strong west wind carrying the flames and heat away from the new building. Had the wind been in the east in all probability our fine new school house would also be in ruins.

The origin of the fire is not known, the janitors, Hinman Nichols and Theron Pauline declaring that everything was in good condition when they left Wednesday evening.

Head of County Red Cross

F. M. Warner, of this village was chosen as president of the Oakland County Red Cross last week, in place of C. B. Wilson, of Pontiac, who resigned on account of pressure of other business.

Mr. Wilson has put the County Red Cross organization onto a systematic basis equal to any in the country, and the appointment of Mr. Warner, who has been much interested in its progress, will make for its continuance along systematic and beneficial lines, as Mr. Warner is and has for several months given almost his entire time to patriotic work. His recent declaration to make an announcement of candidacy for the United States senate even under urging from his friends, because he believes it unwise to disturb the situation with political matters when all effort is needed for patriotic purposes, gives an inkling of the way in which the new chairman can be expected to devote his energies to Red Cross interests.

Life Assurance has given many a job to a Laundry that otherwise would be done over a widow's washboard. Ask the Northern Assurance men about a Monthly Income Contract. Hill & Waller, general agents, 9-11 Marsh building, Pontiac.

Ladies Literary Club.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Literary club was held January 2nd at the home of Imogene Bickling.

Nineteen members responded to roll call with New Year's resolutions.

The program for the afternoon consisted of two papers: "Woman's Work in Helping the Needy," by Mary Kennedy, and "Work of the United Charities in Various Towns and Cities," by Imogene Bickling.

Zeyda Wilber read a very interesting account of a trip to California.

The club adjourned to meet January 16th with Nellie Dickerson.

Taxes Due

I now have the tax roll for Farmington Township in my hands for collection of state and county taxes, and will be at the Farmington State Savings Bank on Fridays and Saturdays, during banking hours, until January 20th, to receive your taxes, R. H. MARSH, Township Treasurer.

We print auction sale bills.

GARAGE BANDITS ARE CAUGHT

Deputy Sheriff Francis Called to Detroit Wednesday to Identify Men

The New Hudson and Novi robbers, whom Deputies Goers and Francis held up on Grand River on the morning of December 6th as they were returning from New Hudson with their loot, and with whom the deputies had a running battle, have been apprehended, and three of them are held in Detroit, where they confessed to the robbery of the New Hudson garage, Novi garage and attempted robbery of Novi depot, about \$600 worth of plunder in all.

There were five men in the deal, three of whom are held in Detroit, a fourth being in a hospital in Indiana, the fifth being somewhere in New Jersey. The car which is said to be full of bullet holes, is in Indiana.

Most of the stolen goods have been recovered, together with a lot of stuff taken from other places. The robbers are mere boys, none of them being over 20 years of age.

The tires and chains and a lot of other goods taken from New Hudson were found in a Michigan avenue Jew store and fully identified.

School Notes.

Myrtle Themm is back in school, after a long absence on account of illness.

The First and Second graders are enjoying the story of "Johnny Chuck."

The Primary room is busy making flags for "Michigan Day."

Jack Martin is a new pupil in the kindergarten.

The kindergarten children have been studying about horses this week.

August Themm is back in school, after a long illness.

Gerlene Crabb, of Livonia, is a new pupil in the Sixth grade.

The Fifth and Sixth grades are enjoying "New Chronicles of Rebecca" for morning exercises.

Ford Winsley has reentered the Eighth grade.

Phyllis Conroy has been absent the past two days.

The Eighth graders in arithmetic class are working.

The pupils of the Second Primary and Intermediate rooms have been divided into companies of soldiers. The contest is to see which company will have the least marks against its department at the close of the day.

The company that wins is rewarded by having a star placed on a chart, and five stars entitled them to a flag. Each soldier is anxious for his company to win.

Dog Owners Take Notice

It shall be the duty of each owner of any dog over four months of age, on or before the first day of February of each year, to secure from the clerk of the township in which he or she may reside, a metal registration tag showing the name of the township and license year and clerk's registration number thereon, and such tag or device shall be securely fastened to the collar of the dog and constantly worn by such dog. The owner shall pay to the clerk the sum of two dollars for each male dog and each spayed female dog (when a certificate of a veterinary surgeon that such female dog has been spayed is presented to such clerk), and the sum of five dollars for each unspayed female dog for each tag issued.

Any sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable or police officer shall have authority to destroy, and it shall be his duty to destroy, any dog or dogs found at large in violation of the provisions of this act.

I am now ready to receive license money and issue tags.

H. A. SCHROEDER, Township Clerk.

Don't overlook the liners.

PARENTS

There is just one thing better than sending your children to Sunday School—Come and bring them.

M. E. Sunday School

11:45 A. M.

Closes promptly at 12:35.

LITTLE WANT ADS

FOR RENT—20 acre farm. Inquire of A. E. Nacker, at Cook's store. 10tf

STATIONERY—Let us print you some nice stationery. Good work and reasonable prices.

FOR SALE—Small Base Burner coal stove, in good condition. Inquire of Kenneth Lord at Ely's garage.

FOR SALE—Water power washing machine; water motor and ball-bearing finger, nearly new. Clyde Adams. 9tf

FOR SALE—Visiting cards—either printed or engraved. Best of work and prices right. Ask the Enterprise man.

FOR RENT—Five room furnished house, on road south of D. U. R. power house, Farmington Junction. Inquire of H. Schuch, on premises. 10p

FOUND—A package of merchandise on Friday afternoon last—was seen to drop from a truck. Owner can have same by calling, proving property and paying for this notice. Enterprise.

LOST—Trench Cap, on Thursday morning. Had Mrs. Rusling's name on wrapper. Will finder return to Mrs. Jess Gates, phone 66w5. 10p

FOR SALE—Large sheets of Blotting paper; also Bristol Board, Cards of all kinds, either printed or plain. Call at the Enterprise and see what we have.

SALESMEN WANTED to solicit orders for lubricating oils, greases and paints. Salary or Commission. Address The Harvey Oil Co., Cleveland, Ohio. 10-11p

BIRTH CARDS—We will print you a neat card announcing the birth of your baby, and furnish the envelopes for mailing. Cards and envelopes 25c for 50 cents. Enterprise office.

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