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NOT FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

Many of the county and other nearby papers have been calling attention to the fact that the last legislature made it compulsory for every school district to publish a financial statement of their district in some newspaper in the county in which the school is situated, but in looking the matter up, we are told on good authority that the law refers to school districts in incorporated cities and villages only.

While such a law, applicable to all schools, in our opinion, would be a good thing, not because of the revenue accruing to the printer, but by giving the widest publicity possible to all schools, and in fact, all public institutions, we contend it would be for their betterment.

The present law compels the incorporated village and the County Supervisors to publish each year a statement of their financial affairs, but leaves the township free to keep its finances under cover, requiring only the posting of a few books at election precincts, which practically no one ever sees, or at least takes the trouble to read.

Farmington and Novi townships, however, have seen the advantage of having their financial statement read by the taxpayers, and each year Farmington's statement appears in the Enterprise, while Novi township has printed enough large sheets each year to provide each taxpayer with a copy, and the plan is giving universal satisfaction.

We contend that the same satisfaction would apply to the rural school districts, and hope that the next legislature will provide that it shall be compulsory for every township and every school district to make "public" the financial matters of each year's proceedings.

MICHIGAN, DRAINAGE LAWS FAULTY

It is not so much Michigan's drainage systems that need correction as it is Michigan's drainage laws, in the opinion of O. E. Robey, extension specialist in drainage, who has been making a study of drainage conditions within the state for the Michigan Agricultural college. He says:

"One of the most lamentable facts in our drainage situation is that many farmers adjacent to our high-priced county and township drains do not realize as much as they might from this tax investment, because of the

manner in which they are compelled to pay this tax.

"In a majority of cases the high drain tax, payable in a short period, exhausts the supply of money with which the farmer should be installing under-drainage systems on his own land. By the time the farmer gets squared away the main ditch to which he must attach is often so filled with rubbish that its value as an outlet is materially reduced, if not entirely destroyed. We need a legislative remedy for this. The formation of drainage districts, with power to bond might correct this matter."

CHURCH NOTES

Salem Evangelical

Rev. A. C. Stange will preach next Sunday morning at 10:45, eastern time, in the Farmington German church.

The Farmington Ladies Aid meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the parsonage.

Methodist Church

Rev. James Priestley, Minister. The Ladies' Aid society held its July meeting at the home of Mrs. Ella Irish; there was a good attendance and an interesting meeting. August meeting will be with Mrs. William Hendryx.

The call of the Sabbath morning is becoming louder every week. The hours of worship, morning and evening, should be the most cherished of all the week. Sunday morning the pastor will preach, and his sermon will be from a worth while theme.

Every member of the Sunday school should be present next Sunday morning to study the lesson, the subject of which is "Christian Obedience," Matt. 4: 18-22; John 14: 22-24. Three fine committees have been appointed to arrange for the picnic. Everybody watch for date.

Sunday last was a very hot day, and yet our evening service was fairly well attended. We shall look for joy Sunday evening, and we will promise that service will be well worth the effort to attend.

Last Thursday evening was a remarkable prayer meeting. There was a fine attendance and a splendid spirit pervaded the meeting.

A nation-wide drive to secure a nurse's reserve of 25,000 young women to enter training and become skilled nurses, will begin July 29th, and continue until August 11th. "The pick of the country" is called. These young women can feel that the moment they enter training they become members of the Nation's life-saving corps, as after the war is over there will be streams of the fighting men returning home for care. These calls, added to the civilian needs of our own communities, will surely for many years to come, make extraordinary demands for skilled nursing service, such as this recruiting campaign hopes now to provide.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Items of Interest From the Surrounding Districts, Gleaned by Our Correspondents.

West Farmington Items

Luella Howard is visiting her cousins at Ann Arbor this week. Mrs. Grace Button visited friends and relatives in Detroit Tuesday.

Miss Ellereene Schroeder spent the week-end with friends at Plymouth.

Miss Myra Sperry, of Detroit, spent the past week with Mrs. James Halstead.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halstead and son Lee visited relatives at Wayne Sunday.

Miss Jeanette Howard, who has been visiting friends in Detroit, has returned home.

Edwin Hewett, of Detroit, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation at the W. J. McCracken home.

Miss Caroline Morris is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Forest Green, in Livonia.

The Red Cross Sewing Circle will meet with Mrs. H. N. McCracken this (Friday) afternoon.

Mrs. James Halstead and Miss Sperry visited at the home of Arthur Johns, at Walled Lake, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman James, of Grand Rapids, visited Monday at the home of Lewis Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Bigelow and baby Kenneth spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Sprague and Mrs. Ada Button visited the Hardenburg camp at Pine Lake Sunday.

Miss Bell Crawford, who has been quite ill, in the hospital, is convalescing at the home of Mrs. William Hewett.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Seeley, of Springfield, Ill., visited part of this week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halstead.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morris and family visited in Detroit Sunday, at the home of Mrs. Morris' mother, Mrs. Maas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Schroeder and family visited Sunday at the home of his brother, Albert Schroeder, near Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robeson entertained Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barnes and daughter, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Humbert, of Detroit.

Mrs. Maas, of Detroit, who has been spending the past week with her son, Charles Roggenkamp, and daughter, Mrs. John Morris, returned to her home Sunday.

Nichols Siding

Mrs. E. Lyon, of Redford, was a Saturday visitor at William Hobbins'.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hobbins and family visited their son Irwin, at Redford, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rose and family, of Clarenceville, called at Dexter Green's in Northville Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rose and family, of Clarenceville, and their cousin, Arthur Rose and family, of Detroit, spent Sunday at Pleasant Lake.

Alexander Clapp, of Camp Custer, visited at Don Heiker's over Sunday. He was in the wreck of the D. U. R. Saturday, and was pretty badly cut and bruised about the head and arms. He was taken to the hospital and his wounds dressed.

Miss Cora Hobbins, of Redford, came home Tuesday to celebrate her 21st birthday. She was very much surprised, when about 20 of her friends from Redford and Detroit came Tuesday evening to help her celebrate. A fine luncheon was served, and they all departed after having a good time, wishing her many more birthdays,

and hoping they could spend them with her every year.

Novi News Items.

Mrs. Ella Spencer spent Wednesday in Northville.

Mrs. A. C. Atkinson returned home from Marlette Monday.

Mrs. Scholl, of Caro, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jesse Clark. Mrs. Searl, of Portsmouth, Ohio, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Hulett.

Ralph Smith and Glen Shirliff left for Camp Custer, Wednesday, July 24th.

Miss Francis Grover, of Geneva, N. Y., is visiting Mrs. Llimpert and family.

Miss Marie Miller, of Detroit, visited her mother, Mrs. Stella Miller, over Sunday.

Mrs. Smitherman, of Plymouth, visited her sister, Mrs. W. Chilson, for a few days last week.

Mrs. C. Roach returned home from Traverse City Wednesday, after visiting at her parents' home about two weeks.

Mrs. McCowan and Bernice Walter spent Tuesday and Wednesday at Walled Lake, with Mrs. Jack McCowan, at their cottage.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Watts Sunday, it being their 45th wedding anniversary. A good time is reported.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wooster attended the funeral of the former's brother's wife, Mrs. James Wooster, at Birmingham, Monday afternoon.

A birthday surprise party was given Mrs. E. C. Banks, by the ladies of the Mission Band, Monday afternoon. A lovely time was had by all, and ice cream and cake were served as refreshments.

Clarenceville Items

Mrs. Louie Waack is moving back to Clarenceville from Detroit.

Miss Wagner and friend, of Detroit, were the guests of Mrs. B. Cook Sunday.

Mrs. B. Cook and sister, Miss Jennie Comstock, were Detroit visitors last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Weston and children spent three days in

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Detroit with her sister and family.

Mrs. O. Nash, the nurse who was caring for Mrs. Otis Jensen, was called to Big Rapids by the illness of her daughter.

Mrs. Will Shaw's mother was taken to Harper's hospital last Monday for treatment. She has been very ill, but is reported some better.

Miss Marie Giestler was called to Detroit, to the hospital, to see her grandmother, who had her hip broken. She is getting along nicely, considering her advanced age.

Mrs. Otis Jensen received a letter Monday from Arthur Burns, the young man who ran

the blacksmith shop at Farmington about a year ago, when he enlisted. He is now in Oklahoma, but expects to go over to France soon, and seems anxious to get across to the front.

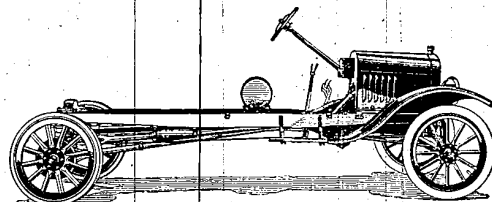
From All Over.

Two deaths by duel in Michigan during June; 45 persons were drowned, while 37 were killed by automobiles, and 31 committed suicide during the month.

The Rochester Clarion started on its 21st year last Friday, with present publisher, C. S. Seed, as founder of the paper, and its a good county paper, too.

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