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Yuletide Greetings

THOS. HOUGHTON KILLED BY BANDIT

Redford State Bank Cashier
Shot Saturday Night By Highwayman.

Last Saturday evening about 10 o'clock a man entered the Redford State Bank, pointed a gun at Cashier Thomas C. Houghton, uncle of Mrs. Manley Newman and Mrs. Bert Hutchins, of this village, and shot him down without warning, the ball passing through his stomach. Mr. Houghton was alone in the bank at that time. Albert Bruder, assistant cashier, having stepped out on an errand, which fact was probably noted by the highwayman.

According to reports three men were in the deal. Besides the one who entered the bank one stood guard at the door while the third was holding a machine in readiness a few blocks from the bank.

After the shooting, and without any attempt at looting the bank safe, the man made his "get-away" and reports say they drove west in the automobile, probably making for Detroit after reaching the Seven-mile road.

Mr. Houghton was hurried to Harper hospital, where he passed away early Monday morning. After the shooting Mr. Houghton gave a description of the man who shot him, and thought it was the same man who attempted to hold him up about a year ago.

Following the shooting a posse of both Wayne and Oakland county officers was formed and a search instituted, but nothing was found of the bandits, and at a conference of the bank officials and merchants and citizens of Redford a reward of \$3,500 was offered for the apprehension of the man who shot Houghton.

Mr. Houghton was born in Detroit in 1853 and had lived in Redford since he was 11 years old. He is survived by his widow, six children, his mother and seven grandchildren, and many warm friends throughout this whole section.

While it is said to be certain that there were three men in the party, only two of them were seen, the one who entered the bank and did the shooting, and the one who stood outside on guard, although it is reported that several persons saw a machine standing at the Waterford road and Mills avenue with curtains down and a man at the wheel about the time of the shooting. The first is described as about five feet tall, 25 years old, and wearing a small mustache. He wore a dark overcoat and a cap. The other man was about 35 years old, about five feet nine inches tall, and wore a dark overcoat with a fur collar, and a cap.

Officers Elected

At the annual meeting of Farmington lodge No. 151, F. & A. M., last Saturday evening the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Clarence C. Wood, W. M.
Thomas H. McGee, S. W.
Charles Unterreiner, J. W.
John H. Thayer, Treasurer.
James L. Hogle, Secretary.
Clarence Bickling, S. D.
Arthur G. Lamb, J. D.
Osmund D. Yerkes, Steward.
Fred Brockmiller, Steward.
Frank J. J. J.

Telegram Misleading

Last Sunday night Henry Lee received the following telegram from Washington, which for a time was an awful blow, but on reasoning the matter out he was convinced it was misleading:

"Official, Washington D. C.—It is with regrets that Corp. Norman Charles Lee is reported missing in action October 21st. Signed Harris."

Mr. Lee has received two letters from Norman since October 21st, the last one being dated November 14th, three days after armistice was declared, in which he said, "Dad, I have some real good news for you this time—the best I have ever been able to send you. The war is won; they have stopped firing on the front, and I am still here. I am not back with my outfit yet, but hope to be soon. I have been in a convalescent camp for over a month now."

According to the above Norman was not with his company, but in the hospital camp, not yet in condition to join his company. In fact, word was received along in October from George Miller that Norman had dropped out and he did not know where he was at the time he was wounded, and it was probably so reported at roll call—hence the telegram "missing in action."

Line Car in Smashup

Monday morning about 8 o'clock occurred a bad wreck at Turner's switch near Pontiac, when the D. U. R. line car from this village was hit almost simultaneously on both ends by passenger cars coming from opposite directions.

No one was seriously injured, the boys on the local line car jumping when a collision was inevitable. The dense fog of the morning is blamed for the wreck. Both passenger cars were badly smashed, and the line car had to be towed into the city for repairs.

People in the passenger cars were thrown from their seats and badly shaken up, but only minor bruises and slight cuts from flying glass were sustained.

Died at Hospital

Mrs. Mary Haim, who was born in New York state on October 15, 1850, died at Pontiac State Hospital last Saturday, December 14th, as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

She was the widow of Nicholas Haim, a civil war veteran, who passed away in November, 1892. She was the mother of five children, one of whom, Edward J., together with five grandchildren, survive her.

Mrs. Haim came to Detroit in 1894 and made her home with her son, Mr. Clarence Haim, after the death of her husband, until recently.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from the home of her son, Rev. E. C. Benson, of this village, officiating, and burial made in Grand Lawn cemetery.

Rebekah Election

At the semi-annual meeting of Rebekah Lodge No. 219, I. O. O. F., last Tuesday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

N. G. Tessa Pierson.
V. G. Zaida Steele.
F. S. Mrs. Chantette Prindle.
R. S. Mrs. Adams Pierson.
After the business of the meeting Mrs. Elida Holmes, delegate to the recent Grand Lodge at Grand Rapids read an interesting

MEMORIAL SATURDAY

Services at Town Hall at 2
O'clock for Joseph A. Yerkes
and Lemuel A. Walker

Arrangements have been perfected for memorial services for Joseph A. Yerkes and Lemuel A. Walker at the Town Hall Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Appropriate services will be given, and Rev. E. W. Strickler, of Redford; Rev. Edward Belles, of Northville, and Rev. E. C. Benson, of this village, will deliver addresses.

Everyone in this vicinity is urged to be present and pay their respects to the memory of the boys who gave their lives that we might still live in a free country.

Mr. Yerkes died of sickness on his way overseas, and was the first of Farmington's boys to make the supreme sacrifice, while Mr. Walker was killed in action on October 11th, and was the last of our boys, so far as known to give his life for his country.

Ladies' Literary Club

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Literary club was held Wednesday, December 18th, at the home of Flora Hendryx.

Two papers were read: "French Beginnings of 1878; De Lesseps; His Building of Suez Canal," Flora Hendryx. "Hay-Herrin Treaty," Jessie Green.

Miss Katherine Sprague gave the club an interesting account of her trip to Colorado to view the total eclipse of the sun, and Miss Boynton read a short story. The next meeting will be held January 8th, at the home of Mrs. Minnie Wilber.

Club and Society Notes

The Eastern Star meets this (Friday) evening.

The Ladies' Aid met Thursday afternoon at the M. E. parsonage.

The O. E. S. are making preparations for their ball New Years Eve.

A program and Christmas tree at the Thayer school Friday night, Miss Smith teacher.

The New Idea club will be postponed until after the holidays, as Mrs. Herman Kraeger, who was to entertain, is ill.

The Fairview school will hold their Christmas entertainment Monday evening, December 23rd. Everybody cordially invited.

The Fairview Red Cross Circle met Wednesday with Mrs. Charles Walling. They tied comforters in the afternoon, and after the work was completed the ladies served a light lunch in the dining room, a surprise on Mrs. Walling, it being her birthday. They all spent a very enjoyable afternoon and the meeting was adjourned to meet the 8th of January with Mrs. John Johnson.

Harrison Johnson resumed his duties in mail route No. 2 Monday afternoon, after a couple of weeks illness. Also Allie Phelps on route one.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Newsy Items Taken From
Other Papers in and
About the County.

The new road to Howell is now completed. The trucks finished drawing gravel last Thursday for the top course.—Brighton Argus.

This December weather is quite a different sort from that which we endured a year ago. One of our friends, reminded us Sunday that the mercury a year ago that day was 20 below zero and another this Thursday said that it was ten below December 12, 1917.—Milford Times.

Oscar Harger and daughter, Lizzie, moved from Farmington Monday and took possession of their new home on Main street, recently vacated by Albert Stanley and wife. Northville friends are pleased to have the Harger family again as residents.—Northville Record.

Harold LaFave, a fireman on the Pere Marquette railroad, met with a serious accident early last Monday evening, when he stepped from his engine, which was standing on the Toledo track, near the diamond, and was struck by a southbound train. He was seriously cut and bruised about his head and face and badly bruised about his body, but fortunately no bones were broken.—Plymouth Mail.

C. S. Bell had an unpleasant experience with electricity while plastering Dr. R. E. Entine's cellar one day this week. A wire that ran through the floor into the cellar became worn, the insulation being removed, and the fresh plastering on the cellar ceiling became charged with electricity. When Mr. Bell undertook to use his trowel his arm was thrown back by the force of the current and the trowel was thrown a considerable distance.—Holly Advertiser.

Suit to foreclose a mechanic's lien on a house in Farmington township was brought in circuit court by the Redford Lumber company against Loren B. Chapman. The company charges it furnished lumber during the summer of 1917 for erection of a house on lot 58 of the Grand Gardens subdivision in Farmington township, built for Chapman by Contractor B. D. Hughes. The company claims a bill of \$301.76 for material furnished, is unpaid.—Saturday's Press Gazette.

You can never surprise us after this terrible thunder and lightning and torrents from out the skies, on Tuesday, the 19th day of December, in this year of grace 1918, and then came our house cat, whose reputation was like Caesar's wife—above suspicion—and presented us with a nest of kittens! That settles it. Come on with your blue moons. If the morning paper said that Willie J. Bryan had been elected president of these United States, you couldn't detect the slightest indication of surprise upon our noble countenance.—Birmingham Eclectic.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express to the neighbors and friends our heartfelt thanks for their sympathy and kindness during our late bereavement; especially the singers and for the floral tributes. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Salow. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Salow. Mr. and Mrs. William Salow.

ENJOYING THE SIGHTS

Albert Goers Writes of Experience in England, and France.

LeMans, France,
November 14, 1918.

Dear Friend Mr. Lord:

Due to neglect, I haven't written as I told you when I left New York last July, but at present I have lots of time so will write a few lines to let you know how France and in fact the world has treated me.

The trip over on the boat was fine. I enjoyed it very much; none of the benams, sea-sick—of course a few men didn't feel safe enough to leave the rail. We arrived in England and entered a rest camp where we did rest. We had a nice visit in Winchester, seeing the second largest Cathedral in world; also the table where peace was drawn up by some old kings and queens; the statue of Queen Elizabeth—those were great buildings and I enjoyed them very much. An old man told us all about it. Saw one of the largest pipe organs I ever heard of. By the way saw pictures of English noblemen painted upon the numerous walls throughout England; it was all a great piece of work. We entered Liverpool and saw the funniest engine—we all laughed at it; looked like one that Noah had.

Upon arrival in France we noticed a vast difference; people wear wooden shoes, milk goats, herd cows and goats as they did thousands of years ago; never would have dreamed of the people over here being so behind the times.

As I passed on through I noticed the buildings, none of which are like our real American houses; no fences surround their farms. If they happen to have a fence it is made of stone; their farms are laid out in all shapes, but they have good crops; yet their means of farming are limited, as they don't even plow with two horses. Wagons are two-wheeled things, and four horses are strung out in single file; they never have a load on their wagons; we would laugh to see them farm it over home.

There is one thing I have noticed that pretains to barber shops—that is, if you go in to get a hair cut, all you do is to make a motion; he answers with a "wee" (out out) and from that time on he doesn't say a word until he is finished; he asks then if it is "bein" (or good) you say "yes," and give him a franc or 20 cents, never get shaved, as they don't know what hot water is, or even lather your face. Here is a good place for our old friend Ben Meyers.

Mostly every farmer around France runs a little cheese factory of their own, and use our Mr. Warner pattern, but the cheese has a different color; also taste—guess it is made of goats' milk.

About the middle of September I took an examination at the Colonel's office and passed O. K. as a candidate at an officer's training school. I entered it October 4th, and was making good when the school became condemned, and we were shipped out. At present I am in a large clarification camp, where I am waiting patiently to pull out for my old company. I have traveled almost all over Central France and am not through, as yet.

closed it up. I was sorry, as I held out O. K.—my last examination of 50 questions gave me an average of 93.

Oh, well, the war is "feenished," as the French people say, and all that worries me is, when do I get back home.

France has some wonderful scenery; also good roads and railroads, but for all of that, dear old U. S. A. is the place for me. Hoping this finds everyone well and happy I close wishing I may soon be with you again, I am yours truly.

Sgt. Albert J. Goers,
Co. E, 338 Inf.,
A. E. F., France.

Those who have not yet subscribed to the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call, and wish to do so after Saturday, can do so by calling at either bank or the post office.

Try the liners. They sell.

LITTLE WANT ADS

FOR RENT—House. Inquire of C. R. Elv.

FOR RENT—An up-to-date apartment. Inquire at Warner Dairy office.

FOR SALE—Shepard pups, \$1.00 each. Inquire of Mrs. L. C. Harger; phone 6632.

FOR SALE—New Milch Jersey Cow, 8 years old. W. H. Thornton, 65w2.

FOR SALE—New Milch Cow, Inquire of Guy Simmon, phone 3544, Farmington.

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

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

WANTED—To buy one to ten shares of Farmington State Savings Bank Stock. Will pay \$200 share. Box C, Enterprise.

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.

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

LOST—Near Farmington Power House, a red beagle Hound with white spot on neck and white feet. Five (\$5.00) Dollars reward. Call Melrose 4396, or write Chas. Braun, 33 Mitchell Ave., Detroit.

ESTABLISHED 23 years, specializing in farms, Buyers for all kinds of farms; also small places. Address Mr. McAdams, 1250 West Euclid Ave., Detroit, Mich. Phone Garfield 1117.

Taxes Due

Having received for collection the tax roll of Farmington Township, I will be at the Farmington State Savings Bank on Fridays and Saturdays, during business hours.