

Local News

Mark Bachelor called on his mother Friday afternoon.

Miss Clara Shear was in Redford Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. E. U. Farmer is on the sick list.

Will Morris returned from his trip to Wisconsin Thursday.

Mrs. John Morris is on the sick list.

Steffen's Market unloaded 19 dressed hogs Tuesday for market purposes.

Mrs. Alice Allyn of Detroit, is spending the week-end with her son, Frank and family.

Eva Bradley of Detroit, spent Monday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley.

Miss Josephine Morton of Detroit, spent the week-end with Miss Ethel Bade.

Mr. Stanley Smith and brother, Howard, were Detroit callers Wednesday.

Mark Owen says that the building is gone, but the spirit is still here and he is still in business.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lock attended the funeral of William Wood, at Franklin, Tuesday.

Mrs. Wadenstorer and Mrs. Lock attended a missionary meeting at Wesley M. E. church at Detroit Thursday last week.

Mrs. Arthur Lamb and wife, visited John Angell and wife at Redford Sunday. Mr. Lamb was in Detroit.

Miss Elaine Rider has been spending a week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and William Van Epps, at the Junction.

Mrs. Russell Tuttle and two children of Detroit, spent Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Millard.

Mrs. L. A. Griggs, who has been for some time in Missouri, returned Tuesday to the home of John Mahaney.

Miss Orene Habermesh attended the "Japanese Tea" at the Redford High school Saturday, given by the Domestic Arts class.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, on the Conroy road, entertained their neighbors Saturday evening with dancing and cards.

Mrs. Fred Osborn of Detroit, visited one day last week with Mrs. Nathan Power and Mrs. Herman Riddle.

Mrs. H. McFarland of Port Huron, spent the latter part of the week with her daughter, Mrs. Leonard Wenzell and family.

Ed. Halsted and wife of Novi, spent the day Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Chilson.

Mrs. William Herbst of Detroit, was a Sunday guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Clyde Adams and family.

Mrs. Elmer Dohany and Mrs. Clyde Adams visited the latter's mother and sister in Detroit last Thursday.

The New England supper at the Universalist church last Friday evening was a success, both financially and socially.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bade have received a box of fruit from Los Angeles, California, sent by her brother, Charles Smock and wife of Northville, who are spending the winter there.

Mrs. James Morrison and daughter visited from Friday until Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. W. E. Lord, and her daughter, Miss Oliff Morrison.

Mrs. C. M. Thornton of Detroit, mother of W. H. Thornton, died very suddenly last week. She was up about 6:00 o'clock in the morning and attended to the fire, returning to bed, put her hands over her head and passed away instantly. Her husband died about three years ago.

The Farmington Enterprise—\$1.50

Detroit United Lines

Farmington Time Table
(Eastern Standard Time)

Cars leave Farmington Junction for Detroit at 4:45 a. m., 6:15 a. m., 8:45 a. m., and 9:37 a. m., and have Farmington for Detroit at 6:35 a. m., 8:05 a. m., 9:45 a. m., and 10:35 a. m. (also 9:35 p. m., 10:35 p. m., to Junction only 11:35 a. m. and 1:05 a. m.)

Cars leave Farmington Junction for Orchard Lake and Foggia at 5:45 a. m., 6:15 a. m., 8:45 a. m., and hourly to 10:35 p. m., 12:19 a. m.

First car leaves Farmington Junction for Northville at 6:30 a. m., Farmington at 6:35 a. m., thereafter cars leave Farmington for Northville at 8:35 a. m., and hourly thereafter until 4:35 p. m., 6:35 p. m., 8:35 p. m., 10:35 p. m., 12:19 a. m.

Cars connect at Northville with those for Plymouth and over the D. J. & C. Road, and service to Ann Arbor.

A Wife on Probation

By OTILLIA F. PFEIFFER

There was not a grain of sentimentality or nonsense in the make up of Gregory Lane, he was proud to boast to his friends: "A widower for 15 years, he had brought up his son, 110 years, as would a strict disciplinarian and had turned out a fine young man in all respects."

"When you have made your way into a solid business position and the future is assured," Mr. Lane said to his son, "it is natural and reasonable to think of marrying, not before," and the speaker considered this as a sort of warning that would have a restraining influence on the young man. When the latter was twenty-two Mr. Lane sent him to the city to enter the office of the Central Railway Equipment company, in which he had a large interest. The son was to be employed for the first year, inspired the old man with the deep pride and satisfaction. Homer had developed a keenness of qualification in the order. It was through him that an extensive contract was received covering construction to Buenos Aires.

Then there came, suddenly, jarring to Gregory Lane, a development that for a time disrupted his living plans and caused the first hard feelings he had ever experienced against his son. Its arrival was heralded by the appearance at the sea home of a bright, presentable young fellow about Homer's age, who announced in a preliminary way that he was a close friend of Homer and a fellow employee.

"Homer sent me to see you, Mr. Lane," he said, "and I hope what I have to communicate will not distress you, for Homer has married a young lady whom he likes and respects, as we all do, if you will take the trouble to learn of her good qualities."

There Maurice Page was lauded in his disclosures by the old man springing to his feet as though a cannon ball had struck him. His face grew purple, his gray locks seemed to vibrate electrically, his lips trembled as he uttered hoarsely:

"You mean to tell me that my son has married without consulting me of his intentions or seeking my consent?"

"It came about so strangely," said Page. "Please let me tell the whole story. Mr. Lane, and I am sure you will not blame him. Homer has married the sweetest girl in the world. He has been calling upon her for some months, and just a week ago her father died, leaving his mother helpless and stricken with grief. Her position was a pitiable one. Homer acted on an impulse of his generous nature. There was a quiet wedding yesterday morning. Within the same hour the house informed Homer that he would have to take the first steamer to South America, to reach Buenos Aires and protect several millions of railroad supplies in shipment. His band of six hours, he bade his wife, Vera, farewell, instructed me what to do, and Mrs. Lane is a guest of my mother until some permanent arrangement can be made for her."

"And what has all this got to do with me?" demanded Gregory Lane, his face presenting an icy inflexibility. "As against every tacit promise he has made me, Homer was in defiance of all sense and order."

"Mr. Lane," interjected Page pleadingly, "it will break a heart if you do not receive the daughter he has won you. She is practically homeless. And a new phase of feeling influenced the indignant father as, youth against age, the fervent pleas availed. Gregory Lane's temper did not unbend, but he spoke gruffly:

"Very well, let Homer's wife come on probation."

The trembling little Verge came to the great gloomy house much to the frame of mind of a destitute one seeking an unfriendly and unlovely shelter. In imagination the old man had pictured some brazen, artful adventuress, who had captivated his son, some extravagant woman, dreading work, thinking only of the luxury the life would bring her. Therefore he prepared to accept what was an unwelcome burden on a probatory basis. His two servants were discharged, fully half of the house closed down. When Vera came all was chill, dark, forbidding. The unfriendly, suspicious atmosphere fairly froze her. When there presented a complaining, miserly old creature, she saw little hope in the future of harmony and happiness. Then love, deep, earnest, ideal grappled with the problem that fate had awarded her to solve.

"For Homer's sake," she whispered fervently to herself, and bent to the task of winning the perverse nature of a tyrant by gracious words and deeds.

Gregory Lane was making the test severe and trying, but Vera withstood the ordeal. With the spare household outfit she did wonders. In the absence of dainties she created them; she transformed disorder into order; and neatness. Under the well as she saw affection and respect worth being. When the husband of an abandoned returned, Gregory Lane, transported, the dreary home had become a paradise.

"A wife worth having!" spoke Gregory Lane. "Entirely too good for me!" and the probatory period ended in the sunshine of harmony and the happiness that made the lives of the three radiant and resplendent.

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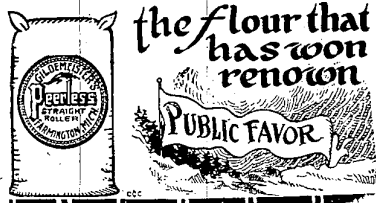
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