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## THE HADLEY BANK BANDITS

Notwithstanding the columns of mush being published by the Detroit dailies over the four young men and their wives who were mixed up in the bank holdup at Hadley last week, it will be well for the public to refrain from a show of maudlin sympathy until all facts are known.

That three industrious young men, model husbands and home lovers should suddenly become desperate criminals with murderous instincts, seems quite improbable to the ordinary mind. That a mother would leave a two months old babe in the care of others to go off on a pleasure trip of several days at this season of the year is not what would naturally be expected of an ideal mother, although such an act might be satisfactorily explained.

It is quite evident that the three young women are sorely grieved over what has happened—but is their grief due to the fact that they have found that their husbands are not the ideal young men they had supposed them to be, or to the fact that their husbands have been apprehended in their criminal career and their true characters exposed?

If these young women have been deceived they certainly deserve sympathy and are to be pitied. First let us get at the facts. These four young men entered a bank at Hadley, armed with guns, and made a murderous attack on peaceful citizens with intent to rob the bank of its cash. The wives of the men, three of them brides of a year, accompanied them from Toledo to Pontiac where they were left while the men "went hunting."

## THE PARENT AND THE TEACHER

A parent-teachers association appeals to us as being a mighty good thing. The teachers and parents get together and talk things over.

One of the weaknesses of the public school system has been the lack of understanding which so many parents have of the problems of the teacher. You would normally think that the most sympathetic friend of the teacher would be the father or mother. Neither parent knows of the problems of discipline and the dozen or more other problems that a child presents. Yet so many parents, doubly anxious to uphold their own discipline in the home, give the teacher little or no actual or sympathetic support in upholding the morale and discipline of the school. And we have also noted that some of the parents who are unreasonable in connection with school affairs, were themselves former teachers.

An important thing to do is to secure the greatest possible cooperation between the home and the school. There is nothing new about the desirability of such cooperation. It is an old, old problem, and will be not only an old, but a new, ever present problem for generations to come.—Fred D. Keister.

## FRESHENING BREEZES

By Fred D. Keister

Our idea of a mean trick is the neighbor who lured the boy across the street to keep his walks clean while he was spending the winter in Florida.

What has become of the old-fashioned girl who was glad to get one afternoon off a week?

The bible says the poor we shall have with us always. Not if they continue to jaywalk.

Maybe a lot of the old boys who are taking up Henry Ford's idea believe it is cheaper to dance than have a monkey gland operation.

Somebody has figured out that the average married woman cooks fifty thousand meals during the course of her married life. The

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figures were taken from the years before the can opener became so popular.

Proponents of world peace should not get discouraged. Just look at Ireland.

Years ago they used to shoot the villain. Now the sob sisters drawn him in their tears.

This is "Thrift Week," and thief should not consist in letting father wear the same old suit for another year.

And Now in Closing  
It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the door of deeds could have been done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marked by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, spends himself in worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.—Theodore Roosevelt.

## ANNOUNCE SPEAKERS FOR FARMERS WEEK

With leaders in agriculture from all parts of the United States included, and with a Michigan delegation of speakers headed by Governor Alex Groesbeck and other state officials, the program for Farmers Week at M. S. C. this year is said to be the strongest ever lined up for the annual conference.

A special "Agricultural fair program" is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, February 3, and at this time Governor Groesbeck, L. Whitney Watkins, state commissioner of agriculture, and chairman of the Michigan State Fair Board, and President K. L. Butterfield and Dean R. S. Shaw, of M. S. C., will lead discussion. Both state and county fairs will come in for consideration.

On Wednesday evening, James Schermerhorn, former editor of the Detroit Times, and J. D. Willard, director of extension work at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, will head the program.

Among the prominent men from outside the state who are listed for addresses on other of the general programs of the week are: Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey, former dean of agriculture at Cornell University; W. C. Coffey, dean of agriculture at Minnesota University; L. H. Worthley, U. S. Department of Agriculture (who will discuss the European Corn Borer); Dean F. B. Mumford, of Missouri University; and Miss Grace Frysinger, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

A livestock program is listed for Tuesday afternoon, February 2, with an athletic program that evening. Thursday is Horticulture Day, in honor of the opening of the new horticultural building at M. S. C.

The mornings of the week will be given over to meetings of more than thirty agricultural associations and groups, with the general programs booked for the afternoons and evenings.

## SAFETY FIRST!

Here and there, almost anywhere, may be found some instances of lack of proper precaution in the safeguarding of our lives and property.

Farmington has one that should be remedied immediately; viz., the unenclosed electric wires leading to the switch box on the post at the northwest corner of Grand River avenue and Division street. Some of these wires extend to within two feet from the ground. The weather affects the insulation and at a touch it may break off in places and expose the bare wire. Any boy or girl in town may swing around that corner and grab hold of one of them. God forbid!

All such wires should be enclosed in steel conduits up to about twelve feet from the ground. We do as much when installing electric wires about our own homes. Why not at the corner of the city hall?

Let us practice Safety First as a community.

W. Allen Nelson.

## Where It Really Thunders

The Transval is noted for the frequency and violence of its thunderstorms.

## Action Lacks Grace, But Has Good Reason

Swans and motor-cycle racers take the same ungraceful attitude in times of great effort and for the same reason. H. S. Rowell, director of research, Research Association of British Motor and Allied Manufacturers, has observed both and comes to the following conclusions, reported to Nature, a scientific periodical published in London: "When the swan is rushing to the attack of an adversary, the head is lowered and the neck is protended almost horizontally. I had always associated this posture with mere anger, but, during the excessive Thames flood of last December, when swans could often be seen striving against the stream, sometimes so far as could be judged, in the pathetic state of desperate exhaustion, the same protention of the neck was frequently evident. The explanation seems to be dynamical, for the reactions on the feet of the bird would, without the counterpoising action of the neck, tend to rotate the body about a horizontal axis, head backwards. Air resistance also plays a part. It is of interest to note that the racing motorcyclist, in his ungraceful but experimentally justified preference for forward weight, has found a solution akin to that of the swan. Many sprinters, especially when starting, use the same principle."

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## Birds of the World Far Outnumber Humans

Statistics gathered by the Department of Agriculture indicate that total bird population of the world is approximately 75,000,000,000, or about forty times the number of human beings. Records showed that there are an average of approximately 224 birds for every hundred acres of land. On this basis, the bureau of biological survey estimated that in the northeastern and central states of America, there are 82,660,089 robins, 69,300,383 English sparrows, 50,514,499 song sparrows, 33,815,491 catbirds and 22,126,183 bluebirds. Nine species in all, made a total of 364,455,847, while the other kinds swelled this figure to

1,052,722,161, the estimated number for that part of the United States, or about a fifth of the whole bird population for this country.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

## Music and Criminality

You have often read, no doubt, that music has an uplifting influence on our lives, and that it indubitably helps to make this humdrum existence more beautiful and worth while. That's all well and good, and we believe it in a general way, but here's a new idea for you. Music helps to keep one out of jail. "Statistics show" is an old and appalling expression, but here are some figures on that subject which will make you believe there is something to the statement after all.


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## Put the Situation in Different Light

Vincent Piccinini was a peaceful man who abhorred blood. In the sweat-shop where he worked two Italian girls in a passionate altercation began scratching each other's eyes out. Horrified, he broke into the cubbyhole of his boss, Mr. Lefkowitz. "Meester a boss," he complained, "it's too bad, dese a girl dey all time fight, scratch da face. You shoulda stop." Mr. Lefkowitz shrugged his shoulders.

"Vat can I do, outside de shop?" he asked. "De ladies must have dere fun."

"But these a girl's fight inside de shop right now," explained Vincent. Instantly a change came over the boss. He sprang from behind his desk and scuttled toward the machine room, tremulous with rage. "Oi, oi," he howled, "Vat, fighting on my time!"—Everybody's Magazine.



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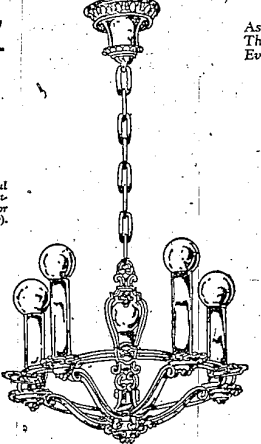
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Cars leave Farmington Junction for Orchard Lake and Pontiac at 5:35 a.m., 7:20 a.m., and every two hours to 3:20 p.m., also 5:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m., and 9:15 p.m.

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