

BASE LINE

Mr. and Mrs. E. Fugemann of Detroit spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles French.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thornton and son Harold spent the week end with relatives at Williams Lake.

A. L. Travis returned home Sunday evening after spending the week end in Detroit with his son, Willard A. Travis.

Mrs. C. H. French spent Tuesday shopping in Detroit.

The Base Line Social Club met with Mrs. P. H. French on Wednesday. They meet with Mrs. J. W. Hayden next week, February 23.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. French, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Witte, Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner and Mr. and Mrs. George Kurtz spent Saturday evening with Mrs. A. L. Travis and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ransier. The evening was enjoyed playing five hundred.

Mr. and Mrs. Albio Green of Orchard Road visited Mrs. A. L. Travis Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thornton visited their daughter, Lucille, who is very ill in Ann Arbor Hospital on Thursday last.

Mrs. C. H. Witte spent Friday in Detroit.

Miss Vivian French was absent from school on Monday.

The Five Hundred Club meets with Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner on Saturday evening, February 19.

WEST POINT PARK

Rev. George Gullen's topic for next Sunday, February 20 will be "When the Devil Went to Church." For the children an object lesson on "Monkeys and Monkey Shines."

The Ladies Community Club met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Zwahlen Wednesday, February 16 with a large attendance. The chief feature was getting ready for the Father and Son banquet and the bazaar.

Miss Esther Middlewood returned Sunday to the U. of M. after a week's vacation at her home.

Our scarlet fever cases are a thing of the past, and the two youngsters are waiting patiently to get out.

Mr. Martin suffered a paralytic stroke last week. He and Mrs. Martin are in Detroit where he is well taken care of.

Our Father and Son banquet next Tuesday, February 22. You can't afford to miss it. Lots of good things to eat, community singing and a rousing good speaker. If you haven't your tickets, don't delay.

William Zwahlen Jr. was home from school Tuesday with a sore throat. We hope nothing serious. P. T. A. will have a short meeting on the evening of the Father and Son banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wolfe entertained a few neighbors and friends with a pedro party Saturday evening. Prizes were won by Mrs. E. Ash, Mrs. E. Gullen, Mrs. G. Gunn. Gents prizes, Mr. Kamhout, Charles Bovee, and Earl Wolfe. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

"BEN-HUR" RETURNS TO DETROIT FOR ONE WEEK

"Ben-Hur", the cinema version of the stage play, which won the plaudits of Detroit's theatre-goers for five weeks at the New Detroit Opera House the beginning of the theatrical season, will return to that playhouse for an engagement of one week, beginning Sunday night, February 20, with performances twice daily thereafter.

The mass of exigencies surrounding the making of "Ben-Hur" were of a nature to exhaust half a dozen ordinary directors. The choice of Fred Niblo as director-in-chief was brought about not only by reason of his technical skill and acting, with stage experience, but also because of his diplomatic and business qualities and his wide experience as a world traveler. Arriving in Rome in June, 1925, after the new work had already been in progress under another director for some time, Mr. Niblo moved the players about Italy and sent detachments of them and of the technical staff to Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean. For each scene his search men had to scan the world for correct models of architecture and fittings. Costumes were made in Germany after the Italian designs. A group of dancers for one of the sequences could be found only in Paris and had to be imported from there to Rome. And so on through the entire filming of this stupendous picture.

The Circus Maximus racing and the sea fight cost at least half a million apiece and the labors of many thousands of persons. The total cost of the picture is around \$4,000,000 and was three years in the making.

DOORS OPEN THIS FALL

The directors of the Cranbrook School for boys, now under construction near Birmingham as a result of the benefactions of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Booth, have announced the appointment of William Oliver Stevens, Ph.D., Litt.D., as headmaster. Dr. Stevens, who is an artist and author as well as an educator, has resigned the headmastership of the Roger Ascham School at White Plains, N. Y., to accept the position.

ment in excess of \$1,250,000. Its buildings, located on a site consisting of 65 acres, of lovely hill-and-dale land characteristic of the "lake country of Michigan," will be unsurpassed among educational institutions in beauty. They were designed by Prof. Eliel Saarinen, distinguished architect of Helsingfors, Finland, who came to the United States at the invitation of the University of Michigan to lecture in its college of architecture.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY STATE TAX PROBLEMS

Local taxation within the State and ways and means of insuring more efficient use of such taxes will be the subject of special inquiry by a "citizens' committee" appointed last week as the result of a tax conference held at Michigan State College.

Many of the tax paying interests of Michigan had representatives at the February 9, meeting, which was addressed by authorities from Indiana. Methods by which the Hoosier state has been able to reduce local tax levies were discussed by Phillip Zoercher and Harry Meisse, members of the Indiana Tax Commission.

The representative committee of Michigan taxpayers, appointed to study local tax questions, includes the following: chairman, Melvin B. McPherson, Lowell, Farm Bureau; Frank Peterson, Rockford State Supervisors Association; N. P. Hull, Lansing, Grange; John Doelle, Lansing, Michigan Real Estate Association; W. H. Burnham, Adrian Manufacturers Association; C. E. Bement, Lansing, League of Municipalities; C. L. Glasgow, Nashville, Retail Merchants Association; Lent D. Upson, Detroit, Bureau of Governmental Research; Carlos J. Jolly, Detroit, General Motors.

Dr. Whitney Coombs, who is doing research work in taxation for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, is co-operating with R. Wayne Newton, of the M. S. C. staff, in the preparation of reports based on recent tax studies made by the college.

Bets and Short Hair

By JANE OSBORN

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"BESIDES, if you had your hair bobbed, you wouldn't look so prim and the boys would like you a lot better," said Mrs. Westerman.

Mrs. Westerman's niece, Nancy Graf, across the hotel luncheon table, pouted her lips prettily. "You know dad likes my hair long. After you've gone to all the trouble and expense to bring me to the city I hate to be contrary."

"I knew you'd counsel," beamed her aunt. "You'll just have time for it this afternoon. We leave for home at eight tomorrow morning—so you'll have to have it done this afternoon. I'll go right after luncheon to make an appointment."

Like a good many recently bobbed middle-aged women, Mrs. Westerman was bent on having every other woman—especially the younger ones—follow suit. But that was not all. Before she left Detroit for a week's sojourn in the city with her pretty niece, she had had a substantial wager with her husband that she'd bring Nancy back with short hair, and Mrs. Westerman didn't intend to lose her bet.

Nancy, always a little afraid of her domineering aunt, hardly dared to come out with a flat refusal, but though she appeared to yield, she had no intention of putting away her lovely golden brown curls. She looked around the hotel dining room as if she half expected someone to appear to champion her. If she only knew someone in the city who might make some other plans for the afternoon. After that it would be too late. It was then that she recognized at a table not far from her own young Brutus Smith—a decidedly presentable young eligible whom she had met a number of times in Deniston. She wasn't at all sure that he could rescue her from her aunt and the barber, but Nancy was desperate. Fortunately Brutus was also. Nancy looked over to him and smiled invitingly. Brutus smiled back, rose from his table and hurried to her side. Nancy introduced him to her aunt. She told Brutus that she thought possibly he had forgotten her.

"No, indeed," said Brutus. "If you'd been bobbed like the rest, I probably shouldn't have remembered right away—not expecting to see you here—but a long-haired girl nowadays is like a blue-eyed Chinaman."

"There, didn't I tell you," eagerly put in Mrs. Westerman. "You see I've been telling Nancy that she was making a spectacle of herself with her hair still long. But suppose you get the waiter to bring your things over here with Nancy. I've got to go out to do some telephoning." She beamed approvingly at Nancy and bustled off.

"I suppose you are busy this afternoon," began Nancy, blushing.

Brutus came to her rescue. "I had several tentative plans," he said. "But it just occurred to me that if you'd care to go to a play with me I'd be tickled to death."

"But I didn't mean to suggest it," said Nancy, much confused. "My aunt was trying to get me to do something I didn't want to do this afternoon, and if I could tell her that I had accepted an invitation from you—why, you could just leave me at a public library or a museum or somewhere."

"Sweet chance a girl like you would have of spending an afternoon alone in a museum or a library—while I'm able to toddle. We'll get your aunt's permission and go right on. But don't flatter yourself that you started this," Brutus went on as they saw Mrs. Westerman approaching. "I was just about to make some such suggestion myself. Moreover I was going to ask you to go to a little dance with me this evening. Nice refined little club of mine. You aunt couldn't object—plenty of chaperons will be there."

Mrs. Westerman really didn't have an opportunity to object, so insistent were both Nancy and Brutus.

"But, dear," said her aunt, "I've just made an appointment for you. Oh, well, I'll go ask them to take you at five."

"I'm so sorry," beamed the bold young Nancy, "but Mr. Smith was just saying that he wanted to take me to afternoon tea after the matinee."

The next morning Brutus met Mrs. Westerman and her niece at the hotel at breakfast. He brought with him orchids and chocolates. At the station he kissed Nancy good-by. "You mustn't object," he told Mrs. Westerman, "because I'm in love with your niece. I'm coming out to Deniston day after tomorrow to talk things over."

Brutus Smith kept his word. He came two days later, proposed to Nancy and was accepted. Later Mrs. Westerman had a minute to speak to Brutus alone. "I am perfectly delighted," she said, "even if it did cost me fifty dollars. You see I bet my husband that I'd bring Nancy home with her hair bobbed."

Brutus laughed. "Funny thing is—the reason I made such a quick set for Nancy, the minute I saw her there at the hotel, was because I'd made a wager with one of the fellows at the club that I'd bring a pretty girl to the dance that had long hair. They said there weren't any like that any more. And of course I won the bet—blew the whole thing in on orchids and candy the next morning. But I'm going to stand your loss, you see if I don't."

The most manifest sign of wisdom is continued cheerfulness.—Montaigne

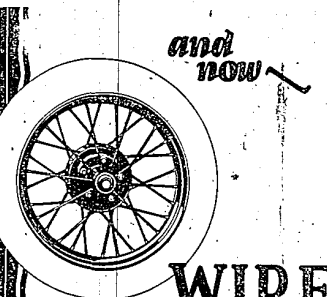
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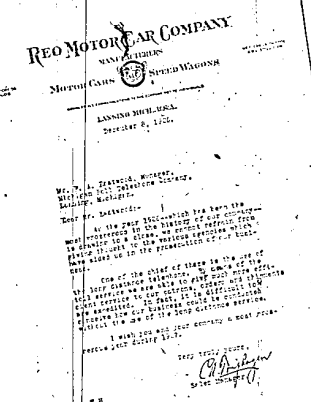
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