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EDITORIAL

THAT DANGEROUS GRADE CROSSING

The making of grade crossings as safe as possible should be one of the first duties of officials having supervision of the highways. The crossings of little used steam rail tracks are apt to be approached without due caution, drivers being under the impression that no danger exists. Hundreds of autos take these crossings without mishap, then comes the time when the "one train a day" chances along just as an incautious driver reaches the crossing and the all too staggering death list is added to.

In Oakland county there are several really dangerous grade crossings. At some of them a view of tracks can not be had until the driver of a car is fairly on them. At all such crossings, unguarded by signal gates or watchmen, obstructions to view, much depends on the car driver. No crossing can be made entirely safe for a careless driver. Every grade crossing is safe for a driver who stops, looks and listens.

Where it is obligatory to stop before passing over railroad tracks, there should be no equivocation; an actual stop, plus observation, should be the rule.

BWARE OF FIRES

Warning against the careless setting of fires in the wide open spaces is being broadcast by the Department of Conservation. The early advent of spring is likely to bring about a condition where fires will be easily started and afterwards hard to control. Contrary to general belief, the worst fires are not started by lightning or railroad locomotives, but by the careless persons in the woods, generally around fishing camps where failure to stamp out camp fires and the practice of throwing burning match ends and cigarettes and cigars into forest leaves causes untold millions in the destruction of timbered and cutover lands. Carelessness will no longer be tolerated if a measure now before the legislature becomes a law. Under the provisions of an act now before the legislature any person convicted of carelessly setting fire to woods or grass lands may on conviction be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$55, nor more than \$100, or not to exceed 30 days in the county jail, or both said fine and jail sentence, as the court may decree. Cases where it is proven that woods or grass lands fires were knowingly started the guilty party upon conviction is subject to a fine of from \$100 to \$500, or up to 10 years in state's prison. Fire is conservation's greatest enemy. It is time that deliberate warfare be waged against carelessness.

WEST FARMINGTON

John Morris began the construction of a new house on his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robison moved back on their farm, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Heliker attended the funeral of Edward Marsh of Pontiac, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Marsh was 79 years of age and a pioneer of Oakland county. Surviving him is his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Alice Jinner, also four brothers, Albert and Joseph of Pontiac, Charles of St. Johns and Richard Marsh of Farmington. Funeral services were held at his home and a Masonic burial service was held at North Farmington Cemetery with Rev. A. Eugene Bartlett officiating.

William Kurtz and family are enjoying a new radio.

William Hunt has a bad cold at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Upton, Mr. Post and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green, attended the lecture given at the Masonic Temple, Monday evening at Detroit by Dr. Little, president of the University of Michigan. A six o'clock supper was served and dancing was enjoyed after supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heliker and sons, spent Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Giegler's at Hartland. Wendell Green joined about 45 young people from Walled Lake who were going on a theatre party Wednesday evening. After the

theatre the young people will have lunch in the Walled Lake Methodist Church.

The Wiling Workers of West Farmington will meet at the home of Mrs. Charles Halstead for dinner, Thursday, April 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Starr Graham and family were guests at a six o'clock dinner Saturday evening at Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heliker.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kurtz and daughter, Dorothea, attended the dedication services of the Bethel Evangelical Church in Pontiac, Sunday afternoon, Marvel and Auburn avenues.

The East Walled Lake Sewing group will hold their next meeting of extension work at the home of Mrs. Erskine Evans, Friday, April 8th.

Cecil Cox was quite sick last Thursday and was not able to teach school.

Cecil Cox is home this week. They are having their spring vacation in the school where he teaches in Pontiac.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Tamm, Sunday, were Mrs. Fendt, Miss Minnie Smith and Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Tamm and little daughters of Farmington. The event was Mr. Tamm's 74th birthday anniversary.

The organization of the boys' agricultural club met at Don Button's Monday evening. Twelve members were present. Officers were elected. Virgil Button, president and John Cox treasurer. The projects decided on were potatoes. The next meeting will be at Frank Cox's, May 4.

A beautiful birthday dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cox, Sunday, in honor of their sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Walters' 70th birthday anniversary. A lovely cake with seventy candles helped to beautify the table. Other guests present were, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Plintz and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leland.

April 29-30

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