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EDITORIAL

THE PASSING OF A PIONEER

In the death last week of Herbert Thayer, this section of Oakland County lost another of its pioneer citizens, a type that is fast disappearing with the passing of the farm lands. Each year finds fewer remaining of these stalwart men and women who helped to build this section, coming here in early youth and remaining until their last days. Throughout his 81 years, Mr. Thayer lived upon the farm where he was born. The coming of fast transportation, the changing of the countryside from a farming to a residential community, brought no change in the residence of this early settler. The "call to the city" left him unmoved.

The picturesque struggle with nature has been all but replaced by the outward push of city-dwellers seeking the quiet of country homesites. In a sense, those in the vanguard of this movement are also pioneers. They are "taking up the land" today just as did the Thayer family a hundred years ago. The community will be fortunate, indeed, if the new movement brings to it a citizenry as solid as that of its pioneers.

THE NEW YORK-TO-PARIS FLIGHTS

Viewing the attempts of French and American aviators to accomplish non-stop flights between New York and Paris, many are inclined to wonder a little at the driving force behind these efforts to join the two cities by airplane flight. What is it that makes men in the early prime of life risk their lives in the effort to do the hitherto undone? What motive sends these men over the Atlantic seas, one of them, Captain Charles Lindbergh, to perish alone if his plane falls? Certainly the \$25,000 prize offered by Raymond Orteig for the first successful New York-Paris flight is not the sole object of endeavor. Nor is it, entirely the lure of glory that makes men defy the Atlantic's storms.

Aviation men tell us that the day is not far distant when New York and Paris, New York and London, and other cities with oceans between them, will be accessible to each other by regular air service. It is the avowed purpose of at least one of the New York-Paris flight aspirants to prove, through a number of hitherto unaccomplished flights to the business men of the world that aviation is more than a fad, that aviation will soon be one of the world's most important modes of transportation. Commander Richard E. Byrd, before leaving for his historic North Pole flight, explained that it was his purpose to "help sell aviation to the business men of the world," by covering territory previously considered beyond reach of man.

Whether or not aviation will some day bring together air schedules across the Atlantic, or over the North Pole from the western world to the east, these men who brave the air and seas must be accorded something more than the name of seekers after glory or prize money. They are endeavoring to hasten the day of world-wide aviation which every aviator firmly believes will eventually come.

How many of us begin at the beginning and teach thrift to children? As soon as a boy or a girl can do the necessary arithmetic, start the child off with a small allowance and an account book.

We hope the South won't take it as an affront the nightly rendition of "Muddy Waters" by some of the so-called Northern baritones.

It's a good thing for the manufacturers that we don't treat automobiles like the old folks did the one-horse shay.

Speaking of the gas tax, what a whole of a difference a few cents makes!

"THE MOST OF LIFE"
By M. Marie Walling
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What little bit you can.
Fill his heart with gladness.
There'll be joy in your heart too.
If you wish to be happy, just look and find
Some deed that you might do.

THE BLESSING OF A CULTURED TONGUE

A tongue of good culture; what a blessedness! One that cannot be repaid. One that is compounded in the privilege that we may enjoy it if we will. It is a gem of the inner charm of life. Without it life lacks the brilliancy of self-satisfaction and contentedness of heart for which the soul craves. As the millions of silvery stars decorate the celestial dome, so do the moral tongue, in as many words, echo the nobleness of character, for it speaks the fullness of the tender heart that beats below.

It never tires telling the truth. It is the master-hand of cheerfulness and friendship. It delights in sowing the seeds of kindness and it is ever ready to praise all good. Extending thanks, for it, a happy occurrence. It highly cherishes, as a sacred duty, the expressing of an unselfish forgiving spirit. It treats harsh and ungrateful words as utter strangers, and it knows not of filthy and immodest speech. Profanity would pain it as would a piercing dagger the tender heart.

It is a charm of noble distinction in youth, and honor of merit in old age. Do we all enjoy the happiness? Let us place the question to ourselves, and face the following test, which is in doubt, quite reliable: Do we often use the name of the Almighty? If so, in what manner—in sacred meditation, or desecration?

John J. Schulte, Jr.

Commissioners' Proceedings

Meeting of the Commissioners of the City of Farmington, held May 13, 1927. Called to order by Mayor Butterfield at 8 p. m.

Commissioners present, Hogle, Johnson, Bicking, Stamann and Gildemeister. Minutes of the meeting held May 9, read and approved. A paving ordinance was introduced by Commissioner Johnson and read and referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Mayor Butterfield appointed an Auditing Committee, the members of which are Hogle and Stamann. One ballot was taken for the election of health officer and resulted in the choice of Dr. James A. Miller for the position.

The appointment of a temporary police officer was left in charge of the Police Commissioner with power to act. Commissioner Gildemeister acting under the authority of the City Commission and the Township Board on the matter of the erection of a police booth reported that he had let the contract to Arthur Lamb, who will furnish all material and do the work for the sum of \$400. The City and Township will share equally in the expense. Approved.

The Mayor appointed Hogle Johnson and the Mayor a committee to secure an engineer for city work.

Adjourned.

N. H. POWER City Clerk

Better dyes are being used in wash fabrics now than ever before. Nevertheless it is well to get a sample of goods and test it for both sunfading and waterfading before buying a piece of material. Cover a part of the sample with cardboard and expose the rest to direct sunlight for at least a week. Remove the cardboard occasionally and compare the exposed and unexposed portions. Wash a sample under ordinary conditions and note whether it fades.

We hope this trek from the farm to the city is not caused by the desire to get a little nearer to a gas station.

Don't undertake any canning until you have secured a copy of the safest farmers bulletin on the subject—1471-F. It gives the correct method and time-tables for all the fruits and vegetables you are likely to put up. Write the Department of Agriculture.

Eat all the cherries you can during their short season, and then can the surplus for winter pies. Pit them, heat them in sirup, pack them hot, and then process in the water bath.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN.
The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County on the 29th day of April, A. D. 1927. Present, Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of HENRY WALTERS, Deceased.

Ellis Randall, administrator of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the 3rd day of October, 1927 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

ROSS STOCKWELL, Judge of Probate. A true copy. Ruth Immick, Deputy Probate Register. May 12, 19, 25

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