

NORTH FARMINGTON

Mrs. Erskine Evans,
Correspondent

H. N. McCracken is one of the three commissioners appointed to view and decide on the Pontiac Drain. This is quite a large proposition, being 21 miles long and to be built at a cost of three and one-half million dollars. Mr. McCracken served on the Royal Oak Drain Commission and has had experience in this line of work.

Mrs. Charlotte Wolfe has been spending several days with her granddaughter, Mrs. Charles, who has been very ill since the Fourth.

Wm. Anglin has returned home after spending a week with relatives in Battle Creek.

Allen Dickie, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dickie, is in Paris, France, where he will remain throughout his vacation in an endeavor to perfect himself in the French language for a future profession.

Rev. George Davey will conduct the services of the North Farmington Independent Church, at 10:30 on Sunday. All are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hadlock with three other couples motored to the southern part of Michigan Sunday and enjoyed a picnic lunch at one of the State parks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Crabb spent Sunday motoring through Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hadlock are making preparations for a trip north and expect to leave the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gramer are the proud parents of a baby girl.

The storm of Tuesday caused severe damage to many fruit trees. The North Farmington Auxiliary will hold their regular meeting followed with a supper at Mary Carey's home, on Grand River avenue, July 19.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Simms and son Frank, called at the Hugo Miller farm on Sunday.

Mrs. Edward Grimmer and Mrs. Wm. Hart spent last Tuesday with Mrs. Marie Walters.

Mrs. John Bryning, who has been very ill, is much improved.

Frank Cox, supervisor of roads is keeping his men busy cutting the tall weeds along the country roadsides.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Jones of Fordson spent an evening last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Judson Jones.

Mrs. Henry Wendenstörfer visited with Mrs. John Morris, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. C. Walker attended the supper given by the Willing Workers.

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Exactly five months after the 100,000-mile Oakland left the Oakland factory at Pontiac, Mich., it returned from a grueling road trip of more than 21,000 additional miles through 37 states and 500 cities and towns in the United States besides trips into Mexico and Canada.

The car, which left Pontiac on January 31, returned at noon on June 30 to the factory where thousands of employees joined the mayor of Pontiac and the executives of the Oakland Motor Car Co., in a ceremony of welcome at the main office building.

The car was first run on a treadmill for 100,000 miles in the showroom of the Richards-Oakland Co., Detroit, and then was sent on a great swing throughout the country, the route resembling a gigantic figure eight. The eastern loop was made first and then the western loop. When the Oakland had reached Chicago on the home swing, it was decided to make still another loop of 5,000 miles which kept the car in the southeast for an additional month.

The car was met with bands and participated in parades in nearly every city of any size in the United States. The demonstration proved the stamina built into cars today, as the mileage run up would have taken at least 10 years in the hands of an owner. Every kind of climate and every condition of road was encountered during the five months the Oakland was on tour.

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The Information
Office

By RUBY DOUGLAS

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JOY PIERCE sat on the arm of the big stuffed chair in which her mother was during the family stock-taking.

"It's like this, Mummy"—falling into the old name she was wont to use when she had something confidential to impart to her parent—"I'm going to take charge of the information office of a real estate concern."

Her mother gasped.

"My office is in the cutest little trick of a house you ever beheld. It is no bigger than a minute and has window boxes full of flowers, a flagstone path and miniature garden, accented with roses clambering about—oh, you couldn't want a sweeter place in which to work. And all I have to do is to be there at that darling desk and look pretty and answer all the questions of all the folks who drive up to ask about High Farms property."

"But that's just it—what do you know about it?" interrupted her mother.

"I can learn. They tell me I look the part and am quick and intelligent and have personality. So—I got the job! I start on Saturday and I feel sure that I shall fill the bill. Isn't it grand, Mummy?"

The days until Saturday passed so quickly that Joy that she found herself putting on her freshest green frock after an unusually careful toilet on the fateful morning of her first step into the business world.

Mr. Carstairs, a member of the development firm that had employed her, was waiting outside the little office when she arrived. He greeted her in a businesslike manner but with friendliness and apparent approval of her charming appearance. He took her inside, instructed her as to locations of lots laid out on the map, roads, and other details that she might find useful when anyone called to ask about property.

After he had gone, Joy busied herself putting off the dead blossoms from the flowers about the diminutive cottage. In a few moments she felt at home, and was sure that she was in harmony with the environment. Every detail of the place on the main road outside slowed down to glimpse the charming picture of Joy outside the pretty cottage. More than one pair of eyes lingered.

High Farms development was an attractive settlement and had been well advertised. Therefore, Joy did not wait very long before she found herself busy directing interested persons to this part or that of the section.

One morning an energetic little gray-blue roadster driven by a hatless young man drew up with a dash before the information office. With the alert movement of an athletic youth, the driver ran up the first steps to the doorway where he stood looking at Joy.

"Could you give me some information about this land?" he asked.

"Why—yes. Come in," said Joy.

"Are there any restrictions—that is—must one build immediately upon any property one might buy?" he began, a trifle awkwardly, as if, perhaps, he had not quite formulated what he wanted to say.

"There are restrictions but, if you buy in good faith, you need not build immediately. But—you may not sell."

"Oh—no—no," hastened the answer from the visitor's lips. "I—that is, I might want a small lot back there in the woody part of the development but, well, I could not build for a couple of years."

"That would be all right, I'm sure. Would you like me to get a salesman to go with you to see some lots?" asked Joy.

"Oh, no. No, indeed. Haven't you a map I could look at?"

Joy went with him to the side wall where the big map of the property hung. They searched the untold sections and finally the young man decided that a little corner lot with a strip of birch trees along the side was exactly what he wanted.

"Wouldn't you like to see it?" asked Joy, amazed.

"No—not now," he assured her.

And then he did an astonishing thing. He gave Joy his card and wrote a check to pay a deposit on the lot until the proper papers could be issued. Joy was quite overcome, and when he had gone she stood after a long time looking down Cedar Swamp road after him and studying his name on the card she held.

In due time the lot was properly sold to Robert M. Sefton and all papers executed to his entire satisfaction. It seemed that he had two more years in law school and then—well, no one seemed to know what he intended to do at the end of that time.

Little by little during that wonderful summer and later, while away at college herself, Joy began to learn of the intentions of the first person she had ever transacted business with. He had seen her on several occasions and he had passed the cottage and had decided that she was the girl that Fate had chosen for him. Therefore, he had bought a lot, made definite plans for the future and determined to carry them out, employing patience and understanding.

"But—Bob," Joy was saying to him more than two years after they had met, "are you sure I am the girl?"

"Ask the information office in your heart, Joy," he said. "It knows even as I do."

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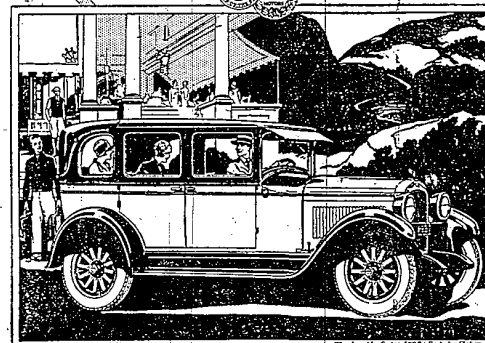


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