

Dr. and Mrs. Aaron Button and son Dick and sister, Miss Pauline McGee, all of Saginaw, were week end guests with the Doctor's mother, Mrs. Ada Button of Warner avenue.

Mrs. Olin Russell, Mrs. Arthur Lamb, Mrs. Frank Weaver, Mrs. Clarence Bickling, Mrs. W. B. Banks, Mrs. Sinks, Mrs. Comstock, Mrs. S. Heeney and Mrs. J. Lapham attended a bridge at Maple Ridge Country Club, last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Chamberlain returned to their home Tuesday afternoon from a two months' vacation trip. Their visit included many of the coast cities from Los Angeles to Seattle, the parks and show places in the west, a trip through Alaska, with a few days' stop in Vancouver, Lake Louise, Carrington, N. D., and Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wilber, who were travelling companions, are visiting his sister in Washington at present.

When Mary Jones Disappeared

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IT WAS the day of the fire in Mother Lawrence's button shop that Clovertown realized its possession of a mystery. First, it was found that the girl who roomed over the burned shop was gone and then, when attention was given this quiet woman, it was discovered no one knew where she was working or much concerning her comings and goings. Mary Jones in the flesh was a modest and lonely girl occupying a single room over the establishment in which Mother Lawrence mended shirts and darned socks for tentacles. Now that she was gone, she became subject for puzzled comment.

"A rumor that Mary had been burned with the little building in which she lived was set at rest by Mother Lawrence herself.

"First thing I did," the matronly proprietor of needlework first-aid station said, "was to run up and see if Mary was there. The room was empty. Mary was gone."

Slowly the gossip spread. When it was ascertained that no one knew where Mary had worked it was assumed she must be an idler. Others recalled that the girl had never been seen on the streets in the daytime although more than once, in the evenings, she had graced the theater of the main dining room of the Clovertown hotel. The police questioned Mother Lawrence as the one best acquainted with the mysterious Mary.

"I've been busy, you know that," Mother Lawrence replied, smiling in a sweet way which was her main stock in trade. "You know I fix the clothes for the men who have no selves or sisters or mothers and it keeps me busy all the time. Now you speak of it, I don't remember seeing Mary in the daytime. Perhaps I have heard her walking about overhead. I don't know, it's hard to tell. Always liked Mary, though, she was so pretty and lighthearted. I can't see why she should run away just because the place burned down. If my opinion is asked I think when she saw her clothes and belongings were burned up she bought a ticket, took a train, and moved away."

And Mother Lawrence proved right. A few days later when the ruins of the shop had been cleared up in preparation for rebuilding Mary came back. She had taken the opportunity to visit friends in another city, she said, and she could not understand why the station agent, ticket seller, and even the conductor on the train had failed to remember that she was a passenger. There was some wondering and doubt, then came another sensation. Mother Lawrence was gone!

Clovertown loved Mother Lawrence as a friend in need and because she fitted so well the traditional picture of the motherly woman anxious to serve her fellows.

"She would have said 'goodbye.' There is something really peculiar and startling about this." And in their perplexity the town asked Mary Jones for an answer to the riddle.

"Can't you see," said the girl. "The burning of this place has broken her heart. She was wrapped up in the little business, felt she was doing a large, though simple work, and when she was forced to sit in idleness waiting for the shop to be rebuilt she worried. I think she just had to get away."

It was really cruel of Mother Lawrence to appear again suddenly and without a word of explanation, but more cruel of Mary Jones to time her second disappearance with the return of the older woman. Clovertown became convinced the two women were plotting as practical jokers and said as much when Mother Lawrence shook her head and refused to answer questions. Then came a smile on the woman's face.

"It is too much," she said, "too hard a task, playing both parts when there are not a shop and room overhead to help." And Mother Lawrence removed her gray hair, fluffed up the bob underneath and started wiping the traces of makeup from her face.

"I couldn't be a mother to the town and only twenty-three," she said, "and now, just because of your curiosity I will have to give up a paying business." And Mary Jones, emerged from the role of Mother Lawrence, looked appealingly for sympathy.

What a Nerve!

A friend of mine reports that, in a charitable mood, she invited two sweet souls from an old ladies' home here in town to be her dinner guests.

After they had eaten, she decided that they would enjoy listening to the radio as much as anything else, so she put them both in comfortable chairs with pillows at their backs, and turned in on a speech by one of Cleveland's leading public restors, telling of the real meaning of democracy and urging his hearers to let the spirit of democracy rule their daily lives.

But the hostess noticed that one of the old ladies was growing a bit ill. After a few nervous glances about her, this soft-spoken guest addressed the hostess shyly:

"I—I don't think I ought to listen to this. My husband was a publican, and here they say we should all be like him."

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hogel and son Bobby of Redford were week end guests of Judge and Mrs. Schulte at their summer cottage.

Miss Mary E. Foster and Miss Graham Simpson visited Mrs. Foster's sister, Mrs. Charles Johnson of Redford, Tuesday afternoon.

Fourteen members and two visitors attended. After the business dainty refreshments were served and a pleasant afternoon was had by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Markham and children were Sunday evening guests of the former's sisters, the Miss Amanda and Victoria Markham.

Benedict Bennett of Centerville returned home Wednesday after spending several days guest of Mrs. DuCharme and Gertrude McIntyre.

Rev. J. Bollens has returned after a six weeks' absence from Gary, Ind. His health has improved wonderfully and he is again able to take up his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Singer and son of Berkley were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. McIntyre and family. Both families enjoyed the afternoon at Island Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bollens of Detroit are rejoicing over the birth of a 7 1/2 pound son. Bollens is at the Grace Hospital. Child and mother are doing fine.

Fred Becker left Monday, July 11 and returned the following Friday from Lockport, N. Y. where he attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. William Timkey.

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Steele and Mrs. Ada Button were dinner guests Wednesday with cousins in Birmingham. Mrs. Button will remain in Birmingham over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Richardson and daughter Kathryn, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Riley, Donald and Allison Riley of Walled Lake, leave Thursday morning for a tour through Michigan.

Norine Erwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Erwin, is home from the Acheson Hospital where she underwent an operation for appendicitis last Wednesday. Norine is much improved.

Rev. Norman LaMache will preach at the Methodist Church next Sunday.

Mrs. Herbert E. Bayton of New York spent Friday afternoon with Miss Nina Warner.

Mrs. Wells D. Butterfield has returned after a three weeks' vacation in Meeshish Island.

Mrs. F. L. Robinson of Saginaw has been spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McGee.

N. H. Power left Wednesday for Glenwood, Minn., where he will visit his sister, Mrs. J. A. Finkerton.

Mrs. Justine Bartig has returned to her home in Detroit after spending four months with her daughter, Mrs. Philip Hildebrand.

The Pleasure Seekers Club held their picnic at Cass Benton Park last Thursday and a nice crowd attended and a general good time was enjoyed by all.

John Fitzpatrick, cashier of the Peoples Savings Bank, who has been confined to his home for the past two weeks with typhoid fever is on the way to recovery.

Miss Barbara Empson, night operator at the Bell Telephone, is off duty for the next five weeks and will assist in the day time during the vacation time of the other employees.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hayes, with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. A. Davis, accompanied by her grandchildren, the Misses Dorothy and Betty Davis and Horace Fenton drove to Detroit Wednesday night and attended one of the theaters.

The Progressive Bible Class held their regular monthly social and business meeting with their teacher, Mrs. Cook on Monday of this week. A very pleasant afternoon was spent with dainty refreshments served by the hostesses.

Sunday morning Mrs. Henry Wick entertained at a farewell and birthday picnic party at Cass Benton Park for her house guests who were leaving in the afternoon for their respective homes. It was the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Wick and her niece, Virginia Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wick and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Empson, have been entertaining as house guests the past week, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Banta, Mrs. Lena Nelson and sons, Master Dwight and Lloyd, and daughters Virginia, Clare, Margaret Winifred and Betty Lorraine, all of Breedsville, Mich.

Caveman Unpopular With Modern Woman

The reason so many men of today use cosmetics is because cavemen have no appeal for the modern woman, according to a beauty specialist quoted by Frederick Tisdale in an article in Liberty. "Stone age beauties," the specialist explains, "fell for men who courted them with hickory clubs because that was the only sort of men available. Today woman is a delicate, emotional, fastidious creature. She does not admire the he-man with a chest like a hair mattress and a physique like a stevedore's. Men who make the deepest impression, who hold women most securely, are those who appreciate and practice the elegancies.

"These truths are recognized by matinee idols and the so-called sheiks," the beauty specialist continues. "Hence they seek the beauty shops. Beauty shops that admit men customers do the work after hours, when there are no women about. I could not estimate how large this business is; but I assure you it is greater than anyone outside our profession would imagine."

Bottle Came Back

A bottle that A. C. Rennie of Santa Cruz, Calif., tossed into the Pacific while on a trip to the Hawaiian islands, followed him home like a pet dog. It took six months to do it, but Virgil Kester, while strolling along the beach at Santa Cruz, noticed a bottle on the sand. Remembering the cork he found Rennie's note, and immediately delivered the interesting souvenir to him.

Aluminum Trains

Aluminum railway trains are now being built in Germany. It is said that two have been recently completed which are constructed entirely of aluminum alloyed with the alkali metal lithium, which weighs one-fifth as much as aluminum and adds tensile strength.

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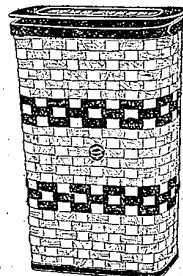
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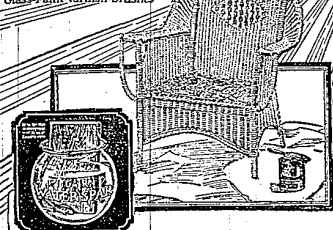


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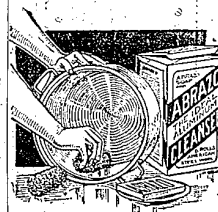
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