

999-YEAR LEASE TO MASONS FOUND

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ly. The said above described premises shall be occupied for a Masonic Hall by the said Farmington lodge number one hundred and fifty-one (151), of Free and accepted Masons, and the said party of the second part shall during the time of said lease, pay one-half of the expenses of replacing the roof and chimneys upon said Town Hall, and shall at all times have free and unobstructed passage and right of way by way of the stairway now built leading to the said second story, and shall always have and keep a key to the said second story and to the outer and inner doors thereof, with others to whom they may give permission, and the said stairway shall always be kept in repair by the party of the second part, and the premises hereby leased shall always be kept in repair by the said party of the second part.

It is hereby agreed that the words "Second Story," as herein used, shall be taken and held to mean all that portion of the said Town Hall above the joists which supports the flooring of the second story and to which the ceiling of the first or main lower story is fastened, which joists are to be and remain a part of the said lower story.

Said property is owned absolutely and in fee simple by the party of the first part, and the said party hereby covenants that the same is free from all incumbrances and the said party of the second part shall always have the free and sole use and occupancy of the Royal Arch vault, now erected on said premises. Provided, that in case that any rent shall be due and unpaid or if default shall be made in any of the covenants herein contained then it shall be lawful for the party of the first part their certain attorneys, heirs, representatives or assigns, to re-enter and repossess said premises, and the said party of the second part to put out, with any other occupant.

And the said party of the second part doth annually hire the said premises for the time aforesaid and doth hereby agree to pay the rent aforesaid for himself, his representative and assigns. It is hereby agreed that the Grand Lodge shall in no case be liable for such repairs beyond the amount of funds placed in its hands by said Farmington lodge, and also the said Grand Lodge will at its own expense, during the continuance of said lease keep the said premises and every part thereof in as good repair, and at the expiration of said time year and deliver up the same in like conditions as when taken, unavoidable wear of the elements excepted and under the conditions aforesaid, and the said party of the first part doth hereby covenant, that the said party of the second part on paying the aforesaid installment and performing all the covenants aforesaid shall and may peacefully and quietly have and enjoy the said demised premises for the term aforesaid. The covenants herein contained are binding upon the heirs, administrators and assigns of the parties herunto.

Witness our hands this 27th day of March, 1877. Benjamin F. Grace, Supervisor of Farmington William L. Coonly, Justice of the Peace Dexter W. Green, Justice of the Peace Frank L. Clark, Township Clerk. Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of, Horace A. Green, Charles Wixom.

Within a short period, telephone communication will be established in South America between Buenos Aires, the capital of the Argentine Republic, and Montevideo, the capital of Uruguay.

SAYS SUFFOCATION, NOT WATER CAUSES DROWNING DEATHS

Letter To Milford Firm Says Water Seldom Found In Lungs.

Following a story which appeared a few weeks ago in the Farmington Enterprise as to the victim of a drowning accident was believed to have died of heart trouble, no water having been found in his lungs. We are in receipt of a letter furnished by Richardson and Kelly, Milford undertakers, which should prove of interest. It declares that persons who are drowned die of suffocation rather than from the lungs being filled with water. It reads in part as follows:

"As to the nature of a death from drowning will say that in very few instances will you find out very little water in the lungs at the time of death or where the body is recovered very soon after death. If the body is allowed to remain in the water for some time following death considerable water sometimes enters the larger air vessels, but even then this water does not find its way to the minute air cells for quite some time.

The nature of drowning is asphyxiation. The person does not die from the breathing of water but from the breathing of nothing. It is not possible to breathe water. The moment the water touches the back wall of the epiglottis there is a spasmodic closing of that organ. The epiglottis is so constructed that it may not permit foreign bodies to pass toward the lungs. Smoke will do the same as water. When we are in a room filled with strong smoke we die because we breathe the smoke. We can breathe nothing. It is true in drowning. Persons do not drown, do not die from drowning because they breathe water. They die because they can not breathe air or oxygen.

The person is striving to free himself from the water. Poisons are rapidly being produced within the body. The blood carries these poisons to the lungs for expulsion but there is no respiration. The blood also needs oxygen but cannot obtain that because there is no respiration. The one hope the brain has of supplying more oxygen is by accelerating the heart action—is by sending the blood more rapidly. This finally results in an acute heart dilation and then immediate death.

WALLED LAKE TO YPSILANTI BUS SERVICE BEGUN

New Line Includes Novi, Farmington, Plymouth, and Wayne in Route

Walled Lake again has bus service. George Kartsonas of Plymouth, who was refused permission by the Michigan Public Utilities Commission last spring has started a new line known as the "Oakland and Wayne Transit Co." with three buses daily from Walled Lake to Ypsilanti.

The buses go via Novi, Farmington, Plymouth and Wayne, leaving daily at 7:00 a. m., 1:00 p. m. and 6:00 p. m. The early bus does not run on Sundays. The fares are: Walled Lake to Novi, 15c; to Farmington 40c; to Plymouth 80c to Wayne \$1.10 and to Ypsilanti \$1.85.

Taxpayers of the Township of Commerce shared in the general reduction of Oakland County valuations brought about by the report of the Equalization Committee of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors Tuesday. Of the total reduction in County valuations amounting to \$5,000,000, Commerce Township receives a reduction of nearly \$200,000 from the assessed valuation. The assessed valuation of \$3,195,875 was reduced by \$199,825, the 1923 equalized valuation being finally set at \$2,996,050.

Her Ransomed Son

By MARY GRAY

(Continued.)

IT WAS A cardinal article of faith up and down Duck river that this would happen to a Claiborne as sure as he was born. It had been so from the beginning—witness the voyage of Gilliard, the earliest come across the mountains from Carolina. He had led a district for New Orleans with the yield of his own fat, fresh land, sold out the second day after his journey ended for what seemed a fabulous price, then, going to the market, had met an Italian deep in love with Rosa Damasco—whom he married three days later.

When Gilliard died fifteen years later, leaving Rosa five thousand rich acres, six splendid sons and ready money in both pockets, she carried on just as if he were still there to comfort and counsel her. To her grief she lived to see the name passing out—Claiborne daughters had far, far outnumbered Claiborne sons in the third generation. But she died happy in the knowledge that the fourth Gilliard was the very moral and pattern of the first. His baby girl Rosa received her last blessing—possibly she profited by it to grow up into a ravishing beauty at seventeen.

Then one fine day in walked young Lance Herbert, to say to her father and mother that he had married Rosa at the county seat. His father, President Herbert of the Y. & C. railroad had picked out a girl of quite another sort—not specially bad looking, but loathsome rich, and stupid beyond expression. Anyway, he had known rich since he met Rosa that here was the only wife for him. No! He hadn't as yet a steady job, nor very much money—none, in fact, if the governor turned nasty.

So they went to live with Rosa's family. Lance found himself disowned save on the impossible condition of forsaking his wife. Going doggedly to work as a common miner, a month he was promoted to gang foreman and better pay.

When at last they laid a son in his arms, his first tears fell. Rosa, watching him, understood. He was weeping to make up to their son all his willfulness had cost. She paid for it in utter desolation a year later, when lightning fired the house, killing her father instantly, stunning her mother, but leaving untouched Rosa, Lance and the child. They got out safely—but when Lance rushed back into the hell of flame to save her mother, Rosa followed him, until the baby's cry recalled her, severely burned. Lance was staggering toward her, seared and blinded, but steadfast even to death. He had her mother in his arms.

A month later Rosa, deeply scarred, a figure of woe, faced President Herbert. He said in a hard voice, his eyes greedily upon her son. "You stole my boy—now you will pay for it with your own. Give him up and he shall have all I mean for his father. You have an invalid mother to support—no strength to work, no beauty left to ensure another husband. I will give you competence for life—and will give your son riches." It was a frozen woman who laid her child in his arms, kissed it once, and moved away.

Years later—fifteen to be exact—the Mountain House was interested and mystified in July at the coming of the Gray Lady. "Mrs. Calvert Drury," her card read. She was neither young nor old, despite snow-white hair, was well-matched unmistakably as rich, aristocratic.

People waited to see whether she might be a friend of the Herberts. But when they came, a fortnight later, they seemed as strange to her as everybody else. But the Herberts were in trouble. Herbert Chandler, nephew of old Mr. Herbert, and co-heir with his grandson—seventeen-year-old Lance, apple of his grandfater's eye—was a bad egg, in truth. He hated Lance and was always scheming to get him into scrapes. He knew his uncle's pride in blood and honor, and based his schemes upon it. Using an inborn knack with a pen, plus opportunities due to relationship, he had involved the family fortune so deep there was no turning back. A million dollars would be needed now to clear the family name of smirch—the name that was as much as his wealth, old Mr. Herbert's heritage to Lance.

Summoned imperatively to his uncle's presence, when old Mr. Herbert found out how things stood, Herbert found there his uncle's lawyer—and the Gray Lady. "This scandal can be hushed—for a million dollars—if you are willing to beggar yourself," said the lawyer. "I will not do it," said Mr. Herbert. "Think of Lance." "I will give a million for him—twice over," said the Gray Lady. Mr. Herbert stared. The lawyer explained. She could do it—she was the widow of Calvert Drury, the old man, sole heir to his fortune. She had married him from pity when he seemed down and out. Guahera kept coming in, one after another—and she was left with riches untold. "Quite the finest sort of romance," said the lawyer.

"With a happy ending for me," said the Gray Lady, once Rosa Claiborne, "for with that million dollars, that cleans the Herbert name, I buy back my beloved Lance." And she rushed away to claim her ransomed son.

THREE THOUSAND CARS GO THRU FARMINGTON IN HOUR AND A HALF

Few would have cared to try counting the cars that passed through Farmington on the Fourth of July but Miss Kate Sprague was not dismayed by the task.

Miss Sprague reports that she counted, by actual tabulation, 3,000 cars travelling eastward toward Detroit on Grand River, within an hour and a half on the holiday. The average is more than 30 per minute, or a car every two seconds.

EIGHTY-YEAR OLD MAN RECOVERS FROM STROKE

Charles Goers, one of Farmington's old and well-known residents, is recovering from a stroke suffered a few days ago. At first it was feared the attack might prove serious because of Mr. Goers' age, but he is recuperating speedily.

Mr. Goers is nearly eighty years of age.

FORMER FARMINGTON MAN IS NOMINEE OF DEMS

M. B. Armstrong, formerly of Farmington and now of Pontiac, has been nominated by Oakland County Democrats as candidate for representative in the Legislature from the first district of Oakland County.

Mr. Armstrong is now a ward representative of Pontiac and a member of the County Board of Supervisors.

Four Small Children Are Left Motherless

Four small children were left motherless Monday, when Mrs. Elsie Akew, their mother, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lester Cooper, at Commerce. Mrs. Akew was the daughter of David Monahan of Union Lake. Mrs. Akew is survived by her children and two sisters, two brothers and her father. Funeral services were held Thursday from St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Milford, and were followed by burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit.

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