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EDITORIAL

The Enterprise is pleased to announce the appointment of H. L. Lindstrom as correspondent at Hollywood Subdivision. News items from that section as from the entire community, are always welcome.

WHAT THE PRIMARY SHOWED

That a development which has been on the way in Oakland County politics for some time has actually arrived, was clearly demonstrated by the primary election last week. The results indicated that the populous communities at the extreme southern end of the County must henceforth be seriously considered in all affairs political in Oakland County.

These communities, Royal Oak, Ferndale, Hazel Park, and others, now possess the voting strength to make them most important, if not determining factors. Further, the Republicans of that section have shown a tremendous activity in "getting them out to vote." Attention to politics there appears to have increased rapidly, in comparison with the waning interest in Pontiac and most of the remaining parts of the County. This is undoubtedly due in large part to the work of the Southern Oakland County Republican organization. Vote for vote, the southern end of the County might not match the City of Pontiac and adjacent territory, but as a united, active group, it can seriously challenge Pontiac and all the rest of the County combined.

It is still possible for a candidate to capture a Republican nomination without the support of the southern part of the County. And a candidate from that section can hardly be elected with only the support of his near neighbors. But by and large, any candidate who cannot come near holding his own in those populous communities in coming primaries is going to find it "hard sledding." Oakland County south of Birmingham is going to make its voice heard, not only in the primaries but in all Republican party plans. It may never be able to dictate, but it already is strong enough to decide, wherever there is a serious division elsewhere. And not much of importance is likely to be decided without it.

AN INSTANCE OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

It is a pleasure, indeed, to record an instance of rare good sportsmanship in connection with the recent Oakland County primary election. One candidate defeated by a decisive but not overwhelming majority, after putting up a strong battle, has seen fit to publicly congratulate his opponent and thank his supporters.

That man is William A. Wheeler, defeated by Sheriff Frank Schram for the Republican nomination for sheriff. Mr. Wheeler's statement was not advertised as widely as his campaign—undoubtedly his pre-primary expenses were heavy—but we are glad to reprint a part of it, not particularly for Mr. Wheeler's benefit, but because it shows a spirit all too rare in politics. Headed "Bill Wheeler's State-

ment" and published the second day after the primaries, it reads in part as follows:

"It was a good fight and I am satisfied. Of course it would be foolish for me to say that I am not disappointed, for that would not be true.

"The great satisfaction that I get now that the returns are in and Sheriff Frank Schram is assured of his re-nomination, is to know who my friends and supporters are.

"To these men and women who backed my candidacy so well and faithfully in the face of the strongly organized opposition furnished by my opponent, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks. I never can repay them.

"To Sheriff Schram, now that our fight is over, I wish to assure him of my support in the coming election.

"Whether or not I will be a candidate for Sheriff again two years from now I cannot say at this time, as that would be looking too far ahead.

"Sincerely,
 "William A. Wheeler."

Mr. Wheeler says that the question of his candidacy, two years from now would be "looking too far ahead." It would be looking too far ahead, too, to predict what the result would be if Wheeler should decide to run. But we are certain that his manly statement will be remembered by pretty nearly everybody who read it—and that it made him hundreds of admirers, if not supporters. His statement was at once good sportsmanship and good politics.

We congratulate Sheriff Schram and we take our hat off to Mr. Wheeler, who showed that he knows how to be a man, even if he couldn't win.

MORE THAN A MERE DIVERSION

The American Legion of Farmington on Labor Day presented, in connection with its annual Gala Day celebration, a new feature, an exhibition of war relics. Primarily intended as a diversion, this display of implements of war was more—it was a powerful argument for universal peace.

Any adult who viewed the exhibit and gazed upon the instruments of death and torture must have experienced within him a feeling of horror. To look upon the "saw-tooth" bayonets, the machine guns that fired 500 death-dealing bullets per minute, to read the placard which told how the gun was found, "with the bodies of its crew," in the earth by American soldiers "digging in"—these things bring home the truth of what war is. Therein, and perhaps only therein, lies a path to lasting peace.

Bring home the actualities of war forcefully into the consciousness of every man and woman; teach the truths about war to children in the schools, instead of sublimated, often false glories, let them know before they grow up what a war will mean when they do grow up—and they will not be easily misled.

The Farmington American Legion has performed a worthy service in arranging this war exhibit, which brought a few at least, face to face with the sober facts of war, as these veterans of conflict know them only too well. Similar exhibits everywhere, showing the gruesome instruments and telling the truth would do more than any oratory ever heard of, or any treaty that has ever been signed, to put an end to war.

"THE LATCH-KEY" OUR NEW CONTEMPORARY

In this edition of the Enterprise appears the first issue of the new publication produced by the Journalism Class of Farmington High School. It goes by the odd but intriguing name, "The Latch-Key."

We believe this little paper will prove of interest not only to school students, but to all our readers, and that it may prove of great value in bringing those outside the school into a closer con-

tact with and increased understanding of the school work.

The Enterprise is pleased to partake in and co-operate with this endeavor of Farmington High School students.

OUR NEW CONTRIBUTOR

Among several additions to the Enterprise this week, we are glad to welcome "Contributor," writing under the title, "Picked Up At Random." "Contributor" is a Farmington citizen, and his articles this week are the first of a promised series of writings.

Picked Up At Random

By Contributor

QUESTION

1898

Clop, clop, clop.
 With listless gait a horse plodded along a duty highway, the roadbed a narrow, sinuous track bordered by dead covered weeds and grass. Attached to the horse was a light wagon, the springs squeaking monotonously as the wheels labored over the uneven road.

"Get-ap!" exclaimed the single occupant of the vehicle as he cracked his whip over the head of the tired horse, punctuating the ejaculation with a well directed squirt of tobacco juice at an "axle grease" sign by the roadside.

Cloptly-clop, cloptly-clop, resounded from the accelerated hoof-beats on the road. The rhythmic sound produced by regular impact of iron hooves on hard earth touched a sympathetic cord in the vocal organ of the driver and he hummed merrily in unison, then broke into song:

"Round goes the world and troubles I defy,
 For it's jogging along together,
 My old gray and I."

This farmer was returning from the village where he had exchanged eggs, poultry and various early fall produce for cash and traded the eggs bringing 12 cents per dozen, potatoes 40 cents a bushel and green corn 5 cents a dozen. He was contented.

1923

Same Farmington highway, a white slab of concrete pavement extending in either direction as far as the eye can reach. The same farmer now having somewhat the appearance of an elderly, well-groomed broker. He is seen busily engaged selling early fall farm produce at his roadside market to autoists who frequently stop as they pass that way. The prices asked and readily paid look like those on a present day wine list.

At the rear of the now well-kept lawn may be seen a commodious garage where once stood the "Head Sarsaparilla" barn that housed the "old gray mare." Through the open garage door may be glimpsed the family automobile and in it a bag of golf clubs, suggestive of leisure hours. Is the farmer still contented?

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

That the rose under any other name would hold its own in popular favor owing to its pleasing effect on the olfactory nerve, goes undisputed, but John G. Jeniolionis of Detroit believed that a name also meant much in establishing popularity when it came to dealing with the electorate—and proved his contention.

Jeniolionis, a young attorney struggling under the additional handicap of an unpronounceable patronymic, had a congressional ambition.

He sought the advice of a friend and unbosomed himself, stating that he contemplated seeking the Republican nomination for Representative in the 13th Congressional district, pitting his popularity against that old war horse, Clarence J. McLeod. His advisor admitted that John was possessed of many fine qualities, well fitting him for the position, but shook his head dubiously as he pondered over his friend's name, saying "a man with a name like that would not poll 1,000 votes in the district."

The young congressional aspirant was instantly seized with a brilliant idea. After announcing his determination to enter the race he succeeded in laying a bet of \$500 with his friend that he would poll over 10,000 votes.

Acting upon his newly conceived idea he had his name changed and as John G. Jefferson, unknown, but with a cognomen he thought would prove fetching with the electorate, he became a candidate, polling at the primary election last week nearly 11,000 votes, which is considered quite remarkable.

He lost the election, but won \$500.



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