

M. E. PROGRESSIVE CLASS TO MEET ON MARCH 25

The Progressive Bible Class of the M. E. Sunday School will meet with their teacher, Mrs. Fred Cook on Monday, March 25, instead of Monday, March 18. This is the annual business meeting and election of officers with other important matters will be taken care of. A good crowd is desired.

Pot luck dinner will be served at one o'clock, each bringing their own table service, silver and other dishes. All are asked to bear this date in mind and plan to come and enjoy the day together in business and pleasure.

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By JANE OSBORN

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JULIE TYSON sat on a bench in a small park shaded on three sides by the budding trees.

A forlorn, rather old young man sat at her left, his head bent forward resting on his hands. He was sleeping and a crumpled newspaper folded to his feet. He reached quietly down and took the crumpled paper.

For a half-hour she read the contents. Rapidly her eyes ran down the offering of the neglected article.

"The man," she thought, "is a correspondent of the 'Herald'." One advertisement attracted her eye. "We require the services of an exceptional woman for exceptionally executive position." It ran, "She will be willing to work hard. Only woman of rare ability need apply. Salary \$30." Julie dropped the paper to her lap. So that was all the city had to offer a woman—a miserable forty or thirty-five dollars a week for all she had to offer.

Julie picked up the paper again and absent-mindedly turned the pages. The "Men Wanted" columns were appearing with such bitterness of heart she scanned the offerings there. Then the agencies had positions offering seventy add eighty and a hundred dollars a week for men—and men with not half her ability could get them. Then she scanned the position open for young men who have earned five thousand dollars a year, and is capable of earning twice that amount. Julie read through the brief advertisement, noted the address. She took the little mirror from her purse, powdered her nose carefully and then replaced the paper at her neighbor's feet. She took twenty-five cents from her purse and went to the office. The papers and they walked off.

Fifteen minutes later she had conferred to get by a barmaid of reception clerk, office boys and secretaries to Mr. Walter Yates and was sitting opposite him in his spacious office.

"But I advertised for a young man." He had difficulty in suppressing a smile as he looked at the eager, plump face of the slender young woman.

"You cannot possibly have the qualifications—you have no idea of the requirements, and besides you are not a man—"

Julie's cheeks were flushed and there was a gleam in her usually soft brown eyes. "I have the qualifications," she declared—"only as you say I am not a man. Arturo Duvent had to call himself George Sand and dress like a man in order to do his man's work. That was nearly a hundred years ago—and still the old prejudice remains. For two years I had entire management of my father's department store in Crawford and it through my business acumen and increased profits, too. His salary of fifteen thousand dollars went on uninterrupted. Then they took advantage of his weakness and got him to sign papers for the business and the rest of his savings have been taken away from us. The new manager wanted to keep me as his secretary at thirty dollars a week.—Thirty dollars won't do—twice that won't do. We have lost everything and I've resolved to put two brothers through college—and I don't know how to live on starvation wages myself. Of course, you may find my business qualifications inadequate, but I really propose to do this. Mr. Yates, against your assumption that just because I am a woman I could not handle a big job."

"So you are Julie Tyson," Mr. Yates said quietly; "and you want this position? I have a few questions I would like to ask you, and I don't suppose you know precisely what it is. Would you be willing to be general manager of Tyson & Co.'s department store?"

"But what of Mr. Lewis? What have you to do with that man?" Julie flashed back at him.

"Merely that Mr. Lewis acted as my agent—and as I have already discovered he was a pretty bad actor. I trusted him at the time that he put through the deal and I don't suppose you found out what methods he had used. Mr. Lewis will have nothing to do with the store—at present we are holding him pending an investigation of the transaction. If you would have been called in to testify, anyway. But as you have applied for the position—and as you have already displayed very remarkable ability—I shall be very glad to come to an agreement with you. One of my brothers here has just left to take temporary control. I should be glad if you could arrange to stay in town here for a week so that you could get a general idea of our system. You see, we operate twenty-five stores. Yours makes the twenty-sixth."

A week later, when Walter had met Julie for luncheon at her hotel for a reluctant farewell before her departure, they lingered over coffee, though all their business plans had for the time been settled.

"In a way I am sorry I met you this way," said Walter. "I mean, I'm sorry I had to meet you in a business basis—our friendship, I'm sorry you resigned that year's contract."

"Why?"

"Because I might have trouble introducing you to Julie. You see, I had to tell her that that contract I should try to persuade you to marry me."

"But the arrangement was, I believe, that the contract could be broken by mutual consent," murmured Julie.

"Ancient Mariner" Had Counterpart in Life

Many of the literary classics which the world accepts as fiction are based on solid fact. A striking example is the story in the Golden Book, which tells how Coleridge came to write his immortal "Rime of the Ancient Mariner."

"The poem was inspired by George Borrow, a shipowner who spent three years, in a voyage around the world, from 1719 to 1722. Returning to England, he wrote an account of the trip, telling how the ship had been detained for many days near Cape Horn. The one sign of life was a black aboriginal, which loved over the vessel, until the second officer, Hatter, taking it for an owl, shot it down.

"He followed six miserable weeks, in which the ship was in constant peril, before the coast of Chile was sighted.

It was in 1797 that Coleridge's friend William Wordsworth suggested to the poet that he make Shrove's story into a poem. Wordsworth incidentally suggested such of the poetic details as the mention of the crew by dead men, and also furnished several lines of the poem itself.

Grass Knots Convey Message to Gypsies

These observers may have noticed in the neighborhood of country crossroads, or where roads diverge, a tuft of grass which has been tied into a knot at the top, and probably considered it the casual effect of some other, but such is not the case.

Since time immemorial the grass-knot has been used by the gypsies as a signal and sign. Usually it is intended merely as a guide for a sorcerer's or a witch's flight, but in some instances which have been taken by the first section, but, if necessary, quite elaborate messages may be conveyed, in particular meaning being indicated by the character of the knot and its position.

Division of a party, indicating whether close to or some distance from the wheel tracks, whether on the right or left of the right of way.

The second party is even able to tell with considerable accuracy how long they will remain in the first party tied the knot. This is accomplished by the breaking of a handful of grass stems when the knot is tied—the degree to which broken stems are dried is a very clear indication of the time that has elapsed.

Wrong Idea About Birds

The habits of some Porcupine birds give rise to rather curious beliefs among the natives, writes Doctor Wetmore of the Smithsonian Institution. Discussing the brown pelican, he says: "Native fishermen relate gravely that, when the albatross grows old and feeble, rather than suffer death by starvation it commits suicide by hanging itself by the head from the fork of a tree, or a ledge between two stones. Those familiar with the cunningness of the great birds can readily understand that this belief arises from observation of individuals that slip and are caught so that they cannot escape."

Dahlia of Mexican Origin

Dahlia history commences in 1791, when Cavanilles, the director of the Botanic garden of Madrid, Spain, described the flowering of a set of dahlia roots received in 1789 from Vicente Cervantes of Mexico. Dahlia first reached England in 1798 through the agency of the marchioness of Bute. This had little effect on the history of the plant, however, as all these plants perished from a lack of proper understanding of their needs. They were reintroduced successfully in 1804, through the interest of Lady Holland.

Quite Different

The gilding novice finished his first game and stily handed his score card to the secretary, with the remark: "Two below bogey!"

"Bull!" protested the official. "This is nowhere near bogey!"

The novice looked hurt.

"Compare the score," he said, "with the figures on the card, and you'll see—"

The secretary looked.

"Great Scott, man," he roared, "that's the length of the course in yards."

Poor Bandits

At one time when traveling in Turkey with Germaine Vanrabit, the late Chaucey M. Dewey thought it a great joke that the train ahead of theirs was held up by bandits and a well-to-do farmer captured for \$5,000 ransom, while Vanrabit's train was not interrupted.

"Banditdom in Turkey needs reorganization," he wrote home. "It ought to be put in the hands of a New York syndicate and put on a businesslike basis."

That Was Italy

Various are the ways by means of which European countries made impressions on the minds of Americans traveling therein. After returning home from a trip to Europe, a Brooklyn woman was asked by a friend, "Did you go to Italy?"

"Let me think." Then turning to her daughter she said, "Did we go to Italy, dear?"

"Why, yes, mamma. It was in Italy that we bought those lovely silk stockings."

BIBLE CLASSES TO CONCLUDE MONDAY; "SURPRISE" PLANNED

Ministers Prepare Climax For Series of Union Study Periods Here

Monday evening marks the close of the six weeks course of Union Bible Study classes which have been in progress at the High School. A creditable attendance which has exceeded fifty have supported the classes each evening.

The teachers have been A. C. McDonald, Mrs. Emil Roos, Rev. E. W. Palmer, Rev. H. A. Leeson, and the opening devotions have been conducted by Rev. A. Schoen.

The ministers propose a pleasant surprise as the climax of the series on Monday evening. The class periods will each be shortened a little and the surprise will await the entire school at the close of the study.

Everybody who has attended any of the sessions, even if it is only one, is especially invited to share in this closing session and enjoy the surprise.

WEST POINT PARK GIRL WINS PRIZE FOR ESSAY

Miss Lucile Wolfe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wolfe of West Point Park, won honorable mention and a prize of one dollar for presenting one of the four best papers in a contest at Northville, Mich. Her essay was on the subject: "What Can We Do During 1929 To Make Northville A More Beautiful Place Than It Is?"

Miss Wolfe is a pupil in the ninth grade of the Pierson school. The contest was sponsored by the Northville Record.

READY IN A MONTH

Completion of the new business block in Novi is expected in about a month. April 15 is the date now set for probable finishing of the new structure. Since only one month will be completed, the bank to be finished later.

UNDER NORTHERN LIGHTS, MAC MILLAN LECTURE, TO BE GIVEN SUNDAY, MAR. 17

Captain Donald E. MacMillan will give his new illustrated lecture "Under Northern Lights" at Orchestra Hall Sunday evening, March 17. Captain MacMillan spent the winter of 1927-28 in northern Labrador, with several scientists from the Field Museum of Chicago. One of the chief objects of the expedition was to learn more of the Nascoptic Indians who inhabit the interior and come to the coast twice a year to trade their furs. They have not heretofore been at all friendly to the white man and have killed many Eskimos, but by careful painstaking work, Captain MacMillan and his men gradually obtained their confidence. This was accomplished largely by gifts and assistance to the sick of their tribe.

These are the first of such pictures secured by white man. The Nascoptic are an offspring of the Cree nation and were driven into the far north many years ago through wars with other tribes. Thrilling and interesting scenes are pictured on the screen, during which an absorbing story is being told by the Captain himself. The lecture is illustrated by both still and motion pictures.

SECRET SALE IS LARGE FOR ST. PATRICK DINNER

Over 500 tickets are reported to have been sold for the first annual St. Patrick's banquet to be given by members of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington, on Sunday afternoon and evening, March 17.

The banquet will be served from 5:30 to 9 p. m. Music will be furnished, and James H. Lynch, Pontiac attorney, and Rev. W. Benjamin Pipp of Detroit will sing. Judge John J. Schulte, Jr. will be master of ceremonies.

Trade at home until the year 1953 and the rest of the century will take care of itself.

Knocking on wood or against your town won't bring you any good luck.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO HAVE 'ART DAY' ON WEDNESDAY, MAR. 20

Director of Art in Detroit Schools To Speak at Next Gathering

The regular meeting of the Farmington Woman's Club was held Wednesday at the Universalist Church. Mrs. Pettibone, Mrs. Daines and Mrs. Comstock were the committee in charge. Mrs. Comstock coming from her present home in Tecumseh to discharge her duty as committee woman and to greet old friends.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, March 20, at the home of Mrs. Roos. Please note the change of date from the 27th to the 20th. The program, "Art Day," is in charge of Miss Soynton, Mrs. Holcomb and Mrs. Whipple.

The committee have secured as speaker Miss Alice Guyot, director of art in the Detroit schools and thoroughly mistress of her subject.

At the meeting Wednesday, Miss Merlah Andrews related events of a day spent at the Federation of Women's Clubs of Detroit. Julius Moeller of Detroit spoke on "What a trust company can do for woman and children."

—Helen L. Hard,
Gen. Sec'y, F. W. C.

DELINQUENT TAX LIST FOR OAKLAND COUNTY READY AT ENTERPRISE

The Farmington Enterprise has a number of copies of the State Delinquent Tax List of Oakland County available for its readers. We shall be very glad to furnish you with a copy of this list which can be obtained by calling, writing or phoning our office. Unless objections are filed with the clerk of the circuit court before April 8, the list will be sold by the State.

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