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## WEST POINT PARK

Mrs. William Zwahlen.  
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Mrs. Ethel Middlewood accompanied Mrs. Ben Storms and Mrs. L. Bond to a dinner at the Eastern Star at Commerce, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Ernest Ash, who has been ill for some time, is slowly improving and able to be up, but not doing anything.

Mr. and Mrs. James Frantz of Seven-Mile road moved to Plymouth last week.

Mr. Meyer is building a new house in Westmore subdivision.

Mrs. R. K. Smith and her sister, Mrs. Edward Rochwell of Detroit were guests of Mrs. William Zwahlen, Friday.

The colored minstrel given by the men of the Adult Bible class was put on for the Farmington Masonic Lodge Monday evening, March 25, at their Past Masters' night. It was well received.

Mr. and Mrs. Panco of Detroit were guests of their daughter, Mrs. L. Gilbert. Mrs. Panco is nursing a broken arm.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thisted of Detroit were guests of Mrs. Margaret Davis Saturday.

Mrs. Austin Ault was a Detroit visitor Tuesday.

Quite a number of our young folk attended the Junior Hop at Northville last Friday evening. Misses Ernestine and Lucile Wolfe, Dorothy Gerge, Shirley Zwahlen, Robert Hunter and others.

Mrs. John Hill visited her daughter, Mrs. Silas Galtner of Detroit, last Saturday.

Miss Shirley Zwahlen with the rest of the senior class of Farmington high school, left for their trip to Washington Thursday afternoon.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Community Club will meet at the Community Hall Wednesday April 3. A large attendance is desired.

William Peans visited his sister Mrs. Albright in Detroit.

Mrs. Earl Wolfe gave a dinner Tuesday evening for about 20 guests, the occasion being an aluminum demonstration.

The meeting of the Parent-Teacher association, which was scheduled for April 3, has been president.

Much used to be said about the "march" of progress, but the American people aren't doing much marching in these days when they have to step on the gas to get anywhere.

It is suggested that the proceedings of Congress be broadcast on radio, but some folks would not listen for fear they might learn something.

## Fort Detroit Commander's Daring Blocked Conspiracy of Chief Pontiac

By N. H. Power  
(Continued from last week)

The tribes were to rise together, destroy the English garrison and then with a mad rush destroy the frontier settlements. On the afternoon of May 5, 1763, a Canadian woman, the wife of St. Aubin, visited the Ottawa settlement and was surprised at finding several of the warriors engaged in filling out the muzzles of their arms. Acting home in the evening she mentioned what she had seen to her neighbors. Hearing this the blacksmith of the village said that many of the Indians had visited his shop and were filing and saws for a purpose they would not explain. Major Gladwin, commander of the fort, was informed of these facts and warned to stand on his guard but he was a man of fearless temper and gave no heed to the advice.

In the Pottawattamie village lived an Indian girl who could be called beautiful. She had attracted the eye of Gladwin and had become his mistress. She was much attached to him. She had made him a beautiful pair of moccasins, and on the afternoon of the 6th of May, she came to Gladwin's quarters at the fort and gave them to him. There was something unusual in her look and manner. Her face was sad and she said little and soon left the room. She lined at the street corner though the hour for closing the gates had come.

Girl Reveals Plot  
At length she attracted the attention of Gladwin himself. He called her back and asked her what was on her mind. Only after much urging and a solemn promise not to betray, did she reveal the secret. "Tomorrow," she said, "Pontiac will come to the fort with 60 of his chiefs. Each will be armed with a gun cut short and hidden under his blanket. He will ask for a council, will make a speech, will offer a peace belt, holding it in a reversed position. This will be the signal for the Indians to fire upon the officers. The Indians in the street will fall upon the garrison. Every English man will be killed and scalped."

Gladwin called the officers and told them what he had heard. Some were for keeping the gates shut and the Indians out. But Gladwin who was fearless and daring, made preparation to let them in. The whole garrison was under arms.

At 10 o'clock the great war chiefs with his treacherous followers reached the fort. All were wrapped to the throat in

colored blankets and their faces besmeared with paint, white lead and soot. While their eyes gleaming in their sockets like rattlesnakes, gave them an aspect grim and horrible. As Pontiac entered the fort he saw the ruts of his plot. On either hand within the gateway stood ranks of soldiers armed to the teeth, and the muzzles of the drum fell ominously on his ear.

Regaining his composure Pontiac, with his chiefs entered the door of the council house, a large building near the river. There they saw Gladwin with several of his officers ready to receive them and the observant chiefs did not fail to notice that each wore a sword at his side and a pair of pistols in his belt. "Why demanded Pontiac, "are my fathers carrying guns?" Gladwin replied through his interpreter Pontiac rose to speak, holding in his hand the belt which was to give the fatal signal. He pressed the stuncheon low for the English people and said he had come to smoke the pipe of peace. The officers watched him closely as he said these lying words and once he raised the belt as if to give the signal but at that instant the sudden clashing of arms sounded and a drum rolling the charge filled the council room with the stirring din.

### Treachery Exposed

Pontiac stood like one dazed Gladwin, rising from his seat, drew the chief's blanket aside, exposed the hidden gun and sternly denounced him for his treachery. The council broke up and the Indians departed.

Soon after open war was declared and for months the fort was besieged. The Indians murdered the English who were unlucky enough to fall in their hands, and were guilty of horrible cruelties. But Major Gladwin and his garrison held out and the Indians tiring of the contest and hearing that the English were to be reinforced, raised the siege.

Some time after or in 1769, Pontiac was at Cahoka on the Mississippi, the Indians of that vicinity were on a spree and when Pontiac left the feast in Kaskaski Indian crept up behind him and drove his knife into his back. It was said that a British fur-trader who hated Pontiac, gave the Indian a jug of rum to

do the deed. Pontiac was buried on the banks of the Mississippi. One of his wives is buried on Pechee Island near Belle Isle. Thus passed the chief and warrior who in many things was the greatest of his race.

History is full of examples of where a conquered race has become assimilated with their conquerors and in a large measure survived the process retaining many of their racial characteristics. But the Indian was not plastic. He was rigid, stone-like in his physical and mental fiber and refused to yield to a civilization that swept over him like a flood. It was right and necessary that their life should pass for it was decreed that this country was to be taken over by a mighty race who were to give it a civilization unparalleled in the annals of time.

Long ago Whittier with prophetic vision wrote:  
"Behind the Indians birch bark canoe,  
The steamer rocks and raves,  
And city lots are staked for sale  
Above old Indian graves."

## FARMINGTON ACRES

Mrs. H. A. McIntyre

Mrs. Leim and daughter Nancy spent Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Spratt of Detroit.

Mrs. W. E. Dann was a luncheon guest of friends in Detroit on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Damon were guests of friends in Detroit Friday of last week.

Mrs. Dupuis and daughter Jean of Brighton returned to their home Saturday after spending several days with Misses Markham of Karl avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. McIntyre and niece, Gertrude McIntyre were in Redford Saturday.

Miss Amanda Markham and Alfred Dene were Sunday dinner guests of the latter's nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dene of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Detroit were guests of the latter's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Koss Sunday.

Little Miss June Koss returned home with them for a visit.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Damon were Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Orsland of Detroit, also Ruth Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Damon.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Markham and daughter Mazie of Northville and Mr. Shotwell of Pontiac were

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. McIntyre.

Little Argie Stinett has been confined to her home several days with a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. McKinney of Detroit were Sunday guests of the latter's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Koss.

Mrs. W. E. Dann of Edwards avenue is slowly convalescing from an attack of influenza.

Miss Victoria Markham and Harold Markham visited friends in Detroit Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Schulze of Cass avenue and Miss Mary Bravender of Karl avenue, were callers in Pontiac Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Damon spent Tuesday as guests of Mrs. Burke and daughter Jennie in Detroit.

Mrs. Frank Hofmann spent Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. Koontz of Detroit whose daughter Elsie Ross is very ill.

Mrs. Koss is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Johnston of Blehm, Ont., for several days.

Tuesday Mrs. Koss was a luncheon guest of Mrs. John Hill in West Point Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Boyman of Detroit were Tuesday evening guests of Misses' Markham on Karl avenue.

## PARKER SUBDIVISION

Mrs. Joseph Brodel, 133 Parker avenue entertained her club this week Thursday. Luncheon was served at the Little French Village in Detroit. Five Hundred was played.

Joseph Brodel's brother of Oceanview, Fla. is here for a few months.

Mrs. S. J. Reno and family, sister-in-law of Mrs. Joseph Brodel, are spending a few months in Cuba.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brodel Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Eber Ward Lester attended a luncheon in Detroit Monday given by Mrs. Ross Williams at her home on Cadillac avenue.

Charles O. Lucke attended the Masonic banquet Monday night in Farmington.

Ray Bentley was a Sunday visitor of Irene Duddles, who is staying at Mrs. John Greenman's.

Jan Duddles, Bernice Duddles, Fred Duddles and wife were Sunday guests of Mrs. John Greenman.

Mr. and Mrs. Paderkey and children Helen and Milton, were at Mt. Clemens Sunday, visiting their relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Young and son Floyd were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Young.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Palmer and son Floyd were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Watson of Detroit.

Charles O. Lucke went to Clawson Tuesday night with Myron Carrier to organize a new American Legion post.

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### The Motorist Will Stop for the Signal Light at the Street Intersection Where He Will Not Slow Down for Oncoming Train

- IT is one of the strange experiences of railroads in dealing with traffic at the highway crossing that a large number of motor vehicle drivers are indifferent to all danger.
- IT is an anomaly of this situation that the motorist will stop for the red light at the street intersection, where he will give no heed whatever to the signal at the railroad crossing on the highway.
- DANGER lurks around the corner in both places.
- BEHIND the automatic signal at the street intersection there is generally the police officer and the police ordinance with its inevitable fine to back its message.
- BEHIND the automatic signal or the crossing watchman there usually is no such force of law, but there may be injury or death.
- THE Motorist, through some perversity in make-up, stops at the Street Intersection for the Signal Light which indicates possible peril or a police court fine, where he often will not be awed by the oncoming train with its infinitely greater danger in the event of a mishap.
- TOO often this certain type of motorist seems to set a higher value on his pocketbook than on his life.
- THE American railroads are doing everything within their power to prevent casualties at the crossing.
- THE American railroads have not the money to eliminate all of the grade crossings, for this would involve \$20,000,000 additional investment.
- ELIMINATION of crossings would not be necessary, if the motorist and others were made to take reasonable care in crossing railroad tracks at grade.
- PUBLIC authorities, including the Police, State Troopers, and Village Marshals—as well as the Newspapers—should take an aggressive interest in any policy that makes for obedience to the railroad crossing signal.
- NEWSPAPERS should constantly impress upon all the importance of observing signal indications.
- THE caution so given by public authority—or the warning so sounded by the newspapers—may save a life—or many lives.
- AFTER all the saving of a citizen's life alone pays a big return on the good work so done, whether the result arises from individual or co-operative action.

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