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The John Grace P. T. A. will hold its first meeting of the fall season next Thursday evening, September 26, in the Community building. Dr. Albert Krohn of Detroit will be the speaker of the evening and his talk will be based on "Health Fads and Follies." All members are urged to attend this opening meeting.

Miss Jane Atkinson returned home to fore part of the week from Mackinac Island where she had spent the summer months.

Mrs. Guy Joy, Farmington drive, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Milan Joy in Detroit.

Mrs. Earl Wolfe, Mrs. Ethel Freer, Mrs. Herbert Bondy, Harold Graham, William Rodenhous and H. Riffenberg were the prize winners at the Friday evening pedro party given in the Community building by the S. C. A. Twenty-one tables were in play. The house prizes were won by Elmer Hardow and Mrs. Blanche Hatfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Westbrook and son Joseph, who have been guests in the Fred Westbrook home, Lincoln avenue, since the first of the month, returned to their home in Tyrone, Pa., Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Esler and children were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Esler in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rodenhous and children spent last week in the home of the latter's father, Antoine Becker in Brighton.

Miss Dorothy Oliver of St. Thomas, Ont., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Truman (Oliver), Indian avenue, for two weeks.

Mrs. Walter Durham and Mrs. William Eckler attended a meeting of the Amicus Club Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Perry Prindle.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bondy spent Sunday in Flint visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dowsett.

Mrs. Sidney Ballard and children have been guests of Mrs. R. S. Maxwell, Mrs. Ballard's sister, in Saginaw, for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Ryman and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Solar attended a surprise party Saturday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Buff in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Madison came from Chicago Friday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hagen and family, Indian avenue, over the week end. They returned home Monday.

Covers were laid for eight Friday when Mrs. William Ellis entertained at luncheon for her aunt, Mrs. Andrew Ormsby of Detroit who is her guest. Cards were played in the afternoon, prizes going to Mrs. Elmer Hardow, Mrs. Hugo Berns, and the guest of honor.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Tunney, Neaunee avenue, had as guests over the week end, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hall and son Dale of Eaton Rapids.

Mrs. Charles Perry visited relatives in Lapeer Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Holbrook had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McKinney and family of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. John returned home Friday from Denver, Colo., where they attended the National Convention of United Spanish War Veterans. Mr. Atkinson having been a delegate from Detroit.

RABIES IN ANIMALS CONTINUES IN COUNTY

Rabies in animals is still very prevalent throughout Oakland County in spite of the "Dog Quarantine" put into effect several weeks ago. To keep this dread disease from developing in human beings is costing the county thousands of dollars yearly. And to this enormous expense is added the constant danger of some unfortunate individual developing the disease, possibly through ignorance of the danger of a dog bite or because he did not begin treatment early enough.

Rabies is a disease frequently met with in dogs but occurs in other animals as well. It is conveyed to human beings by the virus of a rabid animal either through a bite or scratch or through the saliva coming in contact with a break in the skin, even though the break may be so slight as to be invisible to the eye.

WEST POINT PARK

Mrs. William Zwahlen, Phone 335-F3

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Russell, David Brown and James Craig of Briton, Mich., were dinner guests Wednesday of Mrs. Margaret Davis. Mrs. Craig is leaving for Florida about the 20th of September where he winters.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mercer and daughter Elizabeth, returned home Friday from a week's visit at Oberlin, O., visiting at several other places while there.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hamby of Detroit were the guests Friday of Mrs. Margaret Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Talman and family were Saturday and Sunday guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Norman Ross of Rochester. Mrs. Eva Rowe of Detroit was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. A. Owen Saturday and Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ault a baby girl, weighing 7½ pounds, Sunday, September 15th. Shirley Lavan gave the names of the new-come.

Miss Dorothy Gerge was the guest of Miss Esther Liverance.

of Northville Thursday night.

The first game of the series of three was won last Sunday by West Point Park, score 5 to 4. The second game will be played next Sunday at Hamtramck. The winning team is to receive a trophy donated by Governor Fred W. Green.

Mrs. Ethel Middlewood was laid up with a very bad cold the first part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hague of Detroit were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerge Tuesday.

WEST FARMINGTON

Mrs. Irvin Knapp, Phone 46P4

E. S. Dart, who is 83 years old, visited the West Farmington School Tuesday. He gave the children a talk. Mr. Dart attended the West Farmington School 75 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Giegler of Hartland, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tamm entertained friends from Detroit Sunday.

West Farmington School was

closed Wednesday. The teachers attended the teachers' observation tour.

Several from here attended the North Farmington Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Mary Carey Tuesday. Plans were made for the bazaar and chicken dinner to be held at the regular meeting in the West Bloomfield town hall. The October meeting will be held at Mrs. Watkins' home at Pleasant Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tamm attended the funeral of their friend, Mrs. Senkel of Detroit, Thursday. She died very suddenly at her home Monday.

BOY IS BURNED

Mahlon Green, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Green of East Main street, Walled Lake, suffered a severe burn on the hand Saturday afternoon. Mahlon was playing in his wagon in the yard near a bonfire when the wagon upset and tumbled him into the blaze. The palm of his hand was deeply burned.

Send in your news items.

A Small Change Saved Fall River

Three years ago Fall River adopted the National Standard fire loss rating plan in many other cities. When the next revaluation threatened the entire city with destruction, fire apparatus from twenty-seven cities looked up effectively with this standard system. As a result, a record of 1,000,000 dollars of fire loss was saved.

Such experiences help you appreciate the value of small but important changes. The fire loss rating—part of the insurance protection.

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LAST TIMES TODAY Singing-Talking

SHOW BOAT

The Grandest Show Ever Put On ON THE SCREEN EVENINGS AT 7:00-9:10

Friday-Saturday Sept. 20-21 Hear LUPE VELEZ Sing

"Wolf Song"

with

Gary Cooper and Louis Wolheim. Hear the "COLLEGIANS" and TALKING EXTRAS

Sunday-Monday Sept. 22-23

ALL-TALKING

Alice White

"BROADWAY BABIES"

A Riot of Whoopie

All-Talking Luping Lane Comedy

EXTRA SPECIAL ATTRACTION

Don Miller, of the Paramount Theatre, Detroit, as

Guest Organist

For One Week Beginning Sunday, Sept. 22

Tuesday-Wednesday Sept. 24-25

ALL-TALKING

RICHARD DIX

"The Wheel of Life"

Action—Drama—Romance—Also

ALL-TALKING SCREEN EXTRAS

From 600 B. C. to Thomas A. Edison



ABOUT 600 B. C.

A Thales, a Greek philosopher, recorded a curious phenomenon. He observed that a piece of amber, if rubbed against his woolen thiton, or gown, first attracted and then repelled light objects. Through its suggestion of sunlight, the Greeks named the golden amber "elektron." Experimenting with lodestone—magnetic iron ore which he found near the city of Magnesia—Aristotle, some time later, was prompted to remark: "The stone has a soul since it can move iron."

FOR nearly 2000 years these discoveries lay dormant. Then a physician to Queen Elizabeth of England, Dr. William Gilbert, took up the thread of experimentation, publishing his observations in a book entitled "De Magnete".

Fifty years later, a burghmaster of Magdeburg, Otto von Guericke, discovered that electrical charges could be "conducted". Working with a crude machine of his own creation—consisting of a large ball of sulphur revolving on a shaft and rubbed by friction—he succeeded in passing electric current along a linen thread; and here, in his primitive laboratory, the first step was taken towards the transmission of electrical energy.

Benjamin Franklin's immortal experiment with kite and key, in 1752, definitely demonstrated the identical nature of lightning and the electric spark. In the lightning rod, Franklin made the first practical application of electrical knowledge.

ALL through the eighteenth century, the lack of a simple and easy means of producing electricity was a handicap to further experimentation. Hence, the voltaic pile or electric battery, invented by Alessandro Volta in 1799, was one of the most important inventions made up to that time—because it was the first generator of a continuous electric current.

In 1809, Sir Humphrey Davy, using the "voltaic pile", publicly demonstrated for the first time,

at the Royal Institution in London, a brilliant arc light established between two sticks of carbon.

Andre Marie Ampere, about this time, discovered that a spiral coil of wire produced all the effects of a magnet when connected to a battery, and Sturgeon placed an iron bar within the spiral.

SOON Michael Faraday produced the first electric dynamo, or generator, consisting of a copper disk which could be rotated between the opposite poles of a strong permanent magnet. Two brushes or "collectors" carried off the current generated as a result of the disk rotating through the lines of magnetic force. Working along similar lines other inventors made dynamos of larger size and power.

The dynamo was a step of tremendous importance. Electricity could now be generated much more cheaply than by the electric battery and in such quantity that it was possible to make commercial applications of laboratory experiments. Among the first of these was public use of the arc light, which soon found limited use for street and store lighting and for illuminating large areas. It was evidently not suitable for residences or small interiors.

IMMEDIATELY following the Civil War, many inventors throughout the world attacked the problem, which had come to be known as "the subdivision of the electric light". Several of the leading scientists had proved it mathematically unsound. How Thomas Alva Edison found the solution in his Menlo Park laboratory, and how, in the invention of his filament lamp, he took the first step in designing a complete system for the generation, distribution and utilization of electric energy to brighten the world and "lift an untold burden of toil from the backs of men and women", will be told in the next of this series.



Menlo Park Laboratory, Birthplace of the Edison Lamp

This is the first of a series of historical mementos published by The Detroit Edison Company in honor of

THOMAS ALVA EDISON

reviewing his influence on the development of the Electric Light and Power Industry. The second will appear in this paper next week