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Editorials

Where "Nothing Ever Happens"

What a month! What a town! What a place to live in! June days are supposed to be the rarest of all, and Farmington, one of the country's ten thousand quiet little towns where "nothing ever happens." But ponder on the June days that have just gone by, and reflect upon how really rare they have been—how much has been crowded into the short space of two or three weeks—enough news sensations to delight the heart of the most headline-hungry city editor of a daily newspaper in any good-sized city.

Thursday morning, June 9, at three o'clock, a man is burned to death in his home. The firemen see his body burning and are helpless. The police know the next day that it has been murder, but they can't prove it, or fasten the crime on anybody. Only twenty-four hours later on Friday morning, June 10, the countryside is aroused by a half-crazed farmer destroying the fruits of a lifetime's labor, burning half a dozen buildings and 17 of his cattle, just to keep his estranged wife from getting the place. And so the daily newspaper headline of Thursday that shrieked across the top of the front page "Farmington Man Dies in Burning Home," needed to be only slightly changed the next day to: "Farmington Man Burns Home, Ends Life." Meanwhile, the same morning, the Michigan Public Utilities Commission at Lansing was hearing the appeals of a Farmington delegation at Lansing on one of the community's greatest problems, the need for better bus service, and the same day the town was preparing for the biggest gathering in Farmington in years, the Scout rally that brought a thousand Scouts and several thousand visitors from all over Oakland County, with the Governor of the State coming to participate in the ceremonies. Hardly were these things passed when preparations began for the "welcome home" after 45 years of Farmington's most famous son, Dr. Sergius P. Grace, and again Farmington found itself prominent in the pages of our friends, the Detroit daily newspapers. Sandwich in among these events the annual commencement exercises and school meetings, annual hearings of boards of review on property assessments, the development of a country-wide controversy over the tuberculosis sanatorium with two Farmington men having leading roles, and adoption of a budget and setting of the tax-rate by the City Commission, and June, 1932, stands out as just about the most busy and eventful month Farmington has ever experienced in its history.

So, at least, agrees our good friend Carl Hogle, who the other day told us laughingly that just a few days before the house-burnings and rallies and bus hearings and all that began, he was visited by travelling salesman, who was earnestly assured by Mr. Hogle that Farmington was one of those quiet, tranquil small towns where "nothing ever happens." And the next day everything began to happen.

He "Likes The Depression"

"Sweet are the uses of adversity" sang Shakespeare, and if we cannot always easily find a saving joy in troubles, some of us at least are fortunate enough to be able to see humor in them. If we can still laugh we are not completely and hopelessly lost.

So one philosophical spirit finds something to smile over even in this omnipresent and seemingly omnipotent depression. He writes for the Amarillo, Texas, News-Globe, and although Amarillo is not a large city and the News-Globe is a comparatively small paper, things that appear therein are often widely quoted. So Henry Ansley of the News-Globe has something to say about the depression that is worth reading. Sad indeed, must be the man or woman who cannot laugh when reading this:

"I like the depression.
"No more prosperity for me.
"I have had more fun since the depression started than I ever had in my life. I had forgotten how to live, what it meant to have real friends, what it was like to eat common every day food. Fact is, I was getting a little high-hat.
"Three years ago only one man of the News-Globe organization could be out of town at a time, and he had to leave at the last minute and get back as soon as possible. Many times I have driven 100 miles to a banquet sat through three hours of bunk in order to make a 5-minute speech, then drive the 100 miles back so as to be ready for work the next morning.
"Nowadays, as many News-Globe employees as are invited make these trips and stay as long as they want to. The whole outfit could leave the office now and it wouldn't make any difference.
"I like the depression. I have time to visit my friends, to make new ones. Two years ago, when I went to visit my neighboring town, I always stopped at a hotel. Now I go home with my friends, stay all night and enjoy home cooking. I have even spent the week end with some of the boys who have been kind enough to invite me.
"It's great to drop into a store and feel that you can spend an hour or two or a half a day just visiting and not feel that you are wasting valuable time. I like the depression.
"I am getting acquainted with my neighbors. In the last six months I have become acquainted with folks who have been living next door to me for three years. I am following the Biblical admonition, 'Love your Neighbors.'
"Three years ago I ordered my clothes from a merchant tailor—two or three suits at a time. All my clothes were good ones. I was always dressed up. But now I haven't bought a suit for two years. I am mighty proud of my Sunday go to meeting clothes. When I dress up, I am dressed up and I don't mean maybe. I like the depression.
"Three years ago I was busy and my wife was so busy that we didn't see much of each other. I never went home to lunch. About twice a week I went home to dinner—at 6:30 o'clock. If I did go to a party, I could never locate her.
"My wife belonged to all the clubs in town. She even joined the young mothers' club. We don't have any children, but she

was studying—and between playing bridge and going to clubs, she was never home.

"We got stuck up and highfalutin. We even took down the old family bed and bought twin beds on the installment.

"When I would come home at night, if my wife was at home she would already be in her bed and I would crawl into mine. If I was in first, it was vice versa.

"We like the depression. We have come down off our pedestal and are really living at my house now. The twin beds are stored in the garage and the old family affair is being used. We are enjoying life. Instead of taking a hot water bottle to bed these cold nights, she sticks her heels in my back, just like she did before floor was elected.

"I haven't been out on a party in eighteen months. I have lost my book of telephone numbers. My wife has dropped all the clubs. I believe we are falling in love all over again. I am pretty well satisfied with my wife.

"I am feeling better since the depression. I take more exercise. Walk to town, and a lot of folks who used to drive Cadillacs are walking with me. I like the depression.

"My digestion is better. I haven't been to a doctor in a year. I can eat anything I want to.

"I am getting real honest to goodness food. Three years ago we had filed mignon once a week, now we have round steak with flour gravy. Then, we had roast of guinea hen, now we are glad to get some hominy with the buttons on it.

"I like the depression. Three years ago I never had time to go to church. I played golf all day Sunday and, besides, I was so darned smart that there wasn't a preacher in West Texas who could tell me anything.

"Now I am going to church regularly—never miss a Sunday.

"And if this depression keeps on, I will be going to prayer meeting here long.

"I like the depression."

RETURN OF BOOKS ASKED

Would it be possible to return the following books, "Mary Faith," "Rogers Harris," "The Long Loop," "Chance of a Lifetime" and so many others that it makes me dizzy to name them, much less to bother the Editor to advertise them; so do please make a special effort to return books that have been months overdue for they are needed.

Why keep on buying books if they are forever getting lost?

—MARY KENNEDY
Librarian

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

A session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County on the 13th day of June A. D. 1932.

Present: Hon. Dan A. McGaffey, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Elizabeth Castillo, Deceased.

Elizabeth Castillo having filed in said Court a petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 13th day of July A. D. 1932, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Farmington Enterprise, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

DAN A. MCGAFFEY,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
Florence Doty,
Deputy Register of Probate.

June 16—30.

To the owner or owners of any and all interests in or liens upon the land herein described.

TAKE NOTICE that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned, has title thereon under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a re-conveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice upon payment to the undersigned or to the register in chancery of the county in which the lands lie, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with one hundred per centum additional thereto, and the fee of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration of commencement of suit, and the further sum of five dollars for each description, without other cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

Description of Land:

State of Michigan, County of Oakland.

Lot 50 feet of East 180 feet of Outlot 4, Wilson Park Sub. City of Royal Oak, according to plat thereof.

Amount paid, \$133.33. Tax for year 1927.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$284.88 plus the fees of the sheriff.

Place of business, 225 West Adams St., Chicago, Ill.

To Thomas Alger, Maude Carter, Maude Carter, Charles C. Alger, Mattie Butler, Ida Butler, Catherine McClure, Mabel Rogers, Claude Jarvis, and Robert McClure 225 E. Kentworth, Royal Oak last grantee in the regular chain of title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said county.

June 23—July 14

To the owner or owners of any and all interests in or liens upon the land herein described.

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Description of Land:

State of Michigan, County of Oakland.

Lot 10 feet of East 170 feet of Lot 1, West 8 feet and 7/10 feet of Lot 16, Green Road, Charles H. Collins Addition to City of Detroit, City of Pontiac, according to plat thereof.

Amount paid, \$321.81. Tax for year 1927.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$708.63 plus the fees of the sheriff.

Place of business, 225 West Adams St., Chicago, Ill.

To Investment Bankers Corp., 1105 Lafayette Bldg., Detroit, Michigan, Arthur Vandercor, last grantee in the regular chain of title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said county.

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To Dorothy Meyer & Lillian Sheets, 612 E. Grand Ave., Toledo, Ohio last grantee in the regular chain of title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said county.

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CHURCHES

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor

Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.

Daily mass at 8:00.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:10 Prayer service open to all.

10:30 Morning worship and communion service. These will be reception of new members.

11:45 Bible School with classes for all ages.

6:30 Young People's meeting. The gospel team will conduct this service.

7:30 Evangelistic service on the Town Hall lawn. We invite all to be present for this open air service. The boys and girls from the vacation school will sing for us. Sermon subject, "Liberty."

The daily vacation Bible School will meet each morning from 9 to 11:45. All boys and girls from 4 to 14 years are invited.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarencville

Middle Belt and Baseline Roads

Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor

9:30 Sunday School.

10:30 Divine Service.

The first and third Sundays of the month the services are conducted in the German language. All others are English.

No services June 19th and 26th. Rev. Graupner will attend a convention in Milwaukee.

Methodist Church

Rev. P. C. Johnson, Minister

Evening services at the Methodist Episcopal church will be discontinued for the months of July and August. Sunday morning Rev. P. C. Johnson will preach. Sunday school will meet at noon. All are cordially invited.

Evangelical Church

Sunday School 10:15.

No church service.

We invite the people who intend to come to church to participate in Sunday School.

Ladies Aid will meet Wednesday, July 6, Brotherhood will meet Wednesday, July 6, at 8 o'clock.

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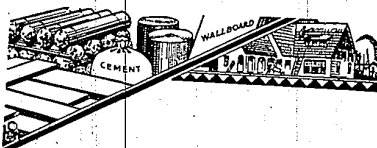
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