LOCALS

Mr and Mrs. Harry McCracken with their son Harold and wife of Detroit, left Monday on a motor trip to Nova Scotia where Mrs. Harry McCracken lived with her parents previous to her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Button are leaving Thursday morning to visit Mrs. Button's home town, Charlevois, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Button of Bellevue, Penn., have announced the birth of a daughter, Nancy Jane, on June 30th. Virgil is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Button.

Mrs. Eric Hedberg and little daughter, Patricia, returned home last week from a week's visit with relatives in St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. John Morris, who has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Kleinsmith and family in Wisconsin for the past year, is now home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith of St. Petersburg, Florida, arrived at the home of their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele, July 10, and are visiting friends and relatives for a few weeks before leaving for the West coast.

Mrs. Arthur McCracken of Wabash, Indiana, is leaving for her home on Saturday, after a two weeks' visit with relatives in Farmington Township.

Mrs. Grace Button and Mrs. Bertha Steele spent Monday afternoon at Elizabeth Lake with Miss Mary Green. They made arrangements for the annual re-union of the Y. P. L. U. which is held this year August 12, with Mr. and Mrs. Don Button.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Sprague have invited the Old Time Dance Club to hold their annual co-operative picnic at their home, "Orchard Lane." The date is July 28.

Marietta Lamb returned home Tuesday evening, after spending a week with Mrs. Blackmoor, at Canton Center.

Miss Margaret Leach is attending Sherwood Camp, near Lapeer, this week and next.

Mrs. Arthur Lamb called on Mrs. Lily Angell of Northville, Tuesday.

Martin Olshansky is leaving next week to spend two weeks at a camp near Brighton.

Miss Ernestine Pierce, accompanied by her young niece, Ann Pierce, left Thursday morning for a few days at Mullet Lake and Camp Knight of the Pines at Douglas Lake, where Ann will be the guest of Jane and Ryce Hasley.

Arthur Lamb was a business caller in Detroit Wednesday.

Old Bell, Steelyard Inn Links Town to the Past

A link with the days when the quiet town of Woodbridge, England, was a busy center of shipping and sea-borne trade, the Old Bell and Steelyard is one of the famous inns of Suffolk, says the Sunday Times, of London.

Woodbridge ships set forth from the River Deben to join the English fleet that met the Invincible Armada, and throughout the Seventeenth century there was a brisk traffic to the Continent, so that the people of Ipswich complained of Woodbridge competition.

It was during these busy times—probably about 1650—that the steelyard, which is the chief feature of the inn, was constructed. Steelyards were used for weighing wagonloads of hay, corn and other produce, and their use can be traced back to the Roman settlers in Britain.

The steelyard at Woodbridge had not been in use for some years, when in 1897 it was taken down and sent to London for the Victorian Era exhibition. It was re-erected, and the lead poise weight of 112 pounds is preserved in the inn. As far as is known, only one other steelyard—at Coham, in Cambridgeshire—survives in England.

The inn is of much earlier date than the steelyard, for it was built in the second half of the Fifteenth century, and though its timber frame shows signs of its antiquity, it is still in excellent condition.

As far back as 1740 it was known as the "Stillards," and it has since been called the Bell, the Blue Bell and now Old Bell and Steelyard.

Insects Would Control World if Not for Birds

The fantastic theory that insects might some day dominate the world sometimes advanced by imaginative scientists, would become a reality if it were not for birds, writes C. M. Palmer Jr., assistant secretary of the American Wildlife institute, in the Rocky Mountain Herald.

"Birds constitute the main check against the reproduction of insects," he writes. "If that check were removed, insects would multiply so rapidly that they would clean the world of all vegetation, leaving man to starve in a barren, deserted waste."

Birds usually concentrate in areas threatened by unusual outbreaks of pests. An example occurred during outbreaks of the Rocky Mountain locusts between 1865 and 1877. These voracious pests denuded many places they visited of every green thing.

According to Dr. W. L. McAtee, technical advisor to the chief of the bureau of biological survey, a thorough investigation of the relation of birds to the outbreak showed that the feathered tribe was, in many instances, the means of saving crops from destruction.

"Conspicuous and important as are the activities of birds in gathering at the scene and taking part in the suppression of insect outbreaks, probably their every-day services in consuming insects of all kinds, thus holding down the whole tide of insect life, are of greater significance," the survey expert writes.

"The American Wildlife Institute points out that the value of insect-eating birds to the nation's farmers is more than $350,000,000 a year.

Letters to the Editor are always welcomed by this newspaper.

Within 30 years, Michigan has reduced typhoid fever deaths by 97 per cent.

Southern Michigan farms by the thousands lack food and cover that will support the wildlife population during winter.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN,
THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 18th day of July A. D. 1939.

Present, Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Edson H. Farmer, Deceased.

J. Stuart Farmer having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner, executor named in said Will or to some other suitable person

It is Ordered, That the 14th day of August A. D. 1939, at 9 o'clock, Eastern Standard Time, at said Probate Office is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Farmington Enterprise a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that proponent cause a copy of this notice to be served personally or by registered mail, return receipt demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatees and devisees at their last known place of address within ten days after the date of the first publication hereof.

Arthur E. Moore,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
Florence Doty
Register of Probate.

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Under Western Stars

By IDA DRAPKIN

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"I WONDER where Peg can be so late? You don't suppose those gypsies—"

"Now, Mother," protested her husband over his newspaper, "stop fidgeting. You've been to the window a hundred times tonight if you've been once."

"But she said she'd be home for supper. She said she and Annabelle were running over to the Carnival right after work to have their fortunes told. It's past seven now."

"Probably the woman's rushed," remarked her husband dryly.

Mrs. Connors rose and went to the window. "I never did trust gypsies. I wish she hadn't gone. But she and Annabelle set their hearts on it weeks ago. So I didn't say anything."

"If you're through with that page, may I have it?"

Returning to her seat, she handed it to him absent-mindedly. "I hope she doesn't take what that woman has to say too seriously. One of those gypsies told poor Catherine Rich—"

"How many times have I told you it wasn't the gypsy? It was cancer. Says here that Pelham Osgood's spending the summer with his brother at the Congo parsonage. I didn't know the Reverend had a brother."

She was diverted from the unhappy end of Catherine Rich to the newcomer in the community. "Mrs. Osgood told me at the Ladies' Aid meeting. He teaches out West."

The front door opened and closed. A glowing Peg entered, greeted her parents, and dropped into a chair breathing, "I'm so excited."

She and Annabelle had had lunch on their way to the grounds. She had to hustle before Ken called. Annabelle was giving a party.

But what of the fortune? What had the gypsy said?

Well, the gypsy said a lot of nice things. She'd live to be an old lady. She'd never know want. She'd never have any serious illnesses.

"But what about—Kenneth?" inquired her mother. What joy in growing old, in acquiring riches, in being healthy, if you didn't have a husband?

"She said I'd marry a man who first saw light under western stars."

Mother's mouth drooped. Father's jaw fell. They were both partial to Easterners. To a certain Easterner. And Mother was quite sure the man born under western stars would be a traveling salesman.

Several weeks passed. Mr. and Mrs. Connors sat in their customary rockers in the screened porch. From within the house came sounds of a man reading on and on in a book of poetry. After an hour of this, Mr. Connors rose and walked desperately up and down, coming to a standstill just over the heads of the forsythia bushes.

"I don't think I can stand this everlasting poetry much longer. If he isn't reading it, he's talking it. What did he have to come to this town for? What did he have to pick our daughter for? And why doesn't he ever take her out?" Mrs. Connors tried vainly to hush him. Their guest might hear. "These evenings weren't made to be spent indoors."

Her husband shook his head. "Something's happened to our Peg. To think—throwing over a chap like Ken for a breeze from the West! Sometimes I wonder if women are wholly sane!"

It was some time before Mrs. Connors smoothed things over. But she did. And even tried to paint an agreeable picture of Pelham Osgood . . . good family, good position, and all that.

"I suppose he's coming over for supper tomorrow night?"

"I suppose so," she said patiently. "You'd think a fellow with an appetite like his would put on weight."

"Most brainy men are thin."

"I like the good solid type. I'm still rooting for Ken. But I guess I'm the only one left on the bleachers."

"How pretty the sunset is over Kenneth's house," she observed contentedly. "Doesn't that big purple cloud look like a giant with a red-lined cloak?"

Her husband reflected. Suddenly he smashed one hand on the other. "Of all the dubs! Why didn't I think of it before!"

"Think of what?" she asked, puzzled.

He called her attention to the fact that Peg was yawning . . . and it was only eight o'clock. He seemed to be in very good spirits. But he refused to answer her question.

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Mrs. Connors looked out of the kitchen window. "Why there's your father coming up the path. With Kenneth. You'd better put another plate on, dear."

Peg flushed angrily. "All right, Mother. I only hope Ken doesn't make any breaks. He doesn't know any poetry but Edgar Guest."

But it was good to see Ken again. It seemed natural for him to be coming through the back door as if he were one of the family. Pelham always used the front door. But she had to let her mother speak, fuss over him, flatter him. Mother liked Ken.

Peg went to the living room to call Pelham and the family sat down to a supper of ham, green peas, and hot rolls—a favorite dish of Ken's. But Peg kept wondering. What was Ken doing here anyway?

Ken praised Mother's ham baked with brown sugar, pineapple and spices. Pelham although eating ravenously could praise only the book he had just finished—Miss Marietta Fish's latest volume.

"Have you ever read any of Fish?" he asked Ken with haughty civility.

"Fish? I thought you ate it!"

"Barton's line is automobiles," supplied her father, laughing heartily. "And he's a wiz at it, too. Best sales record in the—"

Peg wished her father wouldn't go on apologizing for Ken's boorishness. It wouldn't have been so obvious if he had simply let the remark pass. She noticed Ken's early tan. He tanned easily. He looked so genial and strong. The kind of man you could depend on in any difficulty. The kind of man you wanted to scrub floors for and cook for hot June mornings and—but she mustn't think of those things.

"Haven't you a hobby? What do you do with your leisure?" asked the intellectual Westerner when Mr. Connors had finished his eulogy.

"I like to fish," replied Ken wickedly.

Pelham was hurt.

"Were you born out West, Mr.—Osgood?" asked Ken.

"I hardly see how such a detail would interest you."

Ken smiled. He had an agreeable smile. "You'd be surprised!"

"As a matter of fact," said Pelham, condescendingly, "I was born in Maine. After I received my academic education at Bowdoin, I went West to teach. Is that all you wish to know?"

Ken smiled again. "What town in Maine?"

"Colport."

Ken knew it well. "Which side of the bridge?"

Pelham gave him a scornful glance. Which side would he expect?

"East side."

Ken waved his fork in air. "Good. Now I'm going to tell you where I was born. On the western edge of this town is a big brown house, originally a log cabin. Been in the family for generations. Acres of good woodland, fine gardens, and a wide lawn."

"My dear young man, I'm not interested in real estate."

"My parents used to walk across that lawn spring evenings," went on Ken serenely. "Crickets under their feet, frogs off in the distance, big stars overhead. Then one night under the western stars of—"

He didn't have to go any farther.

"Why didn't you tell me?" cried Peg. "I never thought . . . And yet, every evening I look over at your house to see the sunset."

"Margaret!" It was Pelham's last chance.

"Hereafter, perhaps you'd find it more convenient to be right there for the sunset?"

She thought she would.

Room Bureaus Set Up For New York Fair

NEW YORK (*Special*)—Two agencies have been set up in New York City to insure World's Fair visitors getting living accommodations at a most reasonable price.

One is the Mayor's Official World's Fair Housing Bureau, Inc., with headquarters in the Chanin Building, 122 East 42d Street, set up by Mayor LaGuardia to locate rooms for visitors in private homes and dwellings.

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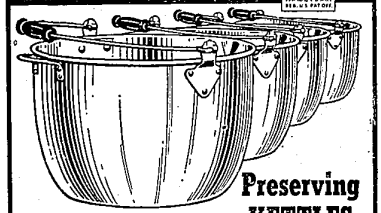

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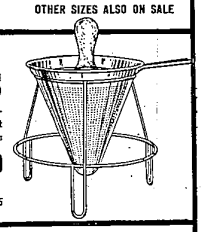

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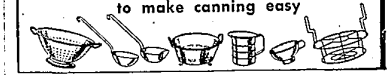

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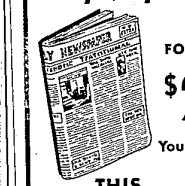

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