

WEST POINT PARK

Mr. and Mrs. John Changaris of Wayne, were evening guests recently of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Auld.

Mrs. Edwin Johnson and son, Eddie, attended a pot luck dinner given by women patrons of the Treadwell school near Inkster, Thursday.

Mrs. Ralph Voorhees entertained a number of ladies at cards Thursday. The affair was one of a series of benefits for the ball play, of West Point Park.

Visitors at the Sportsman's Show in Convention Hall Saturday included Mrs. Lewis Graham, and children, Rose and Dale, also Wayne Auld of this section.

Joseph Smith, employed in Detroit, but a roomer at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owen, was the unfortunate victim of a traffic accident Monday night. Dad with car and road conditions caused his car to crash into a tree. The car was greatly damaged but Mr. Smith escaped serious injuries.

What might have been a disastrous fire and explosion was narrowly averted at the home of Mrs. old McVicar, adjoining the Russell Old property Friday evening. In the afternoon, an oil truck, by means of a hose leading from the ground, filled two large drums near the cottage, and in some way a considerable quantity of oil was spilled. Later a smoker dropped a lighted cigarette to the oil-soaked ground. Instantly flames soared up in dangerous fashion. It was feared that not only would the house be burned but that the drums of oil

would explode. The Farmington Fire Department was called but for some reason failed to respond. Mr. and Mrs. McVicar, aided by Russell Auld and Robert Hunter worked feverishly, finally conquering the stubborn blaze. Mr. McVicar's cottage was somewhat blackened by the fire but little real loss was sustained.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Zwahlen entertained Sunday afternoon and evening. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stanley, daughter, Mary Ann, Charles Decker and son Charles, Miss Leona Case and Frank Bryant of Detroit.

Several of the Sunshine Sisters met at the home of Mrs. Jack Tallman Tuesday and listened together to the Lenten broadcast. Later the group inspected some new textbooks the group plans to use at their meetings.

James Eastman was the Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Zwahlen.

For the first time Rev. Gordon Cameron conducted a weeknight service in the Mission House Friday night. For the next two months it is planned to make these Friday night meetings neighborhood affairs, open to young and old alike. There will be plenty of music as well as a Bible lesson with comment and a story. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and bring his friends along. Services of this kind help keep up the morale in times like these.

A dessert bridge sponsored by the Pleron P.T.A. will be given Friday, March 21 at one o'clock at the home of Mrs. Russell Cole of 31885 Seven Mile Road. For reservations call Mrs. Earl Redding.

20135 Farmington Road.

Last Wednesday the Ladies Community Club sponsored a luncheon followed by cards, after which the drawing of a quilt took place. Mrs. Austin Auld was the lucky party. The afternoon was a great success and well attended.

Miss Audrey Jean Keller of Northville was the weekend guest of her aunt, Mrs. Elmer Heichman. The Sunday afternoon service in Rev. Cameron's Mission House is meeting with a gratifying response. Although inaugurated as a movement for the benefit of residents in the Folker Subdivision, anyone in the community, regardless of age, sex or creed is welcome to attend. Last Sunday's service was made more interesting by special music in the form of duets produced by Rev. Cameron and Mrs. Bachman of Detroit, and by June Vance and Adelaide Hagt.

Mrs. Gordon Vance is the efficient organist.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Sherman and family were weekend guests of Mrs. Thomas Sheets of Dayton, Ohio.

Pleron P.T.A. meeting Thursday, March 27, Election of officers for the coming year. Because of the importance of this meeting, all members are urged to attend. Entertainment by "The Texas Rangers" who are familiar to many of us. Refreshments will be served.

A certificate award for completing the Pro-School Health Project, "The Summer Round Up of Children," according to national requirements, will be presented to Pleron P.T.A. Thursday, March 27 by the local chairman, Mrs. Howard B. Middlewood, who wished to thank the parents of the entering grade children, for their fine cooperation, and making this award possible.

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Mr. and Mrs. Claude Haskins were guests at the Scavenger Hunt

given by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Callan, Saturday evening.

Mrs. H. A. McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Banfield and son, Mickey, and Harry Thornton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clare Forshee at Twining, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mowery Jr. spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd in Pontiac.

Private Edwin W. Lee, of Camp Custer, called on his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Walker, Sunday.

Mrs. Irene Cossin of Detroit was the weekend guest of Miss Glenna McIntyre.

Mrs. Stanley of Inkster was the guest of Mrs. Samuel Walker, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lord announce the birth of a daughter, Patricia Ann, at Mt. Carmel Hospital, Monday, March 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Deroker of Mt. Clemens called on Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mowery Sr. Sunday. Mrs. Mowery is recovering from a minor auto accident.

Mrs. Louise Manzel of Nine Mile Road, Judge J. J. Schulte of Farmington, and Ernest Esch of Seven Mile Road, were delegates for the G.B.U. organization in Detroit, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Haskins attended the Republican banquet of the Seventeenth District in Milford Tuesday evening.

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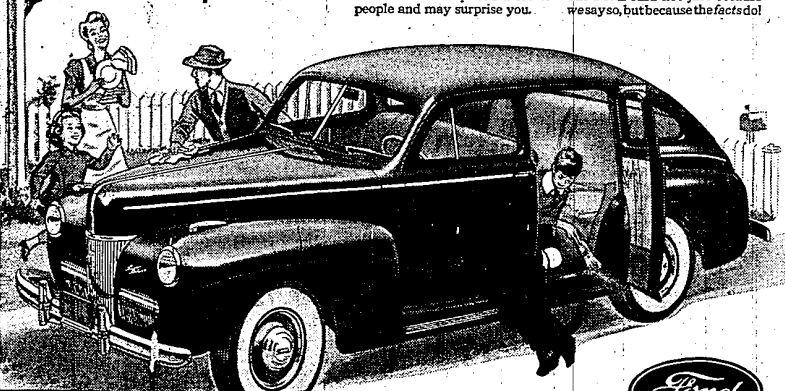
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THE MISSING OWL

By TOM FRENCH
(McClure Syndicate—WNU Service.)

CARLTON THOMAS belonged to the most exclusive senior society at Parkleigh college. It was entitled the Order of Owls.

It is, of course, a great thing to belong to this society. Membership in it means that you can wear the small enameled owl, not too conspicuously, of course, but where it will show when you take out your watch. Just one glimpse of that little enameled pin—and the world is open to you.

Carlton Thomas had been out of Parkleigh for ten years, and he had found that his hard progress upward as a lawyer depended very little on his membership in the Owls.

But one blusson of his undergraduate days remained to Carlton. He still felt that his being an Owl put him up a peg or two with the girls. So, in moments of enthusiastic though perhaps not wise feeling, Carlton had parted with several Owl pins. It had always been possible to get more at headquarters.

One morning when Carlton was opening his mail in the bachelor apartment he shared with Steve Tompkins, another Owl from Parkleigh, he was surprised to see a communication from the fraternity headquarters.

"I've got one, too," Steve said. "Read what it says."

Carlton took Steve's advice. The notice said that according to a recent decision of the active Ows, so Owl could be allowed to give his pin to a girl unless he was engaged or married to her. The society felt that some Ows had been a little reckless about this matter, and as headquarters had a record of the number of pins issued to each member, all outstanding pins must be accounted for. They must know that the pins had either been lost or were in proper hands.

But, said Steve, "it's only some of those girl-crazy Johnnies they've been taking in lately who'd give their pins around promiscuously—not old-timers, like us. If you've lost them, you've lost them."

"Yes," muttered Carlton. "If you've lost them, you've lost them." And he clutched at a special slip that had fallen from his envelope, a notification from headquarters that he must account for six pins he had applied for.

After Steve left, Carlton listed his pins:

"One that I wear. Two, I gave my sister to make Maud Dawson jealous by thinking perhaps Steve gave it to her. Three, I gave Maud Dawson to get even with my sister. Write for those two. Four, I gave the little brunette in Home. Five, I gave it to my sister Tracy after I quarreled with Catherine Brown. Jane threw it away when she found Catherine's initials on the back. Good as lost. Six, I gave it to that 1 m in New Hampshire. Can't think of her name. Must ask Steve."

That evening Steve sat smoking his pipe and reading while Carlton looked at some mysterious letters. He looked up brightly and tried to talk nonchalantly.

"By the way, Steve," he said, "we had a good time up in New Hampshire that year, didn't we?"

"Sure," said Steve, "but why drag that in?"

"Nice girls, there, too," said Carlton, doggedly sticking to his point.

"By the way, what was the name of that little one, the one that was so pretty—Peggy something or other, wasn't it?"

"A fine time to ask," said Steve, "after you rushed her a month and then came away and never gave her another thought."

"Not so fast, young man. I did think about her a lot but not about her name. And it was just after we got back, as you'll remember, if you'll put what brains you've got on the matter, that I was sent abroad. But that's neither here nor there. What's her name?"

"Peggy Trent. They're staying at the Hotel Gordon here for the winter. The fact is, Carlton, the winter you were abroad I used to see a good deal of her. I hate to make you any more concerned than you are, but I thought that winter she was rather hard at the way you behaved. Anyway, she didn't have much use for me—or anybody else."

"Fact?" queried Carlton. "I must look her up. As I remember her, I thought she was pretty well, but I didn't think she was interested."

"Well, don't get all worked up over it," said Steve. "I saw her a couple of nights ago and she was wearing an Owl pin—guess one of the younger men has cut you out, old-timer."

A few hours later Carlton found Steve still reading in the same chair he had left him.

"Well," queried Steve, "did you find out whose Owl pin Peggy's wearing?"

"Yes," said Carlton, his face beaming. "She isn't exactly engaged yet, but I think from several things she said this evening she won't hold out long. And I can give you my word of honor he's seriously in love with her."

"That's good," said Steve, yawning. "I'm going to turn in. But before I do, I had better make our statements about our pins. I bet you haven't given the matter a thought since breakfast."

Thrill of Thrills



Bobcat hunting is gaining rapidly in popularity among Michigan hunters who, otherwise, would be counting the days until the next open seasons on game animals. Conservation officers report bobcat are plentiful in the vicinity of Alpena and organized hunts are to be staged during coming weeks.

ANCIENT TANKS DESCRIBED IN OLD VOLUME

Military tanks used 350 years before the present world war are described in an old volume now owned by the University of Michigan Transportation Library.

Heavy wood, sufficient to resist the musket fire of those days, formed the "armor plate" for these early tanks; which were decorated and pictured in 1588 by Captain August Ramelli in his "Le Diverse et Artificiose Machine."

In use, these tanks were drawn on carriage wheels to the edge of the water-filled moat surrounding a besieged city. At the water's edge the wheels were exchanged for smaller, more substantial ones, and the tank was then shoved into the moat.

On either side of the tank were two paddle wheels which, when turned by a man inside, propelled the floating tank to the other side of the moat. In the front of the tank a hole was cut through which one of the crew operated a musket to keep the way clear. At the rear was a rudder or paddle with which the machine was steered to the desired landing spot on the opposite bank.

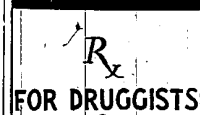
The tanks could be used to carry troops, or to form the sections of a pontoon bridge over which men could cross and invade a city.

The book, which was printed in Paris, with the text in both French and Italian, was purchased in England for the Transportation Library by John S. Worley, professor of transportation engineering at the University and founder and curator of the library.

AUTO DEATHS INCREASE IN 1940

Automobile fatalities for 1940 were 1,662 as compared with 1,536 for 1939, according to the Michigan Department of Health. It was the second successive increase but, still well under the all-time high of 2,175 automobile deaths in 1937. December auto deaths were 141 compared with 159 in November.

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