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By Mrs. Dean Eckert
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Just a quiet, country road by summer. But what a demon it becomes when the mercury skids up. And what our city friends don't think about our suburban atmosphere now! Multiply your road by several hundred and you can understand why the Oakland County Road Commission is having headaches these days. Their telephone wires were kept plenty hot, at least, and — rather ironically — it appears that those folks who didn't bother to bother them are the ones who receive the nice loads of gravel in front of their homes.

Our neighbors on the other side of Eight Mile Road are having their problems these days, too, though we understand their roads are kept up better, since they are "Wayne County". As residents of Livonia Township they're tossing back and forth the pros and cons of incorporation. If they do decide to become the town of Livonia it is true that our Clarenceville High, which is located within Livonia Township, would not be affected. After all, Clarenceville is already a "fractional school district", composed of three townships in two counties. So what difference could one more political boundary make?

Incorporation of these so-called rural communities, it appears, is a question which comes up quite frequently. With Detroit eyeing us hungrily on one side and Farmington on the other, we wonder just how long our rural state and low taxes will last.

Not to be outdone by her husband and son, Mrs. Allan Hallock took her turn last week as an appendectomy patient. She returned from Jennings Hospital in Detroit Tuesday and is on the mend rapidly. She's spending her days now next door under the watchful eye of Mother Hallock (Mrs. Otto), who is staying inside these days nursing her high blood pressure. Helen and son-in-law John Keith in turn are keeping a watchful eye on mother. The Keiths have an apartment upstairs.

Mrs. Thomas Wilson of 25430 Power Street was guest of honor at a cradle shower Friday evening. Mrs. Robert Dennis was hostess at her home on Dresden, another of those streets where you can drive in part of the time but can't most of the time.

The envelope was torn open in haste and the tiny birth announcement brought screams of exclamation. It was postmarked Holly, Michigan, and arrived at the Donald Ruff home last week. Why it should be so avidly awaited you'll soon understand. For the past twenty-some days the little announcements have been arriving, one after another edged in pink as the six neices arrived. Then after graduation and wedding announcements cleared away more pink-edged announcements began filling the mail as the six daughters presented their by-now-resigned Dad with lovely little granddaughters. So, last week it was decided about time for daughter number six to have her try and she decided to outdo her older sister. Her announcements hailed twins — both girls, of course.

We sat down, glancing about the huge hotel dining room at the other "high hostesses" assembled from Detroit and suburban communities. Then we started talking with the lady in the veiled hat who was seated across the table. She looked vaguely familiar, though most folks do even in the "strangest" crowds. "Where are you from?" we finally asked. "Farmington," she replied, then noting our facial expression, hastily added, "That's a small community about fifteen miles from here. I live outside the town on Eight Mile Road —".

"And you run a greenhouse?" we interrupted, embarrased. For we had recognized this woman as Mrs. Anna Keller, our close-by neighbor, with whom we have had many long chats on the phone. So illustrates the life of a rural news reporter who is apt to know everything — but see nothing.

Starting their third week as sunlovers at Tampa, Florida, are the Dan Elliotts of 21110 Roosevelt, who spend their vacation there every year about this time. Mr. Elliott, though convalescing from an operation, drove his car all the way and they expect to return about March 1. Let's hope they can drive in when they get here.

We've all grown used to parking our cars on the highways and plowing afoot through our muddy streets home. But now the business of leaving cars has grown more unpleasant than the bumpy business of walking. Pranksters have discovered on outlet for their whims, the latest trick in this neighborhood being the breaking-off of a lovely chrome swan from the hood of Allan Snider's new car. That's adding insult to injury.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Weycker and children, Edward and Dianne, of Ithaca, were visiting the Robert Watwoods on Middlebelt Road Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lahr of 28910 Lost Street spent their Sunday at the home of son Jack, at Howell. Grandchildren Johnny, Tommy, and Judy, of course, were the main attraction. Mr. and Mrs. Lahr, you know, are one of our "first settlers". They moved here from Detroit 28 years ago this June, residing in the home now occupied by the Guy Buzzo family at 28920 List. The neighborhood looked pretty bare in those days, with just one other house on List Street, now occupied by the Harry Shafers. Since their move here, the Lahrs and their three children, Fred, Jr., Jack, and Dorothy (Mrs. Earl Bracken of List Street) have added five more homes to our growing community, which is a pretty good record for one family, we think.

It's "Happy Birthday" to Dad up there at Ionia who is receiving his first issue of a subscription of The Farmington Enterprise this week as a present from your reporter. Although this last paragraph is dedicated to his surprise, you readers who have managed to follow through to this point might be interested in knowing that you, dear readers, are the "cause of it all". For, since Meadowbrook started Murmuring about seven months ago, the news-filled letters going up home have been fewer and farther between. So, when the annual letter from Dad arrived last week, sounding tear-stained because of lack of attention, we hastily donned our thinking cap. Solution: A subscription to The Enterprise. How much more news could they ask for?

So, help us out, friend. Phone us your news and keep it coming. We'll never know unless you tell us.

School Nurse Attends Red Cross Conference

Mrs. Opal Imonen, Farmington school nurse, attended the Red Cross Instructors' Conference at the Oakland County Health Center in Royal Oak, Michigan, Thursday and Friday, January 26 and 27. Mrs. Edward Moseman, director of the nursing section of the American Red Cross for Oakland County, accompanied her. Miss Bess Olmsted, a Red Cross leader from St. Louis, Missouri, was in charge of the conference. J. P.

West Point Park News

By MISS L. A. AULT
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John Mercer, formerly of Seven Mile Road, but now of Hawthorne, California, is reported to have been seriously ill since Christmas. He is now much improved. The Mercers like their new home, but wish they had settled farther south where it would not be so cold in winter. The temperature was lower in California than in Detroit for several days, they report.

Mrs. Clarence Hull, once of West Point Park, is visiting her sister on a farm in New York State. She writes that since before Christmas, the temperature there has been around 70. She expressed sympathy for the Detroiters, who, she hears, have been plagued with ice and sleet.

In the lawns all over West Point Park, tulips are coming up. Stars of Bethlehem, "Johnny Jump-Ups", and other plants are also showing themselves. It would not be surprising if we found dandelions blooming for St. Valentine's Day.

Mrs. Emerson Ault was the Wednesday afternoon guest of her sister, Mrs. John Ackermann, in Wayne.

Mrs. I. J. Magner suffered a bad attack of flu this last week.

Pat Reddy of Farmington Road has now recovered from an attack of flu.

Al Hardy and his youngest son were Tuesday guests of Mr. Hardy's mother, Mrs. Christena Rehahn.

Mrs. Charles A. Armstrong was visiting her sister, Mrs. Maude Gallagher, in Glenbrook Hospital Tuesday.

Miss Marion Bolyard and Mrs. Joseph Roberts were visiting Mrs. Robert's daughter, Mrs. Robert Padot, in Monroe Wednesday.

Mrs. Louis Graham and Mrs. Clinton Ault were calling at the Malcolm-Palmer Home on 13 Mile Road last Wednesday.

Mrs. John Miller of Seven Mile Road has been named chairman for the Pierson School Girl Scouts and Brownies.

Freda Ault has been ill all week with a throat infection.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ring of Detroit were calling again recently at the home of Mrs. Ring's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Varhol, on Shadyside Avenue. The Rings will be leaving for a vacation trip which will take them to Alabama for a visit and back by way of New York, where they will be guests of friends.

Mrs. Edwin L. Johnson, of Clarita Avenue, is taking her first air flight this week end. She will go to Akron and spend eight or nine days with relatives. Her mother, Mrs. M. E. Ault, will care for the Johnson home and children during her daughter's absence.

The Safety Patrol of Pierson School gave a tea at the school last Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m.

Mothers of first-graders in Pierson School look forward joyfully to Monday when full day sessions begin for the youngsters. Having a child home forenoons only has proven a nuisance to all concerned.

Norfolk and Hubbard were considered too risky for the school bus on Thursday. School children walked to Eight Mile and caught the bus there. Since then roads have been sanded and scraped and are greatly improved.

The "between semester" season brought double holidays to many boys and girls this week — some had to take exams, others didn't.

The Stanges visited the Griffiths in Dearborn last Sunday.

Mrs. Clyde Buckingham and son Wallis were Detroit visitors Friday.

A little celebration honoring the 15th birthday of Alice Jane Vance was in order at the Vance home on Mayfield last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. George Sandau arranged a celebration for last Tuesday evening honoring the 9th birthday of her daughter, Esther Mae. The affair was held at the Sandau residence on Hubbard Avenue.

Mrs. Herman Schult also arranged a celebration last Wednesday evening honoring the fifth birthday of her daughter Janet.

Mrs. Austin Ault, Mrs. Harry Wolfe, and Mrs. Ford are among the recent flu victims.

About 25 women gathered in the Neighborhood Church last Monday afternoon for a talk and discussion on the incorporation question. Prayer opened the meeting. Harry Wolfe was the speaker. Most of those present were desirous to learn whether, in case of corporation, mail service would continue good and roads and transportation facilities improved. Pierson School PTA discussed the incorporation question Thursday night. Apparently, the population is about equally divided on the question.

The boys and girls group of the Neighborhood Church will hold their annual Grab-Bag Valentine exchange February 10 at the church.

Mrs. E. W. Stange entertained the Sunshine Sisters at her home last Wednesday afternoon. Next Sunshine meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Christena Rehahn on Mayfield Avenue. It will take the form of a Valentine party.

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