

JACK MINER ASKS AID FOR BIRD LIFE

If men and women would treat birds as they deserve to be treated, there would be no need for them to fly from the Arctic to the south each year, said Jack Miner, famous Canadian naturalist, in an address last night at Metropolitan M. E. church, Detroit.

Birds fly long distances for protection from their enemies, he said. If human beings fed them without ulterior motives, birds would come to realize mankind as their friends and they would not need to change their habitats so frequently or fly such long distance.

By "ulterior motives," he referred to those who fed birds for the purpose of shooting them and not with the object of letting them increase.

"Having no book-learning," Miner told his audience, "I was obliged to go out into the fields and the forests and the swamps and observe things for myself. In this way I approached my subject from an unbiased standpoint and learned much that is not scientifically known."

The lecture was illustrated with motion pictures.

Midland Test Well For Oil Proves Dry

Another oil venture undertaken by the Saginaw Prospecting company, near Midland, has proven to be dry in the Berea sand at a depth of 2,442 feet, some 600 feet deeper than oil has been encountered here in the same formation.

The drilling was undertaken in Midland because of the occasional showings of oil in the numerous salt wells in that locality.

It is possible that the Midland well will be sunk to the Saginaw and Dundee sand levels in an effort to strike oil.

Housewife Becomes Head of Large Machine Works



Mrs. Terry Stafford, who operates a machine shop.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—From scrutinizing the hang of curtains and inspecting the polish of floors in a household to supervising the operations of a machine shop is a decided change for a woman of the matronly age. But such a change was successfully made by Mrs. Terry Stafford, widow of the founder of a machine works.

Mr. Stafford was the first motor car builder west of the Mississippi river. At one time he manufactured the Stafford car. Mr. Stafford found, however, he could provide a more profitable business doing machine work for motor car concerns and individual owners.

When Mr. Stafford died in October, 1925, Mrs. Stafford was confronted with the problem of selling the business—the largest of its kind in the

city—or continuing it on a paying basis.

"I knew if I sold out, the machinery would have to be sacrificed and many men would be thrown out of work," Mrs. Stafford said. "As Mr. Stafford spent so many years building up the business I decided to continue it, following his policy of giving the best service possible."

It was no easy task for Mrs. Stafford to learn the business. But she dug in and learned the ins and outs of the trade. Learning the trade names of the various operations engaged in by the machine works was like going to school again for Mrs. Stafford.

She is a quiet, unassuming and dignified woman. She has entire charge of the shop. Those under her say she is as efficient in her new work as she was in the former days as mistress of her household.

ALBION CO-ED GLEE CLUB IS SELECTED

Under the direction of Miss Harriet Sperry, head of the department of voice of the conservatory of music of Albion college, 24 young women have been chosen for the St. Cecilia club, the college co-ed glee club. The first appearance of the club will be in February. The personnel is:

First soprano—Edna Davies, Toledo, O.; Eula Dodds, Saranac; Mildred Freeman, Grand Rapids; Bernice B. Kleinhans, St. Louis; Zura Major, Mary Seaton and Evelyn Thrall, all of Albion; Kathleen White, Jackson.

Second soprano—Margaret Adair, Wyandotte; Florence Brown, McBain; Elizabeth Huston, Ludington; Glenn M. McDermott, Traverse City; Dorothe Moore, Corning, O.; Alberta Phillips, Coldwater; Erma Scott, McBain; Helen Webster, Detroit.

Alto—Gwendolyn Andrews, Albion; Julie De Journo, Allentown, Pa.; Rossella Link, Flint; Dorothy Neller, Lansing; Marceline, Owosso; Janie Shoults, Pontiac; Ortha Smith, Toledo, O.; and Ann A. Varty, Flint.

FEDERAL ROUTE WORRIES TOWN

Towns on M13 north of Cadillac which will be cut off the route of the proposed federal highway US131 as it turns off to M11 at a point near Fife lake are not at all pleased, and want the tentative route changed.

According to local highway authorities, word from the department at Washington is that final action has not been entered on the records but as Michigan now has a larger percentage of the federal interstate highway system than some other states it is unlikely applications for minor changes would receive favorable consideration.

Northern points evidently feel some doubt they will continue to receive federal aid if their cities are not on the interstate route but it appears the aid is giving on principal trunklines, of which M13 is one, and the new method of designation by federal numerals in no way would interfere with federal help where it now is being received.

All Hands Turn to Help with Church

Virtually every able-bodied man in this transplanted French-Canadian village of Lake Leelanau volunteered to cut wood when it was discovered the supply for St. Mary's Catholic church and St. Mary's convent had become dangerously low.

A committee of business men and farmers solicited their neighbors, a farmer offered standing timber, women served hot coffee and 75 choppers and sawyers felled, cut, split and stacked 60 cords of wood in seven hours.

POEMS I LOVE

"Hora Christi," by Alice Brown. To me, this is one of the most beautiful Christmas poems ever written. It appeared originally in Harper's Magazine, and I committed it to memory. Afterwards, I heard others quote it, and it has never left me.

Sweet is the time for joyous folk Of gifts and minstrelsy; Yet I, O lowly-hearted One, Crave but Thy company. On lonesome road, beset with dread, My questing lies afar. I have no light, save in the east The gleaming of Thy star.

In cloistered aisles they keep today Thy feast, O living Lord! With pomp of banner, pride of song, And stately sounding word. Mute stand the kings of power and place, While priests of holy mind Dispense Thy blessed heritage Of peace to all mankind.

I know a spot where budless twigs Are bare above the snow. And where sweet winter-loving birds Flit softly to and fro; There with the sun for altar-fire, The earth for kneeling-place, The gentle air for chorister, Will I adore Thy face.

Loud, underneath the great blue sky, My heart shall pean sing, The gold and myrrh of meekest love Mine only offering. Bliss of Thy birth shall quicken me; And for Thy pain and dole Tears are but vain, so I will keep The silence of the soul. (Copyright by the Macmillan Co. Poem reprinted by permission of the publishers and Miss Brown).

SPEED OF BIRDS GAUGED BY AUTO

Scientists have recently conducted numerous experiments to determine the rates of speed at which various species of birds fly. In most of these the automobile has figured as the medium of speed measurement, and though little exact data have been gathered, many fairly accurate estimates have been made and much interesting information acquired.

Professor Lynds Jones of Oberlin, clocked the flight rates of many birds during a recent 11,000-mile national tour made for the purpose of studying bird habits. Despite repeated trials he was able to gauge with absolute accuracy the speed of only one group of birds, a flock of gulls that flew parallel to his course along a Pacific coast highway. The birds made 29 miles an hour, steadily for 20 miles.

Other birds that he paced did not fly with him long enough to give him exact figures although he was able to make some close calculations. He figures that the average speed of most song birds is between 25 and 30 miles an hour.

Other scientists have fixed the flight speed of the English sparrow at 30 miles per hour, as nearly as they could determine, that of the mourning dove at 35 and a tame pigeon at 33.

Allegan Probate Judge Remembers Youngsters

Probate Judge Charles Thew has decided he will add to each of the 76 mothers who receive mothers' pensions from his office the sum of \$2.25. If there is more than one child in the family 25 cents additional will be added for each child, recommending that the additional sum be spent to gladden the hearts of the youngsters at Christmas time. Judge Thew always has been interested in the welfare of children.

School Board Bars Play Smoking Scenes

The Kalamazoo board of education has banned cigaret smoking and drinking scenes in plays presented in the Central high school auditorium. Considerable discussion preceded this edict. The board members after consideration deemed it unwise to allow plays depicting smoking and drinking to be given when efforts already have been made to keep high school students from smoking.

BELDING GIRL IS EDITOR OF CENTRAL NORMAL ANNUAL

Miss Gaynell Emery of Belding and Milton O. Clark of Alpena have been chosen as editor-in-chief and business manager, respectively, of the Chipewa, student year book published at Central Michigan Normal.

The editor and business manager will appoint their assistants and will announce the staff at the beginning of the winter term. Miss Emery and Clark are upper class students at Central. Miss Emery formerly was secretary to Miss Bertha N. Roman, dean of women.

Soviet Educator



Photo just received from Moscow of Mme. N. K. Krupskaja, woman head of the political-educational department of the people's commissariat federation in Russia.

Another prohibition yarn from England runs as follows: "What was it the rich man called for in hell?" demanded the frantically excited temperance lecturer. "Was it whiskey? No! Was it rum? No. It was water, clear, cold, sparkling water from some brook or mountain stream. Now, brothers, what does that show?" And the mild person in the crowd remarked: "It shows where all you teetotal fellows go to!"

New Belt Fad



By MME. LISBETH The brigand belt, illustrated above, is said to be a new fad of fair women. In reality these belts are a flashback for they were worn a number of years ago.

As pictured the belt is made of patent leather but they are made of all materials and range in width from five to eight inches. They are worn with afternoon or evening clothes.

FASHION WHIMSIES

After a lapse of years broadcloth is once more being used for evening wraps. White broadcloth with pliable gold elather was used by Lelong to make one of his loveliest ensembles. Tangerine duveteen outland with black satin makes a handsome negligee in wraparound style. If you wish to further enhance the color scheme black embroidery and appliques may be added in border design along the hem and down the front.

A practical type combination brassiere and girdle is being sold in double layers of net in white or pastel shades. It crosses behind and the tapering ends are finished with a loop and fasten under the arm. There is a short tape in front to which the net is gathered, giving a fitted effect. The fancy ones have lace trimmings while the plainer models are finished with linen binding.

The latest and most novel idea in boutonieres is a flower of colored glass beads, like jewels, shells and mother of pearl wired in the form of natural flowers. These are small and dainty, but the large flowers, conventionalized chrysanthemums and a variety of other blossoms in silver gauze or feathers, are also worn. They are now being successfully done in beautiful colors.

Lace trimmed georgette dresses with flared skirt and lace appearing in flounces on the skirt and in back yokes are favorites. Black is liked also orchid and pale green in combination with metallic lace.

A new note in rainy weather wear was a two-piece suit of rubberized crepe de chine consisting of a jacket in blue and pleated skirt of mustard color with a black hem.

A new fad for the smart woman to indulge in is to consult a style advisor who, for a liberal fee, of course will make a study of her client's personality and prescribe the kind of clothes she should wear.

Suitable for the debutante is a frock of red and blue changeable taffeta in bouffant style with a deep bertha of gold lace and three red roses at the waist. The skirt is faced with American beauty satin.

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LIVING and LOVING

"HERE COMES THE BRIDE!" Youth may possess the gold and silver and jewels rare, but unless it knows romance, not yet has youth had from Life all that Life can offer. And all this finery becomes to it as so much brass and tinkling cymbals.

For it is love that makes the world go round, and it is romance that sets the mighty force in motion.

How are youth and romance to meet? Where and when?

In loggia bathed in moonlight! By steamer rail in bright noonday sun! On cool woodland trail at break of dawn!

Who knows? What matter details, so long as the meeting becomes a fait accompli? It is only when youth blindly, perhaps willfully, passes romance by, that the kind gods veil their faces.

However preliminaries differ, in essentials all that follows after is much the same.

First come the carefree days when man and maid find it pleasant enough merely to be together. Light banter. Lifting laughter. Why take things seriously when life is such fun?

But fate takes revenge upon triflers.

Less heedless times follow. The word spoken in idle jest takes on deeper meaning. Over nothing at all—just footsteps on the walk, jingling of telephone, peal of bell—breath catches in throat. Now ever behind the smile is the heart throb. "He loves me—he loves me not!"

Doubt assails hope until—The hour of hope's triumph, of glorious surety—"He loves me!"

Hearts are trumps, but at this stage of the game the wise lover leads with a diamond.

While the youngman's fancy turns to love the older man's is concerned with more prosaic matters.

"Can you take care of my daughter?" Traditional fatherly and fearfully personal question.

"I'll do the best I can, sir. At least I can help your daughter to take care of herself. And she's welcome to all of my name if she'll take it."

Thus answers the modern suitor. And it is about what had expected. After all, it might be worse, and so he gives his consent and mother adds her blessing.

A rare day. Skies of azure. Sun shining as brightly as Sun can!

One house of all others with a festive air.

Gay awning stretching to the street!

Wide doorway, invitingly open. Guests entering.

Within, a table laid with tempting viands, smilax trailing over snowy cloth, frosted cake in the centre.

Glittering array of treasure in a room apart.

Chattering. Laughter. Steps passing and repassing up and down the winding stairway.

Whiff of orange blossom. Floating chiffon, rainbow colored. Belated, breathless bridesmaid.

Suddenly an expectant hush. Low sweet strains of music.

Rapt attention—"Here comes the bride!"

Casual notice—"And here comes the groom!"

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, romance without end.

The prologue is over! The play is on!

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FERRET IS TARGET OF PROPOSED LAW

Plans for three important conservation measures, the passage of which the Michigan Conservation Congress will endeavor to secure during the coming session of the legislature, were announced by O. A. Mitchell of Flint, president of the congress. These measures are in addition to the legislative program adopted by the conservation body at its autumn convention in Saginaw in October.

The three proposed laws would abolish the keeping of ferrets in Michigan, would revoke the camp license privilege to deer hunters and would prohibit the shooting of spike bucks, a practice which results in many does being killed through error each year.

The first measure, as outlined by Mr. Mitchell, would make it unlawful to transport, possess or sell a ferret in the state of Michigan. It would provide a penalty of a \$50 to \$100 fine, or imprisonment from 30 to 90 days, or both at the discretion of the court, upon conviction of violation.

The law would further provide that a number of ferrets be kept at the state game farm for the purpose of ridding certain fruit growing sections of the state from rabbits and other rodents in the following manner:

The fruit grower to apply in writing to either the local deputy warden or to the state conservation department for a ferret for this purpose; the local warden to make an investigation and if conditions warrant he will make application to the department for the ferret. The warden will work with the ferret muzzled and all rabbits taken shall be caught in bags or nets alive, transported to other sections and released.

Professional rat catchers, if there are any in the state, would be bonded under the proposed measure.

The second measure proposes the repeal of that portion of the deer law allowing a camp of four or more hunters a deer under a camp license, in addition to the deer allowed each of them singly.

"Such action would save approximately 3,000 to 5,000 bucks each year," Mr. Mitchell says in commenting on the proposed repeal. "Most important of all, it would stop the abuse of the privilege. At the present time the camp license allows the hunter to roam through the deer territory with his rifle after he has killed his deer, his argument being that he is out to fill the camp license. However, it is generally acknowledged that he is far more likely to be out to kill a deer for another fellow who is unable to get his own."

The proposed measure, relating to the killing of spike horn bucks would make it illegal to kill any deer except bucks with prong horns, the prongs to be not less than three inches in length. This, Mr. Mitchell believes, would eliminate to a great extent the killing of does by error, as hunters now are encouraged to take a chance at shooting a deer, the antlers of which cannot be seen, in hope it may prove a spike horn.

He points out that it is seldom possible to see the antlers of a spike buck while the animal is running through the woods and most spike horn deer are killed on the chance that after they are shot they will be found to have antlers.

Muskegon 'Phone Firm Official Goes to Britain

A. B. Clark, superintendent of plant and construction of the United Home Telephone Co., leaves Muskegon in January, with Mrs. Clark, for London, England. He will enter the employ of the Theodore Gary Co., which operates the Associated Telephone & Telegraph companies in Great Britain, as engineer.

Mr. Clark was born in Grand Rapids, where he started in telephone work. He has been employed by the United Home Telephone Co. for the past 22 years.

Children's Pictorial Cross Word Puzzle



Running Across.
Word 1. What is it that the old proverb says the stone in the picture does not gather?
Word 4. What is the science or art of exact reasoning called?
Word 5. The name of one of the Great Lakes.

Running Down.
Word 1. A beverage.
Word 2. With what do we sweeten food?
Word 3. Pain.

U. S. Census Bureau Records Reveal Growth of Radio

The substantial basis on which present day radio installations are being made, as well as the increasing interest in and demand for radio equipment, has just been revealed by the United States Census Bureau in figures covering the latest census of radio manufacturers. We quote from a press bulletin as follows:

"These figures show a decline in the production of crystal sets and headphones, but a tremendous increase in the output of multiple-tube receiving sets and of radio speakers. The mounting sales of high grade sets is held to indicate that the public has definitely adopted radio as a permanent investment, and is buying sets that will give efficient long time service. More than ten times the number of tube type radio receiving sets were manufactured in 1925 than in 1923 (the last preceding census), according to the government figures, which give the production for 1925 as 2,180,622 sets—a 1,045 per cent increase over the 1923 output. The production of radio speakers, 2,606,866, was more than four times that of 1923, when 623,146 radio speakers were produced, the census figures show. Five times the number of radio tubes were made in 1925, the report giving the value of the 23,934,658 tubes produced at \$20,437,283. This stupendous increase in production of radio apparatus brought the 1925 figure up to \$170,390,572, more than three times that of 1923 when the total output was valued at \$54,000,470. The government's figures are more than confirmed by reports from the industry. The official figures made public by the Department of Commerce show an increase of 215 per cent in the value of radio equipment produced last year over two years previously, the number of tube type receiving sets having increased 1,045 per cent and the number of speakers 318 per cent."

Large State Park Is O.K.'d

Purchase of 12,900 acres of land in Otsego and Cheboygan counties for state park and hunting reserve was favored by the state conservation commission, Thursday.

The land, owned by an Alpena lumber firm, is adjacent to the 6,400 acre state forest in Otsego county and is abundantly supplied with deer and elk. The Pigeon, Sturgeon and Black rivers, all excellent trout streams, pass through the district.

Acquisition of the land would make the Otsego forest one of the largest in the state, according to Johns Baird, director of conservation. The land has been held under option by the department for several years but the price of \$4 an acre has been considered too high. The commission voted to pay \$3.75 an acre and establishment of the park is contingent upon acceptance of that price by the present owners.

Extreme Cold Weather Is Hard On Bee Colonies

Extremely cold weather is often disastrous to bees. Many colonies, however, may be saved from smothering by an immediate visit from the owner.

When the weather is cold enough to kill bees the dead bees fall down on the bottom board and tend to stop up the hive entrance, which causes air circulation to be either hampered or stopped. Moisture finally accumulates on the dead mass and completely cuts off ventilation. No colony of bees will survive long without air.

The entrance should be visited and the bees removed from the entrance with a narrow stick. The colony should not be disturbed more than necessary in the operation. As soon as the weather is warm enough it would be good practice to remove and scrape all bottom boards. Then see that all colonies are sloped well to the entrance, to allow drainage of condensed moisture.

Zero weather is liable to cause great activity in the colony wintered on the open stand. During such weather the bees may be distinctly heard when one is several feet from the hive. This activity results in larger consumption of food. The bee keeper should remember that every pound of honey consumed results in an equal volume of water being respired. This water must be removed through the entrance or it will condense and freeze at the opening. Such freezing prevents air circulation and causes the death of the colony.

Marshall Girl Wins Contest at Albion

First place in the Albion college women's oratorical contest and the right to represent the school at the state intercollegiate contest at Olivet next March, went to Miss Eleanor O'Keefe, a freshman from Marshall. Miss Theresa Combelleck of Iron Mountain took second place, while Miss Alberta Wocholz of Albion won third. The winners were awarded cash prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10.

A lawyer and a doctor were arguing the relative merits of their callings: "I don't claim that all lawyers are villains," said the doctor, "but you'll have to admit that your profession doesn't make angels of men." "No," reported the lawyer; "you doctors certainly have the best of us there."—The Outlook.

MY TRUCK HAS PAID ITS WAY FOUR TIMES OVER

By C. R. OVIATT

Who Owns the 135-Acre Sunnyside Farm at Bay City, Mich. (Reprinted by Permission Farm and Fireside)

My auto truck makes it possible for me to run my 135-acre beet, stock and general farm with only one man and very little extra help.

I bought it five years ago for \$500—second-hand. During that time I have hauled 2,000 tons of beets. The saving in trucking charges of \$1 a ton has paid for it four times over. And the money I get doing odd jobs for neighbors defrays one-half to three-quarters of an operating cost which runs less than 10 cents a mile. For outside work I get 20 cents a mile.

Two years ago, for example, the mud delayed my beet harvest, yet I got my crop out on time and without trouble by hooking a team to the front end of my truck and using it for field loading. In this way I delivered 500 tons of beets to the factory at Bay City, four miles away, without serious delay for wet weather.

Besides, the time I made by being able to work despite the soggy ground gave me a chance to do a little better job of fall plowing and other work that usually is rushed before the weather gets too cold.

When I bought the truck it had two bodies—a stock rack and a grain or beet box, which had cost about \$100 to build. These bodies gave it a wider variety of work to do and I try in every way to arrange things so it can work fast.

For handling beets I build a tramway out from the approach to the second



C. R. OVIATT

floor of the barn. A team-drawn dump wagon is loaded in the field, driven up the barn approach and backed onto the tramway, underneath which the truck has been set. The beets fall into the truck body without forking. This eliminates the second handling and helps a lot in maintaining our record of 25 tons of beets delivered to the factory in a day. Using a team it would take three days to haul the same amount.

During the five years I have had the machine I've come to rely on it more and more, especially where speed is a factor.

M. S. C. Horses Rank With Nation's Best

That the horses in the herds of Michigan State college rank with the best animals of these breeds in America is shown by the final summary of prizes won by the college livestock at the recent International Livestock show in Chicago. The fat cattle, sheep and hogs shown by the institution were also well up in the list of winners at the show.

Percherons exhibited won first on the yearling stallion, Corvial; first on five-year-old mare, Maple Grove Leila first on three-year-old mare, Utelem; second on two-year-old mare, Marion; first on stallion and three mares; first on American bred stallion and three mares; first on three mares; reserve junior champion stallion, Corvial; reserve junior champion mare, Delila; and senior and grand champion mare, Maple Grove Leila.

The I. S. C. winners in the Belgian classes were: First on two-year-old mare, Manitta de Rubis; fifth on two-year-old mare, Naome de Rubis; second on yearling mare in the futurity class, Belle Phoenix; third on stallion and three mares; third on three mares and junior champion mare, Manitta de Rubis.

In the fat stock classes the college won firsts on Oxford wether lambs, on pen of three Oxford wether lambs, on pen of three Tamworth hogs, and also had the champion pen of Tamworths. In carcass classes firsts were won on senior yearling steer carcasses on hog carcass, weight 200 to 300 pounds, and on hog carcass, weight 300 to 400 pounds.

Muskegon Moose Temple, Two Stores Burn; Loss Is \$150,000

Fire which originated in the ceiling between the first and second floors of the three-story Moose Temple on Western ave., Muskegon, destroyed the building with a loss estimated at \$150,000. There was no one in the building at the time.

A small explosion in the Arntz sport store on the ground floor of the building gave the first alarm of a fire and fifteen engines from Muskegon and Muskegon Heights responded to the first and second calls. Flames spread up through the building to the lodge and assembly floors of the temple and within 10 minutes after the fire was discovered the entire building was in flames.

The fire spread to two adjoining stores, destroying stock valued at \$90,000, partially insured. The building was insured for \$65,000. Near zero weather hampered the work of fighting the flames.

Suit to Recover Dividends Begun

Suit to recover nearly \$579,000, alleged to have been paid illegally as dividends on common stock of the Grand Rapids, Grand Haven & Muskegon Railway company, has been instituted in district court by the Grand Rapids Trust company, receiver of the railway company, against the United Light and Power company. These dividends, it is alleged, were paid out during the 11 years ending in 1923, during which the defendant company had control of the railway property. The receiver is attempting also to recover about \$200,000 said to have been obtained by the United Light and Power company through certain contracts relative to management, engineering and other services.

Expect Peppermint Oil To Rise to \$15 a Pound

A peppermint grower who visited the storage plant at South Bend, Ind., states there is no doubt but the price of the oil will go to about \$15 per pound. About all the growers in southwestern Michigan are members of the storage company.

Last year the price reached \$30 and \$35 per pound after dealers had bought the crop from growers and this year the growers are storing oil at South Bend, believing they will benefit by the move.

Seed Spud Sales Unusually Heavy

Michigan certified seed potato growers are making heavier shipments this year to the lower central and eastern states than last year, according to a report given by the sales manager at a meeting of the board of directors of the Michigan Certified Seed Potato Growers' association in the offices of the Michigan Potato Growers exchange here.

During cold weather, said Sales Manager Fred Hibst, few seed potatoes are shipped, but the fall sale was exceedingly good and as warmer weather approaches next spring a much readier market is anticipated.

Michigan seed is popular in the potato growing sections of the eastern and southern states.

Grouse Starts Budding When Deep Snow Falls

Deep snow may bring great hardship to quail, pheasant and many other of the feathered folks by covering the seeds on which they depend for food, but at least one bird has no worries on that score. He is the partridge, created to live in the northern forests and fitted by nature to survive regardless of the depth of the winter drifts.

With the coming of deep snow the partridges start budding, or feeding on buds of aspen and other trees. They fly up into the trees, perch on the branches and pick off the winter buds, craning their necks to reach the outer twigs.

Native of Borneo To Attend Albion

Sidney Ellis, a native of Borneo, Malay archipelago, has completed a trip of nearly two months from the faroff point of Asia, to come to Albion college where he will be a student next semester. Ellis, after living in Borneo until seven years ago, went to Singapore to complete his education. He made the long trip to Albion by way of Colombo, Port Said, Marseilles, Paris, London and New York.

The young man is the second Bornean to come to Albion this year, his cousin, Ernest Anderson, having entered the Methodist college in September. The young men will be roommates.

Heir to \$1,700 Estate Found in West Canada

Legal publication started by probate court here some time ago to find James F. Hewton, heir to a \$1,700 estate which has been held in probate for a number of years awaiting communication from him, has been located in western Canada.

Word recently received from him advises the court to proceed with the hearing and he will appear personally or be represented by the legal satisfaction of the court.

Dairy Farmers Benefit From New Eskimo Pie

A new use for dairy butter has been found and it will replace coconut butter which comes from the south sea islands. This should be a welcome bit of news for all of the men who milk cows. The new use for butter is in the chocolate coating for Eskimo pies.

Eskimo pies are made by coating a small piece of ice cream with a chocolate preparation. To some it might seem that so little butter could be used in this way that the consequence would be negligible. It has been found, however, that if all of the coconut butter used in coating Eskimo pies could be replaced with dairy butter, and if the average person in the United States ate only an average of one Eskimo pie each year, it would create a new market for 2,825,000 pounds of dairy butter. It is very likely that the average number of Eskimo pies eaten is much greater than one each year per capita.

The discovery of the formula for substituting dairy butter for coconut butter is due to three men in the dairy department of Iowa State College at Ames. These men are C. A. Iverson, Dr. L. T. Anderegg and Dr. W. D. Elliott.

Some indications of the possible importance of the new discovery is to be found in the sales of Eskimo pies at Ames. The new pie has doubled in sales over the old. This is true at Ames even though in many sections the sale of Eskimo pies has been steadily decreasing. In Ames it has been on the increase for several months, since the new product arrived on the market.

Customers like the taste of the new Eskimo pie and will buy it in preference to the old. The two were offered for sale in Ames and without exception the buyers took the new pie. Another advantage of the new coating is that it is actually more nutritious and more easily digested than the old. The new coating is not so brittle as the old. The coating made with coconut butter will break to pieces and fall away from the ice cream when one bites into it. This does not occur with the coating in which dairy butter is used.

There are other possible ways in which dairy butter may replace coconut butter, ideas for which have grown out of this discovery of the new Eskimo pie coating. For instance, in many places "lollipops" are now being sold. Lollipops are a small piece of ice cream on a stick which has been dipped in a chocolate preparation. Dairy butter also may well be used to replace coconut butter in chocolate candy coatings.

The methods and recipe for making the new chocolate coating using dairy butter will soon be described in a new leaflet and circular, and this will make it possible for ice cream manufacturers and others to know of the superior qualities of the new product. Through this means it is hoped by the Iowa State College men that a very large market may be created for the use of dairy butter. Using more dairy butter, in turn, means that more corn and other grains and feeds will be fed to dairy cows, and this will help both the grain and livestock farmer.

Out of this little discovery of substituting dairy butter for coconut butter may come many more dollars to the farmers.

Evart Library Being Viewed as Experiment

The Evart public library has been the recipient of two large gifts of books recently.

The library of the late Carrie E. Warren was given by her brothers, Herman D., and Edward F. Warren. Besides the books there are in this collection a number of volumes of Harper's magazine for 1864 and 1865 containing Civil War material.

The second gift consists of a number of books from the Wilmette, Ill., library, which were obtained through the courtesy of Mrs. Bertha Youngs Burrill.

At the Christmas meeting of the Woman's club many splendid volumes were added through the annual book shower. The library is maintained through the co-operation of the four small library units, the Osceola and Evart township libraries, the school library and the Woman's club library, and is being watched through the state as an experiment.

Mrs. De Pester—"Did you enjoy the flet mignon in Paris?"

Mrs. Nouveaux Rich—"Yes, I think it was the loveliest opera in the world."—Allston Recorder.

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle



OAT CHAMPION GETS 101 BUSHELS IN ACRE

The unofficial oat growing championship of Michigan this year goes to a Saginaw valley farmer, William Schweitzer of Bay City, whose yield of 964 bushels on 9 1/2 acres, slightly more than 101 bushels an acre, topped all yields recorded by the Michigan Crop Improvement association.

Schweitzer's oats were of the mix-strawed Worthy variety, developed several years ago at Michigan State college. He believes this variety is adapted particularly to his low-lying heavy, black soil, on which there always is a danger the crop may go flat before it ripens. The stiff straw obviates most of the danger, according to Schweitzer, and the variety has yielded well for him. This is the third successive year his oat crop has exceeded 95 bushels to the acre.

Statistics on yields over Michigan show Schweitzer produced as valuable a crop on his nine and one-half acres as does the average Michigan farmer on 29 1/2 acres.

Three Coast Guards on Job Total of 60 Years

The United States coast guard at Holland numbers three veterans, whose combined years of service total 60 years. Capt. Toft has rounded out 25 years at various stations, Hibe VanOort has completed 18 years, coming to the local station from White lake 15 years ago, and A. Fisher entered the service 17 years ago.

Capt. Toft is awaiting orders from headquarters as to whether the Holland station will remain open with a full crew during the winter, which was a new departure last winter.

Would Dedicate New Traverse P. M. Station

With the beautiful new Pere Marquette passenger terminal in Traverse City virtually completed an invitation has gone forward to officials of the Pere Marquette railway asking them to join with Traverse City in officially dedicating and celebrating the accomplishment.

The chamber of commerce has sent the invitation to Frank H. Alfred, general manager of the Pere Marquette railway in Detroit.

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Very close to Sunday of the week beginning January 9 we are expecting the weather in Michigan to become more settled with sunshine during the day and moonlight during early part of night. The temperatures at this time will range above the seasonal normal.

During Monday and Tuesday there will be renewed storms of rain, sleet or snow and high winds, followed by a small drop in the temperature. Thermal readings following this storm area are not expected to range much below 15 degrees above zero, with the probabilities they will not even drop that much.

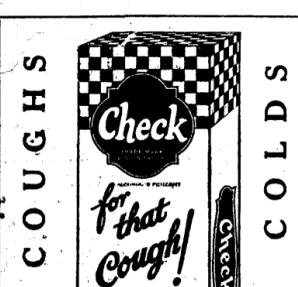
Temperatures will again be up by about Wednesday, should they show a tendency to drop previous to this so that readings over most parts of the lower peninsula of Michigan will be considerably above the freezing mark. During the greater part of Thursday and Friday there will be storms of wind, rain, sleet or snow in many parts of the state. Precipitation will not be as heavy during this storm period as during first week of month. We believe the main characteristics of this storm center will be cold weather that is expected to follow.

Grand Rapids Plans For Airport Festival

Mayor Elvia Swarthout today named a committee of 12 to take charge of preparations for the municipal celebration in connection with the inspection of the Grand Rapids airport, about January 15, by the First Pursuit group of the United States Air corps, Selfridge field. The committee includes representatives of the Grand Rapids Aero Club, board of supervisors, city commission and association of commerce.

Thugs Rob Conductor of Money and Lunch

Edward Symansky, a street car operator, was held up by two armed Negro bandits while he was going to work and relieved of \$16 in cash, \$4 in street car tokens and his lunch.



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"She will, if I do it every night. She's bound to catch the idea in time, if we don't get her some other way first. The only trouble is that somebody else might catch it, too. Still, we have to take some chances. You haven't thought of anything she'd recognize you by, have you?"

"Nothing that would do any good. We did have a secret alphabet when she was about twelve, and used to write each other notes in it."

"Bully!"
"We used to read it like print, but I'm not sure I could remember it now, and probably she's forgotten it, too. Besides, we couldn't get a note to her."

"We might. You never can tell. Let's write one or two, anyhow, so we'll be ready if the chance comes."
Not having provided themselves with stationery, he brought her some wrapping paper from the kitchen and bade her write down her alphabet while he changed into dry clothing, forgetting in the zest of the game his adjurations regarding her rest.

At first she could remember only that she had originally evolved a code from algebraic characters, supplemented by similar arbitrary signs culled from the back pages of a dictionary, and that the symbol of equality had been used to separate the words. But by the time Piggy came downstairs again, arrayed in the habiliments of his normal station in life, she had recalled most of it, and impelled by his urgency, finally filled in the remaining letters. Looking over her shoulder, this is what he saw:



"Three cheers!" He reached into his pocket for a notebook.

"What good will that do you?" she asked, as he began copying the characters.

"Dunno. Might come in handy. Now let's write her some notes. If one doesn't get through, another may. Better use torn bits of this brown paper, so if anybody else finds 'em they'll look like scraps of something. You write: 'Here waiting chance. Listen for whistle. Show light.' I'll write 'Night whistle signal. Answer with light.' Sign 'em both R." After experimenting a little, he added: "That sign between the words is a give-away. Shows it's a code. Better split 'em up into several lines. I'll show you."

Having written his message, he looked at it, grinning. "It will take some thinking to decode that. Golly! This cipher's a pippin! It's so darn arbitrary. Look." He handed her a scrap of paper bearing the following legend:



"That'll keep G. A. guessing awhile."

Roberta laughed. "It does look cryptic. If only she remembers it—and if we can get it to her!"

"Sure we'll get it to her."

He placed the notes carefully in his bill-fold, and considerably after midnight, cheered by his confidence, Roberta went to bed and to sleep.

The next morning, wincing from his lame muscles, Piggy visited the village store in a heavy downpour, to make inquiries about obtaining an automobile license. He learned that application should be made to the sheriff at the lower village, officially entitled Fitzwilliam Depot, a smaller settlement hugging the railway tracks—Fitzwilliam proper, like many New England hamlets, being situated at some distance from the station. When he returned to the house for the car, he said to Roberta, with a chuckle: "We've got to watch our step. They asked me at the store who was sick over here."

"Sick? Why?"
"Some woman looked out last night and saw a light in this house as late as twelve o'clock, and it's all over the village. They thought somebody must be dying. I told 'em you suffered from insomnia and sometimes sat up all night reading, but it's a good tip. When things begin to pop, we'll douse the lights. I may drive over to Keene after I see about this license and scout around a little. Perhaps I'll meet up with my friend Cody. Back when I get here."

CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR
Left alone with Janet, Roberta, refreshed by sound sleep and again buoyant, encouraged the old woman to talk. Already won by the girl's frank, friendly manner—though far from admitting this in words—and sympathizing with her anxiety for her sister, Janet vouchsafed a series of tales about the lad and his parents. At length, when the barriers seemed down, Roberta inquired, with a careless air:

"By the way, what's Mr. Brazenose's name? I've always heard him called Piggy, which is rather awful for a man like him. Is it Pygmalion?"

"Ask him," quoth Janet. As has been said, except for a strong burr and an occasional Scottish locution, she usually spoke uncolored English save in moments when excitement brought the dialect of her childhood to her tongue, or when she indulged herself with intimates. "His mother gave him his name, and I take it ill of him that he doesn't like it for her sake. Maybe he'll tell ye but ye'll not get it from me."
"Check!" said Roberta to herself,

her lids veiling twinkling eyes. Aloud she returned: "Oh, well, it doesn't matter. I just wondered."

But the virus of curiosity was working in her blood, and undeterred by the sad fate that once upon a time had overtaken several ladies of similar purpose, she resolved to gain admittance to the secret closet. That she might leave her head suspended by its long brown hair in the grizzly chamber occurred to her no more than to her unfortunate prototypes, and in any case she would have pictured herself as a triumphant blending of two legendary characters—she who lived to tell of turning that portentous key, and the lady who won a sultan's favor by her skilled loquacity. Not for nothing was Roberta a daughter of Eve and young.

Meanwhile, Percival Galahad, in the guise of Peter Brown, having learned from the sheriff that he might expect his New Hampshire license plates within a few days, drove to Keene, where he invested in rubber to the extent of a coat and boots, foreseeing a possible series of wet nights on Lookout Hill. Then he lounged about town, making acquaintances among the tradesmen and spreading the tidings that Mrs. Smith had settled in Fitzwilliam for the winter. When he was told that Wednesday afternoon was a half holiday and that all the shops would close, he abandoned his plan to remain through the day in the hope that Cody would appear, and was about to return to his base when he caught sight of Scott's man guiding a high, box-like Ford through the main street.

"Hey, Jim!" he yelled.
Cody waved a hand and turned the nose of his vehicle toward the curb, parking in the local fashion. Piggy surveyed the conveyance with a humorously saturnine eye.

"Come to that, have you?"
"Well, the old man keeps one up here for marketing and such. These roads shake a real car all to pieces. Lizzies ain't so bad for a hick country."

"Maybe. Never drove one myself." Having thus established his own lofty position, Piggy tactfully came down to common footing. "How about a drink?"

"Surest thing you know! Guess I've got time. Cody looked at his watch before leading the way to a barroom. At that time these social centers still flourished, even in New Hampshire. "What you doin' here on a day like this?"

"Tryin' to forget Fritz. What brought you in?"
"Errands for the women. Everything in this burg shuts up tight Wednesday afternoons, an' o' course they were all out o' yarn and embroidery cotton an' stuff. Couldn't possibly ha' thought of it yesterday, when I had to come in anyhow. They ain't got nothin' else to do, an' they make enough fancy junk to stock a dozen church affairs. Miss Scott knits her head off an' Celia embroiders things. Gawd, it's a gay life!"

Piggy's eyes lighted with a triumphant gleam and he resolved to stick tighter than a brother to Cody while he made purchases. Concealing his elation under a sardonic grin, he drawled:

"Say, you oughter try livin' with a weepin' widow for a while. Talk about a gay life! Still, you can't blame the poor thing. She's all broke up. But it's an ill wind that blows nobody good. I never thought I'd run across you today. Know yet how long you've goin' to stay?"

"All this week, I guess. I hear the old man talkin' to the office by phone this mornin', an' he said he wouldn't be back 'til Monday, unless sum'n happened wrong down there."

"Fine! I won't die of lonesomeness before next week, anyhow. Say, s'pose I chase around with you while you do your errands, an' then we have lunch at the hotel?"

"Well—I guess that'll be all right. I'll have to call up the old man an' make sure."

"Gee! he must be a slave-driver! Don't you have no time off at all?"

"Yep. One half-day a week, but this ain't it. I'll tell him I run across a friend from home."

After absorbing a small amount of stimulant, Cody made his purchases, with the other in close and observant attendance. This accomplished, they went to the hotel, where Piggy obligingly offered to take charge of the numerous parcels when his friend went to the telephone.

Unfortunately, Celia's embroidery cotton and her mother's wools had been wrapped together, and the conspirator could think of no plausible excuse for opening the large parcel in the hotel office, where he sat waiting for Cody. He contrived, however, to slip the twine off at one end and loosen the folds of paper enough to smuggle in one of the cipher notes, hoping that it would meet the girl's eye. He also surreptitiously consulted his notebook, after restoring the twine to its proper place, and on the outside of the same parcel he penciled:

"The unknown quantity, plus is greater than, plus, equals is greater than."

If by any chance Celia saw this and remembered the cipher, "Here, R." would give her courage, while to others the symbols would convey no meaning.

Arising with a grin as Cody approached, he slipped notebook and pencil into a side pocket, and they went to the dining room. Thereafter the conversation was all of automobiles and adventures in which these had played a part, and fearing a reaction of suspicion after Celia had disappeared if he displayed too much curiosity now, the stranger asked no questions about persons and conditions at Birchwood.
But it was a radiant smile he gave Roberta upon his return that after-

noon announcing: "Luck's with us." He was less certain of this, however, when he stood on the hill that night in a pouring rain, with aching muscles, and whistled his signal to the black and unresponsive void. The second night and the third were like unto the first, except that by Friday the sky began to clear.

CHAPTER TWENTY-FIVE
Saturday morning he and Roberta, somewhat depressed in spirit, watching from their hilltop for signs of Scott's departure, saw the station cab drive up to the door. A man sprang from it and ran up the steps.

"That's Clif!" Roberta gasped. "Peter, he must be hunting for me!"

"Ow," said Piggy, with deep feeling.
Warned by the tumult of the chained dogs, Scott, also, had seen Nixon's approach, and had sent his wife and daughter upstairs on the pretext that Clif was coming to discuss important business with him. Suspecting all walls, however, even his own, of auricular properties, he had no fancy for conducting within them what might well prove a stormy interview with this young man. Therefore he intercepted the maid who came to answer the bell, sent her back to the kitchen, and opened the door himself, grimly confronting the haggard man without.

"Well, Clif?"
"Is Roberta here?" Nixon moved as if to enter, but the other's huge bulk filled the doorway.

"That name is never mentioned in my house," Scott said, scowling. "If you've got to use it, we'll step out on the terrace. And keep your voice down. Celia's not well and I don't want her excited—nor my wife, either. But if you've come up here," he added, closing the door and leading the way to the outer edge of the terrace, "with any idea of interfering in a family matter—well, you'd better not, that's all."

"I haven't. Your affairs are none of my business. I've come to find Roberta. Where is she?"
Scott studied him keenly. "Don't you know?"

"I do not. But I'm going to." Nixon made no attempt to conceal his anger. "What have you done with her?"

"Not a thing, Clif. I haven't seen her. Have you?"
"No. She's disappeared."

Her father chuckled. "Called your bluff, did she? Thought you said you were going to marry her?"

"I was—and am, when I find her. That's what she came over for—to marry me."

"Hmph! That isn't the story she told when she got here. She said she'd come to get some client named Mrs. Mills, and was going to sail again with this woman today."

"What? Then you have seen her?"
"Not I!" Scott repeated the detective's report, ending with Roberta's disappearance at the Pennsylvania Station and the failure of Washington detectives to identify her there.

"So, if you do find her, let me know, will you?" he continued. "If she hasn't sailed today, I want to know where she is and what she's up to. Have you any idea who the man was who met her at the Grand Central and took her to lunch?"

"Yes." Nixon was frowning perplexedly. "At least—No, I don't know who he is, but I sent him with a message for her. I was to meet her myself and we were to be married at once."

"Had she agreed to that?" her father interrupted.

"Certainly. It was all arranged by letter and cable. At the last moment my secretary called me on long distance and told me a directors' meeting had been called—but I needn't explain that to you." He shot an irate glance at Scott, who smiled, still not perceiving that one of his chickens had returned to its roost in the proverbial manner. "I had to hustle like the deuce to catch a train that would get me home in time for the meeting, and I also had to get word to Roberta, because she was to wait for me at the station in case I was delayed. I hadn't expected to get here until that morning. I was afraid a messenger boy wouldn't find her, but at the ferry I saw a good-looking young chap—tall, brown hair, gray eyes, well dressed—gentleman—"

Scott nodded. "That's the man. Ever see him before?"

"Never. But I explained enough of the situation and described Roberta, without using any names, not even

my own. He promised to find her, and to tell her to let me know where she was and that I'd be back in two or three days. This is the first assurance I've had that anybody met her. Of course, it's possible that when he got there he found he knew her. I can't see any other explanation of their going to lunch together." Neither man suspected that the usually canny Roberta had arrived penniless. "I got back Wednesday, expecting to find a note from her at the club, telling me where she was, but there wasn't a word. I've been to every hotel in New York, and she isn't there. None of her friends knew that she was in town. I've telephoned to a dozen or more of them. Now, where is she?"

"Give it up," said Scott.

CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX
Scott and Nixon recognized that each seemed to be telling the truth, yet both were suspicious. Nixon, aware that Roberta's father had deliberately arranged the director's meeting to prevent his meeting her on her arrival believed not only that Scott would feign ignorance of her whereabouts even if he knew it, but also that he was capable of locking up the elder daughter as her had the younger.

Moreover, guiltily conscious that he had permitted business to supersede love at a critical moment, he suspected that Roberta had revenged herself for his neglect by setting out upon the expedition of succor against which he had warned her. In this case, Scott would inevitably connect him with the attempt, which brought him back to business considerations again, and to consequences not to be contemplated. Giddy from trying to maintain his equilibrium amid these complicated, interlacing circles of thought, he realized that he must guard his tongue.

Scott, equally in the dark as to what had become of Roberta, doubted that a person capable of such filial apostasy as hers would keep faith with anyone. But he was fully cognizant of her powers of attraction and cajolery, as well as of Nixon's long courtship, and he was by no means certain that this move was not part of a shrewd plan to get into communication with Celia.

Therefore they eyed each other warily, and five hundred yards away in an air line, the object of their discussion, watching through the glass, whispered to Piggy, "Oh, I wish we had something to help us hear them, too."

"If she was going to marry you," Scott went on after a pause, "why did she land at Quebec? Why didn't she come straight in at the front door?"

Naturally, considering the terms upon which Roberta had agreed to this marriage, Nixon knew quite well why she had chosen to arrive by the back door; but his promised participation in her project was the last thing he wished Scott to suspect, so he temporized.

"Perhaps she wanted to see Quebec. I believe she'd never been there. Or possibly some one she knew was coming that way. Anyhow, she called me to meet that train—and I didn't." The other's eyes gleamed at the evasion, but he made no comment and Nixon went on, frowning. "What I don't understand is this talk about a client in Washington and sailing today. Why, she couldn't have had any such plan! She was to marry me Monday!"

"Well, that just shows you," Scott shrugged. "Probably she had more than one string to her bow. It's like her. You'd better be thankful that she threw you down before you married her, instead of afterward."

"I dare say she thinks I threw her down," Nixon mentioned, morosely. "Maybe she does. But I'd say, knowing her, that it's more likely she never intended to marry you at all." "I swear she did! She promised—and she's no liar! I thought some thing might have happened to her—some accident—but none of the hospitals know anything about her."

"Good Lord! Have you been hunting through them, too?"
"I've done everything I could think of—except advertise."
"Well, for God's sake don't do that!"

"I'm going to find her." The young man's tone was dogged.
"All right, find her. Marry her, if you want to, and more fool you! But you see to it that my name—and she still bears my name—doesn't get into print in this business. Understand?" Nixon nodded, flushing as he recognized his master's voice, and Scott turned suddenly suave. "Sorry I can't invite you in, Clif, but Celia's in pretty bad shape. She's gone to pieces nervously and we're keeping her very quiet. She isn't allowed to see anyone. Let me know if you find Roberta, will you? I'll do the same by you."

"Will you?" Nixon regarded him searchingly and Scott laughed.
"Sure I will! You'll wish I hadn't, if you marry her, but that's your funeral. If you're hunting for trouble, that's the way to find it. All I want is to make sure that she lets me and mine alone."

Nixon immediately departed, and Scott stood for a long time on the terrace, deep in thought. The affair was baffling, like Roberta herself; therefore irritating. On the one hand, not knowing—unless the detective had lied—that she was followed, she had fully outlined her plans to the unidentified man at the Waldorf and had carried them out to the extent of ordering her luggage sent to the Pennsylvania and buying a ticket for Washington. Perhaps she really had taken that train, her small figure hidden by the crowd at either end from the eyes of the watchers. This solution seemed to stretch the arm of coincidence abnormally, though not beyond the limit of possibility.
(To be continued.)

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PETOSKEY RECALLS MARSHALL'S VISITS

The invitation extended to President Coolidge to spend his vacation next summer at Mackinac Island readily recalls in Petoskey's civic memory the days when it entertained the late Vice President Thomas R. Marshall, who spent more than 20 consecutive summers here.

Mr. Marshall began his summer pilgrimages to Petoskey while he practiced law at Columbia City, Ind., and continued them through his term as governor of Indiana and vice president of the United States, always stopping at the Cushman house except for the last year when the illness of Mrs. Marshall's mother forced the family to live in a house on the Lake Michigan shore.

It was on the wide colonial veranda of the Cushman house the late vice president is said to have first made his most famous remark: "What the country needs most is a good 5-cent cigar." He was very democratic, would converse with anybody any time or sit alone on the veranda or lawn gazing at Lake Michigan across a couple of Petoskey's city blocks, but with him a vacation was a vacation and that meant getting away from politics more than anything else.

Mackinaw an Hour Away.

Mr. Marshall had one favorite spot on the landscape here, a high hill on the old Earle farm about seven miles northeast of the city, and he was prone to remark that some day his favorite spot, because of the marvelous view, would be the world's finest summer resort.

Mackinaw City is just an hour's drive from here. Thence one may reach Mackinac Island by ferry. Should President Coolidge accept the Michigan invitation he undoubtedly will view this country of which the beloved Indiana Democrat was so fond.

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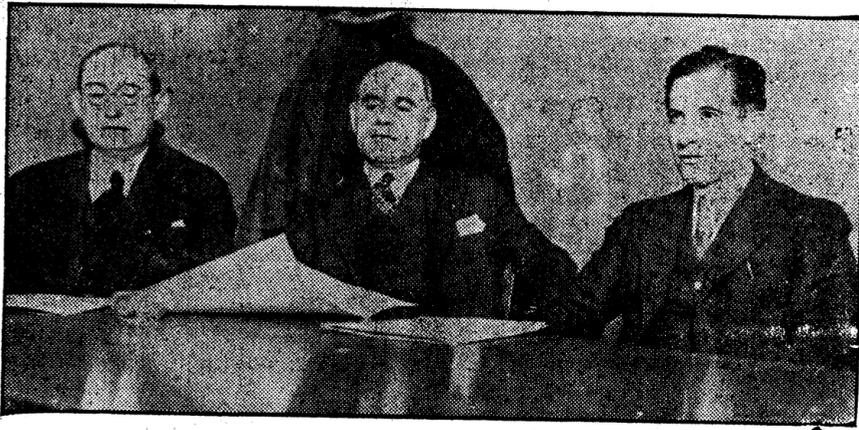


Photo shows three arbitrators, jointly chosen in New York by the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union and the American Cloak and Suit Manufacturers' Association to settle a strike of 20,000 cloakmakers which began last July 1. Left to right: Judge Bernard L. Shientag, Col. Herbert Lehman and Dr. Lindsay Rogers of Columbia University.

LOVE ROW SUIT MAY BE SETTLED

The \$500,000 love balm suit of Louise C. Anderson, wife of a Detroit bond salesman, against Mrs. Florence S. Bardeen, widow of a wealthy paper manufacturer of Otsego, may be settled out of court, it was indicated.

The case is on the docket for the present term of Circuit Court here, but no move has been made by attorneys on either side to have it called for trial. And now that the jury panel has been discharged, the case cannot be brought up before late in February.

Detroit and Allegan lawyers interested in the case admitted they were working on a settlement.

Dr. Welsh Dies at Grand Rapids

Dr. D. Emmet Welsh, physician and surgeon and former president of the Michigan State Medical society, died at his home here. Born in Columbia, Pa., Dr. Welsh attended the Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, graduating at the age of 21. After practicing at Latrobe, Pa., for several years, he came to Grand Rapids, where he has resided since. He held every office in the state medical society, and in 1914 was honored with a fellowship in the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Welsh was known as the oldest pastmaster of a blue lodge of Masons in Grand Rapids, having served as master of the Latrobe, Pa., lodge, while a resident there. Surviving are his widow and one son, D. Emmet Welsh, jr., of Detroit.

Newaygo Will Keep Its Roads Well Plowed Out

The county road commission has ordered the county snowplows out on the roads for the winter. Storms of the past week, while they have not blocked any roads, tended to fill up the cuts to some extent. The commission has decided to keep the roads plowed out down to the roadbed so that when the thaw comes in spring the roads will be more passible.

The trunklines are in good shape as the snow has filled up the many chuck-holes resulting from the heavy rains of October and November.

Only Few Pass State's Pharmacy Examinations

Lansing—Forty-five of one hundred thirty-two candidates for Michigan registered pharmacist certificates succeeded in passing recent state examination, H. H. Hofman, director of the state bureau of pharmacy, announced Tuesday.

Of 94 applicants who wrote the registered assistant examination only 60 passed.

Newly elected officers of the state board of pharmacy are: President, James E. Way, Jackson; vice president, J. C. Dykema, Grand Rapids.

Among those who passed the pharmacist examination were: William Kolander, Grand Rapids; Donald Roxburgh, Traverse City; Claude Vanderleest, Grand Rapids; Gordon Munder, Big Rapids.

Veteran Master of Lake Boat Dies

James W. Bennett, for nearly 40 years a captain on the Great Lakes, died at his home, 1556 Beniteau avenue, after a week's illness. He was 70 years old.

Captain Bennett was born at Huron, O., and came to Michigan as a young man. He started his marine career on his father's tug at Mackinac Island, where his parents conducted a hotel, Bennett hall. When this vessel went out of commission, he commanded other tugs on the Great Lakes.

When they were taken out of service he sailed a number of freighters on the lakes. At one time he was in charge of the mail boat C. F. Bielman.

Captain Bennett was unmarried and no known relatives. He was a member of the Elks for many years.

Goodrich to Improve South Haven Lake Line

Officials of the Goodrich Steamship line have been in South Haven surveying facilities at the municipal dock with a view to establishing another boat line from South Haven to Chicago. The 3,000 passenger steamer Theodore Roosevelt will be placed on the run next summer under present plans.

Fire Wrecks Business Block at Kalamazoo; Loss Is \$300,000

After a 15-hours' battle, the Kalamazoo fire department extinguished the last traces of a fire which swept the Velleman block in the downtown district, causing a loss conservatively estimated at \$300,000.

The fire, the worst in the city's history since the Burdick hotel burned 18 years ago, apparently started in the basement. The elevator shaft provided a draft that quickly converted the interior of the four-story building into a fiery furnace. The firemen were hampered greatly by the intense cold which froze particles of the water streams before they reached the blazing structure. Much of the damage was caused by smoke and water in the adjoining stores, which were at the height of the Christmas shopping season.

Seventeen buildings were imperilled by the fire, which was confined largely to the Velleman block because of the absence of any wind.

The fire was the second disastrous blaze here within two weeks, the McDonald drug store and the Kresge five and ten having been destroyed December 4 at a loss of about \$130,000. Speculation was rife here today as to whether the two fires indicate a revival of the mysterious blazes which last winter and spring consumed three large downtown churches and a number of lodge halls.

Montcalm Will Try Farm Agent 3 Months

Willard Cribbs, regional extension leader of Michigan State college will devote his entire time as county agent of Montcalm county the next three months, beginning Jan. 1.

He will make an effort to interest Montcalm farmers in county agent promotional work and hopes to interest them in an all-year agent. The county has been without an agent for two years.

Osceola Will Keep Three Highways Open This Year

Work on the state roads within Osceola county started last week. Fred A. Johnson, county superintendent of maintenance had trucks with snow removal equipment busy for first work of the season. M13, M20 and M66 in Osceola county are expected to be kept open to travel all winter. Last season M13 was the only road on the snow removal plan. State highway department records show M13 was open 98 per cent of last winter.

Fourteen thousand feet of snow fences have been placed along the three trunklines where the drifting has been bad. The county owns equipment values at \$16,000, which will operate night and day as soon as the roads become threatened. The equipment includes a tractor with rotary plow and two-three-ton trucks with scrapers.

Evart will be the headquarters for the tractor as soon as heavy snowfall calls it into use.

Braves Waves, Ice To Carry Woman To Medical Care

Fighting his way through floating ice and a heavy head sea, Capt. Tracy Grosvenor drove his 32-foot gasoline boat from North Manitou island, 14 miles off Leland, to carry Mrs. Oscar Grant, wife of a coast guardsman, to a hospital for an emergency operation.

There is no doctor on North Manitou and a diagnosis was made over submarine telephone by Dr. Fred Murphy of Cedar. Dr. Murphy was at the dock here when the boat arrived and hurried the patient to Traverse City. Her condition is serious. Capt. Grosvenor returned to the island at once, carrying a 10-day accumulation of mail.

Sells Wife But Gets Only Down Payment

Ed Whittlake, lanky cowpuncher, was on his way back to the prairie lands of Kila, Mont., today minus a wife and filled with regret.

Whittlake sold his wife to a Lansing admirer for \$50, he told the police. Ten dollars was the down payment but when he went back for the other \$40, he discovered his wife and her purchaser had left town, he said.

"Fifty dollars was a fair price but I guess I'll have to be satisfied with the \$10," the westerner complained.

"I'm going back to rustle cattle and forget women."

Police arrested Whittlake yesterday morning at the Union Station on a charge of loitering. He said he was looking for the man who bought his wife and jumped the payments. He refused to name the purchaser.

After questioning, he was released and boarded the first train west.

Manistee Lineman Gets 33,000 Volts, But Lives

Although he grasped a guy wire short circuited on a high tension line carrying 33,000 volts John Martin, a lineman living at Covington, Ind., suffered nothing more than burns on his hands.

The shock knocked Martin from the pole on which he was working but in falling he landed across another guy wire, creating a short circuit, the current passing through his body and both hands. Martin is employed by the Hoosier Engineering Co. on construction work for the Michigan United Light & Power Co. of Manistee.

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ALLEGAN FURNITURE FACTORIES COMBINE

It is announced officially the Baker & Co. interests will not be withdrawn from Allegan, but will be expanded.

Negotiations affecting the Jewett Radio Co. property have been completed and the property is being taken over under a lease and purchase agreement. This factory, with the Allegan Furniture shops and Baker & Co. are to be combined in one organization, to be known as the Baker Furniture factories. These three properties are to be operated as one unit with Hollis S. Baker president and general manager. All three offices will be combined in one of the Baker & Co. plant and the general control handled from that point.

The individual management of each factory will not be changed, although all purchasing will be handled from one office. This centralizing of activities will give opportunities for many economies in operation and for future development.

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The Jewett factory will be placed in commission next Monday, making chairs and furniture and later other lines. This plant also will be used for making the furniture for the 500 staterooms of the new passenger steamer, Malolo, now being built by William Cramp & Sons, shipbuilders, at Philadelphia. This contract was obtained several months ago, but was held up for a time. It will be completed by April 1.

Sheriff Probes School House Orgy

Arrests of several persons who participated in a drunken brawl, using a country schoolhouse, near Jackson, in which to hold the orgy, is predicted by sheriff's officers following their investigation of the affair.

According to a complaint by Mrs. Bessie Jackson Crawford, county school commissioner, the Robinson fractional school No. 4, in Sandstone township, was broken into some time over the week-end.

Windows were broken and much damage done to the interior of the building, officers say, and several glasses and empty containers that bore traces of liquor were found.

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