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LOCAL BREVITIES

Plenty of snow.

Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Riley spent the week end in Toledo on business.

W. R. Neeson has moved to Kalamazoo where he has a railroad position.

Ed and Hart Messinger were home from Chicago for the week end.

Mrs. J. C. Hill of Mesick is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill.

Percy Petty attended the State meeting of Memorial Craftsmen at Jackson last week.

C. H. Merrifield was in charge of the farmers' meeting Monday in the absence of Dr. Riley.

The latter part of the week the snow plows were kept busy trying to keep main roads open.

Mrs. Wm. Herman left last week Wednesday for an extended visit with her daughter in New York City.

Glenn Alway received most favorable mention as one of the actors in the senior class play of Kalamazoo high school.

Basket ball at Covert this Friday evening and Plainwell next Tuesday evening. Bloomingdale here next week Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Morgan will entertain the members of the Sunny Day club and their husbands at an oyster dinner Saturday, January 29.

Earl Briggs is home from three year's service in the army. He spent most of his service time on the Hawaiian Islands and reports a very interesting experience.

Mr. and Mrs. Chub Day entertained at Sunday dinner Ernest Day and Mrs. Marcy of Kalamazoo and Mr. and Mrs. Al Baker and children of Allegan.

At the recent meeting of the Baptist Aid Mrs. Wise was elected president, Mrs. L. O. Graham vice president, Mrs. Wichman, Sec and Mrs. B. Woodhouse, Treas.

The local debating team is proving that the small schools are keeping abreast with the larger ones in the subjects taught, which is much better to our mind than having just mediocre part in everything.

At the annual meeting of the First State Bank Thursday the directors and officers were re-elected for another year. Many new accounts have been added this year and this institution is showing a steady growth.

At the annual meeting of the milling company last Wednesday, the directors and officers were re-elected. This firm had its greatest business this year and while the profits have not been great they are consistent with the volume of business done.

Bad roads kept the attendance down at the farm meetings here Monday, but those present were well repaid for their efforts. The state is taking great pains to carry first aid to the farmers and those who avail themselves of these privileges usually get the best results from their labors.

Gobles boys took two defeats from Lawton Tuesday night, the first team by the score of 31 to 12 and the second 17 to the usual 3. The visitors look like county champions in their class and 'twas no disgrace to be beaten by them. Our boys are still determined to crowd them for second place at least.

The home of Business White Leghorns owned by Mr. Wauchek has installed a new incubator this week with a capacity of 5500 eggs. This makes this one of the largest hatcheries in the county and is larger than most of those that are used exclusively for the production of pedigreed poultry. This industry has developed from only a dozen hens to its present capacity from repeat orders yearly from all parts of the country west of the Rockies, and this is a most excellent proof of quality.

The Consolidated School

As I started to say a few words about consolidated schools my mind went back most sixty years about the time I first attended the Gobleville school. We knew nothing about High School then and it was carried on by two teachers, following down from then until now one cannot help but think of the great changes that have been made in the manner of conducting and carrying on the school today. Now, I believe, we have seven teachers with the splendid High School and its grades that we knew nothing about in those days. I believe I speak the sentiment of the people of this village and community when I say we are proud of our school and that we have been privileged to do our share in its splendid organization and success. When we leave this life there will be no worldly record that will be remembered longer than this, "He did his best for the education of his country."

The consolidated schools are the schools of the future, especially for the country and towns. Some states have cut out the district school entirely. They have done this because they have tried the consolidated and have pronounced them the best system.

All of you people, especially those who live in the country districts, come and help discuss this question Jan. 25.

A. W. Myers.

Throughout these 60 years, Mr. Myers has been active and aggressive for progress and most of this community have learned to love and respect him.

We are convinced that in the near future all Michigan will have consolidated schools and the state will determine their boundaries, location and course of study. We urge that it is better to consolidate before it becomes compulsory, for under the present system outlying districts may now select the school with which they desire to consolidate, a privilege that may not be allowed when the state acts. Kendall, Gobles and Bloomingdale are logical places for the consolidated centers of this section and the contiguous territory should be divided among these places to the mutual advantage of all. The two latter already having established high schools can easily care for the advanced students of this section at less expense than to create another high school, but we maintain that Kendall territory should consolidate to care for the grades in their locality, with the aim to establish a high school as soon as conditions will warrant. To learn more of the proposition and that all may work intelligently and economically, we urge a large attendance at the meeting next Tuesday evening. — Ed.

BASE LINE

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Forster and son of Allegan spent Tuesday at M. L. Wilmot's.

Albert Sprague was a Sunday evening caller of M. Wilmot.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Klapp called at Will Pullin's Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Woodruff and daughters spent Sunday evening with Judson Holderman and family.

The Scout Master came at 7:45. Those present were: Scout Master, Robert Baker, James Clement, Buss Carpenter, Glenn Nash, Ronald White, Melvin Hayes, Leon Randall.

Lawrence Hudson was with us and is much interested in our work and wants to join us. If he does, we can register at New York and be a scout troop.

Melvin Hayes, Scribe.

Boy Scouts

We are ready for your job work. Bring it in today.

Commercial Club

The Gobles High School Commercial Club met at the home of Cleah Woodhouse Monday evening. A fine supper was served at six o'clock, after which the business meeting was called to order and the following program was given:

History of the Typewriter, Wilma Green.

Medley, Charles Smith, Howard Geiger and George Travis.

Smiles, Clara Hutchins.

Banjo-uke solo, Doris Shirley.

Value of Commercial Subjects, Mr. Schutt.

A few games were played, after which we adjourned to meet with Madge Coffinger for the next meeting.

Methodist Church

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11:00
Subject, "The Second Mile."
Evening E. L. 6:00
Peoples' Meeting, 7:00
Rev. S. W. Hayes, pastor.

School Notes

"Orators Win from Decatur."

Gobles won the third debate of the series last Thursday night with Decatur. The decision of the judges was 3 to 0 in our favor. Professor Lahman of Western State Normal with two varsity debaters judged the contest. This is the second debate that our team has won, and we expect them to win the last one by the same majority. The school that we are to debate will be announced in next week's paper. The High School orchestra played before the constructive and the rebuttal speeches. After the debate the judges and debaters were served with light refreshments. Faith Winters, Lillian Ray and Charles Benton represented our school.

The girls of the High School have reorganized their girls' league this year with the following officers: Pres., Eva Carpenter; Vice Pres., Faith Winters; Sec., Marie Waber; Treas., Catherine Hudson. The purpose of the organization is to obtain a closer relationship among the girls. The girls are working now to buy silverware which will be donated to the High School. A public supper is being planned to take place in a few weeks. Your support will be appreciated.

The basketball boys will be glad to see you at Covert tomorrow night.

This is examination week at the school house, and a very busy time. The next semester opens Monday with four new courses being offered in the High School.

A carload of coal has been delivered to the school; we "should worry" about winter now.

The school was inspected last week by the University of Michigan and the State Department, and we expect to be accredited for another two-year term.

On account of the weather, the basketball game with Mattawan had to be postponed last Friday night. Probably this game will be played the first week in February.

The "Van Buren High Spots" will appear again in a few days.

For Supervisor

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of supervisor for Bloomingdale township at the Republican caucus. If nominated and elected, I pledge the same service I have given as township treasurer.

Ernest Sniffin.

Special Assessment

Those who are liable for special taxes for the paving in the village of Gobles are hereby notified that the first installment is now due and must be paid to Treasurer Reigle before February 1, 1927.

By order of village council.

Parent Teachers to Hold Meeting Jan. 25 in Opera House

The very important subject of "Centralized Schools" will be discussed at this meeting. Mr. Rhinehart from the State Department will be the speaker. Everyone is not only invited, but urged to be there. This question is of vital interest to everyone in the community and surrounding districts, and it is hoped that everyone will avail himself of this opportunity to become acquainted with the facts. The high school orchestra will furnish music for the occasion. PLAN ON TUESDAY EVENING JANUARY, 25.

Program Committee.

KENDALL

Mr. Heffernon and Winnifred made a business trip to Kalamazoo Friday. Glen Wilkinson drove for them as the roads were so bad.

Mrs. Helen Lockbark has been ill for the past week at Mrs. Odell's, where she has been spending the winter.

Emmett Leversee spent the week end in Kalamazoo with Mrs. Leversee who is caring for Mrs. Claude Brown.

Henry Waber of Kalamazoo took dinner with his mother, Mrs. M. K. Waber, last Thursday.

Mrs. Harriet Scott has been quite ill the past week. She is under the care of Dr. Wilkinson.

Mrs. B. Lockhart, Mrs. Gilbert Odell and daughter, Alice Jean, called on Mrs. M. K. Waber Monday afternoon.

The weather man tells us to look for below zero temperature again. Not very encouraging, as the mercury has hovered near 10 degrees below for several nights.

WAVERLY

Fay White and wife of Gobles were callers at their uncle's, John White, last Wednesday.

The Covey Hill Ladies' aid met at Mrs. Ed. Markillie's last Wednesday. About fifty were present. All enjoyed a fine dinner and a pleasant and profitable day.

Mrs. A. C. Biakeman spent the week end with her daughter, Mrs. Vernon Root of Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Isadore Abbott has been teaching in the Armstrong school for a few days in the absence of Mrs. Iva Baxter, who has been ill.

Mrs. Otis Gleason of Paw Paw has been visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. Pauline Hayes, and family for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Burns are nicely settled in their grandmother's house. He will work for Ted Frisbie the coming year.

First Baptist Church

Sunday school, 10:00
Morning worship 11:00.
B. Y. P. U., 6:00
Evening worship, 7:00.

We are very proud of our Sunday School as we have almost doubled in number in the last month. There is also very much interest among the children in the stories which are told each Sunday after the class period. Come out and discuss the Word of God with us.

We have been having some very fine music from our orchestra in the morning worship. If you could hear these folks play, we are confident that you would not miss the service for anything whatsoever.

Young folks, we extend you a most cordial welcome to attend our Young Peoples' weekly meeting at 6 o'clock. Group No. 1 will have the program for this Sunday.

H. B. Springer, pastor.

If you have business in the probate court, request Judge Kilmer to have the printing done at The News. He will be glad to accommodate you and you will help your home paper.

Notice of Mortgage Sale

Whereas, Marion Fox, a single man, of the City of Kalamazoo and the State of Michigan, made and executed a certain mortgage, bearing date the 16th day of January, 1923, to Charlotte M. Fox, of Richland, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, which was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in the County of Van Buren on the 20th day of January, 1923, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, in Liber 127 of Mortgages, on Page 219, and,

Whereas, the amount claimed to be due upon said mortgage at the date of this notice is an installment of interest amounting to the sum of forty-two (\$42.00) dollars and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the said interest installment or any portion of the debt now remaining secured thereby, or any part thereof, and,

Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the said interest installment secured by said mortgage, whereby the power of sale contained therein has become operative.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that, by virtue of said power of sale and in pursuance thereof and of the Statute in such case made and provided, the said interest installment of said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder, at the north front door of the Court House, at the Village of Paw Paw, in said County of Van Buren, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court within said County on the 12th day of February, 1927, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, Central Standard time; the description of which said premises contained in said mortgage is as follows:

The West One-Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section Eleven, Township Two South, Range Thirteen West, Township of Almena, Van Buren County, Michigan. This sale is for the purpose of recovering the amount of said interest installment and the costs of foreclosure.

Dated November 4th, 1926.

CHARLOTTE M. FOX,
Mortgagee.

WESTON & FOX, Attorneys for Mortgagee. Business Address: 503 Hanselman Bldg., Kalamazoo, Michigan.

BELL SCHOOL

Raymond Walters is our genial substitute mail carrier since winter set in.

Mrs. Ed. Carter is on the gain and able to sit up most of the day.

Mrs. Orissa Markillie is confined to the bed with neuralgia and under the care of Dr. Wilkinson.

Clifton Walters is helping at Lafe Geiger's a few days as they are all sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hyames enjoyed a fish supper at the home of C. Richardson Thursday. The supper was in honor of Mr. Richardson's birthday.

Not much news in the neighborhood as everyone is snowed in and busy making snow plows to clear the roads.

Mrs. Floyd Stauble is home from the hospital and feeling as well as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Richardson were in Paw Paw Saturday evening.

The next W. W. Society meeting will be held with Mrs. H. W. Taylor Jan. 27. It is hoped a good crowd will be on hand to enjoy the day.

Lee Carter is still on the sick list.

To Any Creditor or Creditors of the Harrelson Auto Sales Company, a Corporation Under the Laws of Michigan.

Notice is hereby given that said corporation is about to be dissolved, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 84 of the Public Acts of Michigan of the year 1921, permitting voluntary dissolution of solvent companies.

All creditors of said company are hereby requested to present their claims at the office of said corporation in the Village of Gobles, Michigan, on or before the 5th day of February, 1927.

Dated January 7th, 1927

HARRELSON AUTO SALES CO.
By O. E. Harrelson, President.
Mrs. O. E. Harrelson, Secretary.

One Consolation

A new type of saxophone has been invented in Australia. A glance at an atlas affords one a certain amount of comfort.—Humorist.

But Now!

Observations of oldest inhabitant: When the song about the "old folks at home" was written, that was the place the old folks always could be found.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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Business Locals

Extra good quality typewriter paper for sale at the News office.

Use Amco Buttermilk Egg mash sold by Milling Company.

Veal calves wanted. See or phone Lester Woodruff.

Indian relics wanted. See Var. Ryno.

Cut flowers for all occasions, banquets and set pieces. Mrs. A. J. Foelsch.

80-acre farm for rent. Inquire at News office.

Will buy veal and chicken every day. Will come and get them. O. J. Rhoades.

Registered Durham bull for service, \$1.50. Elmer Simmons.

Buy Miller tires at Dorgan's filling station.

See Luther Howard for radio repair work and battery charging.

For Sale—Good used weed chains, Ford size; will fit oversized cords. Ed. Mann, Gobles.

Cutter gears regular \$10.50 value, \$6.50 at the Cash Supply Store.

Why send to catalog houses for tires when Harrelson sells better ones for the same money?

Special discount on tire chains and hot shots at Cash Supply Store. A good international corn planter for sale, used but very little.

Washings wanted. Corn for sale; also washing machine, and a few Buff Orpington pullets \$1.00 each. Mrs. C. Lamphere, Pine Grove Corners.

The biggest bargains in 10, 15 and 25 cent household necessities ever offered; Gal. tubs No. 2, 85¢; No. 3, \$1.00; Extra heavy 12 qt. milk pail, 50 cts. Come in and see our new salad bowls. The Variety Store.

Still selling certified fruit and shade trees for a dependable nursery with stock best suited for this section. Order now. Albert Hcsner.

Seasoned hard maple wood for sale. Phone George Fritz.

Hudson & Son give a free year of a Fruit Magazine or Potato Magazine with \$1.00 cash sale Saturday afternoon.

Wanted—Corn fodder or corn in shocks, or both. See M. Tychsen.

You can now buy genuine Ford 13-plate battery for \$12 at Harrelson's. Why pay same for a 11-plate? Trade in on old one too.

326 Nursery Blocks condemned in Michigan by Inspectors this year, but Gobles Nurseries and (blocks in Kalamazoo Co.) passed O. K.

Size 36 tan Georgette dress nearly new, for sale cheap. See Mrs. Burns at postoffice.

Baldwin apples for sale. Chet Wesler. Farmers' phone. — 2w

Still in the well driving business and would like your patronage. Reasonable prices and satisfaction guaranteed. W. L. Herman, phone Merrifield's store.

3 good cows, 2 giving milk, one freshens in February for sale. See L. W. Pullman, on Ryno farm, northeast of Gobles.

If your subscription to The News has expired, please call at once and settle.

HEN MAKES RECORD OF ALMOST AN EGG A DAY

The astounding official record of 351 eggs for the year made by hen No. 6 entered by the University of British Columbia at the Dominion of Canada Egg Laying Contest at Agassiz, British Columbia, makes one wonder when a hen will be developed that will lay an egg every day in the year. This hen laid 213 of these eggs in 213 consecutive days. The pen of 10 White Leghorn hens, of which this hen was a member, made a new world's record of 2,946 eggs for the year. No substitutes were entered in the pen, no alternates were used and the birds made the record without the use of artificial light.

Other high records were made at this same contest. A Barred Rock hen laid 326 eggs. A total of 36 birds laid over 300 eggs each in the 52 weeks. A White Wyandotte hen laid 312 eggs. Fifty Barred Rock hens laid an average of 210 eggs.

Results of this kind prove that constructive work is being done in breeding hens to lay. The first few phenomenal layers which were produced were looked upon as curiosities. Some people even doubted that such hens were a reality. However, the large number of these high producing hens which are being produced at the present time puts the question of breeding for egg production on a basis of practical results.

Hens which produce like the one which laid 351 eggs are not accidents. They are the result of careful breeding operations. The male that sired nine of the 10 record breaking White Leghorns was out of a 287-egg hen. His granddam on his sire's side laid 306 eggs, while his other granddam laid 258 eggs.

Canada has been doing a large amount of practical work along breeding lines. She has an R. O. P. which is a record of performance for poultry which is of high standard. Big records alone do not receive recognition. They have a standard of 24 ounces to the dozen of eggs. The hen which laid the 351 eggs cannot be registered in the R. O. P. as her eggs averaged only 22 1/2 ounces. This removes some of the glamour from the record which was made, but the Canadians appreciate that they must have certain other standards in addition to a high egg production if they are to develop fowls that will be most profitable for their poultry producers.

Cockerels to be eligible to be recorded in the government R. O. P. must come from hens that have produced over 200 eggs per year, averaging at least 24 ounces to the dozen. Flocks are carefully culled by government inspectors and any birds that do not meet standard requirements are thrown out. All birds must be trap-nested as only hens that lay 200 eggs or over are eligible for breeding pens. Cockerels are also carefully culled and those that meet approval are banded and sealed with a government leg band. Approved cockerels are then recorded with the authorities in charge of the work. The careful culling which is received by both cockerels and hens, combined with the high standards of breeding are no doubt largely responsible for the excellent work which is being done in producing stock capable of setting new world's records.

Consider the Purchase of Good Male Birds

A good many people are practicing false economy by using cockerels that will not improve the producing ability of the offspring. Male birds are worth a high price if they will increase egg production; in fact the purchase of males possessing improved quality is one of the most economical methods of improving the standard of the flock.

If the owner does not consider it advisable to buy good cockerels for all of the flock, it will at least prove profitable to buy one or more well bred birds that can be mated to the choicest females. Enough eggs should be obtained from a pen of this sort to raise at least 75 or 100 pullets. Such a lot of pullets will do a great deal to improve the laying ability of a flock for the next year. If the production of 75 pullets is raised one dozen eggs per year above the average of the flock, the purchase of a good cockerel will certainly prove a good investment from a straight production standpoint without considering future merits of the flock.

We are glad to note that many of the people throughout the corn belt are paying more attention to quality of breeding fowls. Poultry is raised on more farms than any other class of livestock. It deserves the best of attention. A small investment in improved stock will repay big dividends.

Dairy Cows Need Good Care During Cold Winter Weather

Dairy cows need protection in the way of good housing and sleeping quarters during cold winter weather.

Exposure to cold weather and storms means that the cows are consuming an extra amount of feed to overcome such exposure. Dairy cows do not have a thick coat of fat to protect them against the elements as do beef cattle and hogs, hence their need of more protection. Cows kept in comfortable quarters consume slightly less feed and produce a trifle more milk than those allowed to run in the open during the winter months.

Doctor Has Dream of Beauty Along M-11

Dr. J. Lappenthin of Ludington, a director of the Mason county Izaak Walton league and chairman of its forestry committee, has a dream of seeing M-11 lined with pines and Norway spruce. The achievement of such an undertaking would mean an improvement in scenic beauty and would act as a windbreak, rendering traveling more comfortable in cold weather, he declares.

Dr. Lappenthin is an enthusiastic member of the league and does more than talk of its merits. He is a great lover of everything belonging to the outdoors, including snakes. He believes that if more were known of snakes, their habits and the benefit they are to mankind folk would make friends with them instead of living in constant fear of meeting one.

He has taught his 3-year-old daughter to have no fear of snakes except rattlers. He has studied the habits of different varieties in Mason county and knows their habits from actual observations. He has no fear of handling them and declares a snake's tongue is as soft as velvet and he finds much beauty in its soft skin.

The doctor is a great walker and ever finds new beauties in his beloved Mason county. He will travel miles to view an evergreen and takes great delight in transplanting trees to needed locations. He is doing all he can to aid reforestation.

Insects in Stored Grain Bring About Heavy Losses

Loss to stored grain and grain products in the United States amounts to over \$200,000,000 each year. This is not at all surprising when one considers that such products are subject to the attack of over 50 species of insects.

Much of the damage occurs just at this season while grain and seeds of various kinds are in storage. Everyone with seed or grain in storage should therefore examine it frequently to make sure it is free from insects. When insects are allowed to feed unmolested the sale value of the product is always reduced. In the case of seeds the germination power is also greatly reduced. Moreover, the vitality of plants that do germinate from infested seed is greatly weakened. Grain that is found to be heating should be closely examined for insects also, as insects are a common cause of such heating.

When grain is found infested with insects, the one practical measure is to destroy the depredators. The most common method employed in controlling insects in stored grain is fumigation with carbon bisulphide. To fumigate, the grain should be placed in a tight granary or room, and the fumigant applied directly on the grain, or in open pans above it at the rate of 5 to 8 pounds to the 1,000 cubic feet of air space. When small quantities of grain or seed are to be fumigated, a barrel or tight box may be used. One teaspoonful of the material is sufficient for the barrel.

Immediately after applying the carbon bisulphide the granary or container must be closed tightly and allowed to remain closed for at least 48 hours. In using carbon bisulphide certain precautions must be taken, as this liquid is highly inflammable and explosive. One should never approach it with a lighted lamp, match, cigar, cigarette or other fire.

There are several fumigants employed to kill insects in stored products that are free from fire hazards. Among these are carbon tetrachloride, ethyl acetatecarbon tetrachloride mixture and chloropicrin. Heat can also be employed successfully under certain conditions. Anyone with large quantities of grain to be treated, and where the fire hazard is likely to be great, should investigate these methods.

Supervisors Favor Saving Roadside Timber

Lovers of the Upper Peninsula outdoors will be glad to learn that the Marquette county board of supervisors have voted an appropriation of \$5,000 to be put along with a similar amount coming from the state highway department for the purchase of roadside timber adjoining state trunk-line No. 35, between the Dead and Yellow Dog rivers. This will preserve the scenic beauty of this newly opened section, and is following the example set some years ago by Iron county.

State conservation department officials recently visited the Tahquamenon Falls region of Chippewa and Luce counties, and it is expected that these falls—understood to be the most considerable in Michigan, and associated with the Hiawatha legends recounted by the poet, Longfellow, will be acquired by the state for park purposes and will be made accessible to tourists through the opening of a highway thereto. It is now a wild and quite inaccessible region, save by boat down the river itself.

Dogs Cause Ionia Sheep Loss

Sheep, which ordinarily avoid coming in contact with water, were driven by a group of tantalizing dogs into the icy waters of Grand River, in Danby township, and 13 of the original flock of 16 were drowned.

Two others of the flock were found dead and the lone survivor ran back to the barn and by its frantic actions caused the owner, George Eddy, to investigate. The loss was placed at \$180.

Some Problems In Vineyard Spraying

By H. C. LISLE, Lansing

Vineyards have been somewhat more difficult to spray properly than fruit trees and most truck crops. Many vineyards are planted in sandy, loose soil, and often uneven. This makes it somewhat difficult to get a large power sprayer through them. The rows are often planted too close together and uneven, so that a standard power sprayer is too wide to be hauled between the rows. Posts often extend up above the vines in such a way that they interfere with spraying booms and there seldom is sufficient room at the ends of the rows to turn around with the average power sprayer. The foliage is usually quite dense and the large flat leaves with their oily surface are hard to cover. It is hard to get the spray to penetrate to the inmost parts of the vines and to cover the lower surface as well

discharge equipment used so that the proper pressure could be maintained. The machine should have an underslung axle with the tank suspended as low as possible, so that the machine would not upset on uneven ground. The entire machine should be constructed so that it will handle Bordeaux Mixture with the least possible trouble with valves, strainers, etc.

If the machine is being used with a boom for spraying two complete rows, there are usually fourteen nozzles in operation and much time can be lost in cleaning nozzles if the machine is not so constructed that the material is properly strained. Nozzles with strainers also greatly assist in preventing the clogging of the discs.

Several methods of spraying have been used, but the most common have been with an adjustable boom and trailer system. Where larger ma-



The "trailer" system of vineyard spraying. Two men are required to handle the nozzles, but a more thorough coverage is given.

as the upper as is necessary for the proper spraying for some troubles. For this reason it has been rather difficult to get machines and equipment to do a first class job.

Growers have in the past used standard power orchard sprayers, but much better work can be done and the work accomplished in a shorter time and with less effort and help with a machine built for the work.

On account of the difficulties in getting through a vineyard, growers have been inclined to buy small machines that were easy to pull and where the small tank would be narrow enough to easily go between the rows.

Few of the standard orchard machines are really efficient in a vineyard and several special outfits have been built.

A machine for this purpose should be narrower than a standard tread, so that it could be drawn between the rows without danger of injuring the vines and should be built so that the front wheels cut under the frame to make short turns possible at the end of the rows. It should have the tank located in the rear and high wheels with wide tires under it, so that the bulk of the weight of the machine would be over these wheels and make it pull easy. The machine should be capable of maintaining at least 250 pounds pressure, and 275 to 300 pounds in most cases would be better. The tank should hold 200 gallons for the average size machine to avoid too much time being lost in refilling. The capacity in gallons per minute of the machine should be in keeping with the

chines have been used, the double boom is commonly used, where both rows are sprayed on each side as well as the top. The side nozzles on this boom should be set so they are discharging slightly upward and set so that the discharge against the vines is at slightly different angles. There are several different designs of such a boom that have been used to overcome various conditions. These booms must necessarily be very flexible and be constructed so that they can be adjusted by the operator to avoid posts and uneven rows. This method is commonly recognized as the most efficient way to spray grapes, especially for insect control, because the entire vine is sprayed. Then there is less chance for leaf hoppers and other insects to go from one vine to another to avoid contact with the spray. Three nozzles should be used for each side and one spraying down on the top and the nozzles should have comparatively small discs.

This equipment with 300 pounds pressure creates a very dense foglike spray which has a tendency to penetrate through every part of the vines and makes a good coverage on all the leaves. It seems certain that it is much more effective to have a heavy fog that will be produced by equipment described above rather than having too coarse a spray. The fog will float among the leaves and give a much better coverage and have a fumigating effect for insects and will form a much more perfect coverage on all foliage than the coarser spray would.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

Ten states have more than 10,000 Indians. Oklahoma leads with some 120,000 red men.

Indian population of the United States is 350,000, a gain of 19,000 in the last twelve years.

The Association of Convention Bureaus says the average delegate to a convention spends \$37.50 a day.

Fifty-nine manufacturers produced \$24,014,105 worth of fountain pens last year, an increase of 18.6 over 1924.

A newspaper campaign this year sold 1,100,000 cases of salmon. During the same period of last year, without advertising, only 205,000 cases were sold.

The United States imported 1,440,248,084 pounds of coffee during the year ending June 30. It was valued at \$314,000,000. These are record figures.

In twelve years the combined tolls of the Panama Canal have reached \$145,043,734. During this time 35,000 commercial vessels have passed through the canal.

The Ford Motor Co. uses every working day more than 100,000 yards of cotton cloth and 25,000 yards of woolen cloth.

Under the second year of the Dawes plan Germany has paid us \$446,678,000. Of this amount 46

per cent was in cash and the balance in materials. Coal was the largest item of goods delivered.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters says that for forty years past every man, woman and child has paid \$7 a year fire loss and fire protection combined, or a total of \$750,000,000.

The rates on insurance policies covering robberies of safes, messengers and paymasters are 23 per cent higher in New York and 100 per cent higher in Buffalo than formerly.

There are now a million and a half national parks in this country. There are 19 major national parks covering 12,000 square miles of scenic wonderland. Last year over a million persons visited four of these parks, the Platt National Park in southern Oklahoma drawing the largest number.

The Wall Street Journal says there are nearly 16,000,000 telephones in this country unless Central has given the wrong number from force of habit.

Florida has 20,000,000 unimproved acres available for farming. She has also, in sufficient quantities, the two prime essentials for an agricultural state, namely heat and moisture.

The metal shoe heel-plate used to prevent the "running over" of heels, netted its inventor \$150,000, while the metal toe-plate netted only \$75,000.

Howell Farmer's Cow Wins in Jersey Test

Howell—Emanon Gem's Sophie, a junior 2-year-old pure bred Jersey cow owned by Smith & Parker of Howell, has qualified for the register of merit of the American Jersey Cattle club.

She produced 392.78 pounds of butter fat and 6,782 pounds of milk in 349 days, two milkings per day. She carried a calf 230 days of the test period. Her milk averaged 5.79 per cent butter fat.

FARM LAND CLAIM DECREE IS SIGNED

A decree was signed in the federal district court accounting action brought by Charles E. Anderson of Hartford, trustee in bankruptcy for William M. Traver, owner on contract of the Olney farm in Hartford township, Van Buren county at the time of bankruptcy proceedings were begun against George R. Dater, Eleanor G. Gray and Humphrey S. Gray of Benton Harbor and Simon Acres, Incorporated, of Keeler. Van Buren county. The plaintiff who claimed the defendants unlawfully took possession of the farm when Traver became bankrupt, denied the trustees petition to recover the value of growing crops for the year 1922 and rental of land for the same year and denied a petition to recover \$1,075 in taxes from Dater, but allowed a claim of \$15,000 against the Grays and Dater, which represents the value of Traver's equity in the property.

Annual Farm Inventory Aids Farmer in Many Ways

The first of the year is an excellent time to go over the farm and check up on the investment.

"Do we have as many head of livestock as we had a year ago? Are they worth as much? How much feed is on hand? Is the farm worth as much as a year ago? Have we paid off any notes or have we gone farther in debt? One should total up all the property owned, including cash, and subtract all the debts owed. The difference will show the net investment. Is this net investment larger than a year ago? If so, there is progress. If not, what was the reason? An inventory gives one a good chance to check up on his progress.

"When we are going over the farm, taking account of our property it is also a good time to find out where all our tools and machinery are. Have we loaned any that have not been returned? Do we have any borrowed tools that we never took back to their owners? Have we lost any tools? What tools must be replaced? We can be on the lookout for sales to replace these. What tools need overhauling and repair for the next year's work? Now is the time to make note of these things as we take our inventory. The winter time is a good time to get ready for the busy season when tools should be ready to go.

"Taking an inventory often helps to impress us with the fact that we have a large amount of money tied up in equipment, livestock, feed and supplies. Are we getting the most out of that investment that it is possible to get? Or is there occasionally a machine that costs us several hundred dollars left off in a fence corner to rust and decay? If we needed a machine enough so that we put our money into it, surely then, it is good business to take care of that investment and try to more than get our money back from its use.

Progress in Forestry Is Seen

Under Clark-McNary Law Progress in forestry under the provisions of the Clarke-McNary law which authorizes and directs Federal co-operation with the States, and which became effective the past year, is evidenced in the annual report of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

This movement to link the nation and the states in a united effort to develop timber growing on the widest possible scale, especially on private forest lands which make up 80 per cent of our total forest area, has inspired many states to greater activity, according to the report. Forty-one of the 48 states and the territories of Hawaii and Porto Rico are now co-operating with the Federal Government under one or more sections of the law. Nearly 4,000,000 was available for forest fire control work last year. Private landowners furnished nearly \$1,500,000, the states \$1,800,000, and the Federal Government \$660,000, excluding the amounts appropriated for fire control in the Federal forests.

Grows 1,686 Bushels Shelled Corn on 10 Acres

Ira Marshall, Hardin county, Ohio, farmer, who last year produced a world's record corn crop on 10 acres this year bettered his own record by producing 1,686.8 bushels of shelled corn on 10 acres for an average of 168.68 bushels to the acre. This was officially announced last week at Ohio State University after a check up at Marshall's farm.

While Mr. Marshall was bettering his own record of 160 bushels an acre, made last year, his 20-year-old son Glenn came within one bushel of equalling the 160 bushel yield.

EDSEL FORD MAKES GIFT TO "M"

Edsel Ford, president of the Ford Motor Co., has presented a complete set of Johansson gauges, accurate to two-millionths of an inch, to Dean Mortimer E. Cooley, for use in the new standardization laboratories to be established in the college of engineering at the University of Michigan.

The set of gauges, by which it is possible to measure any object of length between one-tenth of an inch and two inches with an accuracy of two-millionths of an inch, is one of two sets made for the Ford Motor Co. and is valued at \$500. The other set is for use in the engineering shops of the Ford Motor Co.

When the new standardization laboratories are completely equipped industries of the state will be afforded an opportunity to determine the accuracy of instruments used in manufacturing processes without sending them to the Bureau of Standards at Washington.

Fennville Makes Heavy Shipment of Fruit

Fresh fruit shipments from Fennville in 1926 were about equal to 1925. More than 500 cars, mostly apples, have been sent out of the local railroad yards during the season just closed. While no records are available, it is thought that an equal amount has been taken to market by trucks and by the boat lines from Holland and South Haven. This record does not include any of the scores of cars of canned fruits which have been shipped.

Muskrat Pelt Sale Causes Another Arrest

Another Manistee county resident, Robert Totch, was placed under arrest by deputy game wardens here as the result of seizure of about \$700 in muskrat and mink pelts from Samuel Miller. Totch is alleged to have sold Miller some of the pelts, possession of which is illegal until next February. Totch denies that he ever owned the pelts.

Sugar Beets Net Farmers \$50.00 Per Acre

Farmers in the Mt. Pleasant district netted a little more than \$50 an acre for their sugar beets this year, a report from the Columbia Sugar company says. The company gave out checks totaling \$519,250.

79,443 Miles Is Traveled By Grand Haven Car Ferry

The car ferry Grand Haven, oldest and still believed to be the fastest car ferry on the Great Lakes, established a record in 1926. The Grand Haven, under command of Capt. Edward Martin, made 837 trips across Lake Michigan. This is a total distance of 79,443 miles. In 1925 the Grand Haven made 766 trips.

Battle Creek Chamber Gets Former Detroit

Rudolph Habermann, secretary of the Batavia, N. Y., Chamber of Commerce, has been chosen to succeed John I. Gibson as secretary of the Battle Creek chamber. Habermann formerly lived in Detroit and is a graduate of the University of Michigan. Gibson has been connected with the Chamber of Commerce and Western Michigan Development Bureau for the last 30 years. He recently resigned.

Chemical Analysis of Soil Has Only Limited Usefulness

Chemical analysis alone is of very little value in determining the fertility needs of the soil.

It is a popular belief that a chemical analysis of the soil will solve the problems of soil management. This overrating of the value of the chemical soil analysis is due largely to the idea that soil fertility is measured by the supply of mineral plant food in the soil.

Soil fertility results from a number of factors, one which is the supply of mineral elements of plant food. A chemical analysis of the soil will show the total supply of some of these elements, but not the amount available for plant use. Unsatisfactory as present methods may be, chemical analysis remains of fundamental importance in soils investigations. However, to be of greatest value in working out a system of soil management, chemical analysis requires a detailed survey of the area together with greenhouse and field tests on the particular soil.

Even the soil management were a simple matter of a chemical analysis, soil samples could not be analyzed for every person. The cost would be prohibitive. Moreover, neither the state nor the federal government has made financial arrangements for such analysis. Usually such samples are not representative of the area and the analysis would be of little value.

Commercial incubators with capacity of from 100,000 to 200,000 are common in China. Single plants turn out in a day 8,000 to 12,000 chicks and keep up this production for seven to nine months a year. The chicks are sold as soon as dry.

UPHOLD ST. CLAIR FLATS LEASES

Leases of state lands in St. Clair Flats are sustained by an opinion of the Supreme Court holding that the state's ownership of the land is of such a character as to permit issuance of leases.

The conservation department had refused to issue any new leases of the Flats lands or to recognize the validity of some leases already issued. It contended that the state holds the land under a special trust and not by ownership in fee and that it cannot alienate the property from public use.

The opinion is brief, merely asserting the court meant by the term "re-leased land" used in a former opinion any land that has become dry, whether by recession of water, by accretions or otherwise. It then reaffirms the opinion which had been issued before the reargument that gives rise to the finding.

Allegan County Road Commission Organized For Year 1927

The county road commission of Allegan county has been organized for 1927 with the re-election of Fred I. McOmber as chairman and general manager; William G. Tisdale, clerk; Glenn B. Cook, engineer, and Melvin Peck, assistant engineer.

The commission, which controls the county park, has re-elected Leon Shepard chairman and Martin J. Reed secretary.

The commission has been notified by State Highway Commissioner Frank F. Rogers the state will take over the bee-line road from Allegan to Plainwell. This probably will mean the improvement of that road in 1927, providing a good road from Allegan to Kalamazoo.

A. S. Morris of this city, state road maintenance superintendent of Allegan county, states his equipment for snow removal now consists of six plows and two 10-ton tractor plows, one of the latter being of the caterpillar type.

Fifteen miles of M-40 in Van Buren county, running from this county to Paw Paw, has been added to his territory and the road from Allegan to Plainwell will make about 130 miles of state road to be cared for.

The county road commission will be able to care for more county roads under the new arrangement.

Manistee Shirt Co. Adds 50 Employees

The Goshen Shirt Company of Manistee announced its 1927 schedule of production, which calls for an increase of 25 to 30 per cent. Orders and materials have been booked and materials have been purchased to run the plant at its fullest capacity during the first six months of the year, B. L. Herman, general manager, stated.

There were 208 people on the last payroll and about 50 more will be added at once. The company makes dress shirts exclusively.

Hastings Postoffice Now Rated First-Class

Receipts at the Hastings postoffice for the past year entitle it to be rated in the first class division of postoffices. The total for the year was \$48,442.04.

The Baby's Cold



Aged Man, Injured While Bathing, Dies

Word has been received at Kalamazoo of the death of Legrand A. Copley, 82 years old, in Phoenix, Ariz., from injuries suffered while in bathing at Balboa Beach, Calif., last September. Copley was the only surviving member of Kalamazoo college class of 1867. For many years he was engaged in the real estate business in Kansas City, Mo. In recent years he had made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Carl Pleasant, in Phoenix.

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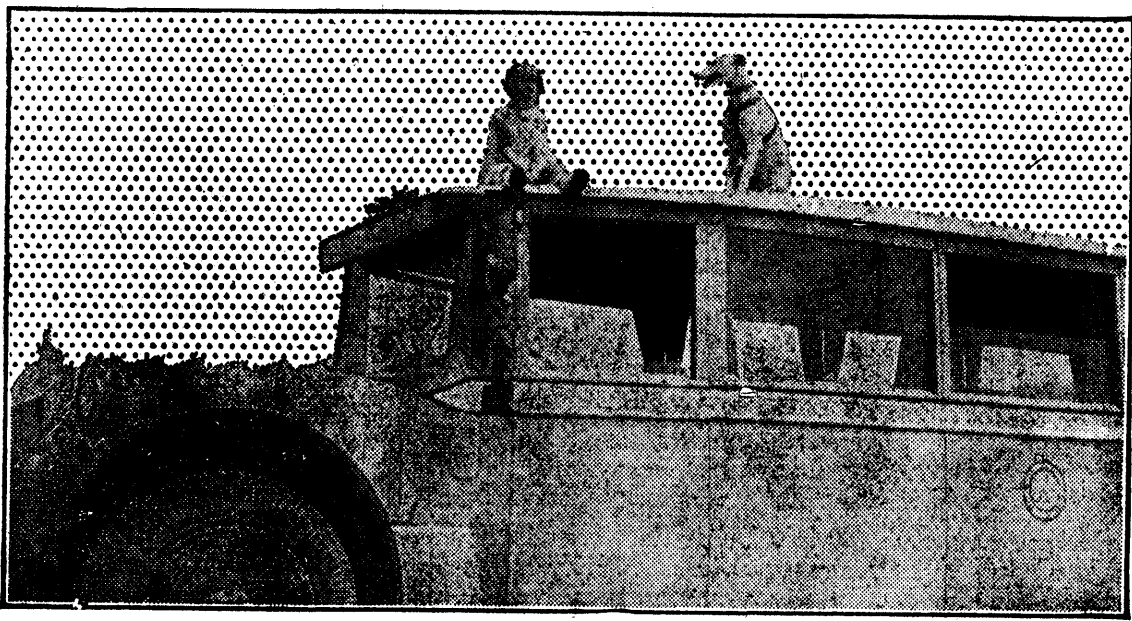
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"BUS" ENTERTAINS MARY ELLEN ATOP A GREYHOUND



Mary Ellen is the pretty little daughter of R. E. Ekstrom of the Safety Motor Coach Lines and she's "Riding" the Greyhound in a new fashion, accompanied by "Bus," the thoroughbred mascot presented to her Uncle Ed, E. C. Ekstrom, President of the popular Coach Company.

MASON COUNTY IS OFFERED ROYALTY ON RIVER POWER

Royalty of one-fifteenth of a cent per kilowatt produced on the Pere Marquette river through hydro-electric development and sold outside of Mason county, was offered to the board of supervisors by V. W. Montgomery, of Reed City, promoter of the Pere Marquette River Company, limited. He estimates this would net Mason county \$2,000 per annum.

He asks an extension of six years in the franchise granted him by the board last spring, in which to complete the first dam. The original franchise exacts no fee. Montgomery said he had met with many difficulties in trying to promote the hydro-electric development of the Pere Marquette. He told the board he had the promise of the state conservation department that it would sell him river frontage owned by the state for flowage rights. The department, however, has designated these lands for state park purposes.

W. G. Yates, who recently brought about the development of the Thornapple river, Kent county, has withdrawn from association with the Pere Marquette River company, Montgomery stated. He said Yates put \$5,500 into the project and drew out because of the opposition from many sources.

Montgomery gave estimates of an annual production of 30,000,000 kilowatt hours a year from the six proposed dams to be built on the Pere Marquette at an estimated investment of \$1,900,000.

Albion High School Suffers Loss Estimated at \$50,000

Fire which started in the basement of the Albion high school swept through three floors of the old unit of the building, destroyed the library of 7,000 volumes, gutted the assembly room and auditorium and 25 classrooms. The loss is estimated at between \$50,000 and \$75,000, covered by insurance. The library is one of the 10 finest high school libraries in the state.

The blaze started where some plumbers had been welding, a distance of 200 feet or more from the heating plant. Supt. Don Harrington, formerly of Big Rapids, announced tonight that classes would be called as usual Monday, the students to meet in the gymnasium. This is his first school fire in 30 years' service.

Bay City Fears Smallpox Epidemic

Dr. G. J. Moore, secretary of the board of health, made an urgent appeal to the public to have every member of each family in the city vaccinated in an attempt to prevent the spread of smallpox. At present there are three cases here. The health officer pointed out that every effort is being made to suppress the disease, but that no effort can be successful without vaccination of the populace. By reason of the mild form of the recent cases in the city, the public has become indifferent to the danger, according to Dr. Moore, who pointed out that individuals should be warned by the experience of Windsor and Detroit in 1924 and of Bay City in 1908, when more than 33 per cent of the cases died.

Cancer Patients

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Newberry Pays Record Price For Land

The record price for Macomb county acreage was paid by Truman H. Newberry, it was revealed today in the purchase of the Packard Aviation field at Roseville, 108 acres at \$3,600 per acre. The land is located in the village of Roseville, 12 miles from the Detroit city hall, with a frontage of 1,100 feet on Gratiot avenue. It was acquired by the Packard people about 10 years ago for experimental purposes and according to recent announcement, the new field will be located at Utica. Twenty years ago the farm land brought about \$100 per acre in this locality.

Leelanau Farmers Angry at Tax Boost

Wholesale protests on taxes will face the board of review at its next regular meeting. Legal proceedings are threatened and the tax books are worn thin and brown with angry thumbing.

Leelanau county shorefront holders are up in arms. For several years summer residents have complained they were unjustly taxed. Last year, through the boom, many local folk bought shorefront property, leased it or took or gave options on it. According to the county board this land now is properly designated "resort frontage" and a howl of mighty magnitude has risen from the tillers of the soil.

A strip of frontage owned by a Provenom banker was taxed less than \$5 last year and this year the bill amounts to \$71. Taxes on lake-front farms have increased 200 and 300 per cent in some cases. Inland farms have remained at the old assessment valuations and in a few cases have been slightly reduced, therefore taxpayers of the inland regions are satisfied.

Zeeland Youth Is Rifle Expert at West Point

Cadet Herbert VanderHeide, son of Bernard VanderHeide, one of Zeeland's oldest rural mail carriers, was awarded a silver cup and medals for establishing a record as the highest scoring rifleman at West Point. He qualified as an expert in rifle, automatic rifle, field artillery and pistol, a record carried by no other man in the academy.

VanderHeide was graduated from Zeeland high school. He enlisted in the United States army in 1922, meanwhile taking a course for entrance to West Point. He received his appointment from President Coolidge shortly after being given an honorable discharge from the army.

Major Clayton Gets Salvation Army Post

Major George Clayton of Milwaukee, general secretary of the Lake division of the Salvation Army, has been appointed to succeed Major Richard F. Stretton as commander of the Western Michigan and Northern Indiana district. Major Stretton has been transferred to the Kansas-Missouri district with headquarters at Kansas City, Mo. He came to Grand Rapids three and one-half years ago from Minneapolis.

HOLDS MOTOR SEARCH ILLEGAL

No officer in the state of Michigan has the authority to search automobiles unless he has assurance that such vehicle is violating the laws of the state and the nation, the Michigan Supreme Court decided in a sarcastic and unanimous decision.

The decision released Merwin Roache, Flint, Mich., whose automobile, loaded with liquor, was halted south of Flint on the excuse of the officer that he suspected the occupants because their machine was traveling slower than the ordinary speed.

"Then any automobile may be stopped and the occupants subjected to the humiliation of a search on the caprice of a policeman," the Supreme Court decided. "The lower court in Genesee County should have released the defendant."

The decision continues: "To permit the searching of automobiles by one invested with official authority such circumstances as obtained in this case can mean but one thing, the right to stop indiscriminately anyone driving along public highways and subject him to ignominy of a search of his personal and private effects at the mere caprice of an officer."

The officer's testimony in the case was that he had reasons to suspect the driver because he was driving more slowly than usual and looked over his shoulder at the policeman. The officer's action was misconduct, the court decides.

"We may ask," the opinion reads: "May not one look at a policeman? If such trifles are held to give the right to search an automobile without a warrant, no officer will ever be at a loss to find some excuse for his misconduct."

Belding Paper is Sold Before First Issue is Out

The Belding Banner-News has absorbed the Belding Herald before its first issue, Byron F. Brown, its promoter, returning to his former position as secretary of Olivet college.

Plans for publication of the new weekly were completed when the deal was made, the purchasers being Edward M. and Hubert M. Engemann, owners of the Banner-News. This is the third Belding paper to be taken over by the Engemann brothers in 10 years.

Ludington to Hear Albion College Head in Dedication Sermon

John Seaton, president of Albion college, has promised to preach the dedicatory sermon, Feb. 6, for the community building of the First Methodist church. This \$500,000 addition to the church, providing auditorium, gymnasium, dining room, and various rooms for church societies, is nearing completion. Dr. C. B. Allen, pastor of the Metropolitan tabernacle of Detroit, will preach the evening sermon.

The entire week will be devoted to banquets and entertainments, concluding with a concert directed by Mrs. M. M. Mangrum, former violinist with Sousa, now a Ludington resident.

Holland Postoffice Receipts for 1926 Establish Record

The Holland postoffice attained a new record in 1926 with total receipts approximating \$115,000, an increase of about \$7,000 over the previous year, according to figures compiled by Postmaster A. J. Westveer.

Compared with 1897, when free delivery service was inaugurated, with gross receipts of about \$10,000, the past year shows an increase of 11 times the first figures. Compared with 1923 the increase is about \$25,000.

In 1910 the total receipts were \$30,000. This amount was doubled in 1920 and the latter amount again was almost doubled in a period of six years.

Mecosta Banks Show Accumulation in Quarter Century

The combined resources of the banks in Mecosta county now exceed \$5,000,000, according to a report issued by the bankers here at the close of the year. There was an increase last year of \$341,500 to bring the total to this mark.

Practically all has accumulated in 25 years. The first bank was incorporated in this county in 1901 with total resources of \$167,000. The average increase has been approximately \$190,000 a year since.

The marked increase, however, of the past two or three years is attributed to the increasing prosperity among farmers who have been entering the dairy business on intensive scale.

Kent County Prisoners Not to Have Newspapers

Newspapers have been barred from the cells at the county jail by Kent county's new sheriff, Byron J. Patterson, who declared "the less prisoners know of what's going on outside, the less they will like it on the inside." He also added that if there is evidence of gambling by the prisoners, playing cards will be taken from them. He told two prisoners whose terms expired today that if they returned this winter the straw will be removed from their bunk ticks. The county finance committee has instructed the sheriff to make preparations to employ the prisoners in the manufacture of cement blocks required in erection of a two-story addition to the jail.

Did He Wear a Blazer?
Country: "What are you so hot for, old man?"
Hick: "I've got one of these here two-pants suits on."—Southern California Wampus.

NORTHERN DISTRICT TO GET 89 MILES OF STATE TRUNK LINE

Good news for northern Michigan is contained in the announcement by A. L. Burridge, division engineer, that the state administrative board has given this district 89 miles 'out of 300 to be added to the state trunk line system.

This additional mileage has been selected to complete gaps in east and west trunk highways to allow the traveling public to make shorter connections between the north and south trunk lines, M-10, M-11, M-13 and M-14.

The mileage is located as follows: Kalkaska to Grayling, 25 miles; M-20 north of Baldwin to M-63 east of Peacock, 7 miles; Manton to Lake City, 11 miles; Bellaire to Eastport, 15 miles; in Iosco county, M-72 south to Oscoda, 6 miles; Oscoda and Alcona counties, M-10 east to west end of M-72, 25 miles.

A budget is now being made at the Cadillac highway office for the approval of the department at Lansing and it is the intention to have these stretches of road taken over by the maintenance forces early this spring.

It is expected that the new United States numbering will be approved within the next few months and these roads will probably be marked with the new official numbers at the same time that all the roads are given the new United States numbers.

Receipts Top \$50,000 In Bay Welfare Fund

The report of the Bay County Welfare fund for the last 15 months was given out by Leo C. VanLaan, secretary of the board of directors.

At the end of the year a balance of \$711.46 remained in the treasury of the fund which was collected during the campaign of October, 1925, to December, 1926, amounted to \$50,508.71.

During the year \$16,737.66 was collected on the 1925 fund.

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Few Women Without Hunger for Romance

Women crave the ideal in seeking a mate. But to a woman in love the roseate halo which she herself placed about the head of the adored one may make the most commonplace man seem a very Parsifal before marriage. And even with a quickening sense of the mistake she has made the woman seeks to justify her own belief in her ideal.

That, in reality, is at the bottom of most of the nagging in marriage. The woman hopes that somewhere in the man are those glowing qualities she believes exist, though they may be latent.

With repeated failure to arouse them, she grows restless, impatient; is discouraged—not with mankind, but with her man. She is still seeking; still believes. For a time she may be able to see in some other man the qualities she desires. But once she has entered into a new relationship, how often does her disillusion repeat itself!

The sort of hero worship one sees at the crowded matinees of favorite artists—actors, violinists, pianists—is to be explained, not only by the love of the arts, but often by the fact that women who flock to these performances are hungry for romance.—Jane Cowl in Liberty.

Queer How Some Men Attain High Position

When George B. Baer was president of the Reading railroad, he was sitting on the porch of his home one Sunday afternoon when a man carrying a suitcase approached and said: "Is this where the president of the Reading railroad lives?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Baer. "Are you the president of the Reading railroad?"

"Yes," said Mr. Baer again. "Well," said the man with the suitcase, "how much does an excursion ticket to Niagara Falls cost?"

"Sorry," replied Mr. Baer, "but I don't know."

"What?" exclaimed the inquirer in astonishment, "you don't know the price of an excursion ticket to Niagara Falls? Say, you're a fine railroad president!"

Their Death Not in Vain

Probably the most disastrous Arctic expedition in history was that of Sir John Franklin of the British navy. Of the 120 confident and courageous explorers who sailed with him from England in the summer of 1845, not one returned. Yet this attempt to discover a route to the Pacific cannot be branded as a failure, for while the adventurers who set forth so hopefully in the Erebus and Terror perished wretchedly a few years later, disaster and death did not overtake them until they had achieved the main object of their voyage—the discovery of a channel of communication from Baffin bay to Bering strait. Thus did Franklin's volunteers realize the centuries-old dream of European navigators—the finding of a north-west passage. They were conquerors, even in death.—Dearborn Independent.

Royalty Rebuked

The phrase "There is no royal road to learning" is merely a modified form of Euclid's famous reply to King Ptolemy I of Egypt. It is said that Euclid founded the school of mathematics at Alexandria when that city was just becoming a center of learning. "According to tradition," Ptolemy once asked the great mathematician whether there was not some easier way for him to learn geometry than by studying the "Elements," a work prepared by Euclid himself. Euclid replied: "There is no royal road to geometry."—Pathfinder Magazine.

Road Signs Old Idea

Road signs date back to the early history of the world. Many monuments have been unearthed by archeological expeditions in Crete, Asia Minor and the Greek Peloponnese which show that the directional signs were in use even in the time of the legendary heroes of the Hellenic world. In the Roman forum is still preserved the "golden milestone," a pillar which was erected by Augustus, on which were carved the names of roads together with distances from Rome.

Rolls Up Like a Ball

A queer little animal from Australia is known as the echidna. Scientists claim that this curious creature is a link between the birds and true mammals. As an anteater it is a fine specimen of a porcupine, being completely covered with a coat of large spines, which serves as an armor.

When the echidna is attacked where digging is impossible, it immediately tucks in its head and feet and rolls itself into a ball. If the ground is soft the echidna disappears rapidly and suddenly.

First Tea in Europe

Though reports of tea as a Chinese beverage had been received from Portuguese sources as early as 1517, the credit for its introduction from China into Europe belongs to the Dutch East India company, which imported a few pounds into Holland in 1610, and into England in 1645, says the Newark News. Apparently it was not until 1669 that the English East India company brought its first consignment, two canisters, weighing in all 143 pounds, from Bantam.

Surprising Finds Made in Australian Caves

Astonishing finds have been made in the Wellington (Australia) caves, which include fossil remains which have been identified as those of the marsupial lion, an animal which combined the pouch of the kangaroo with the general characteristics of the African lion. Few specimens of the remains of this marsupial have been found in recent years. It has been described as one of the fiercest and most destructive of predatory beasts known to naturalists. Other new discoveries in these stalagmite caves have been classified as those of the diprotodon, an animal of the kangaroo type, but immensely greater in bulk than a full-grown rhinoceros. The fossils indicate an animal with an enormous head and a thick, strong neck, extremely large, chisel-shaped teeth and well-marked fingers and toes. The foot structure shows that these animals or their immediate ancestors were tree-climbers, the big toe being placed nearly at right angles to the others in order to enable it to obtain a grip as it mounted.

Bishop Has Honor as London's Patron Saint

One of the earliest bishops of London was St. Erkenwald, whose "festival" occurred recently. He was a Londoner born and bred, so it was only fitting that shortly after his death, which took place in 683, he should be acclaimed London's patron saint.

St. Erkenwald restored the first St. Paul's cathedral, and was buried within its walls. In 1136 London was partly destroyed by a great fire that burned old London bridge and a portion of the cathedral, but stopped at his shrine. Pious folks professed to regard this as a miraculous intervention of the dead saint, and from thence on his tomb became a place of pilgrimage.

Many of them brought rare and costly gifts, so that in course of time Erkenwald's magnificent tomb was ablaze with precious stones.—Chicago Journal.

Really People's Bank

Napoleon I headed the list of stockholders, with 30 shares in his name, when the Bank of France was founded in February, 1800. It was constituted in the form of a joint stock company, with a capital of 30,000,000 francs, at that time about \$6,000,000. The Bank of France differs from other central banks in that it deals with private individuals. It makes loans as small as \$1 and the law requires it to do so. In an ordinary year before the World war the institution made 247,735 loans in sums not more than \$2 and of the \$300,000 separate bills discounted at Paris in one year, 4,304,000 were for amounts less than \$20, says the Albany News. It is the bank of the people. Peasants and millionaires look upon it as their own.

Literary Love Adventures

A love adventure in story form is guaranteed to be complete in itself, to be over when it is finished and to leave behind it nothing but a pleasant memory in the reader's mind.

In all these ways it differs from a love adventure in reality, concerning which no such safe guarantees can be offered. We try to live orderly lives, and while the love adventures of reality may upset the well-considered plans of a lifetime, the other kind leaves everything exactly as it was.

The heroine may swoon with ecstasy in your arms tonight; but she will not call you up on the telephone in the morning or write you passionate and compromising letters.

The Mind Awakened

Whatever arouses and awakens the mind, and causes it to forget itself and generously give its attention to matters outside itself—that is education. Whatever stirs it from its sleep or its indolence or its prejudice or its timidity or its indifference—that is education. Whatever "leads it out" into new fields and broader interests and opens up larger vistas—that is education. Whatever makes it keenly aware; whatever makes it conscious of its own powers and inspires it to use them; whatever encourages it or calls to it to exercise them—that is education.—Woman's Home Companion.

Flashlight Photograph

A shiny pate, rather bald, horn-rimmed spectacles. A small but heavy, black mustache above a pair of thick, red lips that grip the butt of an expensive cigar. A smooth but blue chin. Aquiline nose; pop-eyes with drooping lids; bloated cheeks. About five feet eight, heavy-set, plump. A tight-fitting dinner coat, several inches too long, with lapels around the ears. Trousers too short. A silk waistcoat with pearl buttons. Age: somewhere in the forties. Overconfident, aggressive. His name: Mr. Night-Life of New York.

Ancient Free Libraries

The free library is not an exclusively modern institution. There are proofs of the fact that Nineveh possessed a public library consisting of 10,000 distinct works on tablets of clay. There were Egyptian libraries 2,000 years before Christ, and at a later period the library at Alexandria was world-famous.

It was in 1852 that the first free library in England was opened at Manchester. Dickens, Thackeray, Bulwer-Lytton and Monckton Milnes, afterward Lord Houghton, were among the speakers at the opening ceremony.

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Not Hard to Protect

Trees From Rodents

Rabbits and mice destroy thousands of dollars' worth of young trees annually, according to the observations of a well-known fruit specialist, who recommends the use of some scheme of protecting the growths. Several kinds of protectors are commonly used for this purpose, namely, heavy roofing paper which does not contain tar, or wood veneer protector, as sold by nurseries and fruit supply houses. However, a galvanized wire of one-quarter of an inch mesh is said to be the best. While it is more expensive than the other two, it will last for many years and does not have to be removed from the tree in the spring, as should be done with the paper and wood protectors.

The protectors should be placed around the trees in such a way that mice cannot get in from underneath and at a height of about 30 inches, so that the entire trunk may be protected. If the wire mesh is used, cutting the wire is advised in order that the protection formed will be four or five inches in diameter to allow for several years' growth of the trunk.

East Can Teach West

Proper Use of Time

Time, the most precious thing in the western world, and particularly in America, is, in the Orient, given its proper value in relation to living. In countries like China that have endured for centuries time is not measured off in ruthless ticks, so many years of irresolute childhood, so many years of futile work in a great furnace of competition, pitifully few years in which to prepare for the dread specter of old age and then, oblivion. Time in the Far East is a motionless procession of days gliding soundlessly one into the other, all of them precious, but none of them to be regarded as one's last chance.

A man works. He does his best. His business is never too pressing for him to welcome the stranger. And when he lunches or dines he does just that, making a pleasurable accomplishment out of a necessary function instead of resenting the necessity and satisfying it in a 15-minute series of gulps.—From Japan.

Locomotive's Breathing

The puffing of a railway engine is a common-enough sound, but few people know by what it is regulated. Actually the number of pulls made by a locomotive in the course of a journey depends on the circumference of its driving wheels.

No matter what the speed of the train may be, the engine will give four puffs for every complete turn of the driving wheels. The wheels may vary in circumference, but the average is 20 feet.

With the average driving wheels and a speed of fifty miles an hour, a locomotive will give 850 puffs a minute, or 52,800 puffs an hour, the driving wheels performing 13,200 complete revolutions in the sixty minutes.

Lesson in Spelling

Ralph Waldo Emerson got a lesson in spelling-as-she-spoke from R. E. Richardson of the Electric Bond and Share company, a globe-trotter, who has laid up a vast store of varied information and philosophy.

Young Richardson, when a little lad, attended school at Concord, Mass. Emerson was then head of the school board. The members appeared at school at certain intervals and put the pupils through more or less of an oral examination.

The sage, pointing to Richardson, asked: "How do you spell horse?" "H-o-r-s-e," came the instantaneous reply.

Ever the grave Emerson had to smile.—Forbes Magazine (New York).

Strict Dietetic Rules

Followers of the Buddhist religion give attention to a strict regulation in their eating and drinking habits. Intoxicating beverages are expressly forbidden and the eating of meat is permissible only under the following restrictions: One must have killed the animal himself, he must not have ordered any one to kill it, it must not have been killed by any one with the intention of supplying it to him, and he must not suspect that the animal has been killed. However, meat-eaters among the Buddhists of Ceylon, Burma, and Siam get around these laws.

He Understood

A young man fell in love with a girl who did not return his affection. After he had proposed to her several times she lost her temper and replied:

"Look here, I ain't going to marry you—never. I wouldn't marry you, not if you was the last man on earth, and I don't want nothing to do with you. Is that plain English?"

"It is plain enough," replied the unabashed suitor, "but it isn't English, you know."

Postgraduate Diploma

"When one of my feminine friends asks how old I am," said the resourceful woman, "I always put the burden of the fib on the questioner." "How do you mean?" "I just say lightly: 'Oh, I'm a year or two older than you, you know, my dear—at least a year older. Let me see now, how old are you?' And then she always knocks more off my age than I should ever have the courage to do myself.—Boston Transcript.

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Report of the Condition of the First State Bank

at Gobles, Michigan, at the close of business December 31, 1926, as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department.

RESOURCES			
Loans and Discounts, viz:	Commercial	Savings	
a Secured by collateral	\$1,839.92	\$10,465.00	
b Unsecured	92,403.79	38,577.80	
d Items in transit	3,587.10		
Totals	97,830.81	49,042.80	\$146,893.61
Bonds, Mortgages and Securities, viz:			
a Real Estate Mortgages	2,250.00	44,002.80	
b Municipal Bonds in Office		8,000	
d U. S. Bonds and Certificates of Indebtedness in Office			
g Other Bonds	54,643.03	29,102.50	
Totals	56,893.03	81,104.50	137,997.53
Reserves, viz:			
Due from Banks in Reserve Cities	2,252.26		
Total cash on hand	7,150.83	3,000	
U. S. Bonds and Certificates of indebtedness carried as legal reserve in Savings Dept. only		14,450	
Totals	9,403.09	17,450	26,853.09
Combined Accounts, viz:			
Overdrafts			610.45
Banking House			4,965.63
Furniture and Fixtures			9,531.20
Other Real Estate			2,666.01
Customers' Bonds Deposited with Bank for Safekeeping			9,550.00
TOTALS			339,067.52
LIABILITIES			
Capital Stock paid in			\$20,000
Surplus Fund			12,000
Undivided Profits, net			3,056.06
Dividends Unpaid			1,200.00
Bond Adj.			1,695.03
Commercial Deposits, viz:			
Commercial deposits subject to check	76,160.60		
Demand Certificates of Deposit	75,044.32		
State Moneys on Deposit			
Totals	151,204.93		151,204.93
Savings Deposits, viz:			
Book Accounts, subject to Savings by laws	68,894.05		
Certificates of Deposit, subject to Savings by laws	71,467.46		
Totals	140,361.51		140,361.51
Customers' bonds deposited with Bank for Safekeeping			9,550
Bond Adj.			
TOTAL			\$339,067.52

State of Michigan, County of Van Buren, ss.
I, L. O. Graham, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear, that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and correctly represents the true state of the several matters therein contained, as shown by the books of the bank.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of January 1927.
Edna L. Davis, Notary Public.

My commission expires April 23, 1928.
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Notice of Hearing Claims

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Van Buren.
In the matter of the estate of Frank D. Buck, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that four months from the 7th day of January A. D. 1927, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office in the Village of Paw Paw in said county, on or before the 9th day of May, A. D. 1927, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday the 9th day of May, A. D. 1927, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.
Dated January 7th, A. D. 1927.
WM. KILLEFER,
Judge of Probate.

Order for Publication

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Van Buren.
At a session of said court held at the Probate Office in the Village of Paw Paw in said county on the 6th day of January A. D. 1927.
Present Hon. Wm. Killefer, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of Mary J. Bramblee, deceased.
Will J. Richards, administrator of said estate, having filed in said court his petition, praying for license to sell the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described.
It is ordered, That the 7th day of February A. D. 1927, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said court at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted.
It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Gobles News, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.
Wm. Killefer,
Judge of Probate.
A true copy. Mamie L. Shaffer, Register of Probate.

Order of Publication

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Van Buren.
At a session of said court held at the Probate Office in the Village of Paw Paw in said county on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1927.
Present Hon. Wm. Killefer, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of John Bramblee, deceased.
Will J. Richards, Administrator of said estate, having filed in said court his final administration account and his petition, praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate.
It is Ordered, That the 7th day of February, A. D. 1927, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.
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Book Lovers Do

I have somewhere seen it observed, that we should make the same use of a book that the bee does of a flower; she steals sweets from it, but does not injure it.—Colton.

If your subscription to The News has expired, please call at once and settle.

M. S. C. SOCIETY BECOMES FRAT

The Columbian Literary society at Michigan State college has been granted admission to Sigma Alpha Epsilon, a national college fraternity, and will be formally installed as Michigan Gamma chapter, March 1, according to announcement of Ralph Dailey, vice-president of the society.

Dailey presented the society's petition at the national convention in Boston recently and on his return to this city, received official notification of its acceptance. The installation will be performed by the Michigan Alpha chapter of Adrian college, with a member of the executive board probably Judge Niffert of Cincinnati, presiding.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon is not only one of the four leading fraternities in size, but also one of the oldest, having been established in 1837. The fraternity has 99 chapters in this country. There are two other chapters in Michigan, one at Adrian college and the other at the University of Michigan.

The Columbian society was organized in 1892 and for the past 12 years has occupied the present house in East Lansing. There are 400 alumni members, 22 active members and 13 pledges. Officers of the society are Harold Douma, Fenton, president; Ralph Dailey, Detroit, vice president; William Moeller, Detroit, secretary, and William Sparling, Bad Axe, treasurer.

Ionia School Abandoned; Is Declared Unsafe

The old Jefferson school building of Ionia, which was constructed in 1870 and was serving as an annex to the new Jefferson building, was abandoned, following condemnation by a local contractor who was employed to inspect the structure after a protest had been made by parents about two weeks ago. Half-day sessions were started to care for the pupils in the old building. Plans are being made by the board of education for a bond issue of \$50,000 to build an addition to the new Jefferson school.

Fremont Shows Smallest Fire Loss in Many Years.

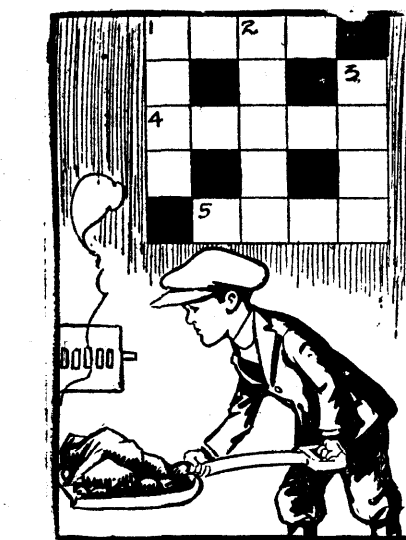
Fire loss in Fremont last year was 80 per cent less than the average yearly loss for many years back, or \$1,846. There were nine fires in all during the year, and the greatest loss at any one fire was \$800.

This fact was brought out in the report just filed by the inter-chamber fire and waste contest committee of the local chamber of commerce with the fire and waste council of the national chamber.

Holland P. O. Receipts Show \$7,000 Increase

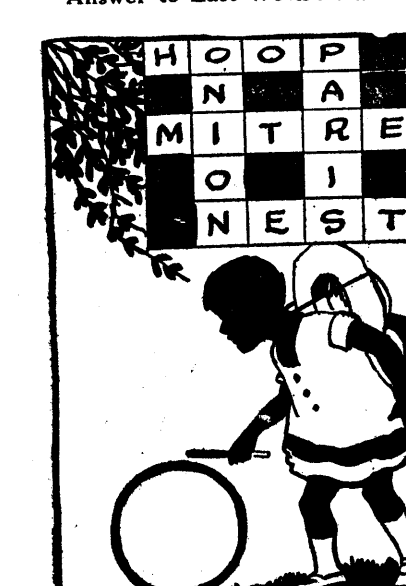
The Holland postoffice attained a new record in 1926 with total receipts approximating \$115,000, an increase of \$7,000 over 1925. Receipts at this postoffice have trebled in 15 years.

Children's Pictorial Cross Word Puzzle



Running Across
Word 1. What is the boy in the picture shoveling?
Word 4. Eject, drive out.
Word 5. A fruit.

Running Down
Word 1. What are the men who man a ship called?
Word 2. Fully sufficient, enough.
Word 3. To pass over in pronunciation so quickly as to nearly obscure a syllable.



Woman, Only Inhabitant of Town, Works to Transform Sand Wastes



Left to right: Mrs. Lydia Nixon and her service station; below, part of the deserted village of Llano del Rio, Calif.

Llano Del Rio, Calif.—Although Llano Del Rio is on the map of the Mojave Desert, it is but a collection of ghostly adobe houses, tenantless and crumbling to dust and populated only by a single woman—a typical daughter of the sand wastes.

In this maze of ruins that once was the heart and the hopes of the communist movement in America, reigns Mrs. Lydia Nixon, 58, who operates a small gasoline station and outfitting store—twenty miles from the nearest human habitation.

"Tin-can" tourists and desert "rats," perhaps only one or two of them a day, stop at her small oasis in the sands for water, gasoline and groceries and then pass on to where the dancing heat mirages play tricks with the eyes.

Only One Remaining
Mrs. Nixon is the sole survivor of this village that once boasted 2,000 souls. When the mighty dream bubble of the communistic colony of which Job Harriman was the head burst three years ago, the population moved out en masse, but she remained with her husband. The water failed; the refractory land bleached and parched

still more under the merciless midday suns; irrigation ditches choked under the dust and the crops died.

Gradually the sands of the great Mojave desert were crowding out the lawns of Llano. Every agency of nature rebelled against the village of deserted houses. Travelers shunned its desolation, but still the Nixons stayed on. Their faith in communism had gone, Mrs. Nixon said, "but our faith in ourselves never wavered."

Horrifying Discovery
One day as she was drawing water from a well almost a mile distant, she stumbled over the body of her husband who had fallen off his horse and died. She didn't cry; she didn't scream. She chased away the carrion buzzards that hovered over him and she buried him where he fell, near a leafless sagebrush that cast a meager, pitiful shade.

"I had only \$35 to my name," said Mrs. Nixon. "There was nothing for me to do but to start life all over again. I stocked up my 'dobe home' with a small line of groceries. I bought a barrel of gasoline and waited for the tourists and 'rats' to come."

Out of the house that Job Harriman, communist leader, had built for

himself she made a garage and boarded occasional desert "lizzies." What had once been a community clothing factory she converted into a "Hotel Llano" where travelers stayed who feared the sandy desolation at night.

Amid a Gnawing Quietness
All alone she has fought the terrible quietness of the desert nights for two years—alone, except for her dying city of mud walls. As a result of her labors she has earned—and saved—\$1,000. When this money has grown sufficiently she hopes to pipe water ten miles to Llano where now she has to cart it over a rutted trail. She wants to make of her hot paradise the flower of promise that died in the budding.

"When I have money enough," declares Mrs. Nixon, "I want to bring large families to my city of rent free houses and no occupants, and I want to hear children playing about the 'dobe huts' once more."

And because she is sincere in wanting those things to happen, Mrs. Nixon, who isn't afraid of work or the perils of the desert, will continue serving desert "rats" until she can pipe water to ghostly, dry Llanos on the Mojave.

Bay City Inventory Shows Valuation of City Property

An inventory of city properties consisting of buildings, structures, grounds, transmission and distribution systems, equipment, fixtures and supplies, shows a grand total of \$6,640,800.60. Almost two-thirds, or \$4,002,981.25, is listed in the water department.

Buildings and grounds are placed at \$4,530,011.65, contents and equipment of \$32,326.34 and the transmission and distribution system at \$2,440,643.26.

Totals of the other departments are: fire department, \$235,734.58; parks, \$44,115.86; street department, \$57,983.81; city hall, \$767,021.24; electric light department, \$740,488.90; Oak Ridge cemetery, \$52,556.65; Sage library, \$83,400.65; Bay City public library, \$205,344.25; general hospital, \$43,202.77.

State College Home Economics Extension Work Reaches Many Women

From September, 1926, to June, 1927, Michigan State college home economics extension work will have reached a total of 19,040 women in the state, a record which has never before been achieved in the history of home demonstration in Michigan, according to R. J. Baldwin, director of the college extension service, who just has received the term-end report from Mrs. Louise Campbell, state leader of the women's project.

Mrs. Campbell has compiled her record from reports of the various home demonstration agents regarding their work of the past and schedule for the remainder of the college year, out in the state. From first visits to the counties, the extension specialists have recorded 101 local leaders enrolled in the 37 counties where project work is in progress.

The leaders represent 580 different communities or local groups, each of which is composed of 16 women, making a total of 8,280 women actually enrolled. Mrs. Campbell has estimated that the influence spreads to about 18,560 women. If the number of local leaders is added to this, the total goal for home economics extension in 1926-27, is 19,040, she explains.

Cadillac Makes Nice Gain in Population in Six Years

The population of Cadillac at the start of 1927, seven years after the last decennial census, is 19,675, compared with 12,187 at the start of 1920, and 9,750 in 1920, according to a survey just completed.

POEMS I LOVE

"AT THE AQUARIUM"
By Max Eastman

I have always been fond of the literature which makes it its business to seek to discover the point of view of animals, as well as of man; which gives to an inanimate object animate qualities. I consider Rostand's "Chanticleer" a work of genius; and I am convinced that old houses take on the attributes of those who dwell in them, and become almost breathing entities. When Mr. Eastman plays with an idea like this, wistfully wondering first about the fish behind the glass and then profoundly yet simply considering the destiny of man, he seems to me to become a poet in the highest sense.

Serene the silver fishes glide Stern-lipped, and pale, and wonder-eyed!

As through the aged deeps of ocean, They glide with wan and wavy motion They have no pathway where to go, They flow like water to and fro. They watch with never-winking eyes, They watch with staring, cold surprise,

The level people in the air, The people peering, peering there. They also wander to and fro, And know not why or where they go, Yet have a wonder in their eyes, Sometimes a pale and cold surprise. (Copyright, 1926.)

SUGGESTIONS Freshen Potato Chips

Put potato chips that have lost their crispness in pan and put them into a slow oven, being sure that oven is not hot as it will brown them. Leave them in the oven until heated through. This procedure will restore the crispness to the chips that you have in the house. Also, it will improve those that have been just brought from the store.

Poached Eggs in Sieve

A wire sieve with prongs that fit over the edge of the kettle makes a splendid egg poacher for one or two eggs. Fill a basin of any size or shape with boiling water and put on the fire. Set the sieve down in the water, prongs on rim of kettle, keeping it level in the boiling water. Then an egg or two broken into the sieve will poach beautifully and the long handle on sieve enables the cook to lift them out and shake the water out and turn them directly onto the buttered toast in a neat, round pile.

A Flour Sprinkler

Fill an empty iodized salt box with flour from the large flour can to have on hand for thickening vegetables. It only takes a second to pour what flour you need for whatever you are cooking.

Maccabee Chief Predicts Large Growth for Order

Great Com. E. W. Thompson of Detroit, head of the Michigan Maccabees, told a fraternal audience that there would be no crime if every home was fraternalized.

There are bandits and the underworld because we create it. If we reach boys and girls who are financially down and out there would be no prisons, no barring windows or locking doors," Mr. Thompson said.

He told his audience that the Maccabees are now starting a crusade for 25,000 juveniles and that they expect to put a bill through the state legislature that will give fraternal orders the same privilege of commercial insurance companies in the matter of loans to their members.

Mr. Thompson expects the Maccabees to be the strongest order in fraternal circles in membership within the next 10 years.

"Americanism is the mainstay of the world and Maccabeesim represents the sanctity of the home," Mr. Thompson said.

Crippled Artist



Despite the fact that Miss Ida Denny, above, of Spokane, Wash., has been a cripple for the last ten years she has built up a large business in hand-painted cards. Working long hours in her wheel chair, Miss Denny has changed life's defeat into success.

PAY OVER MILLION DOLLARS IN ALIMONY

Ex-husbands of Wayne county paid alimony totaling \$1,281,486.88 in 1926, it was shown in the annual report of Edward Pokorny, friend of the court, made to Judge Arthur Webster, presiding in circuit court.

The divorce mills of the county ground busily during the year, it was indicated, and perhaps the ex-husbands were more faithful to their promises as the paid alimony total shows an increase over 1925 of \$131,613.77.

The report shows Mr. Pokorny's office has 8,800 alimony accounts and that 75 men are now in the house of correction for failure to make temporary or permanent alimony payments. The last remittance from the house of correction for alimony was \$1,976, representing the labor of the delinquents for one-half month, the report stated.

Further figures from Pokorny's office show the average daily payment of alimony in 1926 was \$4,107.33, the average monthly payment was \$106,790.57 and the most alimony was paid in April when former husbands turned over \$112,316.30. January was the 'dullest' month, the alimony receipts being \$98,654.42.

New court rules adopted March 1, 1926, which required all praecipes noticing motions for preliminary orders for divorce to be filed with the friend of the court for investigation and recommendation, have operated with great success, Mr. Pokorny stated.

Fraternity Closes 25th Year With Celebration

The twenty-fifth year of the Zetalethian fraternity of Albion college closed with a ceremony at Parker Inn when the organization formally was installed as Omega chapter of the national Greek letter fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon. The ceremony marked the end of three days of formal and informal programs in which national officers of T. K. E. participated.

A peculiar coincidence was in the fact that the installation of Albion college's sixth national fraternity took place upon the spot where once stood the Zetes' first chapter house, which was removed to make way for Albion's new hotel, Parker Inn.

Forty-two men, alumni and actives, took the vows of Tekes and their names have been inscribed as charter members of Omega chapter. Omega is the second chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon to be granted to Michigan institutions. Upsilon, the other, at the University of Michigan, was formed from a society as the Peers and was installed in January 1925.

Three pairs of brothers were among those who took the vows of the new organization as charter members. They were: Clement and Dempster Yinger of Grand Rapids; Thomas L. and Bruce Starr of Royal Oak; and Harold and Raymond Bowers of Three Rivers. A fourth pair, George and Charles Miles of Stevensville, was pledged, but only George was initiated at this time.

Cool Days and Hot Doughnuts

Do you know how to make doughnuts that fairly melt in your mouth? Like cakes and pies, there is a trick to doing this.

The first thing to do is to choose a fairly deep frying kettle which will retain the heat and have a wire basket that fits the kettle.

Then, too, be careful in the selection of your fat. Cooking oils may be easily used and are economical. After using oil or fat, you can clarify it by slicing a few potatoes into the tooled fat, letting the potato absorb all odors of what had previously been cooked in it and then strain through cheesecloth to remove crumbs which might easily burn the next time. In this way, a kettle of fat may be used several times, with no waste. Fat that has burned is unfit for cooking and should be used for other things, such as soap. The best fat to use is one which has a high melting point.

It is important to have the fat sufficiently hot, and to have the temperature of the fat between 360 to 370 degrees F. for doughnuts and they should take from three to five minutes to reach the golden color desired. If the fat is too cool the doughnut will absorb too much of it.

The following recipe for doughnuts you will find proves to be a great favorite with everyone.

Calumet Doughnuts

4 cups flour, 4 level teaspoons Calumet baking powder, 1/2 level teaspoon salt, 1 cup sugar, 2 eggs, beaten separately, 2 teaspoons melted butter, 1 cup milk.

Sift flour, then measure, add baking powder and salt and sift three times, rub sugar and butter together, and well beaten eggs, then flour and milk alternately. Turn out on a well floured board and roll out 1/4 inch thick. Cut with doughnut cutter. Let stand five minutes and fry in a kettle of hot fat. (360 to 370 degrees F.) Nutmeg or cinnamon may be added if desired. — Home Economics Dept., Calumet Baking Powder Co.

"What course is your boy taking at college?"
"The downward course, I'm afraid."
—From The American Boy Magazine.

LIVING and LOVING

BY FLORENCE SMITH VINCENT

Husband's Pretty Stenographer

When Bob and Betty were married the friends of both declared it was a perfect match and enthusiastically prophesied a roseate future for the blissful pair.

But before long it became evident that the two were not fulfilling the promise of "love's young dream" by living happily after. Too often did the casual caller come upon Bob, his mouth set in stern lines, his manner coolly indifferent; find Betty with eyes tear-misted, her little chin tilted at defiant angle. Gone was the gaiety that had made a gathering at their home so delightful. Instead, guests were uncomfortably conscious of the tension of suppressed emotion.

One fine day Betty's girl chum chanced to find Betty in a "blue" moment. Driven by anger, weakened by weeping, Betty revealed the secret.

"It's all Bob's fault!" she wailed, her hands clenching. "He flatly refuses to get rid of his stenographer, and he knows I hate her!"

"But why, Betty?" asked her chum, inwardly dismayed but outwardly calm and determined, now the opportunity presented itself to get at the root of the trouble. "What has the girl done to you? She must fill her position satisfactorily or Bob wouldn't keep her. Surely you don't think Bob would—"

"Exactly! You've hit it! Bob is in love with her, or I miss my guess. He couldn't help but be, she is so pretty!"

"Betty, dear, be sensible." The chum tried reason, but to no avail.

"Then he might at least choose a homely one!" stormed Betty. "A married man has no business to shut himself up alone all day long with a pretty woman. Bob is susceptible to feminine charm—don't I know him?"

There it was, the same old story in the same old way! Good-looking husband, jealous wife and the husband's pretty stenographer. The eternal triangle famed in play and story ever since the first day when women entered the business world to disturb the peace of mind of the women who stayed at home.

Eileen Bourne, writing in a recent issue of a magazine, declared that: "It may not make the world brighter—"

er for the jealous wife to learn the truth, but beauty assuredly is fast becoming the little sister of efficiency in that realm over which her husband presides. It is true, of course, there are some timid ones who still feel more comfortable with a girl who has thin hair and buck teeth. But the majority have enrolled in the new school of business thought which teaches that pleasant surroundings have a stimulating effect on workers in general."

And there you are!
The pretty stenographer is but a pleasing accessory in this new scheme of office decoration.

Tecumseh Telephone Company Sells Plant

Officials of the Tecumseh telephone company have announced the purchase of the plant by the United Telephone company, operating extensively in the middle west. The new company will install a new switchboard and will make other improvements. The Tecumseh Telephone company was organized in 1898, and the present stockholders were: F. C. Turner, C. F. Patterson, A. C. Aylesworth, John Lowry, James Lowry, M. C. Pluyne, Mrs. L. C. Hayden and Mrs. Charles Williams.

Self-Service
Sambo—Mandy, can I kiss you?
Mandy—Piggly Wiggly.
Sambo—What you all mean?
Mandy—Help yo'self.—B. K.

Wins Health Prize



"By the skin of her teeth" Fola Parsons of Lawton, Okla., is a health prize winner with students from eight countries. She tied with three other girls and the judges were stumped until they examined mouths. All had good teeth but Fola had the healthiest gums. She won \$25 and a tooth brush.



WEEK OF JANUARY 23

Temperatures ranging generally below seasonal normal will be in effect at the beginning of the week of January 23 in Michigan. Cold weather will be the rule for the greater part of the week, as no great moderating is expected before Saturday.

A brief rising of the temperature will take place in this state about Monday and again about Thursday, but with the general range being low at this time, the rises will not be of great lasting importance.

Rain or snow storms may be expected during the first half of the week, but during the latter part the sky will clear and the temperatures fall sharply.

Moderate February

Sizing up the important weather changes that will take place during the month of February in Michigan we come to the conclusion the month will average moderate in temperature.

Precipitation for this same period will not be heavy, although locally on certain days there will be exceptions to this rule. We look for many pleasant days, even though we realize this to be a winter month in Michigan.

Along with the seasonal temperatures there will be mixed in several sharp snaps that will quickly remind one that winter is still with us.

Fish Will Bite Just as Well in Cold Weather

"No fellow who knows how to go about below-freezing fishing needs to pack his tackle away in moth balls just because lake and pond and stream are two feet under ice," writes W. J. Schaldach, fishing authority, in "The American Boy Magazine" for January.

Some of Mr. Schaldach's pointers for winter fishing are:

"Fishing through the ice is just as different from casting, or trolling, or dangleing a line from a sun-cooked rowboat, as skating is from water polo. There's no rod and reel, no weighty decision as to lure. All you need to do is prepare half a dozen simple 'tipups,' find a spot where the water is fairly shallow and the bottom weedy, chop holes in the ice and sit back by your roaring fire with nothing to do except watch for the red flag. If the day is one with sun and slightly rising temperature, your luck will be better, for fish are more active then than when the thermometer is dropping.

"A simple tip-up consists of two sticks lashed at right angles. One is long enough to cross the hole in the ice and leave about six inches on either side; the other is shorter. To one end of the shorter stick is fastened the line, and to the other end the flag or bell. When the line is pulled, one end of the stick swings down—up goes the signal.

"For bait use minnows if you can get them, but failing that take with you cut bait—small pieces of liver, small pieces of fish itself.

"Cut a hole in the ice; let the line sink until it reaches bottom; then draw it up and attach it to the tip-up. And, when you pull up the line there will be a pike, or a two-pound pickerel, or a perch or calico bass on the hook."

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Roberta Risks It.

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LEWIS

"Musta been Mis' Smith. She was in here 'bout five minutes ago gettin' some flavorin' extract. She's just come. Rented the Finlaw house."

"Oh, she's taken a house?" Nixon doubted that Roberta's slender resources would run to this. "How long has she been here?"

"She come—let's see—Tuesday mornin', I guess 'twas, in her car, with a shofer. Nice common feller he is, too. Not a bit stuck up. She's got a hired girl here, too—funniest old Scotch woman ever you see! Sharper'n a razor! Gosh, but she's a caution when it comes to gettin' her money's worth! She's honest, though. I give her a penny too much change the other day when I was in a hurry, and she brought it right back. Says she's worked for the family ever since the master, as she calls him, was a little feller. He died a couple o' months ago, out West some'rs, and they say Mis' Smith is all broke up. Guess she must be pretty well off, though. She never kicked a mite about the price o' the house. Paid a month's rent in advance and said she'd stay all winter, if she liked it."

"H'm—well—evidently she isn't the person I thought she might be. I didn't see her face," said Nixon, and went his way, satisfied that he had been mistaken.

Yet the gait and carriage of that small, shrouded figure haunted him. They were so like Roberta's.

Piggy was more troubled by Nixon's proximity than he had admitted to Roberta, for he was by no means sure that Scott had not installed the young man as guard over the dove-cote in his own absence; in which case it might be wise to postpone action.

Turning this over in his mind, he strolled down to the tavern after dinner, as was his nightly custom, and there he learned that a stranger on horseback had passed through the village during the afternoon, stopping briefly at the store. Thereupon he lost no time in repairing thither himself.

"Hello, Jonesy!" he said to the junior salesman, who was preparing to close up for the night. "Hear you done a thrivin' business today. What did that swell guy on horseback buy? A collar button?"

"Naw. Soap."

"Who is he?"

"I dunno. Said he was stayin' over to the Jaffrey Inn an' ridin' 'round to see the country. He seen Mis' Smith out here on the road an' thought she was somebody he knew."

"Did he?" Piggy looked up with an interest easily interpretable as hope. "Maybe he's from out home. Did he say anything about Seattle?"

"Now. I told him all about her an' he said she couldn't be the one he thought, then."

"Oh," said Piggy, concealing relief with a prodigious yawn. "Gee! I'm sleepy! Gettin' to be a regular rube. Guess I'll go home an' hit the hay. There ain't nothin' else to do up here."

With this he sauntered away, but quickened his step when he had turned into the lonely road leading to the Smith domicile.

"It's all right," he assured Roberta. "The Whangdoodle told 'em the story of his life at the store this afternoon. He's staying at the Jaffrey Inn."

"Why do you call him the Whangdoodle?"

"Well, he 'mourneth for his lost love,' doth he not?"

"Idiot," said Roberta. "Stop blithering. Go up and change your clothes."

He donned his brown overalls and canvas hunting coat, while she put aside her flowing symbols of bereavement in favor of the cloth suit and close hat in which she traveled, as less likely to impede progress through the woods than her long crepe veil. She took the precaution, however, of wearing the latter until they had left Fitzwilliam behind, though they did not start until the early-retiring occupants of the two houses had had to pass were asleep. Piggy had decided to take an indirect route, via Troy and Ballou, in order to avoid the centers of both Fitzwilliam and Jaffrey. It was somewhat longer than his usual road, but safer from observation.

Warning Janet to keep the lower lights burning until eleven o'clock, when she was to extinguish them and light Roberta's bedroom for half an hour, thereafter waiting in darkness for the return of the relief expedition, they crawled silently away in the car. Various aids to the execution of nefarious purpose were stowed in Piggy's pockets, and under the rug, at Roberta's feet in the tonneau, was a demijohn filled with gasoline, beside it a long narrow box from which came sounds of alarm. Added to these was Janet's dark coat for Celia, who might conceivably need it.

Thus armed and panopied for high adventure, they slid over the deserted roads, unobserved. Deep in the woods naring their destination Piggy extinguished his lights and ran the remainder of the distance slowly and in darkness, save for the dim radiance of the moon filtered through the trees.

CHAPTER THIRTY-TWO

Just before reaching the fork leading up to Birchwood he turned the car around and drove back a few feet to a spot previously selected for this purpose, behind a thicket of young birch at the roadside. By day it would have been visible, but now only the pale trunks of the saplings could be seen, the dark automobile lost in the dense shadows of its background.

Leaving it here, headed toward home and safety, they walked on down the road to the familiar trail, not wishing to arouse the dogs until certain preliminaries had been accomplished. Climbing was slow, owing to Piggy's burdens; in one hand he carried the demijohn of gasoline, and the other firmly gripped the box on his shoulder, from which plaintive sounds

still issued at intervals. Roberta, behind, had Janet's cloak and the torch, the light of the latter enabling them to choose their footing.

At the summit there was a delay while Piggy cut a small branch from a tree and fashioned himself a bludgeon, brandishing it once or twice to test its weight. He also pried up the cover of the box, lightly secured by a couple of nails, so it could be easily removed. Then, puckering his lips, he faced Birchwood, and the crisp, calm night air was slit with the strains of his pregnant refrain.

Celia, who had listened for it in vain the night before, wriggled joyously in her bed and wondered whether she dared flash back an answer. Twice through it sounded and was followed by a fragment from a more modern and widely popular ditty, the significance of which temporarily paralyzed the prisoner—"There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight." Something was going to happen!

Undeniably something was, but none of them foresaw all the events of that memorable night, for not even Piggy's prescient perspicacity had warned him of Clifford Nixon's insomnia. Harassed by perplexity and doubt; unable to reconcile Scott's report of Roberta's conduct and conversation in New York with his own knowledge of her plans; remorseful because he had failed to meet her, yet assuring himself that he could not have done otherwise in the circumstances; apprehensive that she might have returned to Paris without seeing him, and equally apprehensive that she might still be plotting Celia's release, with disastrous consequences to himself and his business should she succeed—for in this event Scott would inevitably assume that her fiancé had been in league with her and act accordingly—Nixon found inaction galling and sleep unthinkable.

Not having provided himself with reading matter, he decided late in the evening to take a walk, and almost without conscious intention his feet led him toward the center of disturbance, Birchwood. Only the fact that Piggy, under the aegis of his lucky star, had chosen an indirect way prevented their passing him on the road. Noticing that the house was dark, Nixon walked on for a short distance, and was about to turn back when he heard a shrill whistle from the top of the hill at his right. He looked up, wondering whether anyone lived there and what the tune was that the fellow was whistling so lustily. As the refrain was repeated, he remembered the words.

"Poco, Poco, keep thine eye On the fair-haired girl, for she is sly;

You'll be sorry by and by You ever had a daughter."

Nixon stopped short. Significant, that! Could it be a signal? When he heard the melodious prediction of an immediate period of feverish activity, he plunged into the brush and began scrambling up the steep hillside. Not knowing of the rough trail within a few feet of him, he fought his way in the darkness through a thick undergrowth, stumbling, slipping, occasionally falling, but striving ever upward, more and more convinced that at last he was about to find Roberta. The noise of his own progress deafened him to that of the conspirators rapidly descending on the other side of the spur, but he heard the salvo of the dogs and turned his course in their direction, making what speed he could in his effort to reach Roberta before she had time to take whatever mad action she might contemplate. Juniper and wild blackberry vines stabbed him, impassable thickets of brush delayed him, but, breathlessly swearing, he persevered.

All unaware of the danger at their heels, Roberta and Piggy arrived at the barbed-wire barrier with their burdens and concentrated their attention on the dogs, who were running to and fro on their own side of the fence, barking furiously.

"Get behind me," he said, wire cutter in one hand and bludgeon in the other. "I may have to brain these brutes yet. If they're ugly, hop through to the other side. I'll keep 'em out. Got the top loose?"

"Yes; I'm holding it down, Ready?"

"One, two, three—go."

CHAPTER THIRTY-THREE

Roberta lifted her hand from the box over which she had been stooping and tipped it toward the woods. As the cover fell five terrified cats, tails brushed and fur on end, streaked into the underbrush. At the same instant Piggy clipped the lower strands of wire, with a sibilant, "S-s-sic 'em, boy! S-s-sic 'em!" Yipping, the three dogs tore past, to scatter in pursuit of game never resisted by any proper canine.

He cut the remaining lines, pushing Roberta through, and hastily pieced the clipped strands with lengths of wire from his pocket, drawing them loosely into place again. This done, he snatched up his demijohn.

"Now run! Those pups may be back before long and they'll raise the devil when they can't get in. Hustle!"

They ran down hill for a short distance through cleared woodland, jumped a brook at the bottom, and raced up the slope to the terrace, but stole around its graveled sounding-board to the back of the house, where they listened a moment before crossing the moonlit yard to the woodshed, in the shadow of the stable.

Here they worked swiftly and almost noiselessly, carrying armfuls of wood around the corner of the shed to the back of the barn, until they had accumulated a sufficient pile.

"Now you get behind one of those bushes at the side of the house, where you can see both ways," Piggy whispered, and began pouring the contents of his jug over the wood, while she sought the shelter of a clump of leaf-

less shrubs affording an adequate screen in the moonlight. A few seconds later he joined her.

"Fire! Fire!" Roberta screamed.

"Celia! Fire!"

Celia, awake and waiting, heard the call.

"Mother!" She shook the dormant figure beside her. "Mother! Fire!"

Now fire, as Roberta well knew when she suggested this coup, was the one thing of which everybody at Birchwood, including her father, stood in terror. Owing to the isolated position of the house, they were dependent upon their own resources for protection, and while the premises were well provided with hose and a large water tank, as well as with portable chemical siphons, nothing could have been better calculated to throw the household into confusion.

"Fire!" Mrs. Scott gasped, rolling out of bed. "Where?"

"I don't know," Celia breathlessly replied. "Somebody screamed."

Her mother seized a kimono, thrust her feet into slippers and scuttled down the hall, sniffing for smoke as she ran. From the dining room she saw a glare in the direction of the barn and heard a bevy of shrieking maids tumble down the back stairs into the kitchen. The habit of a lifetime demanded male direction, and she ran out into the yard, screeching for the gardener, whose quarters were over the garage. He emerged shortly with a chemical siphon, and took charge of the situation, dispatching the maids for hose and other siphons.

Meanwhile Celia, suspecting Roberta's hand in this diversion, slipped a petticoat over her nightdress, wrapped herself in a warm bathrobe, found shoes which she did not stop to fasten, threw a gown over her arm and ran downstairs to the terrace in front of the house.

"Roberta?" she called. "Roberta?"

There was no reply, and she ran to the side, wondering whether she had been mistaken in the voice she had heard. "Roberta?" Behind the barn she saw the glare of the fire and heard her mother's wild clamor for the gardener. Desperately she ran along the terrace to the other side, and behind the shrub Piggy said:

"There she is."

They sprang out and joined her. "Oh, Roberta! I knew you'd come!"

Celia flung herself upon her sister, but Piggy caught her shoulders and spun her around to throw Janet's long coat over the rose-colored bathrobe.

"Don't talk! Run!" he commanded brusquely. "Down the road."

Down the road, accordingly, the three sprinted. Near the highway Celia tripped over an unfastened shoe, staggered, and tripped again on a corner of a coat much too long for her, falling heavily. When they picked her up she cried:

"Oh! Oh! My ankle! I've sprained it!"

"Darn!" said Piggy. "I knew something was going to happen. It's been too easy. Never mind. You've got to make it now. Take her on the other side, Bob. It isn't far. Come on, kid, be a sport!"

Winning and sobbing, as much from excitement as from pain, Celia hobbled along, supported by the other two, to the padlocked gate. With some difficulty and delay they hoisted her over it, and Piggy carried her down the road to the hidden car. Over on the hillside the dogs were assailing high heaven with their alarms.

"Those pups hound agitated," Grinning, Piggy turned an expert sportsman's ear in their direction before starting his engine. "They must have treed a cat or something."

CHAPTER THIRTY-FOUR

The dogs had treed a cat. Also Clifford Nixon. In his search through the woods for Roberta, he had failed to notice a small, furry, fleeing creature, but heard a quick rustle and a growl in time to glimpse in the checkered moonlight the purposeful advance of two dogs. Leaping upward, he caught the limb of a tree to swing himself out of reach and found the territory disputed by a cat claiming squatter's rights, in defense of which sundry wounds were inflicted before the first settler, with feline maledictions, sought higher refuge. Whereupon the trusty wardens of a forbidden demense encamped at the foot of the tree, presently reinforced by a third, and gave tongue.

Their chorus, to which the cat supplied a florid coloratura obligato, prevented his hearing the outcry at

Birchwood, though he saw the glare of the fire through the trees while sucking his scratched hands, and cursed long and volubly. For the same reason he caught no hum from the road as Piggy started his car, pulled up through the thicket and sped away by the same indirect route he had taken in coming, Celia, clasped in Roberta's arms on the back seat, sobbing between tears and laughter as she heard the story of her rescue.

Neither was the purr of the engine detected at Birchwood, where confusion was thrice confounded. The gardener, running behind the stable with a siphon, had found the bonfire and smelled gasoline. Assuming an attempt to fire the barn, he had subdued the flames with a spray and kicked the embers apart before telling Mrs. Scott of its apparent purpose.

Her hysteria increased rather than diminished by this information, she cried distractedly:

"How could it be set on fire? How could anybody get in, with the dogs—Where are the dogs?"

The excited group of servants looked about blankly, until some one noticed the barks on the opposite hill and exclaimed:

"There they are! How'd they get over there? Maybe they've got the man!"

The gardener ran for a lantern, and Mrs. Scott continued:

"I don't see how anyone could get in. Celia, how could—Why, where's Celia?"

"I ain't seen her at all," said the cook, and the others echoed: "I ain't seen her."

"But she must—Why, she woke me! She heard somebody scream fire. She must have been out! Oh, the dogs! They've attacked Celia! Find her! Find her!"

Even as Piggy lifted Celia over the gate, the gardener ran with his lantern to investigate the quarry of the dogs. During his absence the house and its immediate vicinity were hastily searched by the maids, who whispered among themselves, as their paths crossed, that maybe she had run away. Maybe she had set the fire herself. They didn't blame her; anybody could see that the poor thing wasn't crazy—or was she, after all? Opinions wavered, changed, and changed back again. They hoped she had escaped.

Mrs. Scott, all this time, ran hither and yon, wringing her hands in the certainty that the dogs had killed her daughter and that the gardener would return bearing her mangled remains.

Instead, he brought Clifford Nixon, who was exceeding wrath, requiring no oracle to tell him what interpretation Scott would put upon the situation from which he had just been rescued. Livid and grim, he knew that the only possibility—remote at best—of saving from practical annihilation the business interests he represented lay in prompt and decisive action. Now he must find Roberta, and see to it, moreover, that Celia was returned to the fold.

His theory of the raid, privately confided to Mrs. Scott, added the final touch to her dereliction, and she collapsed into a chair, feebly quavering:

"Roberta? But where—but how—but—"

"I don't know where or how, but she did it," he said curtly. "Where's the telephone?"

(To be continued)

Yes, and More of It

"Are you for this five-day week, Sam?"

"Boss, Ah's foh a one-day week with six days' pay."—From The American Boy Magazine.

PROVERBS

Temperance is the bridle of gold.—Burton.

To bear, is to conquer our fate.—Campbell.

When we think we lead we are most lead.—Byron.

A halter made of silk's a halter still.—Gibber.

We ask advice but we mean approbation.—Colton.

Our real wants in a small compass lie.—Churchill.

Fortune makes Folly her peculiar care.—Chesterton.

What deep wound ever close without a scar.—Byron.

The ocean has her ebbs—so has grief.—Campbell.

A loving heart is the beginning of all knowledge.—Carlyle.

He that goes to law holds a wolf by the ears.—Burton.

What millions died that Caesar might be great!—Campbell.

Grace is given of God, but knowledge is bought in the market.—Clough.

To be in the weakest camp is to be in the strongest school.—Chesterton.

Great men are the guide posts and landmarks of the State.—Burke.

There is an endless merit in a man's knowing when to have done.—Carlyle.

The same sun that gilds all nature does not shine upon disappointed ambition.—Burke.

Get your facts first—and then you can distort as much as you please.—Mark Twain.

Suicide is the worst form of murder because it leaves no opportunity for repentance.—Collins.

None are so fond of secrets as those who do not mean to keep them.—Colton.

The reputation of a woman is at once the most beautiful and most brittle of all human things.—Burney.

A man can not make a pair of shoes rightly unless he do it in a devout manner.—Carlyle.

Be wiser than other people if you can, but do not tell them so.—Ches-terfield.

Darkness is more productive of sublime ideas than light.—Burke.

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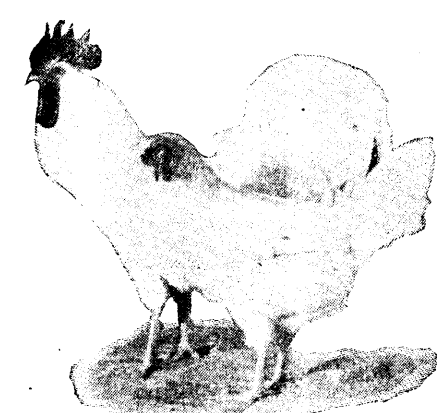
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