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Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Schreck will drive to Gladwin Saturday to visit the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kyes, who will return with them for an extended visit here.

Mrs. John Mann, Miss Louise Mann, Mrs. Will McFarland and Mrs. W. E. Russell were in Berkley Thursday attending the meeting of the County Association of the O. E. S.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Vaughn and son, Bobby, will be members of a party attending the Michigan State-Colgate football game at East Lansing Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hubbard and daughter, Flossie, attended the dinner and meeting of the White Lake Ladies Aid at the home of Mrs. Joseph Jackson Thursday.

Miss Grace Grant, of Springfield, who has been seriously ill for some time, has recently undergone treatment at Brighton Hospital and is much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris and daughter, Helen Jean, of Kenosha, Wis., Mrs. Will Harris and Miss Eleanor Harris, of Swartz Creek, and Mrs. George Martin, of Corunna, were calling on friends here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hubbard celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary Oct. 7 at their home on Holcomb street. A very delightful dinner was served at 6 o'clock to their immediate family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hoisington, who have been residents of Clarkston for the past two years, are leaving for Detroit today, where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Vaughn entertained at a 6:00 dinner party in their honor Thursday evening.

The L. B. Club gave a farewell party Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Judd for Mr. and Mrs. James Rowland, who are moving to Flint. A pot-luck supper was followed by 500, high men's score being won by Louis Borst and low by Percy Craven, high lady's by Mrs. James Rowland and low by Mrs. Cramer Judd. Mr. and Mrs. Rowland were presented with a nice gift.

CERTIFIED SEED IS GROWN IN COUNTY

Milford, Holly and Oxford Farmers Are the Producers

Oakland County grain growers are fortunate in having a supply of certified grains locally grown as seed for next season's crops, according to Harold M. Vaughn, County Agricultural Agent. These crops were grown from high yielding strains of standard varieties which were developed by the Michigan Crop Improvement Association while growing in the fields of Oakland County.

Inspectors who do this work are trained to detect diseased plants, mixtures of other varieties and other conditions which will be likely to interfere with high yield.

As an example of what these crops can produce, the prize winning yields at the State Fair contest were Red Rock Wheat 58.66 bu. per acre; American Banner Wheat 55.88 bu. per acre. In oats Wisconsin Pedigree yielded as high as 125.57 bu. per acre; Worthy yielded 110.29 bu. per acre, and Wolverine 100.50 bu. per acre. Spartan Barley yielded 66.95 bu. per acre.

The growers of these high yielding varieties in Oakland County are William Crawford, of Milford, who grows American Banner Wheat and Spartan Barley, Thomas Thorsby, of Holly, who has Worthy Oats and Spartan Barley, and Fullers Bros., of Oxford, who have certified Robust Beans.

When it's time for "RUDY" and his Connecticut Yankees tune in with a Majestic radio. Sold at Winglemire's, Holly.

SPECIAL COURSES AT STATE COLLEGE

Adapted to Farmers Who Have Little Time to Spare

East Lansing, Oct. 15.—Courses especially arranged to permit farmers or those engaged in kindred industries to make use of the Michigan State College research and teaching staffs for periods of from one to 16 weeks have enabled 9,846 individuals to graduate from such courses since 1897, when this type of training began, according to the director of short courses at the College.

Nineteen short courses covering activities which range from pickle packing to the operation of tractors and for periods of from one to 16 weeks are offered this year beginning October 27 when the general 16-week agricultural course opens and concluding March 23 with the opening of the course in ornamental horticulture. Several courses begin January 5.

The short courses are arranged to utilize all of the time in a study of essential phases of a particular subject, and most of the students enrolled are actually engaged in the business which they are studying.

Many of Michigan's leading farmers are graduates of these short courses, according to J. F. Cox, dean of agriculture, M. S. C. Dean Cox points out that a program of athletics, special lectures, and the regular College social events are included in the schedule provided for the short course students.

Complete information concerning all the courses can be obtained from R. W. Tenny, director of short courses, East Lansing.

OAKLAND LEADS STATE IN DECREASE OF FARMS

According to statistics released Wednesday by the Bureau of the Census in Washington, the decrease in the number of farms in the last five years was greater in Oakland county than in any other county in the state. The number dropped from 4,059 to 2,420, a decrease of 1,639, or 40.4%. Keweenaw, which has fewer farms than any other county in the state, was the only one to show a larger percentage of decrease. The total in the state dropped from 192,327 to 169,915, a reduction of 11.7%. Only five of the 83 counties showed gains.

DAIRY COWS GIVE NEARBY MARKET

Interesting Figures Compiled by Experts at the State College

East Lansing, Oct. 15.—A market which at the present time will pay Michigan farmers 25 dollars a ton for legume hay, six dollars a ton for silage, and 50 dollars a ton for grain is provided by every dairy cow which is able to produce 350 pounds of butterfat per year, according to dairy specialists at Michigan State College.

The same cow will pay 70 cents an hour, in addition, for the time her owner spends in feeding and other care. The college dairymen estimate that it requires 170 hours of labor to care for the 350 pound cow during the year.

Good rations properly balanced will be required to permit the cow to pay such good prices for grain and labor. The college dairy specialists state that it is false economy to shorten or to fail to balance the good cow's ration. The normal requirements for such a cow will be one and one-half tons of hay, four or five tons of silage, and from one to one and one-half tons of grain per year.

Several grain mixtures are recommended for use with various kinds of hay. Either 1,200 pounds of ground oats, 500 pounds of crushed wheat, and 300 pounds of 44 per cent cottonseed meal; or 1,000 pounds ground oats, 500 pounds crushed wheat, 200 pounds barley, and 300 pounds 44 per cent cottonseed meal can be used with alfalfa, sweet clover, or soy bean hay.

With ordinary clover hay, either of the mixtures made from 1,200 pounds ground oats, 400 pounds crushed wheat, and 400 pounds 44 per cent cottonseed meal; or 1,000 pounds ground oats, 400 pounds crushed wheat, and 400 pounds 44 per cent cottonseed meal can be used.

With timothy hay or other non-leguminous roughage, the recommended grain mixtures are 1,000 pounds ground oats, 300 pounds crushed wheat, 500 pounds 44 per cent cottonseed meal, and 200 pounds linseed meal; or 900 pounds ground oats, 200 pounds crushed wheat, 200 pounds crushed barley, 500 pounds cottonseed meal, and 200 pounds linseed meal.

The cows should be fed one pound of grain for every three pounds of high testing milk or one pound of grain for every four pounds of low testing milk.

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COUNTY NEWS-LETTER

By F. M. BLUNK, Special Correspondent

A definite movement toward the investigation of Oakland County governmental and institutional affairs has been started by "taxpayers committees" in several townships (Royal Oak, Oxford and Orion) with the circulation of petitions calling for either an inquiry by a special committee of representative citizens or by an old-fashioned eighteen person grand jury. Similar movements are to be started in every section of the county.

Whether the Board of Supervisors, before a sine die adjournment of the present session, will see its way toward taking the initiative in this matter is problematical. If the pressure were strong enough the chairman of the board could call a special session to discuss the matter, but such a procedure is a remote possibility.

Through the power of the petition, however, the taxpayers of the county could force a special grand jury empaneling, and judging from the attitude of a great majority of those with whom we have discussed the matter they are willing to go to most any length to give the county's affairs an airing. With some exceptions, there certainly isn't any personal feeling or animosity entering into the taxpayers' desire for an inquiry.

There is a feeling, however, that there certainly has been some lack of system, or co-ordination or management, or possibly a too great use of the wide discretionary powers placed in the hands of certain department or commission heads that has resulted in needless expenditure of large sums of county moneys. And it is the belief of these taxpayers that only through a thorough probing into the workings of the various departments and commissions can the public be made aware of what is going on.

There have been projected certain drains and roads that on their face stand to cost Oakland County hundreds of thousands of dollars. There has been quite some talk about these projects, whether they should be carried on, whether their construction is, with all things considered, the best thing for the county. These are complicated matters that the average taxpayer does not thoroughly understand. He reads something in the papers about them, but the information is vague.

But he does know that a lot of lullaboo is being made right now over the reduction of salaries and the cutting down of employe rosters in various county offices and at the most the saving is to be somewhere around \$125,000. He also knows that if a drain or a road is built in a section of the county now more than 50 per cent tax delinquent there is a possibility and quite a ripe one, that ultimately the cost of that drain or road is going to be an added burden on his already stooped taxpaying shoulders. And that this possible new county indebtedness will in comparison make the salary saving total appear as a handful of pennies.

The taxpayers want these matters brought out into the open. If it is proved that these roads and drains should be and must be built, then of course they will be.

Further, the taxpayer wants to know just how much authority, how much power the heads of the various departments, commissions and institutions are vested with. They want to know whether the heads of these offices are competent to wield this authority. This may be determined by an investigation.

And in this connection an investigation probably would be a great help to some of the department heads, for, judging by the various arguments on the floor of the Supervisors sessions there is a great difference of opinion between supervisors and office holders regarding just how much power and authority the office holder is entitled to.

It's a nice kettle of fish that will bear a lot of sorting.

Twenty men, all in business and all taxpayers of the county, were interviewed by the Advertiser representative. These twenty, half Republicans, half Democrats, all are in favor of an investigation of some sort. Fifteen preferred a grand jury while the other five thought a representative citizen's committee could do the work. Four of these interviews, quoting a lawyer, an automobile dealer, a contractor and an insurance broker, follow:

E. R. Milliman, automobile dealer, Indianwood:

"An immediate investigation certainly is in order. While there are some high class officials in the various departments of the county and some highly efficient offices, still there is something wrong somewhere.

Whether we are operating under a poor system or whether there is gross mismanagement or improper use of discretionary powers in some quarters I'm not prepared to say. But I'd like to know. And there are others like me. An investigation would clarify things and get us out of the muddle we seem to be in now. What mistakes have been made are made but we can by an inquiry guard against others. Let's have it. I'm for a grand jury."

George Beardslee, lawyer, South Bloomfield:

"By all means let us investigate. A grand jury would be the thing. The taxpayer is entitled to know what has been and what is going on. We are in a tangle and the quicker we get out of it the better."

W. Jackson, insurance broker, Pontiac:

"The county weekly newspapers are doing the people a great service by opening their columns to them in this fight for saner and smarter government. The system of government in Oakland County at the present time is one that Solomon only could understand. It's the world's prize pig-saw puzzle. I think an investigation could determine what has become of the missing parts. Then we could put the thing together and see whether we liked it or not."

Lee Anderson, contractor, Orion:

"I'm heartily in favor of an investigation by grand jury. I am especially interested in knowing all the details about these tremendous road and drain building programs. Here is where most of our money goes. And it seems from the money we spend for poor relief that this is the pauper county of the nation. What is it all about? Let the people who pay the bills know!"

One of the very few residents of Oakland County, who, to our knowledge, thinks the affairs of the county are in excellent shape, took exception to a statement made in last week's article about "roads that go nowhere", challenging us to cite an instance where a modern, up-to-date pavement has been built that isn't a great benefit to some community and to every property owner called upon to pay for it.

We accept the challenge and here's the proof.

There is a three and one-half mile stretch of the finest pavement in the world only recently completed between Brewsters' Corners and Stoney Creek Road in Orion Township at a cost of something near \$140,000. This is part of what certain people of great wealth, not residents of Oakland County, hope to make into a magnificent speedway over which they may go to their Hunt Club at Metamora.

This stretch of road was built under the Covert law. A majority of those who favored the building of the road are not residents of the county, but holders of contracts and deeds on some of the property along which the road runs. MORE THAN FIFTY PER CENT OF THE LAND ACTUALLY RUNNING ALONG THIS ROAD IS NOT UNDER CULTIVATION.

One of the greatest injustices connected with the building of this road through "No man's land" has to do with the farm owners who live half a mile from it. Take, for instance, the case of one farmer. His property is half a mile from the new road. His property already is bounded by two excellent, wide gravel roads. The new road will never benefit him in his lifetime and probably not any holder of the property for generations to come, if at all.

This farmer, through thrift and careful saving for many years, has amassed an amount of money sufficient to keep himself and his family comfortable through their old age. Now a road is built and he must pay \$2,800 of his savings as his share of the cost. And yet this man would not have kicked on a reasonable assessment on a road of reasonable cost.

Some months ago more than a score of property owners affected by this road attended a road commission hearing. They told the commission they could not afford such a high priced road. They told the commission their exact situation; they brought out the fact that their farming was bringing them little profit. What did the commission do? The commission laughed and built the road.

If the commission had had the best interests of the people of Oakland County at heart, the interests of the farmer, who is the backbone, and the small home owner, the commission would not have gone ahead and built the highest type of expensive road, but would have built a cheaper one, a road possibly of gravel, that would have sufficed. Instead there is the

pavement of the highest grade, with the finest ornamental balustraded culverts, sodded embankments, the most modern of safety guards, concrete gutters through cuts, et cetera.

The end of this new road is in a wild, sparsely settled section of Orion Township, still quite a few miles from its intended destination, the Hunt Club. And we have it from an absolutely reliable source that one of the largest property owners whose holdings will be affected by the proposed continuance of the road will fight it to the last ditch. He would have to pay for about a mile of new pavement. He is solidly supported by the farmers back from the road, and others along it.

Several months ago Mr. C. L. Anderson, the farmer referred to previously as the victim of an injustice in the assessment of \$2,800, desired an interview with Mr. Allen, road commissioner, on the matter of the assessment. Accompanied by another property owner Mr. Anderson phoned the road commission at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

We quote Mr. Anderson: "I asked the telephone girl in the road commission office if Mr. Allen was in, informing her that I desired to discuss the matter of my assessment with him."

"She told me that Mr. Allen and Mr. Bond both were in and would be there until noon."

"I asked her to inform Mr. Allen that I was coming right over."

"She then said, after a pause: 'Yes, Mr. Allen will be here for half an hour.'"

"Fifteen minutes later I walked into Mr. Allen's front office door and he had walked out the back one. Bond was there, however, and we talked to him, but got no satisfaction."

"I asked, for instance, why the property owners on the north side of Stoney Creek road, beyond the end of the new road had been assessed for the new pavement."

"Mr. Bond declared that they had not."

"Well, I said, if they were you surely would know about it, wouldn't you?"

"'Most certainly', Bond replied, 'I would know about it.'"

"All right then, get out the records; I'll prove you are wrong and then you can kick yourself for not knowing what you're talking about."

Mr. Anderson said that Bond then produced the records, saw where he didn't know after all what he was talking about, and admitted it.

"Now I am certainly in favor of a thorough investigation of the county's affairs in every office and department and commission", declared Mr. Anderson. "And I am certain that 99 per cent of the farmers of the county, at least 99 per cent of those farmers with enough backbone to fight for their rights and a square deal and honest government, think the same as I."



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Defining Lobbyist

The following are among the prize-winning definitions of a lobbyist submitted to the Forum in a recent contest: A lobbyist is one who uses his personal influence with members of a legislative body in order to secure the passage of measures which will be of benefit to him or to the interests he represents. A lobbyist is one who by persuasion, argument or artifice seeks to influence the thoughts and actions of a government body for the benefit of private or public interests.—Washington Star.

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Helium Production
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Odd Smallpox Cure
Voltaire, back in 1723, suffered from smallpox. He recovered after being in bed a month. To the father of a woman who was to play a great part in his life in the following 16 years, he made this optimistic report of the remedy which he is confident alone made possible his quick recovery. "Smallpox is, in a simple form, merely the blood ridding itself of its impurities, and positively paves the way to more vigorous health. "The doctor gave me emetics eight times, and made me drink a hundred pints of lemonade. This treatment, which you will think extraordinary, was the only one which could possibly have saved my life."—Detroit News.



CHURCH NOTICES

(Concluded from page one)

crated preaching of Rev. Harry DeWitte Garrett, the pastor of our Military Ave. Church, Detroit. Good audiences every night and a gratifying response by everyone who was privileged to attend the services.

The church here is more and more assuming a very central place in the social life of this community. This week the ladies are giving a play on Thursday evening in the church basement, entitled "The Lady Minstrels from Dixie". On Friday evening, Oct. 17, the young married folks class, that is taught by Dr. Laurie G. Rowley and whose president is Kirby Milleur, will hold a dress-up masquerade social in the recreational rooms of the church. All who consider themselves young married folks, at least all under 80 years of age, are invited to this social.

The last two Sabbaths, our Bible School, without any especial effort, has had the two largest numbers in attendance in its history. The Bible School meets at 10, and we want to encourage all who can to come prepared to stay for the worship service at 11 o'clock. We try to make every worship program attractive and helpful. We invite all the Juniors and Young People to their meetings at 6:30. The messages on next Sabbath Day will be on the themes: "The Mainspring of Life" and "How We Spend Our Years".

NEWS LINERS

FOR SALE—White cap dent seed corn; rutabagas. J. D. OGDEN, Clarkston.

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NOTICE—Will the man who borrowed by lawn roller please return it as soon as convenient, as another fellow wants it.

DURAND OGDEN.

A new rug freshens the whole room. See the line of new rugs at Winglemire's, Holly.

A TRIBUTE

(Contributed)

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Bird were held from her home in Groveland, Oakland County, Sept. 24. Hers was a life of service, Service to her countrymen in having taught eight years in the public schools, Service to her Master in her untiring efforts in church and Sunday school work. Never was she happier than when doing Christian service.

She was for years a leader in the little church known as Mount Bethel which was nestled quietly among the tree-clad hills of Groveland. Sunday after Sunday, in summer rains and sunshine and winter clouds and snows, found her there, ready as a shining example to instruct youth in the ways of Christian living, and to prepare them for the leaders of her tomorrows.

The great banks of flowers which covered and surrounded her bier were only a small token of remembrance for the many flowers of sunshine and optimism she had strewn along the pathways of her innumerable friends. It can well be said of her that the world was made brighter, more beautiful, and better to live in, by her having lived in it.

One way to discount a woman's argument is to agree with her.

Home is the place where many a man shows up at a disadvantage.

The Quick and the Dead
In every big firm there are the quick and the dead. There are the all-alive, keen, progressive men and there are the standstills, who say "No" to every good suggestion.
This struggle between the go-heads and the pull-backs makes a bad mess of many a balance sheet.
My advice is—bury the dead and get into step with the quick.—Herbert N. Casson in Forbes Magazine.

Easy Method of Escape From Wrath of Tornado

Most tornadoes move toward the northeast, a few toward the southeast, and the rest, with almost negligible exceptions, in some other easterly direction, says the weather bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture. Moreover, the path generally varies but little from a straight line, so that the direction in which a storm is seen to be moving is likely to be the one that it will follow until it dies out.

From these facts it follows that when a tornado is sighted several miles away a person generally has time to escape by taking a course at right angles to its path, and the automobile is obviously a valuable adjunct for escape, provided there is a road leading in the right direction.

One positive proof that a storm is a tornado is the elongated funnel-shaped, or cylindrical cloud dangling from the sky toward the earth. This cloud is not always seen, but the general appearance of the sky in the direction of a tornado is usually very striking. The clouds are thrown into a wild turmoil and are strangely colored—jet-black, greenish, or purple, but often mingled with steamlike grays and whites. A terrifying roar, which has been compared to thousands of railroad cars crossing a bridge, may be heard at considerable distance.

Great Watch Industry Founded by Blacksmith

The story of Daniel Jean-Richard is the story of a blacksmith turned watchmaker, who founded the great watch industry that subsequently flourished in the cantons through the Neuchatel mountains. It was in 1879 that Jean-Richard mended a watch for a passing traveler, the first watch he had ever seen.

Jean-Richard was then a blacksmith, but a blacksmith with no love for the trade. He dreamed of delicate watch making, and in leisure hours lovingly fashioned fine tools for the craft that held his imagination. He continued to invent and originate fine tools, and in 1705 set up a workshop for watch making at Le Locle. The first workshop became a series of factories that spread far beyond Jean-Richard's native village. In 1886 Neuchatel raised a monument to the memory of the blacksmith who laid the foundations for its great industry.

Human "Generation"

As applied to the body of individuals born about the same period, the word "generation" is reckoned historically as thirty years of the century, giving, for example, our parents, ourselves, and our offspring as the three generations in a hundred years. Although it has occasionally happened that one's great-grandparents have lived in one's lifetime, it is unusual, so the interval of time between the birth of parents, their children, and their grandchildren is commonly computed at thirty years. Perhaps it should have been computed at thirty-three and a third years.—Literary Digest.

Famous American Bridges

Truss steel bridges, which are bridges constructed with spans made of steel trusses, reinforced with concrete and iron, have been used for some years in this country. Notably, bridges of this construction are two bridges over the Mississippi at La Harpe and at Rockford, Ill., each with a 30-foot span and each built in 1915; a bridge over the Saskatchewan, with nine arches, including four of 150-foot span, built about 1915, and a bridge over Buffalo bayou at San Jacinto street, Houston, Texas, built about 1913, with a clear span of 110 feet.

Great Cities' Beginnings

All the great cities of antiquity were built besides rivers, streams or great gushing springs, as are, indeed, many of our important modern cities. Babylon the luxurious had its river flowing straight through its course. Nineveh was, as Xenophon told us, on the banks of the Tigris. Damascus prided itself upon its beautiful rivers Abana and Pharpar. Rome was on the Tiber, Alexandria within easy reach of the Nile. Jericho, once a large fortified city, was founded in a lonely oasis watered by splendid springs.

The man who puts off cleaning his cellar until tag day.

The boy who slides down the banisters to save his sole.

The Vincent who changes his name to Vin to save the cent.

The doctor who quit because he had to treat too many people.

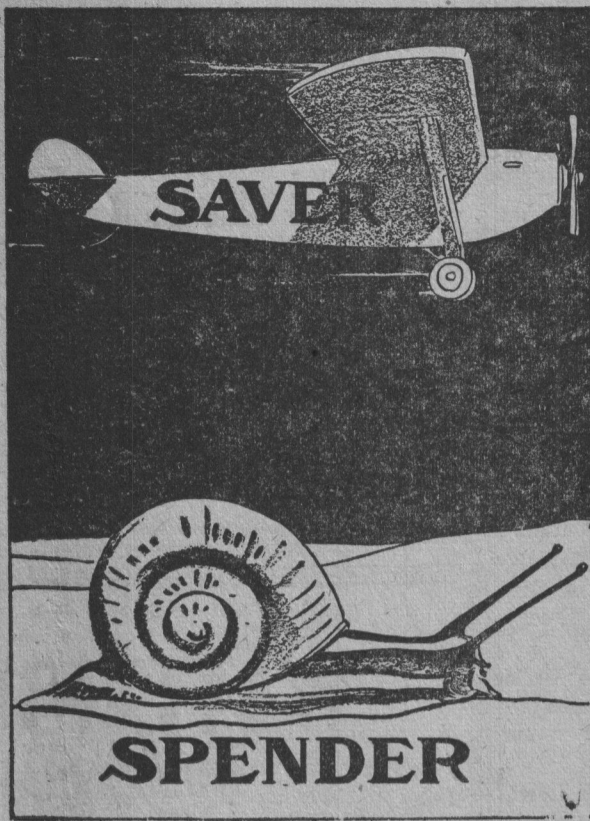
The woman who saves her Red Cross pin from year to year.

The father who plugged up half the holes in his kid's Christmas harmonica.

The man who peers over the top of his spectacles to keep them from wearing out.

The man who runs up and down through the haze of a smoking car with his mouth open.

The traveler who preferred to sit at home and let his mind wander.—Pathfinder Magazine.



The Financial Snail Never Reaches Its Goal

Which do you want to be, the snail that remains practically stationary or the pilot who speeds in his plane toward success? He who spends his all, with no thought of the future, is a financial snail who in old age has not reached his goal. Successful people save because saving means success. Wishing does not bring success—wishes must be backed up by consistent saving.

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Lauding Man Who Made Fist Honorable Weapon

Since the first man smote with clenched hand, fists have been his most natural and least murderous of weapons; had he but been content with such, this had been a far more comfortable world, writes Jeffery Farnol, the author, in London Magazine. But the genus homo, being a destructive animal, betook him to the careful fabrication of weapons ever more deadly; he formed them painfully of flint, of molded bronze, of hammered iron, of tempered steel—so that the fist, being comparatively harmless and, above all, the poor man's weapon (since serfdom was permitted no other), sank from disfavor to scorn—until one day came a man who showed how the fist, properly managed, was satisfactory as any sword ever forged, though less deadly, and knightly as any lance ever couched. For this man schooled ruffianly fistcuffs into a clean science; he taught how a man might hit a man off his legs and then, waiting for him to get on them again, honor him for so doing. And this man's name was John Broughton. He it was who thought out and set forth those laws of fair play which made the fist an honorable weapon; it was sturdy John who, by these same laws, taught the world what he justly named "the Noble Art of Boxing," and how the roped arena might be a place of combat illustrious as any kingly tournament or knightly joust, if less resplendent.

Museum Gets Relic of Days of Ancient Rome

The British museum has acquired a fine relic of the days when England was garrisoned by the Romans—a discharge certificate issued to a Roman auxiliary soldier—over 1,800 years ago. This man, Gemellus the Pannonian, was serving in this country in A. D. 122—the year in which Emperor Hadrian crossed the channel to inspect the great wall which bears his name. Only about 100 of these diplomas of discharge are known to exist, and seven alone have been found relating to soldiers who were stationed in Britain. This new acquisition, in a wonderful state of preservation despite its 1,800 years of existence, is far finer than the few others in the Bloomsbury collection.

It was found at Oszony (the Roman Brigetti), in Hungary, Gemellus having been one of the Pannonian (or Hungarian) auxiliaries who were sent to Britain in accordance with the Roman principle that a conquered country should be garrisoned with troops raised in other lands of the empire. The diploma will be exhibited in the room of the museum devoted to relics of Greek and Roman life, where there are already three other specimens, none of them anything like so well preserved as this one.

Red Cross Organization

The Red Cross societies are the outgrowth of an international conference which met in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1864, to devise a code of hospital and ambulance rules and safeguards for use in warfare. A symbol and flag were needed to mark hospitals, ambulances and the persons carrying on this sort of work. The flag of Switzerland is red with a white cross. As a compliment to the nation in which the conference was being held it was decided to adopt as the international relief symbol this same device with the colors reversed—a red cross on a white field. The cross, therefore, is heraldic rather than religious in origin, and it has never had any religious significance so far as the Red Cross organizations are concerned. The American Red Cross was formed in 1881.

Canada's First Tourist

Canada's first tourist was, it is claimed by the dominion archivist, a young Frenchman of fortune, Asselmé de Ronreal, who sailed from Dieppe, France, for the St. Lawrence in 1662, arriving at Tadousac in June, 1662. He went on to Quebec where he was received by the governor, Baron D'Avoungour and met Pere Dablon who had just returned from a mission to the Indians. The dominion archives possesses the journal of this Seventeenth century tourist traveler, which contains interesting notes on Quebec, Three Rivers and Montreal, as observed in their early days.

Ladybird's Good Work

In England the finest fighter of the green fly is the ladybird, whose wing-cases are decorated with two black spots. When oranges were first grown in California some of the trees did not bear so goodly a golden crop as was expected. A scientist who studied the matter suggested the importation of an army of ladybirds, and ever since the beetles have fought valiantly for the fruit grower and added immensely to his wealth. In the United States ladybirds are bought by the pound.

Uses for Breadfruit

The common method of preparing breadfruit in the South Sea islands is to bake it entire in hot embers and scoop out the inside, which should have a smooth consistence, with a taste comparable to boiled potatoes and sweet milk. With sugar, milk, butter or molasses, it makes a delicious pudding. Breadfruit is also cut in strips and dried. From the strips a flour is made, which is used for bread, biscuits and pudding, or the slices are baked without grinding.

SEYMOUR LAKE

Joseph Hunt and mother, Mrs. Lottie Hunt, of Waterford, spent last Thursday with friends in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Beardslee and family spent Sunday with Fred Van Wagoners in Oxford.

Donald Hunt spent three days in Pontiac visiting cousins and his grandmother, Mrs. Arthur. Kathleen returned home with him Friday evening to spend the week-end at home.

Mrs. Willetts expects to close her store business and move to Boyne City in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller were in Toledo on business last week.

Mrs. Arthur Kelly and Mrs. Lee McIntyre visited Mrs. Jessie Turner in Pontiac Thursday.

Mrs. Donaldson, who has been very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ida Dehm, is better and able to be moved to Mrs. George Willoby's where she has made her home for the past two years.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bailey, Sunday, October 12, an 8-lb. son, Edward Douglas, at the Mary Green Hospital in Clarkston.

Charlie Perry was taken very ill while visiting his son, Joe Perry, last week. He was able to be removed to his home at Caro Sunday.

Mrs. Whipple, who resides on the cement road, one-half mile north of Dunston farm, had a large washing stolen from her yard last Monday evening. Officers were called and are working on the case. Tuesday evening the Solley Bros. had nearly an acre of potatoes dug and carried away by thieves.

ORTONVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skinner, of Pontiac, visited friends here part of last week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Henning (Christina Stude), a son, Thomas Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Zimmerman will sail from New York Nov. 8, for Australia, where they will visit their son, Allen, who has charge of Good-year rubber interests there.

Donald Uloth and Earle Auten, who entered the U. of M. and M. S. C., respectively, last fall, have both been given positions as cornetists in their college bands.

Mrs. Mary Petifer, of Gaylord, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Dickason.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Uloth are spending a few days in Ann Arbor.

DRAYTON PLAINS

The Home Furnishing group will meet at the church next Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 1:30, to make plans for the year's work. Anyone interested in the work is urged to attend this meeting.

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WATERFORD

Jack Pratt was at Port Huron Saturday attending the football game between Pontiac and Port Huron.

Mrs. Holmes, of Fenton, visited her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Virgin, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kniffen and family are moving to Armada the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Terry, of Van Sickle subdivision, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pratt for dinner Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beatty and family, of Columbiaville, were guests recently of the former's mother, Mrs. R. J. Beatty, of Maple street.

Anita Harris and Roberta Virgin attended the meeting on Friday night of the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Baptist Church of Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Smith, of Detroit, were the week-end guests of Mr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Smith.

The Bachelor girls, of the Dixie Highway, who attend the Waterford school, are confined to their home with chicken pox.

Henry Buck, of Andersonville Road, is in Evert this week hunting. He is accompanied by Jeff Hubbell, of Clarkston.

Mrs. Evart Reid, of Pontiac, and Mrs. H. B. Mehlberg called on Mrs. Russell Maybee, of Sashabaw Plains Tuesday.

Guy Disbrow and son, Clinton, of Andersonville Road, left Tuesday afternoon for a few days in the northern part of the state, the former at Evert and the latter at Marion.

The Boy Scouts, under the leadership of Russell Galbraith, have reorganized into three patrols, Beaver patrol, Charles Harris leader, Flying Eagle patrol, Larry Harrup leader, and Cuckoo patrol, Jerome Webber leader. These leaders are hard at work preparing the boys in their patrols for tests, and hope to have some ready for promotion at the next meeting.

Mrs. H. F. Buck, of Andersonville Road, was hostess Tuesday to eight school playmates of her daughter, Mary, in honor of her sixth birthday. Those present were Betty Collins, Betty Campbell, Helen Gillespie, Helen Smithson, Glenna Walter, Mike en Smithson, Glenna Walter, Milse Seeley, Howard Kniffen and Harold Weil. Games were played, and of course a birthday cake and gifts were not left out.

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A coat with a nipped-in waistline, accomplished by means of a series of little tucks at either side running a little above the waist and a little below to pinch it in slightly. Is among the season's models. Pointed lapels and double-breasted opening give this model originated by Chanel a swagger air.

In black, navy, dark brown or green, this coat is quite correct for town wear. In lighter colors, white, beige, suntan, it takes its place among spectator sports apparel.

"Walking Stick" Is Insect

About the length of a finger, and looking more like a dull brown dead twig than anything else, is the "walking stick," an insect which uses its resemblance to a bit of wood as a camouflage protection, discloses Raymond L. Ditmars, curator of the New York Zoological gardens, in Boys' Life. Its habitat is the oak, its body barely a quarter inch in diameter and of the same thickness from end to end to match the outlines of a twig. The legs are long, like slender stems. If it lay before you motionless, you would never guess that it was a living creature instead of a twig.

Falls Stopped by Ice

There is no record of the Canadian falls at Niagara ever being completely frozen over so that no water fell, but the American falls have been stopped by ice several times. According to the United States geological survey these dates were March 29, 1848; March 22, 1909; February 14, 15 and 16, 1909; April 27, 1912, and January 29, 1926. The flow over the American falls is only about 5 per cent of the total flow of the Niagara river, and freezes over more rapidly than the flow over the Canadian falls.

"Respectfully Yours"

That fine old custom of saying grace before and after meals leads Estelle H. Ries in her fascinating book "Mother Wit" to recall the ingenuity of the traveling salesman who, as the dinner guest at a buyer's home, was asked to say grace. Being unaccustomed to the practice of this ceremony, he could but do his best.

"Dear Lord," he began, "we are in receipt of your kind favors of recent date and beg to thank you. We hope to merit your continued courtesy."—Kansas City Times.

Fine Statues of Buddha

in Japanese Shrines

Four gigantic statues of Buddha have been erected in Japan. The largest one is located in the city of Kyoto, and dates from 1801. It is a wooden figure, consisting of only a head and shoulders; but even so it reaches to the ceiling of the lofty hall in which it is enshrined, and is 58 feet in height.

The next largest is 53½ feet in height, erected in the city of Nara. It is made of plates of bronze soldered together.

The third in size of these images, but which perhaps gives the most majestic impression of the four, is located at Kamakura, erected in the Thirteenth century. It is 49 feet 7 inches in height, and is formed of sheets of bronze cast separately, brazed together, and finished off on the outside with the chisel.

The hollow interior of the image contains a small shrine, and the visitor may ascend into the head.

The next, and smallest of the four, was built in 1891 at Hyogo, in the precincts of the temple of Nofukujii. It is 48 feet high. It was largely through the efforts of a paper manufacturer of Hyogo, named Nanjo Shobei, that this statue was built. But it by no means equals the ancient statue at Kamakura.

Origin of Some Names of Garments Now Common

"Coat" comes from the word that formerly meant a frock as well, the same word being found in the Italian "cotta," a short surplice worn by the clergy. "Frock" is from a Latin word meaning a shaggy cloak. "Skirt" comes from the same word as "shirt." "Trousers" is from the French "trous-ser," to tuck or fasten up. "Boot" is connected with the Italian "botta," a hollow skin. "Sock" comes from "soccus," a kind of shoe originally worn by Roman comic actors, and "stocking" is from a Teutonic word, "stock," the stump of a tree—hence, a covering for the "stumps," or legs! "Jacket" is from "jaque," a coat of mail. "Jerseys" were made from yarn spun in Jersey. "Robe" is from a Latin word, "rauba," meaning "spoil" or "plunder"—fine clothes being once a treasured item of military "loot." "Beret" is derived from "biretta," the black cap worn by clergymen and French lawyers. "Calico" came from Calicut, in India. "Serge" is from the Latin "serica," silks, so called because they were made by the Seres, or inhabitants of China. "Muslin" is said to get its name from Mosul, Turkey, where it was first made. "Marocain" traces its origin to Maroc—French for Morocco. "Tweed" was originally "tweel," but its association with the river Tweed led to its being given (really mistakenly) its present name.

Why the Peony?

The peony is so called because of the legend that Pluto turned his physician, Paen, into a flower which became highly valued, especially in China, for medicinal purposes.—Country Home.

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CLARKSTON

Mrs. Christine Reese spent a few days last week in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin West, of Pontiac, spent Monday with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Skarritt, of Detroit, called on friends and relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jencks, of Detroit, were week-end visitors at Judd Skarritt's.

Mrs. L. R. Terry, of Howell, spent a few days last week with friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Charles Bryant spent Wednesday in Detroit and attended the theatre.

Eugene Baughman has just returned from a visit at Omaha, Neb., to his brother, Clarence, who is seriously ill. Miss Phyllis King, who is attending

Mt. Pleasant Normal, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George D. King.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Belitz spent a few days this week with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Peters, of Jackson.

Miss Isabel King and Miss Helen Cheeseman, who are attending Michigan State College, were home over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Coon, of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. George Harris and Mrs. Jennie Vliet motored to Chesaning Sunday and called on relatives.

The Pomona Grange held its annual meeting at the Grange Hall here last Tuesday, Oct. 14, with a pot luck dinner at noon, followed by the annual election of officers. Other business matters were taken up and then O. E. Shear, poultry specialist from M. S. C., gave a short talk.

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United States Mails

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Pharaoh's Curse in Garage

Centuries before Socrates drank the hemlock men knew that anyone shut in a small room with a brazier of burning charcoal would be taken out dead. Even savages knew, as they know now, that because of some terrible poison—the eldest known to mankind—safe fires are to be built only at the mouths of caves and not in the unventilated depths. We now recognize the poison to be carbon monoxide, and its presence in long-unopened caskets or tombs probably explains the mysterious deaths of early excavators and tomb robbers, and may be responsible, it has been suggested, for the legends of Pharaoh's curse.—E. E. Free in the Forum.

Nineteenth Amendment

Wyoming was the pioneer suffrage state. It legalized the voting of women in 1869 and carried the provision into its state constitution when admitted in 1890.

Women of 12 states voted in the Presidential election of 1916. These states were Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Washington, California, Arizona, Kansas, Oregon, Nevada, Montana and Illinois. On August 26, 1920, the United States secretary of state proclaimed the Nineteenth amendment in effect, it having been ratified between June 10, 1919, and August 18, 1920, by three-quarters of the states.

Iceland Sagas Credited to Gaelic Influences

The Icelandic sagas are the finest of their kind, possessing qualities which are singularly lacking in the native poetry. The explanation offered by the authorities on these matters is that the sagas of Iceland are only native in so far as they are produced by the settlers, otherwise that they are not Icelandic but the poetry of the western islands, of the Gaelic races who made the emigrant stream into the country.

Unfortunately, both the authors and the dates of composition of the finest sagas have been lost, but the resemblance between the compositions and those of Ireland is so strong that it leaves little doubt that the Gaelic influences were largely responsible for their production.

There are quite distinct traces of the Celtic mythology, language and manners. The careers of the earlier generations of the Icelandic poets closely corresponded to those of the old Irish bards. Usually men of good birth, and with Irish blood invariably on at least one side, they attached themselves to the bards, living in their courts, sharing their adventures, singing their victories and hymning their deaths, ever ready to answer criticism with satire, or if necessary, sword thrust.—Montreal Family Herald.

Literal Following of His Physician's Advice

Tsang Gi, an undersecretary at the Chinese legation in Washington, thought he was making excellent progress in English until the day he had to send for a physician, following which he dashed into a Pennsylvania avenue department store.

"I have desire for one of those," he announced, pointing to one of those three-paneled mirrors the ladies use to look at their front and back hair at the same time.

"I didn't know you Chinese were so vain," smiled the young lady who wrapped it up.

"Ah," sighed Tsang Gi, "but it is not vanity. You observe, I have a boil on the back of my neck and the great physician whom I summoned advised me to keep my eye on it."

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