

To Our Friends.

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HOME NOTES

When... Write... And in the... Canceled... Audley Wilson of Detroit visited his parents Sunday last.

Mrs. D. C. Doyle entertained friends from Detroit the 4th. Frank Schanthe, who is working in Toledo, was home last Saturday.

Miss Zina Carter has been visiting relatives in Detroit for the past few days. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Jacobs and daughter of Toledo are visiting at T. A. Ward's.

Miss Carrie Douglas of Washington, D. C., is visiting her friend, Miss Belle Ward. Miss Maude Campbell of Grace Hospital is enjoying her summer vacation at home.

Miss Lillie Leduke was the guest of the Misses Hazel and Zina Carter for a few days recently. G. C. Aldrich of Battle Creek was the guest of his father and brother in this place over Sunday.

Miss Hazel Carter is spending a fortnight at the Cooper farm and enjoying every minute of the time. A Pontiac saloonist has his sign painted on a big mirror in his place: "All Nations Welcome, Except Carcass."

Mrs. Wm. Hutchinson of New York has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Adams, the past week. When water stands a long time in the tank it is not pure. We want water fresh every day and we can have it if we try.

Don't forget the Eastern Star ice cream social Saturday evening on the lawn adjacent the Exchange bank. Only 10c. Mrs. Maria Schilling, one of Royal Oak's oldest residents, is dead at the age of 73. She had lived in the same house 46 years.

The annual Supervisors' picnic will be held this year on August 29. The place of holding the picnic has not yet been decided on. Another cheap excursion next Sunday to Grand Rapids, Lansing, Battle Creek, Saginaw and Bay City. For particulars see bills.

Herman Pretzel, who has been very ill in Harper hospital, is much better and Mr. and Mrs. Pretzel are stopping at present at H. J. Featherston's.

The Ladies' Church society of the Presbyterian church will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Austin Parks next Wednesday afternoon, July 16th. All are invited.

Mrs. Jane Roche and granddaughter, Miss Florence Keger, returned home this week from a visit at Fowlerville with Mrs. Roche's sister, Mrs. David Walker.

There will be a meeting of the executive committee and officers of the Cemetery Society at library room tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. M. Baldwin, Sec.

Any overseer of the highways who shall release or neglect to see that motion weeds are cut and destroyed within the highways of his district, shall be liable to a fine of \$25.

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When the cherry season is at hand and the usual quota of accidents is likely to occur, remember, if you have a gasoline fire to throw flour, meal or sand will only spread it. Fix this in your mind so it will come handy should you need it at any time.

As the cherry season opens people seem to possess a mania for killing robins and woodpeckers that chance to be seen in cherry trees. Any person found killing a robin or woodpecker is liable to a fine of not less than \$10 for the first offense and from that to \$100. The fine may also include imprisonment in the county jail for 90 days. This is taken directly from the game laws and offenders would better take warning.

Misses Tillie Walker and Emeline Mitchell are visiting at Fowlerville. Miss Walker visits her father, mother, brother and sisters and Miss Emeline can only see Grandpa Walker.

An Oliver Cook scholarship has been established in the Pontiac high school in recognition of superior work, and the award this year was made to Miss Flora Blanch McVean.

It was a disappointed company of ladies that gathered at the M. E. church last Sunday afternoon to hear Mrs. Price's lecture on Mormonism. For some reason the speaker failed to appear.

Mrs. Elizabeth Randall and son Louis and Mrs. P. Converse have all enjoyed a visit with relatives at Fowlerville the past week. Miss Nellie Randall is still visiting at that place.

We are pleased to see Erasmus H. Wooster on our streets again. He is called hither by reason of the settling of the estates of both his father and mother which business is now in course of settlement in the Probate Court.

Several Michigan towns have put the idea of having "old home weeks" and inviting all the old time residents back and royally entertaining them. Why couldn't Birmingham make a success of something of this kind too.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded: Pontiac Savings Bank to Wm. L. Deer and wife, lot 2, blk 4, Campbell's subdivision, Birmingham; \$100. Jennie Milton to Lycurgus Daniels, lot 27, Blake's addition, Birmingham; \$100.

Farmers in the vicinity of Royal Oak are alarmed at the outlook for crops this season. Hundreds of acres of corn and potatoes have been inundated and in some cases boats could be rowed successfully across the fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Salter and baby of Detroit were the welcome guests of James B. Hunt and family last week. Mr. Salter has a fine situation with Snyder & Co. of Cincinnati and is very successful in his chosen vocation.

The Messrs. Foster and Mark Hanna, sons of our worthy postmaster, have gone to the country for a vacation seeking rest and recreation after their hard work the 4th. They are in the South—honored guests of their aunt, Mrs. Mary Bell.

A wonderful promise of a fine peach crop is proved to us by a branch of a foot in length brought in by John Wilkinson of Southfield avenue. Eighteen perfect peaches of the Elberta brand is the proof and the yield is enormous.

Fairbanks W. R. C. No. 10 held a picnic at the home John Benjamin Monday last and all report a royal good time. Uncle John would put to shame the ambulance service of Detroit judging from the double quota time in which he was on hand when called for.

On the Perry G. Phillips farm northwest of Birmingham, a Mr. Milton bored for water last week, which he found at a depth of only eight feet. Wishing a larger supply of water, he bored three feet more and now they have a fine well only eleven feet deep.

The monthly literary meeting of the Epworth League will be held at the home of Miss Mary Harbree next Tuesday evening. Several of the members will prepare sketches of eminent persons without giving the name of the subject, which will be guessed by the company.

We are glad to announce that Wm. Hunt is just making his beautiful home shine with a new coat of paint. Mr. Robinson, the tall man, is applying it. Now, if Wm. will name his firm some appropriate name, have it prominently painted in the gable of either of his immense barns, we "sustainly" will be happy.

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Judge of Probate Joseph S. Stockwell was very highly complimented by Roy Watkins, the representative of the auditor-general's office sent out to the probate office of each county to see that the inheritance tax law is being correctly enforced. No errors were found in the estates that have come before Judge Stockwell for administration, despite the complex nature of the inheritance tax law.

The University of Michigan has this year issued special announcements in reference to its giving of descriptive information completely in more convenient compass than in the catalogue. These announcements may be obtained free of charge from the secretary of the university.

The subjects covered are: Romance, languages, biology, botany and history, history, higher commercial education and chemistry.

Rev. W. R. Northrup, an aged Baptist minister of Chelsea, preached at the Baptist church last Sunday evening. Mr. Northrup has been staying in town this week and selling a small autobiographical volume entitled "A Parting Legacy: Fifty Years and Beyond." It is a very pleasing little book, giving the story of a long and useful life, about sixty years of which have been spent as a minister of the gospel.

Some months ago, ex-Supervisor Amos W. Decker, of Royal Oak, secured a divorce from his wife on the grounds of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. After a short absence in Detroit she came back and begged to be allowed to work in her old home as a domestic. Her request was granted, and all went well for several days, when, however, her old desire for drink got the best of her and she cut loose in a fearful jag. An officer had to be called to quiet her, and Mr. Decker is refused to linger allow her on the premises.

While there is no certain immunity from lightning when it prevails, attention is called to the great desecration of persevering in efforts to resuscitate those who have been rendered insensible by lightning strokes, and recoveries have frequently been made of persons who were supposed to be dead after more than an hour. Statistics also indicate that there is no immunity from lightning in a feather bed, in a house or to a closet, and that lightning and the like do not attract lightning.

Waite Bros. & Robertson had the handsome fourth of July window display last week over shop in Pontiac. The background was formed by three large stars—red, white and blue. In the center of the stars and just back of them an American flag fluttered in the breeze, a concealed electric fan causing it to wave constantly. At each point of the stars were electric lights in red and blue. One side a fine effect at night. On the other a stack of rifles.

The semi annual report of Prosecuting Attorney Rockwell to the Attorney General of the state makes a very satisfactory showing. From January 1 to June 30, inclusive, the total number of arrests and examinations was 272; total number discharged on examination on payment of costs, 14; total number totally prosessed, 51; total acquitted, 25; total number prosecuted, 233; total amount of fines and costs collected, \$350. During the three and a half years Mr. Rockwell has been prosecutor he has collected in fines and costs \$6,187.94, which he has turned into the county treasury, being \$1,938.94 more than the salary he has received.

The entertainment to be given by pupils of the state school for the blind at the M. E. church next Tuesday evening promises to be one of rare interest and profit. Those of our readers who have delightfully followed the Helen Keller papers in the Ladies' Home Journal will be pleased to witness the practical illustrations of how the blind are taught in our own state institution. The entertainment will consist of a first-class musical program, an explanation of the Braille alphabet by which the blind are enabled to read, and many things which cannot fail to interest all who attend. It will be well worth the price of admission, adults 15 cents, children to cents.

The 4th of July has passed and everyone thankful that they still own their eyes, fingers and legs. Ed White, pere, had the only accident

our town furnished. He and an angry, spiteful, fiery, hissing, sizzling skyrocket had an argument and Mr. White had a badly burned hand. Surgeons Bigelow, pere et fils, and Whitehead dressed the wounded member, which they found worth saving, altho' Ed declared his hand was blown off. Dr. J. L. Campbell arrived and the three surgeons dressed three fingers and gave the wound plenty of iodoforn, which hazel arnica, etc., and plenty of consideration the R. Hon. Ed White, pere, is all o. k.

The Toronto Evening News of July 4 has the following concerning a couple well and favorably known in Birmingham: "Yesterday at 12:30 the residence of Mr. J. E. Quick, Cowan ave., was the scene of a very pretty wedding, when his daughter Frances and Mr. E. Wiley Peire were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. J. Treleven, of Parkside Methodist church. The bride, who was guided away by her father, was becomingly gowned in cream crepe de chene with pearl trimming. She carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses. Miss Ethel Nairn acted as maid of honor, while Miss George Winifrid played the wedding march. At the close of the ceremony congratulations and best wishes were offered by friends present, after which a dainty luncheon was served. In the afternoon a reception was held. The dining room was prettily festooned with smilax and pink carnations. Mr. and Mrs. Peire left on the evening train for the west. Their future home will be in Detroit."

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HAPPY SURPRISE THAT CAME TO Mrs. Cordelia McStay.

Our townsfolk, Mrs. Cordelia McStay, received a very happy surprise recently in the discovery of an uncle, her mother's brother, of whom she had long lost trace, notwithstanding he has been residing no farther away than Cheesing for the past ten years.

During the state meet of the G. A. R. held at Pontiac a few weeks ago, James Cartwright of Lansing, a veteran G. A. R. man, ran down to see his sister, Mrs. McStay. Later he learned that he had his home in Lansing, and it was while there that she learned the whereabouts of her aged uncle. Together the brother and sister went to Cheesing and visited their uncle, whom they found in remarkable health and vigor at the age of 90 years, able to read without glasses, and tending one of the finest gardens in Michigan.

The Cheesing Argus published a sketch of this remarkable man during some time since, from which we make the following excerpt: Chester Stoddard, the subject of this sketch, was born in Litchfield township, aged 24 1/2, and married with his parents to Ontario county, N. Y., in 1846. He came to Michigan in 1850 and located in Litchfield, Hillsdale county. Two years later he was married to Anna Maria Rounds.

Mr. Stoddard removed to Washington township and located on six acres of timbered land, his nearest neighbor being one mile away. Indians and wolves were plentiful. There were only seventeen votes in the township.

Politically he was born a Whig, but later became an abolitionist. At a mass convention called to meet at Jackson, Mich., in 1848, of which he was a member, he resented the formation of a new party, which was christened the Republican party, represented by Whigs. A number of Democrats that were opposed to the restoration of American slavery.

While living in Hillsdale county he was connected with the underground railway, and at different times helped runaway slaves to escape to Canada. At one time twenty-four fugitive slaves were conveyed by him and others, for which he had himself liable to a fine of \$1,000 or one year's imprisonment.

He was converted at the age of eighteen in a Methodist parsonage. In the same year he signed the Washingtonian pledge, and has never used tobacco in any form or intoxicating liquors since that time.

He was given a license to preach at the age of twenty-six by the M. E. church and continued to preach until fifteen years later. When he found the churches fewshiped slaveholders and upheld American slavery he severed all connection with the Wesleyan Methodists, a denomination that seceded from the M. E. church on account of slavery.

"Uncle Stoddard," as he is familiarly known by his name, is now past 90 years of age, the oldest resident of our village. During his long years' residence here he has ever been found faithful to his convictions, an honest, earnest conscientious citizen and neighbor.

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