

Royal Oak

Latest From Our Sister Village

Read Mrs. Lochbuehler's spring advt. The Fay house on Main street has been newly painted. Frank Freda, of Detroit, was a business caller here last week. Mrs. Truesdell is building a new home on the Truesdell addition. Mrs. Shomack is building a new home on the Donnelly subdivision. The old Briggs house on Woodward avenue is undergoing extensive repairs. J. M. Lawson says to buy your fertilizer of him, that he has the best. Read his advt. Mrs. C. F. Gibson, of Detroit, called on friends in town last Monday. We are pleased to note that a few shade trees are being planted. Let the good work go on. The Royal Oak Women's club will meet Monday, April 25, at the home of Miss Clara Willets. Mr. and Mrs. Myron Bailey, of Clawson, left the first of the work for a year's travel in the west. The seniors have engaged Judge Donovan, of Detroit, to deliver their commencement address. Mrs. Mae Collins, of Detroit, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Art McClelland one day last week. The Congregational church netted a neat sum from their rummage sale in Detroit the past week. The Catholic church have purchased lots on Lafayette avenue and will erect a priest's home immediately. Mrs. Secord, of Detroit, has moved here and will occupy one of Mr. Burke's house on Washington avenue. Capt. Killin, a former resident of this township, but now of Detroit, called on old time friends here last week. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lawson and Gordon A. Armada, were the guests of relatives here Saturday and Sunday. The Royal Oak high school boys defeated the Highland Park high school Friday afternoon by a score of 12 to 6. The Royal Oak Lumber & Supply Co. have something to say to chicken raisers in this issue. Read their advt. Clefton Barr, of Linden, is looking after the interests of the American Book Co. in the district schools of Royal Oak township. Mrs. Bently and Hal Gass have each purchased lots on Washington avenue of Mrs. Julius Braun and will build homes in the near future. Henry Bachert has secured a position as yard man with the Pontiac Lumber Co., of Pontiac, and will move there as soon as his new home is completed. The amount subscribed by two of our citizens for the building of a new hall is \$100 instead of \$1 as we stated last week. Some of our spirited citizens get busy and help this cause along. Royal Oak needs a hall. The Tuesday afternoon pedro club met last week with Mrs. Ernest Reibels. Mrs. Wallace Hardy won first prize; Mrs. C. H. Silman, second; Mrs. E. Reibel third and Mrs. Mark Halsey received the consolation. Their next meeting is with Mrs. M. S. Osgood on April 26. As previously announced in these columns, the members of St. Mary's church will give a grand bazaar on the 28, 29 and 30th of April. Preparations have been in progress for the past eight weeks. The ladies will serve supper in the evening at the residence of the pastor from 5:30 to 8, for which 25 cents will be charged. A musical program will be rendered each evening under the direction of Lean Freytag. The bazaar will continue during the afternoon and evening of the three days. Admission 10 cents. All invited.

Mrs. John Brinkey is on the sick list. Mr. Kiel has been quite sick the past week. Miss Dora Keller spent Sunday at her home. W. D. Curtis is building a new barn on his place. James Willson spent the week end at home with his parents. Mrs. Eva Nichols, of Oxford, called on friends here Saturday. Mrs. A. D. Kidder spent Sunday with her husband in Cleveland. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hutehins died last week. Charles Shimick is making some necessary repairs on his dwelling. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boening, Saturday, a son. All doing nicely. Jeremiah Sullivan, of Detroit, was the guest of his son Wm. one day last week. Mr. Montgomery, a teacher of 40 years experience, is moving here from Ann Arbor. The W. C. T. U. meets this Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Almeta Campbell. We are pleased to announce that Frank Landau, who has been very sick, is improving. Louis Jonas moved last week on his mother's farm one and a half miles east of the cemetery corners. Mrs. Almeta Campbell entertained her children and grand-children last Tuesday, the occasion being her birthday anniversary. Mrs. Ansley Smith and Mrs. H. S. Gardner attended a meeting of the Detroit Study club where Booker T. Washington was the guest of honor. A portion of the old A. C. Porter farm has been subdivided. A hedge has been placed along the front and new cement walks will be built just as soon as possible. The old black horse that has been owned by the Campbell family since she was born, died one day last week. She was 21 years old and was a great pet, and no amount of money could have bought her. Last Saturday Peter Backer sold to Wm. Ford, of Troy, one of the largest cows ever raised in this township. It weighed 2290 pounds. Mr. Ford said that it was the largest he ever slaughtered in all the years he has been in the business. It was of the Holstein breed.

SOMETHING SOULFUL.
"You are going to say something soulful," declared the fiance. "I see it in your lovely eyes."
"What I was going to say is this," responded the fiance. "Wasn't you wear a rubber band around your head nights, so as to train your ears not to stick out?"—Louisville Courier Journal.

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CLUB NOTES

Notes from the Woman's Club Which Meets Every Two Weeks on Monday Afternoon

The Royal Oak Women's club held their annual meeting Monday, April 11 at the home of Mrs. James Connolly. As this is considered the most important event of the year, nearly all the members were present.

After the announcements of the various officers, all of which proved that the club is in a flourishing condition. The president, Mrs. Gardner, gave her annual address, which in part is as follows:

"We are an organization that stands for united effort and responsibility. Problems will always have existence. Were there no problems, there would be no need of women's clubs. It has always been the aim of this club to make its work complete, and although our progress may seem slow, it is nevertheless assured. It cannot be otherwise because woman's very nature forces her to become a vital part of the world's progress and activity renders her not only a capable but a willing worker. In view of the fact that in legislative halls and elsewhere, woman's judgement has been considered and woman's influence has been felt; it becomes our duty as noble women to make our own life a noble one."

"Some one has written, 'The ideal must always be apprehended before we can rise to that which is in the highest sense practical' and again 'There can be no true advancement without the persistence born of a worthy purpose.'" We are not unfitted for the common every day duties because we aim to reach that which is noblest and best in our lives.

It is the common, every day duties that we have to deal with very largely and we should learn to look upon these duties with a true sense of their importance as stepping stones to that which is above and beyond us.

This year we have taken our keynote from some of the great minds of the past. The heroism, the love, the purity the truth in their lives may all be ours, if we but open our minds and receive the gift. A glimpse at the lives of such people as Queen Victoria, Gladstone, Lord Macaulay, General Gordon and others of whom we have studied is sufficient to prove that they did not think to happen, but on the other hand they pushed boldly forward and success crowned their efforts. And so be it with us.

Whatever discouragements we may have had, whatever weaknesses we may have had to contend with, let us begin our new year with a firm determination to overcome all of them, and as we have kept in touch in the past through thoughtful papers and the discussion of the events of the day, so may we remain in touch through each other's acts during the year which is to come."

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year. President, Mrs. H. S. Gardner; vice president, Mrs. W. J. Kieling; recording secretary, Mrs. H. A. Melliss; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. D. Kidder; treasurer, Mrs. W. L. Gass; auditor, Mrs. Theodore Goodfellow; librarian, Mrs. Ansley Smith.

The business of the club being completed a very pleasant social session was enjoyed under the management of Mrs. E. J. Harrison. The room was prettily decorated, the color scheme being yellow and white and spring flowers added to its beauty.

The very dainty and appetizing menu which all enjoyed was prepared and demonstrated that club women are masters of the culinary art.

At the conclusion of the feasting, Mrs. Fielding, in behalf of the club, paid a glowing tribute to the splendid service rendered by her subject being, "The Inferior Sex." She clearly brought out the idea that in well regulated homes neither sex is inferior.

It is not generally known that Mrs. Osgood is the several daughter of a seventh daughter, but those who heard her response to the toast, "What Next?" in which she portrayed the future of each member of the club, were convinced that for some reason she is endowed with more than ordinary ability. Perhaps being the seventh daughter accounts for prophetic vision.

The reading entitled "Jamie" as rendered by Mrs. E. E. Sinclair turned all minds to the more serious side of life and clearly showed a woman's power over the sterner sex. Mrs. Sinclair as usual delighted her audience.

Mrs. W. J. Fielding sang a solo and the daughter of our hostess and two young friends gave instrumental music, all of which added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion.

Mrs. Willetts' toast we give below. It speaks for itself.

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OUR CLUB NOTES

From the Woman's Literary Club Which Meets Tuesday Afternoon of Every Week

The last meeting of the club was held at the home of Mrs. Hulbert, on Woodway avenue, Birmingham, with a goodly number present. Roll call was accompanied to wit items of interest concerning Thoreau.

School laws relating to truancy were read. It was reported that the Twentieth Century club of Detroit has taken up the work of trying to interest school children in gardening. A motion was made and carried to the club raise \$2.00 more for a picture for the public library.

The first paper of the afternoon was given by Mrs. Bigelow. "Ben Hur" by Ben American, "Wife of Whittier" by Mrs. Parks. She told of some of her pictures and showed small reproductions of them.

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Meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Ferguson next Tuesday.

He Met It on the Road.
He didn't wait for prosperity to come. The very minute they told him it was on the road, he said, "Maybe the fellow's got it, but I'll get it first and the driver all from up here just next half way, and help get the wheels off the mire, and give it a fresh start. I'll help him, if he looks like smooth sailing. I'll hop on and take a seat by the driver, and we'll go whistling like town!"—Atlanta Constitution.

In Their Chosen Field.
The man who cannot usually make his mark, yet most of those who think they can write find it mighty hard to make theirs.—Kansas City Times.

Don't Kiss the Baby.
An enterprising oculist manufacturer is turning out gold bands bearing the warning words, "Don't kiss me," and intended for babies whose mothers are afraid of germ contamination. Of course, however, the same buttons would do for young ladies who have the same fear and in case of a change of heart on special occasions could serve to please a finger over the forehead of the motto.

A SHORT SKETCH

of the Life of Miss Eva Gildy, Who Lives in Our midst, and to Know Her is to Love Her.

April 1, 1850, a little stranger came to the home of Thomas J. and Elizabeth Upde Graph Gildy. She was the third to have blossomed the home, and as she grew and expanded as does the rose, her pleasant, winning sympathetic ways won all hearts. She was a great lover of beauty in nature as well as in art; a lovely flower, the moon in its sublimity, the sun in its brightness, a tree, a child, were always things of beauty which she gloried in as a joy forever.

As she grew her love of knowledge knew no bounds. She received the best education her home town could give and after completing her education she taught in the public schools of Lyeonung county, Pennsylvania, 30 years. Sixteen years of that time she taught in her own home town, being greatly beloved by her pupils, her sweet, charming, cheery manners enabled her to successfully manage her scholars where many another would have failed. She was refined, artistic and poetical in her nature, happy in her disposition. She gave 50 years of her beautiful unselfish life to Sunday school work and in the service of the Master, as she was deeply religious, between the years of 70 and 77 she did not miss one session of Sunday school work.

After the brothers and sisters were married, Miss Eva Gildy, who never married, remained and devoted unselfishly her life to the care of her father and mother as long as they lived. A short time after their death the old home was broken up, the place that knew them knew them no more and tearfully and sadly she bid goodbye to all she held dear so long and in 1892 she left the old home in Pennsylvania and came to Detroit, South Dakota, where she lived with her daughter, Mrs. Shanafelt, her younger sister. She removed with them to Detroit in 1917.

She graduated from the Chautauque in 1887. When they left Huron a great tribute was said Miss Eva Gildy and at a W. C. T. U. meeting many high compliments were paid her, as she had been a member of the organization for many years, an active and efficient worker in the cause of temperance. As the conclusion an original poem was dedicated to and highly complimentary to Miss Gildy and at the conclusion presented her with a copy of Logg fellow's Birthday book. Sunday afternoon at the conclusion of the Sunday school exercises in the Baptist, the school voted to place a memorial window in the new church in honor of Miss Eva Gildy, who for the past 12 years had been a teacher in that Sunday school. For 50 years, rain or shine, whether the thermometer was 40 below or 90 above she never missed a day of the school, taking a class of boys that had been given up as unmanageable by others and not having a particle of trouble with them, in fact has seen them grow up to fine manhood and giving her the praise of making them what they are, and the placing of a memorial window in her honor in the new church is a fitting tribute to her faithful and efficient services in behalf of the young people of the Baptist denomination of the city of Huron.

From Detroit, Miss Gildy came with Dr. and Mrs. Shanafelt to our little town.

Can't Fool the Beggar.
"You can't fool a beggar with bad money," says the Philosopher of folly. "The deaf and dumb beggar knows to see if it has the right sound, and the blind beggar looks for the mint mark."—Cleveland Leader.

The Cocoa Bear.
The cocoa is a native of Venezuela. It is a pod of the size of the first joint of the finger, or eight of these pods to the pound. The wet beans are shelled from the pods and then fermented for six days until cured. During this ferment, heat is developed that will cook an egg, to say the least. The cocoa bush begins bearing at five feet high, and the tree 20 feet high, and it is the older the tree the better. The beans hang from the trunk and the under side of the limbs, sticking out on the stems.



And Two Other Final Prizes

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Nominating Blank for Candidate
Date _____ 1910
I hereby nominate or suggest the name of
Miss _____
Her address _____

As a young lady worthy to become a candidate in your Popular Voting Contest, I present this name with the distinct understanding and agreement that the Editor shall not divulge my name, and that this does not oblige me in any way whatsoever.

Put this up—it is good for
100 YES VOTES

For Miss _____
In the Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest.

Rules and Regulations

This Piano and Popularity Contest will be conducted on strictly business principles, with perfect justice and fairness to all concerned.

Class of Votes.—Votes can be cast from the Eccentric, and are issued in coupons, for subscription as follows:

- Each New Subscriber, 500 votes.
- Each Old or Renewal Subscriber, 400 votes.

General Instructions.—Standard of contestants will be published in the Eccentric more or less regularly, same to be compiled from the editors records of subscriptions brought or sent to the office, after the ballot boxes are ready kept under key, which is held by the judges.

Candidates.—Any girl or young lady in Oakland, Wayne or Macomb counties is eligible to enter the contest. The most popular are the ones who receive the most votes, and the judges will name them as winners of the piano and other prizes.

Publishers are not to tell for whom any one votes. Votes are not transferable and cannot be sold.

Each girl contestant is requested to send her photograph to this office for publication as soon as possible.

Contest to run not less than 30 days. The day of closing will be announced about 30 days in advance. The right to postpone the date of closing for any reason is reserved.

About two weeks previous to the closing day of closing are to be given charge of one or more ballot boxes to be placed in some bank or business place and in the vault at night, until the judges are ready to count the votes in the close of the contest.

We furnish all contestants and their friends with printed envelopes and blanks so they can know all their subscription money will be money in solid velocity, in the locked boxes at the bank, during those last two weeks, thereby secured for all absolute secrecy and fairness.

Votes will be mailed on every other paid up subscriptions during this contest. We will accept, but the subscriber must pay up to get his votes. We guarantee fairness to all and will not accept one more than another. Our rule is to be fair to all, and if you want to win, you must not take the Eccentric gift him before you close the contest, and get old subscribers to pay up to your favor.

The Eccentric will mail the ballot boxes to banks in proportion which it will not back up in every detail. These plans are regular 300 instruments, and all other prizes are as truly valuable, and will certainly bring away as prizes during the next few weeks, to those who make subscribers for the Eccentric.

We guarantee a fair and square deal to one and all. No one concerned with this contest will be allowed to take part in the contest. We will not take part in the contest unless we must either be cut out of the contest by the judges whom we will shortly select from the best known and most trusted gentlemen in Oakland county. They will keep the key at the end of the contest will open the boxes and the final prizes to the one having the most votes therein. Nothing could be fairer or more satisfactory to all parties interested.

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