

Royal Oak

Latest From Our Sister Village

Peter Baxter has moved from Birmingham to this village.

Mrs. C. E. Blair has returned from a visit with relatives in Chicago.

Rev. John F. Needham has moved into his new residence on Lafayette street.

Some rooms of the school house have been given the sorely needed coat of calcimine.

Miss Sarah Hammond, who has been visiting friends in Canaan, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Potter left last week for an extended visit with friends at Rome and vicinity.

Mrs. Souby, of Milford, spent a portion of last week visiting her sister, Mrs. J. S. Morrison.

Mrs. John Starr has returned from an extended visit with her parents in Pavilion, New York.

On account of the illness of Miss Lettie Russell, her sister Miss Vina took her place teaching last week.

School opened Monday morning with nearly every one in their places, some absent on account of illness.

Mrs. Lee Campbell spent the week end visiting her father, Mr. Fred King, who lives on the County Line.

Miss Laura Thomas and John Osgood, of the 12th grade were absent from school Monday on account of Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mills, paugh and little daughter, of Oxford, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Mathieson.

The place formerly owned and occupied by Mrs. Wm. Truesdell has been purchased by Louis Rickard, who expects now to make this his permanent home.

Epworth League devotional meeting held every Sunday evening at 6:15. Subject for next Sunday, "Our Relationship with one Another." Leader, Florence Heavener.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church will meet this Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. D. Curtis. Supper will be served instead of dinner. All are invited.

Gentleman and good women are being made. There is nothing on earth for which one ought to be more thankful than for having been brought up in the atmosphere of a good home.

The Jolly Eight met at the home of Miss Esther Hagelstein Tuesday evening, Jan. 3. A very enjoyable time was had by all. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Kilmer two weeks from Tuesday evening.

The Tuesday afternoon pedro club met at the home of Mrs. Wallace Hardy. Mrs. Hardy won first prize, Mrs. J. M. McVicar second and Mrs. L. F. Cassidy captured the consolation.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank Ash, in Birmingham, Tuesday, Jan. 17.

W. H. Penney was made happy last Friday, the occasion being his 6th birthday. The most of his family gathered at his home in the evening and with music, games and refreshments. A very pleasant time was passed by all. Mr. Penney comes of a family in England where five brothers have all celebrated their golden wedding and are now living. His father is nearly 90 years of age.

The residents along the nine mile road west of Woodward, don't like the way the new subdivision is laid out. When the promoters subdivided the property, which originally belonged to the A. C. Porter estate, they have divided it in such a way that the nine mile road is now an alley much to the displeasure of the people living there. The reason that it was subdivided in that manner is attributed to the fact that the promoters of the enterprise could get more lots in the subdivision and thus get more money out of it.

M. J. Carley made a business trip to Detroit Friday.

Mrs. E. A. Baum has been quite ill for several days.

Mrs. Art McClellan has been quite sick with pneumonia.

Thomas Lavery is still on the sick list as the result of a severe cold.

Mrs. A. L. Andrews, of Detroit, visited Royal Oak friends Thursday.

The Ladies' Union held their meeting at Mrs. G. H. Closser's Wednesday.

LaVerne and Myrtle Gillette spent Sunday with their brother at North Utica.

James Wilcox was unable to return to his school last week on account of illness.

Dr. A. Smith has returned from a pleasant visit with relatives at Simcoe, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rockman of Pontiac, visited her sister, Mrs. Truesdell, the first of the week.

Mrs. Andrew Porter, and daughter of Birmingham, visited at the home of Samuel Bortle last Saturday.

J. F. Graves has been on the sick list for several days past but is now reported as being on the mend.

Mrs. Harry Egan, of Siasconet, Mass., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Welch Thursday and Friday of last week.

Royal Oak Baptist church, morning service at 10 o'clock, Rev. J. Mathews, pastor. Subject, "The Man For The Times." Sunday school 11:30 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. John Flint and mother, of Fourth and West street, were called to Flint last Friday morning by the death of her brother's four year old daughter, the same day that she received this message she received a telegram notifying her of her sister's serious illness in Grand Blanc. She will remain a few days with her sister.

Died at the residence of his daughter Mrs. J. E. Lyon, in this village, Saturday, Jan. 7, James M. Allen, aged 74 years. Mr. Allen leaves another daughter, Mrs. H. P. Winchester, of Grand Rapids. The funeral was held from his daughter's residence in this village, Tuesday, Jan. 10:30 with interment in Woodmere cemetery, Detroit.

Service at the Methodist church, H. H. Hough, pastor. Morning worship at 10 o'clock. Subject, "The Testimony of Paul Concerning Christ." Sunday school at 11:30. Men's meeting at 3 o'clock. The speaker will be Mr. W. B. VanAkin, director of the Detroit Technical Institute. Epworth League at 6:15. Evening worship at 7 o'clock. Subject, "My Brother."

A preacher not over a 1,000 miles from this village was fervent in exhorting his congregation to live good, exemplary, Christian lives and near the close of his services said, "Now will every one in the house who is paying his honest debts, please arise." Almost instantly everyone in the church, with one exception, arose. The one who remained seated was a lanky, lanky looking personage whose clothes had evidently seen a decade or more of service. "Now let those who are not paying their honest debts, arise." Slowly the lean, lanky man assumed a perpendicular position. "How is it my man?" inquired the domineer. "You are the only one of this intelligent audience that does not pay his honest debts?" "Oh," replied the lanky individual, "that's dead easy to explain those people who just arose are my subscribers, I run a country newspaper." Instantly the minister broke in "We will now sing the doxology and be dismissed."

Inconsiderate. Lawyer to client: "It is an unheard-of thing for you to murder an old lady for the sake of forty cents! You didn't get enough even to pay your lawyer—dead!"

GATHERED SMILES

THOUGHTLESSNESS.

Prof. William James, the famous Harvard psychologist, was giving to an attentive class remarkable instances of absent-mindedness.

"And let us not omit from our catalogue," he said, "the well-known case of John Burdon Sanderson."

"John Burdon Sanderson sat at his desk in the University college, just in thought. It was noon. Beside the great but absent-minded student lay his frugal lunch, a sandwich. Next to the sandwich lay a frog, not dead, but motionless—it had been the subject of a curious experiment in the lecture hall an hour before.

"At noon the assistant left the professor meditating before the sandwich and the frog, and at one, when the assistant returned, the professor was meditating still. The sandwich was on the table, but the frog—the frog had disappeared."

He Didn't Read the Papers. "The older I get," said the retail butcher, "the less I read the daily papers. Too many distressing happenings are reported nowadays."

"Of course you have noticed that meats are all coming down," said the customer.

The butcher shook his head. "That's one of the distressing happenings I find particularly distressing to avoid," he mournfully remarked.

And the customer paid the same old price for bacon.

Wasted on Her. Professor McGooch, in looking over an old book the other day I came across a funny name—"Victor E. Ordeth."

Mrs. McGooch: "I don't see anything funny about it. Ordeth is an unusual name of course but Victor is quite common. What is the E supposed to stand for?"

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FEEDING THE BRUTE.

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LIKES HER FIRST.

"Smith is Mrs. Widowsky's husband, isn't he?"

"Yes."

"Wonder how he likes her first."

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Speaking of Attitude. "He seems to have a very high opinion of himself."

"He has, indeed, for a man who hasn't climbed at least 7,000 feet in an aeroplane."

A Confirmed Fan. "He has absolutely no soul for beauty."

"How now?" "Yesterday at the ball game, I pointed out the reigning belle, and he merely complained that she obstructed his view of second base."

New York Journalism. "See this society belle about her rumored engagement."

"If she admits it, let her tell me. If she denies it, get a column and her photograph."

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