

Royal Oak

Latest From Our Sister Village

Joe Payozel is on the sick list this week.

W. G. Hardey has purchased a new automobile.

Miss Stella Wheeler, who has been sick, is well again.

Mildred Rose stepped on a rusty nail one day last week and was unable to step on her foot for several days.

Clay's Silman won first prize in the spelling contest at the Parker school last week. She is only eight years old.

The examinations for the first 20 weeks are over and we will start out with new enthusiasm for the next 20 weeks.

The house that Mr. Merritt has been building at Bloomfield Hill is completed and is ready for occupants. It was built for W. T. Barbou.

H. S. Gardner has the tickets for the Lincoln club banquet to be held at Pontiac Feb. 15. See him or call at his home and have your seats reserved.

Agnes Baker is getting the material on the ground for his new house which he will build on his lot in the Halton and Hannon subdivision.

The Tuesday afternoon polo club met last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McVicar. Mrs. McVicar won first prize, Mrs. Jacob Ebb second, and Mrs. Wm. Lapham received consolation. They meet again Feb. 14, at the home of Mrs. Wm. Lapham.

A large number of the relatives and friends of Mrs. Samuel Watts gathered at the residence of Louis Schnell Saturday, Feb. 4, and gave the lady an agreeable surprise. The occasion being her 81st birthday. Dancing, games, music, etc., was indulged in until 12 o'clock, after which a fine supper was served and a most enjoyable time was had by all concerned and all departed wishing the good lady many returns of the happy day.

E. H. Jenkins, of Fostoria, was in town last week and tried to secure money under false pretenses. He borrowed \$45 from W. D. Curtis, a mail carrier, and used it to himself, taking the envelope bearing Curtis' name. He tried to borrow \$2 from one of the merchants, Mr. Curtis swore out a warrant for the man and he was arraigned in the justice court at Pontiac Saturday afternoon. Monday he pleaded guilty in the municipal court and was fined \$15 or 30 days in jail. Friends from Fostoria came to his relief and paid his fine. He was released.

Don't neglect your home paper, it gives you town a prestige that you know not of. Even a poor newspaper is better than none, and the free advertising that it gives a village can not be estimated in money. Every man in the town is benefited by the country newspaper whether he supports it or not. From statistics compiled by the government show that in towns once having a newspaper and now having none, that the property valuation in the town has decreased in a marked degree upon the death of the paper. The business man who does not advertise is benefited by the paper even though his name is not in the advertising column, his is naturally getting the business which the paper brings to his town and he is not paying for this advertising. True the man who does advertise always gets the best results, but the man who doesn't advertise still feels the benefits accruing to every commercial house through having a newspaper conveniently located near by. Stand by your town paper. Sister's wedding is of as much interest to the home paper as it is to the immediate family. It laughs with you in your pleasures and mourns with you in your sorrows and afflictions, keeps you posted against impostors and is in fact a part of your life, and in fact the country paper has made for itself a place in the social and economic life of the community from which it will be dislodged with extreme difficulty.

You will notice the new advt. of the First State Savings Bank of Birmingham in this issue. This new institution shows a wonderful growth in financial strength and in popularity, and will from time to time in these columns keep you posted as to their progress. Your patronage solicited. Thomas H. Cobb, cashier.

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MAKING MONEY WITH SQUABS

Largest Pigeon Farm in World Turns Out 250,000 Birds Every Year—Much Work Required.

Travelers approaching Los Angeles from the north are astonished sometimes to see a flock of pigeons flying down the side of a hill, or to see a flock of pigeons flying over the outskirts of the Angel City. These belong to the world's largest pigeon farm, owned by T. R. Johnson, and, until recently, considered one of the show places of southern California. Merely as a curiosity of rank, but the alligator farm, the numerous ostrich farms and similar freak establishments.

The pigeon farm consists of about 100 acres of sandy, gravelly land along the bed of the Los Angeles river—a "river" only by courtesy during the long, dry summer months.

When it becomes practically a mere rivulet. The farm was established about ten years ago on a comparatively small scale, but the venture proved so profitable that the owner developed the business along lines such as have marked the growth of other recent modern industries, until he claims to now have more than 100,000 fully grown pigeons in his establishments, not to mention tens of thousands of squabs. Any one questioning the accuracy of the figures has the privilege of counting. As a matter of fact, the estimate probably is many thousands below the actual number.

The object of this vast pigeon breeding establishment is the production of squabs. At the present time about 40 dozen squabs are killed and sent to market every day, but a little later in the season the daily output will be much greater, so that the annual squab crop from this one establishment is about 250,000. These are at an average price of \$2.25 up to \$4 per dozen (depending upon the size of year), and it is evident that the income from the mammoth pigeon farm for the past year has been very large. However, this is not all of the profit by any means. The birds consume between two and three tons of grain every year, and the half of feeding after them, keeping the buildings clean and sanitary, and killing and preparing the squabs for market is not a trifling matter.

WATER TROUGH IS SCREENED

Easily Arranged Out of Piece of Eaves Troughing and Chickens Can't Get Into It.

An excellent watering trough for chickens may be made by following the directions given below: Take a piece of eaves troughing.

Screened Chick Waterer.

about 15 inches long and have a tinner solder on some end pieces. Then put a wire screen with a one-inch mesh over the top. The chickens can not get into the water and one filling will do for all day.

DOUBTLY NOTES

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