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THE TROY FLOAT

A Picturesque Display of Customs and Relics of One Hundred Years Ago.

By request of Mrs. Lillian D. Avery, historian of Oakland County, descriptions of "Historical Day" floats are asked that they may be placed with the pictures of same in a book of records.

Following is a description of Troy float: Descriptive of the quaint scene of domestic life in pioneer days was carried out by descendants of several of the early settlers of Troy on Historical Day, August 24, Centennial week at Pontiac, the county seat. The float was a neatly covered frame 7x14 and five and one-half feet high. All supports of the frame and railing were wound in red and white bunting and sheaves of ripened grain tied with red and white formed the decorations around the top and upright supports. Rare braided and tufted rugs were floor coverings, which fell over a valance of old-fashioned rag carpet that concealed the wagon which carried the float. Charles Aspinwall, driving his eight of fine draft horses was seated at the front, and by his side in aquiline bonnet and cape of the late Amanda Sprague, sat Eliza Todd, knitting. The little, old melon was played by a granddaughter of Silas Sprague, Mrs. Kim Leach, who played many of the old-time tunes and songs. Mrs. Francis Richards, the last member of the Harry Bloom family, was busy putting 49 threads of warp to the knot, and singing with those on the float, the old tunes. Mrs. Lucy Jennings, the oldest one of the company, in gray and black, represented the last direct descendant of the Alva Butler family. Mrs. Bell Aspinwall, at the swiftest, dressed in the wedding dress of Mrs. Lucy Goodman Cotting, represented a descendant of "In" Jennings, pioneer of Troy. Miss Jeh Dusenbury, in cap and shoulder cape, was spinning. The flax wheel was a relic of the Frank Schoch family, it having on it, the spools and carder attachment for winding linen thread. The old water jug and pail were a relic of the family which was brought to this country when the Jones family that located at Springfield, west of Davisburg, came to old Oakland on the first flat cars that ran from Birmingham to Detroit. Their household goods were placed around the edge of the car, and the family was in the center. The old coverlet portiere that were draped on the float were relics of the Johnson Niles family, with the daughter's name, Julia Ann Niles, and date, 1834, the rose pattern prevailing at that time in carpets and coverlets. The "bed warmer" and rare brass candlesticks, brass kettle, tin lanterns, etc., were from the H. B. Wattles and H. Surrall families. And the old leather trunk, studded with brass nails, and name tag, over the trunk strap, was a relic of George and Leige, first lawyer in Troy, who married Julia Ann Niles. A tribe of Indians, Nipissing by name, that were in Troy in 1834, were represented by sons from families in the community. Chief Kennebec, the Indian name given to Johnson Niles, his pale-face name given was Arthur Ferend, in fine Indian array.

The historical part, taken by Rex Schoch, representing Johnson Niles, trading with the Indians, on a float with a tent and three squares of red Indians, was greatly enjoyed by the young folks who took part. They were Mabel Tyack, Emily Ferend, Amber Everett, Russell Clark, and Donald Mercer.

Last, but not least, hearty and grateful thanks are extended to all who gave their timely help to get the Troy float into line for the great pageant, also to the Town Board for its financial help. Out of said funds, five dollars was given to the Centennial Fund.

Historian,
Lillian D. Avery.

JENKS RE-UNION WITH VILLA'S BRO.

Descendants of Saban Jenks held Reunion at Home of Robert Churches, in Southfield.

The sixth annual reunion of the Jenks family was held in Southfield, recently, at the home of Robert Churches. Over 70 were present, sixty being near relatives, all being descendants, by birth or marriage, of Saban Jenks, Sr., one of the early pioneers of Oakland County, having come to Michigan in 1821, and settling in Bloomfield while our state was yet a territory.

From the government, he bought the northeast quarter of Section 34, and the old parchment deeds were dated 1823, and signed by James Monroe, fifth president of the United States. His house was built of logs and was the first west of the River Rouge, about two miles from Birmingham.

At this reunion of his direct descendants, the eldest was his grand-grandfather, Esther Jenks-Lee, and the youngest, his great-grand-grandson, Joseph, Jr., the 11 months old son of Joseph and Irene Jenks-Jones, of Pontiac. His other descendants were 1 grand-grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren. Members were present from Detroit, Farmington, Hisslet, Hubbel, Lansing, New Hudson, Owosso, Otseville, Pontiac, Redford, Square Lake, and Southfield. The families of but three of his children were represented: Morris, Polly, and Orrer, there being 32 descendants of Morris ranging in ages from 11 months to 85 years, four of Polly's, and six of Orrer's, a great-grand-grandson, Will Jenks, of Hubbel, on Lake Superior, a son of Edgar Jenks, formerly of Birmingham.

The day was ideal and enjoyed by all, though saddened by the loss of two beloved relatives. Resolutions were read for Kitty, wife of Arlington Jenks, and the late wife of Lemuel Jenks, who passed away in early spring within a month of each other.

The President, Charles Jenks, of Square Lake, and Vice-President, Justin Jenks, of Southfield, were re-elected. Saban Jenks's rugged and the late George Jenks of Redford, recitations by Harriet Hodges, of New Hudson, and Maria Jenks, of Square Lake, and reading of historical notes and review of last meeting by the historian, Mrs. Eva Seymour Jenks, concluded the program. A most beautiful dinner was served, also a luncheon of ice cream and cake, after which the little Fords and Buicks turned their next attention to the descendants of Saban Jenks. The program. A most beautiful dinner was served, also a luncheon of ice cream and cake, after which the little Fords and Buicks turned their next attention to the descendants of Saban Jenks. The program. A most beautiful dinner was served, also a luncheon of ice cream and cake, after which the little Fords and Buicks turned their next attention to the descendants of Saban Jenks.

WILD BILL OF BIRMINGHAM, ASTONISHES MEXICANS WITH HIS AEROPLANE.

Engene Heltz, "Wild Bill" of Birmingham, Astonishes Mexicans with his Aeroplane.

My dear Mr. Mitchell:

When at home on my vacation, you requested me to write you about my trip in Mexico, so here goes:

We finished our season's contract at Roswell, New Mexico, December 15. We then took a trip down to El Paso, thinking there might be something doing in our line. After several days visiting, we had an introduction to some of the officials of the Villista tribe. After several consultations, we were permitted to give an exhibition with our aeroplane, and after taking Villa's brother for a ride and he being well pleased with the maneuver, we soon had our arrangements made and were off for Mexico.

We left Juarez, January 20, on a special train, engine, water tank, two box cars, and caboose. We met the general and seven military trains at Aguascalientes. The troop trains are all box cars and whole families go along, some riding on the train roof and some on top. They have small tents and build a fire to cook spaghetti, which consists of huevos, fasaola, and tortillas, that is, eggs, beans, and corn pancakes. Think a hungry man could satisfy his appetite, providing he did not molest the cook. We stayed at Aguascalientes two days, then went on down to Tijuata, where we unloaded and set up our machine. February 6, I started with a Mexican, who could not speak any English, as a passenger. Altitude, over 6,000 feet above sea level. We flew to Pezajimo, about thirty-five miles, to look for buried riches, and turn up tracks, and found everything was O.K. I got in a dry lake about one-half mile across and two miles from town. I then went to town and phoned in the report, had my supper, which consisted of beans and rice, and then went to bed on the bare floor, my shoes for pillow. At 3 a. m., I was awakened by my two assistants, who had come up on an engine, bringing gasoline and oil, and another Mexican, who could speak a little English. He had orders to go back in the mountains to turn in a quantity of 1,200 men under General Contreras that was going to Guadalupe, so they would go to Yuescano. The wind was blowing pretty hard, but it was in our favor, we flew 75 miles in 45 minutes. The next station after Pezajimo, a Carranista troop train, was landing wood for a wood burner engine. When they saw us, they fired several shots, but left guns, hats, and coats and went toward Guadalupe. We lit on a mountain pass where the troops had to pass through, about two miles from Juarez, some Carranista troops were camped. The ground on which we landed was very rough, and two wheels were broken. A crowd of peons working people soon gathered. They told us that one cavalry had not passed, so we were to check on my passenger. I had a lunch, drank a couple of bottles of taquila, and got a few spies to watch things for us. Then we borrowed two little mules and rode back to a little town ten miles from there, where my passenger used to live. He had some story to tell about his trip, and the people looked at me as if I were some unheard of devil or spirit, from the infernal regions. It was dumb to their language, but could do a lot of talking with my hands. That night we were surrounded by 10 peons back which came to the house and played three hours for 10 pesos or one dollar in gold, and at night, we slept on the floor, as usual.

The next morning, we left at 6 a. m. and went to an hacienda or ranch and had breakfast, dinner, and supper all in one meal. At 10:30 a. m., we changed our mules for two pretty good horses, then started back to the trail to meet the cavalry but found out that the Carranistas had discovered our aeroplane and were afraid of it so they all left for the mountains. We rode back within two miles of the aeroplane, and about 1500 feet above the machine on a mountain trail when we discovered troops passing the machine. They were not sure who they were. We rode towards them and saw two soldiers on horseback catching horses and they saw us at the same time and came after us. They each had Mauser rifles, and stopped within 20 feet of us, one holding his gun on me while the other held one against his head. There were some equipment but a quick look showed us that they were not our men. We understood only a few words. They struck the fellow on the head with a gun and knocked him down and I expected my own had come, and he once again was faster than my actions and he saw that I was not our man. He was taken back to the camp of his men. I returned and the cavalry, my passenger, and the other riders, but they could not speak and were so afraid they ran away. At this time they were all on my side and they recognized me. The old man got down on

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Chimberg, Charles
Donaldson, Andy
Eddy, Jessa
Hartwick, Miss Mary
Mcward, W. H.
Mead, John
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