

County School Children Now May Enjoy Paintings By Masters

Children of Oakland County rural schools will no longer have to appease their desire for art by looking at the blank walls of the school building.

The county school which shows the greatest degree of sincerity in school work and the highest average of attendance is awarded a painting.

This year's purchases have just been made by E. J. Lederle, county school commissioner.

Rosa Bonheur's "Ploughing" is one of the large-sized paintings to brighten the wall of some country school, this fall. The oxen, driven with shout and stick before a crude plow, strikes close to the life of many students in Oakland County. The beauty in the farm and animals is made strikingly evident in this painting.

"The Good Shepherd" by Plickhorst is another of the beautifully framed paintings procured by Mr. Lederle. The detail of this famous group will hold the interest of some beauty-loving farmer lad as he muses in the humming schoolroom. No less interesting is "The Helping Hand" by Fenouit, picturing the little girl putting her hands to the oar to help the seaman pull his boat through the surf.

This is the fourth year since the founding of the fund and 12 paintings have become the property of the Oakland County schools. "We select pictures because they do so much to brighten the schools and the lives of those who study in them," Mr. Lederle said. "Some would read books, but to every student a picture becomes a part of his knowledge and helps in what otherwise might be a drab experience in education."

CHICAGO GENEROUS TO NEAR EAST RELIEF

Chicago—Enough cast-off clothing and old shoes, consigned to refugee camps in Greece, Syria and Armenia, has been shipped out of Chicago this month to clothe a small European nation. During the first twenty days of August more than a million pounds of refugee clothing were handled by the Illinois Central, Missouri Pacific and Wabash lines, whose officials contributed free transportation to the seaboard.

The bulk of the shipments was gathered by the pupils of Chicago schools under the auspices of Near East Relief. Similar contributions came from schools in a dozen cities in Indiana, Illinois, and Minnesota. According to a statement from the railroads, last year's contributions of free freight to the Near East cause provided transportation for 3,250,000 pounds of refugee clothing and 500,000 pairs of shoes. Free ocean freight to Greece and Armenia was contributed by the steamship companies.

Robert Gardham of Greenwich, Eng., gave his blood for transfusion to save the life of his sweetheart, whom he was accused of stabbing.

Gold coins to the amount of \$1,585 were found in the roof of an old residence being torn down at Eglishtown, Ireland.

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David Bell, of Oakland avenue, general manager of the Pontiac Packing Co.: "It is curious to watch the making of a bogus. Much tact is necessary to see that each link in the chain is made fast to its neighbor. It is very necessary to make the various parts of the chain, otherwise they would not be recognized by the members of the canine family, and thus we would lose that beloved American term, 'Hot Dog'."

Richard Lawler, local police officer: "It is curiously fascinating to gaze upon a street light these summer evenings and watch the moths and other bugs flying, hither and thither, about the incandescent filaments. They fly to and fro, up and down, incessantly circling about. I wonder what they are thinking about, as they fly hither and thither, to and fro, up and down."

Nicholas Mooney, former Birmingham policeman: "The traffic on West Maple avenue is ever on the increase. I have never been able to figure out if the front wheels on an automobile go around as many times as the rear ones do. I suppose they don't in slippery weather; that is because the rear wheels must furnish the traction for the front ones. However, the front wheels are able to move sideways while the rear ones aren't."

Wesley Whittenberger, restaurant proprietor here: "It is quite natural, have found, for people to be able to use knives and forks while they are talking, but they always cease to speak as their mouths open wider when their elbows crook to bring food upwards. It is the same while they are drinking water, or wiping their mouths on napkins. I'm glad Birmingham's water is again fit to drink."

F. J. Mulholland, merchant: "When I lived in New Jersey it became necessary to anchor the cows down at night to keep the mosquitos from flying away with them. Yes, I think knickers look well on men."

Fred J. Aldred, in charge of Birmingham Water Department: "All pipes in Birmingham's streets that are used for water are kept filled with water. This is because these pipes are the only means we have to get the water from the wells into each home. Nearly every home has a water meter connected in the basement to inform us how much water is used each month. The meters are good things to have; they lie where they are in each home on account of being connected direct to the mains."

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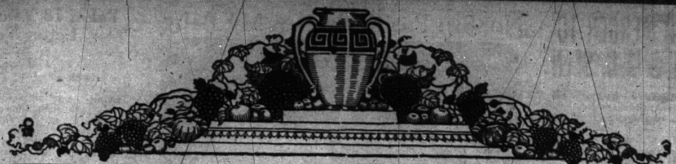
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