

SOUTHFIELD FIRE ORIGIN IS MYSTERY

Hellie Greenhouses Razed by Early Morning Blaze

LOSS NOT ESTIMATED

Origin of the fire which destroyed the Hellie greenhouses on the Southfield road, south of the Thirteen Mile road, remains a mystery today.

The buildings were razed by the flames and no fire department responded to the call as it is out of their jurisdiction. The blaze started at 2 a. m. Saturday.

No estimate has been made of the loss, which is considered heavy because of the many expensive plants and flowers in the house.

U. H. Hellie is the owner.

FRANKLIN

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Luce had as their guest over the week end, Miss Lucie, sister of Napoleon, Miss Althea Miller.

Mrs. Susan Rayner, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rayner, and children spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Rayner and family of Grand Blanc.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Shiener of Detroit were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Mead recently.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Facer had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Facer of Ferndale.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan McCracken of Pontiac, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Gray recently.

Mrs. C. Kline had as her guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Allen of Crystal Lake.

Mrs. William Jones recently entertained at a birthday party at her home. The guests were Mrs. Sarah Crawford and Mrs. E. W. Hallett of Pontiac, Mrs. John Stewart of Ortonville, Mrs. James Dolson and son, John of Green Lake, and Mrs. Leo Rander and daughter, Ruth of Walnut Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Converse, Jr., had as their guest Miss Sue Denny Converse of Bloomfield, Mass.

A number of Franklin people attended the Walled Lake Junior Play, entitled "All on Account of Polly," given at Walled Lake High School, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wood and daughter visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Palmer of Lincoln Park, Sunday.

Mrs. Russell Pickering entertained at a birthday dinner, at her home, in honor of her brother, John Brodie, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jackwin of Pontiac were Sunday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knowles.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hartman and family have recently moved to Ohio.

A number of young people from Franklin will attend the Epworth League Convention, at Manchester, Mich. Friday night.

William Whiteman, 81, of New York, has established a record by attending church every Sunday for 65 years.

All Turks must use Latin characters in writing, instead of Arabic, after June 1.

BIG BEAVER

The members of the Eighth Grade Civics Class at Big Beaver School journeyed to Pontiac last Wednesday to witness a court trial. They were also shown through the county jail. They were chaperoned by Mr. Jessup.

Miss Dorothy Welch entertained at a Busco party at her home recently, in honor of her brother Richard, and as a farewell party to Mr. Hughie Pine who returned to his home in Harrisville, Michigan last Monday.

The Big Beaver School's baseball team won their first game last Wednesday, defeating Clawson with a score of 17 to 16. They will play Clawson again May First on their field.

Mr. R. C. Hale of Rochester and Miss Grace Howlett spent last Sunday at the former's home at Oak Grove.

Miss L. Rice, fifth grade teacher at Big Beaver School was called to her home at Reed City the early part of last week and returned last Friday. Her father was ill.

Mrs. C. Popkey entertained at a women's Pedro club at her home on Boyd avenue recently.

Mrs. Edward Beard was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Beaubien Sunday.

Misses Mildred Howlett, Alfaretta Mable Newport of Detroit, and Persis Brown visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thatcher of north Maple avenue, Royal Oak, Sunday.

Mrs. Clyde H. Lawson entertained the Young People's class of the Big Beaver Methodist Church, at her home, Friday evening.

Mrs. Walter Carpenter gave a shower at her home on Lawrence Ave., Oak Ridge, for Mrs. Kendal Fernald, Friday.

Miss Mary Spanke participated in the District Spelling Bee held at Madison School, Friday. She was defeated but she won her school championship for two consecutive years and her grade for three consecutive years. She misspelled the word "ninety" leaving out the "y". She remained third from the last standing in the contest. The representative from Madison School was the victor and she will compete with many champions at the State Fair coliseum for the final championship, May 10.

Miss Mable Newport of Hollywood avenue, Detroit was the week-end guest of Miss Alfaretta Black.

Miss Edna Popkey and Mr. Patrick Hickey, of Redford visited the former's parents Sunday.

Miss Bessie Backes from Battle Creek was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson and family the past week.

Mr. Sam Howlett spent Friday and Saturday of last week in Ohio with a friend.

Miss Marilyn Wheeler of Boyd avenue, is recovering from a recent operation.

Mrs. J. Blanche is recovering from an attack of appendicitis in the Harper Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Green and daughter Dona, of Fort Huron; Mr. and Mrs. William Lawson and sons, Donald and Erwin; and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lawson of Avoca, Michigan, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Lawson last Sunday.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD

By GROVE PATTERSON

DEVELOPING THE BRAIN

In his day of wasted hours and easy thinking, when people "go at a pace" but don't really work hard, when they do what work they have to do with one eye on the clock and the other on a high-way map, the words of Myron M. Sears in the "World's Work" bear directly on the situation for most of us. This quotation is a little longer than is usually found in this column, but it is worth our attention in full: "The daily grind, a few minutes of relaxation before dinner, and a bridge game in the evening, supersede any concrete striving toward ultimate goals through securing more general knowledge or further mental development.

"This condition becomes all the more striking when we reflect that the few men ever approximate the possible mentality that theirs by inheritance. John, dropping out of school at 15, and slipping into his mental grooves of already formed habits long before he passes 25, may have inherited the cerebral hemispheres of a Shakespeare or an Einstein.

"Psychologists in the main

agree that the average man develops less than half of his brain inheritance. From 40 per cent of the total, down to 25 per cent, the majority of the estimates run. "A man of 40 can learn as rapidly as a boy of 15. Even at 60 or more the average person can still learn as rapidly as a child of 10. And this rate of learning includes practically all the general abilities, from simple memory to learning intricate arithmetical systems or languages."

WHERE IT WILL COME FROM

We needn't worry about the sources of power or the sources of materials that we need in our industrial development. New sources are being tapped all the time. Trust the chemist and the laboratory workers to supply the needs of the workaday world, even after most of our present visible materials have gone. We are just learning about straw. Not many people, outside paper makers, have taken straw very seriously. Now we learn from George H. Harrison, president of a chemical company in Wisconsin, that a ton of straw will yield, when properly treated, 1,600 pounds of

usable material. It is said a ton of straw yields 640 pounds of carbon, 15 to 20 gallons of crude straw oil, and 400 pounds of tar. Also a small amount of pitch.

SPRING

Perhaps the fundamental comfort of spring is not climate, and flowers and birds and green trees. Perhaps it is the renewed proof that we live in an ordered universe—a universe operated by dependable law.

CROOKS AND DETECTIVES

New York City is to have a division of psychiatry in the department of hospitals. Experts on the human mind and emotions will attempt to separate the mentally deficient, in criminal cases, from the normal cases. It is hard to believe any criminals are entirely "normal." And yet the habit of being vicious, when it is taken on in youth, can lead a young man to a career of crime. Of course he will not have a trained and cultivated mind. Any man with good education ton of straw will yield, when properly treated, 1,600 pounds of pay; it exacts too high a price

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