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E. M. S. GIVES NEW SCHEDULE

Changes In Street Car Plan Announced By Transportation Company

"The constantly growing demand for more and more stops for limited cars and the consequently increasing difficulty in maintaining limited schedules has resulted in the Eastern Michigan System putting into operation today an entirely new time table which calls for an entire operation of fast local cars and the withdrawal of our so-called limiteds," states A. D. B. Van Zandt, of the public relations department of the company.

"Actually the running time is but little different from the real happenings under the old schedule. On the other hand the frequency of the new service, properly and regularly spaced throughout the day adds greatly to its effectiveness.

"In general the new time table gives a car every 15 minutes to Detroit during the morning and in the late afternoon with 20 minute service in between, while in the evening the service is half hourly. The last car out of Detroit is at 11:45 p. m. Copies of the new rail schedule are now available for the public.

"The new rail schedule is nicely co-ordinated with the bus service now being given by the new 35 passenger motor coaches out of Pontiac and with the express busses that operate out of Birmingham and run straight down Woodward, terminating at the Tuller hotel in Detroit."

CLASS NAMES VALEDICTORIAN

Announcement is made today that Winifred Quarton will be the valedictorian of the 1929 graduating class of the Baldwin High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred V. Quarton, of west Maple avenue. Frances Stephenson has been named salutitorian.

SERVICES HELD FOR INFANT BOY

Eugene Frederick Jackson, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius J. Jackson, of 218 west Lincoln avenue, will be buried today at 2 p. m. in Greenwood cemetery, with services at the residence.

The child died early Tuesday morning at the Henry Ford hospital, Detroit. He was one month and a half old.

He is survived by his parents and his grandfather, Abraham Harris, well known villager.

It costs nothing to publish a news item in The Eccentric, Mrs. Birmingham. Call for a reporter on 11 or 12.

AMONG THE WOMEN

Only Woman Well Driller In Country Here

By DOROTHY E. WILLIAMS

The only woman well driller in the United States.

That is the distinction of Mrs. Margaret Grant, 526 Stanley street, Birmingham. She is the owner of the Keystone Well Drill company and is classified as an hydraulic engineer.

A short time ago when Mrs. Grant decided to join the village Zonta club she was asked her business capacity. She was uncertain as to her exact title so wrote to the engineering department at Washington for information. The answer was "hydraulic engineer," accompanied by the note that she was the only woman owner of a well drilling company in the country. Therefore, she is also the only hydraulic engineer listed in the roster of the Zonta club, a national organization.

There is little of the charm of the "moss covered bucket" in Mrs. Grant's world. Her wells know only the romance of the machine made world, but for her there is untold romance in those very machines, that bring forth a water supply from the earth. "To the average person," Mrs. Grant said, "a glass of water is merely a glass of water. They little realize how man and machines must labor to bring this water supply to their homes. It is our task to divert this artery of underground water into a regulated water supply for the home."

From the time she was a child Mrs. Grant has been fascinated by machinery. "I always thought if only I might be around machines I would be happy, and now I have my wish," she said. But her interest in the well drilling business seemed a quin of fate.

It was during 1912 that Mr. and Mrs. Grant moved to Greenfield, then a new suburb of Detroit. There was no city water line to their home and the entire water supply had to be carried by hand to the house. Mr. Grant, who was then an experimental mechanic at the Ford Motor company rebelled. He decided to sink a well. Several attempts were made without success. Then came the day that decided for Mr. Grant his future work.

"I shall never forget that fourth of July morning in 1912. There was a tremendous explosion and a shock that rocked the house. I could not imagine what had happened. I hurried to the back yard and found that my husband in his attempts to sink a well had struck natural gas. We now had access to a gas supply that would last for many years."

In a few months the district was piped for city water and the well drilling was abandoned, but his experiments had aroused in Mr. Grant a new interest. He decided to start a well drilling business. But Mrs. Grant was not to be forgotten. She took an active interest in the business, managing it with her husband and studying the work with him. In time she came to know and understand well drilling as thoroughly as many men of long experience. Now, although she has been engaged in that business 16 years, her interest does not lag. She makes daily visits to the wells under construction, inspecting the work and sampling the water supply. Any problems that may confront her superintendent she studies with him.

Mrs. Grant is an active person with limitless vitality. There is nothing she dislikes as much as idleness. During the year 1919-1920 she was living in Australia, where she and her husband were engaged in a similar well drilling business. "But I could not stand the life in Australia," she said, "there is so little efficiency. Business men there are not as they are in America. They are so very casual and languid. As for the Australian women, I don't see what life holds for them. Their interests are teas and polo. There is none of th erestless energy one finds in America." This eventless life bored Mrs. Grant and she returned to America with renewed energy, taking an even more active part in her husband's business.

She looks on engineering as another field fast opening for women. "There will come a time," she said, "when there is no field which is without its women workers."

Mrs. Grant is a native of Ogdensburg, N. Y., but while still very young moved to Worchester, Mass. She was educated in the public schools there. Soon after graduating from high school she came to Detroit and with the exception of her year in Australia has lived in this vicinity ever since. She has been located in Birmingham nine years. She is the mother of a fourteen year old daughter.

PASTOR LAYS EVILS OF WORLD TO DESIRE FOR UNEARNED WEALTH

"Bootlegging, hold-ups, gambling, robbery, cheating, and political corruption come largely as a result of people's desire for wealth without work," said Rev. D. L. Woodward in a sermon on "Wealth Without Work" delivered last Sunday night at the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Woodward said in part as follows: "At first thought the problem of wealth without work does not seem to be a real problem to most of us, as we haven't enough wealth to be burdensome, nor did what little we have come to us except at the price of hard work. But alas! the problem cannot be dismissed so lightly and with such ease. For, even if we do not have any considerable amount of this world's goods, we are continually tempted to make some short cut in securing the things we desire. We want to get as much as we can and give as little as possible in return. That seems to be the spirit that is abroad in the land. People want wealth and the luxuries of life but the trouble is that they are not willing to pay the price in good honest work. They want it quick and easy.

Violates Important Principle

"When we secure wealth without work we not only violate our sense of honesty and self-respect, but we also violate one of the fundamental principles of life and happiness. For, nothing worthwhile is ever achieved without the price of sacrifice or work. 'Things easily gained are easily lost' and, therefore, little appreciated. That's why any considerable degree of wealth handed down by parents to their children is in reality a disguised curse and not a real blessing. Anything that robs a person of the privilege and necessity of work is truly a calamity of the first magnitude. Parents should educate and teach their children how to work and then give them a fair chance to make good in some worth-while occupation. To do more than that tends to make weaklings and parasites out of them instead of worthwhile men and women The poor little pampered rich child is more to be pitied than he is to be envied or condemned.

"Every normal, healthy person should produce at least as much as he consumes. To do less is to be a parasite and a burden on humanity. It is not equitable to take more than a just compensation for one's work, and to obtain wealth without work is a sin against God and against man. For, some one always has to pay the price of greed and dishonest"

The Solution

"The old idea of an education was that one should secure an education so as not to have to work. Now, it is understood that the purpose of education is to teach people how to work and how to live. Our schools are so busy teaching the things of education that they often fail in the more important objective of teaching children how to live and how to work out an honorable living.

"Finally, people must be taught to look upon work as honorable and as a blessing rather than a hardship. It is a part of the great divine plan for the normal and full development of every soul. Indeed, we can have no real or permanent prosperity without it. By looking upon our work as a call from God and doing that work well, realizing it is a part of the divine plan for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God, we may have a sense of divine mission which will lift our work above the level of the sordid common-place and make us feel we are partners with God and co-workers with Jesus Christ."

The second of the series of sermons on "The Foremost Evils of Our Day" is "Pleasure Without Conscience." It will be given at the service Sunday night. In connection the ordinance of Baptism will be administered and the Baptistry will be used for the first time.

BILL BOOSTER SAYS

FIRE DESTROYS FORMER CLUB

Oakland Hills Home Burns To Ground; Origin Mystery

Damage estimated at $5,000 was caused by fire about 8:50 p. m. Saturday at the Oakland Hills Country club when the former Miller home on the north side of west Maple avenue was practically destroyed.

The building, which was the Oakland Hills clubhouse until the construction of the new building eight years ago, is now used by the club to house employes.

Birmingham firemen were more than four hours fighting the flames in the most spectacular fire the village has witnessed in more than a year. Efforts of the firemen prevented the blaze from crossing the street and spreading to the new clubhouse. Traffic on west Maple avenue was blocked for nearly an hour.

The fire is believed to have started in the basement and to have been caused by spontaneous combustion. The building, which was vacant at the time, was being remodeled preparatory to the opening of the club season.

RABIES TEST SHOWS DOG FREE

A report from the laboratory at the University of Michigan stating that there was no indication of rabies in the body of the dog sent there for examination after he scratched a Birmingham child is in the hands of village police today.

The dog was shot by the police after it was reported that he had scratched the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Scott, of Maryland boulevard, while romping with the child.

Police continue to enforce the dog quarantine which is in effect until May 14, however. "Many dogs are still found running at large unleased or unmuzzled about the village," Chief James Anderson declared. "We hope for better co-operation from the village."

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