

The Alma Record.

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County Correspondence

NORTH SHADE

Douglas McCloskey of Durand has been spending his vacation with his parents.

Miss Nellie Sperry of Owosso, has been spending a couple of weeks with friends in this vicinity.

The Chautauqua and Home Coming will be held August 26-30 this year, and a splendid program has been outlined.

H. G. Shabley was taken suddenly ill with acute indigestion, Saturday, while driving on his mail route.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Frazer has been quite ill this week. Dr. Furgeson is caring for her.

Chas. Corell, has been quite sick, but is slowly gaining.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Plank and two children Andrew and Fern and mother Mrs. Sarah Plank, called at the home of Laura Frazer, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Minaker spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Minaker.

P. J. McKenna started his annual summer clearance sale, Saturday, July 17th.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Williams and three children of Middleton, spent Sunday with the latter's sister Mrs. Andrew Frazer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ami Boyd spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Seifried of New Haven.

Mrs. Lottie Carr and Mrs. Lizzie ... Mrs. William O'Connell spent Sunday with her son Mathew.

Dr. O'Neil and wife and two children spent Sunday with the latter's brother Mat, O'Connell.

Dr. Coleman is back visiting old friends.

FERRIS

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Devenport and F. D. Hare wife and baby, autoed to Mt. Pleasant, Sunday, to see the former's daughter, Lela, who is attending summer normal at that place.

The Cemetery Association will hold an ice cream social at the home of Mrs. E. D. Dyer, Friday evening, July 30th.

Mrs. Frank Barber of Cedar Lake, was a visitor at Bible School, Sunday, Grant Beach, wife and daughter, Ruth, accompanied Perry Pew and wife to Reese, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stafford, the first of the week.

Mrs. E. A. Bailey is able to be out again.

Mrs. Sadie Sanford and granddaughter Miss Shiflet of Ohio, are visiting the Beach brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swarthout and son Kenneth of Crystal, visited their son E. J. Swarthout, Thursday.

RIVERDALE

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kellicut visited relatives at Vestaburg, last Sunday.

Mrs. A. O'Brien of St. Louis, called on friends in Riverdale, Saturday.

Lloyd Osborn of Alma, was an over Sunday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Osborn.

Jay Rice has accepted a position with the "Lanshaw Players" for the rest of the summer.

Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Highfield and son Allen, Mrs. George Meade and Wm. Owen, spent Sunday at Crystal Lake.

Rev. Albert Baker, wife and children, are spending ten days at Eaton Rapids, attending revival meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hamlin of McBride, called on friends in this vicinity Monday.

G. Allen of Wheeler was a business caller in town, Tuesday.

Ray Hardy of Edmore was a Riverdale caller, Monday.

John Hiller of Vestaburg was a business caller in town, Monday.

Last Wednesday morning the Vestaburg band gave a free concert on the street. They were boosting their big field day celebration to be held July 29th. They arrived in automobiles and visited Elm Hall, Sumner, Carson City, Crystal, Stanton, McBride and Edmore.

Dr. and Mrs. Flexer of Lake View, visited friends in town, Tuesday.

Miss Mable King has been visiting relatives at Bay City, the past week.

Rev. A. E. North and wife of Edmore, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Young, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. George Meade of Mt. Pleasant was a week end guest of Mrs. E. M. Highfield.

James McDonald of Saginaw, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Louker, Tuesday.

Rev. Albert Baker, wife and children were guests of friends at Elwell, Wednesday.

Mrs. Claude Parkinson and son Dale of Owosso, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Carner.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McClenathan of Sumner, were Riverdale callers, Saturday.

Additional Local

George Sharrar was in Lansing, on business, Monday.

J. A. Gerhardt went to Detroit, Thursday morning, on business.

J. C. Nichol of Urbana, Illinois, has visited with T. A. Bart, for the past week.

Dress and Cap outfit—98 cents. Saturday special at Mrs. P. J. Adams' Style Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Johnson drove to Mt. Pleasant, Monday, to visit with friends.

Frank Kingdig the new city mail carrier, spent Sunday with friends in Lake City.

Merrill Stuckey, 'the parcels post man' was on his farm in Manton over the week end.

Miss Nora Black of Cadillac, is spending the week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pierson.

Word has been received that Mrs. Frank Locker died Wednesday afternoon, full story next week.

Dr. MacCurdy took his summer school class in botany to Vestaburg, Wednesday, for a field trip.

Rev. Brownlow and E. H. Weese, proprietor of the Alma Vaudeville, were in Mt. Pleasant, Tuesday, on business.

98 cent Saturday special—dress and cap outfit. Just the thing for a breakfast gown. Mrs. P. J. Adams, the style shop.

Arthur Whiton, who spent the week end and fore part of this week at Bass Lake, returned to his home in Alma, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Hodge, residents of the Masonic Home who have been spending the past three weeks with relatives in McBain, returned home, Tuesday.

Dwight Von Thurn and Arthur McIntyre who have been selling books near Decatur, Indiana, returned home this week to spend the remainder of the summer vacation in Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell, residents of the Masonic Home, who have been visiting relatives and friends in southern Michigan, for the past seven weeks, returned to the Home, Tuesday.

The films for the Charlie Chaplin pictures did not arrive Tuesday evening in time for the show and many were greatly disappointed. The train on which they were to come was very late.

Rex Allen, S. Leahy, Albert Maier, R. Root, Malcolm Smith, Miss Lura Miller, John Gaffney, Glen Rockwell, Misses Ruth Kelly and Edna Campbell were among the Alma people who attended the performance of the Ben Greet players at Mt. Pleasant, Tuesday evening. All report that the entertainment was unusually good.

Life Amid Deathlike Stillness. In the rainless interior of Australia there is a "silence of the grave." This deathlike silence has a peculiarly depressing effect. If two men are camped and one of them goes to a distant township to get provisions while the other remains behind to look after the camp, the man who is to remain says to his friend in forcible, gold fields language: "Now, Bill, don't go long away. You know what kind of a place this is to live in by yourself." Or words to that effect. If his mate is away for two or three days the silence gets on the man's nerves, and in the end he shouts to make a noise. And often he is afraid of the sound of his own voice.

Toads. There is nothing very attractive looking about toads. If you should find one of the homely little fellows hopping about among your flowers and plants do not allow anyone to disturb him, as they are invaluable to farmers and gardeners. They destroy many insects and bugs that would otherwise ruin plants.

Quite a number in this vicinity are planning on attending the big field day celebration at Vestaburg, July 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett of near Vestaburg, were Riverdale callers, Tuesday.

Raymond Leonard and wife of Elwell, visited friends in town, Saturday.

Mrs. Rebecca Shanks entertained relatives from Corunna, for several days last week.

Mrs. Everitt of Lakeview, spent Monday and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. George Lanshaw.

Charles Marlin of Vestaburg is putting down a well at the Riverdale public school.

Mrs. Alfred Hutchinson and Master John Pfeiffer of Edmore, were visitors at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Highfield, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Reid were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hicks of Elm Hall.

Fred Rowland of Alma, was a Riverdale caller, Monday.

It is very doubtful whether the people of Alma really appreciate the fine quality of music which the city band is furnishing to them every Wednesday evening. Of course they are greeted by large audiences at every weekly concert—admissionless affairs are always popular—but the enthusiasm of their auditors is rather pale at times. Charles Ward has gathered in the band a group of unusually talented players. We dare say that outside of Detroit or Grand Rapids a better volunteer band could not be found. Finally, let us add, we are not a member of that band.

July 23rd Free Matinee On the Serial of "The Diamond From the Skies" which will feature Lottie Pickford in a romantic novel. Will run Free matinee Friday, July 23rd, at 2:30. Will run Chapter 1 in the evening of that same date.

July 27th Will show "LENA RIVERS" a thrilling love drama in five parts.

Admission 5c and 10c

RED LETTER EVENTS OF RED-PATH CHAUTAUQUA WEEK

- Drama Night William Owen and cast in a modern play, "The Servant In the House." Health and Happiness Day Lectures by Dr. Charles E. Barker, who was physical adviser to President Taft during his administration in Washington. Band Day Francesco Pallaria, dynamic, dramatic and spectacular director and his band. Popular Science Night Wrestling gyroscope, monorail car in action, handwriting on the wall by ultra-violet rays. A thrill and surprise every minute. Patriotic Day Ex-Governor Shallenberger of Nebraska, newly elected member of Congress, in a great address on "Political Patriotism." Joy Night Rollicking fun, music and enthusiasm. Don't miss this feature. Alice Nielsen Day Recital by Prima Donna Soprano of the Metropolitan and Boston Opera Companies. Greatest musical feature ever announced on a Chautauqua program.

POULTRY GOSSIP.

When a rainstorm comes up the chicks should be called to the coops and kept in till the weather clears up, or there will be bad results later.

Two thirds of the cases of ailments in poultry during June can be traced to vermin.

The owner of a fine lot of growing chicks at this season has much at stake. He must be ever on the alert and leave nothing to chance.

Look for lice in the poultry house. While that should be the order throughout the entire year, it seems to be most important right now.

Do a lot of trapping these days. Find out the best layers. Put a leg band on them and use them for your breeders next season.

BREEDS OF FOWLS THAT MAKE BEST CAPONS

The best fowls for caponizing are the large, rapid growing breeds such as the Plymouth Rock, Rhode Island Red, Wyandotte, Orpington and Brahma. The latter breed is used by specialists in capon growing. It is sometimes crossed with the Plymouth Rock breed. Very often the cross makes a capon weighing twelve to fifteen pounds. However, the smaller birds, such as Plymouth Rock, weighing from six to nine pounds when eight months old, are more in demand. It is uncertain and not desirable for the average person to cross breed. Plymouth Rock capons grow fast, have a large breast, and the desirable yellow skin legs. Then, too, Plymouth Rock pullets which can be conveniently raised at the same time are good layers and early maturing, combined with good weight when killed.

The caponizing operation is simple and can be done by the farmer with a



Poultry experts claim that one great mistake in raising capons is in marketing them too early and in having them too lean. After caponizing they suggest the owner keep them growing until they reach full size, which will take from ten to twelve months, and then fatten them. This is good advice. Contrary to the popular theory, a capon as placed on the market is usually little, if any, larger than it would have been if the operation of caponizing had not been performed. The illustration shows a bunch of White Plymouth Rock capons.

little practice. A good set of instruments may be purchased directly from manufacturers of surgical instruments or through poultry supply dealers. Complete directions for caponizing are furnished with the instruments. Essential for a successful operation is that the birds are of the right size and properly starved. Good light is needed when making the cut. The best time to caponize is when the fowls are about three months of age, but the farmer is governed to a large extent by the size, about 1 1/2 pounds being the right weight.

Previous to the operation the cockerels are starved for at least twenty-four hours to empty the intestines so the testicles can be easily seen and removed. After the operation the fowls are given a moist mash. In a few days they require no extra attention except the pricking of the wind blisters once or twice. They are allowed free range and are fed plenty of grain to develop a large frame. It will do no harm to run them with the pullets as their disposition is entirely changed. Capons do not fight or crow and are easy to handle. About three weeks before they are to be marketed they are shut in a pen and fed a moist mash twice a day composed of 20 per cent bran, 10 per cent wheat middlings, 10 per cent alfalfa meal, 20 per cent ground oats, 20 per cent corn meal and 20 per cent beef scrap, mixed with skimmed milk. The mash is supplemented with cracked corn and wheat is fed at noon. Late winter is the time to market capons, when they bring high prices.

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