

ORLEANS

Remember the W. C. T. U. meeting at Mrs. Belle Beach's Friday afternoon, June 29.

Twenty ladies attended the Red Cross meeting last Friday. Miss Heath was present and gave a very good talk and all the information she could about her part in the work.

Miss Onah Musselman's Sunday school class will have a Bible study hour at her home Wednesday afternoon, followed by games and refreshments and a good time for the girls.

Mrs. A. Sabine was an over Sunday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Little of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Currie, son, Carlton and Miss Mabel Palmer spent Saturday night and Sunday with M. K. Spanogle and family of Morley.

Mrs. Mae Mosher and son, Merton, of Belding were over Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Emery.

We are very sorry to hear that Jno. Cusser is quite sick and the doctor fears pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hoyt and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Face attended the funeral of Mrs. Theodore Leach at Fenwick Sunday. Mrs. Leach was an old resident of Orleans and many relatives and friends from away came to pay their last respects.

The bereaved family have the sympathy of their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Osborn of Ionia were calling on friends here last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Carlisle spent Sunday at Ottawa Beach with Grand Rapids friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Spaulding, son, Roy, and Irwin and Basil McGuire spent Sunday with friends in Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiel Rowley of Alma have been visiting his brother, Will Rowley and family, and other relatives and friends for a few days.

Tuesday, June 19 was a very happy day for Ila Purdy, when sixteen little girls came to remind her of her seventh birthday.

The decorations were in red, white and blue. Miss Ila was the recipient of a number of nice presents. Games were played and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served and the little folks went home tired and happy and wishing Ila many more happy birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Purdy entertained at dinner Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. O'Toole of Pierson. The two ladies are sisters.

Burr Whipple of Greenville was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whipple last Wednesday.

Mrs. Sarah L. York of Detroit came last Wednesday for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. E. C. Hoppough returned after spending a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hoppough. Miss Marjory Hoppough accompanied her home.

Arthur Holland returned home from Ionia Monday.

Mrs. Fred Christensen and son of Grand Rapids have been spending a few days with her brother, E. C. Hoppough and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rasmussen, daughter, Esther, and Miss Pearl Rhodes were Ionia visitors Monday.

The L. O. T. U. meeting June 19 was well attended and an interesting session was reported. Next regular meeting, July 3. We hope to have a good attendance as there will be initiatory work.

Mrs. Ernie Morgan is spending a short time visiting relatives here and in Shiloh. They are moving from Portland to Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. George Purdy, son, Carl, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Knoxon of Greenville were Sunday afternoon callers at the J. M. York home.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Glazier and her mother, Mrs. Lavery, were visiting Belding relatives Sunday.

Callers at Mrs. Frank Christophens Monday were Mrs. Fred Christensen and son of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. George Hoppough of Smyrna, and daughter, Clara, of Chicago; Mrs. Clayton Hoppough of Cleveland, and Miss Marguerite Hoppough of Kalamazoo.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Probert of Orange were guests of his sister, Mrs. Henry Young, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Rich and family spent Sunday with his father, Albert Rich.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Young entertained at dinner Sunday; Mr. and Mrs. M. Young of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Young and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Noddins of Orleans.

A number of Orleans people attended the graduating exercises in Belding Wednesday evening and all pronounced them especially good.

Carlton Towne of Enriean was the over Sunday guest of friends in Orleans.

Happiness has a peculiar way of coming and going without any warning.

An awkward man may not be slow, yet he always wants a day of grace.

PARNELL

Ralph Bush, Thomas Collins and Peter Toohy were guests of John Bird and family Sunday evening. All report a fine time.

John Bush and friends from Belding enjoyed a fine afternoon fishing on Cranberry lake, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and family from Bowne spent Sunday with Mrs. Margaret Hefferan.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Fingleton and children of Freeport autored to Parnell Wednesday and took her mother, Mrs. E. Murphy, home to spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Joyce spent Sunday afternoon at Clayton Ladner's.

Rev. D. Behan has purchased a fine new auto.

John Sullivan graduated last week from St. Andrews' high school in Grand Rapids.

Patrick Hickey is very poorly at this writing.

Miss Catherine Toohy left for Detroit Sunday, where she will be married Tuesday.

Miss Hilda Weber was a guest of Mrs. John Heckman Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Malone and Miss Anna Byrne were in Grand Rapids Wednesday.

Will Jones called on Terrence Brennan Sunday evening.

Will and Ed Laughlin have purchased fine new cars.

The funeral of Mrs. Thomas Doyle took place at Parnell Thursday morning. She is survived by many relatives and friends.

Carl Werner of Belding spent the week-end with Thomas Malone and family.

Mrs. Catherine Brennan has been spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Will Gannon.

SHILOH

The many friends of Mrs. Theodore Leach were much shocked to hear of her sudden death last week. They moved to Fenwick early this spring and were building a house. Mrs. Leach was a good neighbor and universally respected in this community.

The funeral was held at Fenwick and interment at Shanty Plains cemetery.

A family reunion of the Morris family was held Sunday at Long Lake. Over thirty participated and all report a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rodgers will occupy the Levi Beth house in Shiloh.

Mr. and Mrs. Rae Mikesell, Floyd Mikesell and daughter, Margaret, and mother motored to Charlotte Sunday and spent a very pleasant day with friends and relatives.

Mrs. James Barkdull and children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reves. She left Sunday for Greenville to visit her father and sister, Mrs. Smith.

L. D. Easterbrook and family, Jerry Lambertson, Claude Collier, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Font, Letha Allen and Harold Clements were in Belding Tuesday evening.

July 30, Shiloh is going to celebrate by having a flag raising, a program and supper served by the Ladies' Aid on the church lawn, followed by a dance in the evening at the hall. The Fenwick band will furnish the music. A large crowd is hoped for.

Two new cars in our town—E. E. Brown has a Dodge and Mrs. L. D. Easterbrook a new Ford.

W. B. Conner is living in their new home in Belding.

Mrs. Ella Race of Alma has been here to sell and pack the furniture in the Heth home. She rented the house to Mrs. John Rogers, who expects to be joined by her husband soon.

L. M. Knowles visited relatives near Carson City Sunday.

LONG LAKE

Frank Hall was home over Sunday from Lansing.

Ben Hall has his boat house nearly done.

Mr. Miller is attending bees lately. There will be a dance at Heth's pavilion Saturday evening, June 30; also one the evening of July 4.—adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown of Gold Beach, Oregon are visiting—Mr. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brown. Earl attended the Belding high school and graduated with the class of 1909, went west and taught in the North Bend, Oregon school until last year, when he accepted a position in the Gold Beach school, where he expects to remain.

KEENE

Mr. and Mrs. W. Higgins have been entertaining their sister and other friends, Mr. and Mrs. Trimble and baby from Bay City recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carr and two children attended the funeral of Mrs. Carr's brother, Mr. Lemington, in Grand Rapids last Tuesday.

George Hull of Grand Rapids was in Keene last week visiting his uncle, Mark Hull.

James Hopkins was in Grand Rapids Saturday.

A. Sparks was a caller on his friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Hull and sister, M. Pinckney of Lake City, spent last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Hull and other relatives.

Mrs. Floyd Sparks and two children, Mrs. Sparks' three sisters and their mother, Mrs. Hull, Alvira and Mione Hopkins, went to Belding Thursday afternoon and called on their aunt, Mrs. Melissa Cobb.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Frost were in Grand Rapids Tuesday.

Mrs. Floyd Sparks and sister, Mrs. Pinckney and Mrs. Bowen were in Lowell Wednesday and called on J. H. Hull and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Hull and Mrs. Pinckney returned to their home in Lake City Saturday.

MIRIAM NEWS

Fred Faber and family and Peter Brewer and friends of Beal City and Peter Andres of Mt. Pleasant visited with friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Michael Kemp is quite ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Crook, Leona Schafer and Esther Jacoby motored from Detroit last Wednesday and are staying at Joe Jacoby's.

Peter Laux and Paul Gondolf are enjoying new Ford cars.

Mrs. Theresa Krupp and sons, Joe and John, visited Mrs. Nicholas Kemp Tuesday evening.

The Sunday guests and callers at Paul Gondolf's were: John Andres and family, Peter Andres of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Maria Condon, Mrs. Bertha Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Baker and Mrs. Chas. Dreimayer, Dan and Eileen.

The M. G. A. C. girls expect to play basket ball Wednesday afternoon.

BRINK

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barkdull and two sons of Detroit visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morgan last Thursday.

Mrs. Emory Chickering and Mrs. John Bush visited Mrs. Sylvester Chickering and Mrs. Ernest Chickering Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. M. L. Howe and J. D. Strain visited Mrs. Ernest Anderson and son, Roy J., Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Benton and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Chris Choate and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brink Sunday. Miss Olive Holcomb visited there in the afternoon.

Ernest Anderson was in Keene Sunday evening to see his mother, Mrs. Byron Rich.

Mrs. Milo Brown and two children visited her brother, Ernest Anderson, wife and babe, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snow and Mr. and Mrs. Will Krick motored to Oakfield Sunday to see John Hart, who was sick. Mr. Hart died while they were there. He was a cousin of Albert Snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson visited Mr. and Mrs. George Wiley Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Krick and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan King Saturday evening.

Mrs. Fred Numamer visited Mrs. Sherm Hulbert Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Dan King and daughters, Ceresia and Esther, were callers at Mrs. George Wiley's Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bigler visited Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips Sunday.

Miss Lucy Balcom visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherm Hulbert, over Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Judson Morgan and family and Mrs. Ernie Morgan and daughter of Portland were Sunday visitors at Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morgan's. George Hetchler was also a visitor there.

Miss Retta Breymeyer and Miss Carrie Reger of Belding visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Snow Sunday. They accompanied Miss Hazel Snow and mother home from church. The minister's two children of Belding were also visitors there.

SUNNYSIDE

We are having pretty wet weather here; nevertheless the hay is coming fine.

The strawberries are ripening and we expect to have a pretty good crop of them as usual.

Lemuel Skellenger is making an extended visit with relatives here. He is from Portland, Oregon and is the father of Dan and Thomas Skellenger.

Mrs. John Regan is spending a couple of weeks visiting in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bignell were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Skellenger at "Sunnyside."

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Wright motored to Berlin one day last week with Fred Thompson. They attended the Pomona Grange and reported a fine time.

NORTH EASTON

Mrs. Ben Penny and daughter, Mrs. Flossie Diott of Grand Rapids, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Howe of Shiloh Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Zach. Choate was a Thursday guest of Mrs. Levi Krick.

Mrs. Jennie Bement called on Mrs. Ellen Clute Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Leach and daughter, Esther of Brink, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Krick.

Mrs. Ben Penny and daughter were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Morgan of Haynor.

NORTH LOWELL

Joseph Jones is quite poorly at this writing.

William Collins and family went to Grand Rapids Friday to visit his sister, Mrs. Todd, who was very ill. She passed away Friday night.

Clyde Kinyon and daughter, Ilene, were in Elmidae one day last week.

Miss Thelma Peckham entertained a few of her friends at their cottage Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hulbert visited her son, George and family, of Bowne Saturday.

Mrs. Denton of Belding called on her cousins, Della and Hattie Hatcher, on her way to visit her sister Miss Francis Hollran, who is very sick.

Samuel and Leo Brown, E. E. Lessiter and George Mason of Grattan were in Lowell Saturday.

Chas. Hartley called on his aunt, Mrs. L. Jacobson and family, Sunday.

Mrs. Hoover of Edmore is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lee Edson.

Mrs. Lew Rickner, son Lloyd, and Misses Della and Hattie Hatch, visited relatives in Rockford Sunday.

EAST OTISCO

Scott Carter of Detroit spent Thursday night and Friday with his father and sister, Mrs. Tom Doyle.

Little Gale Spencer of Belding spent the latter part of last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sussex.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Rowley spent a few days last week with the former's sister, Mrs. Warren Hopkins, of Silver Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Johnson spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Johnson of Belding.

George Curtis spent Sunday with his father in Greenville.

Miss Marguerite Hoppough of Kalamazoo is visiting a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sussex.

Mrs. Irvin Hall, who has been spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Johnson, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hile Rowley of Alma spent one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. Smith Rowley.

Mrs. Don Dean and daughter, Mrs. Elsworth Jenks, spent Thursday with their uncle and family, Leonard Rider of Carson City.

Orson Rowley and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore.

D. C. Johnson and daughters, Blanche and Bertha, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson motored to Greenville Thursday night.

Donald Dean spent from Thursday night until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Jenks of Grattan.

Many a man who follows a hand wouldn't have the nerve to face the music.

When a miser marries he picks out a woman who looks nice in her old clothes.

A man should have a good excuse ready before committing a mean act.

SARANAC

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Talcott, Miss Louise Goodell and Mrs. Lottie Wallington were Sunday callers at the home of D. K. Jesson in Ionia.

Mrs. Clarence Burbank of Portland, Oregon was a last week's visitor of Miss Metta Mosher.

Miss Lorna Stuart has resigned her position at the telephone office and Miss Irma Page is her successor.

Mesdames Barber, Huntley, Huhn, Hunt and Parmelee, and the Misses Adams and Powers were Thursday shoppers in the city.

Adam Geasler and daughter, Sarah, have gone to Grand Rapids and to Northern Michigan for the summer.

Miss Nettie Paul of Detroit was home last week.

Percy Taylor, fourteen-year-old son of George Taylor, died in a Grand Rapids hospital last week. The funeral will be held at the W. M. church and the interment will be made in Berlin cemetery.

The teachers left this week for their various vacation points. Supt. Wood to Ha-Yo-Went-Ha Y. M. C. A. camp near Central Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Dalton to Leland; Miss Keenan to Chicago; Miss Hagerman to Oxford, and Miss Parmelee to the Mt. Pleasant normal.

Mrs. J. Howard Armitage of Sheldon, Illinois is visiting Cora Adams.

Carl Stuart and Ethelyn Pratt were married at the Pratt home Tuesday evening last. Miss Pratt is the daughter of George Pratt, successful farmer, and Mr. Stuart the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Stuart. They left immediately for an extended trip through Indiana, Wisconsin and Illinois, after which they will be at home in Saranac.

Dr. Geasler has gone to Battle Creek to receive treatment for his general health.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Henry and Will Henry of Laporte, Indiana, and Mrs. Harry Kiute of Grand Rapids spent the week-end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Henry.

Mrs. Paul Blasen of Grand Rapids Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peck.

Mark Farrington went to Normal, Illinois Saturday to join his wife in a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Sayres. Dr. Sayres has enlisted in the United States army with a medical corps.

Mrs. C. E. Huhn entertained the D. A. B. of Ionia Saturday. Nine guests were present.

Mrs. S. A. Watt attended the W. R. C. convention in Battle Creek Wednesday and went from there to Toledo to visit friends.

Mrs. Chester Adgate entertained the W. C. T. U. Friday.

Ila Gifford is home from her school at Boyne City and Iva from Big Rapids, where she has been going to school.

W. A. Covert went to Parkersburg, West Virginia this last week to be at the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Sadie Cole, who is dangerously ill.

Esther Mercer, one of the university librarians is home for a month's vacation.

Lorene Talcott received a card from Grace Woolley last week saying that Tuesday and Wednesday, who used to be Congregational pastor here, has accepted a charge at Carsonville, Sanitic county.

The new teachers for the coming year are: Marie Van Westenbrugge, an Ann Arbor graduate, from Grand Rapids; Mary Perkins, an Ypsilanti graduate, has the seventh and eighth grades; Marian Everett of New Buffalo, an Ypsilanti graduate, has the sixth and seventh grades; and Lucile Bricker of Belding, an Ypsilanti graduate, has the fourth and fifth grades.

The body of "Cash" Williams who has been missing for three weeks, was found Thursday night by Fred Pardee in Grand river, near the bridge. All evidence points to suicide through dependency. Interment was made in the Saranac cemetery Friday afternoon at two o'clock. Mr. Williams leaves quite a family of orphaned children, the mother having died a few years ago. He was always known as a kindly, generous-hearted man, and had the good will of the entire community.

Lyda Arthur of Harbor Springs is here to spend part of her vacation from school teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Courter have gone to Harbor Springs for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brower of Hastings spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Sargent.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Eddy made their usual week-end visit in Saranac last week.

The infant child of Tom Arthur was brought here for interment Sunday afternoon.

The Red Cross committee have succeeded in raising a thousand dollars here for the fund.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Case and children of Remus are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Case.

A family reunion was held Friday evening last. Rev. Russell H. Bready of Hastings gave a fine address on "Americanism Against Kaiserism." A program of home talent was furnished and ice cream, cake and punch were served to the three hundred guests. Ten dollars was collected for the Red Cross fund.

Mrs. Maria Dennis and daughter, Frances, left last week for their farm home west of Lowell.

H. H. Lowrey left Saturday for Mount Pleasant.

Miss Lena Church of Clarksville spent Friday night with Mrs. Miles Dodds and attended the alumni reunion.

Blanche Wolverton went to Lansing Wednesday to visit her brother, Dale and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Luxford of Grand Rapids visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wellman, Friday.

Gladys Cahoon is home from Battle Creek.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lowrey underwent a mastoid operation at Ann Arbor last week.

Gardner Eddy has sold his farm to Ray Miner, who takes possession in March.

Nina Huhn of Chicago came home to visit her mother, Mrs. D. G. Huhn, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. S. Barber motored to Newaygo Monday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bonner.

Though you may doubt it, some Hawaiian music is really better than it sounds.

It is said that some evils are necessary. Can you name one that is?

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CHILDRENS PULPIT

The Power of a Steel Blade

Some time ago James, a boy of twelve years, saw a marvelous sight. A man with a little thin blade was sawing through a heavy railroad rail. It seemed to him hardly possible, at first thought, that such a little blade could cut through such a heavy piece of iron. Still he could not doubt it, for within a few seconds he could plainly see that it was slowly but surely cutting right through the heavy rail.

He was more than interested; he was curious. So he asked the man who was doing the work, "How is it that such a thin blade can cut such a heavy rail?"

"Oh, that is easy," replied the man, glancing up at James, but not stopping his saw. "This blade is hard steel and the rail is soft iron. It would cut the rail just the same no matter how thick it was."

"You mean, then," James suggested, "that the quality of a thing is what counts?"

"Yes, that is exactly it," replied the man. "Well," James ventured, "was the blade always that hard? And where did it come from?"

"By no means was it always this hard," was the answer. "It was dug out of the mountains just about as this rail was. But it has been put through some hard experiences. It has gone through some very, very hot fires, where all of the soft particles were burned out of it. It was then molded in this shape and properly tempered, so that now, having gone through such fires, it is hard and able to cut its way through this rail."

"Please do not become impatient," said the boy, "if I ask one more question. Does it cost more than the rail?"

"One little blade does not cost as much as this heavy rail?" was the reply. "But if this rail was made into such blades it would be worth many times what it is now worth."

As James walked on he thought of some of the men of whom he had read and of some of the things he had seen as steel blades, while others were just soft rails. There were Moses, Socrates, Luther, as well as others, and above them all, Jesus. All had gone through God's hot furnaces where all dross had been burned away, leaving only the highest quality of character. Because of this their influence cut its way through the evils of their own day, and we count them more precious and costly than anything else that has been given us from the past.

James