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SNOWS CONTINUE IN AREA; REMOVAL BECOMES STEADY JOB IN VILLAGES

Snows again drove across the western prairies and on the north of the nation, hitting the countryside, the major cities and the small villages alike.

While the Saugatuck-Douglas area was hearing of the great hardships being caused, they were most intent upon the local forecasts, and they heard what seems to have become a careless refrain:

"More snow, heavier along the lake. Colder."

Howard Schultz of the county force, Bob Jones of Saugatuck and Harold Beery of Douglas again had their hands full as "the beautiful" kept falling in succeeding storms. The last fall, on the ground at the start of the week, had been heavier, had packed and drifted.

On two or three occasions the trees and bushes were covered in lacy white designs, intriguing to photographers but no sun to add sparkle to the scenes before winds had blown the snow from tree tops and bush tips.

Underneath the snow in many streets and on many roads a film of ice made driving risky. This and the heaviness of the snowfalls brought constant radio and TV warnings about the hazards of driving.

At midweek, business streets of the village were being cleared as snow was trucked away. Meantime, other streets being kept open until there was time to widen between the high piles on each side. And, more snow was forecast.

GARDEN CLUB PLANS SPRING'S PLANTINGS

Cold and snow was no deterrent to members of the Douglas Garden Club as they met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Harold Taylor of Riverside Drive. The evening's program was a book review by Donna McQuire on Montague Free's "Perennials in Your Garden," after which members discussed plans for their own gardens.

Many Absent, Miss Awards in Drawing Of Dealers' Prizes

Mrs. Stella Mocini, of Saugatuck, was the big winner last Friday evening at the weekly drawing of the Saugatuck-Douglas Merchants Association in the Village Hall. Mrs. Mocini received a \$30.00 prize from a purchase at Whipple's grocery.

In the three prizes where it is mandatory that the recipient be present, Polly Brockington won \$15.00; Jerry Bale received \$10 and Ralph See came in for \$5.00.

In the latter prizes, tickets are drawn until one comes up with the name of a person present. Last Friday many names were drawn before a winner present could be found.

For the five \$5.00 prize, absent and missing the award were Ruth Bombly, G. W. Hoffman, Frank Sewers, Laverne Hopkins, Marion Bale, Lois Lechler, Ed Egelkraut, Bertha Diepenhorst, Louise Mayer, Mrs. Marie Gray, Joe Erlewein, all of Saugatuck; Hallie Bryan, Roy Dragt, of Douglas; and Harold Thompson of East Saugatuck.

Absent when the \$10.00 ticket was drawn were Jim Gillis, M. Hirner, of Saugatuck; R. Grubbs, Nancy Allen, of Douglas; Walter Mayer, C. W. Clark, Marie Aziraki, M. Conrad, Fennville.

Missing on the \$15.00 drawing were M. H. Allan, Douglas; Eve Clason, Kalamazoo; and Julia Funk, V. Naughtin, D. Busscher, Bill Woltman, Rev. Verne C. Hohl, S. G. Smith and Sharon Hall of Saugatuck.

COAST GUARD GROUP TO MEET THURSDAY

The Saugatuck Florilla, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, will meet this Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, at the Village Hall. For members, the meeting is important and they are urged to attend. Any non-members interested will be welcomed.

Local Fotogs Form New Photo Society; The Five Cameras

A camera society with definite objectives which include photographic documentation of the area, copying of some old and historic photos, presentation of exhibits of pictorial photographs and color slides, is being formed in Saugatuck.

First meeting of the embryo group was a fortnight ago as they met at Tara for a dinner party and to discuss plans, view prints and color slides, mostly of the area.

Under the name of The Five Cameras, the group will have Burton D. Holley, internationally known pictorialist; Julius (Juke) Van Oss, WHTC announcer and newscaster; Charles Isaacson, commercial advertising photographer; William R. Simmons, pictorial photographer and color; Charles W. Mann, nature color photography.

Group meetings will have discussion on various phases of photography, demonstrations of methods, critiques on photographs and color slides, and exhibits of their own and from some of the top clubs and pictorialists.

Woman's Club Holds Community Singing

When the expected movie film, "The St. Lawrence Seaway," could not be shown because of projector difficulties, Mrs. Harold Taylor led the Saugatuck Woman's Club through an impromptu program that all enjoyed last Friday afternoon.

The tables had been decorated in seaway fashion with paper and plastic boats traveling the tables. The afternoon was given over to Community singing led by Mrs. Wright with Mrs. Josiah Pennington as accompanist, and bridge. The committee in charge was composed of Mrs. Arthur Jillson, chairman; Mrs. Charles H. Gilman, Mrs. Robert Crawford and Mrs. Harrison Stark.

RE-ELECT DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AT BANK'S ANNUAL MEETING

Stockholders of the Fruit Growers State Bank held their annual meeting Tuesday, heard reports on the past year's progress, discussed future plans and elected directors.

All directors were re-elected—Harold H. VanSyckel, Ira Koning, Harry Jackson, Dr. Kenneth C.

Miller and Roy Van Gragt. A record number of votes were cast in the election.

A meeting of the directors was held in the evening and present officers were re-elected: Mr. VanSyckel, president; Mr. Koning, vice president; Charles H. Gilman, cashier and executive officer; and Miss Edna Boyce and Henry Gleason, assistant cashiers.

Gains Reported

Annual reports indicated that the bank had a gain in assets of more than \$250,000 in 1961—above the rate of increase of previous years; that more than 1,700 checking accounts are active, and 1,900 savings.

Employees other than the officers are: Mrs. Lucille Gardner, teller; Miss Eva Gooding, Mrs. Virginia Kasten, Mrs. Claradine Starring and Dah Hungerford, Milton Stahl, loan department; Mrs. Beverly Mancuso, secretary; and Mrs. Lucille Plummer and Robert Brackenridge, Jr., part time.

Mr. Stahl is lately of the Old Kent Bank of Grand Rapids and has been assigned to the loan department. He has been in that bank's management training program, having had training in all departments. Reared in Albion, he is a graduate of the high school there and obtained his BA degree in business administration at Albion College.

Seeking Home Here

In Grand Rapids he was active in the American Institute of Banking, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and advisor in Junior Achievement, membership in the Second Methodist Church, and has completed his military duties in the National Guard.

Mr. Stark is married and they have four children—two boys and two girls, aged from five months to seven years. Until they obtain housing in the village, he is commuting from Grand Rapids.

PTA to See Fine TV Film as Feature At Meet Next Week

Next Thursday evening (Jan. 25) is the date for the next meeting of the Saugatuck Parent-Teacher Association. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Saugatuck School.

Lennert Hemwall will be the chairman for the evening's program and will present the film, "The Influential American." This film has been produced by the General Electric Company and has been shown on their weekly television program, the General Electric Theatre. This excellent film is of fine quality and will prove of interest to everyone.

A nursery will be provided during the evening at the school so every parent might attend. The meetings are open to the public and the PTA would like to invite any one who is interested to attend the sessions.

Council to Meet

The Question Box will again be available for those who want an answer to a problem. Burton Aldrich, superintendent of the school, has been answering the questions at the end of the evening's program. Questions are invited.

The Executive Council will meet on Wednesday (Jan. 24) at 3:45 p.m. at the School. Anyone having any business which should be brought to the Council's attention, should speak to one of the officers before next Wednesday.

TRUSTEES APPROVE STOCK CHANGE TO AID BUTLER LICENSE TRANSFER

Approval of the transfer of stock in the Butler Enterprises, Inc., from Robert N. Sergeant to Lowell Livingston and Verser White was given by the board of village trustees Monday night at a special meeting.

The approval was necessary for the State Liquor Control Commission before the hotel's liquor license could be transferred to Livingstone and White, who are stockholders in the corporation of which Sergeant remains president.

When the transfer was presented to the board at a previous meeting it was denied, some trustees saying they wanted to meet Livingston and White.

On Monday night Sergeant outlined plans of the company for the operation of the hotel and Cook Memorial Park, previously leased to the corporation and which it beautified and maintained

last summer.

After Sergeant had given a series of rules for boat owners using the Butler Marina, infractions resulting in cancelling of docking space, Trustee Ray Anderson asked for a copy. Trustee Ned Brockington asked for a copy of the assignment of the Cook Park lease from Sergeant to the corporation.

Motion to approve was made by Trustee Garth Wilson, seconded by Gleason, who voted favorably with Anderson, Kenney and Hedglin. Brockington voted no.

A change in building permit rates is likely and the topic was discussed by the trustees. Changes suggested were: permit for building of \$30 to \$500, \$2.00; from \$501 to \$1,200, \$5.00, plus inspection fee, \$10.00; for each additional thousand or part thereof, \$1.00. Discussion will be continuing at the regular February meeting.