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PROMINENT RESIDENT

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF CHAS. YERKES

Who Has Passed His Entire Life in This Vicinity.

In carrying out its intention of publishing at intervals sketches of the prominent citizens of Northville and vicinity, the Record has chosen this week a well known Novi-Northville resident, Charles Yerkes, who although his home is "over the line" from our village and county, is to all intents and purposes a "Northvillian". As himself and family are valued members of our community and he is one of the considerable property owners here.

Mr. Yerkes' entire life has been passed in this vicinity. He was born on the old Yerkes homestead east of town where Mrs. E. Yerkes-Holcomb now resides. April 19, 1833 and was one of the well known Yerkes family of nine brothers and one sister, all of whom have passed away except himself, Robert of this place and George of Colorado.

Mr. Yerkes' first farm was the one now owned by Fred Durfee in Novi, where he commenced housekeeping after his marriage to Miss Evelyn Wells of this place on Oct. 6, 1855. About forty years ago they came to their present home on the base line, although their residence at that time was a plain little house close to the street instead of the handsome and commodious home they now occupy.

The large farm was in both Oakland and Wayne counties and originally included the whole of what is now Northville coming up to Dunlap street on the south and to Center



CHARLES YERKES

Well known Novi-Northville resident, from whose farm the northeast part of this village was platted

street on the west side. When nearly twenty years ago, Northville began to demand more room in which to grow, Mr. Yerkes was very reluctant to accede to the many importunities to sell his land on the Wayne county side of the base line but at last yielded to the increasing pressure and consented to allow his beautiful and productive fields to become village ones. In 1887 with the late Mr. Horton as a partner in the enterprise he sold Northville much to his financial advantage but greatly against his personal inclination.

Mr. Yerkes' family consists of his intelligent and charming wife, a daughter, Grace who is a graduate of Michigan University and the popular preceptor of the Northville school and two sons, William G. who is married and resides in town and Carl, his father's right hand man on the farm, besides a foster daughter, Mrs. Katherine Covert Strong—a niece of Mrs. Yerkes—to whom he has been all that a father could be since she was orphaned in her early childhood. Mrs. Strong is also a niece of Mrs. Christiana Pinkerton of this place.

Personally, the subject of our sketch is of a quiet and unassuming nature and one who is very averse to praise or publicity. In his own unobtrusive way he has done many deeds of kindness and generosity that are recorded only in human hearts and on the records not kept by human hands, careful that his right hand should know not what



"Take that away from here! What this house needs is an automobile."

Taylor in Chicago Tribune.

his left hand was doing. He is a member and a staunch supporter of the Northville Presbyterian church and was for twenty-five years one of its trustees, considerations of health compelling him to retire from that work a few years since.

MRS. ANN E. BURDICK

Mrs. Burgess' Mother Passed Away Saturday.

Mrs. Ann Eliza Burdick died Saturday morning, July 14, after a long illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Burgess.

Mrs. Burdick was born in Rochester, N. Y., June 2, 1829, and was married to George Gage Burdick in 1849. They came to Michigan in 1854, settling in this vicinity, so that the deceased had been a resident of this section for over half a century. She was a relative of the late Susan B. Anthony and they were of the same age.

Mrs. Burdick leaves a sister, Mrs. Clarissa Scott of Brighton, and three children, Humphrey Burdick of Meads Mills, Mrs. John Homan of Beaverton, Michigan, and Mrs. J. M. Burgess, wife of Dr. Burgess of this place, where her home had been for many years.

Mrs. Burdick was one of the long time members of the Northville Baptist church and always one of its most constant attendants as long as her health permitted.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon from the Burgess residence conducted by Rev. S. P. Dimmick and the interment was at Meads Mills.

State Fair Work Progressing.

The Secretary of the State Fair writes us that good progress has been made in erecting new buildings and preparing the grounds for the Fair of 1906. Sixteen new buildings have been erected and several thousand feet of walks and drives have been graded and surfaced with gravel and stone. The Grand Stand has been enlarged and bleachers added so that the seating capacity is now about 10,000.

There will be toilet rooms in abundance and other conveniences needed by visitors and exhibitors.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Northville Loan and Building Association, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting, will be held in the Library Rooms, in the village of Northville, Michigan, Friday evening, July 27, 1906 at 8 o'clock sharp.

I. E. Vanatta, Sec'y.

Northville, Mich., July 17, 1906.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Taylor and daughter of Detroit wish to express sincere thanks to their many friends in Northville and Novi for their sympathy during the illness and death of their eldest daughter Madge

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THE AUTO AGE.

Suburban News.

Carleton boys have organized a brand new band. Nobody has moved out of town yet, as the beginners have not had time to practice much so far.

The first Old People's Home to be established in Oakland county is to be built soon near Birmingham, at a cost of \$10,000. When the institution is completed it is expected there will be fifty old folks at home.

The Ipsilanti notes the fact that the excessively high tax rate in that city recently caused a wealthy newcomer who had planned to buy an elegant home there to go to Ann Arbor instead when he learned what his taxes would amount to.

Adam Pelestki of Wyandotte has his worse half under arrest for "ben pecking" but with an ax and a poker. He didn't ax er to pass nose into his financial affairs but she did assist by the aforementioned implements of domestic warfare with the result stated.

A Detroit man has taught his dog to carry a parasol to keep the hot sunshade off it. The parasol has a cross piece arranged on the handle so the animal can hold it in his mouth. Such a bright dog as that fairly takes to shine on anything outside the profession of trick dog gery.

Presbyterian Church Notes.

(By the Pastor)

Services next Sunday morning at 10:30 Sunday school at 11:45 Union service in evening.

The pastor and his family will leave next Tuesday for their vacation which will be spent at Orleans, N. Y.

A large and merry company gathered at C. C. Verlog's home on Wednesday afternoon in attendance at the Ladies' Aid Thimble party. The occasion was a kind of housewarming for the host and hostess and all enjoyed greatly the fine program, delicious supper and pleasant companionship.

Methodist Church Notes.

(By the Pastor)

The ladies who have the work of decorating the church for this month are doing well. Their efforts are much appreciated.

An official board will meet for business in the Chapel Room next Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. A full attendance is desired.

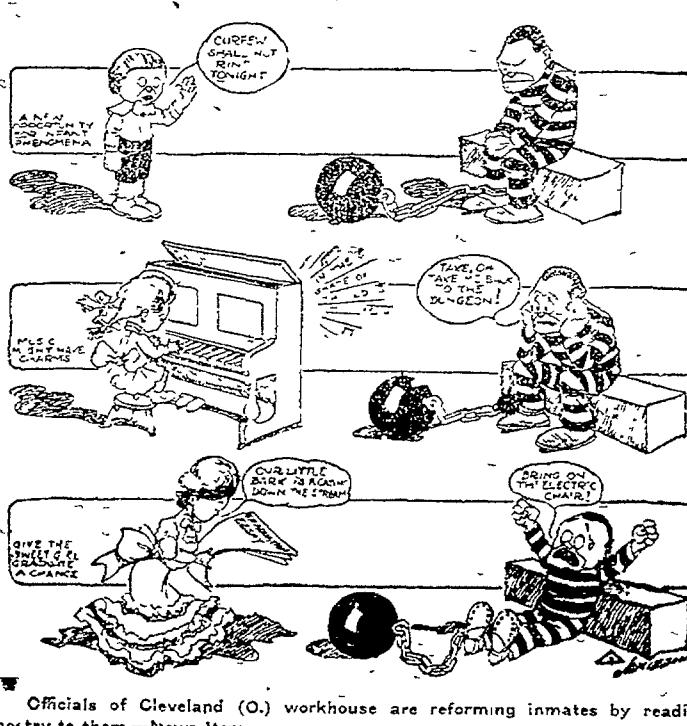
The W. H. M. S. will hold a bazaar on Saturday at 4 p.m. and will be pleased to receive baked goods from any one wishing to help them.

Public worship Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Subject, "Glorying in the Gospel." In the evening union service in the Presbyterian church.

The Ladies' Aid will conduct a sale of home made baked goods and ice cream tomorrow July 21, in Mr. Whipple's store. Your patronage will be appreciated.

The W. H. M. S. had a very sociable and successful meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. Neelands. A considerable number of young people were present. Splendid refreshments were served. Mrs. Charles Finkins was elected president. A flourishing society is the motto for the future.

NEW METHODS FOR REFORMING CRIMINALS.



Officials of Cleveland (O.) workhouse are reforming inmates by reading poetry to them.—News Item.

Jamison in Pittsburg Dispatch.

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