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THE VILLAGE OF TALLMADGE

For the benefit of those who read this brief article, who reside of Summit County, I would inform them that Tallmadge is a Township and a Village, bounded on the south by the city of Akron.

The very center or hub of Tallmadge Village and Township is a circle where eight roads meet. In the early days a great sign-board was posted in the center of the circle with finger boards giving information for some sixteen different directions. This was a source of great merriment. It is said that the people about the circle were attracted one day by the loudest and most boisterous laughter they had ever heard. Coming out to see what it was all about they discovered a man rolling on the ground near the guide-board going through hilarious antics and shouting as though crazy. I've often heard, said he, Ha! Ha! Ha! of the Ho! Ho! Ho! center of all creation, Hi! Hi! Hi!, but I never expected to see it. Ha! Ha! Hi! and now I am here. Hi! Ho! H!

The circle contains seven and one-half acres, is graced by two church buildings, beautiful shade trees, and a town hall.


Rev. David Bacon, a missionary to the Indians, working under the Missionary Board of the State of Connecticut, built the first lone cabin in Tallmadge in the summer of 1807. The Township at that date had no name. The nearest neighbor to this lone cabin in the heart of a mighty forest and along an Indian trail was at Hudson, ten miles away.

Let it be known that Tallmadge was ordained to be an Utopia. Centering on the circle, where all roads met, were a church, a parsonage adjoining, a country inn, a school house, cabins about the circle all occupied by godly folk who have a Christian interest in each other. At the crossroads were a trading-post or store and a blacksmith's shop.

Farm land for miles, north, south, east and west, allotted to good New England stock of sterling character, this was the Rev. David Bacon's plan. It worked well for a time, but hard times overtook the project, money was scarce. Easterners, persuaded by Rev. Bacon to buy plots of ground at Tallmadge, Ohio, in 1808 to 1814, found it impossible to meet their obligations.

During these years Rev. Bacon rode horse back over much of the State of Connecticut and part of Massachusetts persuading prospects to come to Tallmadge. In 1811 there were regular mails from Connecticut. The postage on one letter was twenty-five cents. Three weeks was about the time required for a letter to travel from Connecticut to Tallmadge. A Post-office was established at Tallmadge in 1811.

The wars of Napoleon in Europe during the early part of the eighteenth century nearly destroyed the new Village. Embargo and uncertainty on sea and
land caused a stagnation of business in America. Tallmadge promoters were unable to pay their Connecticut creditors.

Rev. Mr. Bacon spent much time travelling between Tallmadge and Connecticut in an effort to adjust claims and satisfy creditors. He preached, did carpenter work and undertook to sell books to save his dream at the Tallmadge Village. Under this strain his health broke and he died in 1817, in the 46th year of his age.

The first Church established at Tallmadge was by Rev. David Bacon in January, 1809. People hard of hearing were requested to sit on the steps near the pulpit. Boys were seated in the gallery on one side, and girls were seated on the opposite side, a chaperon was selected to keep order in each group. No stoves in church those days, preaching lasted three hours. Later, portable stoves were carried from homes of nearby families to the church and carried home after the service. In a heated debate among the brethren relative to installing stoves one brother contended that he rather suffer from the cold than be choked with the smell of a stove. Another contention arose over musical instruments that should be used in the choir. A violin, called a fiddle in those days, was barred from the service, but a flute was admitted because it was a wind instrument.

The Minister.

Ours Is A Profession

which demands individual attention to every detail. That and a little more has always been our aim. Yet the cost is no more.
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CHURCH CALENDAR
Bible School, Sunday . 9:30 A. M.
C. E., Sunday ....... 6:30 P. M.
Prayer Meet, Wed. 7:30 P. M.
Orchestra Practice, Wed.
Evening .............. 7:30 P. M.
Church Business Meeting, First
Friday Evening of Month

SUNDAY
Last Sunday morning “Bill” Robinson, who hopes to be a minister some day, occupied the pulpit at Stow Community church. He sermonized before a sizeable congregation on the subject “Gods Promises” speaking in particular on the coming of Christ for his church at the time known to Bible students as the “Rapture”. This coming Sunday Rev. Hulme will occupy the pulpit, which will be the last time until the first Sunday in September when he returns from his vacation.

AMERICA’S GREAT NEED
OF SPIRITUAL TEACHING

“Child crime has come through child neglect. It was ascertained recently in New York City that out of fifty-five thousand below the age of sixteen who had fallen into the hands of police only one sixth had ever heard of the Ten Commandments. When it was discovered that the criminal youth of New York were not familiar with the Ten Commandments, the same test was applied to high school pupils, only to find that in one school three-fourths could not write anything about them. How shall the youth of the land obey the laws of which they have never heard? How shall they hear without a teacher? Superior Judge Aggeler, a Los Angeles jurist, found that only two percent of the thousands brought before him for every conceivable crime were active members of any church at the time of their arrest. When Judge H. S. Mott, of the Toronto Family Court, after having twelve hundred twenty-five criminal boys before him two years ago, blamed this condition on the lack of religious training in city homes, the Toronto Globe commented: “The courts of the land are reaping the result of the past quarter of a century of religious ridicule and lack of restraint. More religious training is needed, but how can godless parents give such training?” Yet how tragic that in January 1936 the average American Sunday School had an attendance of about sixty-five percent of its average for 1926.”—Clarence H. Benson.

LITTLE GIRL IN NEW SHOES
KILLED BY DRUNKEN DRIVER IN TORONTO, CANADA

Proudly wearing the new shoes her daddy just bought her, and carrying a note her mother gave her to get an ice cream cone, Verna Groves, four years old, walked out of her home on Rosethorn Ave., early last night. Five minutes later her crumpled little body was carried into the house. She had been hit by a two ton truck driven by a man

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GROWTH IN GRACE

Certain means of Grace necessary to the development of our spiritual life are (1) Bible reading (2) Prayer and (3) Service. H. C. Morrison D. D. tells us that "those who would be preserved, guided, and used of the Lord must read the Bible. No one can know how to live in harmony with the teachings of the Word who does not know what it teaches." Furthermore "Reading the Scripture will lead us to prayer and prayer will send us back to the scriptures." Pray in secret where none but God can hear; where we are free from the temptation to be heard of men. Pray or others. And prayer for others means that we have a desire to be of service which is the third means of grace. Not only a kindly attitude but action. Deeds of Kindness. Improve opportunities to speak to fellow beings in the interest of their soul. With this sort of service to others,—with the reading of God's Word, and, with prayer, our growth in Grace will be assured.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We wish to sincerely thank all the friends and the classmates in Stow School for their kind expressions of sympathy, helpfulness, and the beautiful flowers received at the death of our beloved son and brother Dale.

Super Frosted Milk Shakes - - 10c
Deliciously Different
ISALY'S in Stow
CHRISTIAN ACTION
Prayer meeting and Bible Study of this group was held last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Hazel Wheeler on Marguerite St. A week from this Friday, Aug. 11th, the prayer meeting and Bible study will be held at the home of Miss Clara Gillam, 217 Elmwood Ave.

REMEMBER MEN
The Ladies entertain us this Friday evening, August 4th, with a picnic supper at the home of C. M. Woodring, Thorndale. Come out to the supper and stay for the business meeting.

WILL SWARTZ
William Calvin Swartz, as the burial permit reads, was laid to rest in our cemetery Sunday, the 23rd of July.

He was the last of his generation to be buried there.

Dan was the first to go. He was a boy of twenty-two when he died in 1888. A big nice fellow that we all liked and respected. The father Elias died in 1900 and the mother Sophia in 1911, John, Will's twin brother, went in 1917 and his sister Amelia in 1925. She was the wife of Andrew (Jack) Pontius, a well known building mover in Cuyahoga Falls.

The Swartz family came from Bango Township, Elkhart Co., Ind. There Will and John were born Aug. 22, 1857. When they were two years old they came with their parents to Ohio and settled near Turkeyfoot Lake. They lived there until 1871 when they came to Stow. I am indebted to Will Mineer for this early history. Their first home in Stow was on the River Road where they were neighbors of the Grubbs, Norths and Joshua Gaylord's boys.

I think they must have moved to the Kent Road onto the farm.

Summer Coal Prices Now In Effect

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where Bridgewater lived soon after 1881. That was the year in which Levi Post died. It was his farm that Elias Swartz bought.

The old people lived there until their death and John continued to live there with his family, I think, until his death. John's wife was Eliza Donaldson. John and Eliza had three children Harry, Tom and Bessie. When Will married he bought the home where he has lived for more than fifty years. He and his wife were first cousins and born in same house. I was a witness of their marriage. My father married them at our home. She had been married before to a Mr. Ingersall. Two of their children are buried on Will's lot. Will and his wife have had two children, Charlie and Mabel. All of the Swartz children went to school to me in the old district no. 3 school. None of them are now living here.

Bessie married but died when she was twenty-two. Tom lives in Cuyahoga Falls, Charlie in Conneaut and Harry and Mabel in Akron. After Will left the farm he worked for sometime with his brother-in-law, Jack Pontius. When I looked after the campers for the Silver Lake Park Company he was working for them too and often helped me in putting up tents.

He was a very handy man and could make a half hitch quicker than most men with two good hands.

He was a friendly good natured neighbor and I have many pleasant memories of him.

Frank A. Green.

Graham Road Baptist

Present at Bible School last Sunday one hundred forty three. Birthdays celebrated were those of Mrs. F. Trowbridge and Anna Murray.

The Ladies Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. L. A.
Miss Anna Louise Hayes and Clifford Fillmore of Akron were united in marriage at Graham Road Baptist Church Sunday 1 P. M. They were attended by Mrs. Thomas Tomlins of Home-wood ave. as bridesmaid and Mr. Robert Sherwood as best man. The groom's mother, uncles and aunts, and the bride's family as well as members of the Church being present. Rev. Douglas officiated. They will live in Akron. The bride was dressed in blue with white accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross A. Rose of W. Jefferson, Ohio visited their mother, Mrs. W. S. Leasure, also attending the funeral of their nephew, Richard Humphrey, Tuesday.

Word has been received of the marriage of Mrs. Leasure's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Anna Rose to Mr. J. C. Wilson living in Columbus.

Mrs. Wm. Prauge was stung by an insect while berrying and can hardly walk at present.

Mr. Wm. Ashton of Pittsburgh, Pa. is visiting his relatives, Mr. Ashton of Brookside Drive.

Grandpa Leasure had an attack of ptomaine poison Monday. He is now recovering.

We will miss the Taylor family of Ft. Slocum, N. Y. "They returned home Sunday.

Held Over From Last Week

Everyone knows it now but just as a matter of historic interest Gerber's Service Station of Stow was held up last Thursday evening by two bandits who escaped with about $35.00 to a car waiting a little way down Marcella Avenue. George Koons was the first to closely observe the business end of the one gun which the bandits carried.

The Gilbert-Barber family reunion will be held August fifth at the old Gilbert homestead corner Hudson Drive and West Graham Roads. Mrs. Mary Gilbert at whose home the reunion will be held this year has been attending for the past forty two years, tho these family gatherings have been in existence a much longer time than forty two years.

August Specials

LADIES FARMERETTES AND SLACKS 79c
STOW 5c TO $1.00 STORE

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Orem of Akron recently purchased the property located about one hundred yards north of the Graham Road intersection on Hudson Drive. They are making extensive repairs in the house. With their two small boys and daughter the Orems came from Akron where they formerly attended the First Presbyterian church.

John Schultz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Schultz, West Arndale Road, left for CCC Camp July 7th and is now located at Rock Springs, Wyoming. It is reported that John expected to send his good clothes home, for the camp where he stays is one hundred and ten miles from the
nearest town and consequently, he won’t get to town so very often. He is helping clear out a thousand acre forest.

Mrs. Florence Suter, Miss Joyce Suter, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brookbank, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Suter and two children all of Bellevue, Kentucky, were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Monteith, Adeline dr. last Monday evening.

Mrs. Lorin B. Sebrell, of Silver Lake, with her two daughters, Lois and Rhoda, have gone to Swamscott, Mass. to visit for two weeks with her aunt, Mrs. S. R. Marshall. Accompanying Mrs. Sebrell and the girls, east, were Mrs. W. L. Sebrell and daughter, Kathleen of Alliance, Ohio.

Mr. George Baatz who owns five acres and a small home on Hudson Drive will be seventy seven years old this Friday July 28th. With his wife, who is now visiting sons in Detroit, Michigan but who will be back to help him celebrate his birthday, Mr. Baatz brought up a family of ten children, eight of whom are now living. About an acre and a half of well kept garden, berries, flowers, etc. particularly took our eye. He attends church regularly each Sunday morning.

PERSONALS

Mr. James Moss has just had his house painted.

One birthday, that of Miss Betty Cross, was celebrated in Bible School last Sunday.

Golden Text: Jehovah is far from the wicked; but he heareth the prayer of the righteous. Prov. 15:29.

Miss Clara Gillam is agent now in charge of the offices recently opened in Stow by the Ohio Cleaners.

Dinner guests of the G. W. Mineards and the Bergs on River Road last Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Windsor of Akron.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Marhofer and daughter Mrs. Louis Garman of Cleveland visited with the Harry Olson family last week.

Mrs. Fannie Keller of Munroe Falls was operated upon last Friday at the City Hospital. Her condition is fair.

Visitors at the O. L. Zirkle home last Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Zirkle, Misses Goldyne and Elinor Myers and Miss Billie Hawkins, all of Mt. Jackson, Va.

New members of the Stow Park Board appointed recently by presiding Judge Wanamaker of the Common Pleas Court Akron, are Chas. H. Monteith, Chas. E. Perrine and A. L. Isemann.

The Stow Bar-B-Que has changed hands. It is now owned and managed by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lowe. (Adv.).

Someone from the Ladies Class requests the meaning of the fire siren signals. Chief Deacon tells us that four toots are for an auto or grass fire while eight toots are for a general alarm, i. e., a regular fire such as a dwelling.
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For First Class Auto Painting, polishing, washing and welding at reasonable prices—see the Stow Fender and Body Repair, corner Hudson and Graham Roads, G. E. Thursby, Prop. Phone WA-9517—

Attendance at Bible School last Sunday one hundred seventy one. This was a sufficiently large number to make the heavy black graph line for 1939 on the attendance chart cross the corresponding red line of 1937 by four or five points. The Men's Bible Class with 103% attendance won the banner.

If your car won't run, call George at Gerbers. He will fix it. Phone WA-8843. (Adv.).

Roland Roxbury, who with his wife and baby recently returned from California, has purchased Eddie Parsons Plant II Shell Gas Station in Cuyahoga Falls. Roland, now living in the Falls, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Roxbury of 137 South Sanford Ave., Stow.

It pays to recover. Get your upholstery done while the prices are low. McGrail Antique Shop. 150 East Kent Road, Stow. Phone WA-1091—(Adv.)

BECKLEY'S BARBER SHOP
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TWO CAUCUS'S THIS YEAR IN STOW

The Republican Caucus will be held in the Town Hall Friday evening August eleventh. All Stow Republicans are requested to be present. Democrats will meet some time soon, just when we were not able to ascertain.

EXTRA AUGUST SPECIAL
LADIES BLOUSES
REGULAR $1.00 VALUE 69c
STOW 5c TO $1.00 STORE

Supt. Monteith asks "Is it worse to applaud by clapping the hands or to whisper and talk while in Bible School. Lodge opines the latter is worse and Cox, we believe, said Amen—Yes Amen! So, if we talk maybe Lodge won't object to a few amens from the Ladies Class now and then. Amen!

ALL IN ONE DAY

Monday was the day of the Goodyear picnic. Along with sixty thousand others (thats as good a number as any) we attended.

For the benefit of out of town readers the picnic was held at Euclid Beach Park on Lake Erie where they have a beach, waves, roller coasters, rocket ships and numerous and sundry other contrivances to take your breath or make your hair stand on end.

John Byron, Marc and Odwin took in most everything, but wife and your reporter just rode in the rocket ship and watched the waves, the crowd and ate pop-
corn and candy kisses. Among those from Stow we saw Mr. Haartje and daughter, Fae Marie, Mrs. Lawhorn, the Brust family, the Scott family and lots of others including W. H. Nicol, 8th st., Cuyahoga Falls. (He reads this paper and probably won’t object to seeing his name in print.)

After the drawing, in which our name was not even mentioned, we ate sandwiches, etc., etc. and drove down to the Cleveland Public Auditorium where the World’s Poultry Congress is being held. Here the incubators, the baby chix, the bantams, especially the Japanese silkie dyed in pink, green and other tints, the rooster with horns, the albino hen, the black Jersey Giant rooster, the new red leghorns, the mouse village, and the forty two pound turkey ready for the oven, all in a seemingly endless underground exhibition hall made up, no, not quite complete either, for after a 35 mile drive home we had to get the paper together and have it typed.

PICNIC SPECIALS
SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH
100 Count-paper napkins-100 Count
2 Pkgs 15c
PAPER PLATES 4c DOZ.
STOW 5c TO $1.00 STORE

DEATH
Mrs. Ethel H. Grove passed away last Tuesday morning at her home on East Kent Rd. Stow. She is survived by her husband, Henry M., daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Perrine and Miss Louise

One room in Stow’s new grade school building, it is reported will be used for children who can not hear well. These children will come from all over Summit county. The cost of this enterprise including the teacher’s salary, will be paid by the state.

Grove, brother Paul Bishop of Cuyahoga Falls, sister Mrs. Mildred Kneale of Akron and one grand child. Funeral services were held this Thursday afternoon at the Stow Church of Christ Rev. L. M. Gregory officiating. Burial was in Stow cemetery.

Mrs. Edith Sunthimer, Charis—Swavis Corsetier, Telephone WA-6759.

Chestnut Lumber: 1 inch, 2 inch, 4x4’s and 6x6’s. $30 per M up to 12 ft. Planed if desired. We own, cut, saw and transport our lumber. Only one profit. Also walnut popular, oak and cherry. Joe A. Mitten, 142 Thorndale, Stow. (Adv.)

FISH CREEK
Mr. and Mrs. Marion Halliwell and family returned home Sunday from their vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. William Holmes were in Lansing, Michigan last week visiting relatives.

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