

ALL OVER

Ida Hill, of Troy, is sick with the tonillitis.

Frank Hill, of Sterling, is better of his cold and is around.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Renshaw recently were in Pontiac on business. Love is all right when the motives are honest and balancing it all.

Put in your summer's sugar before it gets higher.—W. H. C. advisor.

In the neighborhood having honest minds there is no contention of any kind.

Truth will bear inspection and keep are to be minds and hearts of the real truth lovers.

My opinion is when the war ends, England is the least gainer of the great powers at war.

Really life in mature years should be twin, for singleness is real courage.—W. H. C. proven.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cronie recently gave a birthday party at their home in honor of Miss Ruth Kidd.

Mrs. Ernest Cronie and infant son recently spent a day at her sister's, Mrs. Jas. Renshaw, of Colerain.

R. D. NO. 1

Gus B. Dort, Jr., is in the grain.

Joe Fritchard, in the spring, will fix up the old house.

Thomas Martin will make lots of improvement on his little farm.

Charles Fortie will stay on Mrs. L. Taylor's farm for another year.

Dr. F. W. Young has got settled in his new house, and now for comfort.

William Todd, of Royal Oak, has his cellar and foundation up ready for the fence proper.

On the Parson farm several hays have been sold and some horses have been started on the east side.

WINTER MULCH FOR THE STRAWBERRY BED

Get the Land Ready During Cold Weather.

BY M. N. JEDGETON

In a sense the strawberry plant is an evergreen. Unlike the bush or tree fruit, it has no wood growth to ripen. Its leaves do not shrivel in the fall, and at the touch of frost drop from the plant, hence it is not reasonable to suppose that the plants will have further need of them at some future time.

Observing closely, the student of nature will note that in place of ripening, as is the case with bush and tree fruits, the leaves of the strawberry plant take on a deeper shade of green with the advent of autumn, finally assuming a recumbent position.

This is nature's method of preparing this plant for the necessary period of dormancy.

During this period the forces in the plant remain inactive. With the coming of spring, the warm rays, sunshine and showers, there is an awakening—a springing up of new life.

With the bush and tree fruits this awakening of pent-up energy first manifests itself by the swelling of buds. From these, tiny leaves push forth, to be followed by the unfolding and development of blossoms.

In embryo form leaf and blossoms have been tucked away and protected in a sheath of well ripened woody growth.

These stored-up forces are protected against injury from low temperature up to a certain point, depending somewhat on atmospheric conditions prevailing at the time and conditions under which the growth and ripening of these buds took place.

However, with strawberry plants there is no swelling and unfolding of leaf buds, for each leaf and cluster of blossoms appear separately and at different periods of time.

In place of well-ripened, woody tissue, the embryonic leaves and fruit stems of the plants are protected by the crown of the plant, which consists of a succulent growth of plant tissue only.

With such a protection, these embryonic leaves and fruit buds are not fully prepared to undergo the rigors of winter, hence additional protection is required if the plants are to retain their strength and vigor unimpaired. By looking into the matter closely, the reason for this may be very plainly seen.

I have said that the leaves of the strawberry plant go into winter in a green, succulent state, and for this reason their purpose has not yet been fully accomplished.

With the advent of spring, and the awakening of nature, these leaves resume activities.

The root feeders gather in the elements of plant food from the soil. The circulatory system carries this food to the leaves, where under the action of sunlight, a chemical change takes place, by which it is made available for assimilation.

Some of this plant food is used by these same leaf tissues, but by far the larger portion is carried to the crown, there to be used in the growth and development of a new and larger leaf system.

This being true it will readily be seen that if the leaves of the present season's growth do not pass through the winter with vitality unimpaired, an abnormal condition in plant life will result.

With its tissues wholly or partly dead, the leaves of the plant are unable to perform the functional activities properly, as would otherwise be the case.

New leaves may push out from the crown of such plants, to be sure; but such growth never possesses that vigour and appearance of abundance characteristic of normally constituted plants.

Nor are the leaves the only part of the plant that sustains injury through exposure to winter frosts and sunshine, for the tissues that compose the crown are injured more or less by the same thawing and freezing process.

In addition to the injury to the leaf and crown, as noted, there is, on some soils, injury done to the root system through the lifting, heaving action of frosts.

Grown on a class of soils that become readily, these surface feeding plants are often left stranded, so to speak, their crowns projecting and exposed.

Keep the Old Bull.

Whenever possible, keep an old bull with the results of his breeding can be seen. There is always a chance of turning a straggler bull into a bulldog before his value is known if the practice of selling them at four or five years of age is followed.

Hog House Fault.

Four ventilation in the hog house is the common fault and the inaccessibility to sunlight is an equally serious one.

Valuable Stock Food.

Sugar beets are more valuable as stock food than mangels, but do not yield quite so heavily per acre.

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Chemicals of Little Effect. Experiments with various chemical extinguishers for fighting forest fires have not been very successful. The unlimited supply of oxygen in the open forest offers any tent to neutralize the effect of the chemicals.

Much in Simple Kiss. A kiss is a simple little thing and yet it is precious. You may have noticed that the man who never gets to kiss his wife before he leaves the house doesn't purchase many automobiles for divorce lawyers.

BIG BEAVER

Mrs. Cyrus Lamb is very ill and is at the home of her mother for convenience.

Miss Goldie Jackson, of Birmingham, was the guest of Mrs. Jesse King last week Friday.

Miss Eva Snell, of Highland Park, was a week end guest at the Edward Fisher farm, near Birmingham.

Miss Grayce Bowman, of Detroit, has been spending some time with her sister, Mrs. H. L. Schultz.

Mrs. Julia Gebhardt spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Louis Gutchalk, at Southfield.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Coe and children, of Highland Park, were visitors last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Dean.

Samuel James has asked to be appointed administrator over the estate of his deceased wife, the late Maria Taylor James.

Prof. Immanuel, from the Agricultural College, will address the congregation of the M. E. church here at the regular service next Sunday afternoon.

The Big Beaver school will give a shadow show at the K. O. T. M. hall on Wednesday evening, February 3.

The ladies will furnish the lunch put up in boxes. A large attendance is desired.

In our school work the primary and intermediate grades have learned several new motion songs over which they are greatly enthused. The seventh grade are studying Whittier's "Snow Bound" and the eighth grade begin the study of "Chambered Nautilus" and Lincoln's "Gettysburg Speech."

FRANKLIN

Mr. Ed. Mason, who has been very ill, is reported improving.

Mrs. Alfred Currin has been suffering from an attack of pleurisy.

Please bear in mind the quarterly meeting at 2:30 next Saturday afternoon.

Miss Clara Reis, of Highland Park, is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Chas. Roediger.

Singing Evangelist Walter Wilson, who is now with the Baptist church at St. John's, reports over fifty conversions.

Bro. Wilson is expected to assist the pastor of the Franklin M. P. church in special services some time in February.

The Ladies' Aid met for their annual election of officers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Weadow, Thursday last. A good crowd and good time reported. New officers elected as follows: President, Mrs. Chas. Knowles; first vice president, Mrs. Frank Adams; second vice president, Mrs. L. I. Green; secretary, Mrs. Bateman Wood; assistant secretary, Mrs. Bert Beebe; treasurer, Mrs. E. D. Trebilcock.

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TROY

Pearle Burrows, of Toledo, was home over Sunday.

Miss Lakin entertained a few friends at cards Friday evening last.

Mrs. H. B. Watters will entertain the Sewing Club at her home February 3.

Mrs. Helen Briggs and son, of Jackson, were recent visitors at C. Buckson's.

John Wilbur was a caller at the Elliott and Lakin home the first of the week. He soon leaves for Virginia.

Tom McClellan and wife, of Highland Park, were recent guests of his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leonard.

The Eastern Star ladies of Troy, attended the banquet given by the Chapter at Royal Oak Monday night. Sixteen new members were initiated.

F. D. Cutting was not well enough to attend at theatre party Saturday that had been planned for him. Eaves were in the party—within the law.

The mother of Miss Agnes Parker, at the Cutting home, has been caring for her mother, near Clawson, who was taken to Harper hospital, Monday, for an operation for tumors.

Mr. M. A. C. speaker, who conducted the crop contest met a number of interested young and old folks, Saturday night, in the League room. On Sunday morning the same speaker gave a talk on the "Rural Church."

Rev. Mr. Wilson speaks in the Troy M. E. church Sunday morning on "The Misuse of Mormonism," and its growing evil and teachings in the United States. Among other things, he stated that President Wilson is the first president since Cleveland's time that is opposed to Mormons in Congress. He closed up with the times, men and women, and help to subdue this evil as well as the evil of many other reforms.

FRANKLIN

There is more to catch in this section of the country than all other districts put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be unobtainable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constant failing to cure with local treatment pronounced it incurable. Science has proven calcium to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Cathartic Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer \$100 for any case it fails to cure. Send for circular and testimonials.

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.—Advertisement.

Wilbur Harris and wife just returned from a two weeks' visit from Lapeer, Mich., where they visited Mrs. Harris' parents.

CARD OF THANKS

Words are too empty to convey our heartfelt gratitude toward our kind friends and neighbors for their goodness during the sickness and death of our daughter, mother and companion. May God bless you all.

MRS. AND MRS. R. M. SILBKY, LOURDA AND GUY WATKINS.

Refresh From Soothing.

Soothing is not necessary in order to emphasize a rebuke, and sometimes the rebuke itself is the best and kindest makes the most impression of all.—Buckingham.

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