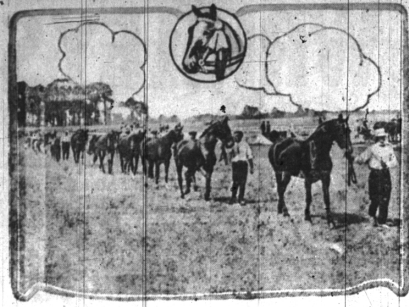


State's Prize Horses Shown at State Fair



At the Michigan State Fair this year from Aug. 31 to Sept. 9, there will be the most complete collection of horses of all breeds and varieties, from this country and Canada, ever shown in the state.

PATRIOTISM DOMINATE WHOLE OF FAIR PROGRAM

Speeches and Special Exercises Every Day of Exposition

SPECIAL DAYS ARE NAMED

Aim to Inspire Loyalty Among People of State, One of the Objects of the Michigan State Fair.

Patriotism will ring throughout the Michigan State Fair every day of the ten days it is in progress in accordance with plans for patriotic exercises, speeches, and the proper observance of saluting the flag and singing the national anthem, as outlined by General-Manager G. W. Dickinson.

Two days have been set apart this year for special patriotic observances. Tuesday, September 4, which was formerly Old Soldier's Day, will be known as Patriotic Day. This year the occasion will be marked by reviews of the G. A. R., patriotic music, singing and exercises by children and Boy Scouts. Friday, September 7, is the Nation's Day and besides the special program of patriotic numbers there will be addresses by speakers of national prominence.

Patriotic Opening Day.

The Fair will be opened on August 31 with a patriotic observance. Following that every day promptly at 1 o'clock a salute will be fired and every band on the grounds, every musical instrument, every phonograph will play America and the crowds will be asked to halt their amusements and sightseeing long enough to sing the national anthem.

"We aim to do everything possible to arouse visitors to the Fair for a proper appreciation of the significance of national institutions and spirit," said Mr. Dickinson. "The Michigan State Fair is founded on principles of loyalty to the people, to the state and to the nation and we want to spread this feeling as far and as wide as it is possible for us to do so."

Fish and Fowl Fair Exhibit.

In the wild fowl and fish department Michigan's fields and streams will contribute one of the most interesting of the exhibits at the Michigan State Fair at Detroit from August 31 to Sept. 9. The Michigan Fish Commission will show attractive specimens of speckled trout, several varieties of bass, blue, sunfish, perch and other species. A complete pond of considerable size will hold numerous varieties of water fowl, including swans, storks, mudhens, ducks, geese and other interesting specimens of winged beauties.

RUTH LAW WINS DISTINCTION AS WOMAN MILITARY FLYER



Fresh from her triumphant aerial exploits throughout the country in the interests of enlistment campaigns and the sale of Liberty Bonds, Ruth Law, America's foremost woman aviator, will appear at the Michigan State Fair at Detroit August 31, for a series of exciting and spectacular exhibition flights. Miss Law has achieved an enviable distinction as a woman flyer. Soon after the American aero corps began operations on the French fighting front, she was on the scene and made several daring ascensions over the battle lines.

In this country she has been honored because of her patriotic efforts in fighting to promote interest in the big national loan and again in arousing young men to enlist in the armed forces of the United States. As a result of her spectacular exhibition flights, she has been recognized by the Aero Club as the first woman to fly over the country so privileged and in such a spirit of distinction.

Digestibility of Cheese.

By experiments on the digestibility of cheese it has been shown that much depends on the special physical characters of the food. All fat cheeses are said to be digested with less rapidity, because the molecules of casein—the nutritious part of the cheese—are being attacked only by the fat, and so the gastric juice can attack a large surface of the cheese at one time. Whether the cheese is hard or soft is of no importance in this question, and there is no connection between the digestibility and the percentage of water present in the cheese.

DISBROW DEFENDS EXTENSIVE WELFARE EXHIBIT AT FAIR

Program of Speed Events For Fair Racers on Closing Day

"Save the Babies" is the cry raised by National public health authorities, and heard around the country. The fate of Europe today, depends upon the preservation of her children. We in this country will face a similar emergency if we are not more careful of the health of our little ones. Every high point, every vital curve in the child's life chart, should be familiar to its parents, who can thus safeguard the infancy through the danger zones of its existence.

The National Child Welfare association of New York, has expended over \$75,000 in preparing an exhibit which shows by pictures, models and demonstration charts how the homes, schools, churches, clubs, playgrounds, streets, libraries, settlements and all other social and opposing anti-social agencies are molding the child's plastic body and mind.

This remarkable exhibition will be shown at the Michigan State Fair at Detroit from August 31 to September 9.

The success of the New York exhibit led to inquiries from various cities of the country and Europe with the result that London, and Dublin and cities in France and Belgium have been secured for the exhibit.

The charts and panels are illustrated by one or more colored paintings or photographs. They begin with the importance of proper care of the baby before birth and the influence this has on the life of the child. Other panels deal with the care of birth, registration, proper feeding, mental and moral development of children, development of character, growth through study, strain through work and many other subjects vital to the proper rearing of children. The entire exhibit will occupy over 300,000 feet of floor space and will continue throughout the ten days of the Fair.

IMPROVEMENTS AT STATE FAIR

Thousands of Dollars in New Lighting Systems and Walks For Convenience of Visitors.

Thousands of dollars have been expended in improvements at the Michigan State Fair this year and will be spread to the annual exposition at Detroit from August 31 to September 9, will be greeted by a number of betterments on the grounds and in the buildings.

TRACTORS PLOW AT STATE FAIR

Operating Machinery and Demonstrations An Education for Farmers.

Mechanical helps are becoming a vital force in the modern American farm. In recognition of the importance of machinery to the agricultural industry of the state the Michigan State Fair has provided a special building for the display of mechanical appliances during its exposition from August 31 to September 9.

In the field adjoining the machinery building, daily tractor demonstrations will be held. These are of increasing practical value as they show the machines actually plowing under all conditions. The tractors are being used by the farmer in the operation of power machinery on his farm.

"HUMAN NIGHTHAWK" GERSTON ARM INSTRUCTOR AT STATE FAIR



Aviation training camps established at various places throughout the country are creating an efficient fighting force for Uncle Sam. Among the most prominent instructors at Ashburn, Ill. one of the aviators corps training camps, is Louis Gerston, "the human night hawk" and the most spectacular flyer in the country, who will be seen in day and night flights at the Michigan State Fair August 31 to September 9.

Gerston has charge of a large class of recruit aviators and makes numerous flights every day in the course of his instruction. Two thousand feet altitudes are "easy" distances in the aviation training camps. Long distance flights are every day occurrences.

Louis Gerston is credited with having originated more "thrillers" in his career of exhibiting a kite than any other flyer in this country.

The "Well of Jacob"

The "well of Jacob" in Palestine is about a mile and a half east of the town of Shechem. The well is 75 feet deep and of all the special localities connected with the life of the patriarch, and it is excavated in the solid rock, is nine feet in diameter. Sometimes it contains a few feet of water; at other times it is dry.

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Tobacco can be sent to Europe without tax, import duty or freight. Through the generosity of leading tobacco manufacturers we are enabled to send 50c worth of smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco or cigarettes for 25c.

It will be worth many quarters to receive grateful acknowledgment of your donation from some soldier at the front. A return post card, stamped and addressed to you, will be placed in each package you donate.

Send in a quarter if that is all you can spare, or more if you can spare it. This is a time to make sacrifices for the comfort of those who are risking their lives. Send \$1, \$10, or \$100 if you can spare it. There won't be any too much tobacco to go around. The names of all those who make donations and the amounts donated will be published in the Eccentric from time to time.

Cut out the form below, fill it out for as liberal amount as you can afford, and send us with your contribution without delay, as it is important to get tobacco to the other side as quickly as it can be done.

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Birmingham, Michigan

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(City and State).....

Almost the Same.

Robert was forced to visit the dentist. The dentist remarked that there was inflammation in the tooth, and after relieving the pain Robert went home. "What did the dentist say?" his mother asked. "He said I had an inflammation tooth," was the reply.

Didn't Recognize It.

When a baby sister came to Harlan's house he asked his father how she found her way there. The father explained that a stork had brought her. "Son, with a bunch of intelligence, I don't think I ought to be lying around, but I thought it was a stork."

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OBITUARY.

Maggie Elizabeth Holler Haale, born January 10, 1870, at Greenville, Pennsylvania, was the daughter of Horace G. and Laura Haale of that city. Her childhood was spent at Fremont, Michigan, where she received her education. In 1889 she was married to Miles E. Haale, and has lived most of her married life at Pontiac. About eight months ago the disease which took her life compelled her to cease from her usual activity, and she died at the home of her long-time friend, Mrs. Burns, in Birmingham, where kindest attention has been given to her every need.

Some months ago she expressed her desire to confess her faith in Jesus Christ as her Savior, and received baptism. Her unchanging patience in her protracted suffering, and her unflinching cheerfulness in the face of her death drew upon her, gave evidence to the reality of the experience of the divine Presence, which her faith had brought her. She died, Sunday afternoon, August 19, Rev. C. E. Wakefield conducted the burial service from the Burns home, Tuesday afternoon.

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Sermon by the pastor at 10:30 a. m. Sunday, at 10:30.

Mrs. C. E. Hillis, of Kahoka, Mo., returns to speak at the union-meeting at the Baptist Church Sunday evening at 8:30.

Bible School, with classes for everybody, and the Men's Bible Class, meets Sunday noon, for one hour.

Miss Gladys Bird leads the devotional meeting of the Epworth League, Sunday evening at 6:30.

Adult Class Meeting, Sunday evening at 6:45.

Wednesday evening the pastor desires to meet all who can come, at the Mid-week meeting, at 7:45.

One week from next Sunday, at the Commemorative Service, a special service will be held in connection with the anniversary of the birth of our Lord. Rev. C. E. Wakefield will be the principal speaker.

Washington Honored White Alive.

Washington was the only American whose birthday was publicly celebrated while he still lived. February 22 was quite widely observed while he was president.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at Birmingham, Michigan Postoffice on August 18.

Barnes, Fred
Canfield & Co., I. W.
Dunton, Mrs. Eber
Johnson, Alex
Harp, Alie
Kellen, Miss Clara (2)
Morris, A.
McKinney, Mrs.
Merritt, Miss Thelma
McLarty, Archie
Newberry, Gilbert
Pimpert, Mrs. F.
Fether, C.
Lambert, Mrs. Lulu
Salisbury, E.
Sharvin, Harry
Shenoy, Mrs. Naifida
Singsley, Mrs. Mildred
Lamberton, C. E.
McClasky, Earle
Robinson, Mrs. M. D.
Wilkins, Mrs. Bessie
Wilkins, Mrs. George

Please call for any of the above letters will please say "advertised." GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

RED CROSS WORK.

The faithful workers at Red Cross headquarters have just completed the fourth trunk of supplies which are to be used for our base hospitals. The last trunk contained 19 pairs of knitted woolen socks, knitted wash clothes, and a quantity of all kinds of surgical dressings.

Mrs. George R. Ferguson has plenty of work of all kinds an hand which can be done at home, and will those who are able to give assistance in this way, kindly telephone her.

Several weeks ago, the following cablegram from a member of the Harper Base Unit, and "from somewhere in France" was received: "Arrived safely."

Chairman Public Committee.

Endurance Test.

Weight is honorable and may be used most intelligently when men regard themselves as being what indeed they are—stewards of it, and not the owners; when they know how to acquire without avarice, and how to spend without grudging—Archdeacon Lamb.