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PLAN FOR WORK AMONG FARMERS

MATTERS OF INTEREST BROUGHT UP AT STATE MEETING AT GRAND RAPIDS.

Several matters of interest to the farmers of this district and of the state at large, who are interested in the formation of effective organizations of the farmers in the county, state and nation, were brought up at the meeting of the executive board of the State Farm Bureau, with representatives from various counties, held Tuesday at Grand Rapids. It is planned to carry on an interesting campaign from the office of the state secretary, C. A. Bingham, which since last February has been located in Birmingham.

State Secretary Bingham was in attendance at Tuesday's meeting, being accompanied by R. J. Coryell, of Bloomfield township, who was named delegate of the Oakland County Farm Bureau at the meeting, at a session of the county bureau last Saturday. The purpose of Tuesday's meeting at Grand Rapids was to raise the standard of farm bureau organization and to get the state organizations on a higher financial basis. It was pointed out at the meeting that if the farmers ever hope to effect a national, state and county organization, in a way to be effective, they will have to get back of the movement with their financial backing.

J. C. Sailor, Illinois member of the national organization committee, who is regarded as one of the best informed men on farm bureau work in the country, gave an interesting talk at Tuesday's meeting on farm bureau organization and the benefits that might be expected from it.

As a result of the discussion at the meeting it was decided to change the system of financing the state organization, providing for $5 memberships for individual members of the county organization annually as heretofore. The state farm bureau will put on campaigns for memberships in those counties which desire it.

Oakland county, with its 6,000 farmers, has up to this time furnished the quota of members to the state organization which might be expected, only about 400 members having been secured. The new plan is expected to arouse more interest among the farmers.

State Secretary Bingham went to Big Rapids Thursday to attend a Mecosta county farm bureau picnic.

PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES.

The Wonder Book, the famous set of children's books, has just been added to the collection.

"My mother used to work at 'The House on Henry Street.' She did after school work there. It was started by Jacob Riis." "The House on Henry Street," the book describing New York settlement life, is among the new books at the library.

The Illustrated London News is given by an Englishman who used to live in Broadway, a little town near Stratford-on-Avon. Broadway is the home of Marie Corelli. She is described as a recluse, living in a house with a high brick wall around it. She has just given the home of John Harvard, a resident of Broadway, and a contemporary of Shakespeare's, to Harvard College men while visiting the Shakespeare country.

The Library rooms are to be decorated in the near future.

A recent visitor is Mrs. Evans, one time manager of the Bloomfield Hills Country club. Mrs. Evans has been managing country clubs for the last 25 years. She thinks we have a nice library, but wonders that it is not more largely patronized.

Mrs. Irene Wolfschlager, of Detroit, was also a recent visitor. She is interested in Social Settlement work in Detroit. Her mother wrote the little book "When Michigan Was New." You will find it on the library shelves.

I went to a play in the neighborhood playhouse connected with "The House on Henry Street." The costumes were all made there. It was fine.

WEDDING.

On July 29 a very pretty wedding was performed by the Rev. C. E. Wakefield, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rosso, Pierce street, when Miss Beryl McClelland, daughter of Mrs. W. L. McClelland of Ann Arbor, became the wife of John H. Rosso. The bride was attended by Miss Martha Rosso, sister of the groom, and Howard McClelland of Ann Arbor was best man. Miss Esther Wakefield played the wedding march, and Master Edwin Deer carried the ring. Mr. Rosso but recently returned from a year of foreign service, and Miss McClelland has been teaching during the past year at Alma high school. Sargeant John H. Rosso has been honorably discharged from the American army and has returned to his home on Pierce street.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

CORNER BROWN AND WOODWARD.

DAVID H. CURRY, PASTOR

Morning worship at 10:30, including sermon by pastor.

Sabbath school, 11:45. Bring the children for we have a class for you and them.

Junior league at 2:30. All children invited.

Young people's meeting at 6:30. A live meeting and the discussion of a practical subject. Come and give your views on the question.

Evening worship at 7:30. Good music and a real gospel message.

Choir practice every Thursday at 7:45.

LOOK INTO THE GAS SITUATION

LOCAL OFFICIALS PAY VISIT TO OFFICIALS OF MICHIGAN LIGHT CO.

With a view to ascertaining what will be done in the matter of supplying gas to those persons who are not already served and who desire the service, local officials took the question up this week with the heads of the Michigan Light Co., of Pontiac, which supplies Birmingham and its neighbors with gas.

Village Manager Maurice Lowman and Village Clerk Thomas E. Harris paid a visit to Pontiac and are expected to set forth the status of the gas situation to the village council at the next meeting.

THERE IS ONE THING WE WANT.

Thos. A. Edison has spent over three million dollars and several years of his time investigating a new phonograph.

It re-creates sound-music exactly like the original so that in tests where artists sing with their own records on the New Edison Diamond Disc Phonograph the re-creation cannot be told from its original.

The New Edison is the only recent invention in a phonograph, notwithstanding the skilfully worded claims of a host of new talking machine makers. Therefore, we want everyone to hear the New Edison, whether intending purchasers or not, and we have no better way of using these summer days than placing it in homes where people can get acquainted with it. So kindly by phone or postal give us your name and address and we will put one in your home for a few days. You are under no obligation whatever.

If every one knew the New Edison it would practically be the only phonograph sold, so that is why we do this.

Very easy terms to those who wish to buy.

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We sell furniture, stoves, rugs below all competitors' prices. Easy terms, if desired.

THE CANNING CLUB.

The Canning Club still maintains a happy existence and up to the present writing we are the prize club, having canned an average of more quarts than the other clubs. It is our sincere resolve to ever occupy this worthy position. Huckleberries and blackberries plus squash were canned last week, and after the work was over the club spent several exceedingly enjoyable hours at Vhay's Lake, where Mrs. Wightman, our local club leader, is spending the week, her camp thereby serving to make our visit much pleasanter.

Notice to Teachers and School Directors.

All teachers who have not taken school for the year will please write me at once stating experience, salary wanted and kind of school preferred. Teachers must hold legal certificates for the year before contracts can be signed. All school directors who are in need of teachers will please write me stating the kind of teacher wanted and the salary to be paid. Directors should state if janitor work is expected of the teacher and if possible state the price charged for board and if boarding places are conveniently situated.

A. L. CRAFT,
School Commissioner.

LADIES' AID ELECTS OFFICERS.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Frank Deer; vice president, Mrs. Volney B. Miller; secretary, Miss Mary Utter; treasurer, Mrs. William Blumberg.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our thanks to our many friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy extended to us during the sickness and death of our beloved son and brother, James. Also for the lovely floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Ellwood.
Mr. and Mrs. James Groves.
Mr. H. Wright Ellwood.
Mr. and Mrs. B. Dow Ellwood.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Ermond Burris.

LOCAL COUPLE WED.

Lloyd W. Simons and Miss Marian V. Browning, well known among Birmingham's younger set, were wedded on Friday night, Aug. 1, at the home of the bride, Oakland avenue, by Rev. P. M. Mackey. Harold Grove was best man and Miss Bernice Wilson was the bridesmaid. The wedding was a quiet one, attended by the members of the families.

Mr. Symons returned on July 26 from France, after a year's service abroad as a member of the Thirty-ninth Engineers, the railroad battalion.

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Carter announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Lillian, to Mr. Herbert Priehs, son of Mrs. Louise Priehs of Mt. Clemens.

SOUTHFIELD U. P. CHURCH.

Ten-mile and Redford Roads.

REV. W. T. ARMSTRONG, PASTOR.

Preaching service 11 a. m.
Sabbath school 12 noon.
Young People's meeting 8 p. m.

IMPROVEMENTS ARE UNDER WAY

Hearings on additional paving and sewer petitions were slated for last Monday's meeting of the village council and, with all objections to proposed assessments out of the way, there is nothing to prevent the work in hand going forward to an early conclusion. The hearings set for Monday were those on the proposed paving of part of Pierce street and on the sewer in Elm street. There was no objection to the sewer work, and one objection registered to the Pierce street paving in one block was withdrawn, leaving the way clear for the work.

In addition to the jobs mentioned, plans are already under way for the paving of West Maple, from Bates to the bridge, and Brown avenue, from Pierce to Woodward, and for the storm sewer on a portion of Ann street.

CONSTANCE BINNEY MAKES FILM DEBUT

Company Gives New Star Warm Reception.

Miss Constance Binney, well known in Bloomfield Hills society through her association with the masque given at Cranbrook, the estate of George Booth, four years ago, made her debut as a motion picture star at the studios of the Realart company at New York last week. Her first production will be "Erstwhile Susan," filmed under the direction of John S. Robertson.

When Miss Binney arrived at her studios July 28 she was greeted with a warm reception. Each member of the company presented her with flowers and her dressing room resembled a fashionable florist's shop.

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION WILL HAVE REUNION

Residents of Franklin and its vicinity are much interested this week in the annual reunion and homecoming of the Franklin Reunion Association, which is to take place on Saturday, Aug. 9, starting at 1 p. m., on the lawn of John Currin's property, in Franklin. The association was organized two years ago and at the two previous reunions has awakened much interest in the annual homecoming. On the present occasion there will be music by the Franklin band, which has been indulging in special practice for the reunion, while speech-making and other features will add to the interest. The reunion will start with a dinner at 1 o'clock, those attending being asked to take along their contributions to the "feed." The announcement cards request all those interested to participate and "keep the home fires burning."

The officers who have had charge for the past year are: Clare Cummings, president; Bateman Woods, vice president; Mrs. Carrie Beebe, treasurer; Mrs. Daisy Miller, secretary. New officers will be elected at the reunion.

UNION MEETINGS.

Rev. C. H. McCurdy to Preach on Sunday, Aug. 10.

Although somewhat disappointed in the music, the fine congregation which assembled on West Maple pavement last Sunday night was delighted with the service. About 300 were present, the cool out-doors attracting many. Rev. Earl R. Rice, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, was the speaker.

Rev. C. H. McCurdy will preach Sunday, Aug. 10, and should have a wide hearing. It is hoped that the new Birmingham band will play for the opening of the service. A cordial invitation is extended to all. The music begins at 7:15, and will last a half hour. The singing and other part of the service begins at 7:45.

YOUNG FOLKS BACK FROM CAMPING TRIP

A party of Birmingham young folks, who were chaperoned by Mrs. S. H. Wightman, of West Maple, returned Tuesday night from a 12 days' outing which had been spent at Vhay's Lake. All were rested and greatly benefited by the experience, but ready again to step into "all the comforts of home." As a fitting finish touch to the trip, the members of the party returned in a farm wagon which was filled with the camp paraphernalia.

The members of the party included Misses Beatrice Britten, Margaret Schwartz, and Evelyn Ferrier, and Masters Manley Bailey and David Wightman. Mrs. Wightman acted as "camp cook," and naturally was kept busy meeting the wants of her wards.

DETROIT FIRM BUYS FARMINGTON PROPERTY

Farmington—Sale of 100 acres of land on Grand River avenue near Farmington Junction by the Oakland Orchards Land Co. to A. J. Marentette and associates of Detroit, is announced. The consideration is understood to be $400 an acre. The property has a frontage of half a mile on the Orchard Lake interurban line.

The purchasers have placed the property in the hands of the Walter Gehrke company of Detroit, which will subdivide it into little farms of two and five acres and place it on the market at once.

Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed at the Birmingham postoffice for the week ending Aug. 2, 1919:

Miss Grace Beamer, Mrs. Flossie Galloway, M. A. Hunt, Mark T. McKee, Daniel Wager.

Postal Cards: Miss Cecillia Elenger, Mr.-Mrs. Frank Heide, Mrs. Georgia Love, Mrs. W. Mann, Miss Iva R. Snow, Albert J. Weyermiller.

COUNCIL GETS WATER REPORT

COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN PRESENTS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDS EARLY ACTION

A comprehensive report on Birmingham's water supply problem was received by the village council at its meeting on Monday night from the committee of fifteen, headed by Clarence Vliet, which had been appointed some time ago to look into the situation. The report set forth that the present source of supply, the wells in the vicinity of the pumping station, is inadequate, and the committee decided that the most promising source of supply, to meet the present needs of the community, is to be found in the Gherke & Jensen subdivision, Bloomfield township, a little farther away. The village commission is advised to arrange for the testing of wells already put down in this section, and to lay its plans to secure a competent consulting engineer and probably arrange for the building of a new plant.

The report of the committee was received and the committee, having completed the work for which it was appointed, was formally discharged.

Findings of Sub-Committees.

The report embraced the findings of the three sub-committees which looked into the various phases of the situation, the sub-committee on the present local supply, headed by W. E. Brown, the sub-committee on nearby sources of water, Harry Ramey chairman, and the sub-committee on other sources of supply, of which Mr. Vliet, the general chairman, was the head.

The sub-committee on the local supply reported that the present supply at the pumping station is inadequate for the daily needs by reason of the fact that the water level has dropped until it now is from 19 to 25 feet below the pumps, that this supply cannot be increased for the future and that it is so contaminated as to be unsafe. The commission was urged to advise the boiling of water used for drinking purposes for the reason that there are indications that sewage is finding its way into the supply.

It was stated that the Duplex pump and engine now in use, capable of pumping from 250,000 to 300,000 gallons of water daily under present conditions, would be efficient if a sufficient supply of water were available. Under existing conditions, however, it is stated that any enlargement of the present plant would be a waste of money, and it is recommended that a new plant be erected and that the pumps be electrically driven.

Get Advice of Experts.

The sub-committee on nearby sources of water had advice from Frank W. Leverett, Ann Arbor, of the U. S. Geological Survey; E. D. Rich, state sanitary engineer, and E. R. Smith of the State Geological Survey. They learned that the northwest quarter of Section 35, Bloomfield township, and the northeast quarter of Section 34, Bloomfield, give promise of providing the most plentiful supply of water in this district, test wells already put down there having shown up strong. It was recommended that the chemical and bacteriological analysis of the water from the wells on the Gherke & Jensen subdivision and if possible from a well on the Peters farm, in the southwest quarter of Section 35, be made, to determine if the water is available for domestic use.

The committee suggested that the Commission order a pumping test to be made of the wells mentioned, and that such other wells be put down as may be decided upon by an engineer who would supervise the building of the new plant.

The sub-committee on the other sources of supply, Mr. Vliet chairman, stated that the River Rouge would furnish a temporary supply for a few years if proper storage of flood water by dams was provided and a filtration and chlorination plant, similar to the Henry Ford plant at Dearborn, were established, but it was suggested that this plan would prove very expensive. It had also been suggested that a supply might be obtained from one of the inland lakes, Walnut Lake probably being the nearest, but such a source, it was stated, would be impractical, due to the small area of the catchment basin. The report concludes:

Great Lakes Ultimate Source.

"It is the opinion of Mr. Leverett that slow drop in level of ground water and artesian wells, due to more complete surface drainage under modern agriculture, plus the added chances for contamination due to increasing density of population, would result ultimately in Birmingham having to look to the Great Lakes by way of Detroit for a permanent supply, and the committee agrees with Mr. Leverett's opinion."

The committee expresses its thanks to all who furnished assistance in making up the report and welcomes all suggestions or corrections to the proposed plan by which the Commission hopes to give a better water supply to Birmingham, 'The pride of Old Oakland.'"

The report is signed by Mr. Vliet as chairman, and James J. Gault, clerk.

The members of the Village Commission are expected to take action on the committee's recommendations at an early date.

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Public worship 10:30 a. m.
Sunday school, 12 noon.
Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.
Evening service, 7:30.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:45.

All our services are bright and happy with good music and cordial welcome. The pastor will kindly respond to all calls.

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Sunday 11:00 a. m.

Sunday School same hour.

Wednesday evenings, 8 o'clock.

All are invited.

Free Reading Room, open daily, except Sunday and holidays, from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m., and Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00 p. m.

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Crooks and Starr's Roads.

D. H. CURRY, PASTOR.

Services every Sabbath.

Public worship and preaching by pastor, 2 p. m.

Bible school, 3 p. m.

You are always welcome at this cozy country church where you will be at home in work and worship.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

Sylvester H. Wilkinson, clerk at the Birmingham postoffice and secretary of the local civil service commission, will conduct an examination for clerks and carriers, on the morning of Saturday, Aug. 9, starting at 10 o'clock, at the High School.

A FAREWELL RECEPTION.

Farmington—Last Saturday evening about 80 friends of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Seeley gathered on their lawn to tender a farewell reception, preceding their removal to Pontiac. They have resided in this neighborhood many years.

What They Want.

What the rural carriers are asking is this:

Entrance salary of $1,500 a year per mile and an increase of 10 per cent for five years.

Equipment allowance.

More pay on big routes than on small ones.

A civil service court of appeals.

Pensions when they have retired after a certain service.

Help to make your local paper a newsy sheet. You can do this by sending in all news of interest to you.

Preying On The Enemy.

An American soldier brought in a German prisoner recently and found the fellow had a pocketful of French money. The American looked at the money, thought of the fine restaurants in Paris and then, tapping the German on the shoulder, said:

"Kamerad, kanst du craps schutzen?"

Feeding.

I never ate a fried whale steak,
A planked or pickled rattlesnake,
I've never tasted parboiled ape;
I am no epicure.
But if 'twill help to bring food down
I'll eat hoot-owl and never frown,
Or prairie dog, that's nicely brown,
If profiteers 'twill cure.

Watch for the Missing Word Contest starting in next week's Eccentric.

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Besides being a source of entertainment for the children popcorn, which is the corn kernel cooked whole, instead of being ground and then cooked, obviously has a high food value, as well as a good taste, and when properly prepared for the table it may acceptably take the place of the breakfast foods now on the market. Popcorn may be eaten with milk and sugar, like other breakfast cereals, or the parched kernels which do not "pop out" can be ground like coffee and eaten with cream and sugar, or can be boiled with water and served like oatmeal.—Ex.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

REV. P. M. MACKAY, PASTOR.

10:30—Morning worship with sermon. Subject, "The Sardis Letter."

11:45—Sunday school.

6:30—Young people's meeting.

Wednesday at 7:45, praise and prayer meeting.

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