

LOCAL NOTES.

Miss Tola Yates has returned from a visit to her parents at Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Field and daughter attended the Masonic banquet at the Hotel after last week's busy evening.

The village summer festival are to be returned to Pontiac in less than two weeks.

Mrs. H. G. Field recently returned from Hiram, Ariz., where she has been visiting her daughter, Bernice.

Lewis Bonham has sold his property on White avenue to Howard Wendolph.

The state highway commission has spent \$100,000 in the past year on the improved road construction in Oakland county during the last year.

The Pottam Sisters have given a party Thursday evening in "Glen Hall."

Rev. E. H. Curry, pastor of the Birmingham United Methodist church, is conducting very successful evangelistic meetings in Saginaw, near Carleton, Mich.

Rev. H. D. Garrett of Detroit is to preach in the United Presbyterian church on Sunday, Nov. 17.

The ladies of the United Presbyterian church will give a supper and bazaar Dec. 12.

Mr. Carl Brown has returned from New Mexico and has taken possession of his share of Capital Corners. He will have them completed.

The midweek prayer meeting which is held every Wednesday evening in the E. F. Church, was held by Mr. Dorset this week.

The Union Thanksgiving services on Thursday, Nov. 27, will be held in the Methodist church at 8 p. m. Rev. C. C. Chubb will be the speaker.

Miss B. T. Brown of Detroit is expected to spend several days with her mother at Pontiac, Mich.

James Brown of Oakfield, Mich., was called to town on Thursday.

Mr. W. H. Brown spent Monday in Flint.

The Misses Violet, Lorraine and Bertha Switzer will take dinner in front Friday and attend the theater in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson have returned from their vacation trip.

Mrs. W. F. Leitch entertained the Birmingham Club girls at a lunching Thursday. The afternoon was spent in playing bridge.

Marion Leitch, home from Lake Forest, Ill., where she has been attending a girls school. Miss Leitch has an attack of influenza and will be operated on in a short time.

Bernard McEwen is visiting his sister, Mrs. A. R. Crum of Frank street.

The Auxiliary of the Franklin Cemetery association will hold their periodical dinner and dance at 1 p. m. Saturday, Nov. 27. The waitress are asked to be at the Franklin hall at 12:30.

Miss Moore and her family will have a hard time party Nov. 27 for the benefit of the Macedonia.

Miss Sarah Shaw of Detroit was in town on Wednesday and Thursday last week.

Dr. T. Brown of Mount Airy, N. C., a recent guest at the home of Mrs. Joseph Hinchey of Yorkshire road.

Mrs. John Lacey of Oakland avenue is recovering from a severe illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey and son of Detroit were again at the home of Mrs. Hasbinger on Sunday.

The Birmingham club will give a high average on Monday night at the home.

Mrs. Andrew Bortman of Windsor, Ont., is spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. C. Hasbinger.

Mr. John G. Gray and family of the Thorton, Mich., are moving to St. Johns, where they have purchased a farm.

The subdivision on the Franklin farm was opened last week by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hinchey who move soon.

Mrs. August Hertz of Royal spent the day at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. H. Haysport.

The Misses Grant Reynolds and Florence K. Ryan spent Sunday at Ypsilanti.

James Brock and family have left.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Donovan have some friends at the Woodward Sons store house which was burned last week.

If any one will report where Mr. Donaldson's car is now, they will be rewarded with a check for \$100, which was taken from his car which parked in front of the Methodist church Sunday evening. Mr. Donaldson will buy the person \$100 automobile to go with the robe.

Mrs. E. L. Bailey is visiting relatives at Alma, Mich.

Miss Annie Young of Detroit spent Monday at the home of Mrs. B. Schultz.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Odell Ward entertained Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Martin at dinner Sunday.

Mr. Bert Barr has sold 28 acres of his farm on W. Maple road to Mr. Scholastic of Royal Oak.

The Federation of Women's Clubs convention was held at the Royal Oak Methodist church on Wednesday, Nov. 12. There were over 100 representatives from all parts of the country present. There are 14 county clubs which belong to the Federation. This is but a small percentage of the clubs in the county.

Mrs. S. A. Reynolds has returned to Detroit after spending several days with Mrs. Charles M. Carthy on Merrill street.

WOULD ORGANIZING MEAT TRADE PAY?

Senator Currie, Stock Raiser of Nebraska, Makes Experiment.

Mont is high; the packers admit it, though they say that other foods are higher in proportion. The farmer says he is not getting too much for his cut. In fact not enough, he says. How about numerous local slaughtering plants scattered throughout the communities of our country, or a more direct route from farmer to consumer relationship?

There is almost a sentimental attractiveness about the thought, like dreams of one's boyhood home. It looks so simple. Indeed, it is simpler after a stock raiser, declares a bit of experience of his own along this line.

Tried to Build Up Local Market.

Experimentation and testing is doubling the best teacher. And inquiring minds have not hesitated to dig into the matter. Senator F. M. Currie of Broken Bow, Neb., himself a stock raiser, declares a bit of experience of his own along this line.

He tried for years, he tells us, to establish a market for fat cattle with local buyers, finally finding that he could not meet the price made to them by the packers.

"In other words," he says, "the packers could pay us more for our cattle on foot, and sell the product to our local butchers for less money than they (the butchers) could pay us for our cattle and slaughter the beef themselves."

During the first part of the present year he carried his inquiry further. He shipped a carload of cows to Omaha, and they were sold to Armour and Company for \$750 per hundred-weight. Among these was one cow which he wished to have raised for beef. This cow weighed 930 pounds and therefore brought him \$930. The animal was tagged and identified and was shipped to him by express to Theford, Neb., and charged to him at the prevailing wholesale price of about \$100 per hundred, or \$225 less than he sold the animal for in Omaha.

What Cow Would Cost Consumer.

"Now," continues the Senator, "suppose a consumer in Omaha had ordered a pound of beef from me, and I had slaughtered the beef at the ranch and sent the meat direct to the consumer. Taking as a basis the price received for this cow in Omaha, \$930, less the freight of 17 1/2 cents per hundred, it would make the cow worth on the ranch \$750.

To take \$750 he adds \$300 for slaughtering at home and \$50 for express from Theford to Omaha and he deducts \$750 credit for the price he would receive for these figures the dressed carcass of his cow would be worth \$675 on Omaha, as against the packer's price of \$750, or \$75 profit, which is derived by deducting the express charges of \$100 from the price the carcass was sold to him, \$850.

Cheaper to Buy Than Kill.

"After thorough investigation," the Senator says, "I am convinced that it does not pay for us to slaughter our own meat at the ranch, that we would better ship our cattle to Omaha, and buy our beef from the packer. I have been engaged in the cattle raising business all my life; there is no particular reason why I am not friendly to the packers, but I am thoroughly convinced that existing conditions always have received more for my cattle on foot, than if I had been able to sell direct to the consumer, and consequently the consumer has been able to buy my product for less money through the packer than under any other system, which is known to business up to the present time."

SENATOR KENYON'S CONTRASTING VIEWS.

Just what is the purpose of the Kenyon bill now in hearing at Washington would be hard to deduce from Senator Kenyon's own statements. He has said that the purpose is set forth as follows: "To stimulate the production, sale, and distribution of live stock and live stock products, and for other purposes." This stimulation of live stock production may be well taken as a bid to the consumer to hope for lower meat prices.

But he has a different thought to present to producers. In a letter addressed recently to the Wallace Farmer he says: "I do not believe myself that the situation as to livestock consumption is going to be changed, and there will be the necessity of less production?" Of course, less production would mean higher prices for live stock, but also higher prices for meat.

Are either the general public or the farmer going to be benefited by the method of playing up the one against the other? It is not likely. Farmers and consumers are both coming to the realization that hampering the producer is not going to bring higher prices for live stock nor lower prices for meat, but quite the opposite.

MICHIGAN FARMERS PLAN HEAD-QUARTERS AT FLINT.

Michigan farmers who will attend the International Live Stock Show from Chicago from Nov. 29 to Dec. 6, at the Hay and Grain Show at the Michigan State Fairgrounds, are planning to have central headquarters so that they can all be together.

The Hotel Boycott, 129 West Madison street, has been designated as Michigan headquarters, and will be used for all arrangements sent out to Frank Southam, Assistant State Livestock Commissioner, and other interested parties.

Those who plan to attend the show are advised to secure their hotel reservations at least a week in advance as Chicago accommodations are expected to be taxed to the limit by the vast crowds of farmers who will gather from all over the country.

WARNING!

Don't think that by buying a fall, the farmers will get a better price for their stock. New York reports that you will have to look for a better price for your stock than you can get from the original dealer. The farmer's price is the best, and the dealer's price is the worst.

FOR MEANS RECREATION.

For four years the New York State department of conservation has been working on a plan to provide recreation for the people. The plan is to build a network of roads and trails throughout the state, and to provide for the maintenance of these roads and trails. The plan is to be completed by the year 1925.

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Perhaps no city or community in the world has more cause to give thanks for this particular day than this citizens of Birmingham.

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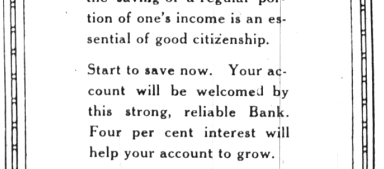
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