

Dr. Lambie Fills Breath; Discusses Art of First Aid

The third lecture in the Child health series sponsored by the Holy Name P. T. A. at the Holy Name School, Monday night, Dr. John S. Lambie substituted for Dr. E. B. Gudney, because of the illness of Dr. Gudney's mother.

Dr. Lambie was a former director of first aid for the American Red Cross. His presentation of the topic "First Aid" was so engrossing that the group urged its prolonging it.

Dr. Lambie's subject matter dealt with this outline: "First Aid in emergencies that are necessary in preventing death, preventing suffering, and promoting convalescence."

The important points in applying this concept of First Aid are:

1. Stop hemorrhage
2. Immobilize the part
3. Reaction from shock
4. Prevent infection
5. Curative and preventative medicine

Despite the fact that Dr. Lambie's experience in recent years has been mainly with adults in the Army or in industrial plants, every bit of information was equally applicable if the victims were only an infant, he said.

If there is sufficient interest to warrant the forming of a Red Cross first aid class in Birmingham, Mrs. H. H. Corson, Red Cross director, feels it can be arranged. Please phone Mrs. W. C. Shaughnessy, 1700, if interested she said.

The fourth lecture will be Monday night, Jan. 15. The subject will be "Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat Care," and Dr. Thomas Y. Watson will be the leader.

Stuart Perry, Adrian Meteorite Expert, Donates Specimen

Stuart H. Perry, editor and publisher of the *Adrian Telegram* and a distinguished geologist, recently gave to the University of Michigan one of the two largest specimens of a palaeozoic meteorite in the world.

Weighing 460 pounds, this specimen is only five pounds lighter than the largest ever found in this country. The larger meteorite is in the Field Museum in Chicago. The two meteorites are companion pieces, both coming from the same region in Kansas.

These meteorites are unusual in that they are composed of not only metallic iron, but also green olivine. Most meteorites reaching the earth's surface are composed almost entirely of iron. The rocky mineral, olivine, found in these specimens leads geologists to believe they came from the outer layers of a heavenly body, whereas the pure iron specimens represent the middle sections only. Mr. Perry, who is prominent in newspaper circles in the nation as well as in his home state of Michigan, is also an accomplished scientist by avocation. According to Dr. Thomas E. Lovering, University of Michigan professor of economic geology, Mr. Perry has probably published more accurate scientific articles on the constitution of meteorites than any other person in the United States.

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Date Farming Is Growing Industry in U. S. Deserts



Model Coachella valley date grove. Fruit is picked by workmen who sit on the platforms near foot of trees.

DATES, once an Egyptian symbol of worship, are rapidly becoming the basis of a major industry in the desert regions of Southern California—an industry which may grow to decrease America's imports from Arabia and Morocco.

Thriving today in California's Coachella valley are 2500 acres of date palms, the result of an experiment in tropical agriculture begun 20 years ago by the Bureau of Plant Industry.

First trees were brought from Algeria. Other choice sprouts have been transplanted from Persia, Tunis, and Egypt.

DATE palms in the area will produce a 15,000,000 yield when they reach maturity. Superior methods of picking, handling, and packing will class the fruit above that produced in the old world.

Outside of a few acres in southern Arizona, Coachella valley is the only place where dates are grown in the United States on a large-scale commercial basis.

To grow dates, a farmer must have a hot sun in the sky and channels of water deep in the earth. The fruit blooms readily in a desert oasis because subterranean springs, that supply water holes, also moisten the thirsting roots of the date palms.

Gardeners' Corner

(This column is conducted for *The Eccentric's* readers by Mrs. Marc T. Paine, Box 140, Bloomfield Hills. Questions on gardening matters may be addressed to Mrs. Paine. These will be answered in the *Gardeners' Corner* or directly by mail.)

Gifts for Gardeners

Christmas will soon be so near that the famous "shopping days" until can be counted on one hand. We hope we are not too late to help out with suggestions for the gardeners on your list.

Good tools are always welcome. Individual ones or in sets. A good selection of hand tools—stainless steel is the thing—would include trowel, a fork and, or a weeder, a cultivator and a bulb trowel. These may be assembled in a basket. If you are doing the assembling, why not add a pair of gloves in a nice pouch or a pair of individual vine pads, a box of "Perfect Garden Labels" and a pencil? Instead of a basket you might put the collection into a kneecap (a practical little kneeling platform. Other welcome tools are pruning shears or knives and a real professional sprinkling can with a long spout and two interchangeable

able "roses" (with varying size holes).

There are cutting shears that hold the flower stem and have long handles to reach the farthest-back flowers. These might be combined with a pair of flower pails or a new vase or two. There are also potting benches, naturally birdhouses, or help prepare bird seed feeders for cultivating house plants.

For the thorough gardener, a seedling kit is a blessing. How about a portable cold frame or an electrically heated hot bed? And by the way window "greenhouses" can be bought ready to attach to a suitable sunny window. Not only are gardeners naturally bird-lovers but the gardens that boast the largest bird population are apt to be free of insects. Why not help along the good work with a feeding station or a bird house? Puddings or help prepare bird seed feeders or more simply bags of the different bird foods.

Records or diaries are for the methodical gardener. One type is a record of all the material in the garden from year to year. It is of material seen and hopes for the future. Another is a kind of calendar-diary, and is kept from day to day. Either can be had with simple or elaborate bindings.

We covered books quite completely last week but there are two or three worth repeating. Two have been released this year in popular priced editions—Louise Beebe Wilder's *The Garden in Color* is now \$2.95 and Clara Leighton's *Four Hedges*, \$1.00.

Two books new and worthwhile are *Secretly Hidden, Green Grows the City and Donald Pratley, The Flowering Earth*.

And last but not least is the gift of actual plant material. One can buy gift certificates from nurseries and seed companies for plants or seedlings. These are very personal and appreciated remembrances.

OLD LICENSE UNearthED
VICKSBURG (MFA) — Just about the time 1940 license plates went on sale, sewer excavators here unearthed a plate dated 1914. Of highly lustrous enamel finish and made of extra heavy steel, the plate had a white background, with the state seal stenciled in black in the upper left-hand corner.

BIG ATOM BUSTER
Recent improvements in the University of Michigan's 100 ton cyclotron have brought its power up to 10 million electron volts at full operation, making it one of the most powerful machines in the "amazing atoms" now in use.

Rotarians' Yule Party Is Sunday

Birmingham Rotarians, Monday noon at the Community House, were treated with motion pictures on two subjects, one entitled "Let's Go Fishing," and the other showing winter snow and ice maintenance problems of the State Highway Department. The fishing picture was a release by the Fisher Body Corp., showing proper and improper methods of bait casting. They were run off by a representative of the Highway Dept. on a sound recording obtained by Walter Fausner, local manager for the Michigan Bell Telephone Co.

Next Sunday afternoon, at three o'clock, the Rotarians will hold their annual Christmas party for more than a score of Oak-land County's crippled children. George W. Mullin is chairman of the affair. A turkey dinner will be given the children, after which presents will be distributed to them from beneath a decorated tree. D. S. Haxstetter, dressed in colonial robes will be Santa Claus. Because Christmas and New Year's fall on regular Rotary meeting days, the next meeting of the Club will be Jan. 8, 1940.

MICHIGAN'S SIZE
A circle drawn by the southern corner of Michigan at its center and a radius long enough to include the northwest corner would pass outside New York City, Nashville, Tenn., and St. Louis, Mo. It would include all or part of 25 states and much of Canada, as well as three-fifths of the U. S. population and three-fourths of U. S. industries.

Twin Apple Displayed
BRIGHTON (MFA) — With all sorts of animal twins, triplets, and quadruplets being reported these days, a freak fruit of this nature might be expected. On display in the local newspaper office is a twin apple, one apple grown as two.

U. of M. Students Good Loan Risks

Ann Arbor, Loans totaling \$1,452,054 have been granted to more than 12,000 students since the first University of Michigan loan fund was established in 1925 by the Literary Class of 1894. Less than 8/10 of one per cent of all the loans granted have since been charged off as uncollectible, and one-half of this non-payment was due to death or total disability. The University now owns and administers 117 loan funds, totaling \$542,152, which have been given by various classes, organizations, and individuals.

Say Crossbow Legal For Hunting Deer During State Season

LANSING—A crossbow is legal for hunting during the bow-and-arrow season, the conservation department has advised Oral Bremer, of Midland, Brener is the first to ask about employing the ancient instrument since the use of bow and arrow became legal in 1937.

But the question of when a crossbow becomes a mechanical device, and hence prohibited, remains unsettled. The crossbow that is simply a bow mounted on a stock and cocked as one would draw a long bow appears to come under the bow-and-arrow deer hunting law.

At the peak of its Middle Ages development, however, the crossbow became the arbalest, a small spring for a bow, a small wheel to set the cable, and capable of shooting a bolt through the heaviest armor. Whether such a device would qualify as a bow and arrow in the Michigan woods in deer season may be an academic question, since no hunters are known to use it. No specific mention even how it is made in the law, which refers only to "bow and arrow."

Michigan Offers Christmas Foods

Hail to a state that needs how to no other when it comes to filling nearly all the needs for what will appear on the dinner table at Christmas time.

Turkey, cranberry sauce and many of the trimmings can be Michigan products. It is pointed out by Miss Helen Baeder, instructor in foods at Michigan State College.

Even with the volume and the quality that producers try to maintain in poultry, fruits and vegetables, it still remains good management to do some of the shopping in person. Miss Baeder sees advantages in knowing quality and being able to select top-notch foods for this special holiday meal.

The turkey, she says, ought to be young and that means a soft flexible backbone on the bird. The dressed turkey's skin should be velvet-like and neither torn nor scuffed from picking feathers. The bird ought to have a broad breast with meat and fat well distributed.

Cape Cod cranberries retain their early tend in volume, but Michigan has some production along with such other states as Wisconsin, New Jersey, Washington and others in the west and east.

Celery is another traditional food to remember for this holiday shopping list. Its quality, especially if it is Michigan grown, is at its height at this time of year. Among the fruits, Michigan can offer wide volume and good quality in apples. For citrus fruit, however, the shopper turns to what comes from southern states. When selecting oranges, Miss Baeder points out, it is good practice to pick those that have a smooth skin and glossy sheen and seem to be heavy for their size.

Scant Fare
Wife—The moths have got into my bathing suit.
Husband—Dieting, evidently.

William Howland, Teacher and Singer, New Resident Here

William Howland, prominent singer and teacher, recently moved to Birmingham after 35 years spent in Detroit. His first step in getting better acquainted with his new home city was to subscribe to *The Eccentric*.

He wrote: "The cordial welcome from your Birmingham Hostess and the many letters from different merchants in town have been much appreciated and make us feel already much at home."

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