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Michigan Blossoms Herald a Fortune in Fruit

When the orchards of Southwestern Michigan unfold their pink and white banners, it's a promise of still better things to come. For here in one of America's most famous fruit-belts, cherries and peaches, pears, grapes and berries are the mainstay of farm incomes.

The world's greatest cash-to-grower market is at Benton Harbor, where buyers come from half the nation to purchase Michigan fruit and vegetables. Each season more than 130,000 loads are brought to this market by the growers, and over 7,000,000 packages of produce are sold for close to \$80,000,000.

By telephone, truckers and shippers from 24 states keep in touch with market conditions at home, buying what is needed to supply millions of consumers. So the Bell System helps Americans enjoy finer fruit—and Michigan farmers make a profit.

Questions and Answers

Q. What precautions should be taken to insure a wood casement window being weather-tight? The sash will warp in.

A. In setting a wood casement sash should be checked weather-tight in several places. First, on the outside near the bottom, the sash to prevent water from running into the point at the sill. However, in the winter months, casement windows, the use of which is not preferable in the winter.

Q. How should attic storage spaces in a house be ventilated?

A. Attic spaces have been ventilated by means of a series of louvers and louvers in the gable ends of the roof. For this purpose, small dormer wood louvers located to north cross-ventilation may be used. The openings should be covered with corrosion-resistant screening. Additional screened openings in the under side of the eaves are desirable.

Q. Why should masonry chimneys be capped?

A. This is done to prevent water from seeping into the masonry. The top surface of the cap should be well sloped to the outside and openings in the masonry should be covered with molten snow as readily as possible.

Holland Avenue Betterment Asked

Improvement of Holland avenue was sought by a delegation which visited the City Commission Monday morning.

Twenty-two persons had signed a petition asking for paving curbs, but the Commission suggested that curb edging be postponed because it would be twice the cost of the highway surface.

It was said that the street needs repairs badly, and that many trucks going to the millinery district along the highway subject the avenue to heavy travel.

"We want something that heavy trucks can't wear out right away," one woman declared.

Rebuilding of the street to proper level, laying of six inches of gravel, and putting on a thick layer of asphaltic mix will cost about \$1 a foot foot, it was pointed out. At least 50 per cent of the total cost must be in the treasury before the city will start work, it was said by the manager. That means that although each taxpayer has five years to pay his assessment, some must pay in full in one year for the work.

A hearing was set for May 12.

Commission Declines To Organize Units For British Relief

Letters have been received by the City Commission asking that they look to organize a local unit for the American Committee for Defense of British Homes, which is collecting guns, old firearms, binoculars, ammunition and other supplies for shipment to England.

Another committee asked the Commission to organize and let the city's munitions community, Birmingham, England.

The Commission took the view Monday night that it could not take the initiative in forming local units for this work, but that private efforts would be welcomed.

Three Elements In House Building

Washington—With tens of thousands of new wage contracts being added to the ranks of potential home owners through the GI Bill, and the Federal Department of Housing reaching a new peak, home seekers today are urged to insist upon three elements essential to the security of their investments—good design, quality materials and sound construction.

Milk Ordinance On Early Delivery For Children. Aim To Stay The Same

Starting today, milk delivery may be made in Birmingham as early as 7 a. m. In other words, the City Commission, Monday night, declined to change the City Ordinance which now permits milk delivery during daylight hours.

A group of delivery men had asked the change, declaring that milk deliveries should be permitted before 7 a. m. from May to November, 1941, in service to the school and dairy inspector Ernest Brown and Dairy Inspector Ernest Morrow told the Commission that he did not care when the deliveries were made so long as they were made during daylight hours. The present ordinance was adopted by the Commission because of the danger to the health of the children.

Milkmen present at the meeting said that they had made a study in a part of the city for the past few hours, and presented a report to the Commission. They said that it provided for the delivery of milk for the men, that there is nothing in the ordinance to prevent anybody from making milk deliveries, and that they would be glad to make deliveries at any time.

"We don't admit that it is impossible to secure a voluntary agreement on that point."

Commissioner is not in a hurry to change the ordinance, he said, and City Manager D. E. Robert responded: "If only delivery is of interest of community, it indicates that some people who are not in the city."

Commissioner Robert offered an alternative to the ordinance. He said that the "meter working" plan proposed by the city is not a good one, because many firemen had their routes arranged so that they could deliver outside Birmingham at an early hour and then all started at the same time in Birmingham. Deliveries during the winter months, from May to October, 1941, when the 1:30 a. m. report is permitted, this arrangement is unsatisfactory.

Commissioner Robert said that there was no question as to whether the city would change the ordinance.

Yosemite Boulevard Improvement Set

Three projects involving Yosemite boulevard were considered by the City Commission Monday night.

Job No. 1 is the improvement of the western block from Dixie to Adams, with gravel and blacktop, extending north from Villa road. This has been provided for in other projects. A hearing on this job was set for May 12.

Job No. 2 is for similar blacktop.

Job No. 3 is for gravel south of Dixie, Yanket and Columbia, to provide access. The other half blocks, extending north from Villa road, has been provided for in other projects. A hearing on this job was set for May 12.

Job No. 4 is for gravel south of Dixie, Yanket and Columbia, to provide access. The other half blocks, extending north from Villa road, has been provided for in other projects. A hearing on this job was set for May 12.

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Rugs Important Question in Home

Rugs are always an important part of the family budget. Complete carpeted floors are still popular, but have always been and will be large rug which gives a margin of expansion for the investment. A rug is a room's soul and a look of completeness, but small scatter rugs may be added for law at least in the living rooms and are always appropriate in bedrooms.

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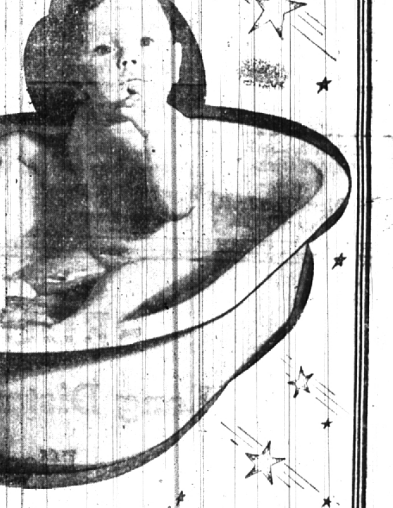
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