

STATE "PTA WEEK" TO BE OBSERVED OCTOBER 6 TO 13

The Farmington Parent-Teacher Association will join other parent-teacher association groups throughout Michigan in observing Parent-Teacher Week from October 6 to 13.

Gov. Luren D. Dickinson designated the week, declaring "this occasion serves to emphasize once more the importance of this movement for the proper bringing up of our children, preparing them for the heavy responsibilities they must one day assume."

Parent-Teacher Week will be an occasion for the observance of "Enrollment Week" by the 1,120 units in the state with a membership of 84,303, at all-time high. Michigan now ranks eighth in membership in the National Congress.

Gov. Dickinson's proclamation of Parent-Teacher Week follows: "Whereas, the Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers, in accordance with an annual custom, will observe Parent-Teacher Week this year from October 6 to 13, inclusive, and

Whereas, this occasion serves to emphasize once more the importance of this movement for the proper bringing up of our children, preparing them for the heavy responsibilities they must one day assume, and

Whereas, the many serious problems that are certain to meet as the citizens of tomorrow will certainly call for the highest type of intelligence, for courage, and for self-sacrificing service on behalf of our public interests, and

Whereas, this high type of citizenship is well promoted by the Parent-Teacher movement, therefore, I, Luren D. Dickinson, Governor of Michigan, designate the period of October 6 to 13 as Parent-Teacher Week, within this state, and urge that all citizens join in its observance in every appropriate manner."

(Signed) L. D. Dickinson, Governor

Snake in Flag Stickers Proves False Alarm

Farmington residents who imagine they see snakes in American flag windshield stickers are all wrong, according to the Michigan State Police. The police have had complaints from superstitious motorists throughout the state who insisted that the stickers, distributed by a national oil company, concealed snakes. More critical attention to the design caused the "supernatural" to see harts piercing the field of the design.

Immediately the witch-hunt was on in full force, reports the police department. Many state police posts had complaints of smashed windshield stickers. Innocent motorists were hauled from their machines and questioned to determine possible "fifth column" connections because of the snake-and-dart design which had found its way into the design. The attention of state police officials at East Lansing was directed at the matter by the increasing number of complaints reaching posts in all parts of the state.

Commissioner Oscar G. Olander, in checking the design used, found it was made in 1932, long before anyone heard about any fifth column. The stickers were printed from plates made at the time.

"The story that there is a serpent concealed in the design," Commissioner Olander said, "is rather silly. The artist, in using gray-blue streaks across the field or waves of the flag to indicate motion in the breeze, had not attempted to convey some subtle, subversive message. The shading is used to give a three-dimensional appearance. It leads to the purpose in mind when viewed at a distance rather than at very close analytical inspection."

A recent strike near Bad Axe brought in the first wheat well to produce commercially in Huron county.

AT THE REDFORD THEATER



A new romantic team that squabbles more than it romances, makes its first appearance in "Gold Rush Maise" presents Miss Sothern in the Redford Theater, with Ann Sothern and Lee Bowman as its battling duo.

Third in the popular series dealing with the adventures of the stranded showgirl, "Gold Rush Maise" presents Miss Sothern in her familiar characterization, this time adrift in the midst of the Arizona desert when her old jalopy breaks down while she is en route to a safe job. Bowman appears as Bill Anders, a handsome hermit and ranch-owner who is happier the fewer people he sees. After he has given Maise shelter for the night, she returns, much to his disgust, with a whole family of itinerant crop followers who are on the trail of a gold strike.

Slim Summerville adds to the comedy as Fred Gubblus, Bill's misanthropic hired man. Virginia Weidler is the fourth of the quartet of principals, as Jubilee Davis, daughter of the crop following family and a devoted admirer of Maise. Also featured are John Hamilton as Bert, the father; Mary Nash as Sarah, the mother; Scott Beckett as Harold, Jubilee's brother, and Baby Quintanilla of the "Forty Little Mothers" fame as the baby.

The attempts of the Davises and Maise to find gold are crowned with temporary success, but assays inform all the prospectors that their strike is virtually worthless as the ore is of too poor a grade to warrant mining. Then Maise is forced to solve their problems all over again.

Edwin L. Marin, director, and J.

Walter Ruben, producer, who teamed to make the first "Maise" hit, rejoined forces to present this third in the series.

Blue Stamp Plan Helps Sale of Farm Products

"One important agricultural aspect of the food stamp plan deserves emphasis," says Secretary Wallace. "By making the blue stamps good only for the 12 or 13 surplus commodities which are in the worst price position from a farmer's point of view, an extraordinarily high consumption of those products is brought about, considering the income of the families using the stamps. This would not be the case if the blue stamps were good for all of the several hundred items in a grocery store."

"A leading poultry publication recently made a survey of egg consumption under the stamp plan in Springfield, Ill. It found that the consumption of eggs among families using the stamps, increased 560 per cent after the program was inaugurated. This is about the same percentage indicated to occur in all areas. Such an astounding result is possible because the blue stamps narrow purchases to the relatively few surplus products which are most abundant. Those using the stamps, however, have a much more adequate and a much more varied diet than it is possible to make available through distribution from commodity depots. The effect of such an increase in consumption upon farm income will become apparent as the program expands."

Snake Charmers Use Most Dangerous Snakes

There is in Burma, at a little place called Pops, a strange family of snake charmers. They score all the honors for their use of the fiercest and most dangerous snake in the world, the Hamadryad, or King Cobra. This snake is probably the only snake in the world which does not fear man. It attacks on sight and owing to its great size and strength, cannot easily be killed or evaded. Its bite, like that of all the cobras, is certainly fatal, and yet cobra, is a cunning and crafty animal. It is reported that snake charmers scorn to remove the fangs or poison bags from their charges.

A modern Pops snake charmer, before he goes on a hunting expedition has to propitiate the Nats (Gods) and solemnly promise that the captured snake will be freed after six, nine or 12 months, as the case may be.

When a snake hunt is on, the leader goes to a place where snakes abound, taking with him four or five men. They search for the most suitable snake for their purpose, and on finding such, they all surround it, the leader being opposite the head. If by chance the leader is bitten, he will probably live, for poisons are powerful antidotes against snake poison.

Scientific Aids Haystacks with chimneys and mechanical vegetable "lasters" were exhibited to more than 1,000 western Washington farmers attending the second annual field day of the western Washington experiment station in Puyallup, Wash.

The farmers were studying horticultural experiments, poultry and farm animal feeding practices, and exhibits of grass plots, berry field and dairy herds and barns.

The chimney-topped haystacks were exhibited as an experiment in a new method of curing hay. Although results of the experiment are not ready for publication, researchers explained that early studies of the new process already indicate success.

The mechanical vegetable "laster" was demonstrated in the frozen foods laboratories in connection with the station's research in new methods of determining tenderness of vegetables by machinery.

Swordpoint Records Exploit "Here was the Gen. Don Diego de Vargas, who conquered for our Holy Faith and Royal Crown all of New Mexico at his own expense in the year 1692."

The above inscription carved with its swordpoint on the Rock of El Morro National Monument, is perhaps the most glamorous of all the autographs included there by the Conquistadores. They were discovered in 1848 by the first Americans to explore this section of New Mexico, Lieut. J. H. Simpson, afterward General Simpson, and the artist and writer, B. H. Kern. They added their own names to the autographs, which include five of the early Spanish governors.

Among them is Manuel DeSilva Nieto who succeeded Onate, founder of Santa Fe, as governor of New Mexico. Don Diego de Vargas is buried under the altar of the old Spanish church in Santa Fe.

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WEST POINT PARK

Miss Dorothy Aittama was the Sunday supper guest of Miss Doris Gilbert.

Mrs. Austin Ault and Mrs. Ralph Voorhees were hostesses Tuesday evening to a shower given in honor of Miss Mary Sherman and Kenneth Owen in the P.T.A. Hall. About twenty-five guests were present, and Miss Sherman received some very beautiful and useful gifts, after which a bouillabaisse was served by the two hostesses.

Miss Flora Maloin of Northville visited the Sunshine Bible School Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. W. Ault. The school is looking forward to some very special visitors next Sunday afternoon. All are welcome to attend this service and hear Rev. Gordon Cameron's fine exposition of the International Mrs. J. W. Ault's home at 3:45 p. m. Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Judd of Highland Park were Sunday afternoon guests, and Mr. and Mrs. George Kacy of Detroit were Sunday supper guests of Mrs. Viola Gilbert.

The Sunshine Sisters sponsored a pot-luck luncheon and afternoon service, with a delightful social hour following in the local P.T.A. Hall Friday afternoon. The affair was in honor of the 82nd birthday of Mrs. Charlotte Wolfe and proved a complete surprise to Grandma Wolfe. Forty persons were in attendance. Mrs. D. A. Urquhart of Detroit gave the address of the afternoon and was very well received. Mrs. Gordon Cameron, Mrs. Ruby Bonner and Mrs. Harry Wolfe sang a pleasing duet. Grandma was made the recipient of a number of handsome presents. During the course of the afternoon special words of farewell were addressed to Mrs. Robert Fredericks and her mother, Mrs. Leslie Mansfield, who are leaving shortly for Florida.

Mrs. Margaret Martin has been on the sick list for several days. Mrs. Ed Baker is convalescing from a severe illness.

Miss Doris Gilbert and Miss Dorothy Aittama spent Monday in Detroit.

Mrs. George Welch has been confined ill, to her home for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Duncanson of Detroit were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Zwalhen.

Junior members of the Wonder Book Club started scrap-book work Saturday evening. Other handwork is planned. Boys and girls of school age but under the teen age are cordially invited to meet at the home of Miss Lora Ault Saturday afternoon at three o'clock and join in this work.

Mrs. Edward Stromoski, near Wayne, was a Sunday visitor of relatives in West Point Park.

Leo Woods and family of near Inkster, were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson.

Mrs. George Welch entertained Mrs. Leslie Mansfield and Mrs. Robert Fredericks at lunch Tuesday.

Mrs. Pete Eggsberger was tendered a housewarming party by a number of her neighbors Friday afternoon. Delicious refreshments arrived with the guests, who also presented the hostess with a handsome bed-spread.

A special feature is planned for the meeting of the Wonder Book Club at the home of Jack Tallman next Friday evening. All young people of the neighborhood should endeavor to be present.

Mrs. Robert Fredericks gave a most impressive talk on "The Prigal Son" to members of the Wonder Book Club Friday night. Mrs. Fredericks, who at one time taught many of the boys and girls in kindergarten Sunday school, took the occasion to bid the young people of the group good-by, since this is this week, leaving for St. Petersburg, Florida, to make a new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McVicar and son Harold, were weekend

WEST FARMINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt of Detroit spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green.

Miss Edna Tamm, daughter of Edwin Tamm, who has been spending the summer with her grandparents, Mrs. Augusta Tamm, will accompany her parents on a trip to Florida to spend the winter.

The Walled Lake W.C.T.U. held its regular meeting of the month at the home of Mrs. Arthur Green. Mrs. Mae Miller, of California who is visiting relatives here, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Knapp, and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sealey.

Mrs. Mary Heilker has been in very poor health the past week.

Mrs. Edith Graham who has been very sick is up and able to be about the house.

Mr. and Mrs. David Long and sons, Lawrence and Ronald, and Mrs. Lawrence Giepler, spent Friday evening with Mrs. Edith Graham.

Several relatives and friends from here gave Mrs. Edith Sealey a pleasant surprise at her home in Northville Wednesday. A pot-luck dinner was served at noon.

Mrs. Florence Bachelor, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. Edward Bourgeois and her mother, her daughter-in-law and grandchildren, Mrs. Mettie Bachelor and family at Walled Lake.

GROWING NEED FOR SOIL IMPROVEMENT ON MIDWEST FARMS

CHICAGO.—Consumption of fertilizer averages less than half a ton per farm on the 2,240,636 farms of the Middle West, according to a statement compiled here by the Middle West Soil Improvement Committee.

"Approximately 1,000,000 tons of fertilizer are used annually on farms in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Kansas, the states with the most fertile soils. This means that the average consumption is less than 1,000 pounds per farm.

"Research by the soil scientists of state agricultural colleges and experiment stations throughout this region proves that there is an increasing need for fertilizer on most Midwestern farms.

Soil Deficiency.

"Thousands of samples of soil taken by farmers from their fields are analyzed by agronomists in these various states every year. The tests reveal that most of these soils are low in at least one and perhaps all three of the major plant food—nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash. Since plants cannot thrive without an adequate diet any more than human beings or livestock can, the use of fertilizer on such soils would result in higher yields and in crops of greatly improved quality.

"Experience under practical growing conditions has proved that fertilizer can be profitably utilized in the production of practically every farm crop grown in the Middle West.

"All things being favorable, a farmer can sometimes expect a dividend of several hundred per cent from an investment in fertilizer. There are other important benefits. Fertilizer increases the resistance to disease and promotes earlier maturity. One of its chief virtues is its residual value—that is, passing on to the crops which follow, benefits in the form of increased soil fertility."

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