

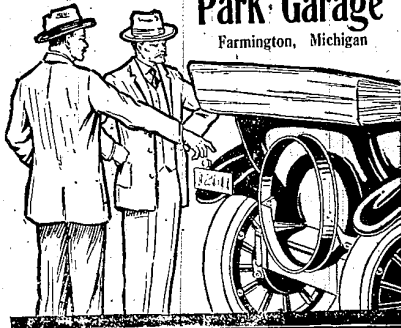
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W. E. Lord, Editor

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Every true American uses a hoe very freely these days, when weeds spring up so quickly. Are you one?

Milford should be commended on the large signs which grace the approaches to their town. As one is driving in they read in plain, large letters "Welcome—Drive Slow," and on the reverse side "We Thank You—Come Again."

The Enterprise has sent out a large number of subscription statements the past week, and many have responded to them by paying up all arrearages and renewing their subscriptions under the cash in advance plan, which we are trying to put into effect, and which when once gotten into working order is more satisfactory to the subscriber as well as the publisher. We hope all our subscribers will advance their subscription a year. With the increasing difficulties facing us to secure a supply of paper, we will soon begin to cut off all those who have not paid up. We regret this step, but when paper costs more than six cents a pound we can't run many on credit.

The primary motive for the existence of the Michigan State Fair is the encouragement of agriculture in all its branches, with a view to putting the state in the fore rank of producing commonwealths. With this object in mind the management has arranged annually for some instructive demonstration or exhibition which will encourage the farmers of the state in their efforts to produce large crops. The tractor exhibit which was a feature of last year's exhibition, attracting wide attention, will be greatly enlarged this year and will include a number of new and advanced farming utilities. Demonstrations, accompanied by instructive lectures, will be given every day of the fair.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Items of Interest From the Surrounding Country, Gleaned by Our Correspondents.

Thayer School District.

Mrs. Katherine Grey and little daughter and Miss Mildred Simmons visited relatives in Pontiac Sunday.

Mrs. Naomi Kent, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Otto Rixen, has returned to her home at Olivet.

Mrs. George Simmons has returned home, after spending the past two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Glen Allen, of Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burger, of Northville; Mr. and Mrs. Claud Simmons and two children, of Elm; George and Guy Simmons and Mrs. Katherine Grey and little daughter spent the Fourth at Silver Lake.

There was a picnic held in William Spaller's woods on Sunday last. A number of auto loads of people coming out from the city. By the amount of noise that was heard, we guess a good time was had by all present.

Clarenceville Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jensen were at Palmer Park Sunday.

Dr. Switzer was called to Clarenceville Monday to attend a sick horse at the blacksmith shop.

Mr. Johnson, from Detroit, will soon have his house completed on the Cook subdivision.

Jack Lundy did not go to the navy. He is the blacksmith at the Jensen shop, and will still work at the shop.

Bill Switzer was walking along the road last Sunday evening, and a machine came up and "put Bill in the ditch." He got a few scratches, but we imagine by the reports that Bill "cleaned house" on the fellow, and he will be careful about running against anyone else.

Miss Anna Belfert was knocked down by an auto from Northville last Thursday, the machine running over her foot. Nothing serious was the result. She ran in front of the machine and the man could not stop. The accident occurred at the Base Line at Clarenceville. At last reports the girl was getting along nicely.

"Insure Potato Crop."

That potato growers should insure their crop against blight is the opinion of potato specialists of the Michigan Agricultural college.

"In this modern time, most men believe in fire insurance," says C. W. Waid, M. A. C. potato man, "and they pay their premiums without complaint, even though no loss occurs. But when fire does destroy insured property they reap the benefit of their foresightedness."

"Many men don't appreciate the fact, but the potato crop is as much in danger as other property and is as often partially or entirely consumed as if it was swept by a conflagration. The dread disease, late blight or downy mildew, is as deadly in its work as are the flames. But this disease, while it is an old one, may like fire, come at any time, almost without warning."

"The disease is closely associated with a humid atmosphere and moderately low temperature. For this reason some potato growers believe it is entirely due to the weather, but as a matter of fact it is a true fungus disease. That is, minute microscopic organisms grow and develop entirely upon the potato plants and rob them of their vigor. As a result the plants soon wilt and take on about the same appearance as when they have been frosted. Fortunately, however, the potato crop may be protected from destruction by blight."

"The material used for this protection or 'insurance' is bor-

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beaux, though to be effective it must be applied to the foliage before the blight starts to develop. "It has been demonstrated many times that by the proper use of bordeaux the yield of potatoes may be increased from 50 to 100 bushels per acre during seasons when blight occurs. "For specific directions as to the preparation and application of bordeaux, write to the Michigan Agricultural college."

The county Y. M. C. A. association now has its headquarters at No. 4 Turk Block, Pontiac. The office is open every day, and when the secretary is absent, will be left in charge of Mrs. Montanye, who besides the regular office work, will do public stenographic work. Those wishing appointments with the secretary or any information regarding the work may call or phone 636-W.

Employees of the Michigan State Telephone Company have taken practically all of the \$250,000 Liberty bonds subscribed to for them by the company. The number of employees subscribing will exceed 3,700. The young women of the operating department responded liberally to the call of the government. Many deciding to make some sort of sacrifice in order to enable them to spare the money for a Liberty Bond. The total bond subscription of the telephone operators amounts to \$87,000. The majority of subscriptions taken by employees were for bonds of the \$50 denomination, indicating the demand was largely from small investors.

Enterprise liners pay.

Fast seaplanes make as much as 120 miles an hour; Zeppelins have been reported with a height as fast as sixty-five or seventy miles an hour.

How He Made the Sale.

A couple of traveling salesmen bumped into each other on Broadway the other day.

"How's business?" queried the first one.

"Horrid," was the answer. "How is it with you?"

"Fine, simply fine. On my last trip I opened ten new accounts and did a total business of \$45,000. I sold one man a \$4,000 bill and another one \$5,000."

"So? Well, I think I ought to get a commission on those sales."

"What'd you mean you ought to get a commission on those sales?"

"Sure I ought to. If you hadn't met me you never would have made them."

—New York Tribune.

The Poster.

The poster may be said to date from 1880, when a design by Lelance was used in France to advertise a book, "Comment Meurent les Femmes."

His example was very quickly followed, most of the early designs being printed in black on white or tinted paper.

The color poster began about 1890 and attained to the dignity of a high art with Jules Chéret. "The father of the pictured placard."

The first English theatrical placard to attract widespread attention was one of Fred Walker's advertising a dramatic version of "The Woman in White"—London Chronicle.

Turkish Bookellers.

A writer who spent most of his early life in Turkey observed that Turkish books and bookellers were among the curious features of the country. "The Turkish bookseller," he said, "has a soul above trade. He rarely or never attempts to push his wares and treasures some of his more valuable books so greatly that he can hardly be induced to sell them, although they form part of his stock in trade. Many of the books displayed by the bookseller are in manuscript, which the old fashioned Turks esteem more highly than print." The Koran he may not sell. "He gives it away in return for a present of its value in money."—Exchange.

Annual Financial Report

Of School District No. 5, Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, for the year ending July 9, 1917.

RECEIPTS.

Money on hand July 10, 1916,	\$ 1,341 16
Primary money	1,532 30
Voted tax	5,909 00
One Mill Tax	956 15
Foreign Tuition	975 39
Sale of School Books	241 30
Building Fund	49 54
Interest	56 91
Loan of Bank	569 00
Total	\$10,357 96

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cleaning Buildings	55 00
Fuel	407 59
Repairs	62 05
Incidentals and Supplies	352 76
Water and Electric Lights	137 00
School Books Bought	75 52
Janitor's Salary	247 71
Officers' Salaries	375 00
Heating Plant	495 00
Furnishings and Completing New Building, and Seating Three Rooms	1,005 41
Paid Bond	1,000 00
Interest on Bonds	505 00
Repaid Loan and Interest	505 00
R. B. Huffman, Supt.	1,043 78
Florence Hicks, Prin.	626 50
R. J. Aulen, Grammar	571 35
Sarah E. Day, Intermediate	516 70
Emily Knox	523 43
Vae Tomfrest	495 00
Teachers' Retirement Fund	19 62
Total	\$10,225 21

Balance on Hand July 9, 1917, 132 69

\$10,357 96

F. M. WARNER, Director.

OUR RED CROSS IS NOT AIDING ENEMY NATIONS NOWADAYS

Patriotic Americans who have been helping the Red Cross have of late been making anxious inquiries as to whether the humanity and the neutrality of the Red Cross would constitute it to send food, medicines and hospital units to Germany.

"I want to give to help our boys, and the stricken people of France and Belgium and Serbia," many a one has written in; "but I don't feel like doing anything if the Germans get part of it."

Americans need be under no apprehension. Not a cent of Red Cross contributions is going to Germany, or has gone there, since the war was declared by the United States. General Pershing is now in Europe to convey to the Kaiser Uncle Sam's compliments in the form of shells and American bayonets, but the Red Cross has no part in that except to care for such General Pershing's men as may need care. The matter of sending Red Cross supplies to Germany was brought up in the recent Red Cross war council in Washington. Charles D. Norton, one of the members, answered inquiries thus:

"The answer is exceedingly simple: We do not purpose to be tried for treason. We do not purpose to lend aid and comfort to our enemies. We mean to attend our own American Red Cross affairs."

Former President Taft, who is chairman of the executive committee, supported this view. He said that when wounded Germans fell into the hands of the American Red Cross they will get the same treatment as our own men; but that it would undoubtedly be treason to send supplies to Germany as we did before we were forced into the war.

So Americans can give freely, knowing that every cent is for our own and our allies' wounded, and not for the enemy.

Red Cross Trench Work.

Red Cross surgeons and orderlies give first aid to the wounded in little underground dressing stations in the front line trenches. In these dark, wet places, cold and ill-lit, it is sometimes necessary to perform major operations—such as an amputation, for instance. War records in France show that as many Red Cross workers as infantrymen are killed by enemy fire in the trenches. Red Cross field service requires courage of the highest order. Soldiers have the stimulation of fighting and giving the enemy shot for shot and blow for blow. The others don't.

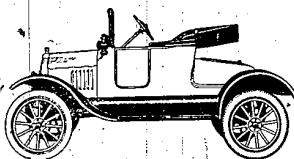
Painful Suggestion.

"The father of the girl you wanted to marry is a great uplifting force in this community."

"Great Scott! How many more fellows have he kicked out of the house?"—Exchange.

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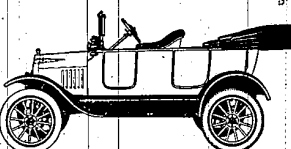
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