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A CHANGE IN BUSINESS

Cook & Co. Sell Dry Goods and Grocery Departments

The fore part of the week a deal was made whereby Fred L. Cook & Co. disposed of their entire stock of dry goods and groceries to outside parties, retaining only the hardware and furniture end of the business.

Messrs. Cook & Co. have been in the general merchandising business in this village for the past 13 years, starting in a moderate way and building up a large business, having erected their present fine store building a year ago to accommodate their ever increasing business, but the war conditions and the impossibility to secure the required help decided them to let the groceries and dry goods go, and put all of their efforts into the hardware and furniture end of the business.

The groceries and dry goods, we understand, will be closed out during the next 30 days by the purchasers. During the 13 years of business in Farmington Messrs. Cook & Co. have by square dealing and courteous treatment built up a good trade from all over this vicinity, and their many friends and patrons will be pleased that they still remain with us in the business field, and we can assure all that the same business courtesy and square dealing will be adhered to in the future.

Rates To Be Two Cents A Mile

According to Publicity Agent A. D. B. Van Sandt, of the D. U. R., interurban fares will soon be raised to two cents a mile, made possible by the ruling of the interstate commerce commission.

The cost of doing business surely has increased for the D. U. R. as well as the rest of us, and it is undoubtedly absolutely necessary for them to realize a greater revenue if they give the required service.

While the raise will be a hard blow to a number of Detroit school teachers residing here, and consequently a "hit" at our little town, there seems to be no just reason why the D. U. R. should not be entitled to an advance in rates.

Whether two cents a mile, which would make the rate from Farmington about double the present fare, is a just advance is not up to us to say, but the company is surely entitled to some consideration.

In an interview with Charles Drummond, of the publicity department Wednesday afternoon, when he made the Enterprise a call, it was learned that the fare from Farmington, under the new rate, would be 35 cents to any part of the city, instead of 25 cents as at present. The city limits can be reached for 30 cents, 10 cents above the present rate.

Mr. Drummond stated that during July the Orchard Lake division showed a loss in business of \$4,000, and for the first 20 days of August the loss was \$3,709.85.

UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION FOOD CONTROL IN AMERICA

By willing service of a free people to do these things:

To feed the Allies that they may continue to fight.

To feed the hungry in Belgium and other lands that they may continue to live.

To feed our own soldiers overseas that they may want nothing.

To keep prices steady and the flow of distribution even that the poor at home may be fed.

To make everyone's effort count its utmost for winning the war for freedom.

FOOD CONTROL IN AMERICA IS OF AND FOR THE PEOPLE

Last Call for Taxes

The time for paying Village Taxes is nearly up, and there are a number yet to come in. I am at the Warner Dairy Co. office Saturday and Wednesday, from 3 to 6 p. m., for collection of same. N. J. Eisenlord, Village Treasurer.

RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION URGES FARMERS TO ORDER FALL SUPPLIES EARLY

The following letter from the car service section of the United States railroad administration serves to emphasize the importance of conveying to every farmer the fact that he can help the transportation situation and also safeguard himself by placing his fertilizer order early.—New United States Railroad Administration, W. G. McAdoo, Director General, Interstate Commerce Building, Washington, May 17, 1918.

Car Service Section, the Committee on Fertilizer, 550 Woodward Building, Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen: The car service section of the United States railroad administration desires to call attention to the necessity for still heavier loading of fertilizer cars to be used for summer and fall business.

Excellent results have followed the efforts in this direction already made by fertilizer manufacturers and shippers, and we are able to report that the average carload of fertilizer this spring was from 20 to 30 per cent heavier than in previous seasons. This economy of space has saved the equivalent of many thousands of freight cars. In other words, large numbers of cars have been released for other urgent wartime needs—certainly a saving of great importance in these days of severe car shortage.

We feel, however, that even greater saving must be effected. Practically every car should go out loaded to capacity plus 10 per cent. The demand for cars to move war supplies to the front is increasing daily. Every shipper must contribute his share toward making up the extra car supply required for government uses. There is only one way in which to do this, and that is to load cars heavier and thus ship the same amount of goods in fewer cars.

We appreciate the fact that in order to load every car to capacity manufacturers must have their orders in hand at a date sufficiently early to allow the assembling and grouping of all less-than-carload quantities. This, of course, necessitates full and free co-operation on the part of the farmer and dealer.

We want to urge upon you to use every means at your disposal to secure such active co-operation from both dealer and consumer, that orders may be on hand early enough this summer to enable manufacturers to send out every car loaded to capacity plus 10 per cent. We feel certain that when the necessity for this action is brought forcibly to the attention of the farmer—upon whose response success depends—co-operation secured will approach 100 per cent.

We must get results, but results secured through free co-operation are much to be preferred to results secured by official regulation.

CAR SERVICE SECTION, (Signed) C. B. PHELPS.

A BILLION BUSHEL WHEAT CROP IS ASKED

Is It Worth the Effort?

The Cornbelt Farmer refers to the "Billion Bushel Wheat" appeal and shows how close we have come to reaching that mark. "It is worth the while," the editor asks. Evidently he thinks it is very much worth the effort. "Laying the matter of profit and loss aside, there can be no greater benefit to humanity than to come through the present crop season with the greatest crop ever known. "Will it be feast or famine? The answer will come from the broad prairies of the United States. With present prices of wheat ranging at 20 1/2 cents average against 88 1/2 cents for 1910 to 1914, there is a double incentive."

Opportunity seldom knocks twice at any man's door. We may never again see the price of wheat as high or the acre profit as large as it is in these war times. The price is assured and in a large measure the profit as well, except that the net profit will be larger as we increase our yields. If we don't have more than a billion bushel crop in 1919 it will be because we have neglected to answer the knock.

The details—sowing measure, using fertilizer, lime and tillage, all of which go to make a big crop—assume importance as big as a long-range gun. Use them all, and use them where they will do the most good.

"Our Plinian fathers lived entirely without wheat and surely no one ever looked upon them as wealthier," said Dr. E. N. Hurty, secretary of the Indiana State Board of Health, and one of the most famous "health cranks" in the world. Dr. Hurty had nothing to say about the Food Administration's appeal for an entirely wheatless diet.

Enterprise writers sell things.

To Our Subscribers

The War Preparedness Board has listed paper mills as an essential industry, and to conserve the use of newsprint paper, has formulated a set of rules governing country newspapers, which strike us rather hard just at present. One is as follows:

"No publisher may continue subscriptions after three months from date of expiration, unless renewed and paid for."

This order is no "bluff," but a direct command from Uncle Sam, and we have no choice but to OBEY. Hence, beginning October 1, 1918, the Enterprise will adopt a strictly "Cash-in-Advance" system, and no paper will be continued after that date if subscription is more than three months due.

We hope you find enough of interest in the Enterprise to continue with us, and will remit when subscription is due. While this government ruling is a radical change, and will undoubtedly work a hardship for us for the time being, in the end we venture to say that everyone will be better satisfied under the new system.

Next week we will try to notify all whose subscriptions are in arrears, and unless renewed on or before October 1st, the paper will be stopped.

OUR LIBERTY LOAN QUOTA

Farmington Will Back Our Boys With Close to \$100,000 That Will Be Assigned Us

The quota for Farmington Township for the fourth Liberty loan is about \$100,000. That is about the amount our people are to buy of the total which must be sold if the government is to successfully finance, during the next few months, our part in the terrible conflict the kaiser and his hordes have brought upon the world.

Of course the people of Farmington Township are going to buy that amount, and the only question is how much more, and how quickly are we going to do it? Farmington people are going at this bond-buying proposition in just the same way that our Farmington Township boys are going at the German in France. We are not going to wait until the fight is over before we get into it, and we are not going to stop at the \$100,000 any more than our boys stop when they reach the first German trench or German machine gun nest.

We are going to put Farmington Township dollars back of our Farmington Township boys and let them work together so that in the end the world may be a decent place to live in.

CHURCH NOTES

Salem Evangelical

Rev. A. C. Stange will preach next Sunday morning at 10:45, eastern time, in the Farmington German church.

The Farmington Ladies Aid meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the parsonage.

Methodist Church

Rev. James Priestley, Minister. It will delight the pastor to see you at the church services Sunday. There are two more Sundays before Conference and every service should have a record attendance. You cannot afford to miss the message of Sunday morning.

Last Sunday morning the attendance at Sunday school was fine. Let us plan and "boost" for a bigger day next Sunday. The lesson study is "Conquering Evil," Kings 21: 1-29; Matt 10: 34-38; 1 Cor. 16: 13.

The vesper service at 7:30 is usually a most helpful service. Sunday evening the pastor will preach and his sermon will be one of direct personal appeal to you.

The Woman's Home Missionary society will meet Tuesday afternoon at the Parsonage. The topic for the meeting is "Mission Trails." Every member and all interested in the work of the society are invited to be present.

Every Thursday evening at 7:30 prayer meeting is held. We shall expect to see you there next week.

Proclamation By The Governor

Thursday, September 12th, is set apart for the registration of men who will come under the operation of the "Selective Service Law" by reason of the extension of the age of military duty, under this law, down to 18 and up to 45. It is planned to make that day a general patriotic holiday throughout the nation to the end that one hundred percent registration may be insured; and it is hoped that every citizen will enter heartily into the spirit of the occasion.

Gen. Crowder, in his letter to the Council of National Defense calling attention to this matter, says: "I want to have every flag flying and every band playing on Registration Day."

Therefore, I, Albert E. Sleeper, Governor of the State of Michigan, acting on the suggestion of the Provost Marshal General of the United States, do hereby request all Mayors of Michigan cities and all Presidents of Michigan villages to confer with local War Boards and other patriotic organizations, and with them to plan to make this day an occasion for the manifestation of a splendid patriotic enthusiasm.

I suggest further that Mayors of cities and Presidents of villages issue proclamations calling upon their people to render every assistance in their power in the carrying out of this program.

Given under my hand, at the Capitol in Lansing, this twenty-eighth day of August, Nineteen Hundred Eighteen.

Albert E. Sleeper, Governor.

CAMP CUSTER COOKING CHIEF TO MOTHERS OF CUSTER BOYS

(By Lt. John B. Snider, Assistant to Capt. Drume of School for Bakers and Cooks.)

If you have a boy in Custer you may rest assured he is receiving plenty of good wholesome food—that is, curing his indigestion and indispositions is the only kind he is given. It would be better for the health of the whole nation if every one would try to help our men and Allies come out of this world war victorious, to conserve all of the wheat, fat, sugar and other food, which saving program is vital, in order to defeat the Kaiser and his hordes. You may rest assured that any and all you are able to save will not be wasted after it comes into the hands of the army cooks for there are perhaps no cooks in the land so careful to see that every ounce of wheat, fat, etc., is eaten and not one bit of it goes into the garbage can. Rather that it all goes to create one of the best armies that the world has ever seen as we all believe the American Army will be the best.

There is to its best toward making the world free for democracy. Try either. It will pay you.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Newsy Items Taken From Other Papers in and About the County.

Mrs. Harry Ball, of Farmington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Newman, of Rochester Clarion.

Mrs. A. B. Peterson and Miss Peterson and friends from Detroit spent Sunday at Belle Isle.—Redford Record.

A Lansing man, A. T. Watkins, was terribly injured one day last week in an accident near the West Novi school. It is said he was going at a 60-mile gait and when he ran into some loose gravel his automobile went completely over three times.—Milford Times.

Petitions are being circulated in the western part of the county, asking the pardon board to release Benjamin Honert, of Ortonville, recently sentenced to Jackson for manslaughter in connection with the death of Ellsworth Narrin, of Ortonville.—Rochester Clarion.

The premium lists for Northville's second annual fair are now out, sixty pages being required this time to make up the neat little booklet. No effort is being spared to fulfill the promise for a still greater success than was achieved last year. A new grandstand has been erected.—Northville Record.

A bad automobile accident occurred on Tuesday afternoon on the Seven-Mile road about three miles east of Northville. A. A. Bruder was riding along the road when he noticed an overturned automobile in the ditch. On investigating it was found that there was a man underneath who with assistance was extricated. He was found to be seriously injured and he was taken to Harper hospital, Detroit by Messrs. Bruder and Emmons, but medical skill was of no avail, as he soon bled to death. It appears that there were two cars trying out some tires, one was away ahead, and the driver of the one which had the accident is supposed to have fallen asleep and the car ran into the ditch and overturned. The name of the man was Kenneth Killian, of Bay City.—Redford Record.

IN FLANDERS FIELD

Lieutenant-Colonel John C. McCrea, an officer serving with the British forces in Flanders, wrote a short poem that was printed in Punch. During the war men serving in the field have written several that will live long after they themselves have been resolved to dust. Taking high rank among these noble offerings is Colonel McCrea's poem, in Flanders Fields. We print it here:

In Flanders Fields the poppies grow Between the crosses, row on row. That mark our place, while in the sky The larks, still singing bravely, Unheard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset's glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you, from falling hands, we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die, We shall not sleep, though poppies blow In Flanders Fields.

Colonel McCrea himself now sleeps in Flanders Fields. Now rows of crosses have been added to the old. There is the long alignment he has found his place. He who lived, felt dawn, saw sunset's glow, loved and was loved, and now with his comrades lies in Flanders Fields. Let us take up his quarrel with the foe. To us he flung the torch. It is ours to hold it high and carry on. As we keep faith so shall they sleep well where poppies blow in Flanders Fields.

It is not for all of us to serve in uniform. For every one who takes his place in the trenches scores must remain at home. We too, can help—we, too, be torch bearers. It is as we buy bonds we keep our faith with those who fought our fight and dying, girded repeating trust in us. Shall they have died in vain? Shall their trust be broken?

Try either. It will pay you.

From All Over.

The Oxford Township War Board, assisted by the citizens of Oxford, has arranged for a grand celebration and basket picnic to be held at Stony Lake park on Thursday, September 12th, 1918. The Governor of the state of Michigan has proclaimed this day to be a legal holiday and Oxford invites every one from far and near to come and participate in an after harvest festival for the purpose of raising funds for the Red Cross, and giving proper recognition to the important event of the registration of men between the ages of 18 and 45 inclusive, who are subject to call to go forth to fight for the principles of democracy.

Among the marriage licenses issued last week was one to Walter Green and Agnes Grass. It is refreshing to know there will be a bit of Green-Grass found at Orion, even if the rest of the county is burning up.—South Lyon Herald.

LITTLE WANT ADS

FOR SALE—Papee Silo Filler; size H. Redford, phone 13012. 42-43p

FOR RENT—An up-to-date apartment. Inquire at Warner Dairy office. 22c

STATIONERY—Let us print you some nice stationery. Good work and reasonable prices.

FOR SALE—Rosen Rye for seed, at \$2.25 per bushel. John Wedow, phone 40w2. 42-44c

FOR RENT—Light house-keeping rooms. Inquire of Miss Abbie Burton. 42-44p

FOR SALE—Fifteen hundred potato Crabs. See Art Atkinson, Novi, or Howard Warner. 42-43c

FOR SALE—One-half ton mixed hay; also a plow, grindstone, and cultivator. Inquire W. R. Perkins, Oakland Road. 43p

FOR SALE—Visiting cards—either printed or engraved. Best of work and prices right. Ask the Enterprise man.

PAINTING—Do you want your Auto or Buggy painted? Expert painting done at reasonable prices. Carl Ely, Farmington. 34tf

FOR SALE—Large sheets of Blotting paper, also Bristol Board, Cards of all kinds, either printed or plain. Call at the Enterprise and see what we have.

FOR SALE—Work team, 3-spring market wagon, 11-hole grain drill. Will sell for cash or take anything I can use. L. A. Power, phone 45J12, Farmington. 41-43p

BIRTH CARDS—We will print you a neat card announcing the birth of your baby, and furnish the envelopes for mailing. Cards and envelopes 25 for 50 cents. Enterprise office.

ESTABLISHED 23 years; specializing in farms. Buyers for all kinds of farms; also small places. Address Mr. McAdams, 1250 West Euclid Ave., Detroit, Mich. Phone Garfield 1117. 1ma9

NOW is the time for that cemetery lettering. We are experts—guarantee our work. Prices reasonable. Call or write us, and we will do it at once. Reiford Granite Works, opposite Grand Lawn Cemetery. Whitcomb & Schmidt, Props. 43p

FOR SALE—Reo four, fine limousine, two tops; motor in perfect condition; newly refinished. Will sell cheap; take horse and outfit, cows, pigs as part payment; balance cash. This is a fine proposition for anyone wanting a splendid car. D. Stoddard, 2nd house, Tuck Road S. 43c