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FARMER'S SUCCESS DUE TO DAIRYING

Recently I have had frequent opportunity to get first hand information concerning the attitude of farmers about the outlook of their business. Not through those who are indirectly engaged in agriculture but through men who are daily carrying their bread and butter from the plowed layer of the land have I felt the pulse of what is going on in the country. It has been everywhere the case that farmers who keep cows have more reason to be and are more optimistic than those having any other specialty. In many general have made a living during these strenuous times and in some cases even a bit more. As a result, the job of milking is looked upon as not nearly the drudgery it was considered to be heretofore. Instead of being "knocked" as the source of farm drudgery, the cow is being praised by everybody. It is because she has been the source of a steady income when the bottom fell out of the grain and stock market. Those who are milking cows seven hundred times a year are going to milk more and better cows and the number of farmers keeping cows is about to rapidly increase. In many parts of the country it has come to a matter of keeping cows or quit farming. This is not an editorial opinion but is the sure truth as anything that was ever written.

In the production of wheat as a special crop it has always been and will continue to be at the expense of the fertility of the land. In proportion as land is depleted farming degenerates.

The reason why it is possible for men milking cows to weather severe economic crises is due to the fact that there is no other machine so efficient in manufacturing food. The cow has not only been able to provide a better market for grains and hay than the elevator or commission man, but she can also utilize certain roughages which have no commercial value and would otherwise be waste. She provides three sources of income in the milk, her calf, and the manure to enrich the land. The milking of cows provides steady work every day in the year and hence a constant income. For those who are not afraid of work heretofore there is an opportunity offered for a continuous cash income from the labor.

Business men and bankers appreciate these facts. In periods of the worst sort of financial depression they stand ready to make loans on cows. They know that farmers who endorse their notes on the strength of cows are good security. Only the best farmers keep cows, for cows mean work, and it is for this reason that the industry will never be overcrowded.

Dairymen have been known to make a living from their cows even in cases where they sold their milk at a price lower than the actual cost of production. This seems almost like a physical impossibility but it has been done. A man who keeps cows can defer certain usual expense payments for some length of time. For instance, in considering cost of producing milk the dairymen has the right to charge a managerial labor wage. This wage he may temporarily dismiss under pressure. Then if he owns his plant, equipment and cattle and does not actually have to pay interest on the money invested in them, he can for a time, of course, accept no interest on his own investment, and meet low prices. Again, in figuring cost of production the normal basis for estimating the cost of the feed consumed is at the local market prices. A dairymen who produces a large part of what he feeds may be able to make a margin of profit if he can grow this material at less than the market price. Finally, if no charge excepting taxes is made against the land used for pasture there is an other reduction that can be made in the cost of production.

Naturally, no farmer can long continue in business if he does not get adequate wages for his labor. If he gets no more for feeding the crops he grows than would be the case if he sold the grain he will most certainly quit feeding and sell his stuff. No matter what the type of farming a man will be forced out of business if he cannot accumulate sufficient surplus

CHILDREN'S HOME DEDICATED MONDAY

The dedication program of the Methodist Children's Home which took place last Monday was attended by an interested and enthusiastic audience. Dr. E. J. Warren, Superintendent of the Detroit district, was the master of ceremonies, and introduced the speaker in turn, after he himself had given a review of the Children's Home work. Music was provided by Mrs. Theodore S. Henderson and Mr. Angus Woodbridge. Brief addresses were given by Chas. T. Holcroft, President of the Board of Managers; Fred P. Todd, Secretary; Chas. R. Holcroft, Treasurer; Rev. Sidney D. Eya, former President of the Board and at present member of the Board of Control and Board of Managers; Miss Francis Knight, Director of the Children's Home work; Mrs. C. S. Cooke and Mrs. A. M. Humphrey, members of the Board of Managers.

Bishop Theodore S. Henderson delivered the dedicatory address, closing with the dedication ceremony. Bishop Henderson eloquently and effectively outlined the social service program of the church, speaking in praise of the work already done and presented plans for future development. The dedication was well attended by visitors from Detroit and elsewhere, as well as many Farmington people. The home was inspected from cellar to garret by the visitors who were delighted with the beautiful home and its equipment. Miss Knight announced that the children would take up their residence in the new home in the course of a few days when the few remaining touches will complete the work of settling.

to provide cash for the upkeep and improvement of his equipment. However, the point is it is desired to make it so that no one can stand hard times better than a man who milks cows. Since this is true, the stability of the industry can readily be appreciated. If cows provide a living during times of business depression they certainly can be counted on when times are normal or better. In addition to all this the cow sets the price on farm grown feeds. (This article will be continued next week.)

MRS. JESSE ROZELLE.

Again she entered our midst, bringing with it the deep sorrow attending the death of a young person. This time in the passing of Mrs. Jesse Rozelle, who died at her home in the village on Thursday evening, January 9th, after an illness extending over a period of more than two years' time, a great part of which she was confined to her couch. However, her cheerful manner, and uncomplicated way was always a source of comfort to her family.

Susie Rederstorff was born in Montcalm county, Michigan, in 1897, and united in marriage to Jesse Rozelle of Pontiac, in 1914. Mrs. Rozelle, with three children, William, aged 7; Nellie, aged 5; and Ralph, aged 3, are left to mourn her loss; also her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rederstorff of Pontiac; three sisters, Mrs. Alba Tryon of Edmond; Mrs. R. D. Kennedy of Milford and Mrs. Geo. Smith of Pontiac; and two brothers, J. C. and Floyd Rederstorff of Pontiac.

The funeral was held at her late residence Monday afternoon, Rev. Sidney D. Eya officiating. She was laid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery, Pontiac.

A piano recital will be given in Farmington by pupils from the Farmington class of Miss Irene T. Kremer, on Thursday evening, Feb. 23rd, at the Town Hall, at 7:30 o'clock. All who enjoy music are invited.

Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island" with Shirley Mason as the star, will be the picture at the Community Night program at the Methodist church on Tuesday night.

Mrs. Edgar S. Pierce was in Detroit Sunday and brought home her little daughter, Patricia, who has been staying here during the time they were in quarantine. Her sister, Miss Grace McPherson, returned with her for a short stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Switzer at a six o'clock dinner Thursday evening.

CLARENCEVILLE NEWS AND SCHOOL NOTES

Mrs. Otter is on the sick list. Mrs. E. A. Howie was in Detroit Monday, shopping. Little Catherine J. Dixon is convalescent. Gerald MacLeod is in the sick list.

Mr. Blank and family have moved from Clarenceville to Detroit. Mrs. Park Walters left Detroit, was calling on friends in Clarenceville last week.

Frances Teagan attended a Valentine party at Margie Mitchell's in Redford, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Brownell Cook of Clarenceville, was a Farmington caller Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. DeBick are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Asfield and family have gone to Detroit for the winter months.

Mrs. John Acton of Clarenceville has taken an apartment in Detroit for the winter.

Mrs. Donovan and Mrs. Charles Truxew were in Pontiac last Tuesday, shopping.

Mrs. Charles Teagan gave a Valentine party for the Cradle Roll department at the Redford M. E. church Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Stanley K. Dixon will conduct the next meeting of the Southfield Community Ass'n of which he is vice-president.

The Ladies Aid society held a Valentine social at the Clarenceville community church February 14, 1922.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baker of Detroit, spent the week-end visiting with Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw.

Mr. Moffet and family have moved from their home on Wallingford Ave., to Oxford St., Clarenceville.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Nadeau are among the guests that will motor to La Honda Lake to enjoy a skating party that will last over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Benstein are the host and hostess of the party.

Miss Helen Beniston of Detroit, who starred in the graduation operetta of the Pett' school, Detroit, was the guest of honor at a tea given last week at Mrs. Donald G. Nadeau of Clarenceville.

Mrs. Charles Truxew of Clarenceville, returned Sunday last, from a six weeks stay in Constance, Ky. where she was visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carr. Enroute home Mrs. Truxew stopped at St. Joe, Mich., to visit relatives.

Mrs. Crouch's class won the picture offered by the Parent-Teachers' Ass'n last Friday afternoon, by having the most mothers present at the meeting. A delightful program was rendered the mothers.

The Southfield Community Improvement Ass'n gave a very interesting entertainment. Margaret Clark being the star in the movie named "A Girl Called Mary." Hereafter they will have movies every other Friday night admission 10 cents.

CAUCUS MEETING A REGULAR "LOVE FEAST"

Direct Contrast to a Fear Ago.

The village caucus held last Monday night, was a direct contrast to the caucus of a year ago. As we remember there were plenty of candidates for every office, and nominating speeches. Small attendance. The evening, many arrived after the caucus business was transacted, and the meeting adjourned.

All the old officers were renominated with the exceptions of Mr. Phineas Perkins, for trustee, and Mr. Harrison Johnson was nominated in his place.

The minutes of the meeting are as follows: Chairman—James Hogle; nominated by Ely, seconded and elected.

Clerk—Clerk—Johnson; nominated by Heaney, seconded and elected.

Tellers—Motion made by Ely that chair appoint tellers, seconded and carried. Tellers: Mrs. Wilbur, Thayer and Hogle.

Officers Nominated. Village President—Wilbur, nominated by Heaney, seconded and carried.

Clerk—Heaney, nominated by Ely, seconded and carried. Treasurer—Lee, nominated by Wilbur, seconded and carried.

Trustees—Bickling, Russell and Johnson. Village Assessor—Thayer; nominated by Powers, seconded and carried.

Motion to adjourn seconded and carried.

Washington's birthday will be celebrated by a school program in the High school room.

The B-First grade have started their new books, and all are doing nicely.

We are working on our play "Deacon Dubbs" which we expect to put on in about six weeks.

The boys have their regular meeting every Wednesday after school.

Mr. Roberts of Detroit spoke to the congregation at the Clarenceville community church Sunday evening. His talk was very interesting.

We extend a hearty welcome to all parents and patrons of the district to pay us a visit. You visit your doctor; you visit your dentist; so why don't you visit your school. Our latch string is always out.

The High school room had a Valentine party and surprise on Mr. Hames Tuesday afternoon. It was "supposed" to have been his birthday and lots of good things to eat and Mr. Hames had to cut the cake "Army a la Mode." Everyone had a very enjoyable time.

On Wednesday afternoon eleven of our Eighth graders journeyed to Clawson, and met with a double defeat in Spelling and in Arithmetic. They will come to Clarenceville for a return match early in March. We aim to reverse the decision. Mr. Aldrich, who took us over, gave two rose bushes to the winning team.

MAN BREAKS ARM AT JUNCTION COLLISION

While taking air at the Junction, motorman Angus McIntosh had a serious accident, Wednesday morning about five o'clock. It is reported that Mr. McIntosh had thrown the air brake on but had neglected to set the hand brake, and while crossing between two cars, he started up and caught him on the arm, breaking it between the wrist and elbow. He was taken to the hospital by John Clark and there his arm was x-rayed. The fracture was simple, but there was some doubt as to internal injuries, according to the last reports.

LOCAL MAN ATTENDS HARDWARE CONVENTION

Mr. D. L. Dickerson and wife attended the twenty-eighth annual Convention of the Michigan Retail Hardware Association, held at Grand Rapids, last week. Mr. Dickerson has attended all of the conventions in the last fifteen years with the exception of one, and then it was a case of necessity in remaining home.

An interesting program for the week had been arranged for the men and ladies and by attending all of the programs, Mr. Dickerson said he has gained more than enough ideas to pay him for his trip.

INDEPENDENTS WIN

The Independent team played the Plymouth Independents last Saturday and came out victorious with the smashing score of 53-9. The line-up was as follows: Norman Lee, Banfield, Westcott, Hendryx and Waters Lee.

Another game is promised this Saturday with some fast team, as yet undecided. Only a small admission is charged and a fine place is offered for recreation on Saturday nights.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

On Sunday, last, Mr. and Mrs. Freehart and daughter, Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ash and son, Fred, of Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ash and family were entertained at the home of Joe Graham, it being the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Graham.

The dining room was prettily decorated with red, white and blue, and the center of the table had the usual birthday cake with candles. Mrs. Graham was the recipient of many gifts, and a very pleasant day was spent.

CLARENCEVILLE

Gladys Baker was absent on Monday of this week. This is the first day Gladys has missed.

The Fifth graders are leading in attendance and tardy marks in Miss Thornton's rooms. Fourth graders better get busy.

The Eighth grade are leading in Mrs. Hollo's room, in attendance. The Sixth grade leads in having the fewest tardy marks.

The dance on Saturday night was well-attended. A colored orchestra from Detroit, furnished the music. Another dance will be given on the night of Feb. 25th.

The P. T. A. was well attended on Friday P. M., about forty-five mothers being out. A good program was rendered of singing and dialogues. Mr. Dale also gave an interesting talk. Mrs. Chrouch's room won the picture prize given by the P. T. A. for the room having the most parents out. We would have the parents hold in mind that we have some live meetings and are well worth attending. Everyone is welcome.

Joseph Young was greatly surprised last Friday evening when about thirty-five of his relatives and friends gathered at his home. The evening was pleasantly spent in dancing and playing cards. A beautiful lunch was served at twelve o'clock. After which the guests departed for their homes.

A CORRECTION.

In an article last week we gave the name of the Farmington Lumber & Coal Co.'s truck as the one that featured in an accident driven by Carl Goers. This should have been Ernest Goers' truck, driven by Carl Goers.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Alexander announce the birth of a son, Ralph Whitney, on February 15, 1922.

FATHER AND SON MEET AT CHURCH

At the Fathers and Sons banquet to be held next Saturday evening, beginning at 6:30, in the Universalist church a most interesting program is promised. After the banquet which will be in the best style of the Ladies Union, there will be a feast of reason and a flow of soul.

Among those to speak—philosophically and pointedly—are the following: A Father's Famous Advice to his Son—Dr. A. B. Beresford.

The Father Educating his Son—Prof. A. G. Leonard, Supt. of the Farmington Schools.

Keeping the Boy Strong and Well—Dr. A. L. Brannock of Pontiac.

The Religious Training of the Boys—Mark C. Wixom, Supt. of Universalist Sunday School.

Some Notable Sons of Farmington—John Power.

Mr. Frank N. Steele will be the toastmaster.

IN OUR CHURCHES.

WASHINGTON SUNDAY.

THE METHODIST PARISH.—Farmington—

10:30 "Washington's Ancestors." The Pastor will preach. 11:45 Sunday School. 6:30 Epworth League. 7:30 Dr. I. D. Morris, Detroit, will preach.

—North Farmington—

2:00 Preaching service. 3:00 Sunday School.

—Clarenceville—

10:30 Preaching service. Rev. W. W. Dale, preacher. 11:45 Sunday School. 7:30 Evening service. Sidney D. Eya, Pastor. W. W. Dale, Associate Pastor.

Universalist Church.

10:30 Layman's Day Dr. Beresford's subject will be "The Religion of a Layman." 12:00 Adult Bible Class and Sunday School.

7:30 Second sermon in series of studies of human characters—"Beresford's subject will be, 'The Man Who Came Back.'"

The public is cordially invited to all services.

LINCOLN CLUB BANQUET IS WELL ATTENDED

A good sized delegation from this section of Oakland county attended the annual banquet given by the Lincoln Club at Pontiac last Friday evening and the gathering was a most enjoyable affair, complete in all its appointments. The dinner was bountiful and was well served by the ladies of the Methodist church and the program was all that could have been wished for. The guests of honor were the Hon. Richard M. Yates of Illinois, the illustrious son of Richard M. Yates, Illinois' celebrated governor during the period of the Civil war; Hon. C. E. Townsend, United States Senator from Michigan, and Hon. P. H. Kelley, congressman from this, the Sixth, district. George A. Dondor, mayor of Royal Oak, officiated as toastmaster and discharged his duties in a most creditable manner.

The address of Congressman Yates was really the event of the evening, as it was planned it should be, and for more than an hour he related incidents and historical facts bearing upon the life and character of Abraham Lincoln, the great emancipator. His tribute to the great commoner was most tender and eloquent, and the vast audience was held enrapt as the speaker told of the great American and his achievements.

In the election of directors, Isaac Bond of this township was one of the "high" candidates, but three candidates out of a total of 32 receiving a larger number of votes. This is a distinct honor for four fellow-townsmen and an enviable and is expressive of the high esteem in which he is held by the people of the township.

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