

The Farmington Enterprise

HOW NICE LIES THE COUNTRY

Plaint of the City "Fall Guy" Who Failed to Recognize His Neighbor

"How Nice Lies the Country," is caption of an article in the Detroit Sunday Times, evidently penned by one who has been "stung" at one of the many "market gardens" that lie temptingly at the side of the concrete roads that radiate from that city. The article rings quite true from a superficial standpoint, but a scratch beneath the surface would reveal the fact that it is not the country folks who are "bouncing" the city dwellers. The class of "market gardeners" he deals with is purely a city product and the city markets are his habitat.

This is the writer's plaint: "Sunday is a lovely day to go out into the country and buy fresh vegetables—at about 20 per cent more than you can buy them around at the corner grocery.

"It's an interesting spectacle of a Saturday evening to see the 'market gardeners' who have a bungalow and a couple of hens and about four stalks of corn on their 'farm' crowding around the markets to buy up what's left after the Saturday drive of the housewives.

"They load up a truck with the leavings of the market, take them out to the bungalow, soak them in water over night, pare off the weather-beaten edges and put it out on a stand.

"Then the innocent motorist comes along and his mouth waters at the sight of the earthy products 'fresh from the soil' and he pays more than he would down town.

"Fresh eggs" right out of the hen house he also buys, not knowing that these eggs probably came in a crate from Chicago and if they were fresh it was in another egg-age, and the hen-house probably went south in last fall's crop of cyclones.

"Of course there are some fresh vegetables to be bought now and then, but one must trust to luck and keep off the main highways. It seems that the gold brick farm product follows the concrete, just as if it knew that the average fall guy follows the concrete to where the dirt road starts and then turns back to the semi-business flat, and the dollar-down phonograph.

"The country is a wonderful place. There nature lies before you in its pristine virginity. You verify, it lies, especially when it sells 'fresh' vegetables to the city feller."

"LIGHTNIN'" IN DETROIT

Players hereabouts will have their long awaited opportunity to witness "Lightnin'" when the famous record-smasher begins its engagement at the New Detroit Opera House next Sunday night, Aug. 27th. A special cast, headed by Thomas Jefferson in the role of "Lightnin'" Bill Jones, Essie Bacon as the vaudeville actress, and Charles E. Evans as the Reno Judge, has been organized by Producer John Golden to introduce the play to Detroit, Kansas City, St. Louis and other important cities, that would otherwise be compelled to wait two years or more to see it.

As a classic of fun and heart throbs, "Lightnin'" can be compared only with "Rip VanWinkle" and it is a happy coincidence that a son of the late Joseph Jefferson, creator of Rip, will introduce to Detroit the lovable old mountain truant about whom most of the action pivots. Because he never moves fast Bill Jones is nicknamed "Lightnin'" and it is from this that the plays' title is taken.

Out-of-town people are especially urged to secure seats by mail and thus avoid the danger of being crowded out. Prices will be, nights and Saturday matinee, Orchestra, \$2.50; balcony, \$1.15, and \$2; Wednesday matinee, best seats \$2. Add 10 per cent war tax and make remittance payable to the New Detroit Opera House.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lock and Mr. and Mrs. Romain Pike drove to Romeo Sunday.

L. O. O. F. DOINGS AT ROYAL OAK

Royal Oak is being all set for the grand L. O. O. F. fete there Aug. 30 and 31 and Sept. 1. The public park with a portion of two streets will be set apart for the exclusive use of the committee having the affair in charge, where the big doings will be staged. The list of free attractions is a fine one, the entertainment committee announces with an air of pride that seems to be justifiable. It includes the Fritz Brothers, Europe's greatest comic acrobats and hand-to-hand balancing act; the Servery Sister, two pretty ladies that the carnival committee guarantees will please in strictly high-class singing and musical numbers; the Webber Twins, world's champion mosquito weight boxers, who will box four fast rounds; Jim Dell, America's eminent monologist, vocalist and humorist, who will keep the audience in side-splitting laughter with his repertoire of funny songs and stories.

Numerous prizes will be given away at the carnival.

FARM PROBLEMS MET

How the Michigan Agricultural college is serving the farmer of the state and meeting his every day problems will be illustrated by elaborate exhibits prepared for the Michigan State Fair at Detroit early in September. E. B. Hill, assistant to the dean of agriculture, is directing the work, while individual exhibits are being assembled by the various departments.

Three hundred feet of table and wall space in the main agricultural building will be occupied by the general educational exhibit of the college. A group of ten prize horses, two carloads of carefully chosen beef cattle, and a special poultry exhibit will constitute the remainder of M. A. C.'s showing.

Certain important farm practices will be particularly emphasized in the general exhibit, notably the value of alfalfa, the use of lime and phosphoric acid as fertilizers, reforestation, barberry eradication, the fertilization and spraying of fruit trees, and food and nutrition from the standpoint of home economics. Other departments to be represented are farm mechanics, entomology, animal husbandry, poultry, engineering and boys' and girls' clubs.

Miss Sprague gave a birthday dinner Thursday in honor of her husband Elliott Sprague, and E. A. Noble a cousin of Mr. Sprague's of Northville whose birthday comes on the same day. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones of Walled Lake and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Noble, were guests the dinner was served on the lawn at Maple Hill farm.

NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

THE METHODIST PARISH.

—Farmington— 10:30 Rev. W. W. Dale. 7:30 Pastor will preach Henry Ford's Mexican plan—a Business venture or a Christian project. Sidney D. Eva, Pastor.

—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.

First Baptist Church

At 10:30 a. m. Sunday, Dr. H. H. Ford, will discourse on the subject "Christ Had to Pray In Order To Accomplish The Work The Father Had Given Him."

At 12:00 a. m. Sunday school. Every class is manned with efficient teachers. 6:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U. Topic: "The Oriental in the United States." Isaiah 45: 20-25. 7:30 p. m. Dr. Ford will preach on the subject: "The Peril of Not Being Alone."

Salerno Evangelical Church

Sunday school—9:30 a. m. German services—10:30 a. m. German services at Clarenceville Sunday, August 27th, 2:00 o'clock p. m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF THE COMING REDPATH CHAUTAUQUA. First Night. Prelude Concert. Lecture—"The Creed of America". Second Afternoon. Children's Hour. Second Night. Grand Concert. Third Afternoon. Children's Hour. Third Night. Lecture—"The Indispensable Tools of Democracy". Fourth Afternoon. Children's Hour. Fourth Night. Great Comedy, "Friendly Enemies". Fifth Afternoon. Children's Hour. Fifth Night. Grand Concert.

SEEKS TO SPREAD BETTER FARM IDEA

Friday Tells Editors State Must Be Organized for \$50,000,000 Income Drive

Speaking before the members of the Michigan Press association, gathered at East Lansing last Friday for the start of their two-day tour to Charlotte and Battle Creek, President David Friday of M. A. C. fired another shot in his campaign for increasing the farmer's income in the state. Not only the benefits of research and education must be utilized, but also the methods of propaganda, he declared. Up to the present time only one-fourth of the farmers of the state have been reached by the better farming gospel preached by the college, he estimated, while the other three-fourths, who need help the most realize their need the least.

As an illustration of his point, President Friday cited the Liberty Loan drives during 1918, when the people, besides paying six and one-half billion dollars in taxes, were persuaded to subscribe for 12 billion dollars in Liberty Bonds. They did this, he said, not because they were entirely convinced of the value or necessity of buying them, but because they were organized in groups for that express purpose.

The Michigan Agricultural College campaign, for better farming, he said, "is just the same way, 'put across' in just the same way, according to President Friday. "We must get all the farming people into groups," he said. "Every part of every group must carry out its share of the program. If we can get them to do it, the rest will be dead easy. I am depending upon you to help put the thing through."

In the other half of this address he pointed out the necessity for farmers to appreciate the difference between various "economic units." In other words, they must learn to make use of the high-producing cattle, high-producing poultry, high-producing crops and high-producing seed in order to cut down production costs. He made it clear that he is not necessarily in favor of increased total production. He predicted, however, that as the population of the state increases its food needs will be met by a farming population no greater than the present one.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The Subdivision Land Company to Franz Marzfeld, a piece of land containing one acre and being part of the southeast 1-4 of section 28, Farmington Village, \$1. Grand River Investment Company to Leonard E. Horton, et al., lot 66 in Meadowbrook Heights Subdivision of the west 1-2 of the southwest 1-4 of section 26, south of the center line of Grand River Avenue, Farmington Township, \$1.

INFORMAL PARTY

An informal party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Talbot, by the Standard Bearers Wednesday, August 16, at 3:00 p. m. The decorations were blue and white streamers and lanterns, blue and white being the class colors. Miss Ida Durham attended to the making and hanging of these. Miss Betty Goodenough took charge of the games and other entertainment, while Miss Ruth Walstead saw that everyone had enough to eat. When lunch was about to be served on the side lawn it began to rain and the decorations came down much faster than they had went up. The radio furnished entertainment during the storm and later in the evening. Of the fifty that were expected thirty six were present and when the party broke up at 9:30 o'clock both boys and girls declared that they had had a very nice time. The guests of honor were Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Eva and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Talbot. Miss Talbot is director of the club.

MOORE—WEST.

Miss Grace M. West of Farmington, and Robert Moore of Pontiac, were united in marriage in Detroit Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Moore left immediately for a short wedding trip to Buffalo, after which they will reside in Pontiac where their home is all furnished for them.

NO PROTECTION FROM TOXINS GIVEN BY CANNING POWDERS

Canning powders can not be depended on for safety from food poisoning, according to the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States department of agriculture. Extensive experiments recently conducted to test the claims made by certain widely advertised and distributed canning powders, which consist mainly of 95 per cent lactic acid, with 5 per cent of salt added, have shown conclusively that the antiseptic properties of the powder only affect a few molds and microorganisms which are not responsible for spoilage in properly processed cans or jars.

Fruits and other acid products properly packed when fresh and in good condition keep with it any canning preparation. Much larger amounts of canning powder than those recommended on the package had no effect whatever on the growth of spore-forming bacilli which do not require free oxygen for growth, particularly the toxin forming Bacillus botulinus, which has recently been responsible for many deaths.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm Westfall had as guests Sunday, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe and children of Detroit.

A PROSPEROUS SCHOOL YEAR

Is the Outlook for 1922-23—New Pupils Advised to Consult Superintendent

The Farmington Public schools will open the school year of 1922-23 on Tuesday, Sept. 5th. Every indication points toward the largest and most prosperous year we have ever enjoyed.

The following teachers will be new to the staff this year: Miss Hilda Pahl comes from the Central Michigan Normal at Mt. Pleasant and will have charge of the fifth and sixth grades. Miss Irene Stewart of the Western Normal at Kalamazoo and Miss Doris Frank of the State Normal at Ypsilanti will handle the seventh and eighth grades; the former teaching the history and English and the latter the mathematics and science. Miss Natalie Knapp, also of Ypsilanti, will have charge of Latin and history in the high school. Mrs. Harold Westcott, who taught at Webberville last year will teach the high school English and French. Miss May Mitchell, a graduate of the University of Michigan, will handle the high school mathematics and physics.

Until the new addition is ready for occupancy, the following departments will meet in temporary quarters. The Kindergarten will be placed in the basement of the high school building where the lunch room was last year. The first grade, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth will occupy the same rooms as last year. The commercial department will hold classes in the gymnasium until the first grade can be moved to the new addition. An attempt will be made to house the seventh and eighth grades in the assembly room of the high school as far as possible. Any surplus will be taken care of in one of the large class rooms on the second floor.

Children in the Kindergarten should enter the opening session as in other departments and attend with the same regularity. In this department children are accepted at five years of age. It is not necessary that they be five at the opening day of school providing their birthday occurs during the same semester that the enrollment is made. Every child in the community who is of the right age should have the advantages of this valuable department.

It is expected that school will be in session all day long on the (Continued on Page 8.)

WATER SUPPLY CUT OFF

Following a long spell of continued water shortage with frequent periods of total suspension of service, a complete shutdown of the service occurred here today the supply occurred at 1:30 Wednesday morning when the pump barrel in the principal well at the power plant let loose.

The only means of supply now is the second well and as this is furnishing but a scant amount of water there is not sufficient pressure in the mains to supply water at all times except in the lower sections of the village.

Work was at once commenced on the repair of the well; pipes and pumps taken up and a cleaning out of the sand is expected to increase the water flow. When the piping is again put down the pump will be lowered 20 feet, placing it at a depth of 80 feet.

On Wednesday there was a great scurrying for water. Many wells, once abundantly productive, were found to be dry as were a majority of cisterns. In the evening a little water pressure was secured and some relief given. Thursday the village was again bone dry with but little prospect of an adequate supply for several days.

The two wells at the station, under normal conditions, have a capacity of 125 gallons each per minute. Of late their combined supply has been less than that amount. The well now out of commission was furnishing more than half the water supply when it let loose. Every effort is being made to get the well in commission.

A HOT FIRE AND A CLOSE CALL

With an inadequate water supply a thrill of apprehension was thrown into the citizens of Farmington Thursday morning at 8 o'clock when the fire alarm was sounded. The cause was an explosion of gasoline in front of the Park Garage where Conrad Hammond was filling the big underground gas tank from a Standard Oil tank truck.

No one seems to know just what ignited the gasoline. A fire burst out on the pavement close to the place where the gas is discharged into the pipe leading to the underground tank. The driver at once jumped into his car and started up the avenue but on account of the intense heat could not shut off the flow of gasoline at once. A large quantity ran out on the pavement and a terrific fire was soon raging along the curb. Before it could be extinguished by the use of hand chemical extinguishers, the point on the front of the garage was badly scorched.

There were about 800 gallon of gasoline in the truck tank. Had this exploded the extent of the damage can only be surmised.

CANNOGT ATTEND

Dr. Beresford has been invited to participate in the exercises marking the 200th anniversary of the settlement of Nottingham, New Hampshire. As the commemoration will occur in Sept. circumstances make it impossible for him to attend in person, but he has written a letter of congratulations which will be read from the pulpit of the First Universalist Church of Nottingham on the Sunday of September by the Rev. H. H. Niles who will be happily remembered by the many Farmingtonians who attended the "ground breaking" for the Manse last October. It was Rev. Niles who delivered the sermon on that occasion.

Nottingham was Dr. Beresford's "student" parish a quarter of a century ago while he was attending college in Boston.

SLIGHT CHANGE IN CHAUTAUQUA PROGRAM

A slight change has been made in the Chautauqua program which opens here today. Tonight entertainment will commence at 8:30. The first of the children's exercises will be at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

On the third night Elwood T. Bailey will deliver his well-known inspirational lecture, "All Aboard!" Frank Dixon, scheduled for the next night will deliver his lecture on the fifth night.

In speaking of Wm. Bailey the Bluefield, W. Va., News says:

Elwood T. Bailey is a remarkable lecturer. Five times he has spoken from a Blue field platform and in his audience last night there were people who had heard him each time, and yet they regretted to hear his last word. His address, a masterpiece of sound, wholesome thought, scintillating humor and with bite of verbal dynamite lurking behind each jest that jarred the laughter away and brought one up with a jerk to seriously consider his message.

TO RAISE LAKE LEVEL

Stockholders of the Walled Lake Improvement association, at their annual meeting held at the home of George O. Groll, voted the necessary money to build a small dam at the outlet of the lake with a view of keeping the water at a higher level during the fall.

The association was formed 11 years ago to purchase 22 acres of land and water at the lake outlet to prevent others from enlarging the outlet to drain marsh land at the north of the lake. This, it is said, would have greatly lowered the level of the lake.

The dam will, it is believed, hold much of the water that escapes in the spring each year, and will keep the lake at a more constant level.

The Sunday schools of the township of Commerce, Milford, Lyon and Novi are to meet in their first annual convention at the Novi Baptist church on Tuesday, Aug. 29th. There will be forenoon and afternoon sessions with a very interesting program for each.