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FARMERS TO JUDGE CATTLE

Special Events at M. A. C. Farmers Week Give "Dad" a Chance to Show Knowledge of Stock

Clear the ring for "Dad," for the old boy himself is going to unlimber his judging cane, and take a chance on picking the winner in the livestock show rings at M. A. C. during Farmers week, Feb. 4-8.

College students, high school students, boys and girls club members, and about all other classes of novices at the farming game have been seriously engaged in livestock judging contests for years. Teams have met at county, state, national and international events to decide the best pickers of blue ribbon stock—but always the events were listed for students.

The idea that maybe the real farmer himself know something about livestock finally filtered thru to someone's mind, and as a result behold the special event for practical, "practicing" farmers of the state, which is looked for Farmers week.

Winners at last year's International Livestock Show from the M. A. C. herds will be included in the list of stock to be judged. The events will cover many classes. Any farmer who is particularly well acquainted with one class of stock may try his hand at selecting blue ribbon winners from the glass. It will be an informal event, open to everybody.

Incidentally, more than 500 Smith-Hughes, high school agricultural students from the state will enter special judging contests during Farmers week. The men will come from more than 70 different schools.

Final preparation of exhibits and arrangement of programs is being completed at the college in preparation for the reception of another record crowd. More than 5,000 attended last year.

ARM BROKEN BY CRANK KICK

Roy Bailey, living north of Farmington, is laid up with a broken right arm, the result of a back fire when he attempted to crank his auto Monday evening. He was just preparing to leave the Fisher Body Works at Pontiac where he is employed, when the accident occurred.

FARMINGTON LADY INSTALLS OFFICERS OF DETROIT D. U. V.

On Thursday afternoon of last week Mrs. P. A. Glidden of Farmington conducted the ceremonies of installing the newly elected officers of Detroit order Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil war. In the evening she was the guest of Tent No. 3 at a very enjoyable meeting. The members of this order are composed of lineal descendants of veterans of the Civil war.

PRIZE APPLES TO BE SHOWN

Prie Michigan apples will be gathered together, at the M. A. C. the first week in February to compete in the various classes of the annual fruit and flower show which is promoted by the college student horticultural club as a feature of Farmers week.

Transforming the college armory into a veritable bazaar of fruit and flower, the horticulture show is always one of the most attractive of the many Farmers week exhibits.

All Michigan fruit growers are eligible to compete in the competitive events. There are eight classes, with a number of subdivisions under each, in which prizes are offered.

Entries close at noon on Monday, February 4, the first day of Farmers week, according to P. A. Kremmin, chairman of the student horticultural club committee in charge of fruit at the show. Premium lists may be had from him, and early shipment of fruit for the show will be kept in the M. A. C. cold storage plant.

Early entries indicate that the number of exhibits will be large this year, but committees in charge are still seeking more trays of apples in an effort to establish a record for the show.

STREET SPECIFICATIONS FOR SUBURBAN ROADS

Better city streets have taught vehicle users to demand better suburban roads. The requirements for the country road are not as drastic as for the street in the municipality, but they are much closer than they were ten or fifteen years ago.

For fast moving traffic city pavement must be smooth, not only to permit the rapid and comfortable movement of the vehicles but to conserve fuel and tires. A slight saving in the operating cost per vehicle reaches a large aggregate when the vast number of motor cars is considered which justifies a considerable outlay to obtain smoothness.

This factor gets bigger every year, in country road specifications. Impact attracts the attention of engineers to an increasing degree. A wheel with a drop of one inch when in motion delivers a blow equivalent to six times the dead weight. City engineers, therefore, attach increasing importance to the resiliency of pavements to take up the shock of impact.

County road engineers build more flexibly every year.

It is now almost impossible to close an important street to traffic for any time. The engineer must, therefore, select his type with ready repairs in mind. Even when possible to detour traffic the cost in extra fuel over a comparatively short space of time adds enormously to the cost of the pavement.

Quick repairability is now much considered in county road design.

HUNTER SHOT BY COMPANION

The remains of Frank Layman, aged 28, of Detroit, were taken to that city by J. J. Heene, undertaker, Sunday. Layman who was hunting Sunday in Livonia township was shot by one of his companions. With him at the time of the shooting were Leo Kakuski, Stanley Breeski, Paul Kakuski, and John Kolobich of Detroit. From evidence gathered it appears that Leo Kakuski did the shooting, which was an accident.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harger of Detroit spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Chamberlin and sister, Mrs. Nina Whipple and daughter Helen.

NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Farmington Methodist Church
S. D. Eva, Pastor

10:30 "Not Ashamed"
11:45 Sunday School
6:30 Epworth League

7:30 Story sermon, "White Waters."

Monday 8:00 p. m. Old fashion box social.

Wednesday 7:45 Mid-week service.

Thursday 6:30. Choir banquet.

Clarencville Community
M. E. Church

Rev. T. J. Gregg, Pastor.

10:30 "Defeated Oarsmen"
11:45 Sunday School

7:30 "Every Concern for Others."

First Baptist Church
C. W. Townsend, Minister.

10:30 Congregational worship

Sermon, "The Life that Speaks Louder than Words."

11:45 Church School. Adult lesson, "Moses Called to Deliver Israel."

6:30 P. P. U.

7:30 Popular Hour. Subject, "Militant Hymns," Processional and Antiphonal singing.

7:30 Wednesday—Neighborhood meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lewis, Six Mile road, one mile west of Farmington road.

Universalist Church
A. B. Beresford, Minister.

10:30 Worship and sermon. Dr. Beresford will preach. Subject, "The Persons whom Jesus Met—Judas Iscariot and the 30 Pieces of Silver—Was He Disciple or Devil?" Lesson for our day.

12:00 Noon Sunday School and Adult Bible class.

Evangelical Church
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor

10:15 Services in English. Examination of confirmants.

11:45 Sunday School.

Wednesday—Y. P. L. social.

EARLY HISTORY OF M. E. CHURCH

In 1825 First Methodist Preachers Here—Organization of Society Followed

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was born June 28, 1703, at Epworth, England. His father was a minister of the Church of England with a family of 19 children. In his infancy John had a narrow escape from being burned to death when the parsonage was burned by some of the parishioners in their rage against their pastor for the faithful reproving of their vices. He was a very diligent and successful student at Lincoln college, Oxford.

While there he was soundly converted and the religious history of his student life belongs to the early history of the Methodist church. Probably no man ever exerted so great an influence on the religious condition of the people of England as Wesley and this influence has extended to the most remote parts of the world.

It early found a foothold in the American colonies and under the leadership of men like Asbury and Coke rapidly found its way into the distant pioneer settlements of the frontier. In 1825 and 1826 Methodist preachers had visited Farmington and held meetings and preached at private houses.

In 1827 the Rev. John A. Baughman preached once in every six weeks at the home of Samuel Mayfield which stood somewhere near the home now occupied by Mr. Knight and family on Powers Ave. The first class or society was organized in 1829 with about twenty members. Its first leader was John Gould. Other members were John Thayer, William Mead, Carolyn Mead, Mrs. Mansfield, Seymour Newton and his wife and Matthew VanAmurgh. Their meetings were held in a log school house that stood near the residence, now occupied by Fred Daines on west Grand River avenue. After more than ten years of irregular gatherings it was resolved that a house of worship was indispensable and that such a one should be built. A lot was donated by Ebenezer Stewart. Material was procured and on the third and fourth days of July 1840 the frame was raised. Owing to the lack of funds the completion of the building was delayed and it was not until August, 1844 that the church was ready for occupancy. It was dedicated by the Rev. Oscar F. North and the Rev. James Watson. It cost about \$3,000. It was used as a church until Feb. 7, 1920 when it was destroyed by fire. The building was enlarged and its interior greatly improved in 1878 while the Rev. S. E. Warren was pastor. February 16, 1855 the society bought of E. G. Stevens a house and lot for a parsonage and it was used as such until Feb. 27, 1910 when it was sold to David Ross and wife, its present owners and occupants.

The old church was one of the landmarks of the town. Strongly and substantially built by Marvin Spencer its architect, it stood four square and braved the storms and gales for nearly 80 years. For many years the law of the church allowed a minister to fill a pulpit for only one year at a time. This was afterwards extended to two years. Now the time limit is removed entirely.

Space will not permit the naming of all the men that filled the pulpit of this church during its long history but among those that are still remembered are E. R. Hascell, W. Clack, F. W. Warren, W. C. Way, R. S. Pardington, W. Donnelly, John McIlwain, S. E. Warren, J. Balls, W. Hagerdome, W. C. MacIntosh, F. D. Ling, H. F. Shier, C. E. Allen, F. A. Armstrong, C. M. Merrill, C. Collins, G. E. Gulien and Simpson W. Homer. I think that without exception that these men were active, earnest and true to the trust as proclaimed by the Master. And it can be truly said that the remembrance of these devoted lives, their genial personality and their exhortation to high ideals remained long after they had departed.

Time, ever busy, has laid its heavy hand upon those that were wont to hear these men point the



JOHN FITZPATRICK

New cashier of the Peoples State Bank of Farmington will assume the duties January 21.

L.O.T.M. OFFICERS INITIATED

Tuesday evening January 15 the nineteen ladies were initiated as members of Farmington Lodge of Lady Macabees, the work being done by Good Cheer Hive No. 178 of New Hudson.

There were sixty-seven ladies present at the meeting, 40 from New Hudson, others from Detroit, Northville and Farmington. The manner in which the work was exemplified by the New Hudson ladies was a matter of much favorable comment by all who had the pleasure of witnessing it. Mrs. Mary Jones of Detroit, supervising deputy, was present and assisted in the work.

After the initiation ceremony and business of the Hive various ladies were called upon for remarks, the principal speaker being Mrs. Jones, who gave an interesting talk on the aims and purposes of the order.

An exhibition of drill work by the New Hudson guard was a pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment. A self serve lunch concluded the festivities of the occasion.

Miss Alice Nicholson is spending a couple of months with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gray, while her grandmother, Mrs. William Nicholson is in Baltimore, Md., with her daughter, Mrs. McGill.

BEAN GROWERS TO MEET

All who are interested in beans are invited to attend a mass meeting at Owens Armory on January 18th, at 10:30 a. m. to hear Mr. R. L. Churchill of Oxnard, California, manager of the California Bean Growers association, discuss the situation as to marketing, advertising, etc., and to assist in such preliminary action as may be deemed expedient in the interests of this important Michigan industry.

way to the things that endure. A faithful study band were the pioneer Methodists of Farmington. Religion with them was one of the great things in their life. Their beliefs were positive and settled. Who that has seen them at worship and heard their fervent "amen's" to some impassioned utterance of the preacher can doubt the faith and piety of men like Joseph Horton, W. S. Beach, Garduis Webster, M. A. White, Thomas McGee, John Thayer, Isaiah Ward, Wheeler Smith, Nicholas Gates and many other men and women who at different times were members of the old church. The Bible to them was the inspired word of God and the rule and guide of their faith. They believed that Christ in His talk with Nicodemus told of a great and vital change that was necessary to the salvation of one's soul. Strong was their belief in future rewards and punishments. They were a part of God's unchanging plan for men. If the former were to die for eternal the judge of those that believed, why should not the punishment of the unrepentant and the unrighteous be eternal also?

THE HIGH SCHOOL TATTLER

The staff for the month of January is as follows:

Editor—Elizabeth Clark.

News—Mrs. Tredway.

Society—Clara Ribe.

Athletics—John Veitch.

Business Manager—Mabel Mahoney.

Christmas is over and school has begun. By this time our large dinners are thoroughly digested, and we are again settling down to work. We found it necessary to clean the cobwebs from our brains, quit yawning and concentrating, but it is such an effort to get started. We hope to make our work in all things better during the coming year.

—Editor.

Current Events
Frances Brown, the elated junior, has a new coat the color of her name.

Helen Pauline is endeavoring to become stoop-shouldered by wearing a double string of red wooden beads about her neck.

Harold Turner is as proud as a peacock with his long trousers that Santa Claus brought him.

The Christmas season did not affect Miss Knapp. She is as jolly as ever.

160 MILES OF GRAVEL ROADS

Proposition Before Supervisors to Construct New Roads to Cost \$1,440,000.00

A secondary road program covering road construction in every township in the county and estimated to cost \$1,440,000 was introduced at Saturday's session of the board of supervisors by H. C. Hillman, chairman of the county road committee. It calls for the construction of 160 miles of gravel roads, varying from two miles in Milford township to 13 miles in Troy.

Mr. Hillman said it was the purpose of the report to outline a definite program of road construction which would further augment the county's 500 miles of improved road now completed, and which would connect up many highways and sections of the county which are not now on or near an improved road. He said the cost would be spread over the entire county and would be raised by mill tax instead of by bonding, the construction being spread over a period of years. Construction work could not be undertaken before another year because this year's tax of a mill and a half is to be spent on main trunk highways. A map showing the locations of the miles of gravel road it is proposed to include in the secondary system was prepared by county road engineers and is one the road commission and road committee of the supervisors have had under consideration for several months. Last year the county completed all the roads originally laid out under the million dollar bond issue voted several years ago for gravel highways, leaving the county without any further building program except that called for by Covert petitions and the maintenance work made necessary by the large road system already in existence. The secondary program is intended to provide work for the future as fast as the money can be made available.

Supervisor A. W. Spencer, connected with the county road department has prepared a report showing the location and mileage of the proposed roads, estimated costs and amounts each township and city would pay toward construction, based on the ratio of assessment determined by the tax commission's recent valuation.

Under the plan Farmington township will secure 2 1/2 miles of road, to cost \$22,500 and will be called upon to pay \$41,875.20 of its share of the total cost of the proposed roads. In the county Novl will get 3 miles of roads costing \$72,000 and will pay \$20,000 toward the total expense. Commerce will get 2 miles of road costing \$18,000 and will pay \$15,003.36. West Bloomfield will get 7 miles of road costing \$69,000 and will pay as its share of the total cost \$31,809.76.

LATHRUP DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS

John W. Lathrup, Farmington farmer, against whom a suit for divorce by his wife of six months is pending in Wayne circuit court, petitioned the court Monday to lift an injunction against his property; to the extent of \$12,000 which he asserts he needs for taxes and repairs to his buildings.

Lathrup said his wife and her mother hounded him into the marriage. Before they were married, he said, his bride-to-be, on one occasion, chased him through his apple orchard, finally cornering him and smothering him with kisses.

An injunction was issued restraining Lathrup from disposing of his property. The Security Trust Co. was appointed trustee. The petition filed Monday requests that the Security Trust Co. be ordered to pay him \$12,000. In the petition, Lathrup said he had little ready cash when his wife filed her suit. She was awarded temporary alimony of \$100 a month. Lathrup says he all day has given her \$500 for expenses.

The petition will be heard in the form of a motion by Judge Adolph F. Marschner this week Saturday.

ARTHUR SCHROEDER

Arthur Schroeder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schroeder, passed away at Harper hospital Thursday morning at the age of 26 years. Mr. Schroeder was taken to the hospital about a week ago for an operation and it was thought up until Wednesday that he was getting along nicely, when he was taken worse and death came at 4:25 o'clock Thursday morning. Arrangements have not been made for the funeral services as we go to press.

SILKINS—NEILSON

On Tuesday evening of this week Miss Valborg Neilson was united in marriage to Harlan Silkis at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Neilson, south-west of Farmington, the Rev. McRea of Northville, officiating. Leone McKeldir, bridesmaid and Everett McKean, groomsmen were the signatory witnesses. The ceremony took place in the presence of a number of relatives and friends at 6:30 and was followed by a wedding dinner. The young couple will make their home on a farm near Leslie.

News

Kindergarten—

The attendance of pupils in the kindergarten at the beginning of the new year was about half of the regular attendance.

Last week for language they told what they received for Christmas.

The pupils have been making paper furniture. A boy and girl have finished attractive living room sets. Each set consisted of chairs, lamp, piano and bench.

Another girl made a bed room suite; while others made new covers for the flower pots.

The pupils are doing good written work.

Books which were received by the pupils for Christmas have been brought to school and are now being read to them.

First Grade—

Class C has begun work in the primer.

Class A in numbers is able to write to 100 with a help, and are now learning numbers beyond that.

The children are learning the poem "Wynkin, Blynkin and Nod." All pupils except those that have been ill with the mumps are back to school.

Third Grade—

The third grade for geography is studying all about the manufacturing of rubber.

Charlotte Lester has been enrolled as a pupil in the third grade. They are studying the fundamentals of music.

Harold Ross has broken his arm.

Marcella Shepoff is leaving the third grade.

Fourth Grade—

The fourth grade geography class was studying about the Vikings.

In language they are taking up the study of the picture, "Miss Bowles," by writing stories of it, and the life of the painter.

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