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RECORD CROWD GATHERS AT M. A. C.

Official Estimates Show Attendance of Six to Seven Thousand at Aug. 1 Conference

The largest crowd of farm people that ever gathered for a single meeting of its kind in the history of Michigan agriculture attended the seventh annual summer Farmers day at M. A. C. on August 1st.

Official attendance figures given out by E. B. Hill, chairman of the college farm day committee, placed the crowd at 6,000, admittedly conservative estimate. Other estimates made by officials and visitors ran up to 8,000 and even 10,000.

After inspection of the college farm and experimental plots in the morning and a general visit to the buildings and barns, the crowd gathered under the caprus trees for a basket picnic lunch at noon. Neighborhood and county groups from all sections of the state were in attendance during the luncheon hour.

Following inspection of the specially prepared agricultural exhibits, the crowd gathered in the afternoon for the big afternoon conference. A special system of amplifiers carried the speakers' voices to all corners of the assembly, which spread out on the slope of the campus near the home economics building.

G. L. Christie, of Purdue University; H. T. Horner, of the M. A. C. economics department; and A. M. Brown, of Schoolcraft, former secretary of the college, were the principal speakers. A special livestock "style review" of college animals featured the meeting, which was presided over by acting-president Robert S. Shaw, dean of agriculture at M. A. C.

WORD FROM MR. AND MRS. EDWARD FARMER

Mrs. A. J. Dodds received an interesting letter from Mrs. Edward Farmer now pleasantly located at Santa Ana, California. The following excerpts from it will no doubt be of interest to Mr. and Mrs. Farmer's many friends here: "Don't lose your balance when you get this. I really feel guilty and Ed just comb me good for not having written. He just informed me I was to write today without fail so here 'I' is."

We have bought us a place and hope to move in tomorrow. Our new address is 715 W. Pine street so don't forget it. We are all fine and dandy but busy. Have had so much company. It seems we have always been here.

We have been taking Mountain camp trips, beach and swimming parties. I can swim pretty good now. We are invited to one this week-end and another next week. We want to go to San Diego, Coronado Beach and Tia Juana Old Mex. Labor day Ed will have two and a half days off.

We sure like California. The girls both passed at school. Edine is very good in school. So is Fern. She is in the A-1st grade now and very proud of herself. We want to start them in music soon.

We have nine hens and haven't had to buy an egg for more than three months. Get five and six every day. Ed loves those old hens nearly as much as he does me.

We took a trip out to Madame Modjeska's home. It sure beautiful. We also want to go to San Juan Capistrano soon and go through the "Old Mission."

A number of Girl Scouts chaperoned by their captain, Mrs. John Strickland, left Tuesday morning by boat for a week at the Detroit Girl Scout camp near Port Huron.

DAUGHTER ASSAULTS FATHER IN COURT ROOM

Spectators in circuit court at Pontiac Monday afternoon were given a sensation at the conclusion of a hearing of a petition by Lafayette C. Hall for permission to have his 13-year-old son with him for two weeks this summer. The petition was opposed by Mrs. Hall and her 22-year-old daughter in court. At the conclusion of the court's findings, granting the petition, Hall greeted his daughter in passing out of the court room with a resounding blow on her father's head with a large vanity case she carried. The court gave the mother a lecture for permitting such an attitude toward the father.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

After visiting the exhibit of the handbook of "37 varieties" made by the pupils of the vacation school a fine audience gathered in the town hall to see and hear the commencement program of the school.

With the confidence of four solid weeks of pleasant work in memory work, and in anticipation of receiving the various articles, more joyous than the festivities of a Christmas tree, the boys and girls entered heartily into reproducing the memory work in bible verses and songs. The gist of the sermon on the Mount was repeated in concert. They sang with the sweetness and fervor of the pupils of the vacation school. The songs were of different types: "Royal Banner," "Tread Softly," "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us," "We Plead the Fields and Scatter," "The Whole World," "Never Mind the Weather," "His Eye is on the Sparrow," (Solo part by Lena Shepho); and "Sailing Home."

George Grimme told the "Story of the Prodigal Son," from memory, without skipping a cog, while his 12 assistants carried the 12 placards bearing the 12 keywords, each beginning with the letter "R," and displayed to the audience as each step of the novelties of which was announced as the story progressed.

Perhaps the most pleasing feature was the sacred play, "The Story of Ruth." The dozen or so participants had been well trained by Miss Kingsley.

Scene 1 represented the high-way conversation between Naomi and her two daughters-in-law, Ruth and Orpah. Orpah finally yields to Naomi's entreaty to return to her people but Ruth persists and goes with Naomi.

Scene 2. While the original field of Boaz was of barley there was real rye on the stage which was brought in this harvest scene. Chorus girls sang "Fad and near the Fields are Teeming," and the "harvest hands" cut the grain with sickles.

Scene 3 is laid at the gate of the city where citizens witness the transfer of Naomi's land, and with it Ruth to Boaz. The passing of the sandal between the purchase was an interesting feature showing the ancient way of recording a deed. The leading parts were Ruth and Boaz, taken by Viola Lamb and George Grimme, respectively.

A FLYING CAMPAIGN

W. W. Potter will make the most "high flying" campaign of the candidates for governor if he accepts the offer of his son, Phillip, a lieutenant in the aviation corps at Chanute field. Young Potter is on leave and has offered to secure a plane to take his father to various points in the state.

EAST NOVI SCHOOL REUNION

It is planned to have a reunion of the former pupils of the East Novi school on Saturday, August 16, in West's woods. All who have ever attended school there please take this as an invitation to come. Bring something for a pot-luck dinner and silverware for your acquaintance. Come and renew old acquaintances.

—By Order of Committee.

NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Farmington Methodist Church
S. D. Eva, Pastor

10:30 Morning service. Dr. Peter F. Stair will deliver the sermon.
11:45 Sunday School. Miss Emily Butterfield, Sup't.
8:00 Evening service conducted by Miss Florence Roos, E. W. Roos and Miss Emily Butterfield.
8:00 Mid-week service, Mrs. H. E. Boice, leader.

Clarenceville Community
M. E. Church
Mrs. Gregg in Charge.

10:30 Morning service.
11:45 Sunday School.
8:00 Evening service.

First Baptist Church
C. W. Townsend, Minister.

10:15 Church School.
11:05 Worship. Sermon.
6:30 B. Y. P. U.
7:30 Worship. Sermon.

Evangelical Church
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor
10:15 Services in German.
11:45 Sunday School.
Friday Choir rehearsal.

NOVEL FEATURES FOR GALA DAY

Groves-Walker Post American Legion Completing Program for Third Annual

The American Legion boys are making fine progress with arrangements for their third annual Gala Day, Labor Day, Sept. 1. The full program has, with the exception of a few final touches, been decided upon and will soon be given out. It is replete with new and novel events. Two ball games will be put on, one in forenoon and one in the afternoon. The contestants will be announced later.

Quilt-pitching now being quite popular in this locality with quite a number of expert tossers of the ring showing up, it has been decided to put in a tournament. Entries are being received from surrounding towns where the game is popular.

Several vaudeville acts have been booked for free out-door entertainment. These are among the best now before the public and are all professional, promising a class of entertainment superior to that usually given on such occasions. These alone will be well worth coming to see.

Amusement for the kiddies has not been overlooked. The merry-go-round will be one of the several attractions for them. Daylight bicyclists will be one of the novelties of which many are fond. The Romeo band, which pleased the crowds, so well during the Centennial celebration here in June, has been engaged for the day and will give a series of concerts. There will be a big pavement dance in the evening.

Through its officers, Groves-Walker Post American Legion, wishes to announce that there will be no sale of tickets for an auto drawing this year, it having been decided to eliminate this feature because of the time and work it entailed. They believe their friends will appreciate not being solicited for purchase of tickets this year.

The committee on programs has a few surprises in store.

OAKLAND COUNTY FAIR OPENS NEXT WEEK

The forty-fourth annual Oakland county fair opens at Milford next Wednesday morning and continues through to Saturday night. The number and character of amusements and sports to be offered are numerous and many heretofore presented is the claim of the management. The entries of stock and poultry are large and space for exhibits in the various departments is in good demand.

For the first time this year will be on a higher plane than ever before. The purses are the largest ever offered by the association, and have attracted horses from all sections of Michigan. The purses are \$500 for each class.

A championship ball game for a cash prize of \$400 will also be a feature. The first game will be on Wednesday, August 13, when Royal Oak and Northville will compete. On Thursday, Holly and Pontiac will play, and on Friday the two winners will meet to decide the championship.

An added feature will be the horse show staged by Detroit, Pontiac and Oakland county clubs, which will offer rare sport. Thoroughbreds from Grosse Pointe, Wayne, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington and other points are entered in the various events. This show will take place Saturday afternoon. The prizes will be silver trophies, saddles and ribbons.

The free attractions are high class and will be seen both afternoon and evening.

The fireworks display promises to be the best ever presented in this section of the state, and will be shown on Thursday, Friday and Saturday night.

Ample parking space will be afforded autoists, with the grounds well policed.

COUNTY CAMP FOR GIRLS

The fourth annual summer camp for girls, known as Camp Midville, will be held at Elizabeth Lake from August 20 to August 30. The camp is sponsored by the Oakland Y. M. C. A. and the home department of the Oakland county Y. W. C. A. Girls interested in the camp may obtain information by getting in touch with the bureau office in the postoffice building at Pontiac. The camp program this year will include bible study, nature study, the study of nutrition, clothing, handicraft, as well as the usual camp activities.

STATEMENT REGARDING THE FARMINGTON VACATION SCHOOL

We desire to thank the local school board for the use of the high school assembly room, and rooms in the grade building during the four week session of the community daily vacation bible school; also the town board for the use of the town hall for commencement program, and the Masquas for dining room space and tables upon which to set up exhibits of handwork.

The following persons rendered valuable service in the school: Mrs. Whipple, Mrs. Minnie Wilber, Mrs. Pierson, Miss Bruder, Miss Ernestine Pierce, Mrs. L. Cook, Mrs. Martha Warner, Miss Warrington, Mr. A. C. Leonard, Miss Glidden, Miss Ida Steele, Miss Goers, Miss Westfall, Miss Clara Kraack, Miss Mildred Sherman, Miss Gladys Livernols, Mrs. Roos, Mrs. Margaret Kreager, Miss Esther Middlewood, Miss Helen Steele, Miss Grace Chamberlain, Miss Bishop, Mrs. Osmus, Miss Alma Weston, Miss Ruth Schroeder, Miss Kingsley, Rev. John Bollens and C. W. Townsend.

The expense of the school, including materials, janitor service and incidentals, totaled \$76.29. It was agreed before the school began that this expense should be apportioned to the four co-operating churches according to designated denominational preference, made by the pupils at the time of enrollment, pooling those not affiliated with any of the four churches.

The four Friday missionary offerings, aggregating \$9.00, goes to the International D. V. B. S. association for the purpose of helping to establish vacation schools in new and needy places next year.

The executive committee decided that the Sunday night offering, at the commencement, should be divided equally between the four co-operating churches. This offering amounted to \$11.80.

A number of pieces of unclaimed handwork may be had by the makers for the asking at the home of Rev. C. W. Townsend, 24 Grand River avenue, west end. Also ask for the fourth week's perfect attendance star card. There is a little material left over, and persons desiring to construct articles for themselves may have portions while it lasts.

We congratulate the pupils upon the successful completion of the four weeks course—18 present every day. The pupils are memorizing of eight sacred songs and 20 selected passages from the Sermon on the Mount, etc.

For cooperation in making the special days a success, i. e., pictures, parades, floral decorations, game and last day outdoor lunch, etc. For earnest efforts in producing a large variety of neat handwork. For the fine commencement program, one hundred and thirty dramatization of the bible story of Ruth, under the direction of Miss Kingsley.

Executive Committee:
Mrs. F. L. Cook, Chairman.
J. Bollens, Secretary.
Mrs. Elmer Weston.
Ida Steele.

EXCHANGE CLUB NOTES

The members of the Exchange club were pleasantly entertained at their Monday luncheon by several musical selections by Joe Horak, president of the Exchange Club of Pontiac, and Harry Quayle, director of music in the Pontiac schools. Mr. Horak gave a short talk on "Service."

Some of the members of the club, with their families, will attend the picnic at Walled Lake next Thursday, sponsored by the Exchange Club of Redford.

STOP SIGNS FURNISHED BY COUNTY AUTO CLUB

A representative of the Oakland County Automobile Club was in Farmington last week for a talk with our citizens in regard to the work the club is doing throughout the county and soliciting application for membership by those owning automobiles. Horak gave a talk on "Service."

Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Kleinshmitt and two daughters of Oshkosh, Wis., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Morris.

FOURTEEN MILLION VALUATION BOOST

Oakland County with Eight Others Stands a Half Billion Dollar Increase in Valuation

With eight other of the industrial counties of the state, Oakland county is scheduled for an increase in valuation in the report of the state tax commission made yesterday, says the Pontiac Press of Tuesday. The commission will recommend to the state board of equalization when that body meets August 15 that Oakland county's valuation be placed at \$21,325,000. A year ago the state board equalized the county at \$207,024,000 but when the state tax commission was called into the county in October, when several supervisors complained about the valuation given them by the county equalization committee, the valuation was increased to \$213,901,682.

While the county's valuation is increased by more than \$14,000,000, its percentage of the total state tax is slightly lower than last year. Wayne county, under the new valuation, must pay a 4.4 larger proportion than last year. The county's valuation, as reported by the tax commission, is subject to change when the state board of equalization meets and at that time there will undoubtedly be a protest registered by Oakland county citizens and taxpayers.

The board of supervisors met in June and equalized the county at \$189,139,231 which was over \$40,000,000 higher than it had ever been before.

Michigan's agricultural counties in general were given a slightly smaller proportion of the taxes of the state to pay if the valuations recommended by the tax commission are approved by the state board of equalization. (The commission recommends that the valuation of the state be placed at \$7,007,517,000 which is an increase of a half billion dollars, \$497,977,000, to be exact, more than the valuation of a year ago.)

All the increases in valuation, however, fall upon nine counties, Barry, Dickinson, Genesee, Ingham, Kent, Macomb, Muskegon, Oakland and Wayne. Of these counties, Dickinson has practically the same proportion of the taxes paid last year to pay on the present valuation. Ingham has the same, while Wayne pays a per cent larger proportion than last year. All the other counties are listed at a slightly smaller proportion.

ELY REUNION

About forty were present at the Ely family reunion held at "Gray Gables," Walled Lake, Sunday, August 3rd. A sumptuous pot-luck dinner was served at noon which was followed by a business meeting presided over by the president, Mrs. Martha Hutton of Ypsilanti.

Officers elected for the coming year were: President, Mrs. Martha Hutton of Ypsilanti; vice-president, Mrs. Dan Burt of Detroit; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Ralph Hogle of Farmington. Guests were present from Detroit, Ypsilanti, Northville and Farmington. Word was received from Mr. Lloyd Myers, who has been ill for some time with pernicious anemia in a sanitarium at Bowling Green, Ohio, that he is improving and able to ride out. A communication from Mrs. Minnie Paulger stated her condition about the same. Mrs. Paulger resides with her daughter in Bay City.

DISCOURAGING FOR MICHIGAN BOOTLEGGERS

The river patrol on the Detroit river, maintained by the Michigan State Police under the command of Lieut. Laurence A. Lyon, seized 26,880 pints and 90 quater pints of beer during the month of June, in addition to 768 quarts of whiskey, 216 quarts of gin, 192 quarts of rum, eight quarts of one automobile. There were five arrests for violation of the prohibition law and four for the violation of the immigration laws. Three persons were released from detention during storming and one body was recovered after drowning. Most of the river patrol are living on the yacht Alladin, purchased by the state for river patrol duty. Besides the large capture, a great deal was thrown overboard by smugglers, pursued by police vessels. In some cases the crews of pursued vessels got rid of the entire cargoes before being overhauled.—State Trooper.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McDonald, Sunday, a baby girl.

OAKLAND WEEKLIES FORM PRESS ASS'N

An institution that promises to have a far-reaching effect upon the affairs of Oakland county is being created in Birmingham last Saturday afternoon, August 2, when eleven publishers of as many weekly newspapers met and formed the Oakland County Weekly Press Association.

Floyd J. Miller, editor of the Royal Oak Tribune, was elected president; Joe Haas, of the Holly Herald, vice-president; George R. Ayerill, of the Birmingham Eccentric, secretary-treasurer. At the next meeting, to be held in Royal Oak on August 28, members of the executive committee will be elected, and plans for the winter fully outlined.

Feeling the need of an organized effort on the part of the weekly newspapers of Oakland county to properly handle various matters relating to each individual newspaper's territory or affairs of general county interest, each of the publishers present at the meeting pledged himself to lend his support to the functioning of the new organization. The chief object of the Oakland County Weekly Press association will be to promote the interest of the weekly press and bring about the adoption of better business methods by the county publishers; to enlarge the usefulness of the Oakland county weekly newspapers; to cultivate friendly relations and a spirit of fraternal regard among its members, and to place the ethics of the profession upon a higher plane.

Although George Williams, owner of the Ferndale Enterprise, was unable to be in attendance at the meeting August 2, he has signified his desire to join the organization, thus assuring a 100 per cent membership of the weekly newspapers in Oakland county. The following publishers were present at the first meeting: Floyd J. Miller, Royal Oak Tribune; George R. Ayerill, Birmingham Eccentric; Joe Haas, Holly Herald; Charles Seed and son E. M. Seed, Rochester Clarion; G. S. Rowe, Milford Times; W. N. Miller, Farmington Enterprise; L. E. Smith, South Lyon Herald; Fred Patterson, Holly Herald; W. A. Fox, Rochester Era; Henry Congdon, Oxford Leader, and George Neal, Orion Review.

JAMES ARTHUR BURKE

(An Interurban episode)

James Arthur Burke is twelve years old. He is normal, a charming unspoiled child, a quiver little chatter in his quiet voice when he speaks of his sickly father, and of family troubles.

The sorrow and sadness which came into his young life fairly grips your heart as he tells of folding the sordid tale with a natural grace of gesture that in a finished actor would be a rare accomplishment.

Some say that suffering endured and bravely bearing sorrow is the true mold of manly men and of women to angels akin. Perhaps 'tis so in Heaven's scheme of things but pity 'tis that one so young and sunny as this little boy should know the stark reality of loneliness without mothering; should even on one dark night cry himself to sleep upon his soiled pillow for lack and need of mother love.

Yet James Arthur Burke is self-reliant self-contained; and he told of daily routine in his role of cook and housekeeper, and comforter to his afflicted father, with never a voiced thought that perhaps fate has cast him in a heavy part; no complaint that he has not the play time leisure of other little boys.

Six months have slipped by since I talked with him that pleasant morning on the Detroit bound car.

Carelessly I have lost track of him and no one I have asked around Farmington seems to know his present whereabouts.

Somewhat I want to see him again, to shake his pudgy little hand and to hear again his rosy plans for the future.

I sincerely trust some one of The Enterprise readers knows where he is and will tell me where to find him.

BEN C. HUGHES.

SWITZER ROAD TO BE PAVED

That part of Elm road, known as the Switzer road which is in Wayne county is being made ready for a concrete pavement. Grading and building of bridges are now under way. The pavement will be a continuation of the Belt road pavement now in will, when completed, extend as far north as the Seven Mile road. The road intersects Grand River at Farmington's eastern limits.