

## WEST POINT PARK

Mrs. William Zwahlen

The bean guessing contest sponsored by the Intermediate Girls Sunday School class was won by Mrs. Reed. There were 1304 beans in the jar and Mrs. Reed guessed 1333.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ogilvie of Detroit were luncheon guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owen.

There will be a mock trial on May 5th at the community hall, the proceeds to go to the welfare.

Edwin Johnson, principal of Pierson school, was the Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Addis. Mr. Johnson left Tuesday for his home in Grand Rapids for the remainder of his Easter vacation.

The Ladies Community Club will give a pedro and dancing party Saturday evening in the Community Hall.

Miss Jean Addis is the guest this week of her aunt Mrs. Guard Parks in Detroit.

The Ladies Association of West Point Park church will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 27th, at the home of Mrs. Clyde McDermott.

Mr. and Mrs. Marquette Shoman, Mrs. L. E. Gilbert Sr., Miss Rowena Shoman and Miss Edith Spindelman of Detroit were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. James Eastman were dinner guests Monday of Mrs. Ida Steele in Farmington. Alfred Berchem attended the funeral Tuesday of his grandson Richard Berchem in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. James Eastman

were guests Sunday of the latter's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thayer in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. William Zwahlen were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph K. Smith of Rosedale Park, Detroit.

Mrs. Frank Stanton and children of Lincoln Park were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Coolman.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Middlewood and son Howard Jr., of Detroit were Sunday dinner guests of the former's mother Mrs. Ethel Middlewood.

## EARLY SEEDING AIDS STANDS OF ALFALFA

Seeding alfalfa at the proper time does not cost an extra nickel and may mean the difference between a good stand and a poor one, according to members of the farm crops department at Michigan State College.

Alfalfa seeded before June 10 and planted without a nurse crop has the best chance of developing a root system which will carry most of the plants through the first trying winter.

## CANARY AND BLACK

Lansing—The 1934 motor vehicle license plates will have black block numerals on a canary yellow background, it was announced by Secretary of State Frank D. Fitzgerald. The year and the word MICHIGAN will be at the top of the plate. In order to prevent the counterfeiting and repainting of plates of previous years the year will be divided so that the top line of the plate will read "19 MICHIGAN 34."

## WILL ROGERS, JANET GAYNOR AT GREAT LAKES, SUNDAY, MONDAY AND TUESDAY

### CHARACTERS IN "STATE FAIR" ALL AUTHENTIC

Truth aids fiction in "State Fair," the prize novel by Phil Strong on which Fox Film's all-star picture of the same name is based.

The story concerns the loves and adventures of four members of a farm family at a Midwest state fair, and Strong is intimately with his characters and locale. He was raised in a rural community such as he describes in his book and as a newspaper reporter "covered" many state fairs.

With one exception, the characters played in Fox picture by Janet Gaynor, Will Rogers, Lew Ayres, Sally Eilers, Norman Foster, Frank Craven, Louise Dresser and Victor Jory are fictional but they represent authentic types. The exception is the country storekeeper portrayed by Craven. That storekeeper in real life is E. L. Strong, the author's uncle and the proprietor of a rural general merchandising establishment.

"State Fair" comes to the Great Lakes Theatre on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.



WILL ROGERS

## TESTING SEED CORN LOWERS CROP COSTS

One way of cutting the costs of producing a corn crop is to make certain that the seed to be sown is free from disease and is tested to prove how well it will germinate, according to the farm crops department at Michigan State College.

Seed ears which have hollow cobs, pink or discolored butts, or which have kernels that are cracked, cankered, or grey should be discarded. Injuries to the ear by freezing are indicated by blisters on the seed coat of the kernel, by cracks in the hard starch of the kernel, or by a dark brown germ. Ears showing these defects should be thrown out.

## NOVI NEWS

Mrs. J. O. Munro

Walter Nash is visiting relatives at Woodstock, Ontario.

James Beatty and family are moving from the place known as Beede Munro on Taft road to Dr. Holcomb's house on Walled Lake Road.

John Gotro and family expect to move in to the place vacated by James Beatty.

The Bob-o-Link Golf Club expects to open up next week for the season.

Miss Madelin Thornton of East Lansing spent the week end at the J. O. Munro home.

Miss Ruth Gotro is helping at Dr. Willis' in Northville.

Miss Jennie Olds is caring for Mrs. L. L. Evans in Northville.

M. D. McGregor was an Easter Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Adams on Seven-Mile Road.

Miss Camilla Risner is visiting in Royal Oak for a few weeks.

Mr. Guy Taylor, Mrs. Hattie Gier and son Irving of Newburg spent Sunday afternoon at the home of J. O. Munro.

## Novi School News

Last Thursday the Board of Education replaced some of the young trees that had been set out but which failed to live and also several others. The biology class was much interested in the work which was done by Mr. Holmes. There was much speculation as to the identity of three different kinds of elms planted.

Because few pupils could attend church services Friday afternoon school was held as usual but at-

tention was given to the significance of the day by holding a short chapel. The purpose of the universal religious services was explained and that portion of the scripture which gives an account of the trial and crucifixion of Jesus was read.

An assembly program for May Day is being planned. All of the grades will be represented and the public is invited to attend. The program will begin at 2:30 o'clock.

The baseball team defeated the Wixom team at Wixom last Thursday by a score of 13-7. Gerald Trotter although lacking in control struck out twelve. Billy Hanson did some very good hitting, getting three hits in four times up. Lack of practice because of wet diamonds caused both teams to make many errors.

## WEST FARMINGTON

Mrs. Ervin Knapp 40-74

Leola See visited West Farmington school Thursday.

Westley Bachelor spent his week end with Mr. and Mrs. Starr Graham and family.

Starr Heliker took his daughter Vera and Westley Bachelor to Detroit Saturday to the Detroit News Building where they received their dictionary, a reward for their grade spelling contest.

Walled Lake school opened Monday after a week's vacation for Easter.

Starr Heliker spent last week with his cousin, William Knapp.

Mrs. L. W. Giegler of Hartland spent Friday and Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Charles Heliker.

Lyman Bush was cut about the eye in an auto accident at the intersection of 12-Mile and Halstead Road Friday afternoon.

Miss Ethel Graham, who has been helping Mrs. William Morris the past two weeks, took a position at Walled Lake Monday morning.

The North Farmington Auxiliary met at West Bloomfield Town Hall Tuesday.

Mrs. Henry Wedenstorer is visiting friends in Detroit this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Orland Gates of West Point Park are living with Mrs. Gate's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wedenstorer.

The grafting demonstration held at Howard McCracken's on Drake Road Friday afternoon was not very well attended on account of the rain.

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
In the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland in Case No. 12345  
JOHN W. PEACOCK, JR.,  
vs.  
MARIAN A. PEACOCK.

At a session of said Court held at Pontiac on March 1st, 1933.  
Present: Hon. Glenn C. Gillespie, Circuit Judge.

In this cause IT IS ORDERED that the Defendant enter her appearance within three months and that in default thereof the Bill of Complaint be taken as confessed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be served and published in accordance with the Michigan Statutes.

GLENN C. GILLESPIE,  
A True Copy,  
MARY COBB,  
Deputy Clerk.

April 12—May 25

Anderson, Wilcox, Lacy and Lawson, Attorneys, 1923 Buhl Bldg., Detroit, Michigan.

MORTGAGE SALE—Default having been made in the conditions of certain mortgage made by THEODORE DEGENHARDT and ANNE DEGENHARDT, his wife, of the City of Ferndale, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, to the AMERICAN STATE BANK OF HIGHLAND PARK, of the City of Highland Park, County of Wayne and State of Michigan, a banking corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan and having its principal place of business in the City of Highland Park, Michigan, dated the 16th day of August, A. D. 1922, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Oakland County, Michigan, on Page 432, on which mortgage there is due and unpaid at the date of this notice, including principal, taxes, abstract fee and interest, the sum of THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED ELEVEN AND 11/100 (\$3911.11) Dollars, and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the mortgage or any part thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage contained and of the statute of the State of Michigan, the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on Wednesday, the 26th day of July, A. D. 1933, at twelve o'clock noon, Eastern Standard Time, at the Eastern or Saginaw Street entrance to the Oakland County Building in the City of Pontiac, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan (that being the building wherein the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held) the premises described in said mortgage, or sufficient thereof to satisfy said indebtedness with seven per cent (7%) interest and all legal costs allowed by law and provided for in said mortgage, including attorneys' fees, the following described premises situated in the Village of Ferndale, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan:

WEST THIRTY THREE AND ONE THIRD FEET of the easterly sixty six and two thirds (66 2/3) feet of lot one hundred sixty five (165) Little Farms Subdivision of part of the north one half of section thirty four (34) Royal Oak, Oakland County, Michigan, according to the plat recorded April 22, 1912, Liber 7 page 59 Oakland County Records, together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereof.

Dated: March 25th, 1933.  
MICHIGAN STATE BANK,  
Assignee of Mortgage,  
ANDERSON, WILCOX, LACY  
AND LAWSON,  
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage.

April 12—May 4.

## THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES  
2000 SECOND AVENUE

DETROIT, MICHIGAN  
April 17, 1933

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY  
in 29 cities, 58 villages and 130 townships

This is the third of these letters about your electric service. Hard times out queer capers with our business of furnishing electricity. Our sales are 'way under the good years, and what we do sell nowadays means a lot of grief in the matter of collections. With many thousand customers paying their bills in installments and many unable to pay at all, the work of our Collection Department, Cash Department, and Sales Department has grown to fantastic proportions. People are moving more often and there are more records to be kept. Partial payments mean more bookkeeping and thousands of duplicate bills to be furnished. All this throws extra work, extra expense, and extra responsibility upon us—while the money coming in has been steadily less.

Our business has to be done on credit. It cannot be done cash and carry. We are entitled to ask for guarantees or deposits to secure payment of our bills. We seldom do so when a customer is well spoken of. Just now with 525,000 accounts we have only 28,200 deposits and very few guarantees! Most people pay us. Some don't. We are entitled to cut off service if people don't pay promptly. But these days there are too many people out of luck, and we have 106,600 customers for whose payments we are waiting. They pay a little at a time, when they can. But there are also those who don't pay. The chronic debt dodgers are not so many but each of them is a lot of trouble. They do not pay until their light is to be cut off. They make promises they do not keep and never meant to keep. We would get peeved at them if we were not a soulless corporation. Any of you would feel imposed upon if you found your debtor, who had promised to pay, giving a party to his friends—and giving you a stand-off. Now about bad debts. You all have them. So do we. In an ordinary year they don't amount to much—they are only bankrupts or people leaving town without paying. But look how they have been growing! In 1928, our losses on bad debts amounted to \$207,400; in 1929, \$163,900; in 1930, \$369,400; in 1931, \$485,100; in 1932, \$601,100. We don't know what they will be in 1933 and our guess is not a source of happiness.

The next letter in this series will appear in this paper next week.

Chas. Dowd  
President