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## Editorials

### Raides On The Orchards

Fruit-growers and other farmers of this area have been hard put to defend their fields and orchards from marauders every summer day for the past few years, and especially on Sundays. On the Sabbath they have spent long mornings and afternoons guarding the products of their land and labor from unwelcome guests out of the city. Deputy Sheriffs, too, have been kept busy by the produce thieves. Often, despite the strictest vigilance, the farmers have found sizeable portions of their crop pilfered by the visitors.

The climax, however, would seem to have been reached in the stabling last week of a man defending his rights of property, by orchard raiders. Had the attack been turned around, and the thieves injured by the property-defender, it would still have been a more justifiable situation, although violence at any time is to be avoided. But the situation is surely little less than desperate when an attack of this kind occurs in broad daylight in a thickly-settled farming section.

Part of it may, of course, be blamed on the depression, although it is a well-known fact that apple-stealing was in vogue long before hard times came upon us. For some reason or other, people riding along and viewing enticing fruit or vegetables seem to regard it as the common right to dash in and steal whatever they can carry off. It never seems to occur to them that it is someone's private property and stock-in-trade, no different from a merchant's shoes or hats. Perhaps it is a hang-over from boyhood melon "conning" days; when every boy who was a real man, sneaked out each night and joined the gang that went out to some attractive patch, slipping through the cornfield and dashing over to the luscious fruit, grabbing two or three, and skipping back, to break them and eat them in some hide-away, entertaining the while visions of pirates of old.

Unfortunately, the thieving today is not confined to, or done principally by young folks, who will grow out of it. It is by adults, and it provides a serious problem for the farmers, and none too light a matter for society as a whole.

### The Donkey Or His Master?

A Farmington food-merchant relates a story that came to him from an official of one of the leading meat-packing houses in Detroit. This packing-house man described how, in compliance with the recent order of the federal agricultural administration, thousands of young pigs were put through the slaughter-house as part of the program to reduce the surplus of pork. "It was an awful sight to see," said the packing-house man. "Although it was done by Government order. The pigs were brought in in droves—we just slit their throats and dropped them through the trap to be made into soap or fertilizer, without even taking the hair off. And we had to do it knowing all the time that thousands of people are going hungry for lack of sufficient food in this country."

To this the Farmington man added his own comment: "The Government paid as high as nine cents a pound, live, for those young hogs, trying to raise the price artificially, and offering a bounty on hogs, to be killed so as to cut down production. The result will be that there will be more hogs raised next year than ever before."

The first protest that has lifted its head much above the ground is the outcry that has arisen over this wanton destruction of food in the midst of near starvation being suffered by many thousands. It is a protest, too, of substantial proportions, for there is something revolting about waste of Nature's products at any time, and in times like these it seems little short of criminal.

One is reminded of the story of the donkey down south. This donkey, so the newspapers reported not long ago, was owned by a cotton-grower who entered into the agreement to plough under his cotton in order to limit production. For years and years the mule had drawn the plough and cultivator in raising of the South's great crop. Now his owner took him into the field to plow the cotton under.

But the animal balked at this new unusual proceeding. The cotton had been planted—to walk in the rows now would destroy it. The donkey would not budge an inch through the field.

One wonders which had the most sense, the donkey or his master.

### Merry Eyes—And A Church

Former Mayor Wells D. Butterfield and Mrs. Butterfield, moving to Detroit, take with them the good wishes of every man, woman and child in Farmington and vicinity. The city's first mayor leaves behind such possibly transient things as the memory of a pair of eyes that always twinkled merrily behind his eye-glasses, accompanying a quick, ready smile—and leaves also such a permanent thing as the Methodist Church building of arresting beauty.

Serious in his eagerness for the advancement of the community, Butterfield nevertheless found in almost every situation and somewhere along the line a place for a merry quip and usually it broke out in the most unexpected manner on an occasion a few years ago when two were seated for a dinner. No one remembers what the occasion was, but it is recalled that Mayor Butterfield, completely (and although unintentionally) forgot to remove his glasses. He gently reminded the folks that he had a half long and a mile wide, and a fence around it. "Now it happened that at the time the property was claimed to

be worth a hundred thousand dollars or more, and there was powerful pressure for a determination of interests. The subject might have been considered taboo in a community gathering, attended by scores of citizens of both Township and City, but was not taboo for the Mayor. By his so evident example of friendliness and good humor, and his dry wit, he not only averted aggravating a sore spot but in making everybody laugh, accomplished a vast deal for good feeling. The object of the gathering is now forgotten, just as it was totally ignored in the days that followed, while Township and City people alike chuckled over what the Mayor had told both them and "made them like it."

If no town in Michigan has ever had a mayor who more sincerely desired his community's welfare, also no town has a finer building to be proud of than the church which Mr. Butterfield and his daughter designed. In many parts of the State Farmington is known as, "Oh, yes, the town that has that beautiful brick church on Grand River." So many times has its grace and beauty been remarked upon, and so numerous have been the tributes paid the architects, that nothing can be added for those who have seen the structure and appreciated its qualities. Builder of dozens of churches throughout the State, it is fitting that Mr. Butterfield should leave as his masterpiece the one in the town which he loved and which delighted to honor him.

To which the mayor, with a roguish gleam in those merry eyes of his, would probably answer, "Oh Pshaw, there isn't a word of it that's true."

## CHURCHES

### Our Lady of Sorrows Church

Rev. John J. Larkin, Pastor

Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m.

10:30 a. m. and 12:00 noon.

Benediction after 10:30 mass.

Daily masses at 7:30 a. m. and

8:00 a. m.

### Baptist Church

Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10-10 Prayer Period.

10-30 Morning service. Sermon

subject: "Hitting on All Six."

This will be the second sermon of

a series.

11-45 Bible School with classes

for all.

6-30 Young People's Hour.

7-30 Evangelistic service with a

great song feast and testimonies.

The pastor will have special music

at all services.

Wednesday night, November 1,

will be the quarterly business

meeting.

### Methodist Church

Rev. F. A. Lendrum, Minister

Worship: 10:30 a. m. Dr. Wm.

M. Phelps, Editor, The Michigan

Christian Advocate, will preach.

Church School at 12 noon.

Epworth League praise and

study hour, 6:30.

### Evangelical Church

Rev. W. Breitenbach, Minister

There will be no services at

Evangelical Salem Church Sunday.

The congregation will take part in

the Union Reformation Service

held at St. John's Church, Russell

and Gratiot Avenue, Detroit in

commemoration of the 450th an-

iversary of Martin Luther's birth.

Dr. T. Lehmann, pres., of Elmhurst

College will be the principal

speaker. Rev. W. Breitenbach will

conduct a mass chorus of 200

voices composed of Detroit church

choirs.

### WEST POINT PARK

Mrs. William Zwahlen

A Red Cross meeting will be

held Friday, October 27th,

at the Livonia School, Farmington

and Five Mile Roads, for the purpose

of electing officers for a Red

Cross Society in Livonia Town-

ship. All interested are invited to

the meeting at 2:30 p. m.

Miss Olive Grimwade was the

week-end guest of Miss Shirley

Zwahlen.

The Ladies Community Club

will give a dance Saturday eve-

ning November 4th at the Commu-

nity Hall. Good music will be fur-

nished.

Mr. and Mrs. James Eastman

entertained the "Scout Eight 500"

club last Tuesday evening at

their home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ault and

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Addis en-

joyed a social evening with

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owen Saturday

evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston of De-

troit with their daughter, Miss

Anna and Miss Dorothy Gerge of

Grace Hospital, were Sunday din-

ner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred

Gerge.

Miss Shirley Addis of Howell

came home Thursday for the

week-end.

Mrs. E. Rowe of Detroit was

the dinner guest Wednesday of

her daughter, Mrs. Austin Ault.

Mr. and Mrs. John DeBore, and two children of Detroit were supper guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gould.

Mr. and Mrs. Marquette Shoman of Detroit on their way home from the football game at Ann Arbor last Saturday, stopped and enjoyed supper with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gilbert.

Mrs. Gaffney and children moved back to Detroit last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stanton and children, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cling and children of Lincoln Park were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Coolman.

Mrs. L. B. Gilbe entertained the Ladies Club Ladies with a dinner Thursday at her home. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fuls and two children of Clarenceville were guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ault.

Mrs. L. Rickabach, her daughter Miss Ruth and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Floyd Rickabach of Warren, and Mrs. Charles Prizel of Royal Oak were dinner guests last Thursday of Mrs. Frank Smith.

Miss Esther Middlewood of Caro visited her mother, Mrs. E. Middlewood, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Lovett and their two grand-daughters, Marilyn and Suzanne Thisted of Detroit were guests Saturday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Zwahlen.

The Home Economics Project Work organized their group last Tuesday afternoon, starting with a membership of ten. The chair-

man, Mrs. Russell Ault, opened the meeting. Mrs. Austin Ault was chosen as temporary Secretary. The two project leaders, Mrs. H. Woodworth, and Mrs. Wm. Zwahlen, demonstrated the plan of work: Organizations and pattern Alteration. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Zwahlen, as being centrally located.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Chavey of Redford were guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gilbert.

Mrs. James Eastman attended their neighborhood club last Thursday. Mrs. Carl Dyar of Farmington, as hostess entertained at her sister's, Mrs. Bell's home in Northville.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerge and daughter, Miss Dorothy were dinner guests Saturday of the latter's sister, Mrs. Carrie Sohn in Detroit.

Mrs. Jesse Lee of Farmington is the guest for a few days of Mrs. James Eastman.

WEST FARMINGTON

Several from here have made plans to take part in the school and Community fair at Walled Lake Thursday and Friday. Several pupils from here are taking part in the entertainment each evening.

The West Farmington School was closed Tuesday on account of sickness of the teacher, Miss Helen Snover.

Members of the Junior class of Walled Lake Baptist Sunday School attended a Halloween party in the Church Parlors Tuesday evening.

Verla Graham spent the week with Miss Geraldine Kline at Walled Lake.

Mrs. Elva Tolman spent Wednesday with her daughter, Mrs. Starr Graham.

Arthur Bone of Pontiac spent Monday with his cousin, Mr. Charles Heliker.

HOLD FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Davis were honored Sunday at a family reunion at their home at 22415 S. Power Avenue. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leale of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Horace S. Fenton Jr., and two children, Harry Edward and Gloria Ann, and Alice Davis of Royal Oak, Arthur Davis of Sacramento, California, Hudson Davis of Bremerton, Washington and Bertha, Edward, Vivian and Betty Jean at home.

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