

The Farmington Enterprise

FORTY-SEVENTH YEAR—No. 14.

FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1935.

5c a copy; \$1.50 a year.

Crops Show Gain Over 1934 Yield

Preparations are being made in Farmington and vicinity for harvesting what is reported the largest farm produce in the past five years with virtually every crop showing a substantial gain over last year's yield.

Latest reports from the United States Department of Agriculture show the crop condition of Michigan above the average, both in yield of bushels per acre and in condition per cent, for the ten counties in the southern district of the state. The statistics compiled are representative of winter wheat, rye, corn, oats, potatoes and field beans.

From the standpoint of crop conditions, the prospects for 1935 are the best since 1922. Yields for the major field and fruit crops are expected to be above the average provided the weather is favorable.

While in most instances the rainfall has been beneficial to the crops, excessive moisture has damaged the wheat, it has been favorable to the growth of corn which shows a gain of 14 per cent over the figure given for July 1.

The outcome of the potato crop hinges on the weather conditions of next month. Good yields have been reported for this part of the state, but lack of sufficient rainfall has prevented an abundant crop in the northern part of the state. The total crop is expected to be lower than last year's but 14,000,000 bushels above the average 1928-32 production.

While the apple crop is forecast at 35 per cent above the normal marketable production of last year it is only one per cent higher than the 1932-32 production. This condition is the result of too much rainfall during spraying periods which contributed to a severe infestation of scab in a good many orchards.

The composite condition figure for the combined apple precincts has been given as 81 per cent, 30 per cent greater than last year.

Agriculturists Comment
Commenting on his apple crop, Don Rutten whose orchards are located on Twelve Mile between Drake and Farmington roads, indicated he is anticipating a large yield this year owing to favorable weather conditions. "However," he added, "we have had considerable difficulty in fighting scab which threatened serious damage to the apple. Last year, while we had no trouble with the disease, we had to fight apple worms. Hot, muggy weather has contributed to this year's development of scab. In spite of this, the apple crop will be larger and of a better quality than last year's yield."

Harry N. McCracken, Twelve Mile and Drake roads, estimates the crops in this vicinity will be 35 per cent above last year's. He reports there is much more scab and apple worms than there were last year. He concludes: "Although the apple crop will be larger and comparable in quality to what it has been in recent years the present demand for this product is low."

Ed Grimmer on Halsted road complains of an abundance of fungus and of an increase of worms in his apple crop with the result he does not expect the quality of the apples to be as good as it was last year.

Harry Watson, Farmington road, says that owing to the fungus brought about by the damp weather or this year he has to do a great deal of spraying to prevent it from doing serious damage to his crops. For this locality he claims the crops are above the average.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Barrons visited with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sowers of Royal Oak, Wednesday.

Engagement Is Announced



One of the most interesting and important social events of the year in Farmington is the announcement of the engagement of Miss Olive Ann Bagnall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred William Bagnall, to Mr. Leonard Hamlin. The betrothal was made known Wednesday evening at an informal family gathering at the Bagnall residence.

Members of the immediate families and a few intimate friends heard the engagement announced. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Bagnall, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mason and A. B. Buchanan of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair Hamlin of South Lyon, and Merion Hubbard Wheeler of Farmington.

Miss Bagnall is a graduate of Southeastern High School in Detroit, in the Class of January, 1934. She is interested in secretarial work, and within a few months will complete a course of study following which she will accept a position for which she has been preparing. The wedding will be deferred for some time, no date having been announced.

The Bagnalls have been residents of Farmington for about two years, having come to this community when they purchased the beautiful home formerly owned by Mayor and Mrs. Wells D. Butterfield, at Shawanawee avenue and Warner street. Mr. Bagnall is superintendent of overhead lines for the Detroit Edison Company, being in charge of maintenance of all the lines in the State for the company.

Mr. Hamlin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hamlin of Clare, Michigan, and a brother of Detroit, Farmington merchant. He has a position with the Edison Company in Detroit.

With the regular Thursday evening concert postponed owing to the engagement to play a series of concerts during the American Legion Gala Day and Homecoming Celebration, the Farmington High School band, under the direction of Edward Eaton will play its final summer concert Sunday in Town Hall Park.

Beginning its series of concerts in the early part of June, the band met with an enthusiastic reception by Farmington people. A large attendance at its concert each week inspired Mr. Eaton and his musicians to devote many evenings to rehearsals so that they could present varied programs to which their supporters might look forward.

Owing to vacations and other conflicting summer engagements the official number of 42 members of the band was reduced to an average attendance of 35. With the reopening of school, however, Mr. Eaton anticipates the return of the absent members.

With the exception of two weeks when the entire band was on vacation, concerts were played every Thursday evening. Mr. Eaton estimates the average attendance at each of these concerts at 200 people. The stands erected for the purpose in front of the band stand were usually filled. Many people who attended the concerts preferred to remain in their automobiles which they parked on Farmington road, Grand River and Oakland avenues. They added to the applause at the close of each selection by intermittent tooting of the horns on their cars.

Mr. Eaton is especially appreciative of the support which he and the members of his band have received in view of the commercial entertainments such as radios, movies and other attractions which are offered for the amusement of the public. Considering the interest that has been shown, Mr. Eaton anticipates an even larger attendance next year.

Miss Olive Grinwald entertained 12 friends at a miscellaneous shower in honor of Mrs. David Edwards at her home on Power Avenue, Thursday evening. Mrs. Edwards was Miss Alice Parker before her recent marriage.

Tax Penalty To Increase September 1

Indications that the taxpayers of the City of Farmington are in better shape financially than they were a year ago, is evidenced in the figures released by City Treasurer, George C. Gildemeister, with relation to the tax situation in the City.

With two days remaining for payment of 1935 City of Farmington general taxes before a four per cent penalty goes into effect, exactly 60% of the taxes have been collected. This, compared to a 40% collection at the end of the month of August last year, shows that with two days to go before the end of the month, collections are actually approximately 20% more than 1934. It is expected that the usual late minute rush to get in before the four per cent penalty deadline on Friday and Saturday will boost the total percentage of taxes collected up to something of 85 or 90%.

During the month of August a two per cent penalty has been collected. In spite of the addition of the penalty, tax collections increased six per cent during the month.

The total amount of the City of Farmington tax roll is \$20,779.74 with \$12,467.84 collected and \$8,311.90 outstanding. If every property owner were to pay his taxes before September 1, the total saving would be approximately \$16,621.

All taxes that were paid before August 1 were without penalty. From August 1 to September 1 a one per cent penalty has been added. After September 1 a four per cent penalty for late payments will be assessed.

City Treasurer George C. Gildemeister is urging all who can postpone their taxes to pay before Saturday and take advantage of the substantial saving in paying a two per cent rather than a four per cent addition.

Discussion of the percentage of taxes paid in Farmington with other cities and towns, and business men discloses that wherever Farmington will have one of the finest records for its size not only in the county but also in the state.

Last year with most municipalities low in taxes collected, Farmington with 40% was an envied community. Although there has probably been an increase in the majority of the cities, it is doubtful whether any have jumped as much as 20%.

BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOL TO BE HELD NEXT YEAR

With an average attendance of 190 children between the ages of four and fourteen at the Baptist Church Bible School Farmington, during its session of two weeks, Rev. Gilbert Miles and his assistants are looking forward to next year when the plan will be carried out again.

Owing to the use of a bus and automobiles for transportation of the pupils to and from school, children in the outlying districts of Farmington as well as Farmington children were enabled to attend this year's Bible School session.

The daily session beginning at 9:00 a. m. and extending to 11:30 was devoted to four periods: worship, class, recreation, and handicraft.

Assisting Rev. Miles, director of the school, were Mr. Charles Sullivan in charge of the boys; Mrs. Fairburn, Junior department; Mrs. Edward Harper, beginners' department; Mrs. Alma Weston, primary department.

Other people who assisted in making the school a success were Robert Greenman, Miss Wanda Targert, Mrs. Doris Schenckel, Mrs. Pauline Lohr, Mrs. Frank Tishman and Clifford Tishman.

At the close of the session many persons viewed an exhibition of handicraft work which had been done by the pupils of the school.

"Never a Dull Moment", Slogan Of Thirty Farmington Skeeters

Farmington residents, especially those living in the vicinity of Maple road and the Cut-off, have started training for the invasion of the new Farmington Skeet Club which is reported to be planning its first shoot Sunday.

Mothers are letting their little children amuse themselves by "daddy" as he enters the house after a hard day's work and set off giant firecrackers just to prepare him for the weeks to come when 30 Farmington skeet enthusiasts gather around their new trap houses on Maple road south of the Cut-off and "let go" with their trusty firearms.

It is even rumored that after a few weeks of "skeeting," war will follow no horrors for the Farmington populace. It will have to get used to sleeping to booming or going without sleep.

In the near future a meeting of the club will be held for the election of officers and plans will be made for the opening shoot and tournaments. A small clubhouse is being considered by the members. Members have been working all week on erection of the trap houses and installation of the traps. If all goes well the skeeters will assemble for their first official shoot Sunday.

Children To Have Exhibits in Show

Plans for the annual flower show to be staged by the Garden Club of Farmington Tuesday and Wednesday, September 10 and 11 will be completed at the next meeting of the Club. As in former years, the event will take place in the Community Hall of the Farmington Methodist Church.

Miss Mildred Adams has been chosen chairman of the Children's Exhibit, a new event which will be added to the regular features of the Garden Club shows.

The Children's Exhibit will be held Tuesday September 10 after school. The buses for judging will be at the school. The exhibits will be of the artistic arrangement and quality for which ribbons will be given to the regular winners, men, women, first, second and third places.

Each child will make his own arrangements and will bring his own containers. Those participating in the exhibit will be divided into two groups. One group will be made up of pupils of grades one through four while the other division will consist of pupils in the fifth through the eighth grades.

Mrs. Karl Ryter, president of the Club, has announced the names of three judges for the flower show. They are Mrs. Lloyd L. Hughes, Mrs. C. Bingham, and Mrs. C. W. Burton of Detroit.

The arrangements of the various exhibits at the show will be in place of the old ones. They will be judged immediately thereafter.

This year in addition to floral displays there will be exhibits of fruits and vegetables. Specimens of named varieties will be decided at the Club's next meeting. An attraction which has always been popular for Garden Club shows is the dahlia and gladiolus exhibition. This feature will be repeated this year.

Football Candidates To Have First Practice

In making a call for candidates for the Farmington High School football team for its first practice Tuesday, September 3 at 2:45 p. m. behind the school, Coach H. Kommerer points to the fact that this year with only four of last year's letter men returning there will be more of an opportunity for boys to play in regular games than there was last September when 11 regular players returned to school.

Coach Kommerer is anxious to have a turn-out of at least 35 boys from whom he can choose the first team as well as the second team. There will be two second team games this year.

Commenting on the team's prospects this season, Coach Kommerer expressed an optimistic outlook in view of the fact that the team is no longer classified in the Detroit Suburban League. This year the Farmington High School team is entered in the Oakland County League in which it is more evenly matched with other teams than it was last year.

With the first game scheduled September 20, with Centerline High School, Coach Kommerer is anxious to get his team into shape by beginning practice Tuesday. Candidates are requested to wear old clothes because suits will not be given out until a few days after practice has begun.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Barrons and family are attending a celebration in honor of the 70th birthday anniversary of Mrs. Barrons' mother, Mrs. E. C. Rosenthal, in Detroit, Saturday evening.

Road Recovering Proves Effective

Evidence that the resurfacing of the streets in Farmington has been successful is found in the statement of E. O. Hutton, Commissioner of Public Works, to the effect no complaints have been lodged this year in regard to dust.

At no additional expense to the citizens of Farmington owing to a surplus in the city treasury, the City Commission sanctioned a new system for the resurfacing of five miles of Farmington streets. Under the old system two applications of oil were given to the streets each year to prevent the dust from spreading. The new system has proved more effective than the one previously in use.

Resurfaced in June the roads have stood up well in view of heavy traffic conditions and warm weather during the past two months.

Distilling from the method used last year, the new system provides for saturating the road with oil after several inches of gravel have been spread over the surface. The oil and the gravel are then thoroughly mixed. When this has been done the road is rolled and a covering of sand is spread over its top. Traffic packs the mixture, in hot weather when the oil comes to the surface of the road more sand is spread over it.

The adoption of this system in place of the old one has been successful in other cities and towns.

Commissioner Hutton expects additional work to begin on public projects including sewers, water mains, widening and bridges, as soon as Farmington receives its share of WPA funds.

MRS. SCHROEDER RETURNS HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Louis Schroeder has returned to her home in Farmington after having been confined to the Pontiac General Hospital for more than three months where she received treatment for an ankle infection which developed last May.

Mrs. Schroeder, injured her ankle when she dropped a pair of scissors on it in the early part of May. An infection developed which necessitated her removal to the hospital for treatment. Her condition became critical when streptococcus ulcer of the ankle set in.

Several operations were performed to hasten Mrs. Schroeder's recovery but her condition did not improve as quickly as was anticipated. After an operation last July, Mrs. Schroeder underwent several blood transfusions to give her additional strength for her recovery.

Until Mrs. Schroeder has regained her strength, it will be necessary for her to be confined to her home.

New Meter System Installed in School

With a new single meter system installed in Farmington High School, Superintendent J. A. Dalrymple anticipates an estimated saving of one dollar a day for the city on electricity bills.

The new system replaces a five meter system which has been in use for a number of years. With the exception of a few minor purchases no other equipment has been bought for the school.

Gala Days To Begin Saturday

With plans completed for the fourteenth annual Homecoming Celebration to be staged by Groveland Walker Post of the American Legion, the program will begin Saturday August 31 to extend through Monday, September 1, when it will be brought to a conclusion by the raffling of a new automobile as first prize and 30 other valuable prizes contributed by Farmington merchants.

Beginning the early part of July, Legion members have been working continuously on this year's three day event in anticipation of presenting to the people of Farmington, as well as to others who attend, the most elaborate program in the history of Groveland Walker Post. Their efforts have resulted in the addition of many features to the regular events on former programs which have met with the approval of those who have attended Gala Day celebrations in past years.

Committee Members
The arrangements for the 1935 American Legion Gala Days have been under the direction of several committees: Prizes, Homer Elsenlord, Judge John J. Schutte, Joseph Himmelschlag; Rides, Amusements, Joseph DeVriendt, Homer Elsenlord, Joseph Himmelschlag; Homeball, Carl Goers, Curle Hall, Dr. Weaver; Other Athletic Events, Norman Lee, William Hossuth; Pot and Poultry Parade, Dr. Norton, S. J. Heaney; Concessions, Charles Elkins, Homer Elsenlord, Henry Miner; Program and Publicity, Al Smith, Judge Seale and Mrs. Seale.

Dance Concert
Several dances daily by the Farmington High School band during the course of the celebration are under the direction of Edward Eaton.

While most of the main events will be held Monday, the Saturday and Sunday programs include preliminaries which are expected to furnish as much excitement and interest as the finals themselves.

Bicycle Contests
Opening Saturday noon the first event on the Homecoming program will be a band concert to be followed by a boys' elimination bicycle contest. All boys between the ages of 11 and 15 may enter the race provided they have declared intentions of doing so to Al Smith by Friday night August 30. Three cyclists will compete in each race until the winners have been narrowed down to three.

A girls' bicycle race to be conducted in the same manner as the boys' contest will be held later in the afternoon.

The final heats for the boys and for the girls will be held Monday afternoon. Three cash prizes will be awarded to the winners of each race.

Bicycle Races
Bicycle racing is a new feature in Gala Day programs. While precautions will be taken to prevent accidents, all persons taking part in this event as well as in the other contests do so at their own risk.

Baseball Games
Baseball, a popular attraction of former Gala Day celebrations, has been discontinued this year.

Members of Nine CCC Camps Work on Parks
Michigan now has nine camps of Civilian Conservation Corps men working on state park projects.

Two new camps recently have been established, one in the Waterloo sub-marginal land reclamation project between Jackson and Ann Arbor and another in Gobeck county.

The Waterloo camp is located on Portage lake and has been occupied by a personnel of 165 ex-servicemen. The Gobeck camp is being sponsored by the Gobeck county Board of Supervisors and is located near Ironwood. The personnel now numbering more than 150, will work on county and probably state park projects.

Other CCC camps working on projects sponsored by the Parks Division of the Department of Conservation are located at following places: City State park, Hartwick Pines state park, Ludington state park, Wilderness state park, J. W. Wells state park, Mackinac Island state park and Dodge Bros. state park no. 4.