

WEST POINT PARK

Little Sharon Bergin of Howell was the guest Monday and Tuesday of Mrs. Homer Coolman on Friday afternoon. Fourteen ladies were in attendance. Mrs. Cameron conducted a very fine half hour devotion service after which plans were made for some special Christmas work to be undertaken by the organization. Light refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Miss Freda Ault was the guest of friends in Detroit, Thursday. Mrs. Homer Coolman was hostess to the hymn-singing and devotional service conducted by Rev. Cameron Thursday night. There was a very fine attendance. The group is this week moving to the home of Frank Willoughby on Mayfield avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Addis and daughter Miss Jeanne, were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Freer of Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Zrahlen were Saturday evening lunch guests of Captain and Mrs. O. L. Duncan of Rosedale Park, Detroit.

Mrs. John Weitzel visited her sister in Detroit, Tuesday. Mrs. Edwin Johnson and son Eddie, were all day guests Wednesday.

Monday of Mrs. Leo Woods, near the "Trendwell" school. Miss Dorothy Edwards, third and fourth grade teacher in Plesion School has been quite ill for the past few weeks at the home of Mrs. Wheeler on Seven Mile Road, but is now somewhat improved. Mrs. Rubble Harrison, formerly a teacher in Plesion School has been acting as her substitute.

On Wednesday the Bible Study class of the West Point Park Bible Church will meet at 7:45 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Charlotte Wolfe. On Friday a Missionary meeting will be held at 2:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Baker, Fillmore and Pickford avenues. Church School in the P. T. A. Hall will be held for all children at 3:30 p. m. Rev. S. Stecker teaches the Adult Bible Class on Sunday morning. The class is growing rapidly, therefore, if you have not a church home—we will be delighted to welcome you. Keep the evening of December 15 open as Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Smith, who have been missionaries in China will be with us, showing pictures, and will be in costume. Remember December 15 at 7:30 p. m. at the P. T. A. Hall. No admission.

Rev. John Adams, pastor of Palmer Park Presbyterian church, with his mother, Mrs. Adams, of Detroit, was a recent caller at the home of Mrs. Charlotte Wolfe, Seven Mile Road.

Mrs. Owen Carroll of Mayfield avenue, is recovering from an illness, which confined her to her bed for several days. Her son Jerry, is now quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Houghland visited Miss Mildred Bolyard in Detroit Hospital, Friday. Miss Bolyard is now somewhat improved. Mrs. Norman Gedig entertained her card club, consisting mostly of ladies from West Point Park, at her home in Detroit, last Wednesday.

Rev. John Adams of Detroit, was the dinner guest Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert. Miss Olive Grimwade of Farmington was the Thanksgiving dinner guest of Miss Shirley Zwalhen.

MICHIGAN HOLLY SUBSTITUTED FOR HOLIDAY WREATHS

Michigan holly—illex verticillata. If you wish to be precise, and winterberry or black alder, if you prefer more familiar names—is furnishing many a Michigan farmer with gay wreaths for the Christmas season.

Unlike the true holly which grows only in the south, the Michigan variety sheds its leaves. But even without leaves, which may be gone by Christmas time, the branches of bright red berries alone make colorful decorations.

The fact that the shiny scarlet berries cling to the five to 10 foot bushes in winter is making the shrub popular for home landscaping. Wild growth is protected as are Christmas trees, but shrubs may be secured at nurseries.

In early days both bark and berries of Michigan holly were used in medicine. It is now one of 39 trees and shrubs being studied for value as wildlife food and cover. In winter deer browse on twigs of the last season's growth and on the berries. Since the berries remain above the snow, they are available as grouse food, though it is not known how readily grouse will eat them.

Michigan holly occurs generally throughout Michigan, more frequently in the northern part, where there is also "mountain holly," *acron panthus mucronata*. Both are found in and near swamp lands.

AT THE REDFORD THEATER



The drama-packed story of Harry Faversham, who is accused of cowardice by his closest friends when he resigns from his regiment on the eve of its departure to join Kitchener's Army in the Sudan, and who redeems himself by some of the most daredevil feats on record, is unfolded in the gripping tale of "Four Feathers." Alexander Korda's new Technicolor feature, which begins a run at the Redford Theater on Friday through United Artists release.

Heading the cast of "Four Feathers," which was directed by Zoltan Korda, are Ralph Richardson, John Clements, C. Aubrey Smith, and June Duprez, stunning 20-year-old brunette who was discovered by Alexander Korda and awarded the leading feminine role. The important supporting roles in the film are played by Jack Allen, Donald Gray, Clive Baxter, Henry Oscar, and Allan Jeayes. The film was adapted for the screen by R. C. Sheriff from the well-known novel by A. E. W. Mason. All the outdoor scenes and the big battle sequences for "Four Feathers" were photographed in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, the actual locale of the story. When

Zoltan Korda arrived in the Sudan, the "Four Feathers" company proceeded to the East Nile and with a company of engineers of the Sudan Defense Corps completed a camp that extended for two miles along the east Nile back to South Subotauka Gorge. Here, almost on the very site once occupied by the Derivishes, was photographed Lord Kitchener's greatest battle, showing his gunboats being hauled up the cataracts. The filming of this battle took 4,000 native troops, a battalion of the East Surrey Regiment, a regiment of the Sudan Horse, hundreds of Derivishes and "Puzzy-Wuzzies"—the only native troops ever to break a British square—and hundreds of horses and camels.

MILLIONS OF GRAPE VINES Michigan produces annually such a volume of fruit that grapes in the state sometimes are overlooked. But a statewide estimate indicates there are approximately 15 million vines which in 1938 bore enough fruit to give the state third place nationally.

Youth is not a time of life; it is state of mind.—Samuel Ullman.

FAIR SECRETARIES A "CANNY LOT" SAYS DEPUTY

County and district fair secretaries of Michigan are a "canny lot", accounting in a major portion for the success of these rural events, in the opinion of A. C. "Gus" Carlton, deputy commissioner of the Department of Agriculture. The veteran department employee should be an authority upon the subject, during his long experience having examined 300,000 checks drawn by the group in payment of fair premiums.

Carlton passed long enough in the examination of 1938 fair checks, the 16th lot that he has examined since the state started participation in the payment of one-half of fair premiums as an aid to agriculture, to point out that despite the most careful accuracy upon his part, it was utterly impossible to balance the state account in the premium fund. There is certain to be a shortage, running as high as 13 cents one year, due to the fact that the half-cent difference in payment of premiums in odd cents is charged to the state's portion of the premiums.

"While this makes it extremely difficult to check accounts," said Carlton, "it does display the canny spirit of the secretaries, a very necessary trait in the operation of fairs, where saving of pennies is necessary for continued successful financial operation. The

method of secretaries in payment of premiums, the care in which they handle their funds, is reflected in the checks examined by the state. Difficulties in past years have been practically eliminated, accounting for the sound financial status of Michigan fairs at the present time.

Carlton became a member of the Department of Agriculture in 1922, bringing with him an experience gained through 25 years in public office. "Gus" has served continuously with the department, except during the Metzger regime, handling all fair funds. During his association with the department, Carlton has allocated over \$1,350,000 in fair funds, examining over 300,000 checks to determine if the funds were expended according to the regulations that provides for payment of one-half of premiums by the state.

A circle drawn with the southeastern corner of Michigan as its center and a radius long enough to include the northwest corner would pass outside New York City, Nashville, Tenn., and St. Louis, Mo. It would include all or part of 18 states and much of Canada, as well as three-fifths of the U. S. population and three-fourths of U. S. industries.

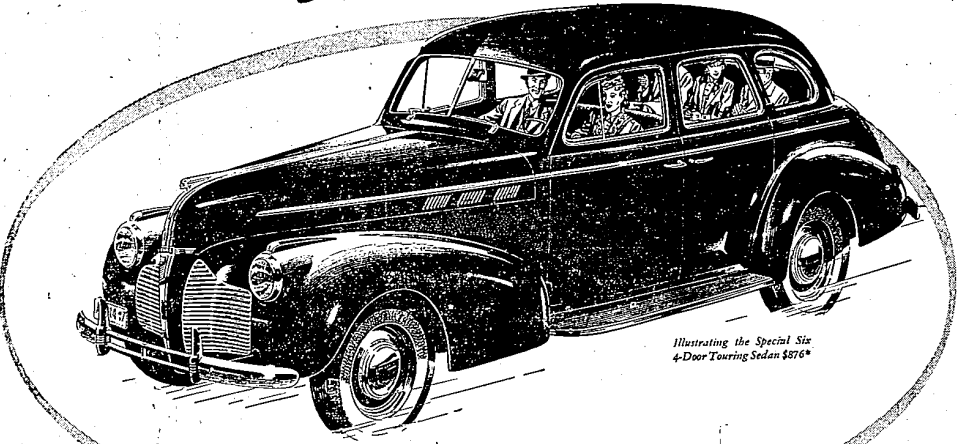
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