

## CENTIPEDES IN HOME ARE HARD TO CONTROL

Centipedes or "hundred-leggers" can prove to be nuisances in a home even though they are often mislabeled "thousand-leggers" and actually have from 15 to 21 pairs of legs.

Home economics and entomology authorities at Michigan State College have collaborated for a brief description of the centipede, what it does and how a home can be rid of the pest.

It is not he, although actual damage done by the insect is trivial.

Larger species are from 4 to 6 inches long but these normally live outdoors. They feed on insects and small animals and do not injure plants or house furnishings. They do get into homes occasionally and

hide in the dark. Ordinarily they do not bite humans unless annoyed. The bite is painful but not dangerous unless a secondary infection follows.

The house centipede thrives in damp basements. He has a softer body about an inch long and has 15 pairs of legs. He is a speedier, however, and can travel quite fast. His food mainly consists of cockroaches, flies, moths, spiders.

Control is difficult. Outside varieties can be excluded by tightening up house foundations and removing rubbish from around the outside of the house. Once in the home the remedy seems to be to kill them when they are found. Poison baits, spraying outside foundation walls with creosote and scattering kerosene flakes along the walls are controls. Baits should be treated with ammonia or baking soda to take the sting from the small wound.

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An absorbing article discussing a weird tale about aging Vermont men and women deliberately frozen through the winter and thawed out later, is one of many features you will find in "The American Weekly" with the February 15 issue of The Detroit Free Press Sunday Times. Be sure to read this startling article that links up with the new, freezing treatment for cancer and other experiments on how much cold we can stand and benefit it.

## Gospel Assembly To Begin Services Here

Sunday, February 18 will mark the beginning of regular evangelistic services at Farmington Gospel Assembly, 3208 Warren avenue, near Grand River. A song service with special vocal numbers will precede the message of the evening. A group of workers from the Dearborn Gospel Tabernacle are expected to be present to take part in the opening.

Pastor and Mrs. A. P. Rudenko, formerly pastors at Traverse City for two years, will take charge of the Gospel Assembly. They have traveled in the evangelistic field in the East as well as the Central states for several years. In the past eight years they have pastored churches at Marysville, Okemo, Kokomo, Indiana; Three Rivers, Grand Rapids, and Traverse City, Michigan.

Rev. Rudenko will speak on the subject "Some Living People Who Are Dead!" Mrs. Rudenko will assist at the piano and with special songs and choruses.

Sunday school classes will begin at 9:45 a. m. Mr. Arthur Campbell will be in charge as superintendent. Those not attending Sunday school elsewhere are extended a hearty invitation to the various classes. At the morning services the pastor's subject will be "A Many-sided Motto." A hearty welcome is extended to all.

## New Books Ordered By Farmington Librarian

Mrs. Florence Leach, Farmington Librarian, announces that a number of new books, designed to interest both young and old readers, are now available at the library. Among these are:

"Victory Point" by J. P. Marquand; "Western Union" by Groff; "Thirty Pathos Deep" and "Ocean Gold" by Edward Elmer; "The Young Man From Mount Vernon" by Arthur Pieper; "Pinal Heights" by the author; "The New Adventures of Elsie Queen" by Elery Queen; "Elbert Hubbard: Genius of Roycroft" by David Arnold Balch; "Softball—So What?" by Lowell Thompson and Ted Shane.

## Good Weather Boosts Out-Door Attractions

Picnics at state parks are the order of the day when mild weather makes other than the usual winter sports possible. On a recent warm day, since the 6,000 at Bloomer state park No. 2 at Rochester were some who added winter roasts to the usual hiking, skating and sliding, and boy scouts cooked their dinners in the open. Three such trains that took 2,000 to Grayling to swell the week-end attendance to 8,500, set the record to date. At Ludington state park, serving of coffee in trailside shelters continues a popular and distinctive attraction for winter sports fans.

## Livonia Civic Group To Meet March 6

The Livonia Civic Association will hold its regular monthly business meeting with the new officers in charge, on Wednesday, March 6. The meeting will begin promptly at eight o'clock. Following the business session, the officers and friends will be entertained by the "Texas Ranch Boys" through the courtesy of the Ford Motor Company.

It is hoped that a large number of residents and their friends will turn out in appreciation of the fine entertainment that is being brought to the community by the Civic Association.

## OLDEST BOOK ONE OF BEST

"Chereases and Callirhoe," by Chariton, earliest surviving Greek novel, which was published in a new English translation last week by the University of Michigan Press has been selected as one of the "fifty best books of 1939" by the American Institute of Graphic Arts. It was announced last week.

The new translation was made by Dr. Warren E. Blake, associate professor of Greek at the University of Michigan, and is the first made directly into English from the original Greek text. The "fifty best books" are selected by a jury on the basis of book-making excellence.

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## HIGH SCHOOL CAGE TEAM TO ENTER TOURNEY

Farmington high school basketball team will enter the district cage tournament, to be held Thursday, February 29 and Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2. The team is to be held in the newly constructed gymnasium at Walled Lake high school.

Although a complete list of schools entering is not available yet, it already appears likely that there will be spirited competition. Schools of three classes, B, C, and D, will compete at Walled Lake. Farmington is a Class B school and will be in the same competition with such schools as Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Redford Union, Milford and Ponton, Milford, a Class C school, expected to compete this year in the highest class.

Claremontville has entered the Class C tourney and will face several teams from the Southwest Oakland County League of which Farmington is a member. Schools entered in Class C include Brighton, Clarkston, Hartland, Holly, Keego Harbor, and Walled Lake.

Class D schools include Dryden, Plains, New Hudson, Orchard Lake, Pinckney, Pontiac-Dublin, South Lyon, and Waterford.

When the Michigan State High School Athletic Association was formed 15 years ago will face several teams from the Southwest Oakland County League of which Farmington is a member. Schools entered in Class C include Brighton, Clarkston, Hartland, Holly, Keego Harbor, and Walled Lake.

The schedule of games in each class is built up on the plan of the schools drawing byes until they are bracketed as of eight, four, and two, for the quarter-finals, semi-finals, and finals. This means quarter-finals will be conducted on Thursday, semi-finals on Friday and finals on Saturday evening. The entertaining school teams draw a bye in the first round of play so with the list of schools as assigned there will probably be two games in each of the three classes in the semi-finals. This will necessitate a session Friday afternoon as well as Friday night.

Officials for the tournament are assigned by the State Tournament Committee appointed by the State High School Athletic Association. Traveling expenses are paid out of the receipts. If there is a profit beyond that, the state association and the entertaining school share in the profits.

## NORTH LAND TO BE BACK ON TAX ROLLS IN 1940

Northern lands which reverted to the state through tax delinquency November 3, 1939 become income-producing for local government units again in 1940, according to Fred J. Ruskaker, chief of the lands division of the department of conservation.

The huge clerical task of verifying and recording transfer of more than 2,000,000 acres in the 17 counties north of the Muskegon-Day City line is still in progress.

Failure to produce income, in taxes, for local government caused the delinquent acreage to become

state land. Once in state ownership, the land not only gets the benefit of a constructive program for utilizing its conservation values for forestry, hunting and fishing and tourist appeal, but also pays immediately to the support of schools and local governments 10 cents per acre per year. Single exception to this tax rule are state parks of less than 1,000 acres.

The 10 cents an acre levy in many instances is more than the tax was before the property became delinquent. In the calendar year 1938, \$229,747.72 was paid by the state on such lands for schools and local governments. Offsetting this cost to the state is income from the lands in oil and gas leases and royalties, grazing permits, grazing and timber sales—income which is expected to grow as the state's young forests mature.

Of the reverted acreages, the state retains all non-agricultural lands, that have demonstrated they will not pay their way in private ownership and water frontage which is reserved for public use. Lands suitable for agriculture, or for hunting and game sites, and clay lots are offered for sale to public auction.

National forests pay no tax to local units, but they transmit to the state for distribution to local schools an amount of 25 per cent of their gross income from timber sales and the like. Another 10 per cent of their gross income is set aside for use on roads and highways within the forest boundaries. Before Congress passes bills that would provide for direct subsidy on the basis of appraised values to take the place of these contributions.

## GREENKEEPERS TO TAKE COURSE AT MICHIGAN STATE

An open invitation to the greenkeepers responsible for the maintenance of the fairways and greens of Michigan's golf courses is contained in the announcement of the annual Greenkeepers' Short Course to be held at Michigan State College March 7, 8.

New grasses for golf courses, better care for shade trees around club houses and in clump plantings and modern methods of weed control are among the highlights announced by Dr. C. E. Miller, head of the soils department at the college. Extremes of soil and climatic conditions in Michigan make greenkeeping a veritable science. In the Detroit area alone there are 130 courses and the state is

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credited with a total of about 280. Although members of the greenkeepers' associations in the state are receiving direct invitations to attend, the course is open to all those who come to the college.

E. L. Anthony, dean of agriculture, is to welcome those attending the two-day school in the opening program in Room 401 of Agricultural Hall.

Professor Karl Dressel of the forestry department will offer pointers on shade tree care and how to prolong the life of dying trees. Shade tree diseases are to be discussed by Dr. P. C. Strong of the botany department.

Use of new grasses on golf courses is the subject of Dr. John Monteth of the greens section of the U. S. Golf association, Washington, D. C. J. Noer, Milwaukee, is another turf specialist on the program. Dr. Ray Hutson of the entomology department at the college will describe insect controls.

## EIGHT COUNTIES 'LISTED AS BANGS' DISEASE-FREE

Eight Michigan counties were included in the first list of "modified accredited Bangs' disease-free areas" issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, according to announcement this week by Agricultural Commissioner Elmer A. Beamer. Since the submission of the Michigan list to the federal agency, testing has been completed above the Manistee-Iosco line, Beamer said, and second accreditation will probably include all Northern Michigan counties.

Michigan ranked ninth in the list of 17 states, with Alger, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalamazoo, and Leelanau officially named as the accredited counties.

"The plan of testing and of designating areas," the federal agency reported, "parallels that used successfully in the campaign against bovine tuberculosis. Gains in supporting the disease are the result of the work done in Bangs' disease eradication both under the individual herd plan and on an area basis. The regulations provide that whenever results of testing the dairy and breeding cattle six months of age or over, except steers, for Bangs' disease indicate that the percentage of cattle that reacted to the test did not exceed 1 per cent of the cattle tested nor the infected herds more than 6 per cent of the total number of herds, such a county can be declared a modified accredited Bangs' disease-free area for 3 years by the cooperating state and federal officials in charge of the work, provided that all infected herds shall be placed in quarantine.

The cattle in those herds must be retested for the disease at intervals of from 30 to 90 days until all of them pass two consecutive negative tests and also pass a further negative test not less than 6 months from the date of the second negative test. The reactors are, of course, removed from the herds and disposed of in accordance with the state and federal regulations.

"In Michigan, area testing," Beamer explained, "has been conducted in 34 counties, all of which are located north of a baseline east-west along the southern bor-

ders of Iosco-Manistee counties. A number of these counties will be recommended for accreditation when certain retesting has been completed. It is the opinion of those directing the work that those counties of this group, which are not accredited will be recommended when the second general test is completed.

"The owners of cattle that react to test for Bangs' disease and are slaughtered are partially compensated for the loss sustained by the federal and state funds. In Michigan the owner receives from the state fund a sum which cannot exceed one third of the difference between the appraised value as fixed by the state and the net proceeds from sale to slaughter. It is further provided by law that this sum cannot exceed \$12.50 on any grade animal and \$25 on any registered purebred animal. A similar amount as paid by the state is received by the owner from the federal government on the same animal, thus making the maximum indemnity in Michigan on any grade reactor animal, \$25 and on any registered purebred animal, \$50. No indemnity is paid on grade bulls."

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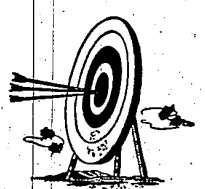
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