

BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

On Monday night a delegation from the Farmington Baptist Young People's Union attended the Christian Fellowship held at the Highland Park Y.M.C.A.

Study of the Gospel of John was continued at the weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday night.

Men of the congregation are invited to the church hall on Saturday at 7:45 p.m. for the regular meeting of the Men's Fellowship, which this month will take the form of a horse shoe tournament followed by an hour of community singing.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH NEWS

Members of the Ladies' Aid are busy making preparations for the ice cream social being given this Friday at 8:00 p.m. on the church lawn. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend.

The Ladies' Aid finished the fourth quilt for the Red Cross last Wednesday, and are now knitting an afghan which will also be donated to the Red Cross.

Women To Attend Leadership Course

Mrs. Claude Haskins, president of the Farmington P.T.A.; Mrs. Warren Joy, mothers' vice-president; Mrs. H. A. McIntyre, treasurer; and Mrs. Harry Brough, chairman of the membership committee, are planning to attend classes of the leadership course being held in Lansing on July 22 and 23.

Starling's Nest Stops Clock When the clock in the tower of the parish church in Brancley, England, stopped recently it was found that a starling had built its nest in the works.

Orchid Seeds Tiniest Known
The seeds of the different varieties of orchids are the smallest of any plant. The pods of some species are estimated to contain a million seeds.

Thorough
It took Thomas Gray 13 years to write his famous "Elegy." The poem contains 32 four-line stanzas, which means that Gray averaged fewer than three stanzas a line a year!

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HOURS:
Wednesday—11:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m.—3:00 p. m. to 8:00 p. m.
Saturday—2:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m.

The Soong Sisters, by Emily Hahn. Madame Chiang Kai-Shek has impressed the world with her personality, but her sisters are not so well-known. In this biography we learn to know retiring Madame Sun Yat-Sen, widow of the founder of the Chinese republic, and able Madame Kung, wife of one of its strongest statesmen, as well as the wife of the Generalissimo. Educated in the United States, the girls returned to China with a set resolve to remodel the political, social and economic institutions of the ancient empire, and quickly became prominent in the reform movement. A biography of them is therefore of necessity a history of modern China. The book has plenty of homely touches, extracts from private letters, interesting anecdotes, and celebrated episodes like the escape of Sun from Canton and the sensational kidnapping of Chiang by the Young Marshall.

The Venables, by Kathleen Norris. One of the author's colorful and life-like novels of a large, badly off family, and their joys and sorrows in making their way through the world. The mother is Willie Venables, old-fashioned, helpless, and timid, left with nine children to support. Of these the story dwells mainly on Lily, victim of an unhappy marriage, and attractive, vital Flo, who refused to accept the sheltered life expected of women at the beginning of the century.

Country Kitchen, by Della Lutes. A book devoted to the favorite recipes of Michigan housewives 50 years ago, mingled with the author's memories of her childhood on a farm near Jackson. The dishes she describes are interesting from the culinary point of view, and the meals at which they are eaten—family reunions, church socials, and the every-day gatherings around the kitchen table—furnish penetrating sidelights on human nature. It's worth reading the book just to become acquainted with "Life Thompson, Mrs. Lutes' father.

My Friend Flicka, by Mary O'Hara. This is one of the simple, beautifully written novels that appear only rarely, and catch the fancy of the reading public. Originally a short story, "My Friend Flicka" attracted so much attention that the author expanded it to a full-length novel, adding to the touching story of Kenale and his almost untamable colt many authentic details on ranch life and the raising of thoroughbred horses. The atmosphere of life on the ranges and uplands of Wyoming is skillfully reproduced.

THE GARDEN PATH

One of the most attractive looking plants in the fields and woods, and the one most to be avoided, is poison ivy. This is forcibly brought to the attention of a large number of people every year, particularly in this section of the country where poison ivy is most abundant. The first thing to do if you are sensitive to the plant, is to grow thoroughly familiar with its appearance. Although there are several different kinds of poison ivy, they bear a family resemblance to each other, and by getting to know one kind you're pretty sure to recognize its relatives. The leaves grow in clusters of three and when they first unfold are shiny. This turns to a rich, rather shiny green as they mature. In shape the leaves are very like those of the Virginia creeper, and because this vine generally grows in the same locality as poison ivy, the two are often confused. The climbing creeper can be easily distinguished by its leaves, which grow in clusters of five. The old saying "Leaflets three, let it be" is a very good rule to follow, even if by doing so you may avoid a few perfectly innocent three leafed plants.

Poison ivy grows in the form of woody vines, trailing shrubs, or low erect bushes, and will flourish almost anywhere: in wet or dry soil, in the woods or in the open. A few poison ivy plants bear small, whitish, waxy fruits, which remain far into the winter and make recognition possible after the leaves have fallen.

The portion of the ivy which causes so much grief is an oily non-volatile substance contained in

TRY APPLE GINGERBREAD



MICHIGAN APPLE GINGERBREAD—Here's one for the family sweet tooth. It's a dish that's always welcome. Michigan apple gingerbread makes a grand dessert and is an excellent dish for a bridge-luncheon when served alone with coffee or hot chocolate.

Peel, core and quarter apples, cook until nearly done, place in large platter to drain. These may have to be changed to another platter so that they are quite dry.

Melt together 4 tablespoons of butter and 1 cup brown sugar in the bottom of a 1½ quart casserole. Carefully arrange the bread mix prepared according to the manufacturer's directions. Bake 350 degrees F. for about 1 hour 15 min. Serve with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream. Recipe tested by Dorothy W. Lewis, home economist, Michigan State Apple Commission.

all parts of the plant. It persists even after long drying, but growth in which the sap is abundant is the most dangerous. This oil has such strong irritant properties that the very slightest trace on the skin will produce severe inflammation. The poisoning is usually caused by coming in contact with the plant itself, but can also be brought on by handling clothing or other articles that have touched the plant. Animals carry the oil on their coats, so don't be too friendly with Fido after he's had a run in the country. Smoke also carries the poison to innocent bystanders; that is why extreme caution must be taken in burning the ivy out. The poison ivy plant is extremely difficult to destroy, and steps should be taken to eradicate it from your neighborhood as soon as it is observed. The best way to destroy small, isolated clumps of poison ivy, if you can find anyone to do it, is to pull out each plant by the roots, going over the ground again in a few weeks' time until no more sprouts appear from root fragments.

For larger patches, chemical methods must be used. One of the most useful of these, providing all the leaves can be reached by the solution, is a saturated salt spray. Use about three pounds of salt to a gallon of slightly soapy water. The solution can be sprayed from a small, inexpensive hand sprayer. Since one dose won't kill the main stems and roots, the ivy should be sprayed again as soon as the new leaves are full grown. Sometimes three or more sprayings are required, but if you keep at it the growth will gradually disappear. This salt solution kills nearly all plants it comes in contact with, so when spraying ivy near valuable trees or shrubs be careful not to drench them.

Crank gas oil, thinned with kerosene and applied like the salt spray, is also effective in killing poison ivy, but should not be used where it is likely to come into contact with the bark of valuable trees.

In flat places, constant cutting with a lawn mower as soon as new growth appears will eventually get rid of the ivy, since the roots are dependent on the leaves for food.

SHE'S A SOLDIER LADY



CHICAGO, ILL.—Does she look like a soldier's hat? She's WAAC about it, smiles Miss Patricia Spangenberg, as the trife on Pvt. Herb Perkins' cap after being given to her by Women's Army Auxiliary Corps along with twenty other Chicagoans, first group enrolling for the new service.

A WORD TO THE WIVES

More housewives than ever are busy this year filling their cellar shelves with jars of preserves and preparing for a winter of higher food prices, and nearly every one of them has some improvement or shortcut to pass on. Here are a few which may save some of your canning and preserving problems.

When making jam from dried apricots put apricots through the mincer after washing, before soaking in the required quantity of water. This improves the quality and simplifies the work.

For covering pickles, jams, etc., make a cover of wax by stringing a white button not smaller than a dime on a piece of twine about eight inches long. Hold over jar, and pour wax in. The string will easily lift the hardened wax without breaking it.

When canning pears, add half a teaspoon of ascorbic acid for a perceptible improvement in flavor.

A piece of horseradish placed in a jar of pickles will keep the vinegar from losing its strength, and the pickles will not become soft or moldy.

When cooking jams, marmalades, or ketchup, take five or six of the children's marbles and place them in the kettle. They will keep rolling around and prevent burning or scorching in the bottom of the pan.

After covering your jelly glasses with paraffin, roll them over with a cloth soaked in vinegar; this will prevent mould.

Grape leaves put in with pickles help keep them a good color.

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MACCABEE NEWS

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Maccabees of the Nicholson Unit of the southern Oakland County units attended the annual meeting at the Disabled Veterans of Foreign Wars hall in Royal Oak on Thursday of last week. Those attending from the Farmington HIVE included Mrs. Louise Manzel, Mrs. Arla MacDonald, Mrs. Pearl Callan, Mrs. Anne Becker, Mrs. Alice Mitchell, Mrs. Irene Stauch, Mrs. Bertha Spaller, Mrs. Stella Romanuk, Mrs. Catherine Carrier, Mrs. Esther Thomas, Mrs. Doris Brown, Mrs. Jessica Rousseau, Mrs. William Holmes and Mrs. Timmins.

Another in the series of potluck luncheon and card parties being given by Tent HIVE 1027 to raise funds for a new hall was held Thursday at the home of Mrs. Alice Mitchell on Floral Avenue.

The Farmington HIVE will entertain Maccabees of the southern Oakland County Units at the Unit meeting on Thursday, October the eighth.

Last Thursday evening a party from Tent HIVE 1027 attended an ice cream social given by the Maccabees of New Hudson.

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