

The Shield

WEST FARMINGTON
By Mrs. Sarah Knapp

The West Farmington Extension Group will meet at West Farmington Town Hall Wednesday, November 14, at 10:00 a.m. for the first lesson of the season. The lesson will be on making gloves and hand bags.

Several from here attended the W.C.T.U. meeting at the home of Mrs. May P. Johns at Walled Lake, Mich. Charles Helker and Mrs. Richard Helker were in charge of the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Knapp entertained Cpl. Wesley Bachelor, his wife Janet and baby daughter, Louise, at dinner Thursday evening. Cpl. Bachelor has been enjoying a 45 day furlough with his friends and relatives. He will report for duty at Fayetteville, North Carolina in two weeks.

Sgt. Grant Howard is being discharged from the Air Forces ground crew this week. He has been overseas for over three years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Howard of Howard Road and will reside with his wife and baby at the McLean residence for the present, at 26635 Halsted Road.

Mrs. Mattie Howard is very ill. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Bush entertained the latter's niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Gerds Tuesday evening. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gerds were recently discharged from the armed forces.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Bush visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hibbler, the past week end.

Mrs. Esther Oleson has sold her property at Twelve Mile and Walled Lake Road, and moved to Farmington.

Mrs. Nettie Bachelor, Mrs. Almo Smith, Mrs. John Lindsay and baby daughter called on Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Irving Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Knapp entertained several friends and relatives at a Halloween party Wednesday evening. Little Dickie Helker received the prize for the most popular masquerade costume. Games were played and lunch served.

Mrs. William Westlake and son, Martie, and daughter, Bonnie, of Detroit spent Thursday with Mrs. William Knapp.

Mrs. Eugene Cleveland and baby, Jeffrey Allen, who have been staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Helker, moved Sunday to live in an apartment at Cleveland, Ohio, where her husband is stationed, in the United States Medical Service.

Several friends gave Mrs. Harry Colestock a party at her home on Tuesday evening. Games were played, and a general good time had by all. Lunch was served at the close of the evening.

Floyd Howard spent Tuesday in Howell on business.

Mrs. Floyd Howard attended a concert at Windsor Sunday afternoon. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Halverson.

Careful Buying Cuts
Home Alteration Job

Buyers of ready-made clothing can save themselves a lot of later grief by giving careful attention to the kind of alterations needed and avoiding those that may be so difficult to fit as to go unworn. If a dress that fits throughout can't be found, it is usually best to buy one that fits the upper part of the body as the skirt is less difficult to alter. Here are some other suggestions: Remember that if seams are let out, the previous stitching line will show on some materials such as jersey. Many mistakes cannot be remedied. A narrow sleeve cap or back cannot be satisfactorily enlarged unless there are usually wide seam allowances because skimpy shoulder seams soon tear out. In altering, rip no more than necessary. Clip the machine stitching between places to be changed. Remove stitching carefully. Press the edges of opened seams, being careful not to stretch them. Many ready-made dresses need to have the belt adjusted as being adjusted. To shorten a belt, remove the extra length from the buckle end.

If the hem is uneven, first make sure that the waistline and hip line have been fitted properly before trying to mark the length. When marking the hem, wear the kind of shoes that will usually be worn with the dress. If the skirt is to be shortened, even if the turned-up part is about 1½ to 2 inches all around.

Personal Qualities
Attract Employers

Several carefully conducted studies reveal that employers place twice as much importance on personal and social qualities as they do on basic skills in selecting and promoting men and women. One recent study shows that 70 great corporations with postwar jobs to be filled, the following qualities as much more important than basic skills in getting and advancing in jobs:

Ability to get along with people and work cooperatively with others.

Ability to meet and talk to people easily.

Attractive appearance, neatness, and good grooming.

General alertness.

Dependability.

Industry, energy, drive and enthusiasm.

Initiative and originality.

Sense of humor.

Confidence and self-assurance.

Good manners and courtesy.

Rural Health

Concern about rural medical and health facilities was voiced by farmers the country over in a survey of farmer's opinions on postwar problems made recently by the department of agriculture. More than four-fifths of the farmers interviewed said they favored more public clinics in rural areas. More than three-fourths said they would like to subscribe to some flat-rate prepayment plan to cover possible hospital bills and the cost of doctors and nurses for themselves and their families. The answers to the survey indicated that farmers generally are conscious of the need for better health facilities. Although the death rate from all causes for the last several decades has been lower among rural than urban people, deaths from some preventable diseases like typhoid, diphtheria, malaria and pellagra tend to be more numerous among rural people. Moreover, the death rate has been going down rapidly among city people but relatively slowly among rural people. Rural people are ill oftener and for longer periods than city people. Many factors contribute to bad rural health, the shortages of medical and sanitation facilities, and the lack of physicians, dentists and hospital services. Many rural people cannot afford medical and hospital treatment and care.

Sandwich Fillings

For appetizing and nutritious lunch sandwiches mix salad dressing with cottage cheese and crushed, roasted peanuts, or with American cheese and lettuce or other leafy vegetable; or American cheese and sliced tomato; toasted peanuts and minced lettuce; finely chopped leafy vegetable and finely chopped egg; finely chopped vegetables with or without bits of crisp bacon; cold sliced lean meat and leafy vegetable; finely chopped lean meat and finely chopped raw vegetables; or crushed or mashed cooked beans or peas seasoned well. Cottage or grated American cheese and jam, marmalade or stewed fruit cooked rather dry, or crushed roasted peanuts and jam, marmalade or stewed fruit are good sweet sandwich fillings.

Sunken Storage Barrel

The Swedish sunken barrel provides a good way to store surplus garden vegetables. The method, so called because of its wide use in Sweden, consists of placing a wooden barrel at an angle to the soil with the top even with or slightly above the surface. Provision must be made to prevent rainfall or surface water from running into the barrel. Mounding the earth up around the top will direct the water away from the barrel. Drainage can be provided by filling the bottom of the pit with stones, or bricks, before the barrel is placed in position. The barrel should have a tightly fitted cover.

TELEPHONE RATE
CASE REOPENED
BY COMMISSION

The Michigan Public Service Commission has granted the petition of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company for a reopening of the investigation into the latter's rates. Arguments will be heard by the Commission at Detroit Nov. 27.

The company urged another look into its affairs in light of the change from a wartime to a peacetime economy. It cited prospects for higher wage, material, and construction costs, upward price trends, and tax reforms.

George M. Welch, president of the company, said "no one can be so blind as to suppose that general wages will not increase substantially" in view of present demands by workers for a 30 per cent boost in basic pay coupled with the advocacy by the government of a 15 per cent increase in an effort to bring about a truce in the recent oil workers' strike.

Pointing out the company has scheduled \$14,000,000 worth of gross plant additions in the next six months, Welch said that construction already under way increases that such costs have increased from 29 to 30 per cent. Further, the petition added, the company's postwar construction program will increase Michigan Bell's plant investment with a corresponding reduction in the rate of return on that investment.

Citing the present upward price trend, Welch said "it would be unrealistic to suppose that telephone rates could be reduced in the face of such a general price trend."

The petition pointed out the theory that a rate reduction would cost the company only 14.5 per cent of its gross revenues, under the operation of the wartime excess profits tax law, would disappear in view of proposed tax re-

forms. Welch said "probably not less than 60 per cent of any rate reduction will have to be borne by the net income of the company."

Accommodate Heat
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