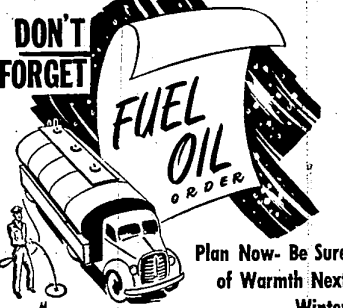


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Book Week Recalls History

This is National Book Week. All over the country attention is being given to this annual event, from November 10 to November 16.

Libraries are nothing new, for history tells us the collecting of books to form a library was begun in the time of Aristotle, the Greek scholar, about 459 B.C.

In recent years the United States has seen the greatest development of the modern library movement in any country. The oldest library in America is the Harvard University Library, founded in 1638. The largest American library that maintained by the federal government, The Library of Congress which contains 1,500,000 volumes.

The proprietary or subscription library was the forerunner of the public library in America, the first being founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1731. A later generation conceived the idea of abolishing all fees, making the library entirely free, without any subscription from the patron. In Peterboro, New Hampshire, there was founded in 1833 the first free library supported by public taxation.

The establishment of branch libraries and county libraries has been a forward movement. More recently has come the Bookmobile which carries the library to people who can not easily get to one.

Not one week each year is as aside as National Book Week. The Children's Book Council, a non-profit organization, organizes and publicizes Book Week. The Council is financed by the Association of Children's Book Editors. This year the slogan is "Books Are Bridges."

In the Farmington Library now is an exhibit of children's books from the University Extension Department at Ann Arbor. This is on a short loan, and the books cannot be circulated, but may be used at the library.

For the benefit of newcomers to our locality, the Farmington Library is located on the north side of the Town Hall, and is open Monday and Friday from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Saturday and from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. City and Township residents are urged to use the local library — it is maintained for your convenience and enjoyment.

GERMAN REFUGEES RETURN TO HOMELAND



DENMARK — SOUNDPHOTO — These Germans, mostly women and children, who fled to Denmark from Germany when the tide of battle reached their homeland, are pictured as they were checked by Danish police while crossing the frontier on their way back to the British zone in Germany. Most of them are returning to homes that no longer exist. They are carrying all their earthly possessions with them.

Surplus Institutional Livestock Sold

Following the custom of disposing of surplus livestock, a consignment of State Institutional purchased Holstein cattle from ten institutional herds consisting of 4 heifers and 10 bulls was sold at auction under the direction of the State Department of Agriculture at the Lapeer State Home and Training School, on Saturday, November 2, 1946, says director Charles Figg.

The 69 head sold for a total of \$18,655.00 or an average of \$269.66 per head. These cattle were distributed among purchasers from fifteen counties in Michigan. The top heifer was consigned by the Traverse City State Hospital and sold for \$500.00, the purchaser being Robert Ellis of Mio, Michigan. The top bull was consigned by the Kalamazoo State Hospital and was sold for \$340.00, the purchaser being Clarence J. Bradford of Ortonville, Michigan. C. B. Smith of Farmington, Michigan, was the auctioneer.

G. I. Bill of Rights Still in Effect

Since October 5, 1946, there has been a misunderstanding about the longevity of the G. I. Bill of Rights. Today, many persons believe that the G. I. Bill expired October 5. In a statement to clarify this situation, Colonel Walter C. Cole, Commanding Officer of the Michigan Recruiting District, said: "A recruiting act of Congress passed the Voluntary Recruiting Act of 1946. This law provided that anyone enlisting on or before October 5, 1946,

would receive all educational rights, rights to loan guarantees and rights to readjustment allowances (unemployment compensation) for the full term of their enlistment." Those enlisting after October 5 will receive G. I. Bill benefits until the war is terminated by Congressional action.

Colonel Cole urged that those who were under the impression that the bill had expired on October 5, to enlist now and be eligible for the benefits of the G. I. Bill which is still in effect. Colonel Cole said, "Today, it is possible for those young men, who enlist immediately, to receive G. I. Bill benefits for a very substantial portion of their enlistment which will make it well worth their while."

Ruth Greenman To Be Married

Mrs. Edith G. Starkey of Danville, formerly of Parker Street, Farmington, announces the engagement of her daughter, Ruth E. Greenman, to John H. Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hughes Powell of Sparta, Michigan. The wedding will take place next June.

Miss Greenman is a teacher at the Vine Street School in Kalamazoo. She graduated from Farmington High School, the Moody Bible Institute and Western Michigan College.

Mr. Powell is a graduate of Sparta High School, and recently returned to his home after four years in the Navy, resuming his former position at the Sparta Post Office.

POTATO INJURY DURING HARVEST CUTS VALUE

H. C. Moore, potato research specialist in the farm crops department at Michigan State college, says mechanical injury to potatoes during harvest often lowers the quality. A lower quality brings a lower price, and as a result, growers do not realize the margin of profit they may expect.

As the first suggestion to lessen mechanical damage in digging, he advises farmers to be certain the crop is mature before digging. Well matured potatoes shrink less in storage, have a brighter color and cook whiter and more mealy than do immature or green stock. Of course, if vines have been frosted, there is no chance of further maturity.

Potatoes should be dug on clear days when the soil is fairly dry. They should go into storage free from dirt. Wet, dirty potatoes often do not keep well in storage and are less salable.

Moore warns that the digging machine should be run slowly so that potatoes do not bounce on the elevator chain. Bouncing causes bruises which may develop rot. The plow of the digger should run deep enough so that it will not cut potatoes.

Potato diggers should operate well ahead of pickers so potatoes can lie on top of the ground an hour or more before being picked up. This allows the potatoes to dry and toughen the skins, reducing injuries at the time of picking and storing. Pickers should be carefully supervised to prevent rough handling of the harvested crop which often causes bruising.

Annual Incomes

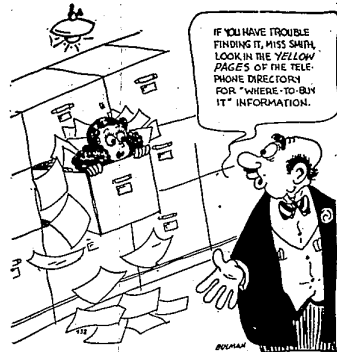
Industrial workers receive an average annual wage of \$2,300, while the average annual income of farmers is but \$1,545 per year.

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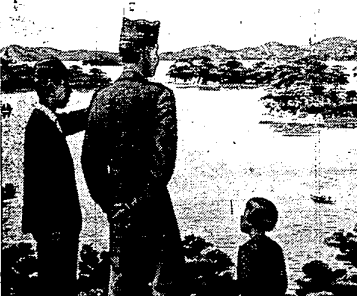
The Bean Inspection Service of the Department of Agriculture reports that the total of 1,200,288 hundred-pound bags were inspected and shipped from Michigan during the month of October. This is an all-time high record for any month, says Director Charles Figg.

Total shipments for this season, beginning September 1, has been 1,235,189 hundred-pound bags, and that is another all-time record. Following decontrol at midnight on October 23, the base price to the farmer for Michigan beans advanced immediately to \$12.00 per hundredweight for navy beans. An unprecedented rush to market followed. Heavy shipments are continuing and apparently there is still a large backlog of orders to be shipped.

Michigan beans are in demand in all parts of the country east of the Mississippi river and one shipment was even made to Texas. The 1946 crop totaling \$28,000,000 hundred-pound bags is slightly below the average production for the State and will not be sufficient to meet all the demands for Michigan beans. The beans are of excellent quality, however.

Forest Land Wasted

There are 630,000,000 acres of forest land in the U. S. yet fire lays waste to 50,000,000 acres of cut forest annually with a direct loss of \$38,000,000. Only 10 out of every 100 forest fires in the U. S. are caused by lightning; the other 90 are man-made and man-caused mainly by careless smokers and campers.



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