

Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Aldrich of Roosevelt Street attended a double ring ceremony double wedding at Saginaw last Saturday evening. One of the grooms was a cousin of Mrs. Aldrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Harrison moved to Mercer, Pennsylvania, last week. Their son, Richard Bedson, drove the car, as Mr. Harrison has had an injured finger since last spring.

Asparagus Work Cut By Snapping

Asparagus in Michigan can be snapped off rather than laboriously cut. This change in method, results, in a 50 per cent saving in handling both to growers and processors, says R. L. Carulus of the department of horticulture at Michigan State College.

A four year experiment started by M.S.C. horticulturist Keith C. Barons in 1945 and continued by Carulus has resulted in the harvesting of one-third of Michigan's 6000 acre asparagus crop by the snapping method. According to Carulus processors have been able to pay from \$0 to 100 per cent more for snapped asparagus than for the product cut with the butts on. Yields of snapped asparagus in the four-year trials have been 60 to 65 per cent of the yields when the crop was harvested by cutting. Total yields as edible asparagus have run higher in the snapped plots. Thus, income to growers has been boosted 10 to 15 per cent or more and harvesting costs reduced.

Growers estimate that only 50 per cent as much labor is required in harvesting by the snapping process. Cannerymen reported that the labor required in processing snapped asparagus was 55 per cent less than that required for the cut product.

Carulus stresses several precautions that must be observed in snapping. Snapped asparagus must be handled rapidly. Not more than eight hours should elapse between harvesting and processing. If the product must be hauled long distances to the cannery, snapping may not be practical. However, much of the asparagus acreage is located close to processing plants. After being snapped, asparagus should be covered with wet sacks to prevent deterioration.

In harvesting, the spears should be grasped between the thumb and forefinger and snapped by pushing away from the picker. Snapping by pulling toward the picker results in the spear breaking too low.



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The WOMEN'S PAGE

Items of Interest to Feminine Farmington

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Aldrich, Farmington Road, have announced the arrival of a granddaughter, Colleen Marie, born on Thursday, June 23. The new arrival weighed seven pounds, and one ounce. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn.

Miss Cherry Richards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Richards, attended pre-nuptial parties and the wedding reception for Mrs. Cynthia Cook, who became the bride of John Ottman Gilbert on Saturday, June 25, at St. Paul's Church, Jackson, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bedson, Jr., of 28728 Grand River, were visited last week by Mrs. Bedson's mother and grandmother, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Hilliard from California. After spending most of the week here, Mrs. Bedson and family drove to Jackson, Tennessee, where Mrs. Brown will spend the remainder of her vacation with her brother.

The Blue Star Mothers will hold their July luncheon and party on Wednesday, July 13, at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Fred Wilkinson, 23361 Cora Street. Mrs. Wilkinson will serve as chairman for the July party.

George Cook on Power Road, in St. Joseph Hospital the past month, had his right leg amputated above the knee early Saturday morning. He is progressing favorably.

The Louis whites and daughters of Wetsville, were Thursday visitors at Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lamb on Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilkinson and daughter Shirley, returned to their home on Cora Friday morning following a vacation trip through northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

Mrs. Raymond Grewing and children of Southfield, and Mrs. Edward Champagne, and daughter, of Edward, were luncheon guests of their mother, Mrs. H. A. McIntyre on Wednesday.

Mrs. James McConchie of Holly spent Saturday with the R. K. McConchie.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Boyle from Holt, Michigan, were Sunday guests of Mrs. George Cook on Power, and Mr. Cook at St. Joseph Hospital.

Miss Mary Jane and brother, Donald, are visiting their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles, of Jackson, and other relatives in Stockbridge and Gregory.

The Alfred DuCharmes on Karl are spending a few days with his parents in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. McConchie received word from their son, James, in Holly, that he had suffered a painful injury to his arm when the hood of his car fell, severing the cords and nerves that may cause permanent injury and allow only partial use of his hand and arm.

Mrs. May Ruggles of Jackson is visiting her grandchildren, the

John Stipeaks, on Karl Avenue. Mrs. Corcoran and children, of Detroit, visited her mother, Mrs. Melinda Schulkins over the holiday.

Mrs. Ray Howard underwent an operation at Pontiac Hospital last week. She is progressing favorably.

Mrs. Barbara Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Carpenter of Shawassaw Street, left last week for Fort Riley, Kansas. Miss Carpenter accompanied her sister-in-law, Mrs. William C. Carpenter, Jr., at Fort Riley the young women were joined by Lt. William C. Carpenter, Jr., from Kansas, the group went to Chattanooga, Tennessee, where they will visit their aunt, Mrs. Byron Lewis. Later, Lt. Carpenter will report to Fort Benning, Georgia, for six weeks' training.

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at the Town Hall at 9:30 a.m. Monday, July 11, for a garden pilgrimage. At 12 p.m. the club will meet at the home of Mrs. John Spleet, 2015 Farmington Road, where they will have lunch.

Make Your Cottons Look Fresh Longer

A few laundering hints may be the secret to keeping your cotton dresses looking as they did when you first bought or made them, advises Florence Rann, extension clothing specialist at Michigan State College.

All that truly washable cottons require is warm water and a good laundry soap. Wash dark colored cottons alone or with other dark colors. This will prevent having unsightly light spots on a dark cotton. If your cottons do not have a permanent crisp finish, a light starch solution will do wonders.

Rinse your cottons well because soap particles make fabrics look soiled when ironed and tend to weaken the fibers. When hanging on the line, first shake out the dresses to remove large wrinkles and then pin by the hem at the side seams.

Good sprinkling means good ironing. One of the secrets of good ironing is knowing how much moisture to use. Too little moisture makes it difficult to remove wrinkles, while too much adds to the ironing time. A fine spray sprinkler top distributes the moisture evenly.

Always iron absolutely dry as you go along. This will keep the fabric from wrinkling and puckering at the seams. Avoid shine on dark cottons by ironing on the wrong side. Use a pressing cloth to touch up double thicknesses on the right side. Move the iron in unbroken rhythmic strokes so the heat will have time to work. Iron around buttons. To press a pocket, turn the dress to the wrong side and press the pocket carefully. Go over the pockets on the right side if necessary.

Lois Deal Wins Silver Medal

The Farmington W.C.T.U. held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday afternoon, June 28. Following the business meeting, Mrs. William Landaster conducted a speech contest. Miss Lois Deal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Deal, 21435 Jackson Street, was the winner.

Miss Deal has appeared as reader, or in plays and skits, on several programs in this area. At present, she has several pupils studying ballet. Her prize was a silver medal.

Mrs. Irving Rose, of Garden City, wife of the minister of the Baptist Church there, led the devotionals. One new member was received into the Union.

While the judges were making their decision, Miss Jane Tenner gave a reading, and Miss Marlene Williver, of Garden City, played a piano selection.

The next W.C.T.U. meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Belle Williams on Gude Road, near Plymouth. It will be a picnic dinner at noon on Tuesday, July 26.



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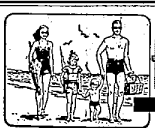
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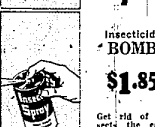
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