

STATE'S BIG CELERY CROP HARVEST NOW UNDERWAY

An excellent crop of fall celery estimated at 675,000 crates is being to find its way into food outlets from Michigan celery producing regions. Celery production in the state is expected to be about the same volume as last year.

Harvest of Michigan's quality crop is expected to continue until the latter part of October, depending on weather conditions.

Most of Michigan's celery is produced in Ottawa, Kent, Muskegon, Newaygo and Allegan counties and the Inlay City district in eastern Michigan. There also is some production in a part of Van Buren county and around the Kalamazoo area, where America's commercial celery industry is said to have originated slightly more than a century ago.

Today most housewives prefer the green type celery for its succulence and freedom from strings but there is still some demand for the yellow kind which is preferred by processors.

Michigan's celery crop is the largest east of the Pacific coast with New York second with 65,000 crates. Western production, which is nearly half again as big as it was last year, far overshadows production in the middle west and east.

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Clarenceville High School News

Material for this column is prepared by members of the Clarenceville High School Journalism Class

Classes Elect Officers, Council Representatives At First Meetings

Initial class meetings for the current school year were held during the past week at Clarenceville High School.

President Dave Hanford called the Senior Class meeting to order on September 17 in the High School cafeteria.

Christmas cards were offered to all seniors wanting to raise money for their trip. Twelve boxes of samples were given to each Senior. The prices of the cards range from \$1.00 to \$1.50.

The students will make fifty per cent profit on each box of Christmas cards.

On the same day the first meeting of the Junior Class was called to order by Mr. Larson.

Nominations for the Presidency were opened by Clifford Wellman who submitted the name of John Hicks. Also included in nominations for president were Beverly Tucker, Gretchen Van Camp and Clifford Wellman. Don Mitchell was chosen for vice-president.

Gretchen Van Camp was elected to the office of president for the coming year. She presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Nominations for vice-president included John Hicks, Clifford Wellman and Larry Andrews. Andrews was chosen for the office.

Nominations for secretary included Nancy Groplet, Cynthia Beerbohn and John Hicks. The

Varsity Girls' Sports Program Planned This Year

The athletic program of Clarenceville High School is offering a series of activities for girls this year. Miss Myers, sponsor of the Girls' Athletic Association has announced a schedule of events ranging from badminton to golf. The program will include instruction in all phases of stunts and games and supervised contests.

Listed among the activities for the school year are: speedball, September 25 to November 16; archery, September 20 to October 25; volleyball, November 20 to January 22; table tennis, November 8 to January 10; basketball, February 3 to March 26; badminton, January 17 to February 25; softball, April 2 to May 14; tennis, April 11 to May 9, and golf, April 20 to June 3.

There will also be a bowling team organized in the near future, it was indicated. All girls interested in the bowling team are eligible. The activities are not limited to members of the Girls Athletic Association, it was pointed out.

GREEN PEPPER

Almost every vegetable, except green pepper, loses fresh flavor and color as well as tender texture if frozen without preheating or "blanching," state M. S. U. food specialists. The reason for heating vegetables before packing for freezing is that the heat slows or stops the natural process of maturing or aging. If vegetables are not heated enough, the aging continues in frozen storage. Then, vegetables develop off-flavors, toughness and poor color, so that within a few weeks or months they may be very unappetizing.

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Fire Prevention Tips Offered

Nine out of ten home fires in Michigan could be prevented if everyone followed seven simple safety measures, according to Francis A. Hartman, University of Michigan fire prevention specialist.

1. The steps, he says, are:
  1. Keep matches out of reach of children.
  2. Smoke cigarettes safely—never in bed.
  3. Stop misuse of electricity—check and correct improper fuses, overloaded circuits, defective wiring and appliances.
  4. Have your heating equipment and chimney cleaned, inspected and repaired annually.
  5. Use fire-retardant roofing.
  6. Keep gasoline, kerosene, naphtha and other volatile liquids outside the home—never use them for dry cleaning or starting a fire.
  7. Regularly remove rubbish and other unnecessary combustibles from your home.
- Home fires cost Michigan families upwards of eleven million dollars annually, Hartman notes, and well over 150 persons die in fires in the state every year.
- Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, is an especially good time to check your home with the above list and take all corrective measures indicated, Hartman continues. Fall is the best season for checking your heating plant for winter and like spring—good for cleaning your house a thorough cleaning from top to bottom.
- While inspection of your home wiring and heating systems usually must be done by professionals, he concludes, the expense involved is far less than what even a small fire would cost.
- Most of the fire prevention steps are a simple matter of getting everyone in the family safety-conscious, Hartman concludes.

Heritage Discussion Group To Meet Oct. 1

The Heritage Discussion Group, under the direction of Mrs. Edge Cope, will meet October 1, at 8 p.m. in the High School Library.

The group is open to men and women who are interested in knowing more about American Foreign Policy in the Middle East. Registrations will be received at the Farmington Library or may be made by calling Mrs. Cope, GR. 4-1898.

No fees are charged. This is a service of the American Association of University Women in cooperation with the Public Library and the Adult Education Program of the Farmington Schools.

We the people of the U.S. of A. ate more than four billion pounds of fish and shellfish last year.

Indiana Toll Road To Cut Travel On Michigan Routes, Auto Club Says

Opening of a new 32.6 mile section of the Indiana Toll Road has lowered the volume of through traffic on free roads across southern Michigan by 50 per cent, according to the Automobile Club of Michigan.

The newest section, which opened just over a week ago between LaPorte and East Gary, now provides a turnpike route all along Michigan's southern border within a few miles of the state line. Eight entrances will serve state motorists who will be using the "pay-as-you-drive" route for trips to Chicago, Detroit and eastern cities. Jerry E. Fisher, Auto Club touring manager, points out.

State drivers will enter the Indiana road at the South Bend interchange, off US-31, south of Niles; at the Middlebury interchange, off M103, 0.13 south of Three Rivers; at the Howard-Grange interchange, off M-18 and 0.9, south of Sturgis; and at Angola interchange, off US-27, south of Odessa.

Access to the Ohio Turnpike can be gained at Bryan-McIntosh interchange, off M-99 and 0.15, south of Hillsdale; at Wauson interchange, off M-52 and 0.18, south of Adrian; at Maumee interchange, off the Toledo bypass at the southern outskirts of the city; and at the Stony Ridge-Toledo interchange, off I-190, southwest of Toledo.

"Judging from the number of requests already for, routine along the new route, many Michigan drivers prefer the limited-access roads, even if they must pay to use them," Fisher stated.

Test runs by Auto Club on these possible routes from Detroit to Chicago showed only a half-hour time saving using turnpike routes, although mileage was greater.

Using Michigan free roads, the trip covered 273 miles and required seven hours to drive at normal speeds. Using Michigan roads from Detroit to Sturgis and the turnpike to Chicago added 14 miles but saved a half hour of driving time with a toll cost of \$3.20, joining the Ohio Turnpike.

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