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CUT PRODUCTION COSTS OF WAR

Henry Ford Give Nation Benefit of Saving; Turns Back Profit.

There are many interesting pages in the story of how America, turning from the ways of peace, threw her sons and her resources into the warring scales of the world combat and impaled them to the side of justice and liberty. No greater record of achievement was ever written than this tale, and no single instance, it is safe to say, is more striking than that written in the plants of Henry Ford.

The story of how Ford and his vast army of workers ledged out the punch behind the mail flat with which America struck at the forces of autocracy and militarism came out for the first time in the Ford-Tribune libel suit in answer to the tribune's charge, that after the United States entered the war the Ford organizations made great profits at the expense of the government.

Edsel Ford, the 25-year-old president of the Ford Motor Company, appeared on the stand in the Ford libel case as a tribune witness in answer to a subpoena. During his examination he was subjected to a long grilling on the work of the Ford factories during the war. The contention of Tribune counsel was that Henry Ford had made huge profits from the manufacture of war materials. Armed with a comprehensive knowledge of the work of his concern and backed by records and figures, young Mr. Ford, proceeded to show:

That Henry Ford offered every faculty at his command to the government when his country broke off relations with Germany.

That Henry Ford was prevented from turning back all the profits on government work by the minority stockholders;

That when he could not get the minority stockholders to agree to manufacture war materials without profits, Mr. Ford turned back his family's share of 58 1/2 per cent.

That the Ford Motor Company developed new processes which it did not patent but gave to the government.

That the company broke all production records and repeatedly made war material for less than contract price, and that the company voluntarily turned back to the government the savings thus effected in the cost of manufacture.

Cylinders for aeroplane engines which formerly cost \$20 each, were turned out by the Ford company for \$8.25 and later for \$3. One million cylinders were built.

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The Ford hospital, one of the largest in the country, was turned over to the government for \$1,000 a year. Ford factories and offices were taken over by the war department for nominal rental.

Henry Ford, out of his own pocket added \$1,800,000 to the amount allowed him for the building the Eagle boat plant. He has never been reimbursed.

The government has owed Ford as much as \$32,913,328.88. As late as last February the government still owed Henry Ford \$2,586,375.78. He has never charged the government interest on these millions.

Little Daughter Dies

Edna Ruth Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amasa Grace, born in the township of Farmington on June 28, 1918, died July 28, 1919, at the age of 1 year and 1 month. She was sick but a few hours.

The funeral was held from the home Tuesday afternoon, Rev. E. C. C. Benson officiating, with burial at North Farmington Cemetery.

August September Milk Prices

The Detroit Milk Commission, at a session held Wednesday evening, established the milk prices for August and September to producers at \$4.05, F. O. B., Detroit making the price for this freight zone \$3.87 per 100 pounds, or an advance of 65 cent over the July price.

They reported an average of \$3.15 for the past 20 months, or from the start of the commission work, as compared with the average of \$3.09 for the cities of Chicago, Milwaukee and New York for the same time.

Ten Pages This Week

In order to accommodate our largely increased advertising patronage, which we are pleased to note, has been at a high point all summer, we are obliged this week to issue 10 pages in order to cut down on local news. The enterprise has carried as much, if not more, advertising during the summer months, which are usually considered the dulles of the year, than any other paper in this vicinity, outside the cities, which is an indication of what the foreign as well as the local advertisers think of it as an advertising medium.

There are several very attractive ads this week, which will greatly benefit you if you read them carefully.

CHURCH NOTES

Salem Evangelical
Rev. A. C. Stange, pastor, will preach each alternate Sunday morning at 10:45, eastern time, in the Farmington and Clarenceville Evangelical churches.

The Farmington Ladies Aid meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the parsonage.

Methodist Church
Morning 10:30 Evening 7:30
Sunday School 11:45
E. C. C. Benson, Pastor
Theme for next Sunday morning, "Without Faith". In the evening, "Building a Faith".

The last quarterly conference for this charge will be held in the church parlor August 8th, at 8 p. m. District Supr. Dr. E. J. Warren will be present. All interested in the church are invited and every official member is expected to be present.

Mrs. George McCafferty and daughter, Vera Jean, and daughter, Friday with her sister, Sarah T. Cougler.

According to the Milford Times the Clarence Lake bridge has been given up for repair work, which will include the building of a new dam in the upper end of the bridge.

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FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Newspaper Items Taken From Other Papers in and About the County.

C. H. Young has had the bad luck this week to lose, by sickness, a young calf for which he had recently refused \$1,000.—Northville Record.

"There is a magazine in America devoted to selling hogs to make money." The reason we don't subscribe for it is because it isn't edited by John D. Rockefeller.—Parma News.

A most distressing death is that of Bonna, the ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frank of Southeast Avon, after three days' illness with infantile paralysis.—Rochester Era.

If the vote taken at Monday night's road meeting at the Board of Commerce is in any way the deciding factor, Milford is to have a concrete road connecting the Highland road on the north village line with the New Hudson road on the south.—Milford Times.

"This is the day of six cylinder gyps" remarked a Lansing man who ran into a band of rovers near Dimondale Sunday. They were real gypsies and drove all makes of cars. The head "Gyp" drives a Packard. Then came gypsies of lesser rank driving lesser priced machines and Fords. "I stopped and pondered," said the observer who saw the auto gyps band "and could not refrain from saying what will become of this gasoline accelerated age next."—Eg.

The time of the year is here when our soil-tillers, whatever they may be coaxing from the ground, are at the height of their activity. From the boundless fields of the far west to the farming districts of the east, and the tobacco and cotton coast, (south of the south, the annual gathering of crops is at hand. Theory is laid aside and the results that count. The men of the field in Oakland county have done their limit to produce more riches, and we believe they have more than done their duty.—Oxford Leader.

An interesting question is liable to be raised as to the disposition of the life insurance held by the late Harry Jacobs, who, with his wife, was drowned in Green lake a week ago last Sunday. Mrs. Jacobs was named in the policy as the beneficiary, and if her husband died first the money will, of course, go to her heirs, who are the two small children; but if Mrs. Jacobs died first and no other beneficiary was named in the will, it is claimed that the policy is of no effect.—Holly Advertiser.

Northwest Farmington

Mrs. Anna Green was a Pontiac visitor Tuesday.

Starr Graham and Irven Knapp were at Detroit Tuesday.

A number from here took in the circus at Pontiac Wednesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Seeley on Thursday, July 24, a baby boy.

Arthur Davis and children, Ernest and Mettie, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Davis Sunday.

Miss Mary Green, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sted and children, of Detroit, spent Saturday evening and Sunday at the home of Calvin Green.

Everyone was shocked by the sudden death of Edna Ruth, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amasa Grace last Monday morning. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon, with burial at North Farmington cemetery.

See what the liners offer.

At a meeting of the property owners with the Oakland county road commission last Friday to discuss the building of a nine-foot gravel road from North Farmington West to the Walled Lake road, a little over the miles, not a single objection to the building of the road was made.

Do you want to sell? Let people know it through our columns. Showy costs a trifle and pays big interest on the investment.

From All Over.

They say shoes will be selling for \$12 to \$16 a pair next winter; men's suits for \$50 to \$75.

Oxford's new factory for the manufacture of children's play suits, employing 50 girls, opened for business last week.

The U. S. department, in co-operation with state agricultural colleges and other agencies interested in Hys stock improvement, will begin a nationwide campaign on October 1st for "Better Sires—Better Stock."

During the month of June there were 2,357 deaths reported in Michigan—412 infants under one year, 149 children one to four years and 916 elderly persons, over 65 years. During the same time there were 9,225 births.

According to the decision of the county road commissioners Oakland county roads are to have attractive warning and direction signs placed along all of the principal roads, to cost, it is estimated, in the neighborhood of \$7,500.

Reunion and Picnic

The annual reunion and picnic of teachers and pupils of the Briggs school, of district number three, township of Livonia, which was held at the school house in said district, on the second Saturday in August, 1919. All who ever taught, or attended school here, are are urged to attend and assist with the program, which will consist of addresses by former teachers and others, historical readings, school recollections by pupils, music, games, and a basket picnic dinner at noon. Come and bring your family and friends, and help make it a day to be remembered with pleasure.

E. T. ALEXANDER, Sec'y.

WROTE OF LIFE AT HARVARD

Author Now Forgotten Conceded to Have Been the First to Depict Undergraduate Days.

Harvard graduates, the world over, have long believed that the earliest historical record of undergraduate life in the United States was made when F. B. Atwood drew his pictures of college life for the first volume of the Harvard Lampoon. The Lampoon was the forerunner of humorous journalism in America; Atwood became a famous humorist; and his "Manners & Customs of the Harvard Student" was established as a classic. The discovery of a time-stained book in a New England farmhouse reveals an earlier draftsman, whose "College Scenes" antedates "The Harvard Students" by about a quarter of a century, but was soon generally forgotten. Of N. Hayward, the artist, no record remains but the bare fact that he was then in college. The discoverer, however, had a rare afternoon when he found the volume in a dusty chest, where it had been packed away with a lot of contemporary textbooks and an old Harvard diploma.—Christian Science Monitor.

Historic Strasbourg

In establishing the administration of the restored provinces of Alsace-Lorraine in the city of Strasbourg, the people of France have regained a richly historic ground, says the Boston Transcript. Its cathedral, whose building engaged the services of famous architects and decorators for the period of four centuries before reaching the completion in which it stands today, is one of the masterpieces of the world's great architecture. It has a library of a million volumes and before the war its students numbered more than 2,000.

These are the local glories, but a universal fame has been gained by the products of its more intimate talent. Thus, Alsatian wine has had world-wide recognition since the middle ages; Strasbourg beer was known before America was discovered, and as for that delicacy so prized by the fastidious taste of gourmets, the pate de foie gras, the name of Strasbourg is the certificate of extreme excellence.

Try the liners. They sell.

Village Taxes
I will be at the Warner Dairy Co. office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 2:30 p. m. to 4:30 p. m. until further notice for the collection of Village Taxes.
JOHN LAFARRE
Village Treasurer

REDUCED RATES ON RAILROADS

U. S. RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION MAKES SPECIAL FREIGHT AND PASSENGER FARES TO STATE AND COUNTY EXPOSITIONS.

MICHIGAN STATE FAIR VICTORY

G. W. Dickinson Leads Committee Which Carries On Successful Fight for Fair Patrons.

Following importunities by a committee of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, of which G. W. Dickinson, secretary-manager of the Michigan State Fair was a moving spirit, the Government Railroad Administration has broadened largely its ruling of the railroad return free privilege for fairs.

In addition to the sweeping victory for the Michigan State Fair, after a fight of several years, the Railroad Administration announced that railroads would give a one and a third fare to all passengers to state and county fairs this year.

From 1915 Michigan railroads returned free exhibits to fairs when the ownership had not been changed. During that year the privilege was taken away and full rates were levied up to last year, when Mr. Dickinson succeeded in having the return free privilege reinstated. However, the new reduced rate for exhibits, as now granted by the Railroad Administration, goes farther than anything ever before obtained.

Under the old return free privilege an exhibitor making a circuit of a number of fairs was allowed to return free only from the last fair of the circuit to the original starting point. The concession obtained by Mr. Dickinson this year is such that the exhibitor may only add fare when making the circuit or visiting a single fair. Horse fares did not included under the ruling of last year.

Convince Railroad Head.

The committee convinced Walter D. Hines, director general of railroads, that this was a direct blow at the horse breeding industry of the country, shown by the war to be one of the most important of industries, despite the automobile.

The decision of the Railroad Administration for so sweeping a concession to state and county fairs of the country is a direct recognition by the Government of the growing importance such institutions are assuming as great educational factors. It will mean vastly larger and better exhibitions than have heretofore been displayed over a far larger field.

In Michigan it will mean that exhibitors may show their products at the Michigan State Fair at one-half the cost for transportation of former years. The ruling regarding passenger fares also will mean that many thousands of persons in the state will have the opportunity of visiting the fair this year at one-third of the transportation cost of all previous years.

MAN WHO DOESN'T GROW UP

Just What is Wrong With Individual Who Fails to "Keep Up With the Progression?"

Insufficient occupation and the consequentness of not being of much use nearly always explain the man who does not grow up. There may have been a period of infancy when he was an admitted anomaly of society, when his cleverness was applauded, when his violent aspersions and rash criticisms and absurd treatments were listened to as the expressions of an aggressive and self-seeking mind and were valued perhaps for some faculty in utterance; but this mind has not matured, perhaps because it never was forced to grapple with anything vital, and the facility in language that was a charm in youth is thus dwindled with years to peevish tendency in objection, censure and condemnation. The man who at twenty-five is still a dabbler, with a faculty for playing a laugh by his treatment of dilettantes, the achievements of gray men, is likely at sixty to be complaining of the cooling and the weather, the high prices and the policy of the administration.

Living in the purpose of expression the discontent with the universe. A man needs a man which to grow up, but if he does not fertilize time with work he will not be the wood of a man.—The Farmington Enterprise.

COMBAT WITH THEIR HEADS

Griffins. Have Distinctly Peculiar Method of Settling Differences That Arise Among Themselves.

While the griffin can hardly be classed among the fierce brutes of the animal world, yet animals of this species are known to have their combats like their more ferocious fellows. The long-necked beast has an original and curious method of fighting. It has neither claws nor beak nor sharp teeth with which to defend or attack, so when it is out of temper with one of its kind it does not fly in the face of Providence by trying to disembowel its adversary, as a rhinoceros might, or tear it, as a tiger would. On the contrary, the griffin, knowing that it has been provided by nature with a long and pliable neck, terminating in a very soft head, uses the upper part of itself like a fist, and, swinging its neck around and around in a way that does immense credit to its organization, brings its head down at each swing with a thump on its antagonist.

The other combatant uses precisely the same tactics, and the two animals, planting themselves as firmly as possible by stretching out on all four legs to the utmost, and opposite to each other hammering away with their heads until one or the other has had enough.

The head of the griffin is furnished with two stumpy, hornlike processes, so that the animals when at this hammer-and-tongs mode of warfare, remind the spectator somewhat of two ancient warriors thumping each other with the spiked balls they used to carry for that purpose at the end of a chain.—New York Herald.

Read our liner column, quick.

LITTLE WANT ADS

FOR SALE—Horse, wagon and Harness. See Park Walters, Clarenceville. 33p.

FOR SALE—Modern House and one acre of ground, on easy terms. Inquire of P. E. Perkins, Farmington, phone 72.

FOR SALE—Visiting cards—either printed or engraved. Best of work and prices right. Ask the Enterprise man.

FOR SALE—Good Kitchen Range; also Iron Bed, Springs and mattress. Can be seen at the residence of R. J. Auten 37c

FURNITURE—Upholstered and refinished. Hunt up that old Walnut and have something useful made out of it. Prices reasonable. R. B. Botsford, 200 back of house, Farmington. 29tf

STATIONERY—Let us print you some nice stationery. Good work and reasonable prices.

WANTED—To borrow \$1,500 for six months' will pay 7 per cent interest and \$100 bonus. Real estate mortgage for security. Inquire at the Enterprise office. 33p.

FOR SALE—Large sheets of Blotting paper; also Bristol Board, Cards of all kinds, either printed or plain. Call at the Enterprise and see what we have.

FOR SALE—First class range. Malleable iron, asbestos lined, 17 gallon copper reservoir, also gasoline stove—good, reasonable. Mrs. Florence Moore, Warner apartments. 37p.

WILL PAY \$50 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who stole off my place, about 1 1/2 miles North of Farmington Village, one U. S. army tent, yellow color. James B. McKay, care Dime Savings Bank, Detroit. 38p

It Should Pay to Look Well.

After your Dairy Herd and milk produced feeding well at our July and August Price of \$4.01 per 100 pounds milk delivered at our Farmington and Northville Plant. See our DAIRY CO.