

Farmington Enterprise

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WHY NOT FARMINGTON?

Many communities about the state are establishing public camping sites for autoists and the number is rapidly increasing. This is especially true of towns throughout the great west and northwest, but there is no greater need for these places out there than there is right here in Michigan. Autoists from other states—south, east and west are fast coming to realize that Michigan is a great summer playground and as our highways are improved the number who will be attracted toward Michigan will constantly increase. To meet this condition a number of far-seeing communities are already establishing these camp sites.

Could any community be better situated for such an enterprise than Farmington? Twenty miles from a great and crowded city; located upon one of the great thoroughfares of the world; near by numerous beautiful inland lakes Farmington ought to establish a public camping site and invite all to come and enjoy our great out-of-doors.

And fortunately we have an ideal place for the establishment of such a site—the vacant lots adjoining the D. U. R. right of way on Division street, and the handsome grove of native trees adjoining. With the new sewer system this land can now be properly drained, the underbrush could be removed from the grove and the ground improved at not a very great expense. The property would make an ideal parking site and an ideal site for a park. If proper action were taken this property could, doubtless be secured now at a reasonable price. In a few years it may be beyond our reach. The project is worth striving for at least.

THE FARMER.

The farmer is no longer the butt of ridicule, neither is he referred to as "hayseed" or "Rube." He is at last coming into his rightful heritage, though it has taken generations and much individual and combined effort on his part to get where he is today—possessing some of the rights to which he is entitled.

By keeping up an honest and hard-fought battle against the determination of all other classes that he should occupy no sphere but a tiller of the soil and relegated to practical slavery, remain ever a menial with no social standing, he has risen phoenix-like, to the position where he can demand recognition as a business man and take his place in the social life of his community. His children, given the same opportunities as their town dwelling cousins, are supplanting them in many places where clean, intelligent and competent executives and trusty public officials are called for. He lives in a comfortable and modern home, has commodious buildings for his stock, plenty of storage capacity for his crops and riding in the better automobiles, is a factor in the directing of the policy and business of the banks.

Yes, the farmer is "the man behind the gun," as it were, in the business fabric of this great and prosperous country of ours. He was behind all patriotic movements of the war period and worked relentlessly to keep up production, tho' he was handicapped by the absence of his boys in the fighting machine of the country, but his wife and daughters assisted and supported him in his uneven struggle. When the reconstruction period came on he was the first to be asked to sacrifice profits in the name of patriotism while he was obliged to pay excessive prices for labor, tools and merchandise.

However the worm has turned and the thinking and intelligent farmer business man is coming in to his own and is now in a position to hold it too.

There used to be a time when it was considered a huge joke for the farmer to have audacity to even think out loud that he wished certain legislation and the only time he received recognition by his legislative representative was just before election time. It's different now, he thinks for himself and votes for his own interest and he

is not only a factor to be reckoned with but he is a power in the political makeup of this country and don't you forget it.

Reflections of the Hired Man.

Mary had a little lamb, away back then, but now she is making a fine showing of young bovines, we say.

We have no objection to a man shooting both he and his wife as long as he tries the experiment on himself first.

Bonfires within the business district should be on the water wagon, we mean prohibited, especially since the country is in an arid condition, except that part known as Wayne county, owned by Detroit.

While we have no desire to be understood as favoring it, we can see no reason why woman should not smoke if she wants to. She is now given the same rights as the man. We believe in women's rights and will add that she is more times right morally and intellectually, too, for that matter, than her man.

Guess its about time we washed our windows when the night watch comes along and says, "I could not tell who was in your place, for I could not see thru the windows." That's all right officer, just as soon as it breaks up for spring we propose to give those aforesaid windows a cleaning—their annual treat.

In these days of hustle and get the money, regardless of how, there is too little attention given to home training when referring to children. There is a growing inclination of parents to shirk their responsibility as such and throw it upon the school teachers. Think it over and see if you do not agree with us.

Gasoline and hooch if mixed, may make an auto fuel full of pep but with the hooch in the driver's tank and the gas in the car tank the mixture becomes at once a menace to the safety of other autoists. Two incidents in this community have demonstrated the fallacy of one trying to drive a car with his tank filled with hooch.

"Love your neighbor as thyself" might have been all right at the time it was first "published," but in these days when that neighbor keeps a flock of hens which delight in intensively cultivating your garden after you have worked up an appetite, superinduced by anticipation, for that first "mess" of radishes you expect to come up from the seed planted last evening after a day's work in the shop, that kind of love must by necessity be blind.

\$8,000,000 Invested in Fox Farming in United States

More fur farmers are engaged in raising foxes than any other fur-bearing animal, according to reports of the biological survey of the United States department of agriculture. Observations made in the field by representatives of the survey indicate that at least 500 ranchers are raising silver foxes, and that there are between 12,000 and 15,000 foxes in captivity. It is estimated that about \$8,000,000 is invested in this industry.

The industry of breeding fur-bearing animals has grown because of the rapid development of the modern fur trade in the last 25 years. The United States is the largest fur market and fur-consuming country in the world. Many inquiries concerning fur farming are sent to the biological survey. The problems met by fox and other fur farmers require, as in the case of other live stock, a knowledge of species, temperament, sanitation, disease and parasites. In addition, fur farmers are handling wild animals in captivity and no domestic stock. A knowledge of the peculiarities of values and market requirements is essential to success from the business standpoint, and this ordinarily means to visit warehouses manufacturing furs, or sales of furs. As breeders can not always do this, representatives of the biological survey are constantly bringing before them all possible information relating to the fur industry in all its phases.

Nation's Fruit Growers

Elect Michigan Leader

President James Nicol of the Michigan state farm bureau has been elected temporary president of the federated fruit growers, a farm bureau sponsored national sales agency for fruit, created at Chicago April 28 at the results of

the labors of the farm bureau's national fruit marketing committee of 21, says the Michigan organization.

The federated fruit growers is said to be the result of an exhaustive analysis of the various factors affecting co-operating fruit marketing. It is intended to unite local fruit co-operatives the nation over into a big sales organization. National standardization of fruit grades and a carefully worked out advertising campaign to increase national fruit consumption, are aims of the new organization. It is to establish a sales department at Chicago at once, which will be under the direction of J. S. Edwards of California, president of the gold buckle association, one of the largest growers associations in California. He is also a director of the California fruit growers exchange, which markets 80 per cent of California's citrus fruits crop. President Nicol as chairman directed the investigations of the fruit committee of 21. He is also president of the Michigan elevator exchange and president of the Allegan county farm bureau. His home is at South Haven.

Wool Markets Active;

Farmers Begin Pooling

First local pooling and grading in the state farm bureau's third farmers' wool pool was done at 17 local pooling points in Jackson, Eaton, Lenawee and Washtenaw counties last week, beginning at Adrian and Eaton Rapids May 1, said the bureau. Three grading crews are in the field. They will visit from 75 to 100 local pooling points during the summer campaign, some of them twice. The bureau is making a forty per cent cash advance on wool at the time of pooling. Last year Michigan farmers pooled 2,858,000 pounds of wool.

Wool markets revived last week, said the bureau. Vigorous bidding by eastern wool houses trying to establish a market basis for the new crop was said to be an underlying cause. The American Woolen Company recently announced an increase in cloth prices of ten to 45 cents a yard, saying that mounting costs of raw materials was one reason for the increase. President Wood of that company said he believed woolen goods would not be bought again for several years at price levels which have prevailed recently. He said that the country is again on the verge of prosperous times.

11,017 Miles of Federal-Aid Roads Completed to April

Federal-aid roads completed since 1916 totaled 11,017 miles on March 31, an increase of 8,016 miles during the preceding 12 months, says the bureau of public roads, United States department of agriculture. A great many different types and widths were constructed, the general cost per mile for the United States being

In total mileage completed the leading states were Minnesota 1,093 miles, Texas 919, Wisconsin 657, Illinois 489, Ohio 465, and Arkansas 401.

Radio News Disseminated by Club Boys and Girls

"Listening in" on a country telephone may have its thrills, but members of the boys' and girls' clubs who "listen in" on the conversation of the world with their radio receiving sets have an interest which comes from neighborhood gossip, but from the getting the morning report of the markets, the weather forecast, and crop estimates for all parts of the country.

In a number of state club members within receiving distance of broadcasting stations located at the state colleges of agriculture or elsewhere are receiving information that takes some of the miles out of the business of farming. They post this information in conspicuous places so that neighbors may make use of it. The work demonstrates the usefulness of the radio as a piece of farm equipment.

Counties in New Jersey, Montana, and Colorado have clubs that received wireless messages last season. In Kentucky, Nebraska, and several other states organization is under way. The expansion of the radio has been limited because of the lack of simple printed instructions, but the recent distribution of circulars by the United States department of agriculture on the making of receiving sets has been helpful to the boys and girls. Through members of pig, dairy, corn, and other clubs who are receiving daily market information and the estimated crop production, the entire family and the community as well may be benefited.

Long Distance Service Restored


EVERY important point in Michigan can again be reached by Long Distance. Poles and wires crushed by storm have been replaced sufficiently to meet demands of business.

It was an appalling task. Nearly 20,000 poles and 6,500 miles of circuits were destroyed, with tremendous losses in money.

But the people of the Telephone Company realized the dependence of the industrial and social welfare of every community on the wires and made every effort to restore service. Not a minute, night or day, did they relax their efforts.

Today, therefore, their first task—that of establishing emergency circuits—is finished. And they appreciate the patience and understanding of their difficulties shown by users of the Toll wires.

We are pleased to announce that Long Distance is again at your service.



MICHIGAN STATE TELEPHONE COMPANY
FRANZ C. KUHN,
President

Announcing Farmington's New and Better Transportation

Farmington may well be proud of its new Green Bus Line to Detroit and intermediate points.

CONVENIENT SCHEDULES

Starting at 6:15 a.m. the Green Bus will leave Central Pharmacy for Detroit on an hourly schedule.

Starting at 7:10 a.m. the Green Bus will leave Detroit at 2nd Loop at Turner Road for Farmington on an hourly schedule.

As they become necessary special busses will be added to accommodate Farmington citizens who work in Detroit, shoppers, and theatre goers—we will go to any extent to be of the utmost service to Farmington.

SPECIAL TRIPS

Special busses will run to Walled Lake and Orchard Lakes night and day. Private parties may charter busses for special trips anywhere at reasonable rates.

LOWER RATES

Fare from Farmington to 2nd Loop where three minute city service is maintained is 25c, and correspondingly low rates to intermediate points.

PATRONIZE THE GREEN BUS and Boost Farmington.

We want you to feel that this is your bus line. Any suggestions for improving the service of schedule will be welcomed. This new and better transportation means more to Farmington in increased population and higher real estate values. Patronize it.

Highway Motor Bus Company

NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN.

<p>Idiosyncrasy Some people are by the success of their own failure.—Boston Transcript.</p> <p>The Discoverer Microbes were first written in the 19th century.</p>	<p>Discouraged One discouraged by more than by their Transcript.</p> <p>Microbes Microbes with disease put by a German in the 19th century.</p>	<p>Horse Racing 900 Years Ago Horse racing in England is said to have been first established at Chester in the year 1000.</p> <p>Daily Thought Reading makes a full man, conference a ready man and writing an exact man.—Bacon.</p>	<p>Careful Mrs. Newlywed "Mother—" "Yes, Ethel—" "Will you do something for me?" "What is it?" "I wish you would buy me a rolling-pin." "Why don't you buy one yourself?" "Oh, you know Jim and I have only been married a few weeks and the store man might think we were not getting along together."—Yonkers Telegram.</p>
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