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CONTROLLING THE SAN JOSE SCALE

Timely suggestion for fruit growers, by Prof. L. R. Taft, State Inspector of Nurseries and Orchards

The San Jose scale is present in many orchards in the southern half of Michigan and, unless active measures are taken for its control, it will not only kill the trees now infested but will spread to others and make it difficult for those who are spraying their orchards to save their trees.

The state law requires all persons having trees or shrubs infested with this insect to effectually spray, or destroy them, in order that the spread of the insect may be checked. The law also makes it the duty of this office to specify the treatment which will be acceptable.

The standard remedy is lime-sulphur solution, and it may be used at the rate of one part to eight parts of water, if it contains 24 per cent of sulphur in solution. The amount of water should be reduced proportionately for weaker solutions.

The sulphide of sodium, known as Soluble Sulphur Compound, will also be accepted if used at the rate of 15 to 20 pounds for 50 gallons of solution.

Scalecide, one of the miscible oils may be used at the rate of one part to fifteen parts of water.

These remedies may be used while the trees are dormant, and are most effective when applied just as the leaf buds begin to open, but before the blossoms show a pink color.

The benefits from these remedies will depend almost entirely upon the thoroughness with which they are applied; and, to get the best results the trees should be sprayed from four sides. In case proper care was not taken and the young scales appear on the trees during the first week in July, the trees should be sprayed between July 10 and 15th, using one gallon of lime-sulphur solution in 25 gallons of water. This should not be used upon peach or Japan plum trees. Care should also be taken in using "Soluble Sulphur Compound" upon the foliage, particularly with paris green or arsenate of lead.

With concerted action there will be no difficulty in controlling these insects.

The country club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hinckley last Saturday. They were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lyle, Ed Lyle and Harry Lurkin. County Agent gave a talk. A fine dinner and program was enjoyed, and the committee was voted as a No. 1.

Idle Hour "Neal of the Navy", "Get Rich Quick Wallingford" two big serials on every Thursday night. 5-10c. adv.

FIRE IN ANNEX TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Monday morning at about 6:30 the thrilling tones of the fire bell awoke many from their peaceful morning slumbers. It was discovered that the annex of the public school building was on fire. The janitor, Mr. Hanson, had been over early and started the furnace fire so that the building would be warm and in readiness for the little ones at school time, and then returned to his home close by. As he was on his way to the barn to milk his cow he looked up and discovered the building to be on fire. The alarm was immediately sent in and the fire department was soon on the scene. A spark from the chimney had set fire to the roof. This was soon extinguished and with but very small damage to the building. The interior did not suffer at all from the fire and school in this department began on time as usual.

DE RUE BROS. MINSTRELS COMING TO PAW PAW

Manager Decker of the Lodgwell opera house has had the good fortune to secure the DeRue Bros. Minstrels for next Wednesday night, April 13. The press in mentioning their entertainment all say that this company put on a show that would make A. G. Field or any of the other people in that line sit up and take notice.

From the rising of the curtain to the finale, it is without doubt the best old time minstrel show that has been booked at the opera house in many a year.

The DeRue brothers, while not the whole show, are most clever and are supported by excellent talent.

Idle Hour Tuesday April 18 and every Tuesday a big Mutual Masterpiece in 5 acts, 5 and 10c.

Word was received by friends here that Mrs. Dr. John P. Stoddard had passed away at her home in Missoula. Mrs. Stoddard had been an invalid for the past twelve years. She at an early age was a resident of Paw Paw, where she was known as Miss Harriet Mills and still has many friends and acquaintances here. Her remains were taken to Muskegon for burial.

Cold Weather? Yes, but showers are becoming violent when the delightful clouds surrounding Three Mile lake pour down their generous contents in the form of silver, linen, cooking utensils and other useful household articles. Miss Claribel Buckley is always piloted to the pleasant home of F. W. Schumann just in time to receive the benefits of the cloud burst.

Regular communication of Paw Paw Lodge No. 25 F. and A. M. next Tuesday evening April 18. Work in First Degree.

SPECIAL SESSION OF SUPERVISORS

Called for April 19. Will organize and consider commissioners for the county road system.

There will be a special session of the Board of Supervisors for Van Buren county on Wednesday April 19. This session is made necessary by the adoption of the County Road System, and is in pursuance of the statute. The county clerk makes the call on the petition of one third of the newly elected board.

The board will undoubtedly organize for the ensuing year, and will then consider the County Road system. There are many things in connection with it that will receive consideration. They will decide among other things, whether there shall be one, two or three road commissioners and make the appointments, the salary of such commissioners, and the employment of a county road engineer. Several candidates have already been mentioned as possible selections for county commissioners, among them being the following: W. T. Davis and George Wellington Lee of Paw Paw; Robert Tripp, Covert, and a Mr. Dillenbeck, highway commissioner of Lawrence township. It is said that there will also be two candidates from South Haven, and Supervisor Kirby of Covert has also been mentioned as a possible selection. The general impression seems to be among the members of the board and also among the citizens of the county that the commissioners should be men with practical knowledge in road building.

MAIDS AND MATRONS ENJOY ANOTHER BIG EAT

Last Friday evening the members of the Maids and Matrons club met at the spacious and hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hindenach to enjoy another of the many pot luck suppers for which this club is fast making a name for itself. Once again to their delight the husbands were the guests of honor. The hostess had made the tables most attractive with crystal baskets of carnations and little Easter chickens hovering in the middle of the table as center piece. The dinner was one of the best ever served and was greatly enjoyed by all. The evening was spent in cards and everyone enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent. At a very late hour they reluctantly departed for home, declaring that every gathering was an enjoyable one and the good times that the club has enjoyed during the past winter, will live or long in the memories of its members.

RURAL SCHOOLS NEED ATTENTION

Commissioner talks about Standard Schools. Allegan county leads in number of standard schools

Progress in educational lines has been very rapid in the past ten years but the rural schools while much improved have not kept up with the better village schools and the boys and girls in the country do not have the advantages educationally that come to the children of graded school districts. Under the present system we do not believe that this disparity will ever be removed but we do believe that the rural school can be made much better than it is. Schools of course are only good and bad by comparison and in order to "standardize" educationally to arouse the spirit of improvement among the people and to lay out a field of definite achievement the Department of Public Instruction provides the Standard School plan. A certain degree of excellence in environment in comfortable and sanitary conditions, and in the ability and character of the teacher is fixed upon as necessary for an efficient school. Upon meeting the requirements the State of Michigan will set an especial mark of approval in the form of a metal plate bearing the words "Standard School".

In order that the term "Standard" may be an indication of state and not local conditions the inspection and award are always made by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or his deputy.

Allegan county leads the state in the excellence of her rural schools having 30 Standard schools. Van Buren county ranks in the twenties with four schools of that class; but the people of our county are going to do much to improve conditions the coming year as is shown by the fact that 25 school boards have asked to have Mr. Otwell who will be in the county from the 18th to the 21st of this month, visit their school building and talk over improvements with them.

Have you a Standard School in your district?

Very Truly,
E. V. Root.

High School Notes

Douglas Hindenach, 17

Fifteen minutes were given Monday morning to singing.

There was a fire in the annex building Tuesday morning, due to the burning out of the chimney. The fire department was called and the blaze quickly extinguished.

The Paw Paw base ball team won its first victory of the season last Friday afternoon against Lawton. Nunn and Johnson were the stars of the day, each receiving three hits which gave them an average of 600 apiece. The final outcome of the game was with a score of 12 to 9. The score was a tie until the last of the eighth inning, when with a man on each sack Nunn hit the ball for three bases, putting Paw Paw three scores to the good. McFarlin, who pitched for the home team, proved his ability by striking out 16 men. This is his first game and he surely can be relied upon to win more games in the future. The line-up and batting order were as follows: Hindenach, Johnson, Dow, Mutchler, Nunn, Carr, Shepard, Hunt, McFarlin, Mumbrue.

Mr. Hungerford read 15 minutes last Tuesday and Wednesday to the high school out of Hillis' Elements of Worth of an Individual.

The next game between Paw Paw and an adversary will be this afternoon with Gobleville.

The play, "Why not, Jim," will be given by the Columbian literary society today.

Remember the box social to be given at the high school this Friday. Everybody is invited.

IT'S A GIRL

You would not recognize Ray Pugsley now, he really resembles a fine and rare variety of sunflower. He is that puffed up that as you gaze upon his smiling countenance, you are reminded of a bloated politician. Why this strange and gadsome look? It's a girl! and she arrived Tuesday afternoon April 11th at about 1:30 o'clock. Her name is Marvel May Pugsley and she weighed eight precious pounds. On first arrival she glanced around, decided that she liked Ray and her surroundings and immediately took possession. Mother and the little Miss are doing well and Ray, well we are getting just a few big dishes of ice cream now. The True Northerner extends congratulations.

CRUSHED BENEATH HIS AUTOMOBILE

Jess Thomas, formerly of Paw Paw and well known here, was killed in an automobile accident near Blair, Neb., last Friday. He was in the employ of the Lutz Marble works of that city, and was on his way to Woodbine Ia. to put up a piece of work when the accident happened. His car skidded over an embankment and he was crushed beneath the car. The remains were taken to New Castle Penn., his home for burial. Deceased leaves a widow, one sister Mrs. Frank Taylor, and two brothers, Wesley J. and Emmet.

Cutting Diamonds.

The method of cutting diamonds is a very delicate one, diamond dust being largely used for the cutting, as no steel is hard enough for the purpose. It is remarkable that the diamond cutters can cut such small stones into perfect brilliants, but sometimes there are cut 100 to a carat, a carat weight being only 3.2 grains, and when shown in a bit of white paper look like a number of brilliant minute stars.

The wonder is not that diamonds are so costly, but that they can be purchased for any price within reason, when the rarity of good stones and the difficulty of cutting is all considered.—Cincinnati Tribune.

COUNCIL DECIDES TO PAVE STREETS

Will pave two blocks from Gremps to Niles. Work will start as soon as contract can be let

Main street of Paw Paw is to be paved. The paving question came before the council two weeks ago, and with it a resolution signed by many of the business men on the street. The proposition was laid on the table until last Monday night, when it came up for the final consideration. The same opposition was manifested at this meeting, but the council took into consideration the benefits to be derived by this improvement, and by a unanimous vote decided to pave. The resolution was introduced by trustee Young.

The resolution calls for the paving of two blocks from Gremps to Niles streets and bids will also be asked to include intersections at these streets.

The storm sewers are now being constructed, and work will start on the paving as soon as contract can be let.

It is estimated that the job will cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000.00, all of which will be assessed against the property owners, and spread over a period of five years.

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