

FARM NEWS AND FARM LORE

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After the Gypsy Moths

In this part of the country as yet no pest has ever preyed on the leaves of the elm tree, it being the only tree not ravaged by some worm. But of recent years the shade trees of New England, principally the elm, have been stripped of foliage by the gypsy moth.

The Boys and the Corn

A series of corn meetings were held in Lombard, Ill., during March and April last. At these meetings every phase of corn culture was discussed. At the close of the series a boy's corn club was organized, with a membership of 112, the boys ranging in age from 15 to 18 years in first class, and from 9 to 15 in second class.

The county supervisors, in order to help along the good work and encourage the boys, voted to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to defray the expenses for a term at the state university corn school the coming winter, to the boy exhibiting the best ten ears of corn at the county farmers' institute, to be held in January, 1906. This competition was open to boys in first class. Many other prizes will be offered by the institute for exhibits in class 2.

Young Cows and Richer Milk

The production of milk and butter fat by dairy cows under normal conditions increases with each year up to the fifth and sixth year, when the cow is at her best. The length of time she will maintain her maximum production depends on her constitutional strength and the care with which she

is fed and handled. A good dairy cow should not show any marked falling off until after ten years of age. Many excellent records have been made by cows older than this. The quality of the milk production by heifers is somewhat better than that of milk of older cows, for we find a decrease of one-tenth to two-tenths of one per cent in the average fat content for each year till the cows have reached full age. It is caused by the increase in the weight of the cows with advancing age; at any rate there appears to be a parallelism between the two sets of figures for the same cows. Young animals use a portion of their food for the formation of body tissue and it is expected, therefore, that heifers will require a larger portion of nutrients for the production of a unit of milk or butter fat than do older cows.

Flower Farming Paying

In Massachusetts, Berkshire county farmers—Berkshire county is the western third of the state—are just discovering that money can be made by raising cattle for the home market, says the Philadelphia Press. These farms were among those "abandoned" ten years ago, partly because the farmer had not kept up with the times. New owners, or old owners with new energy, discovered that by abandoning old methods, applying brains to the land and producing on an intensive system it is not necessary to "abandon" the farm, but possible to make money out of land profitless when only ordinary farming was practiced. Across Chester county, in this state, the same thing has been discovered in the "Carnation belt," a strip of land running across the county and ending at Chadd's Ford, offering special advantages for carnation growing. By taking a small area, working it for all it is worth, growing carnations in the winter and sweet peas in the summer, men are making a comfortable living and sending their children away to school on eight or ten acres. A farm of this size would once have been thought to doom a man to spending a large part of his year working as a farm hand for his better landed neighbors.

once described. Special fruits are cultivated. Currants grown by the ton and sold by the pound yield a profit. This is in progress over the entire range of farming. Down to 1885 or 1890 the farm lands of this state steadily decreased in value, as a report prepared by Prof. Bolles showed. Since then they have been increasing in value. It would be a good plan for the bureau of industrial statistics, which showed nearly twenty years ago how much the farm lands of the state had lost in value, to show now how much they have gained in the last ten years under a more intelligent intensive farming.

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Warner News Items

Ricka-ticka-tavi, bom, boo, lus, What in the world is the matter with us? Nothing at all, nothing at all.

Warner, Warner, beats them all.

Go forth across this mighty land, And see what I have seen, When tress are stripped of foliage And meadows lose their green: Forget your business life and bend To sounds like these an ear, And you will find on mother earth Another atmosphere, Where horrid strife for gold or life Does not intrude its face, But something more like brotherhood Assumes a rightful place.

Remember you were once a child And lived like these for joy, Till money made a man of you, And chilled the laughing boy.

Then better—hark, the sound again Rings out a solemn knell To trouble, pessimistic care— Again, just hear them yell!

Ricka-chicka-chicka-ricka Ricka-chicka-cha! Boom-a-lacka, boom-a-lacka, Boom-a-lacka, ba, Warner, Warner, We are Warner, All the rest are in a corner, HAY!

Frank Kienow left Sunday to drive to Ellendale.

Ethel Roby made a two days drive to Ashton last week.

Our editor made a drive to Mansfield for Doc last week.

Mrs. E. P. Ashford left Thursday morning for points in Iowa.

Al. Hagen is said to be improving, tho he has had a hard siege of it.

Mrs. L. F. Talbot has been spending a few days at the Hub visiting.

Mr. Scott representing the Empire cream separator was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Otto Zell and her two children returned to her home at Ashton last week.

Camilla Amley of North Dakota was down Friday and Saturday visiting Anna Berg.

Our new minister, a Mr. Wellington from near Watertown, is scheduled to arrive this week.

When two people assist each other in scrubbing the floor then it's a pair of scrubs—ain't it.

M. M. Fowler is slowly getting better, and can amble around pretty lively now on one leg.

The potato industry is still on the boom. Town has been crowded with loads of spuds for weeks.

Rev. E. E. Dean and family left by train Tuesday night for Claremont, where he has his new charge.

Chas Wellhausen is putting up a new barn, 38x60, with a big roof. How long before our country will look like Iowa.

On Nov. 8th the D. of H. will give a penny social at their hall. Everything costs a penny. All invited. A program will be rendered.

Friday, November 3, there will be a big dance at Brown's, as announced by the bills. You know the girl wants to go, laddie. Talk nice now.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cate Friday night a crowd of dancers whiled away the idle hours till morning and Saturday was so dull.

Cleve Munro and Sophia Hacanson went up to see "The Holy City" played Monday evening. Cleve was horrified by the looks of his trunk when he returned. Ask him.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Schoppe a daughter. Now Ferd can know what it is to walk the floor nights, again, stepping on coal chunks in his bare feet and cussing fate.

L. F. Talbot forsook the even tenor of his profession Monday night to play with the goslings on Sand Lake. No doubt the goslings will enjoy it as much as he.

Chas. Lancert asked the doctors Monday if he might leave the hospital and come back to his old haunts at Warner. He is nearly recovered from his wound but wont pick corn this fall.

Monday evening a jolly crowd of young people gathered at the home of the Berg family and pulled taffy. The girls are still combing taffy out of their hair and when they get real mad the boys have a stick in their pockets.

Bert Farrel, picture man, who is canvassing this vicinity, had a narrow escape from death Monday. His horse ran away at Rudolph and came home with about half the buggy. If Bert had been in the rig he might have been badly scared.

Next Monday the gymnasium will hold its first meeting at Brown's hall, have a good time and arrange a program for the next time. Records will be kept of all bouts and contests, to determine the championship. Perhaps some outside talent may be secured.

Friday afternoon President H. D. Newkirk, sprung a surprise by calling an extra session of the debating society. Resolutions were adopted by the society regretting the departure of Veiva and Viva Dean, who have been active members of the society since its organization and who have done not a little toward making the venture a success. The best wishes of the society go with them and may they never forget the friends who remain.