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## Prospects for Agriculture for the Year 1923

### NEW YEAR'S STATEMENT AND RESUME OF AGRICULTURAL CONDITIONS AND PROSPECTS FROM SEC'Y OF AGRICULTURE WILSON.

Twelve months ago most of the twelve million farmers of the United States were starting on the long hard climb out of the valley of economic depression. They have not yet attained the heights which are bathed in the grateful sunshine of prosperity. Some, indeed, have fallen by the way. Others are still in the valley. Nevertheless, as we stop a bit and look backward we can see that very considerable ground has been gained by the great majority, and we can enter the New Year with renewed hope and with that courage which comes from the realization that we are really making progress.

A year ago, when speaking of the prospects for farming in 1922 I said that while there was no reason to expect boom times for the farmer in the near future, there was promise of better times, both for the farmer and for those whose business is largely dependent upon him. The year has brought fulfillment of that promise. Speaking generally, times are better, much better, than a year ago, both for agriculture and for industry.

Crops have been good, on the whole. Prices of the major crops are most considerably higher. While there has been a corresponding advance in the prices of the things the farmer must buy, the total sum which farmers will receive for the crops of this year is greater by a billion and a half dollars or more than that which they received for the crops of last year. This will certainly mean better times on the farm, and farm folks will be able to ease up a little on the grinding economy they were forced to practice the preceding year.

The labor cost of producing the crops of 1922 was still further reduced. There were some substantial reductions in freight rates. Much helpful legislation has been enacted and more will be this winter. Interest rates are lower and the credit strain has been eased. This has made it possible for many farmers who were rather heavily involved to refund their obligations and get themselves in condition to win through.

There are still some dark spots in some sections weather conditions were unfavorable and crops were short, and farmers in these sections are having a very hard time of it. Freight rates are still too high, especially for those who must pay for the long haul to market.

Taxes are high, but this is due largely to the increase in local taxes, over which farmers themselves must exercise control.

There has been gratifying growth in farmers' co-operative marketing associations, and more of them are being organized on a sound business basis.

Aside from the help which has been given by legislation and by administration activities, strong economic forces are at work to restore a more normal relation between agriculture and other industries.

The peril in the agricultural depression is more keenly realized by other groups than ever before, and on every hand a sincere desire is being evidenced to do what can be done safely to help the farmer better his condition. Everything considered, we have good reason to expect still better things for agriculture in the year 1923.

### MONEY TO LOAN

On first class farm security, amounts of \$2,000 and over. Five per cent interest. Straight mortgage for five years, with privilege after two years of prepayment.

L. J. MILLER, Box 81, Yale, Mich.

Found—A child's kid glove for right hand. Owner bring mate to the Expositor office and get the lost one.

### FARM HOME BURNS

The new dwelling house on the Donnenworth farm three miles east and two miles north of Yale burned to the ground together with all of its contents consisting of a fine new \$500 piano, a \$300 Victrola, household furniture and fixtures, on Saturday last at about 2:00 o'clock p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Donnenworth who were living on the farm, had just come to Yale to do some shopping when neighbors phoned that the house was all afire. They left for the scene of the fire at once, but were unable to save anything to speak of.

On leaving after dinner there were no signs of fire and everything was left in good order.

The young couple were married only a short time ago and had a very comfortable home. It is very unfortunate that they should meet with such a heavy loss, which will amount to at least \$4,000. The building was insured for \$1,600 and the contents \$600.

The fire is supposed to have started from a defective chimney. A new building will be erected in the spring.

### Greenwood-Grant Farmers' Club

The Greenwood-Grant Farmers club held its regular December meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Pohl, Friday Dec. 15. A good program followed the dinner.

The following were elected officers: President, Henry Schlee; vice-president, George Pohl; treasurer, N. E. Lossing; entertainment committee, Mrs. John Young, Mrs. N. E. Lossing and Mrs. W. M. Wurzel, jr.; program committee, Mrs. Bert Nye, Mrs. George Pohl and Mrs. Henry Schlee.

### Brockway Farm Bureau Elevator Elects Officers

The Brockway Farm Bureau Elevator association held its annual meeting at Yale, Wednesday Dec. 14.

Officers elected were: Bert Barr, president; Joseph Moore, vice president; William Cavanaugh, secretary-treasurer. New directors chosen were: William Silverthorn and Clifford Halsey.

Action was also taken to increase the capitalization to \$25,000. This has been made necessary by the increasing business.

### Jolly Farmers Club

The Jolly Farmers' club of Brockway township, in its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zinzo on the Emmett road Thursday, Dec. 14, heard talks by C. A. Kidman, county farm agent on farm accounting, and by L. E. Sherrerd on co-operation. Mrs. Hugh Hodgins led a discussion on how to keep young people on the farm.

### News From San Diego

San Diego, California, December 5, 1922. Mr. J. A. Menzies Yale, Mich.:

Am sending you a little news item for the Expositor which may be of interest to some of the Yale people.

A daughter weighing eight and one-half pounds, was born here in San Diego yesterday, December 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Robt. B. Thornton.

Mrs. Thornton, as you will remember, is my sister, formerly Alice White. She and the baby are both doing nicely.

Respectfully yours, Mrs. Frank B. Newell, 3822 Superba street.

Wanted—Telephone operator at once. Apply to Staley & Brick.

## Monday Morning



### JUDGES FRAME MARRIAGE CODE

#### Physical Examination Before License Proposed

Detroit, Dec. 20.—A bill designed to revise in drastic form the marriage and divorce laws of Michigan has been prepared for submission to the legislature by Judges Frank I. Covert and Glenn C. Gillespie of the Sixth judicial district according to the Detroit News. The proposed measure was drafted, the News says, after consultation with other circuit judges throughout the state.

Its principal features are: A 30-day interval between the marriage license and ceremony. Physical examination of applicant for marriage license.

Two year residence in Michigan before a divorce suit, with six months residence in the county in which the suit is filed.

An interlocutory decree for one year, or automatic prohibition of remarriage for one year.

Prohibition of remarriage of one or both parties for two years where children under 14 years old are involved.

Prosecution for bigamy where either prohibited party remarries within the state and afterwards lives with the husband or wife within Michigan.

### CHRISTMAS WEDDINGS

Two very pretty weddings took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Giebel on Christmas day, when their son, Mr. Wm. A. Giebel, was united in marriage to Miss Priscilla Smith, formerly of Yale, and their daughter, Miss Myrtle M. Giebel to Mr. Vern Standel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Standel of Capac.

The ceremonies were performed by Rev. Frincke, of the Lutheran church.

The brides were beautifully dressed in white georgette over white satin and the bridesmaids were dressed in light blue taffeta trimmed in pink rose buds. The brides, bouquets consisted of bridal roses and sweet peas, and the bridesmaids carried bouquets of pink and white chrysanthemums. After a bountiful dinner the couples left on a short trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Standel will be at their home in Capac and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Giebel will be at their home in Monroe after January 1.

The guests numbered twenty-seven in all. The out-of-town guests were Mrs. Fred Standel, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boetcher and little daughter, of Capac, Earl Rodney and Kenneth Smith, Miss Marjorie Adams and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hallman all of Yale.

### OBITUARIES

The death of Mrs. Charles Ponsford, whose illness we mentioned in a recent issue, occurred at her home in Northville on Sunday, December 24th, after a long illness.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday and the body was taken to Flint, her girlhood home, for interment.

Mr. and Mrs. Ponsford were residents of Yale some ten or twelve years ago, living here about five years. Mr. Ponsford was proprietor of a general store in the building where Harry Williams is now. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ponsford were very well liked and respected, much sorrow was felt for them when their baby died. Another child, a little girl, was given to them while living here, who now is about twelve or thirteen years of age and the only child.

We did not learn the age of Mrs. Ponsford but place it as about forty.

The sympathy of all who knew and loved her well goes out to the bereaved husband and daughter, from Yale friends.

Rev. Clarence K. Strobridge, who for the past several months has been minister of the Fargo Church of Christ, died at his home in this city on Tuesday, December 26th, 1922, at the age of 47 years, 1 month and 6 days. Deceased was taken sick about three months ago and has gradually failed ever since.

Brief funeral services are being held today from the home on Kenefick st. and the body will be taken to the Methodist Protestant church and lie in state until removed to a cemetery near North Branch where interment will be made.

A wife, three daughters and one son are left to mourn the loss of a kind husband and loving father.

Ford, the 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Middleton, of Inlay City, died on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922. Funeral services will be held either Saturday or Sunday next. Yale friends sympathize with the parents and relatives in their bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Andrews and children, from Midland, were Christmas guests at the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fletcher.

The Christmas day picture "Brawn of the North" shown at the Princess Theatre was enjoyed by large crowds both matinee and evening.

FOR SALE—Five brood sows due to pig in February. Four miles east and two miles south of Yale. D. J. Black. 40-2

### JANUARY JURY TO REPORT 15TH

#### Double Panel To Be Used Again By Court

Jan. 15 was the date set Tuesday by Circuit Judges Eugene F. Law and Harvey Tappan for the jurors for the January term of court to report for duty.

A list of 36 jurors for the January term was to be drawn by Joseph E. Vincent, county clerk, Tuesday afternoon. Those whose names are drawn for jury duty will be notified at once.

It is planned to have two juries in action throughout the term, one hearing criminal cases the other civil cases.

Among the trials which are scheduled for the January term are those of Manford Watt, charged with soliciting bribes, and Martin McCann, of Marysville, charged with murder. An important liquor case to be tried is that of George Vernier, charged with selling liquor in his roadhouse in Fair Haven.

Robert M. Soutar, prosecutor-elect, continues to decline to make a statement as to his plans for the January term. He also declined Tuesday to make a statement as to whom he will appoint assistant prosecutor.

The two circuit judges predict that the January term of court will be fully as crowded as was the October term, which ended on Saturday afternoon. The January docket will not be published until the first week in January.

### Music Study Club

On account of the very busy season, only a very few members attended the regular meeting held on Tuesday of last week with Mrs. Milton Edighoffer. The subject for the day was Scandinavian music and the program was limited to an excellent paper by Mrs. Fred Taylor, a violin solo by Marion Learmont accompanied by Mrs. Paisley and two victrola selections. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 2, at the home of Mrs. J. A. Menzies.

### New Year's Dinner

The following menu will be served at the Huier Tea Shop on Monday, January 1, at 12 o'clock noon:—

- Tomato Soup—Wafers
  - Roast Chicken and Duck
  - Giblet Gravy
  - Cranberry Sauce Pickles
  - Jelly
  - Squash Cream Peas
  - Fruit Salad
  - Plum Pudding or Berry Pie
  - Tea, Coffee or Milk
- Reserve Now 75 cents

## Neighborhood News From Nearby Towns

### ITEMS TAKEN FROM NEWSPAPERS OF NEIGHBORING TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

Clarence Gerber, of Marlette, broke his arm when he fell out of a tree while hunting rabbits.

William H. Justin, a Civil war veteran, died at his home in Port Huron last week, aged 84 years.

Several depositors of the defunct Capac bank of George and Fred Moore received checks last week.

Port Gratiot light was shut off last week and the Great Lakes traffic comes to an end for the season.

Almost school children sang carols Christmas eve at all the houses where candles were placed in the windows.

St. Clair citizens find fewer needy people in their little city this year than for several years past. Fifteen families were taken care of.

Albert Stevenson, 85 years of age, a pioneer Columbus township farmer, died last week on the farm where he had lived for 65 years.

There are many diphtheria cases throughout Sanilac county and it is feared by the county nurse that Sandusky may have an epidemic before spring.

The Croswell Creamery has shown a good business the past year and the stockholders at a recent meeting declared a dividend of 15 per cent on the stock.

The Marine City, the St. Clair and the Marysville salt companies are at present shipping quantities of salt, owing to the increased number of freight cars at their disposal.

A brick veneer garage at Applegate, operated by Warren Beech, burned to the ground on Monday of this week with 6 automobiles. The total loss, partly covered by insurance, is about \$10,000. The Erb Bros. owned the building.

Over 40 people of all ages were given Toxin-anti-Toxin at District four, Sand Beach, Huron county school house Friday. The numerous cases of contagious diseases in the district caused the school officers and supervisor to take this step. Nurse McKinney and Dr. Armitage had the work in charge.

The W. R. Roach company has decided to build a kraut factory in Croswell to operate with the canning factory. The building will be put up next summer and be in readiness for the pack in the fall. An additional warehouse will also be necessary and this house will likely be built. Croswell is getting some mighty good things.

E. Everinger, Lew and Frank Taylor were arrested by Game Warden Waters, the former for digging skunk holes and the latter two for violating the game laws and were arraigned before Justice Frank B. Hayward, St. Clair on Monday. They pleaded guilty. Everinger was fined \$18.50. The Taylors were fined \$12.10 each.

Fred Fitz, who is one of the carpenters working on the new Shanahan elevator at Lambs, narrowly escaped serious injury Saturday, when his clothing caught in a revolving shaft of the elevator, which is now in operation. His clothing was torn off and he received some bad bruises. One leg was painfully hurt, but not seriously.

The home of Gerie Brock, across the river in the Indianfields township, Tuscola county, was raided Sunday night and Mrs. Brock, Douglas Miller, Neil Brady and Alfred Putnam were arrested charged with being drunk and disorderly. They were taken to jail. An argument over a sum of money which one of the men claimed he missed caused a fight. Clothing was jerked off the men and a rough house in general ensued.

Port Austin reef light closed Saturday for this season. Keeper Marshal and second assistant keeper Albert Haskell had a serious time getting into shore, as the lake was so frozen over as to prevent their coming in in a boat and they had to walk on floating ice. Mr. Marshall got in the water to his waist twice and Mr. Haskell once.

James Sidey, 79, died at his home in Algonac Friday after a prolonged illness. Mr. Sidey was a Civil war veteran, having taken part in the battles of Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, Fredrichburg and 16 other engagements. He was wounded at Orange Valley and was taken prisoner. Later he was exchanged and continued in the army to the end of the war.

### Christmas Gathering

Among the very pretty Yuletide celebrations which were observed in many of Yale homes this Christmas, none exceeded the brilliancy of that which occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Welch on South Main st.

Seated amidst the glittering decorations with which the interior was profusely adorned, illuminated by myriads of miniature electric lights, this family circle, augmented somewhat by many friends, awaited the coming of Santa who descended upon the gathering burdened with a huge sack full of the goodies which this honorable gentlemn bestowed in great abundance.

The Christmas tree which adorned the parlor was aglow with the glittering tinsel and ornaments of which this ancient legend bears prestige.

Among the out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ewing of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Graham of Jeddo and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hayes recently of Knoxville, Tenn., who are now an esteemed adjunct to this city.—Contributed.

### County Committee Meet

There will be a committee meeting of the St. Clair County Y. M. C. A. at the Diamond Crystal Cafeteria, St. Clair, Monday, Jan. 1st, at 5:30 p. m. This will be one of the most important meetings the committee has ever held.

If it is to be divided into three parts as follows:  
First—Chicken supper, Cherry pie, etc., at 5:30, 75 cts. per.  
Second—Report for 1922 and plans for 1923.

Third—Address by Mr. Fred Freeman who for seven years was the International Secretary for the Eastern States and had a great record overseas. He will likely become head of all work in Michigan and is a big man in body, mind and heart.

Any Yale men who are interested are cordially invited to attend.

### Parents-Teachers Ass'n Meeting

January 2, 1923  
Program:  
Community Singing  
Solo, Miss Bright.  
Report of Visiting Committee  
Duet, Mesdames Staley and Youngs.  
"How a Parent May Help a Teacher," Mrs. Wm. Hodgins.  
Appropriate School Dress, Mrs. Geo. Barth.  
Teaching Children To Be Self-helpful and Obedient (including rules in good schools) Mrs. Graybell.

Parents' Part in Character Building, Mrs. H. C. Martin.  
Open Discussion.

FOR SERVICE—A registered O. I. C. boar of big type. Fee \$1. at time of service. I also have a young boar sired by the reserve champion at State Fair of 1922. Chas. King 40-3