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Out-of-Door Notes

BY JESSE L. SMITH

The experience of a number of people seems to prove that we can raise strawberries in Highland Park. Various small patches here and there have borne surprisingly well. Mr. Ohlwein's half acre field representing a sandy outcrop has yielded heavy crops of fine berries. Mr. Tillman's field of strawberries on the west side of the Skokie marsh has yielded large returns. The local demand for strawberries is many times greater than the surplus local growers have to sell. Last summer small beds of strawberries were furnishing excellent fruit in various parts of our city while inferior fruit was on the market at high prices. Every garden which can reserve a space ten or fifteen feet square might well have a carefully tended strawberry bed and the owner could be sure of a good supply of berries. Anyone who will set aside a field for growing strawberries will perform a public service and can be sure of a local market. Mr. Tillman says he can not begin to raise enough to meet the demands upon his strawberry patch.

In some of the small gardens the past two years there have been interesting experiments with an ever-bearing strawberry. Elm Place School has distributed fifteen hundred plants of Kellogg's Progressive Everbearing Strawberry. From plants set out in April children have been bringing in to the exhibit in September individual plants containing blossoms, green fruit, and ripe fruit on the same plant. One bed of these strawberries in Mrs. Henry Boyd's garden furnished during the month of July last year two quarts of berries every other day. A saucer full of berries was obtained in this patch in November. The patch is about 10 x 15 feet. The experiment with this berry has not been going on long enough in Highland Park to obtain conclusive results but it seems to be a success and to be especially adapted for small gardens. The market gardener would rather raise a berry which fruits at one time and is over with it. Mr. Ohlwein finds the Senator Dunlap strawberry very well adapted for his purpose. It produces in abundance fine berries that are not bruised in transport. The Senator Dunlap is not expected to bear fruit until its second year.

One can raise other small fruits besides strawberries. There are many gardens whose corners and unoccupied margins might well be set with currant bushes and gooseberry and other berry bushes. Trimming the bushes once a year and at that time digging in some rotted manure around the roots, a cultivation or two and one spraying of arsenate of lead solution is not an exacting program when one considers the abundant crop one is sure to get. One may well urge an additional program which would ultimately insure home crops of tree-borne fruit in Highland Park. There is more room for an occasional pear or cherry tree than most people think. Indeed a fruit tree of modest size can often be worked into a planting scheme flanked or surrounded by desired ornamental small trees or shrubbery. The foliage of a pear tree, for example, is pleasing in appearance and is especially attractive in autumn coloration. One could work in an apple tree now and then along with the wild crab apple for decorative purposes and let these two types of beauty at blossoming time.

Governor Lowden has designated Saturday, April 19, as Arbor and Bird Day. This is to focus attention upon the significance in our lives of trees and birds. However we do not need to wait until April 19 to do our planting and on the other hand we can safely defer our planting here in Highland Park considerably later if necessary. The need of the moment is to make up one's mind as to what to plant. Many of us think that on the whole the best suggestion for ornamental planting here can be obtained by studying the native planting about us. Look out of doors today for timely hints as to trees. The elms and aspens and scarlet maples have been in full bloom for a week. The blossoms of the scarlet maple have matched in color the flaming shoulder straps of the red-winged blackbird in the Skokie Marsh.

We can well afford to celebrate the virtues of the scarlet maple. Its silver gray stem with black patches on its surface is beautiful all winter long. In spring its bright blossoms make the landscape glow soon after the brown swollen flower buds of the elm have burst wide open, and while the woods are yet bare of other decoration, perhaps, of the limp gray catkins of the aspens. Some of these maples bear only staminate blossoms, which are a bright orange. Others have the pistillate flowers. These are fiery red. The play of such warm color on the landscape at this time is peculiarly pleasing in contrast

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SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Wilder entertained over eighty of their friends at a house warming. A musical program was given by Mr. Earl Dennison Blair, pianist, and teacher of the American Conservatory and Mr. Arthur Ranous, a baritone, well known along the north shore. Both Mr. Blair and Mr. Ranous have been musical friends of Mrs. Wilder's for many years and they made an especial effort to have the house warmed properly. At the close of the program preceded by an appropriate speech, the guests presented some beautiful silver to their hostess to the complete surprise of the latter. The only out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Thayer and family of Benton Harbor, Mich., Mrs. Wilder's uncle.

Miss Mildred Walthers entertained twelve guests last Wednesday in honor of her birthday anniversary. Decorations were carried out very prettily in yellow.

Mrs. Roy Zimmers entertained a few friends Tuesday evening. Cards were the feature of the evening.

Mrs. George Phister of Homewood avenue entertained thirty guests on Sunday in honor of her birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Fischer of S. Green Bay Road announce the marriage of their daughter, Laura Annette, to Sgt. Edward Borkert of New York City, which took place on Wednesday, April the sixth.

YOUNG WOMEN'S PATRIOTIC LEAGUE OF HIGHWOOD

The swimming class at the high school will be omitted again this coming Monday evening. The Highland Park-Highwood basketball teams will meet the Waukegan Patriotic League teams in Waukegan at that night. The games of the tournament have all been intensely interesting, and it is expected that this game will take all the enthusiasts to Waukegan.

RIDGE SCHOOL

Last Thursday evening a very delightful illustrated nature talk by Mr. Jesse L. Smith of Elm Place was given under the auspices of the West Ridge Community Club. A most interesting description of birds and flowers of the Skokie was given.

LINCOLN SCHOOL

The annual spring vacation will commence on Friday April 18, and will last one week.

Mrs. A. B. Bastin, who has been absent from school for the past two weeks owing to illness in her daughter's family, Mrs. Wilbur Brotherton, Ann Arbor, Mich., returned to resume her teaching on Monday.

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SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

STATE OF ILLINOIS, County of Lake, SS.

Town of Deerfield
Office of Town Supervisor.

The following is a statement by T. M. Clark, Supervisor of the Town of Deerfield, in the County and State aforesaid, of the amount of public funds received and expended by him during the fiscal year just closed, ending on the 25th day of March, A. D. 1919, showing the amount of public funds on hand at the commencement of said fiscal year, the amount of public funds received and from what sources received, the amount of public funds expended and for what purpose expended, during said fiscal year, ending as aforesaid.

The said T. M. Clark, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that the following statement by him subscribed is a correct statement of the amount of public funds on hand at the commencement of the fiscal year above stated, the amount of public funds received, and the sources from which received, and the amount expended, and purposes for which expended, as set forth in said statement.

T. M. CLARK.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of March, A. D. 1919.
James Duffy,
Notary Public.

Residing at Highland Park, Ills.

Funds received and from what sources received	Amount
Amount of public funds on hand at the commencement of the fiscal year, commencing the 26th day of March A. D. 1919	\$5800.22
Received from Mary Dooley	
Collection dog tax	76.62
Received from Mary Dooley	
Collection general tax	867.46
Received from Mary Dooley	
Collection Excess Commissions	2133.34
Received from Lee McDonoug, Co. Treasurer	765.77
Received from Wm. Sweeney	
cutting thistles	28.80
Received from Highland Park Trust and Savings Bank, Interest	43.02
Received from Highland Park State Bank, Interest	139.86

Funds Expended and for what purpose expended	Amount
Auditing township account	15.50
Town Clerks	130.20
Town and Election supplies	178.74
Judges and clerks of Election	322.50
Polling places	64.00
Canvassing returns	7.50
Erecting and returning booths	15.00
Printing	23.00
Constable at Highwood	2.00
Storing town property	36.00
Overseer of poor	100.00
Assessing	1000.00
Cutting thistles	86.40
Paid Wm. Sweeney for sheep killed by dogs	50.00
Salary highway commissioner	875.45

Total Paid Out \$ 2906.29
Balance Cash on hand 6949.30

8855.59

After starting strikes that tend to disorganize industry and throw people out of work all over the country, some folks complain that the demand for the things they make is falling off.