

## EXPERIMENT FIELD FOR TRUCK GARDENERS

### Cook Co. Fair Profits Will Go to Important Project

Cook County is to have a truck gardening experimental field. The first fund for purchasing and equipping the plot will come out of the profits of the Great Chicago-Cook County Fair, which will open at the Checkerboard Flying Field, August 26, and will continue for ten days and nights.

Officials of the fair association have agreed that twenty-five percent of any profits accruing from the fair shall be given to the farm bureau for the purchase and up-keep of the experimental plot while the remaining seventy-five percent shall be used for the purchase of a permanent fair grounds. The experimental plot will be located on the permanent site of the fair.

Truck gardeners of Cook County are yearly meeting an intensified problem as they are being forced to grow enough vegetables on fewer acres of land to feed Chicago's increasing population. It is very likely that many acres of land in counties bordering on Cook will be turned over to trucking. The acute situation will be relieved by the establishment of the truck-gardening experimental field, because on that plot varieties of seeds and vegetables may be tested, improved methods of fertilization and cultivation may be worked out and more intensified methods of farming may be tried.

While the task of marketing vegetables for the Chicago markets is continually increasing, the available acreage for trucking grows constantly less as the population continues to grow and cities and towns spread. There are five thousand farmers in Cook County, about one thousand less than twenty years ago and these are farming sixty thousand less acres.

To aid the farmers, the proceeds of the fair could be spent in no better way than providing for this field. The returns to vegetable growers run between \$10,000,000 and \$20,000,000 according to farm bureau officials. These men also say that the trucking in-

dustry is a much greater one than people realize.

The fair directors and bureau men say that there are forty agronomy experiment stations in this state which have produced graphical data upon the production of field crops while no similar data is at present available pertaining to truck crops as little or no work has as yet been done along these lines. Tests made with field crops have shown that a ton of raw rock phosphate applied to Corn Belt soils will, in one four year rotation increase the average yield of corn 5 bushels; oats 4 bushels; wheat 4 bushels, and clover about 1-5 bushels. Two tons of limestone will boost the yield 6 bushels of corn, 2 bushels of oats, 4 1-2 bushels of wheat and 1-4 bushel of clover. The use of 150 pounds of muriate of potash per acre upon peaty Illinois soils has increased corn yields from 20 to 40 bushels, oats from 5 to 10 bushels and wheat as much as 10 bushels per acre. With these figures at hand and knowing the current value of farm crops the farmer may readily determine the profits he may expect through the use of these soil improvers.

The Cook County Farm Bureau has encouraged the use of limestone on the acid farms of the county, phosphate on all but the peaty soils and potash on peaty swamps. One of the most successful truck farmers claims to have derived little or no benefit from limestone on pickles and onions. Upon other crops its benefits seem unmistakable but up to the present time they are unmeasured. Rock phosphate increased one man's yield of onions 100 per cent. Another claims little, if any, benefit from its use. Likewise \$10.00 worth of potash gave one trucker \$100.00 worth of sweet corn, while others benefited out over the trucking area. Apartments and houses now stand where cabbages and tomatoes once grew.

### Dollar Spent 27 Years Ago Returned to Owner

Chehais, Wash.—Mrs. Torrence Hagerman spent a dollar in Lancaster, Mo., twenty-seven years ago.

She marked her initials on it then and religiously scrutinized every dollar that came into her possession since that time.

Her diligence was rewarded when she was handed a dollar at a Montezano (Wash.) store recently. It was the same silver money she parted with in Missouri twenty-seven years ago.

## 'TIS CAMPING TIME AMONG METHODISTS

### Boys, Girls, Parents Join in Fun

Return of the first Girl Scout and Boy Scout groups from the camping expeditions and preparation for the Adults' camp at Diamond Lake, featured events in Wilmette Methodist church circles this week.

Activities in the church, including the announcements of services, follow:

Sunday school in all departments at 9:45 o'clock.

Public worship and sermon at 1 o'clock, Dr. Daniel Stecker preaching.

Mid-week service Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The first Girl Scouts' camp division returned yesterday from Lake Geneva. The second division of girls will go August 17 for two weeks.

The first Boy Scouts' camp at Camp Stansell, Diamond Lake, will return tomorrow from its two weeks of very successful camping. These boys, for the most part, are members of the Junior Boy Scout troop. Mr. Todd, Mr. Bontecou and Mr. Williams have organized seventy-five boys into this troop.

The second Boys' camp will open August 12. These boys are members of Wilmette Troop No. 3, Mr. Stokes, scout master. He is supported by a splendid committee, and will be amply assisted during the time his troop is at Camp Stansell.

The very competent chef, Ira Smalting of Milwaukee, has been employed for the entire summer.

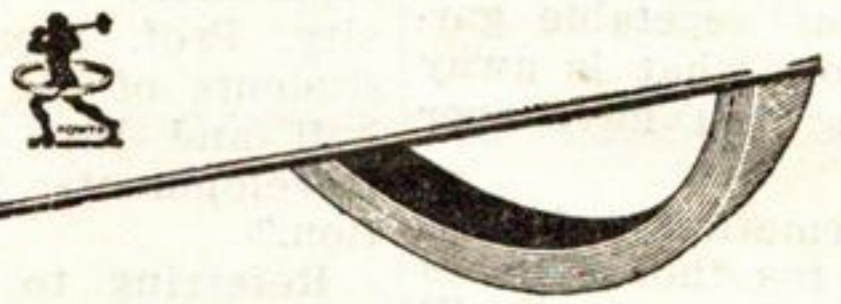
From tomorrow, July 29, to Saturday, August 12, the camp will be open to adults, parents and their children. The tents and beds are excellently provided for at \$9 a week. Those who are interested should call the church offices, Wilmette 2348, or Rev. Stansell at Wilmette 2584, or apply at the camp. Fifty people can be accommodated.

Dr. Stansell inspected the Girl Scout camp at Lake Geneva Tuesday.

Miss Hamilton returned to the church offices yesterday and will be at her desk until the second Girls' camp, August 17.



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