

Sun Prairie Township Wins Road Contest

Dane County Rural Federation to Meet Saturday

Springfield, Verona Tie For Second

Will Form Community Club Plans

Sam Messerschmidt of Pumpkin Hollow to Preside

ACCREDITED CLUB PLAN PROPOSED

Five Major Committees Will Announce Projects

The fall meeting of the Dane County Rural Federation will be held next Saturday, all day, at the Lorraine hotel, Madison, in the Pompeian room.

The federation is composed of about 40 community clubs, P. T. A. and mothers' clubs and other rural and village organizations.

All rural and village clubs in the county are invited to send as many representatives as they may wish to the meeting whether their clubs are members of the federation or not.

Present Projects The federation committees will present their plans for the coming year's work to a special committee, headed by Mrs. White, which will outline the requirements for accredited clubs.

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Next Saturday's program will be as follows: 10:00 a. m.—Community singing, Verne Varney, assistant state club leader.

10:30—Greetings from Madison Women's club, Mrs. W. A. Hastings, president Women's club.

11:00—What Rural Clubs Can Do for Dane County Schools, O. H. Polonsky, state department of instruction.

11:30—Dane County Accredited Clubs, Mrs. Wilbert White, McFarland.

12:00—Dramatics and the Leadership School, Arthur F. Wieden, agricultural economics and rural sociology.

12:30—What the Blue Shield and Ar. Triangle Can Do for Rural Clubs, Alfred Zurbach, president of Ag. Triangle.

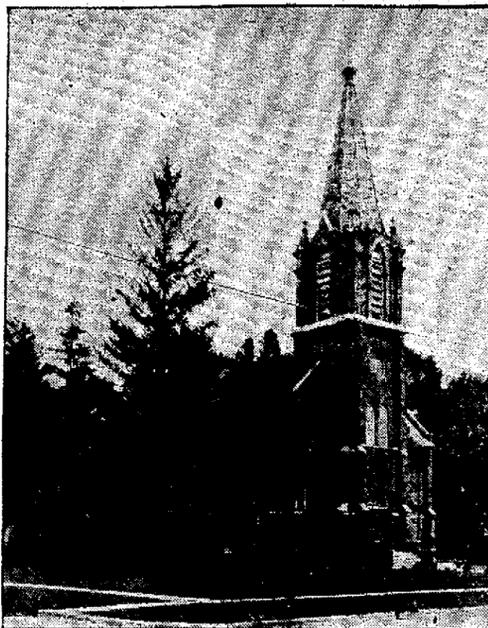
Membership dues in the county federation are \$2 a year for each club. A letter is sent out regularly to all member clubs by the secretary, Mrs. Swenson.

The federation is beginning its second year of activity. Although young, it has already shown a good deal of activity and member clubs are planning to make the federation of more influence and mutual benefit.

Brodhead Phone Co. Rate Hearing Oct. 11 The Brodhead Telephone Co. application to increase rates will be heard by the state railroad commission at the Green county courthouse, Monroe, Oct. 11.

Argyle Rate Hearing At Monroe, Oct. 11 The Argyle municipal electric plant will be given a hearing by the state railroad commission at the Green county courthouse, Monroe, Oct. 11, on its application to revise its rates.

STOUGHTON'S EAST SIDE CHURCH



Christ Lutheran church, on Stoughton's east side, will be the scene of the ordination of their new pastor next Sunday.

Will Install New Pastor At Stoughton

Rev. S. M. Topness Comes From Red Wing This Week

WAS 10 YEARS AT TRINITY CHURCH

New Pastor's Wife Took Nurse's Training at La Crosse

STOUGHTON—The Rev. S. M. Topness, who will move here this week from Red Wing, Minn., will be installed as pastor of the Christ Lutheran church next Sunday.

The Rev. Topness is a young man, 35 years old, who for the last 10 years has been pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church, Red Wing, Minn.

After attending the schools of his neighborhood, he went to Luther college, where, among other things, he took an active part in athletics, especially as a pitcher with the Luther college baseball team.

His theological training was acquired at Luther seminary, St. Paul, Minn. The Rev. Topness is a gifted musician and has a good tenor voice.

The Rev. Topness directed two choirs in the Trinity church at Red Wing. Mrs. Topness is a graduate nurse, getting her nurse's training at a La Crosse hospital.

Dodge Fair Promises 'Best Ever'

BEAVER DAM—With arrangements virtually completed for the handling of the greatest crowd of fair patrons in the history of Beaver Dam, the management of the Dodge County fair today marked time, with their fingers crossed, and a silent prayer on their lips for good weather.

Sunshine and cooling breezes will make this year's fair the most pretentious ever presented, according to J. F. Malone, secretary, who visualizes a mutually prosperous week for all concerned.

The fair opens Monday, and will continue until next Saturday, with probably the finest array of agricultural exhibits in Wisconsin.

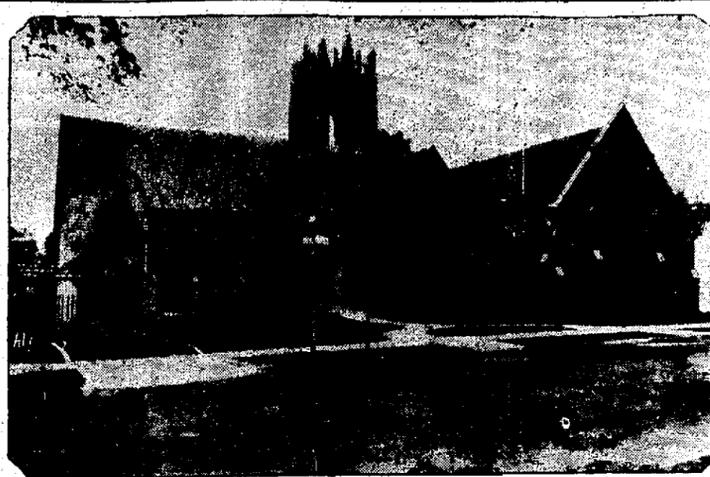
For those patrons seeking thrills, special auto and motorcycle races have been arranged, and will be presented on Tuesday, along with motor push-ball, polo and a thrilling parachute jump as a climax.

Speedy trotting by some of the fastest harness racers has already attracted over \$4,000 in added money and purses, and will be the feature Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Children will be especially catered to at the year's fair, with clowns and acrobatic tumbler brought here, for their amusement, being included among the innumerable free acts, which form part of the grandstand show.

With this pretentious array of talent and exposition features, all of which will be presented at no higher admission prices than heretofore, fair officials today stated, that with good weather prevailing, their expectations of a banner week will be realized.

Ft. Atkinson's New \$100,000 M. E. Church



First Methodist Church, Fort Atkinson, built at a cost of \$100,000. Courtesy Ft. Atkinson News



Rev. E. J. Matthews

Rev. White Has 81st Birthday Anniversary

First Pastorate Was at Cambridge Back in 1875

The Rev. Benjamin T. White, 1233 Jenifer st., retired Methodist minister, is today celebrating his 81st birthday anniversary.

He came to the United States from Canada in 1871. After graduation at Evanston, he was ordained into the ministry in the Rock River conference in 1876, the ordination ceremony taking place at Rock River, Ill.

He served pastorates at Jefferson, Richmond, Edgerton, Sylvania, Salem, Milton, Heart Prairie, Stoughton, Allen's Grove, Fall River, Waterloo, Sun Prairie, Pewaukee, DePere, Oshkosh, and Oniro, until he retired in 1917.

Four district superintendents, the Revs. C. F. Spray, Janesville, H. J. Root, Milwaukee, E. M. Oliver, Fond du Lac, and Richard Evans, Appleton, will be present.

The new structure, costing \$100,000, now nearly complete, has been built under the supervision of the Rev. E. J. Matthews, who has been resident pastor here the last five years.

Services begin at 9 a. m. today by the Sunday school. Seven departments, nursery, beginners, primary, junior, junior high, senior high, and adults, will each contribute to the program.

Church services will be held at 10:30 in the sanctuary where there will be seating place for 1,100 people by pressing the Fellowship hall and the balcony into service by use of amplifiers.

A robed choir will open the service with an anthem, accompanied by Mrs. Roy Debersier, at the \$10,000 Wagnler organ.

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Will Talk 'Co-Ops at Marshfield

MARSHFIELD—To promote the cause of cooperative marketing will be the purpose of the farmers' get-together cooperative conference to be held here, Oct. 22-23.

The conference is sponsored by the Wisconsin council of agriculture, an organization of executives of cooperative societies and heads of state agricultural departments in cooperation with the Wisconsin college of agriculture.

Among the speakers who are to appear on the program are B. E. Hibbard, agricultural economist at the university of Wisconsin; Emerson Ela, business director of the Northern Wisconsin cooperative tobacco pool; H. M. Krippel, commissioner in the state department of agriculture and markets; D. N. Gey, secretary of the Pure Milk association, Chicago; and S. S. Thompson, president Farm Bureau Federation of America.

A man has made a fiddle out of 5029 pieces of scrap wood. This reverses the process of many fiddlers who can make a series of dances out of one match.

Used Lumber for Barn From Trees He Planted

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DEERFIELD—Lumber farmers are scarce in Wisconsin. The system has been to cut lumber out of the trees Nature planted.

But Deerfield township has a farmer who planted trees, watched them grow, sawed them into lumber and built a barn out of the trees planted.

Jens Thorstad planted two rows of South Carolina poplars on the two sides of the road leading from his farmstead to the highway. That wasn't so long ago, in 1906.

The poplars grew and grew. They took so much moisture from the ground that it affected the adjoining fields three rods back on both sides.

One year, we dumped our stable manure in piles on these fields before spreading. We later found that the roots of the poplars had grown up inside the piles during the short time they were there.

Class Presidents Chosen for All Stoughton H. S. Classes



Orrin Swenson, Peter Vea, William Hollan



Mrs. Helmer Swenson, 419 N. Prairie st. William Hollan, president of the sophomore class, is a son of Mrs. A. O. Holman, 406 W. Jefferson st.

Ft. Atkinson Church is Dedicated

FT. ATKINSON—Dedication of the new First Methodist church will be celebrated here for a week, beginning with the dedicatory services proper today.

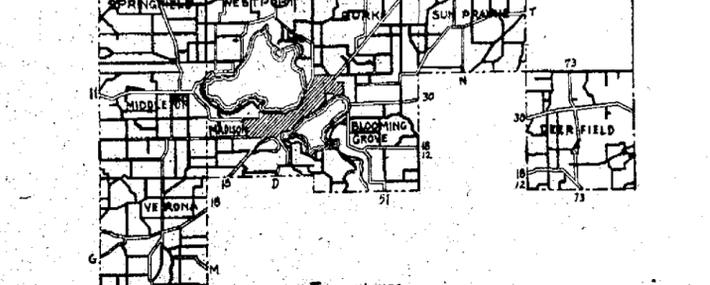
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This map shows the 11 townships that have taken part in the Madison Association of Commerce road contest—six townships in the first contest which ended two years ago, and five in the contest ending this year. The map, prepared by Prof. K. L. Hatch, shows the township roads in the 11 townships.

Middleton and Deerfield Make Good Showing in Contest

ALL-YEAR FARM ROADS, OBJECT

Madison Association of Commerce Gives Premiums

Sun Prairie township won the Madison Association of Commerce 1929 road contest first premium of \$200, according to announcement of the judges yesterday afternoon.

Springfield and Verona townships tied for second place. Middleton township placed fourth, and Deerfield township fifth.

The judges were Fred Sawtelle, Dane county highway engineer; John Lyle, chairman of the Dane county highway committee and former town chairman of Montrose; and D. J. Minahan, state division highway engineer.

Roads—like chains—are only as strong as the weakest link. A heavy truck load of farm produce has no benefit from a fine concrete trunk road—just an impassably wet dirt road, of even a short distance only, has to be negotiated before reaching the concrete.

Unless township roads leading to the trunk highways are passable in all kinds of weather, the farmer's cost of getting his produce to market rises to the point of cutting up all his profits. If the farmer doesn't make a profit—it his cost of marketing comes too high—he'll have less with which to buy the necessities of life and nothing for even the plainest luxuries.

Mutual Benefits Knowledge and understanding of these facts moved the Madison Association of Commerce to start the township road contest four years ago. The plan helps the farmer—and everything that helps the farmer helps business in town. So Madison merchants figure.

The association's committee on roads and agriculture asked for \$350 four years ago to be used as premiums in a township road contest.

The money was raised by subscriptions, running from \$50 ad down. First prize of \$200 was won by Burke township, Conrad Hansen, chairman. Every road in Burke is graded and gravelled. York township capped second money, \$100, William Dowd, chairman, Westport, Mike Hogan, chairman, and Windsor, William S. Beida, chairman, tied for third place.

The contest was carried out in such a satisfactory manner that two years ago the Madison Association of Commerce voted \$350 out of the treasury for the next two-year contest. Springfield, Middleton, Verona, Sun Prairie, and Deerfield townships entered this contest.

Sun Prairie Wins Sun Prairie, of which John Blaska is chairman, now has a gravel road or better to every farm in the township. The town has 38 miles of town roads. These are maintained by Emmet Aveda, township patrolman, who with a caterpillar tractor outfit covers the entire road with the Russell grader in three days, which means a trip of more than 76 miles of actual work (both sides of the 38 miles) and several miles intervening that have to be driven to get from one town road project to another.

"Sun Prairie has gone in heavy on local direct taxes," says Mr. Blaska. "We spent \$10,000 last year and \$7,000 this year, besides the cost of the new machinery."

The town has 20 miles of state and county roads in addition to the 38 miles of town roads. Federal and state aid gives the town \$105,000 a year for five years. The concrete road, Highway 19, passes through the township. Deerfield Roads Good.

Jens Thorstad is chairman of Deerfield township. He will be 72 years old next Dec. 23, 1929, but is a road enthusiast as peppy as the youngest chairman. He began intensive road improvements seven years ago.

When Mr. Thorstad started his big town road campaign, he did not work the roads leading to his own farm first. His first project was in the extreme northeast corner of the township. The following year he took the extreme northwest corner. Then came the southeast corner.

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