

State News Briefs

Middleville—A certificate has been received from the University of Michigan showing the local high school has been placed on the accredited list for two more years.

Free soil—A fox from the Jacob Schneider fox farm east of here, recently shipped to Nevada, brought its owner \$600.

Albion—Albion college, according to its president, Dr. John L. Seaton, now has \$300,000 in securities for the erection of a new campus building, but will not take steps toward its construction until the increase in student body warrants it.

Holland—The Holland Poultry association has voted to make its December exhibition a free show for the first time since its organization 26 years ago. This action was made possible following an appropriation of \$300 by the board of supervisors of Ottawa county. Free admission, however, will not apply to the pet stock show to be staged in the basement of the armory, for which a nominal fee will be charged. The pet stock will include dogs, rabbits and squirrels.

Allegan—The third hospital in this city will soon be opened. It will be known as Emergency hospital and will be established by Dr. E. D. Osmun, Dr. J. H. VanNess, Dr. Malcolm Smith and Dr. J. A. Rickert, all of this city.

Port Huron—The largest order in the history of the company in point of the number of pieces involved, and the second largest order in point of value, was received recently by the Mueller Brass Company of this city. The order has a value of \$400,000 and calls for 36,000,000 pieces. The finishing work on the order, exclusive of the rod work and casting, will require the operation of 13 machines, 24 hours a day, for one year, says Oscar B. Muller, president of the company. Speaking of conditions at the plant, he said that shipments to date this year exceeded those for last year by 35 per cent, and that there was more than \$1,000,000 of unfilled orders on the company's books.

Paw Paw—A Van Buren county association will be organized in De-

ember if the poultrymen manifest enough interest in such an organization, County Farm Agent William F. Johnston announces. He indicated a mass meeting for that purpose will be held at Lawrence on or before December 10.

Grand Haven—President Alfred of the Pere Marquette Railway Co. headed a delegation to this city recently on a tour of inspection of the line, and a committee of interested local citizens conferred with the party for some time concerning plans and site for the new Pere Marquette station to be constructed here. Construction will start soon, it was stated.

Milan—The chamber of commerce is investigating plans which would bring to this city one of Detroit's oldest and best established manufacturing plants. The Detroit firm has decided to move its plant on account of increasing property valuations and high rentals. It employs 1,200 people, including about 500 molders.

Flint—This city ranks forty-fourth among the cities of the nation with a population of over 100,000 in per capita expenditures for new buildings, according to a survey made by the United States Department of Labor. Its percentage per capita was \$25.95, as compared with \$26.47 for Grand Rapids, which ranked nineteenth, and \$74.58 for Detroit, which holds ninth position. Last week permits were taken out in Flint for 70 new homes having an aggregate value of \$267,187.

Jackson—Negotiations are under way between the Jackson chamber of commerce and the Hancock Manufacturing Co. of Charlotte, regarding the removal of the company's plant to Jackson. The concern is a large manufacturer of automobile door handles.

Detroit—Dodge Bros., Inc., consolidated net income for the first nine months of 1926 was \$17,979,784. This is equal to \$5.58 a share on combined A and B common stock, after provision for preferred dividends.

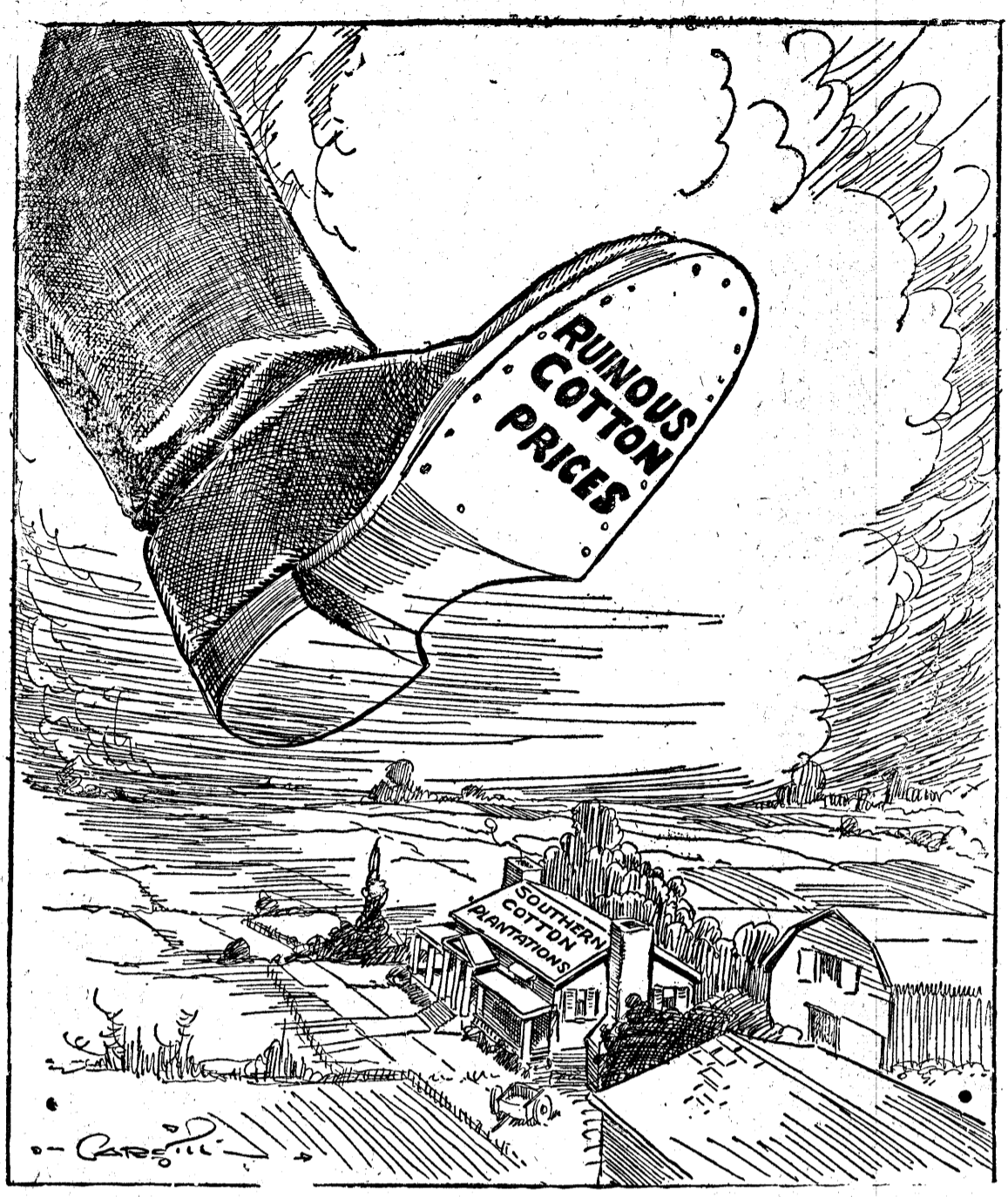
East Lansing—A new industrial course has been added at Michigan State college which is called by Prof. Allen B. Forsberg, professor of industrial relations at the college, "Research in Commercial and Industrial Relations." The course is designed for advanced students in commercial administration and will include a large amount of outside work, each student being required to make a report on some specific business problem while associating himself temporarily with some business concern.

Mt. Pleasant—Percy Ziegler of Cadillac was elected president of the student council at Central Michigan Normal by popular vote of the students. Milton O. Clark of Alpena becomes vice president by virtue of receiving the next highest number of votes.

Lake Odessa—A new three-story dormitory is nearing completion here under the direction of Rev. M. M. Raider of Ohio. This is an enlargement of the Lake Odessa Bible Conference building known as the tabernacle, which has become widely known in the past three years. Bible conferences are held here each summer and hundreds of persons attend from almost every state in the Union.

Shelby—Miss Geraldine Elliott, daughter of H. M. Elliott of this village, graduate of the local high school in the class of 1923 and now a junior at Albion college, is the only girl to be chosen on a debating team of six which will represent Albion in an international debate with the University of Sidney, Australia, at Albion, Nov. 19. After two weeks of preliminary work, three will be chosen to constitute the team.

Marching Through Georgia



speaking not a word of English. Now they come dressed as the white men, bringing their baskets to the merchants and speaking good English. One misses the picturesqueness of the old ways, but the advance is not only in dress, it is in the minds as well and means enlightenment.

Allegan Attracts Several Factories

Allegan—Mayor Joseph F. Mosier has announced several factories wish to locate in this city and the council again has taken up the project of building a dam for Kalamazoo river at Calkins bridge, five miles west of the city.

The proposition is to build a dam and install electric generators to furnish 1,500 horsepower. To build this dam and equip it would cost \$500,000 and to meet this obligation it is proposed to issue bonds.

The factories wanting to come here could build their plants while the dam was under construction. Mayor Mosier is firmly of the opinion the dam can be built and the population doubled in a few years. The river is a navigable stream from Saugatuck to Allegan, but has not been so considered by the war department. Permission to construct the dam, Mr. Mosier believes, can be obtained.

Two of the factories proposing to locate here now employ 300 and 500 men, respectively.

Improvement Made On State Park at Mears

Mears—The Silver Lake State park, comprising 30 acres on the east shore of Silver lake, donated a number of years ago by Miss Carrie E. Mears, has been undergoing considerable improvements which have just been completed.

While the expense was met by an appropriation from the state the improvement of the driveways, etc., was made by Sam Krantz, township highway commissioner, and a force of his regular road builders. At one time this park was designated on the tourist maps as Dunes park, owing to the dune vista on the other side of the lake. The new state park at North Muskegon seemed also to appropriate the same title and this caused some confusion. Now the park here is Silver Lake State park.

INDIAN AND PIONEER LIFE

By MISS MINNIE B. WAITE

(Continued from last week)

The quaint villages were made up of dwellings of various sizes and shapes; the most substantial consisting of frame of cedar poles covered with cedar bark. Some of these were fifty or sixty feet long, and places for three fires. Then there were the lighter dwellings, consisting of frames of poles covered with mats, some cone-shaped and some convex at the top. The mats were made ten to twelve feet long, of long slender leaves of the cat-tail flag. They were often used as traveling tents, being light and convenient to carry in expeditions. In the woods, even in winter, the Indians sometimes lived in temporary wigwams of evergreen boughs. The houses were windowless, the fire being built on the ground in the center, furnishing light and warmth. If the lodge was long, these fires were built in rows, holes in the roof serving as a chimney. A raised platform covered with elaborately colored woven mats along the sides of the room was used as a seat during the day and a sleeping place at night. Some of these mats were beautifully ornamented in colors and were made of rushes from shallow lakes, woven together with twine made from the bark of the slippery-elm or basswood, and were about six to eight feet long by four feet wide.

Though the Red Man hunted at all times, winter was the season best adapted to the pursuit; then a greater part of the population left the villages and scattered through the dense forests along our chains of lakes, embarking in canoes. Several families had their winter camping grounds on Boardman Lake, within the present limits of Traverse City.

The women remained here while the hunters went into the forest solitudes bringing back the spoils of the chase several times during the winter. The hunting camps were always on the banks of river or lake.

While her brave was in the depths of the forest and the cold wind shrieked through the fir trees, the busy squaw wove the rush and corn husk mats for her home. She tanned the deerskins and shaped them into clothing for her family; she cured the soft rich furs for rugs and wraps, plaited splint baskets and rolled the wild hemp on her thigh and twisted it into twine for fish nets. She dressed the game and smoked the venison her Indian brave brought back to the lodge, and she carried her papoose on her back wherever she went. It was considered a disgrace for the Indian to perform menial labor. The wife was expected to do all that was necessary for his comfort and pleasure, leaving him free to hunt and fish and battle with his enemies.

There were many trails throughout the dense forest in this section, in fact, those were the only roads in the early days. I have heard pioneers tell of the time when, to follow one of these trails, they threw themselves from one side of the horse to the other to escape the rough bark of the trees, so winding were they. It is said that they were marked by bending down the branches of the young trees and tying them with hemp cord until

fond of maple sugar, and made quite an industry of preparing it.

I shall have little time to dwell upon the language of the Ottawas and Chippewas. It is simple, having few forms; instead of many words, prefixes and suffixes are used, making the words appear long and the language complicated. Some words are used as adjectives as well as adverbs, such as "mino," good, right or well. As a child I remember our Indians always with a blanketed head and moccasined feet, with their bags of basswood bark fiber strapped across the forehead, selling baskets and

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