

## FRUIT YEAR LOOKED FOR BY ORCHARDISTS; PROMISE IS GOOD

By WILLIAM R. SANBORN

The important facts with relation to the outlook for fruit are: First, all authorities agree that there was no winter killing of any kind of fruit within the Richmond radius, either in Indiana or Ohio. Next, there has been no premature budding, because of an early or unseasonable warm spell, to start the sap and develop buds. The cold winter checked this and fruit growers are sanguine of seasonable weather.

The result is a rich showing on all fruit trees and the promise of "a fruit year." This is welcome news.

Seven Varieties of Peaches  
There is an orchard at the edge of Eldorado that will presently look like a flower garden. Frank Blackford, the owner, is an enthusiast. He loves to work with his trees and we found him busy pruning.

"If I were a young man," said he, "I would devote all my time and money to fruit. The ordinary farm orchard is disappearing from the map and we are all the more becoming dependent on the commercial orchards. Every land owner should raise fruit; the kind adapted to his locality and climate; but they don't."

"The market for fruit and berries is being widely developed; the demand is increasing all the time and the price of really good fruit, any kind of fruit, is climbing right along." Mr. Blackford has nearly 40 varieties of peaches, plums, cherries, etc., in his 10-acre orchard, some varieties being represented by but a few trees, planted experimentally. He has the New Prolific, Champion, Carmen, Lemon Free, Bear's Smock and Elberta, the latter in large numbers. His orchard netted him about \$1,100 last fall, and his strawberries brought in a few hundred in early summer. Mr. Blackford was for some years an Ohio state lecturer, and has just returned from a lecture trip covering Delaware, parts of Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Peaches Soon to Blossom.  
"Peaches are early bloomers," said Mr. Blackford, "and are due to show color in about 10 days. Early cherries will bloom about 10 days after the peaches, and other cherries shortly afterward. The promise for all kinds of fruit is excellent, and if the weather is propitious we should have plenty of fruit and berries. An inspection of my orchard shows abundant promise. The weather is always a factor, but the outlook is extra good at this time."

This was the consensus of opinion Monday, several farmers having remarked on the development of the buds within the past few days.

### Farm Federation

Austin Morgan, president of the Abington township farm federation, says that no meetings have been held lately, nor any date set for a meeting.

"Our trouble has been inability to get speakers," said he, "and if I can secure an interesting talker, I will call a meeting to suit his convenience." Mr. Morgan says the farmers west of the river near Abington hire but little help and will farm as usual.

As to conditions east of the river, he states that he is not so well informed. He states that wheat is spotted, with some to be plowed up, and other fields showing fair promise.

Replies from state secretaries of Federations of Farmers' associations in the middle west indicate that several states will be represented at a meeting called in Indianapolis on Wednesday by Lewis Taylor, general secretary of the Indiana Federation. It is hoped that the secretaries will perfect an organization at the session and will be able to discuss common problems and agree on common policies.

Reports from the membership campaigns in the state show that Madison county, with an enrollment of 1,569, leads the state, Mr. Taylor said. Shelby county is a close second with 1,567, and Rush county is third with 1,350.

The Franklin township farm federation meeting, set for Monday evening, April 12, at Bethel, was "called off," as a farmer puts it, and set for next Monday night, at which time the committees at work on the elevator proposition will report.

### STRIKE LOSING

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Gardmasters working overtime to keep the trains running, but railroad officials predicted a breakdown of passenger service at any moment.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., April 13.—First extension of the strike to passenger service in the Youngstown district came today when a walkout of firemen stopped all passenger service on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad between here and Pittsburgh.

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LEONARD WOOD CLUB  
OXFORD, O., April 13.—Miami University students yesterday organized a Leonard Wood club. Sixty young men have enrolled, and these officers have been chosen: President, Alfred R. Summers, of Cincinnati; secretary, Earl Houser, of Dayton; treasurer, R. Graham Taylor, of Bethany, W. Va. The club is organizing a straw vote for presidential preference.

## 250 STUDENTS TO GATHER AT EARLHAM FOR VOLUNTEER MEET

Purdue, Butler and DePauw will be represented by delegates visiting delegates at the Student Volunteer Conference of Hoosiers, at Earlham college April 16 and 18. The local college will register about 200 Earlhamites it is expected.

Earlham will be host to the delegates, but will not be able to supply sufficient lodging. Attempt is being made to obtain additional rooms off the campus.

If 250 students attend the convention from other colleges of the state, fare and one-third of their expenses, are granted them by the national volunteer union.

Leaders Are Named.  
Among the conference leaders and speakers are:

J. Lovell Murray, Educational Secretary, Student Volunteer Movement; Ernest J. Pace, head of Missionary work in Moody Bible Institute, formerly of the Philippines; Mr. Cunningham, candidate Secretary of the Christian Board for 18 years in India; Thomas C. Blaisdell, Jr., traveling Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement; Dr. J. J. Rice, pastor First Presbyterian church of Richmond; Miss Mischa Kawai, of Japan, graduate of Bryn Mawr and now leader of Christian work in her home country; W. W. Mendenhall, state Student Y. M. C. A. Secretary, two years in India; Miss Esther Richards, missionary to Japan now attending Earlham college; Sylvester Jones, 18 years missionary in Cuba; Associate Director Friends' Forward Movement; Miss Edith M. Hazlett, traveling Secretary Student Volunteer Movement. Report to be given by Merle Maupin, of Wabash, and Louise Cory, of Butler, of the meeting of the Student Volunteer Council.

DEBS IS "GREETED" BY NATIONAL SOCIALISTS

(By Associated Press)  
CHICAGO, April 13.—A "message of love on the anniversary of your incarceration" was sent to Eugene V. Debs, now in the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., by the National executive committee of the Socialists yesterday.

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## The Farm and The Farmer

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A. R. Swain, of Fountain City, said that while he lived in town he had 160 acres for which he had failed to get the help needed, so far. "Farm labor is mighty short around here," said he, "and farmers will have to help each other out, up this way."

Farmers around Fountain City are still holding a few cars of wheat, but Manager Powell, of the elevator, does not expect much of it to come in until after the corn is planted. The tendency there is to hold wheat to see what is the outcome of last fall's planting and what the spring wheat farmers go as to acreage. Many growers look for higher prices.

Received 750 Bushels.  
"We took in 750 bushels of wheat last week, and are paying up to \$2.55 for fancy grade," said Roscoe Rossa, manager of the Williamsburg elevator. "There is still some wheat back in the country, also some corn, but no oats. Some of our farmers are short of help, but we believe most of them will plant their usual acreages. Some

have complained of losses on February pigs. Corn is worth \$1.70 today."

Well Supplied With Oats.  
There are several cars of wheat in the farmers' bins around Milton, according to Albert Anderson, elevator man. He doesn't expect much of it to come in until after the spring planting is done. He says there is no corn being offered, but that there is an ample supply of oats for seed. They are going at about \$1.10 per bushel, locally. It is Mr. Anderson's judgment that the Milton district farmers will be able to put in their average acreage, in rotation.

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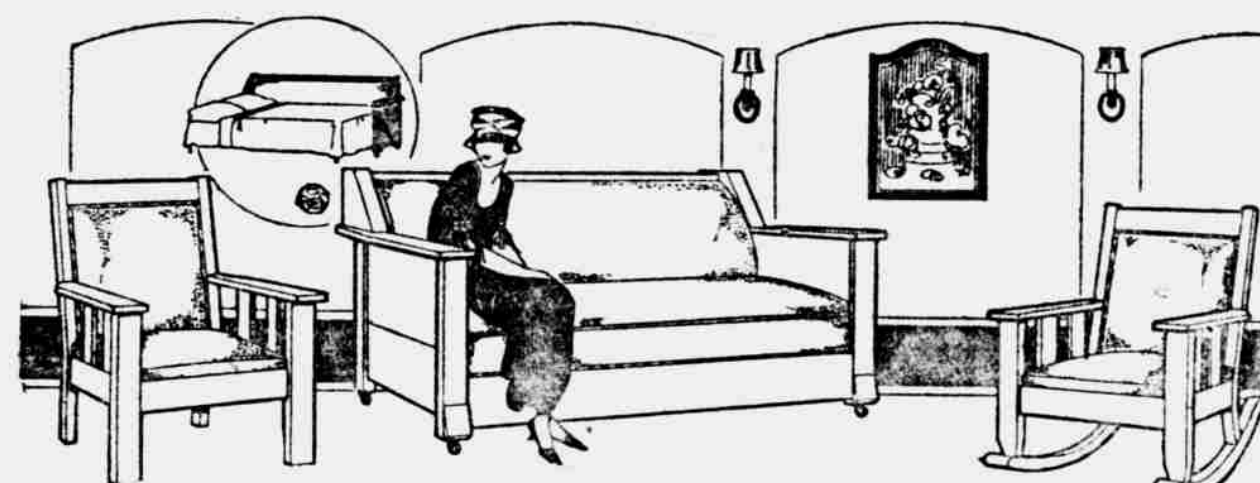
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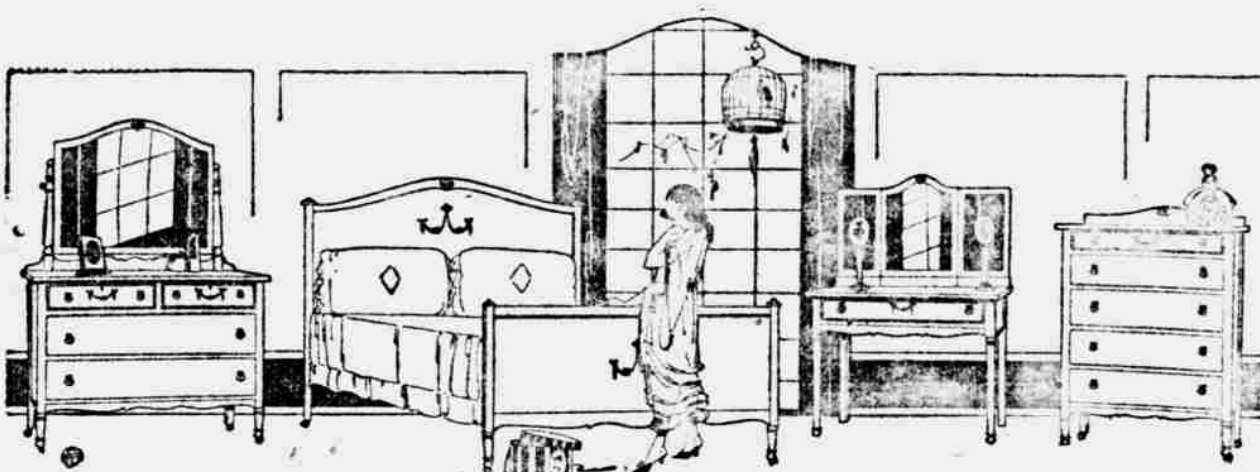
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