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The Community Market

By A. L. BELL, Superintendent.

THE Community Market owned and operated jointly by the County and City of Pontiac has been a success from its start, two years ago.

The market has grown until today it has 160 stalls with a roof over all, a rest room and a comfortable office for the transaction of business.

That the Market is appreciated by the farmer and city resident alike is attested by the fact that business is constantly growing in volume. As many as 190 loaded vehicles have occupied space on the market in one day. Additional space has been acquired by the leasing of a strip of land 50x200 feet, which in a measure will relieve the congested condition on busy days.

Pontiac people patronize the market liberally and as a result market gardeners and farmers from as far as Bay City, Vassar, Traverse City, Brown City, Saginaw and other points find this a very satisfactory point.

Superintendent A. L. Bell has turned over \$857.95 above all expenses for last year's business.

Beginning January 1, 1926 to September 10, it is estimated that 29,000 buyers have patronized the market. Stall rentals netted \$669.70. Collected for parking, \$1,389.00. Sale of paper sacks, \$317.13.

The Committee on markets appointed by the Board of Supervisors and City Commissioners is composed of Messrs. Brewer, chairman, Bond, Shimmons, Ham and Ely.

The Royal Oak Market

This Market is on the corner of Fourth and Troy streets and is held in the open. Last fall we continued the Market until freezing weather demanded we call a halt. We opened the Market this Spring in March but the cold, rainy, backward spring weather was a severe handicap. One of the hindrances is that there is no cover over the Market ground to protect fruit and vegetables from the sun and storm, many producers preferring to go to Detroit and Pontiac where they can sell their produce under cover. However, the outlook for a good Market at Royal Oak is very encouraging.

The following is a result from the time Market opened this Spring to the present: Total number of producers' rigs, 393 at 25c per rig, \$98.25; sale of sacks, \$28.46; estimated number of buyers, 6,000. This market was only open for business two days per week until lately, now we are running three days per week, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



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