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Farm-City Week

EDITORS ROTATION SCHEDULE

November 20 – Hugh Brereton

November 27 - Jerry Jackman

Still Need More Scribes
John Hertle will no longer be a scribe
He is our President 2018-2019

GREETERS

Secret Greeter – Pay a buck if you do not shake
their hand.

SPEAKERS

November 20 - Farm-City Week

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President John Hertle called the annual “Farm-City” meeting to order. **John Field** led us in the Pledge, **Jeremiah Williams** performed double duty: the Patriotic Song and the Prayer.

-Each attendee received a list of commodities grown in Stanislaus County, listing their revenues and size of production in order of first through tenth. Very interesting. Almonds have supplanted milk which is fading. Stanislaus County Ag for all farm commodities were worth \$3,648,192,000 (3 Billion plus!)

-Guests:

-**Wayne Zipser** of the Turlock Club and head of Stanislaus Farm Bureau

-**Paul Wenger**, Past President of the Farm Federation

-**Christine Field** accompanied her husband, but did not help lead the patriotic song

-**Jeremiah** was accompanied by Kathy () and wife Nancy

-**Dr. George Broodrukas** with MJC Community Affairs

-**Stan Hodges**, former head of MJC and its Agriculture Department, winner of many awards

-Past Mayor of Modesto, **Carmen Sabatino**

-Farm City began in 1955 and for while in the 1960's there was a parade also. The major event with Farm-City luncheon is the naming of the recipient of the John Veneman Award who was the California Agriculture Secretary and his daughter, Ann, was the federal Secretary of Agriculture and the first recipient. For many years Modesto and Greater Modesto Clubs had a joint meeting on Farm-City Day; now, of course, they have merged.

-Awards for MJC and High School scholars were listed. Each high school received one or two \$1,000 scholarships, and a \$3,000 scholarship to a MJC student. Stanislaus State University had a student receive one too.

-December 5th is the Kids' Shopping Spree, supported by our Club and Don's Mobil Glass. Contact the President for details if you want to help transport kids, etc.

-At 12:25 p.m. **President Hertle** received a phone call from a higher authority, his wife. He handled it with grace, of course.

-Paul Wenger, gave a keynote speech on Farm-City Day. He recently saw Ann Veneman in Sacramento and says she is doing well. He lives near the Veneman family farm. California is the largest farming state in the nation. He feels this is even more important when you consider the high mountains in many areas of the state and the large urban areas which can not be farmed. Tariffs are now a factor

in prices and could be hurting farmers. Climate change is affecting our water supply (rain, drought, etc.), and the forest fires contaminating our air. He is grateful to earlier Stanislaus leaders for establishing the reservoir system which form a vital aspect of our supply, especially if our aquifers fail or are tapped out. Growing trees in warmer areas is proving difficult. He said we need to harvest timber and clear out forests of debris, small trees, bushes, etc. which are kindling for mighty fires. Kern County, the largest farming county in the U.S., has lost its surface water rights, with 250,000 acres laid off. We also have to continue to stop and amend wasteful water practices. He also mentioned **Ugo Lea**, a former member of our Club for many years, which taught and was the MJC Dean of the Agriculture Department.



-Stan Hodges wins the John Veneman award!-He has a PhD from Oklahoma State University, taught agriculture at MJC for a long time (1965 through 1996), and became the President of MJC from 1987 to 1995. He is, or was, on many prominent Boards such as Doctor's Hospital, the head of the Chamber of Commerce. He provided the tractor for he old Farm-City parade. He received Certificates and Proclamations

-We then sampled commodities given to ticket winners, including a frozen turkey by Joyce Aakerlund (a farmer's daughter growing up near Hilmar)

HOPE YOU ALL HAD A GREAT THANKSGIVING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Hugh Brereton

Have a nice week.....