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## CLOSING OF OUR SCHOOL

Class of Seven Launched Out Into Life's Duties—Fifteen Eighth Graders Received Diplomas.

The Methodist church was crowded last Sunday evening, when the baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Rev. J. S. Priestley, pastor of the church, from the text, "Seek, and Ye Shall Find." The class of seven, accompanied by the eighth-grade graduates of our school, occupied front seats, together with their teachers, and were accorded a very pleasing and instructive address, the pastor's text being ably interwoven with the class motto, "Impossible is Un-American," into a splendid address.

The Town Hall was well filled last Tuesday evening to witness the graduation of the class of 1917 of the Farmington High School, and to listen to a splendid address by Fred L. Keeler, superintendent of public instruction, of Lansing.

The hall was draped with flags, cut flowers and potted plants being in profusion upon the stage, where the class took their places, accompanied by their teachers, Prof. Huffman and Miss Hicks, in a semi-circle, the boys—four in number—all of whom were enlivened members of the M. N. G., wore their uniforms, giving a very patriotic appearance to the occasion, the young ladies being dressed in white, with red ties. By the way, it is probable that Farmington has the only class in any village or city in Michigan whose entire male membership is enlisted in Uncle Sam's service.

Following the invocation by Rev. Priestley, the Pierson orchestra played the "Star Spangled Banner," after which Prof. Huffman introduced Mr. Keeler, who took for his subject, "Do the Michigan Schools Pay Dividends."

In opening his address, which by the way was one of the best ever listened to by a Farmington audience, Mr. Keeler stated that it cost \$31,000,000 to finance the schools of Michigan each year, and that of the students entering school only 50 per cent went further than the sixth grade; 25 per cent passing the eighth and only eight per cent getting as far as the class of 1917. Five per cent entered college, with only two per cent finishing the college course.

Mr. Keeler made seven points in his address, that he wished the class to observe in their life, the first of which was "work," the only way to win success in any undertaking; the second, "sticktoitiveness;" third, "concentration of purpose;" fourth, "thoroughness;" fifth, "honesty;" and "sympathy." and class made up the list. Pleading and instructive illustrations were given to drive home each point in the address.

At the close of the address, Ex-Gov. F. M. Warner presented the class of 15 eighth graders and the graduating class with their diplomas, after which the orchestra played a selection, and Rev. Stange dismissed the assemblage with a benediction.

At the close of the exercises the graduating class and their teachers were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Somers, where a reception was tendered them, closing one of the most successful school years in the history of Farmington's public schools.

### Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Westfall were visiting in Detroit Tuesday. Miss Ella Westfall and friends were visiting at Rochester Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Coleman of Detroit, visited with Mrs. Grace Anglim last week.

Saturday afternoon Rev. J. S. Priestley and family with their friends motored to Walled Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hartwig and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Landau, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Birch and family, Mrs. Henry and brother Elton Farrington, Miss Ida and Herman Westfall and friends, all of Detroit; and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gadye, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Westfall Sunday.

Miss Nancy Burton is in a serious condition at her home here on Shiawassee street. She is now suffering from the effects of a fall taken Tuesday, when she cut a gash in her forehead, making it necessary for several stitches to be taken to close the wound. A niece, Ella Clark, of Northville, is here assisting in the care of her.

R. J. Auter entertained the members of the eighth grade graduating class at his home Monday evening, with music, games and refreshments. A fine time is reported, and the pupils presented him with a handsome electric reading lamp as an appreciation of his efforts in their behalf during the past school year.

The People's State Bank of Farmington have filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk. [The new bank is capitalized at \$20,000, with 39 local stockholders, for the purpose of doing a general banking business. Plans and specifications of a new modern bank building are ready, and the work of construction will be commenced in the near future on the site of the old C. F. White store on Grand River.]

The Ladies' Literary club held a special meeting last Friday afternoon to discuss Red Cross matters. Arrangements were made to order material for sewing. All members wishing to sew may secure work from the general Red Cross secretary, Mrs. Josephine McGee. The next regular Red Cross meeting of the club occurs the second Wednesday afternoon of July, at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Inda Hamblen.

A rumor which gained considerable headway was current last week to the effect that the local bank was getting a big "rake off" on the sale of Liberty Bonds. This idea is extremely absurd, as can be readily seen if any person will do a little figuring for himself. In the first place, many purchasers of bonds drew their savings account from the bank and paid for their bonds outright, taking away from the bank a considerable amount of cash. Those who purchased on the installment plan are to receive four per cent interest on every payment made until their bond is paid for; the bank on the other hand can get but three and one-half per cent for the year they carry your bond for you, each bank being obliged to pay cash on July 15th for the bonds you have a year to pay for. In fact the local bank will be the loser by many dollars on the deal. The same is the case with all banks of the country, and their part in the transaction is purely patriotic.

Pure Bred Holstein bull calves at Warner Farm.

### CHURCH NOTES

**Methodist Church**  
Rev. James Priestley, Minister.  
The Ladies' Aid met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lottie McArthur. There was a large attendance and the afternoon was devoted to sewing for the Red Cross. The hostess served light refreshments. Next meeting will be with Mrs. Henry Pauline.

Monday afternoon a camp of the Knights of Methodism was organized with about 18 charter members. This organization is well fitted to look after the interests of the boy.

The pastor was delighted with the fine attendance last Sunday morning; it was an inspiration. Next Sunday morning the subject of the sermon will be "The Secure Deposit;" none should fail to hear it. Sunday school session at the close of the morning preaching service.

The evening service at 7:30 is one all should attend. Sunday evening the pastor will preach on the theme, "Loyalty." This is a most vital subject now, and you will want to hear it.

Prayer meetings Thursday evenings; topic for next week is "Royalty of Jesus," Matt. 7:21-23; Matt. 12:47-50; John 4:31-34; John 7:17; Matt 4:17; Matt 4:23; Matt. 6:9-10.

**Baptist Church.**  
Rev. J. W. Salton, Pastor.  
Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at noon.

The pastor's subject in the morning will be, "The Peculiar Treasure of Christ." In the evening the subject will be "Honoring God, and Its Reward." At the close of the evening service the ordinance of baptism will be administered. As it is review Sunday in the Sunday school, a special program will be given by the children, and there will be a collection in aid of missions.

The Dorcas society held a very pleasant meeting at the home of Mrs. Edward Bolson. A splendid attendance was out to enjoy it. A good meeting will be held at the Baptist church Friday, June 22nd.  
There will be Sunday school service in the Thayer schoolhouse next Sunday at 3 o'clock. We hope to see a large gathering.

**Universalist Church**  
The Universalist church was well filled Sunday to hear Dr. Moore discuss the subject of "The Real Republic." Miss Helen Kennedy sang two beautiful songs, and the hour was much enjoyed by those present.  
Dr. Moore will speak in two weeks on the subject of the drama, "The Servant in the House," after which he expects to take his usual summer vacation.

**Salem Evangelical**  
Rev. A. C. Stange will preach next Sunday morning at 10:45, eastern time, in the Clarenceville German church.  
The Farmington Ladies' Aid meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the parsonage.  
Out of 420 pupils who wrote the recent eighth grade examinations in Oakland county, 350 passed, an average of 83 per cent.  
A marriage license has been issued by the county clerk for the marriage of William Lunger, of Novi, and Esther Clement of Evansville, Ind.  
Willard Service Storage Batteries for sale. Also batteries recharged. W. H. Lee & Sons, if

### Surprised Them.

Our well-remembered friends, Mr. and Mrs. George Lock, now living at Romeo, were aroused from their peaceful slumbers at 2 o'clock last Sunday morning by a great commotion at the side door of their home, and their first realization was of some one calling for "two tons of ice."

Mr. Lock jumped out of bed, made a hasty toilet and opened the door, and was very much surprised to find on the doorstep a number of their relatives and friends from Farmington and Detroit, who had journeyed to their new home to spend the day with them.

The party was chilled from the long ride, teeth chattering and shivering, but the kindling of a cheerful fire and the warm welcome extended by the host and hostess soon put to route the "shivers," and all were comfortable and ready for a jolly time, which they certainly had.

The "ice order" was cancelled, and the day spent to the pleasure of all, when at 5 o'clock in the evening they left for their homes, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Lock every success possible.

### In the Trenches.

Mrs. Mac Rear received a clipping from a Canadian paper last week, in which friends in the trenches of France expressed their appreciation of the boxes sent them from a lodge of their native Canadian town. The communication stated that the Canadians are doing good work, although "the cost has been considerable." The writer says in part:

"At the present I am in a dug-out many feet below the surface of the earth. It was built by a Hun, but he left some time ago, much against his wishes, and the chance of him ever getting back is gone.  
"No doubt he was of the firm opinion that no power on earth could drive him out of his deep home and cement strongholds, which took a long time to build.  
"When the heavy guns opened fire for the big push he must have realized that there was something he had forgotten to take into consideration. His strongholds were soon blown to pieces, and he had to come out and fight, but the fight did not last long.

"The Hun is a good soldier in some respects and will fight when he is behind something solid, with a machine gun or rifle in his hands, but when it comes to the bayonet he tries to get away, or puts his hands high above his head and asks for mercy, and with few exceptions he gets it. The Canadian soldier has a big heart and cannot kill a man who throws down his rifle and asks for mercy."

### A Handsome Gift.

Miss Ella Leggett, a teacher in the Detroit public school for many years, whose old time pupils built for her a magnificent home on the old Newton farm, just north of town, came out to the home last week for the summer.

On Monday Carl Ely received word that a Ford sedan awaited him at the Ford saleroom at Detroit. Upon going to the city Mr. Ely was directed to deliver the machine to Miss Leggett, which is said to be a present from Edsel Ford, secretary of the Ford company.

We are told that a number of Miss Leggett's former pupils expect to spend the summer at the home.

### FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Newspapers Taken From Other Papers in and About the County.

Imlay City must be a "peach" of a town. With a population of 2,000, two of the strongest banks in Lapeer county, not a liberty bond has been sold, nor any effort made to sell them.—Rochester Era.

The M. M. A. held its first graduating exercises last Saturday at Island Lake and the boys have returned to their homes. Prof. H. D. MacDougall delivered the address.—Brighton Argus. Prof. MacDougall will have charge of the Farmington schools next year.

Mr. Farmer, don't look so down in the mouth. A Rose man tells us that the very year in which he had the biggest crops he ever raised, he sowed his oats on June 1; planted his corn on June 12 and didn't get his potatoes into the ground until nearly July 1. It all depends on what the weather man gives us next fall. And here's hoping its lateness will tax the memory of the oldest inhabitant.—Oxford Leader.

Village President High has a plan whereby the town will own its building and at no cost to the taxpayers. The Masonic hall can be had for \$500 and the entire sum will be paid by "fool auto drivers." At the last meeting of the council Judge Burt turned in \$200 in fines collected by enforcement of our laws. We have three officers who are doing their duty—High, Burt, Robinson—and it is up to every resident of Redford to give them every assistance possible.—Redford Record.

Edward A. Murphy of Flint, deputy oil inspector for this district, was called to Milford Tuesday to make a test of a car of kerosene shipped to the local oil station by the Standard Oil Co. The inspector took a sample and proceeded with the test when the tester blew up, caught fire and had to be thrown out doors to keep from setting the depot on fire. The car of supposed kerosene proved to be gasoline, and this fact had not been discovered until it was unloaded; the consequences might have been serious. The car was billed and shipped as kerosene.—Milford Times.

### From All Over.

A military company was organized, with 30 members, at Northville last week.  
Northville will hold its Chautauqua July 27th to 31st. There will be 10 entertainments.  
Thousands of sight-seers visited the Joy aviation field near Mt. Clemens last Sunday. The use of the 600 acre field has been turned over to the government and will be in operation by July 1st.  
Stanley McLain of Pontiac, aged 17, and Clifford Worcester, whose home was at Wolcottville, Ind., were killed Monday by their auto plunging over an embankment 20 feet. The former, who was driving with one hand, which was crippled from a former accident, lost control of the car when it struck a newly graveled road. The accident was not witnessed by anyone, the bodies of the young men being found pinned under the car by workmen some 15 or 20 minutes after the accident. Both were lifeless when discovered.  
Fish every Friday at the Mass Meat Market. Trout, Whitefish and Perch, always fresh. 17c

### Has Done Good Work.

R. J. Auter, who has resigned his position as principal to take up teaching painting and paper hanging for a profession, has the honor of graduating 58 pupils from the eighth grade in the four years he has taught in the local school, and this painstaking effort is highly appreciated by the pupils and parents of this village, who will be sorry to have him leave.

During Mr. Auten's seven years as a teacher he has graduated 74 eighth graders.  
Has many friends who wish him success in his new venture.

If you have a farm for sale, there is an ad in the want column that will interest you.

There is talk of forming a firm in Detroit for packing and the sale of horse flesh as meat.

**Statement by the Secretary of War.**  
The cavalry, engineers, coast artillery, signal corps, and postmaster corps of the regular army have already been brought to war strength.  
45,000 recruits are needed at once to complete the new regiments of infantry and field artillery.  
25,000 additional recruits are desired at the earliest practicable date to fill vacancies in order that the war strength of 300,000 may be maintained.  
Facilities are in readiness for placing these 70,000 men under proper training.  
Any delay in obtaining this number will necessarily cause the loss of valuable time.  
It is the earnest desire of the war department that 70,000 single men between the ages of 18 and 40, who have no dependents, and who are not engaged in professions, businesses, or trades vital necessary to the prosecution of the war, be enlisted in the regular army before the 30th of June, 1917.

Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War.

**LITTLE WANT ADS**

FOR SALE—Homestead Fertilizer. See Charles H. Ely. 24c

FOR SALE OR RENT—The J. W. Hatton shop. Inquire of C. R. Ely. 27c

FOR SALE—Quantity of Oats. Inquire of Louis Fendt, phone 51wa. 34c

FOR SALE—A quantity of good Timothy Hay, at \$15 per ton. F. W. Daines, phone 43wa, Farmington. 36c

FOR RENT—Pasture for young stock; running stream of water. Inquire of Thomas Irving, Farmington. 30c

FOR RENT—Good pasture for young stock, about 2 miles from town; running water. Inquire of John Lapham. 33c

NOTICE—Will the party who took my sythe last Sunday kindly return same and save further trouble. Dr. E. F. Holcomb. 39c

FOR RENT—House and one bare land, on car line, first house east of Powers Station. Garden planted. Inquire of R. J. Foster, one mile south, on the Good Road. 34c

WANTED—Farms for city buyers. If you want to sell your farm, see me at the Farmington Exchange Bank, and let me have your terms. Edgar S. Pierce. 27c

FOR RENT—\$12.00 per month rents choice of two living apartments, one on Warner Farm, one over "Power Factory," \$25.00 will rent new Block. Inquire at office Warner Dairy Co. 27c