

# The Farmington Enterprise

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## TELEPHONE RAISE PROTEST

Citizens of Farmington Send Delegate to Lansing to Intervene Before Railroad Commission

At a meeting of the citizens and village officials at Fireman's hall Tuesday night it was decided to send Rev. J. S. Priestley to Lansing to protest against the proposed raise in the rates of telephone users in this vicinity.

The Michigan State Telephone Co. gave notice last week by advertisement in the Enterprise that they would go before the railroad commission on Wednesday, October 24th and ask permission to raise their rates on phones in this township from \$15 for a business phone to \$24; residence (1 party phone), from \$12 to \$18; residence (4 party phone), from \$12 to \$15; farm line (business), from \$15 to \$18; private branch exchange, from \$15 to \$21; exchange trunks, \$15 to \$21; within a radius of five miles from central office (residence) \$12 to \$15; business (within five miles of central office), \$12 to \$21; in excess of five miles from central office (residence) \$12 to \$18.

While the existing rates in Farmington are undoubtedly low when compared with other places, we are now paying for what we get in service. The "central" equipment of the Farmington exchange is said to be a very antiquated affair, and that the lines, poles and other parts of the system are not equal to the service demanded of them, many of the poles having rotted and fallen, the lines being fastened to trees, fences and anything to hold them off the ground.

While our citizens believe they are "paying for all they get," we believing most of them would be willing to accept the proposed rate if the company would improve the service and put the system in an up-to-date condition. It is hoped that before granting the proposed raise of rates the commission will investigate the existing conditions and make it a part of the contract that the telephone company give us an up-to-date system and equally good service.

## Ladies Literary Club

The Ladies' Literary club held their regular meeting at the home of Miss Boynton Wednesday, October 24th. The program was a very interesting one, devoted mainly to the subject of cereals. "Distinguishing Features and how prepared for food." Wheat, Corn, Oats, and Rice, was discussed by Mrs. Mary Crosby. "Importance of Cereals in the Diet," was read by Mrs. Flora Hendryx. An open discussion "Prepared vs. Home Cooked Breakfast Foods," brought out many sensible and useful ideas.

"The Use and Abuse of Color in One's Wardrobe, with Illustrations," was very ably handled by Mrs. Josephine McGehee.

Mrs. Bertha Steele, chairman of the committee represented the club in the bazaar given by the City Federation of clubs, November 2, requests each member to bring her contribution, consisting of a glass of jelly, labelled, and some other articles, not to exceed one dollar in value, either to her home or leave with Mrs. Hambleton, not later than Monday morning. These articles must be in Detroit on Monday, October 29.

## Farmington Township's Valuation

The assessed valuation of Farmington township was placed at \$2,573,530, and left at that figure by the equalization board of the supervisors. Of that sum \$429,270 is credited to personal and \$2,144,260 to real estate. Novi has \$1,465,550 in real and \$141,725 in personal property, or a total of \$1,607,275.

The largest valuation in the county, outside of the city of Pontiac, is \$14,487,805, and is credited to Royal Oak.

The total valuation of the county of Oakland is placed at \$36,342,121.

Pure Bred Holstein bull calves at Warner Farm.

## "Not Guilty"

Such was the verdict in the case of Winfield C. Stewart who charged Harold West with the larceny of a suitcase and part of its contents on the night of September 3rd.

Stewart, who is a carpenter working on the Michigan Children's Home and boarding with Mrs. Dennis in this village was coming from Detroit on the night of September 3rd, having left a suitcase on the back platform of the car. On arriving at the Junction Stewart missed his suitcase and seeing some boys with a suitcase followed them up the road thinking it was his, but was surprised to find the one in possession of the boys not his property, and he was unable to locate his own.

Some days later H. E. Kreuger's children found a suitcase along side the road near their home. On investigating Mr. Kreuger found the address of Stewart and notified him of the find, and Stewart obtained possession of his suitcase, minus a part of its contents.

It seems that Harold West, Walter and George Spaller and Harry VanSickle were on the same car with Stewart, and Stewart saw West, the latter a car window on the left side of the car with his suitcase but with them his property was not in their possession.

The four boys swore they got off the car on the right side and walked up the road toward this village, and that they did not see Stewart's suitcase on the platform of the car, and that they knew nothing about a number of witnesses on both sides, the jury consisting of Charles Ely, L. Brown, George Hendryx, Shell Gates, Harry Habermehl and Tom Conway, retired for about 15 minutes, when a verdict "not guilty" was rendered.

"There was no evidence introduced to show that West had taken Stewart's suitcase, and the positive evidence was that Stewart came up on the 9:15 car, that he lost a suitcase and that it was found alongside the road. The case was before Justice Thayer, Assistant Prosecutor Blakalee, of Pontiac, appearing in behalf of the people.

## School Notes

The members of the Ninth grade English class have been writing advertisements and news items concerning the Halloween party. Many good advertisements were written in the form of posters. Of these, Thomas Botsford's was decided to be the best for the "Enterprise". Of the news items, George King's and Lucile Botsford's were among the best. By the vote of the class, Lucile Botsford's appears in the paper.

For the High School chapel exercises Monday morning the English Literature class will present two scenes from "The Merchant of Venice." Those taking part are Leo Hendryx, Hamilton Jones, Harold Chavey, Lloyd Pierson, Howard Stemann, George Gildemeister, Coral Shoebright and Lucile Thornton.

The Geometry class have their monthly examination Thursday morning. Time flies. The second month of school closes Friday. Miss Power is reading "The Dutch Twins" to her pupils.

The First and Second grades have been making Halloween pictures to be put in their room for the Halloween party.

## Halloween Party

Wednesday, October 31, 1917, there will be a Halloween Party given by the Basket Ball girls at the I. O. O. F. Hall. Among the different amusements of the evening are fortune telling, buying articles at the parcel post stand and fishing at the fish pond. Candy, pop corn, "hot dogs" and soft drinks will be sold also.

All ladies are requested to bring a little package for the parcel post stand. There will also be dancing. Admission 5c.

Willard Service Storage Batteries for sale. All batteries recharged. W. H. Lee & Sons.

Read the Jiners.

## FOR BENEFIT OF RED CROSS

Congressman Patrick H. Kelley to Speak on War Conditions at Town Hall

Congressman Patrick H. Kelley who is chairman of the naval committee of congress will be in Farmington next Thursday evening, November 1st, and speak in the Town Hall on "War Conditions" for the benefit of the local Red Cross and War Relief Fund, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Congressman Kelley, besides being one of the best speakers in congress, is chairman of one of the most important of congressional committees, and can give you information that is worth knowing by every citizen in this community.

Mr. Kelley makes no charge for this lecture, but to finance our Red Cross and War Relief Fund it was thought everyone would be willing to pay 25 cents for the instruction and important information to be gained, when it is known that the money derived from the sale of tickets is to go into our local fund for the benefit of our boys in the camps and at the war front.

The merchants have all agreed to close their places of business on that evening at 8 o'clock, and tickets will be on sale at the different stores. Remember, next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the Town Hall you certainly will enjoy one of the best talks you have heard in a long while if you attend, and at the same time provide some of the comforts for our soldier boys.

The Farmington Cornet band and the Methodist church choir will furnish music for the occasion.

## Ray Murray Hurt

Sunday night as Ray Murray, one of our townsmen, and conductor of the D. U. R., was changing the trolley while preparing to make the return trip from the Junction to Pontiac, in some unaccountable manner, the trolley became caught in the wires and falling, felled Mr. Murray to the ground at the rear of his car, stunning him and making it impossible for him to move.

Although he could see the Detroit car approaching, he was unable to help himself, but fortunately he was seen, and the trolley car stopped, preventing what might have been a terrible accident.

As it was, he was severely cut about the head and otherwise bruised, but able to be around, and very glad it was no worse.

His friends and co-workers are also very thankful that his recovery will no doubt be speedy.

Buy that bond—only one more day.

George A. Smith, a prominent auctioneer of Detroit, called on the Enterprise Saturday. He has an "ad" in this issue that perhaps will interest the farmers of this section.

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Karl Tibbits entertained about fifty relatives and friends in a very enjoyable manner. Vocal and instrumental music were interesting features of the occasion; also the midnight supper, consisting of hot coffee, sandwiches, ice cream and cake. Guests were present from Lansing, Detroit, Birmingham, Southfield and Farmington. Mr. and Mrs. Tibbits will make their home in Detroit this winter, and bade their friends farewell for the season.

## Applications Here

I have received from the secretary the application blanks for 1918 motor vehicle licenses, and they can be obtained at the Enterprise office at any time.

Applications for 1918 licenses will be received beginning November 1st, and plates mailed before January 1, 1918. Present licenses expire December 31st, 1917.

## Two Pioneers Pass Away

Palmer Sherman and Mrs. Wm. Pauline, Sr., Lived Here For Years.

Palmer Sherman, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. David Ross, on Shawwassee street Wednesday noon, after an illness of several weeks, aged an illness of 6 months and 17 days, had lived in this vicinity for the past 85 years, except three years spent in Ingham county.

He was born in Lyon, N. Y., on April 7, 1827, and came to Southfield when five years of age. He was married to Loretta E. Ward on December 17, 1851, and to them were born nine children—four boys and five girls, all of whom lived to manhood and womanhood. Mrs. Sherman died May 5, 1914, since which time he has lived with his home with Mrs. Ross, having lived within half a mile of this village since early manhood.

Mr. Sherman, who has always been closely identified with the public and social affairs of this village and township and county, was highly respected and one of the oldest residents of Oakland county. Fond of children, he delighted in visiting the school and telling the pupils of the early days. He was a member of the Methodist church, and until his last illness was always in his seat at church services.

The funeral will be held at the late home on Saturday at 10 and at the M. E. church at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Wm. Pauline, Sr., died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. S. Grace, Wednesday evening, October 24, 1917, as the result of an operation for stomach trouble, aged 68 years, 6 months and 7 days, having died just two years to the day from her wedding, and only two hours later than that ceremony.

Augusta Johanna Schmidt was born in Wildberg, northern Germany, on April 17, 1849, and was married to Wm. Pauline on October 24, 1873, and to them were born five children.

Minnie Grace, Henry Will, Fred and Emma Mackler, all of whom together with the aged husband and many warm friends are left to mourn a kind and loving wife and mother, and good neighbor, she also leaves a sister, Mrs. Fred Sallow and seven grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Pauline came to this country in 1888 and settled in this township, and have lived here ever since.

## Jolly Club Meeting

The New Idea club held a very pleasant meeting at the home of Mrs. Elva Tolman Wednesday afternoon. As this was the last meeting before reorganization nearly all members were present.

Mrs. Lamb resigned as president and Mrs. Conroy was elected to fill the vacancy. Mrs. E. A. Schwein was elected secretary and treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by Mrs. Ryder's resignation. The hostess received a beautiful white linen bedspread as her gift. A delicious lunch was served.

It was decided to have a "New Idea" box, into which each member will put a written "idea." These will be read and discussed in the hope that the club may be better, lives brightened and economy practiced more than usual by the club members. A penny flower fund was also decided upon. Red Cross work will be continued.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. E. A. Schwein. More social work. All come.

## Notice Taxpayers

I will be at the Warner Office every Wednesday and Saturday from 3 to 6 p. m. for the collection of any money due the village. All village bills payable to the Treasurer.

N. J. EISENLORD, Treasurer.

## QUOTA OVER-SUBSCRIBED

Farmington Township Did Himself Proud in the Second Liberty Loan Campaign

Farmington township has been "put on the map" in the second Liberty Loan campaign by the loyalty of her citizens in their subscriptions, having over-subscribed our quota by over \$21,000, and more to come in today.

We have the distinction of being the first township in the county to reach its quota and along the middle of the week the bank sent in an order for \$110,000 worth of bonds.

This goal has not been reached without work, and our committees are to be highly commended for their efficient and hard work they have given to the campaign. With a population of 2900 in the township and the resources of our bank \$304,000, we were first to reach our quota of \$89,000, and have to date raised \$110,000, and it is thought this sum will be increased to nearly \$115,000 before night.

Farmington township has cause to be proud of her accomplishments in the second 1917 Liberty Loan campaign.

## CHURCH NOTES

### 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 in each month at the parsonage.

### Baptist Church

Rev. J. W. Salton, Pastor. Rev. E. Halliwell will speak next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on "Spiritual Slumber; Its Effect; Its Cause, and How to Wake Up."

Sunday school as usual. Evening services at 7 o'clock. The first lecture to the "Peoples' Popular Bible Class"—"The Creation of Everything." Every one is invited.

### Universalist Church

Church services last Sunday were well attended to hear Dr. Shippin, of Detroit, who ably spoke on "Martin Luther of the Reformation."

The Ladies' Union held their last meeting for the season, with lunch, at the home of Mrs. Mary Crosby. A fine lunch was the principle dish being the New England baked beans. The business was carried on first, with a good report read by Mrs. Florence Moore, who attended the state convention in Detroit recently. Two other interesting papers were read, one an article written by Dr. McCollister, of the national convention held in the east.

Mrs. Cetella Murray was warmly received back to the arms of the Union, having been a member of many years' standing. She gave a very interesting description of her little ranch in California, which she recently disposed of before returning home. In fact the social hour was, as usual, a splendid success. Next meeting will be with Mrs. Mary Sprague Thursday afternoon, November 1st.

### Methodist Church

Rev. James Priestley, Minister. The Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. Roos on Thursday afternoon, there was a good attendance, and arrangements were completed for the Fair. The next meeting will be with Mrs. M. B. Pierce the third Thursday in November. Last Sunday the music rendered by the choir, both morning and evening, was exceptionally good. Next Sunday they will give us music just as good, or even better.

The morning service at 10:30 is one you will greatly enjoy. The pastor will continue the series on "The Lord's Prayer." The second sermon will be one none should miss. A welcome awaits you at these services. The Sunday school was well

attended last Sunday. The men of the community are cordially invited to join the men's class. The attendance at our evening services have been on the increase. Last Sunday we had a fine service and the sermon on the theme, "The Church and the present War," was greatly enjoyed. The sermon for Sunday evening will deal with some very vital present-day subjects. Come early, come all.

The study of John's gospel at our prayer meetings is proving to be very profitable. The chapter for next Thursday is the third. Come and make these meetings a blessing for others.

## FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Newsy Items Taken From Other Papers in and About the County.

Once more our Henry Ford has demonstrated that he is just the right man to have a lot of money. —Northville Record.

The teachers in our schools have gone to their respective homes as the school is closed this week so the boys can help in the potato digging. —South Lyon Herald.

Rev. Watt has tendered his resignation to the Baptist church of this village, same to be effective January 1st. Rev. Watt has resided in Redford three years; has made a host of friends; is a man among men and his departure is a keen loss to the entire community. —Redford Record.

People are wondering if Edsel Ford, son of Henry, is going to be exempted. The only way he can gain exemption is by appeal to the President. Considering Ford's services to Wilson, what can Woodrow do? His general declaration against drafting married men may let him out of the dilemma. —Rochester Clarion.

Drain Commissioner Butler is laying out one of the longest drains ever built in the county to be known as the "Paint Creek" drain, starting up in the Brandon meadows and running 14 miles to Lake Orion. This drain will require to handle a large volume of water and there is some speculation as to its effect on Lake Orion during the springtime freshets. —Orion Review.

We print auction sale bills.

LITTLE WANT ADS

FOR SALE—Fresh Cow. Inquire of W. W. Grigg, phone 39W3.

FOR SALE—Saxon Six Touring Car, in good condition. Inquire at Enterprise office. 51c

FOR SALE—Nearly new McCormick Corn Binder, cheap. Elmer Dohany. 47c

FOR RENT—The store next to the telephone office. Inquire of Mrs. Harry Harding, phone 74.

FOR RENT—Collinwood Apartments, 5 rooms and bath. Heat furnished. Apply to O. Schuapeter, on premises. 52p

## AT REDFORD

Every SATURDAY Evening

## SOCIAL DANCE

in the

## New Lamphere Hall

Good Music, Fine Floor, and best of order.