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## A PIONEER RELIGIOUS ORDER

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Catherman and Tredway Given Important Places on Alma's Base Ball Team

Two Farmington boys will be squad of the 1924 baseball team of Alma college. Clinton Tredway being a strong contender for the catching position and Russell Catherman in line for the hurling end. Catherman has been judged one of the best defensive forwards in the association, having had an exceptional season on the Alma college M. I. A. A. championship team. His work as one of the pitchers on last year's baseball championship team will assure him of the place.

Tredway, a consistent player in all team work, has an excellent chance for either catching or the outfield, because of his heavy hitting. Tredway showed up well last season, and his place on this year's squad is secure.

Winning the Michigan Intercollegiate championship in all three sports is the record prediction for Alma college this season. The 1923 football title won with the record of 10-0 and the 1923-24 basketball title annexed, by a crack team, prospects are bright for baseball honors for the third consecutive season. Criticism, granted last year, will not be available, but MacDonald, Noy City, Catherman, Farmington and Beaumont, Port Austin, are contending for the hurling position, while Tredway, Farmington and Catherman, Detroit, are in line for the catching end.

**REPUBLICANS NOMINATE TOWNSHIP TICKET**  
The usual large crowd was lacking at the republican township caucus held in the town hall here last Saturday afternoon, due no doubt, to the fact that there were no contests for nominations.

The caucus was called to order by Harrison Johnson, chairman of the Republican club. The chairman appointed as tellers L. C. Thayer, B. C. Banfield and N. J. Eisenlord, but the caucus rejected them by acclamation. The following ticket, which will probably be the only one in the field, as the democrats have not as yet issued a caucus call, was put in the field:

Superintendent, Isaac Bond.  
Clerk, Herman A. Schroeder.  
Treasurer, Edna Cox.  
Justice of the Peace, Fred C. Stammann.  
Member of Board of Review, John C. Clark.  
Highway Commissioner, Louis F. Schroeder.

Overseer of Highways, first district, Charles E. Holker; 2nd district, Charles E. Holker; 3rd district, Joseph Graham; 4th district, Fred Nabeck.  
Constables, Frank Cox, B. C. Banfield, Herman, Grimmer and Ben Meyers.

The following were appointed as township committee, Floyd H. Nichols, H. N. McCracken and James L. Hogle.

**ATTENTION F. W. C.**  
The annual meeting of the Federation of Women's clubs will be held in Detroit, March 28th. Luncheon at noon at Hotel Statler. Make reservations with Mrs. No. Switzer before next Tuesday, March 25th.

**FAREWELL DINNER**  
(Continued)  
On Thursday, March 13th a farewell dinner for Mrs. Eliza Simmons was given by members of the club.  
Mrs. Harry Fuller opened her home for the benefit of the enthusiastic members. They began to arrive at 11 a. m. and soon the dining room, cozily lit, living room was overflowing with neighbors whose merry, well-bred tones expressed appreciation of the plants, flowers and artistically arranged rose masses.

Spou covers were laid in the dining room and library for thirty guests; but before sitting down to the good cheer Mrs. Simmons was presented with a beautiful silver pyrex plate from the club.  
After all had enjoyed her appetitive, the hostesses seated them around the "guest of honor." While the dinner progressed Miss Mable and Miss Ruth Bryan operated the victrola much to the delight of all.  
Mrs. Simmons and family expect to be settled in their new home in Plymouth during the coming week.

## THAT ELECTION WHICH MOST OF US FORGOT

Notwithstanding the fact that The Enterprise failed to make mention of it last week there was a village election here on March 7.

The failure was due to forgetfulness on the part of the editor who was in it and then neglected putting the copy on the hook.

Out of a poll of upward of 400 only 30 electors went to the poll. The apparent lack of interest in the village election was due to the fact that there was but one ticket in the field. Those 30 electors unanimously chose the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, Clarence Wilber.  
Clerk, R. O. Soldan.  
Treasurer, George C. Gilmeister.  
Assessor, John H. Johnson.  
Trustees, Harrison Johnson, Clarence Bicking and Otis Russell.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY ENTERTAINMENT SUCCESS**  
Monday night a goodly number of young people attended the Irish entertainment given by the E. Y. P. J. of the Baptist church. "The Weave of the Green" was much the evidence. Mrs. Gordon Way, Alma Weston and E. P. Bates interspersed the program with Irish solos, and the male quartette, composed by Gordon Way, C. W. Townsend, E. P. Bates sang, "Comin' Thro' the Ry'".  
Dorothy Davis gave a humorous reading, "The Book Canvaser." The pastor recited one of Esiger's verses, "When the Father Shook the Stove," with a concealed side-room demonstration of stove-shaking. Mrs. Way gave a reading in Irish dialect, "Misty Hogan of the Ladies Aid." LeRoy Tregent, Alvin Grace and George Grimme demonstrated on the blackboard, some wonderful feats in Irish figurative. And Spencer Wood in full Irish costume pulled off a lot of Irish lingo in the guise of a letter from his mother in the "auld" country.

After the program all adjourned to the side room where Auctioneer Bates kept the men and boys busy bidding on the attractive boxes prepared by the ladies and girls. Gold and green and white boxes were fantastically designed. The box of Mrs. Way was of unusual design, forming a green high hat with a white pig attached to the top. Miss Esiger had a sex in the form of a huge shamrock. All adjourned at a late hour in a happy frame of mind.

**FARMINGTON WOMAN'S CLUB**  
The F. W. C. held and open meeting Wednesday, March 13th at the home of Mrs. Martha Warner. About 75 members and their friends were present.

Mrs. Stanley Lewis, chairman of the Fine Arts department of the Detroit Federation of Women's clubs, was a special guest of the afternoon and gave a brief outline of this new department and the many opportunities it was opening to club women.

Mrs. Lewis then introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Reginald Poland, educational director of the Detroit Institute of Arts, who spoke on art and in a most interesting way told of the advancement of art from pre-historic times and explained the wonderful reformation brought about by the christian era. At the close of the program the hostess served a delicious buffet luncheon.

The club adjourned to hold the next regular meeting Wednesday, March 25th with Mrs. Bicking.

**LOCAL BOWLERS WERE IN CHICAGO**  
The American Bowling Congress met in Chicago this year and it was a windy city. Among the 10,000 bowlers were the Country Five of this vicinity. The team consisted of James Wooley and Harry Green of Northville, Clarence and Eugene Green of Farmington, and Chester Sheere of Redford. These five master bowlers are considered to be some pin splitters and it usually takes a practice team to beat them in Chicago. It was different. They were not up to their usual clip and were a disappointed set. Not only to be surprised but as one of the boys said, "In the many hundred spectators who came from the far East and West to see them bow!" Even the mayor of Chicago and the governor of Illinois were missing from the spectators when the boys bowled their best in Chicago.

However, one admiring feature of the boys on their return is that they offer no alibis but simply smile and turn the conversation to Miss Shee. And then the bright prospect for another big Wayne County Fair at Northville—Northville Record.

## SCHOOL OFFICIALS TO BE BANQUETED

Superintendents, Principals and Senior Classes of Schools, Guests of Honor

High and parochial school pupils of this county are interested in the announcement by the Union Trust Company of Detroit, of a dinner to be given Saturday evening, March 29, at General Motors building in that city.

This dinner is given in honor of the senior classes of the high and parochial schools of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties, including the city of Detroit.

Those to be invited, it is understood, will be county, city, state school officials, the superintendent and principal of each school, the president of senior classes and the editor of each high school paper, where there is one.

The object of the dinner-meeting as announced is to further enlighten the members of the senior classes of these various schools concerning the Union Trust Company's \$5,000 college scholarships.

The dinner will be beautifully appointed but entirely informal as to dress. Splendid music, short educational speeches of snappy interest, and some other features, will constitute the program.

Rev. Reverend Michael J. Gallagher, Bishop of Detroit, and Frank Coo, superintendent of Detroit schools, are among the speakers scheduled for the occasion.

There will be some 250 pupils and other guests represented at this function.

Five scholarships, \$1,000 of each are to be awarded this year to successful winners in the essay contest, the subject of which for 1924 is: "The Selection of Investments." Formal invitations to each guest are to be issued this week.

## THE HIGH SCHOOL TATTLER

If one is ever enthusiastic, it is probably after a great victory. What is true of one person is also true of an organization for it consists of many people with human sensitivities. After the great victory won by the boys basketball team at the tournament held at Ypsilanti, the school was exultant and school spirit was high. This enthusiasm was carried throughout the week and our team is now more determined than ever to win another victory at Lansing, for it knows that the whole town stands firmly for its endeavors.

Mabel Mahaney, Editor.  
News  
The children are greatly interested in the birds that are beginning to return. Many have seen robins. Bird pictures have been used as a basis for picture study during the week.

The boys have been very busy making marble bags while the girls are making spring clothes for "Betty," the kindergarten rag doll. Beatrice Auten made a beautiful dress. Margaret Schoeb is sewing a little yellow apron, Dorothy Lancaster made some white stockings. Plans are being made for making other clothes.

Some of the boys have also been taking turns at sandpapering the block box previous to painting. First Grade.  
The "B" class in reading is starting the first book, "Waiting for Two" and "The Wind" have been learned in connection with nature study.

The literature class was sorry to see the ending of the "Duke and the Twins" and they also enjoyed the poem, "A Leak in the Dyke." Second Grade.  
Booklets are being made along with the study of birds. Animals are also being studied. A review is progressing nicely in reading class, along with story telling.  
Third Grade.  
The new silent readers are "In the Animal World." They are looked upon with much interest. A March border has been completed.  
The helpers in this room are Gilbert Cimice, Wanda Drake, William Corder, Margaret Vincent, and Harold Rice.  
Everyone is enjoying the Hyacinth Miss; Huff brought.  
Fourth Grade.  
The story, "The Land of Oz," is being read for opening exercises. This grade has been enjoying the writing of friendly letters.

## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DATES JUNE 19, 20, AND 21

There was a good attendance at the centennial committee meeting Tuesday night, March 18th. There was much discussion in regard to the best time for holding the celebration. Various dates were suggested and opinions expressed in regard to the number of days the affair should continue. It was finally decided that the date be June 19, 20, and 21. Thursday, June 19th will be observed as a get-together day with informal meetings and talks. Friday and Saturday will be given over to a regular program which will be announced as soon as the details are settled. We would suggest that those who use the centennial envelopes in correspondence either write or stamp the figures 19, 20, and 21 immediately under the word June upon the back of the envelope.

A motion was made and carried that the centennial buttons be placed on sale at 25 cents apiece. They can be procured at the stores, banks and shops in town at that price. We ask all who have not purchased them to do so and when purchased wear them. Show your colors and help raise the money to make this event an unqualified success.

The meeting of the committee will be held Tuesday, April 8th at the town hall at 8:00 p. m.

**SUSPICIOUS ACTIONS**  
Somewhat suspicious actions on the part of strangers one evening last week caused a little alarm among Farmington citizens. Calls were made at two or three residences at a late hour in the evening by men who claimed to be taking orders for stockings. At one house a man was seen trying to open a door, but left when called to by a passerby. No houses were entered.

**MANY LISTENED IN**  
Rev. Sidney D. Eva, pastor of the Farmington M. E. church, addressed a large audience in Michigan on Thursday, March 20, at the radio station WJW Detroit News.

Bennie Starkey is ahead in the outside reading contest for this month. Everyone is interested in the new silent readers.

In a recent spelling battle Genevieve Geers' side won and Lester Veder's lost. Genevieve's side had seven soldiers wounded while Lester's had eight.

The picture, "Home After the First Voyage," by Rosenthal, was studied in language class along with the study of rivers and seas. The new silent readers have caused some excitement in this room.

The fifth grade had a tournament last week as well as the athletes. "The Silver Fox" team having Jean Clark, Captain; Thelma Garlick, Mable Bryan, June Johnson, Francis Drake, Jack Allyn, Ralph Wikom and Lester Veder came out victorious. Alice Westfall's team the "Undefiable" ended in second place.

The Fied Piper of Hamlin was studied with much zeal by the pupils of the sixth grade. After the study pictures were drawn illustrating some of the thoughts found in it.

Helen Hunt Jackson's poem, "March" was memorized. Extensive study is being placed upon Washington, D. C. Seventh Grade.  
The seventh grade English class has sent in the stories to be published in the Detroit News Boys and Girls section.

The eighth grade general science class is studying electricity. The physics class has been determining the position of images for different lenses. Music and Art.  
A contest in music is now being carried on in the grades. Everyone is enjoying the spring songs that are being sung.

The second grade children are now making pictures for a booklet on the making of maple sugar. The fourth grade pupils are striving toward better drawing. The seventh and eighth grades are drawing letters. The high school art class has handed in pictures in colors. Miscellaneous.  
The boys' game with Fowlerline last Friday evening at Ypsilanti was viewed by a jolly party of Farmington pupils and teachers who motored there purposely to see the game.  
Business English class is studying advertising. Mabel Mahaney. (Continued on Page 3.)

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