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### PROMINENT FARMINGTON RESIDENT PASSES

Frank P. Botsford died Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Lockman at Keego Harbor. The funeral was held from the Inn Wednesday afternoon.

It was one of the largest ever held in this community being attended by several hundred people who had known and esteemed the deceased. Among those present was Henry Ford of Dearborn. It is estimated that fully 250 autos were parked about the place during the services. The services were conducted by Rev. S. D. Ely, of Detroit, formerly pastor of the Farmington M. E. Church. Burial at Oakwood cemetery.

Mr. Botsford was born in Farmington, October 13, 1852. His whole life with the exception of five years in the U. S. Army was spent here.

Mr. Botsford was the last proprietor of the Botsford Inn on the Grand River road, two miles east of Farmington. The inn, also known as the "Sixteen Mile House" being sixteen miles northwest of Detroit was built in 1836 by Stephen Jennings and, in that same year, Lemuel Botsford, descendant of an old New England family, came from Lyons, N. Y. to Farmington. It was his son, M. C. Botsford, who purchased the tavern in 1857 and here his son, Frank P. Botsford, who was then five years of age, first became connected with the historic inn.

After his father's death he conducted the inn until 1892, when he ceased to operate it publicly, but used it as his home until the Ford who mended it back a few hundred feet from the highway and restored it to its original state, surrounded by a wide lawn and extensive landscaping, it is one of the most attractive spots on Grand River road.

Until 1892 the inn was a stopping point for stage coaches, on the route between Detroit and Lansing. Thirty coaches, with capacities of twenty-four persons, stopped there and cattle drovers "put up" there on their drives through to the yards in Detroit. It was the haunt of lumbermen and itinerant merchants, who lodged for refreshments and lodgings.

The road past the inn in the early days was a mud track and it required four days to journey from Detroit to Farmington in an ordinary vehicle. With this condition the inn easily was the most important feature in the lives of early-day travelers.

At the time of Mr. Ford's purchase, Botsford Inn had been preserved perfectly and it was Mr. Ford's intention, in making the purchase, to preserve it for posterity.

Mr. Botsford took a keen interest in the work rehabilitating the old inn and spent much of his time there.

To just what extent the inn will be used in the future as a public place of entertainment is not known, but it is reported that next season it will be opened and conducted after the manner of the old inn at Sudbury, Mass., which was purchased by Mr. Ford a few years ago and restored to its original condition.

In speaking of the uses to which the inn might be put Mr. Ford is reported to have said: "I do not know how far it could be used in the future as an actual inn," said Mr. Ford at the time. "as an inn it is not exactly needed, but as a museum, as a storehouse of the past, it can be valuable."

"I want to see it preserved, full of the things which belong to the past of this part of the country. I wish, above all, to have its doors always open to the children. It will help all of us to take hold on the old times that we may measure them with the future."

Mr. Botsford, at the ceremony, reminded of the old days of the inn and related many interesting stories in connection with its history.

### FIRST TREATMENTS GIVEN

The following is the report of the toxin anti-toxin campaign in the local and neighboring schools. The first treatments were given in Farmington November 30 and Clarenceville December 1. The same children should report again one week later, and two weeks later, at the same places. Pre-school children should come during school hours, preferably the morning.

Farmington	
Kindergarten	17
First grade	24
Second grade	30
Third grade	19
Fourth grade	18
Fifth grade	21
Sixth grade	21
Seventh grade	14
Eighth grade	21
High School	66
Teachers	5
256	

Southfield School	59
Plymouth	37
Novi	27
Thayer	13
German	4
District No. 1	4
Noble	1
Teachers	4
147	

Adults (besides teachers)	1
Pre-school	17
18	
Total	701

### TWO DRUNKS COME TO GRIEF

Henry Howitz and W. P. Cassady, both of Pontiac, were found Tuesday evening on Grand River road by Deputy Wilson in an intoxicated condition. They pleaded guilty to a d. and d. charge before Justice Harpster at Pontiac and were fined \$15 and costs or ten days in jail. Cassady paid but Howitz took the jail alternative.

A street car conductor saw the two men in an automobile. Their condition being such as to render them incapable of safely operating it, he locked the car and took the key away, leaving the car and occupants at the side of the road. He then notified the officer.

### NINE BUCKS IN ROW

Nine as fine bucks as ever roamed the northern peninsula of Michigan are on display on Grand River avenue next to the Ford Garage. They are the bag brought back from Baraga county by nine Farmington sportsmen and each bears a tag with the individual name of the hunter.

Those who are pointing with pride to the result of the hunt, are: R. G. Hogle, Frazer Staman, Donald Banfield, Fred Schaeper, J. W. Turner, Olin Russell, H. Oldenburg, Clarence Bicking and Harrison Johnson.

### AUGUST ASSMUTH KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

August Assmuth, chef at the Jackson Country Club, was instantly killed Monday night when the car he was driving skidded on the Orchard Lake road and turned over in the ditch. The accident occurred at a point on the road two miles north of Farmington Junction. He was alone in the car.

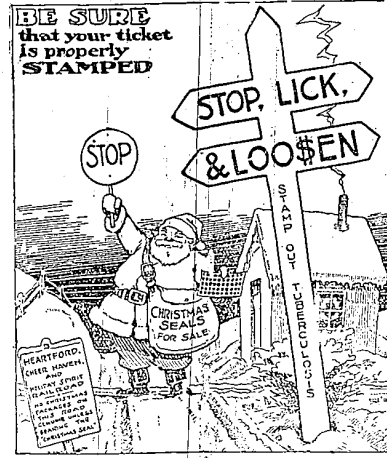
### MARY E. COX

Mary E. Cox died at Harper hospital of pneumonia, Sunday, November 29. Deceased leaves three brothers, Edgar C., Roy E., Cecil Cox and three sisters, Mrs. William Zingleman, Mrs. Charles Rubert and Mrs. Harry Young, all of this vicinity. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rubert in Clarenceville, conducted by Rev. Harry Felton, pastor of Clarenceville M. E. Church. Interment Oakwood cemetery, Farmington.

### EXCHANGE CLUB

At the noonday luncheon Tuesday of the Farmington Exchange Club R. D. Beadle, who is connected with the National Life Insurance Co., gave an interesting talk on "Estates." He described very minutely what an estate is and what becomes of it in the process of distribution.

Enterprise Liners will sell it.



Christmas seals bring happiness Christmas seals bring joy. Christmas seals bring hope of To every girl and boy.

### BREAK GROUND FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING

Ground has been broken for the Tri-Township Community building at the corner of Long avenue and Angling road and to date the foundation has been completed.

The structure, when completed, will be 50x100 feet with two floors, which will be utilized for various activities of the association.

This organization was first instituted about a year ago and up to the present time have held their entertainments in the Clarenceville school, but owing to ever-increasing attendance it was deemed advisable to enlarge their quarters, hence the new building.

The association, since its inception has been very active in local affairs both from an improvement standpoint and also creating entertainment for its membership and residents of the district.

On Friday and Saturday nights December 11 and 12 they will hold a bazaar and auto show in the Southfield Community building, which is located three blocks east of Fourth Gate road. Various amusements have been planned for these two big gala nights, which will long be remembered by the membership as a real step toward greater activities. Dancing—both old and new—is planned for both nights. Art's orchestra will furnish the music.

The Tri-Township Community Association holds their regular business meetings every Friday night at the Clarenceville school.

### WARNING

With so much sickness in the village and vicinity extra precaution should be taken to keep the feet dry and warm and dress properly for this time of year. Remember if you have a sore throat or cough you should stay at home until relieved as you endanger all you come in contact with. Have a thought and consideration for the other fellow.

### BAZAAR

The Evangelical Church will give its annual Bazaar Tuesday, December 8. All kinds of Christmas gifts will be for sale, such as quilts, rugs, lunch cloths, aprons, towels and thousand and one other useful things.

The young folks will be busy with Christmas cards and a bake sale.

The Sunday school will sell you the prettiest handkerchiefs, taffy apples and candies.

### ATTENTION!

Attention, Brothers of Farmington Lodge, No. 151, F. & A. M. A special communication will be held Saturday, December 5th at 1 o'clock for the purpose of attending the funeral of Brother Andrew Gray, at 2 o'clock at the home and 3 o'clock at Clarenceville cemetery.

JAMES L. HOGLE, Secretary.

### MOVE TO UNITE TWO ORDERS OF MACCABEES

On December 8-10 the Ladies of The Maccabees, one of the pioneer women's fraternal benefit orders in the United States, will hold a special national convention in Detroit to vote on consolidating with The Maccabees, the men's international fraternal order of that name.

The proposed merger has been under consideration by the officials of both societies for some time and will, its proponents state, result in eliminating much duplication of effort, reduce the overhead expense of both societies, and effect a stronger and more serviceable organization to the mutual benefit of the members of both.

While there is not and never has been any direct connection between the Ladies of The Maccabees and The Maccabees, they have been practically brother and sister societies with parallel interests ever since the organization of the latter in 1891, practically the only distinction being that one was made up exclusively of men and the other of women. The way was paved for a possible amalgamation last June when The Maccabees began to admit women to membership, organizing the first "hive" or women's lodge in Washington, D. C. on June 1.

The Maccabees will be glad to consolidate but will make no effort to influence the decision. If the vote of the Ladies' convention is favorable, The Maccabees will hold a Supreme Review to vote on ratification of the merger some time in January.

The Maccabees is one of the oldest and strongest fraternal benefit associations in America, organized in 1878, and has 4000 lodges operating in every state of the Union and province of Canada with the exception of South Carolina and Massachusetts. The Ladies of The Maccabees, the bulk of whose membership is in the middle western states, were organized in 1903 as a separate society but closely related in name and interests. Both societies have juvenile departments composed of the children of members.

### FLORIDA LETTER

A letter received at The Enterprise from Mrs. L. C. Harger says, "We are in St. Petersburg, where we expect to spend the most of the winter. Spent two delightful weeks on the way down, stopping at Daytona Beach a week."

Most of the weather has been cool and this a. m. November 24, the thermometer was as low as 46 degrees. Remarkably cool for Florida this time of year.

Will be glad to get our home paper, The Enterprise, so please send same to L. C. Harger, 1470 47th avenue, North, St. Petersburg, Fla.

### NOTICE

Will the persons holding the following books return next Saturday to the Library and stop further accumulation of fines? "Call of the Canyon," Zane Grey. "Fair Margaret," Crawford. "Keeper of the Bees," Porter. "Roads of Doubt." "My Lady of the North." "Gaspards of Pine Croft," Stella Dallas. "Swiss Twins." "The Outlaws." "Dutch Twins." "New Friends in Old Chester." "Gray Dusk." "Silvia of the Stubbles."

### EVANGELICAL CHURCH BAZAAR

The Ladies' Aid of Salem Evangelical Church will hold their bazaar Tuesday, December 8, afternoon and evening.

The committee under the leadership of Mrs. Clara Sallow reports a splendid assortment of articles to be placed on sale, many of which will be suitable for Christmas gifts. The display will include fancy goods, aprons, quilts, rugs, etc.

An unusually fine home cooked chicken supper will be served from 5:30 until all are served.

Elmer Walling of Mt. Pleasant was a guest Friday of Elbert Walling.

### NOVI VIADUCT ABOUT COMPLETED

With the finishing strokes being put on the construction of the viaduct over the Pere Marquette railroad at Novi, five miles west of Farmington on Grand River road, it is now but a matter of a few days when it will be open to the use of the public.

A much better idea of the size and beauty of the structure can be gained from a point on the detour road now in use, than will be afforded travelers going over it.

The viaduct is a massive piece of concrete work of graceful and pleasing design and one of the most perfect and largest of its kind in the state. It is considerably larger than the viaduct over the Grand Trunk tracks on Grand River road just east of Lansing, being 200 feet in length and crossing the railroad track at an angle.

There is a clearance of 22 feet six inches between the tracks and the bottom of the arch, with a height of more than thirty feet from the tracks to the top of the bridge. The floor of the viaduct is of sufficient width to permit of a 40-foot roadway. The approaches, which are formed and protected by heavy abutments which extend some distance beyond the bridge proper, will not be concreted until the earth filling has thoroughly settled, but a gravel surface is provided for present use.

The beauty of the structure is enhanced by stone steps at each end leading from the street to the top which will later be connected with a trellised walk hung on the outside of the heavy concrete walls that arch gracefully over the top of the bridge at a height of 22 inches above its floor.

The work of construction was commenced in October, 1924. Twenty-seven car loads of cement were used in its building and the cost of construction, \$250,000 is borne equally by the state and Federal governments and the Pere Marquette Railroad Co. Two fatal accidents happened during its construction, but otherwise the work has progressed without mishap or delays. It required a year to complete the viaduct near Lansing, a much smaller one, while the Novi job will be completed for use by the holidays.

The work of construction has been in charge of Sherman Williams, superintendent; H. J. Horan, engineer and R. D. Clark, inspector. The job was done by the state highway department.

### PLATES TO REACH HIGH MARK

Motor vehicle license plates will probably reach the 1,250,000 mark in Michigan for 1926, according to E. V. Chilson, deputy secretary of state. Of that total more than a million will be passenger cars and the remainder trucks and other commercial vehicles. Plates for 1926, which will be of white enamel figures with a black background, have been shipped by the Jackson state prison to the branch license offices throughout the state. The consignment to Detroit alone was 300,000 passenger car plates and 50,000 for commercial vehicles. The initial order of the plates are manufactured, was for 1,500,000 passenger car plates and 150,000 for trucks and buses. The issuing of plates started December 1.

### FIFTY-SEVEN DEATHS NOVEMBER'S RECORD

Fifty-seven persons were killed in traffic accidents in Detroit during November, making the month the blackest, from a safety standpoint, in the city's history. In announcing the figure, Frank H. Croul, commissioner of police, renewed recent appeals for greater caution on the part of both motorist and pedestrians.

"It is because both the motorist and the pedestrian think that the other fellow is going to stop that fatal accidents happen," the commissioner said.

"Detroit's streets will be safe only when motorists not only know the law but obey it, and when pedestrians exercise reasonable caution before stepping off the curb."

Pay up your subscription.

### ANDREW GRAY

The death of Andrew Gray, aged 75 years, of Southfield, occurred Wednesday morning. Masonic funeral services, conducted by the Farmington lodge, will be held from the home, Saturday, December 5, at 2:00 o'clock p. m. Burial at Clarenceville cemetery.

### LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. John Landau and daughter Gladys, Owen apartments, entertained Tuesday evening a few intimate friends, at cards, in honor of the birthday anniversary of Mr. Landau.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stillwell, daughter Margaret and Miss Lydia Tapio, were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mrs. Stillwell's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Putnam at Northville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gravin, daughter Harriet and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wardell of Lansing, were entertained at chicken dinner Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gravin.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Barrons entertained Thanksgiving Day Mr. Barrons' mother, Mrs. H. A. Barrons of Detroit and Mrs. Barrons' sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. James Moore and family, also of Detroit.

The Mystic Workers of East Farmington will hold their next meeting and bazaar at the home of Mrs. Clyde Sealey on Friday, December 11 for dinner. Conveyances will meet the noon car at North Farmington.

The Men's class of the M. E. Sunday School will meet next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the church parlors for the annual election of officers. Non-members of the class who are interested are welcome. Social time in connection.

Miss Helen Boorman of the Farmington High School faculty, was an out of town guest who attended the Pan-Hellenic ball Friday evening at Dexter's Academy and the breakfast following given at the Alpha Omicron Pi house, Ann Arbor.

Dr. A. L. Brannock and family of Pontiac, Mrs. Edward Tucker and two little daughters of Grosse Pointe Farms, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Chamberlain of Farmington, were Thanksgiving dinner guests at Old Homestead Farm with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Gray, who have recently moved from Farmington to Dexter boulevard, Detroit, entertained at dinner last Wednesday evening. The guests included, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. William Slocum, Dr. and Mrs. Z. R. Aschenbrenner, Dr. and Mrs. G. F. Weaver, all of Farmington; Mr. and Mrs. Claire Gaultier of Pontiac, Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Cutter of Redford.

Lyman Farrand was a business visitor in Detroit, Monday.