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## MOVE TO PLACE LIBRARY ON FIRM FINANCIAL BASIS

City and Township Action Planned To End Shortage Of Funds

A movement to place the Farmington library on a firmer financial basis and bring about a general rehabilitation was begun Monday night when the city commission heard an appeal by representatives of women interested in improvement of the library.

Mrs. M. B. Pierce, Miss Ernestine Pierce and Miss Mary Kennedy, librarian, appeared before the city commission. Mrs. Pierce related the history of the library with details as to the difficulties of the past two years. Since 1925 the library has not received the support accorded it previously by the township, due to difficulties in connection with the separation of township and city.

Mayor Wells D. Butterfield read to the Commission a recommendation, as a result of which it was agreed that the Mayor appoint a committee of private citizens of the city, with a view of putting the entire work of the library on a broader basis.

Supervisor Isaac Bond has agreed to bring the matter before the township board at its meeting Tuesday night, and Mayor Butterfield Monday night appointed as members of the committee for the city Supt. of Schools Archie Leonard. Other appointments will be announced later.

Had Only 23 Cents  
Mrs. Pierce revealed that with the exception of an appropriation by the city of \$50, from the centennial fund surplus, the library has received no money since 1925, aside from the librarian's salary of \$180 per year. At one time Mrs. Pierce related that the library funds were depleted to such an extent that only 23 cents remained in the bank account.

Members of the city commission appeared to hold the opinion that the present condition of the library is deplorable, and that steps should be taken at once to bring about an improvement. Commissioner Bicking suggested that all justice court files be turned over to the library for use in its work.

The committees will, it is planned, make a general survey of the situation with regard to both city and township requirements and recommend to the two governing bodies as soon as possible.

## WOMAN'S SCREAMS SCARE CHICKEN THIEVES; 2 CAUGHT

Miss Fredericka Essig Confronted By Two Men In Chicken Coop

Two dark-skinned chicken thieves almost got away with 63 chickens from farms north of Farmington early Thursday morning of last week.

Misses Annie and Fredericka Essig were aroused about three o'clock. Miss Annie Essig ran for the nearest neighbor, and Miss Fredericka Essig armed herself with an empty revolver and went to the kitchen coop. Push open the door, she was confronted by two men, who wrested the gun from her grasp. When she screamed they fled, leaving a bag in which they had placed forty chickens.

Deputy Herham Grimmer and his brother, Edward, heard the screams and pursued the thieves, capturing a negro, Edward Mayer about a mile and a half from the Essig farm, with a truck containing 23 chickens and one goose said to have been stolen from the Bret Krumm farm.

The masquerade ball held last Saturday night at Hülker's hall was attended by John Hughes and family, an "old-timer" of this section, who travelled 36 miles to be at the ball. There was a large attendance at the gay affair.

## PIERCE OPENED BARBER SHOP 49 YEARS AGO NOV. 8; RENT WAS \$1 A WEEK

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## ENTERPRISE ENTERS ON FORTIETH YEAR WITH THIS ISSUE

"Novi Herald" Was Part Of Paper Founded By Bloomer

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Many and interesting were the advertisements in that first issue and the business men of those days displayed as much confidence in the first Enterprise as have those of later years. Through the courtesy of Fred L. Cook, who helped produce the first papers, the Enterprise is able to recall for its readers a few of the interesting features of the paper of 1888.

One man who advertised in those days still continues, although as the head of an organization rather than as an individual. He is James L. Hogie, president of the Peoples State Bank, who advised all in 1888 to "Go to James L. Hogie, Registered Druggist, for drugs, medicines, paints, chemicals, dyestuff, glass, putty, etc." Mr. Hogie advised also that "night calls be made at residence on Main street near new school building."

The late Governor Fred M. Warner was the largest advertiser. He advertised boots and "pantaloons," for which he had exclusive sale, in display windows in scattered "liners" advertised twice, stoves, underwear, and felts and rubbers. In another space it was recorded that he was "too busy" to write his ad this week.

The largest single ad was that of a Wixom merchant, G. D. Woodman, who sold general merchandise. Part of the Enterprise of 1888 consisted of the "Novi Herald," long since defunct.

## MEMBERS OF ROCK RIVER CLUB LEAVE SATURDAY ON DEER-HUNTING TRIP

Members and friends of the Rock River Gun club will leave Saturday afternoon by automobile for their hunting lodge in Barago County in the upper peninsula on their annual deer hunt.

The company includes Olin Russell, Harrison Johnson, Wm. W. Harold, Oldenburg, Fred Schaeper, Arthur Lamb, Clarence Bell, Edward Thayer, Frater Staman and Fred Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Damer entertained for dinner Sunday at their home, "Rest Haven," the occasion being their 35th wedding anniversary. The guests were Mrs. James Collier, Mr. and Mrs. M. O'Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. Newton F. Orsland, Mr. and Mrs. Cottrell, Mr. and Mrs. Willard and son, Mrs. E. J. LeBlond of Flint. The banquet was decorated with chrysanthemums and other flowers from their surroundings. They were remembered with many useful and beautiful gifts.

## Joys And Sorrows Ten Years Ago



The anniversary of the Armistice Friday will recall to many the days ten years ago when Farmington boys played their part in the Great War. These photos of those days are shown herewith as they appeared in the Enterprise nearly ten years ago.

Top left—Howard Eisenlord and Carl Goers at camp during the New Year's Day issue of the Farmington Enterprise sent from home.

Top right, left to right—Burt Groves, killed in action; Howard Eisenlord and Carl Goers at camp.



Lower right—Lemuel Walker, killed in action, honored jointly with Burt Groves in the name of Groves-Walker Post, American Legion in Farmington.

## J. L. TAYLOR OPENS CHRYSLER BRANCH IN FARMINGTON

L. C. Churchill Will Be In Charge Of New Sales And Service

J. L. Taylor, of Walled Lake, agent for Chrysler automobiles in this territory, this week opened a new branch sales and service in Farmington for the distribution and maintenance of Chrysler cars. L. C. Churchill is managing the new agency.

The Chrysler branch in Farmington is located in the Park Garage on Grand River avenue, and has the advantage of spacious quarters for both sales and service. A salesroom of ample size faces on Grand River avenue as does the entrance to the garage. Warren Henderson, proprietor of the garage, will supervise Chrysler service for Mr. Taylor.

The opening of the Chrysler branch in Farmington was made necessary by Mr. Taylor's growing business throughout this territory. Although previously without these facilities, Mr. Taylor has sold many cars in and around Farmington, and looks forward to a still-greater volume of business in the section.

## HOLDING SERVICES AT UNIVERSALIST CHURCH BI-WEEKLY

Farmington Congregation Resumes Activities; Pastor Elected President

Church services were resumed last Sunday at the Universalist Church. The pastor, Dr. Frank D. Adams of the Church of Our Father, Detroit, was recently made president of the Universalist General Convention. This position, carries much honor, just at this time, when all liberal forces are looking forward to church union.

Universalist Congregationalists, Unitarians, Christian Church and those who are not identified with other local churches are invited and friends from local churches are also welcome.

Services are held on the first and third Sundays at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom R. Denton of Northville spent Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley.

## FARMINGTON WOMAN AGAIN PRESIDENT OF COUNTY CLUBS

Mrs. Harrison Johnson Is Re-Elected At Rochester Meeting

An unusual honor was paid to a Farmington woman by the Oakland County Federation of Women's Clubs at its meeting Tuesday in Rochester, when Mrs. Harrison Johnson was re-elected president of the Federation. The meeting was attended by 250 delegates from all over the county.

At the morning session the various departments reported after which was held the annual election of officers, resulting as follows:

Mrs. Harrison Johnson, Farmington, president;  
Mrs. Ris Sanderson, Pontiac, first vice president;  
Mrs. John Marlette, Birmingham, second vice president;  
Mrs. Fred Waters, Pontiac, corresponding secretary;  
Mrs. L. C. Cade, Rochester, recording secretary;  
Mrs. H. B. Seagraves, Pontiac treasurer.

Mrs. L. G. Erb, Royal Oak, and Mrs. E. W. Lehno, Oxford, directors.

Dinner was served by the women of St. Paul's Methodist Church. The speaker of the afternoon was Dr. H. A. Wait, director of education of the State Narcotic Association who spoke on "America's Greatest Menace" and in the hour allowed him depicted the horrors of all lives addicted to drugs and the chances of being reclaimed by society.

Miss Esther Jarvis, protege of the Federation, rendered two solos during the morning, and the Tuesday Musicals of Rochester also gave two numbers and responded to encores.

Those attending from Farmington were Mrs. C. W. Wilber, Mrs. L. F. Schroeder, Mrs. A. J. Costock, Mrs. E. F. Holcomb, Mrs. Arthur Lamb, Miss Mary Foster and Mrs. Harrison Johnson.

Edgar Pierce and Joseph Horak, vice-president of the First National Bank of Pontiac, leave Thursday night for Chicago where they will attend a bankers conference of Michigan, Illinois and Indiana.

Mrs. Herman Schultz of Niagara Falls, N. Y., is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. William Little for a few days.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT ASKS CITY TO LEASE LAND FOR ATHLETIC FIELD

FIRST CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES IN FARMINGTON WILL BE HELD SUNDAY

Work has been completed on the temporary building for the new Catholic Church of Our Lady of Sorrows at Shiawassee and Powers streets, Farmington, and the first services will be held next Sunday morning.

Masses will be held at 8:30 and 11:00 a. m. under the direction of Rev. O'Mahoney, pastor of the new church.

## SENIOR CLASS OF FARMINGTON H. S. WILL GIVE PLAY

Three-Act Comedy To Be Given Next Wednesday And Thursday

On Wednesday and Thursday evenings, November 16 and 17 at 8:15, the Senior Class of Farmington High School will present the annual senior play in the Town Hall. A special matinee has been arranged for children at 3:00 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon.

"The Arrival of Kitty," the play to be given, is a comedy in three acts. Bobbie Baxter played by Edward Rozenboom, is pursuing his love affair with Jane, Mrs. Weston, against the wishes of her uncle, William Winkler, played by Walter Neilson. Bobbie has occasion to dress up in women's clothes and is mistaken for Kitty, an actress and friend of Winkler. It is a humorous situation delightfully handled to the confusion of the characters involved and the amusement of the audience.

Other members of the cast are: Evelyn Dennis, as the real Kitty; Virgil Butorn as Benjamin More a suitor to Jane; Louise Young as Aunt Jane; Howard Catherman as the negro porter, Gustave Rozenboom as Ting, manager pro tem of the Halcyon House and Anna Palocky as the French maid.

Miss Dowd Directs  
The cast has been at work for several weeks under the direction of Miss Evangeline Dowd, of the High School faculty. Miss Dowd has directed plays with the John B. Rogers Producing Co. and Associated Producers Inc. and has studied play production at the American Academy of Dramatic Art in New York.

The class this year has selected a "Royalty" play and will have to deduct a considerable sum from their receipts to pay the royalty. They feel, however, that the people of Farmington will appreciate this and give the play their hearty support.

Tickets went on sale Tuesday afternoon. For the evening performance all seats are 50 cents with no charge for reservations which may be made at Cook's store any time after 9:00 a. m. on Monday, November 14. Tickets for the children's matinee, on Wednesday afternoon will cost 25 cents and will be sold at the door.

## NEW POPULAR SERVICES TO BE STARTED SUNDAY AT METHODIST CHURCH

A new service is being inaugurated next Sunday evening at the Methodist Church. It is to be a combination service.

The Epworth League service will begin at 6:00, this will be followed by an illustrated lecture on Ireland given by Rev. E. F. Dunlavy. At the close of the lecture a lunch will be served in the dining rooms at cost.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Brannack and son Jack of Pontiac, were Sunday guests with their sister and husband at Old Homestead Farm. Jack was on his way to Albion after spending the week end with his parents.

Superintendent Leonard Shows Commission Plan For Ground And Stands

Would Shift Bed Of The Creek

In an effort to bring to an early realization plans for a new athletic field near the city water works property, north of the Farmington school, Superintendent of Schools Archie Leonard appeared Monday night before the City Commission. Supt. Leonard asked the commission to take action toward leasing the property owned by the city; between the school building and Shiawassee street, to the school district for 99 years, in order that an athletic field and grand stands might be built.

The plan involves shifting of the bed of the "creek" (River Rouge) to the extent of straightening the sharp eastward bend and diverting the stream to a course close under the slope north of the school. With this accomplished and advantage of the slope, the entire plot presents a beautiful natural amphitheatre, which Michigan school officials have declared, according to Mr. Leonard, to be unsurpassed anywhere in the state.

Creek Divides Field  
If this plan is worked out, Farmington will undoubtedly have one of the most unusual athletic fields in the country, inasmuch as the grandstand would be a field and the track which is planned to surround it. A number of small bridges are planned to provide easy access to the stands from the field.

The school district now owns much of the property needed, but the land in the valley, near the water works, is owned by the city. In order to make it legally possible for the school district to improve the site, it is necessary for the district to either acquire title or secure a 99-year lease.

"Would" Cost \$5,000  
Aside from the city and district property, only a small piece of land owned by Mark Wixom is required for the full development of the field. The grandstand would eventually seat 5,000 people.

The cost of shifting the river bed is estimated at about \$3,000. A map showing the project was displayed by Mr. Leonard. The city commission will consider the matter as a special order of business at the December regular meeting.

LOCAL NOTES  
Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Schroeder spent Thursday in Detroit on business.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Young and family of Pontiac spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten.  
Mrs. A. C. Wallbank attended a luncheon Friday in Wixom the guest of Mrs. Safford. The luncheon held at the Prince Edward Hotel, was given by the Better Nurses Association. This association is comprised of nurses who were in active service overseas.  
Halloween decorations were tastefully used at a surprise party given Saturday, October 29 in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Huyshen in their new home at Orchard Lake road and Twelve Mile road. Lunch was served and then there on Ireland given by Rev. E. F. Dunlavy. At the close of the lecture a lunch will be served in the dining rooms at cost.

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Mrs. Jessie Lee has closed her home and left for Detroit where she will spend the winter with her sister.