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RUSSELL PLANS A BIG OPENING FOR NEW FORD FRIDAY

Old-Time Dance, Full Details Of New Machine To Feature Local Opening

In accordance with the official introduction of the new Ford car all over the United States, Olin Russell, Farmington Ford dealer is planning a big opening all day Friday, with an old-time dance at the Ford-Sales and Service in the evening as a climax.

More than a thousand invitations have been issued by Mr. Russell to residents of this section. Workmen have been busy in the showroom all week preparing for the opening. Admission to the dance will be free.

Prices of the new Ford car were announced Thursday, the feature being that the Tudor sedan is to sell at \$495, the same price as the old Tudor model. The Fordor sedan will be \$570 as compared with \$545, and the coupe \$495, ten dollars more than the old one.

The phaeton will sell at \$395, \$15 more than the old touring car, and the roadster will sell at \$385. The new truck chassis is \$360, and truck with cab is \$545. Old prices were \$375 and \$460. Specifications and details are announced by Mr. Russell as follows:

After six months of "saying nothing but saving wood," Henry Ford has announced the specifications of the new Ford car which succeeds his famous Model T. A bare listing of those specifications presents a picture of an automobile that in performance, appearance and mechanical features has heretofore been associated with a considerably higher price class.

Unusual speed and acceleration are among the outstanding features of the new car. It is announced as being able to make 55 to 60 miles an hour, with ease. In recent tests it has made even more without difficulty. What is more important, it is stated that when traveling at such speeds, it holds the road easily, and with comfort to driver and passengers.

It is also stated with equal positiveness, however, that it performs in an equally spectacular manner on bad roads. In its design, Mr. Ford has held to his original idea of a car which can meet all conditions and types of roads.

Appreciating the constantly increasing importance of acceleration, the Ford Motor Company has given a great deal of study to this feature of the new car. In high gear tests with two passengers in a Tudor sedan it has shown an acceleration of from 5 to 25 miles an hour in 8 1/2 seconds.

The new Ford car also introduces a new type of four-wheel brakes. An exclusive Ford development, they are of the mechanical type, and are self-centering. The brake pedal and the hand brake each operates all four brakes. It is stated that this is the most reliable and simplest type of four-wheel brake, and also the easiest to adjust, all adjustments being made from outside without removing any parts.

An engine that is practically vibrationless develops 40 horsepower at 2,200 revolutions per minute. This low revolution speed (Continued on Page Five)

TWO LARGE BARN ARE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AND BURNED IN STORM

Those who felt that the lightning "must have struck some place near here" during Tuesday night's electrical storm were right in their conjecture. Two large barns on the Five-Mile road were hit.

The barns caught fire instantly, and were reported to have been destroyed by the flames.

The ladies of the Methodist church will hold their sale and servesself Friday. Everyone is urged to attend and make selections for their Christmas gifts.

HE'S HOST FRIDAY



OLIN RUSSELL

RED CROSS REPORT SHOWS 252 HAVE JOINED CHAPTER

Receipts Of Farmington Total \$313.50, Director's Statement Shows

The eleventh annual roll call for the American National Red Cross throughout the United States, closed November 24.

The Farmington Chapter of the Oakland County division has submitted the following report: 252 members, each paying \$1.00 \$252.00

Four contributory members, each \$5.00 20.00
Independent church and Sunday school 10.00
Donations 6.50

Total \$313.50
Mrs. Bertha Steele, director of the Farmington chapter, issued the following statement: "I wish to thank all the ladies who assisted in this Red Cross Roll Call; the two banks who cared for the contributions that were left with them, and everybody who gave to this splendid cause. If for any reason, persons were not invited to become a member of the Red Cross, and they wish to do so, they may leave their name and money at either bank and a receipt will be sent them."

BAPTIST CHURCH REPORT SHOWS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Growth In Membership And Church Finances Is Shown At Dinner

An occasion of thanksgiving and rejoicing took place at the Farmington Baptist church Friday, November 18 when the members and friends were served with a Thanksgiving supper followed by reports from various departments.

These showed remarkable growth in membership and material prosperity. Much has been spent on improvements during the past year. The missionary quota of the church was reported running well above its requirements and all bills paid.

Balances of the different departments showed altogether a gratifying condition. Reports were given of the present well graded and organized Sunday School from Cradle roll to Adult Department.

The Junior and Senior World Wide Guild reported that their work systematic bible study, missionary program of the Women's Work, Young Peoples Work and the rapidly growing Cradle-Roll, all doing splendidly. Miss Durham offered numbers at the piano and a generous thank offering was given by those present in response to remarks by the pastor.

STOVE EXPLODES IN 'HOME OF ROY KELLEY' DURING HEAVY STORM

Explosion of an oil stove started a fire during the storm Monday night, in the home of Roy Kelley, on Maple avenue, Farmington.

The fire department was called but the flames were out before the truck arrived. It was not damaged by the fire. The entire house has just been redecorated a short time ago.

FARMINGTON MAN, STATE WELFARE HEAD, UNDER FIRE

Resolution Cites Mari T. Murray For "Insubordination And Favoritism"

Reports from Lansing Wednesday were to the effect that Mari T. Murray, formerly of Farmington, director of the State Welfare Department, is in serious disagreement with members of the State Welfare Commission, who were also reported to have forwarded to Governor Green a resolution declaring that Director Murray had shown "insubordination and favoritism."

Director Murray has served the State in various capacities since 1901, when the late Governor Warner, then Secretary of State appointed Mr. Murray as his secretary.

Mr. Murray would not discuss the Commission's resolution, but said he would file a written reply with the Governor. Friends of the Welfare Director, intimated, however, that the Director's \$4,000 job, which he has held for a number of years, may be the object of political aspirants seeking a lucrative State position.

It was also intimated that Director Murray's very efficiency in office may have resulted in dissatisfaction Director Murray is said to have issued orders against objectionable conditions in institutions in various counties, and to have been supported in his protests by higher State officials, resulting in changed conditions at these institutions.

Governor Silent
Governor Green who has the power to discharge Murray, made no statement regarding the charge.

Director Murray said he would insist on meeting the commission for discussion of the entire affair.

In the resolution the commission says it recently increased the salaries of a number of the employes, and Murray "ignored the action of the commission, refused to approve the increase and submitted the former salary list instead."

"Murray A. Moore, nephew of Murray, has been employed as an investigator in Detroit at a salary of \$2,000, together with traveling expenses and board at the Hotel Tuller, amounting to \$1,278, a total of \$3,278, while Mrs. Blanche Cheeseman, also an investigator in Detroit, has been paid \$1,500 a year and traveling expenses only, amounting to \$227 or a total of \$1,727," the resolution says.

Protest Is Registered
"Director Murray also desired the appointment of this nephew as secretary of the commission to take the place of E. C. Nicholson, of Ann Arbor, the present secretary and has resented the action of this commission in refusing to name his nephew. The director has absented himself from the monthly meetings of this commission for the last three months and purposely and studiously has thwarted the will of the commission."

"The members of the State Welfare Commission do hereby most emphatically protest against the unwarranted and arbitrary actions of Director Mari T. Murray (as only partially outlined in the foregoing), and we ask Gov. Fred W. Green to give his serious consideration to the end that the matters herein complained of may be speedily remedied for the good of the service and the welfare of the State."

Members of the commission are Robert H. Shields, of Houghton chairman; Mrs. Oscar F. Keydel of Detroit; Mrs. George C. Caron of Detroit; Fred J. Fisher, of Detroit, and George H. Gruenbauer of Grand Rapids.

BULLETIN

Farmington's hopes for a Wider Grand River shot skyward Thursday when word was received that the three-cent gas tax was upheld by the Supreme Court of the State. The decision means that the State will have sufficient funds to carry out its highway program, and according to Gov. Fred W. Green's recent statement to the Farmington Enterprise, Grand River is "among the first on the list."

BOYS BREAK INTO SCHOOLHOUSE, FLEE 300 MILES IN AUTO

Farmington Youths Caught In Indiana After School Utensils Found In Field

Two Farmington schoolboys Lester Vader of Farmington and Robert Peasley of Parker Subdivision, are awaiting a hearing in Probate Court, Pontiac, Saturday following the breaking and entering of the Farmington high school building last Friday night and looting the building of utensils and school supplies. The boys, apprehended in Mishawaka, Ind. in a machine owned by partner confessed the escapee tents of one of them, are said to be the police. The value of the goods was estimated at \$300.

According to Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes, the boys took three window guards off the building and opened windows leading into the Domestic Science room. They left no clue, but Officer Stokes learned Saturday that a Ford touring car with red radiator shell had been seen in the vicinity of Waterworks Park, between Ten-Mile road and Shawwassee-street, the occupants being seen to dump something down the bank.

Officer Stokes took charge of the utensils and school supplies and brought them to his headquarters. Suspecting the two boys who later confessed, Officer Stokes watched them homes most of the night, but they did not return.

Had Accident
Sunday afternoon, police of Mishawaka, Ind., telephoned that they were holding the two boys whose car had been struck just outside of the city. Officers Stokes and Doyle left at 3:30 p. m. arrived at Mishawaka at 9:30, and back in Farmington with the two boys at 3:30 Monday morning.

Superintendent Archie Leonard signed the papers for the boys' detention, and they will appear Saturday before Probate Judge Ross Stockwell.

The articles taken from the school building included pots and pans, silverware, coffee-pots, dish pans, two pencil machines and pencils, bread cutter, oven clock, liners, canned goods, meat cutters, two scales, crackers and aprons, according to the police report. It is believed the boys were contemplating a motor tour and took the school articles in preparation for it.

The machine they took was left in Indiana.

LINCOLN SMITH, EDITOR OF SOUTH LYON HERALD PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY

The press of Michigan, and particularly of Oakland County, suffered a grievous loss last week when Lincoln E. Smith, Editor and publisher of the South Lyon Herald, died Friday morning after a sudden attack of apoplexy on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. Smith was well-known and highly respected throughout this section. Recently he declined a nomination as president of the Oakland County Weekly Press Association, later accepting the vice-presidency. Funeral services at Pinckney on Sunday afternoon were largely attended.

FARMINGTON EXCHANGE CLUB TO AID WORK FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

FARMINGTON-DETROIT BUS GOES INTO DITCH BUT NONE ARE HURT

The oft predicted happened Sunday night when the driver of a Farmington-Detroit B. S. R. bus found Grand River avenue too narrow for his vehicle Sunday evening and ran into the ditch on the north side of the road, west of the bridge over the River Rouge. Fortunately, no one hurt and the bus was not badly damaged.

The bus had just passed the railing guarding the fifteen-foot drop along the creek banks, traveling westward and slid nearly 50 feet in the ditch and stopped just short of a telephone pole. A wrecking crew hauled it out an hour later.

FARMINGTON HIGH BASKETBALL TEAM TO PLAY 18 GAMES

Three Contests Next Week Open Schedule; Play 8 Times At Home

The 1927-28 schedule of the Farmington High School boys' basketball team was announced Thursday morning by officials of the school. The schedule covers eighteen games, eight to be played at home and ten to be contested on foreign courts.

The first game of the season will be played next Tuesday against Redford, on that team's court, Howell will open the home season two nights later, on Thursday, December 8, in the Farmington school gymnasium. On Friday night Farmington meets Fowlerville at that town.

The opening week gives Farmington a severe test, with three hard games at the very start of the season. The boys will have a rest of a full week after these games, however. The schedule follows:

- December 6—Redford, there.
- December 8—Howell, here.
- December 9—Fowlerville, there.
- December 16—Dearborn, there.
- December 21—Rochester, here.
- January 6—Roosevelt, there.
- January 13—Northville, here.
- January 20—Wayne, there.
- January 21—Walled Lake, here.
- January 24—Orchard Lake, there.
- January 27—Plymouth, here.
- January 31—Howell, there.
- February 3—Dearborn, here.
- February 10—Roosevelt, here.
- February 11—Walled Lake, there.
- February 17—Northville, there.
- February 21—Plymouth, there.
- February 24—Wayne, here.

BAZAAR GIVEN BY THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH A SUCCESS

Large Crowd In Attendance; Interesting Program Follows Dinner

Unusually successful was the annual Christmas bazaar of the Salem Evangelical church Wednesday evening at the church. A chicken dinner was served, followed by an interesting program given by local talent.

Vocal solos were sung by Joseph Himmelspach and Anthony Himmelspach offered selections on the accordion. George Gilde-meister and Harold Gullen sang several songs, as did Miss Lenore Bruder, followed by Miss Dorothy Kurtz, who rendered several madolin solos. The Sunday School class presented an interpretation of the new Ford car.

The attendance was large and nearly every article at the bazaar sold to the visitors.

Organization Takes \$100 Patron Membership; Individuals To Secure More

Scholarship Fund Plan Explained

Members of the Farmington Exchange Club put themselves squarely behind the movement to aid the Oakland County Chapter of the Michigan Crippled Children's Society on Wednesday, when the club voted unanimously to subscribe to a \$100 patron membership for the club while the individual members each took five membership cards, to be enrolled before the next meeting.

This action was taken following an explanation by Supervisor Isaac Bond, in charge of the work for this section, that to the effect funds, but a great total of memberships, in order that the state legislature may be impressed with the widespread interest in the society and impelled to take over the work as a function of the state.

The patron membership taken by the club is the largest listed by the society. Other memberships which the club members will offer their fellow-citizens range from annual membership of one dollar upward.

The local Exchange club is to decide soon upon the project it will recommend to the state organization as the most desirable objective of all the clubs in the state. Many local members favor the Crippled Children's movement as the most worthy that could be selected. The question will be decided at an early date.

Student Fund Explained:

The Exchange Club also heard on Wednesday an explanation of the plan of Farmington High School alumni for assisting worthy and needy graduates of the school in getting a college education. The movement, started a year ago, aims to provide a loan fund, from which graduates may borrow money for use in college, to be paid back as soon as the earning period commences after graduation from college.

The plan was explained to the Exchange Club by Frank Steele, of Farmington, principal of the MacMillan school in Detroit; One graduate of Farmington High School is already being aided in college, and the ultimate aim is a fund sufficient to loan one graduate in each class money for use in acquiring a college education, Mr. Steele said.

The fund now totals several hundred dollars, and the immediate goal is \$2,400, it was stated. Mr. Steele said that the scholarship fund would in time become self-supporting, repayment of loans and interest providing for a continuous maintenance of funds.

Mr. Steele said that of 300 alumni queried on the proposal all but one favored heartily the plan suggested. Nearly all made future pledges, he said, while checks were sent in liberally and one memorial was subscribed.

Mr. Steele said that the fund would be in the hands of a small Board of Directors of the Alumni Association, the president of the Board of Education, and the Superintendent of Schools.

SUPT. A. G. LEONARD WILL LEAD PIERSON SCHOOL P. T. A. DISCUSSION DEC. 2

The Pierson School Parent-Teachers Association will hold their regular monthly meeting on Friday evening, December 2, at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be held at the West Point Park Community hall.

All patrons and friends of the school are urged to be present and take part in the discussions. The topic this week will be "Obedience and How to Obtain It." Mr. Leonard, superintendent of Farmington schools will lead in the discussion.