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## SCARLET FEVER SCARE BASELESS, AUTHORITIES SAY

Cases Are Few And No New Ones Reported; To Keep School Open

Rumors that scarlet fever is widely prevalent in Farmington, some reports placing the number of cases as high as twenty, have been declared without foundation by local authorities, who state that there is no occasion for uneasiness on the part of parents regarding their children.

Dr. J. A. Miller, city health officer, places the number of active cases in Farmington at four, with one or two patients ready to leave their homes Friday or Saturday. There have been no new cases reported since Saturday, and the cases now being treated are isolated, Dr. Miller states.

Speaking at the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday, Superintendent of Schools Archie Leonard, explained the position of school authorities in their decision not to close school. Superintendent Leonard declared that there is much less danger of spread of disease if children attend school and are thoroughly examined each day. "If school is closed," Superintendent Leonard said, "children from various families visit each other and there is just as much danger from association as in school, where we have the advantage of close supervision. If there is a variation of one degree from normal in a child's temperature, he or she is sent home," but this does not mean that the child is ill, or that parents should become alarmed.

It is merely precaution against possible development of scarlet fever. Children sent home are not allowed to visit or have company. Superintendent Leonard stated that conditions are much better in Farmington than in Walled Lake, where school had been closed in November because of diphtheria.

## FIRST NEW MODEL FORD SHOWN HERE DRAWS BIG CROWD

Olin Russell Has Tudor Sedan On Display; Gets Many Orders

Everybody flocked to one place in Farmington Wednesday morning. The mecca was Olin Russell's garage, where the new Ford car was on display for the first time in this section.

The car, a Tudor, was admired by hundreds before the day was over. Businessmen left their places of business to be among the first to glimpse the newest in motor cars at a popular price.

A number of orders were booked within an hour after the show-room was opened, and they continued to pile up during the day. "When will I get mine," was frequently heard in the showroom.

To the regret of Mr. Russell's organization, the new Ford was not for sale to them. The car, with hundreds of others, is being transferred from showroom to Ford dealers, each having a machine for a day or two. The car Mr. Russell showed was No. 839A.

## MAYOR BUTTERFIELD IS FIRST WITH APRIL 7th PAPER FOR 50 CENTS

Mayor Wells D. Butterfield is not only the "first citizen" of Farmington, but he was also first to bring to the Farmington Enterprise a copy of the issue of April 7 last, for which the Enterprise last week offered 50 cents.

Bright and early Friday morning the Mayor walked into the office with pages 3 and 4 of the date required. Several other readers offered papers on Friday and Saturday. R. W. Cooper, of the Goodyear Rubber Co. required the page containing his advertisement for his files.

## PLAYS LEAD IN OPERA



P. OWEN PAULINE

The leading male role in "Aces Wild," the University of Detroit Union opera, playing at the Shubert-Lafayette Theatre, Detroit next week, will be played by P. Owen Pauline, of Farmington. More than 150 students tried out for parts in the opera.

## ADVERTISING IN NEWSPAPERS BEGUN BY A. & P. STORES

Superiority of Weeklies Is Recognized By Chain Grocery Company

A striking tribute to the value of weekly newspaper advertising is apparent in the recent action of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company. After many years of using almost every other medium, the great chain grocery organization has begun contracts of advertising with every weekly newspaper in this section of the state.

The grocery firm's advertising, consisting of at least a quarter-page weekly, was started in this newspaper last week. District Manager White, supervising this territory for the grocery company, said recently in referring to his concern's newspaper campaign: "We have begun our advertising in the newspapers as the best medium for letting our customers and prospective customers know what our today's prices are, and what specials we are offering each week."

"This is done as a convenience to our patrons, and also to develop our business. We believe our customers will appreciate this method of communication and that new ones will be attracted to our stores."

Under the management of Francis Staman, the Farmington A. & P. Store has developed into one of the largest in volume of business among the company's stores in this section.

## WANTED—HOME FOR A HOMELESS BLACKSMITH SHOP; WHO HAS A PLACE?

And now Farmington, having just acquired a blacksmith shop, facts the possibility of losing it. With the coming of the new Farmington Oakland-Pontiac Sales, the shop at Division and State streets taken over recently by J. F. Hogan must find a new location or be wiped out.

"There isn't a blacksmith shop within many miles of Farmington," Howard Warner, one of the owners of the property said yesterday. There are many who need a shop of this kind here, and we are making every effort to find a location for it before we start building. If anyone has a suitable place, or knows of one I would like them to communicate with me."

Who will save Farmington's blacksmith shop from the relentless advance of the motor car?

D. J. Mead of Detroit was in town Saturday seeking information concerning his grandfather, James I. Mead, one of pioneer merchants of Farmington. Mr. Mead conducted a store on Shilwell street near where now stands the Baptist Church. He left Farmington for Lansing in 1840. He was a successful merchant in Lansing for several years before his death.

## OAKLAND-PONTIAC TO HAVE A NEW BUILDING HERE

Sales and Service Structure To Be Erected At Division and State Streets

A new automobile sales and service building, the third within a year, is announced for Farmington. The new structure, to be erected for the Farmington Oakland-Pontiac Sales, will be located at Division and State streets.

Construction will be started within a short time and is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy in from 60 to 90 days. Complete sales and service facilities will be afforded by the new building, which will be built for Warner Brothers.

Negotiations for lease of the building are understood to have been completed.

The new sales and service company for Oakland Pontiac cars will be conducted by C. H. Dunham, who will move to Farmington within a few days. Mr. Dunham has for a number of years been connected with the engineering department of the Oakland Motor Car Company.

The building will occupy the northwest corner of Division and State streets, and will have a frontage on Division street of 30 feet, and on State street of 65 feet. This is the plan for the present, with provisions in the lease, it is understood, whereby land in the rear for additions which would more than double the present floor space will be available to the motor car concern.

The building is to be a thoroughly modern, although all plans have not been completed.

Howard Warner, who with his brother, Warner Warner, own the property on which the building is to be erected, on Wednesday added his confirmation to the report of the plans for the new building. Mr. Warner said that an effort will be made to find a location for the blacksmith shop of J. F. Hogan before tearing down or moving the structure which now stands on the property, to make room for the new auto sales and service.

## BURGLARS RANSACK HOME OF J. GRAHAM; GET CASH, CLOTHES

Liberty Banks Untouched For Years Are Broken Open and Money Taken

Thieves last Saturday night, entered the home of John Graham on the Nine-Mile road, ransacking the house and carrying away a large quantity of clothing and household goods. Three suits of clothes, two watches and \$12 in cash were taken by the burglars, in addition to many small articles. After apparently sorting out the loot, the thieves placed what they did not want in a box which had been taken from the attic in the Graham home, and left the box on the Town Line road, near the farm of Henry Clark, who found the box and returned it to the Grahams.

Two Liberty Bell banks, which Mildred and Maurice Graham had filled with small coins when they were children, and which had remained untouched by their owners, were smashed open and emptied by the thieves.

In order to gain entrance, the intruders broke a large front window in the Graham home. The family was absent only from about 7:30 p. m. until 10 o'clock.

Mrs. T. Butcher is spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Locke.

Group Number 1 of the Women's Home Missionary Society will hold their regular monthly meeting December 20 at the home of Mrs. F. L. Cook.

## CHARLES MANZEL AND LOUISA DWYER ARE WED IN DETROIT ON DEC. 8

Announcement has been made of the marriage on December 8 of Charles Manzel and Louisa Dwyer of Farmington. The wedding ceremony took place in Detroit and was performed by Rev. George Gulien. The couple will make their home in Farmington. Did you get your cigar?

## 'MEANEST THIEF' IS IN TOWN, STEALING FROM A NEWSBOY

Dropping One Cent For Sunday Paper Is Popular; Boy Is Loser

A candidate or candidates for the title of "meanest thief" has appeared in Farmington. The petty stealing in which someone has been indulging for some time is the robbery of newspaper coinboxes, placed on Grand River avenue in the business section.

George Grimm, 16, of Division street, is the victim of all the stealing thus far. Detroit papers are being taken out of his rack continually and either no money or an insufficient sum placed in the box. Others attempt to break the coin-boxes.

Sunday papers seem to be unusually popular, the favorite "stunt" being to drop a penny for the paper instead of a dime. Since the Sunday papers cost seven and one-half cents each, the merchandising of Sunday papers in Farmington is becoming an expensive proposition.

Warnings have been posted, to the effect that the seller of papers is responsible for every copy, and that he, and not the newspaper, suffers when a theft or shortage occurs.

## ERSKINE EVANS IS ELECTED TO LEAD FARMINGTON LODGE

Large Attendance At Annual Meeting Of Masons Monday Night

Erskine W. Evans was chosen Worshipful Master of Farmington Masonic Lodge, No. 151, at the annual meeting of the lodge held Monday night. Ralph J. Auten was elected senior warden, the second in authority in the lodge.

There was an unusually large attendance at the meeting. Farmington lodge now numbers over 300 members, and a financial statement showed the lodge to be in exceptionally fine condition, with more than \$25,000 in the treasury at present.

Other officers elected were: A. L. Ross, junior warden; William Zwahlen, senior deacon; Harry Wolfe, junior deacon; St. Clair Hamlin and Osmond Yerkes were appointed stewards and A. J. Grimwade and Kenneth Loomis, assistant stewards; Rev. E. W. Palmer was elected chaplain; Frank L. Lee appointed tyler; James L. Hogle, secretary; J. H. Thayer, treasurer.

## MRS. ESTELLA BUTTON DIES AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS OF PNEUMONIA

Pneumonia was fatal Wednesday to Mrs. Estella Button, 41, of Farmington township. Mrs. Button was ill only a week.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2:00 o'clock at the home. Rev. Thompson of the Novi Baptist Church will officiate the services to be followed by burial in the West Farmington Cemetery.

Mrs. Button was born and lived all her life on the same farm, on the Twelve-Mile road. She was married in 1904 to J. Button. Six children, besides her husband, survive. They are Russell, Ronald, Ada, Clyde, Clara and Barbara Button.

## BIRDS!

of every kind at the American Legion Feather Party, Town Hall Farmington, next Tuesday night, December 20. Everybody welcome.

## MOVEMENT UNDER WAY TO EXTEND GRAND RIVER WIDENING INTO TOWN

### NEW PASTOR OF SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH TO BE HERE SUNDAY

Announcement has been made of the appointment to the pulpit of Salem Evangelical Church of Farmington next Rev. A. A. Schoen, who will preach his first sermon in Farmington next Sunday. Rev. Schoen takes the place of the late Rev. J. Bollens.

Rev. Schoen recently resigned the pulpit of Emanuel's Church at Manchester, Mich., because of ill health. He has recovered, sufficiently, however, to enable him to take charge of the Farmington church.

### FIVE-DAY HAUL OF 1,900 CEMENT BLOCKS STOLEN

"Heavy" Loot Taken From Farmington Concrete Block Manufacturer

Daniel H. Starkey, proprietor of the Farmington Concrete Works, is the victim of what is probably one of the oddest cases of thievery on record. With the aid of a cement block manufacturers' association, he is seeking a number of men who, Mr. Starkey says, have stolen 1,900 concrete blocks belonging to him.

The loot, weighing many tons and requiring five days to haul, was taken from Mr. Starkey's place of business, unloaded near Redford, and re-loaded on another truck and carried away, Mr. Starkey states. He reported that a firm in Detroit ordered the blocks in November, sent a truck out for them, and then men spent five days hauling them to a spot near Five Points in Redford, where they were set down.

Mr. Starkey later became suspicious, and when a statement he sent was returned, he went to investigate. He found the blocks had been carried away, and that the concern that ordered them was out of business.

An alarm has been broadcast through trade circles and Mr. Starkey is confident of recovering the blocks. The total value of the haul which required five days is placed at \$380.

### WINDOW SMASHED, NEW ONE CRACKS, IN BUICK BUILDING

Truck Shatters Plate Glass, Then Tight Fitting Breaks Another One

Two big plate-glass windows broken within a few days is the record, rather unenviable, of the building recently completed, which houses the Farmington Buick agency, conducted by Geo. K. Checketts.

On Friday morning, a truck driver from Detroit, parked his truck in front of the Victory Restaurant on Grand River avenue while he went in for a cup of coffee. A moment after he was in, Joseph Himmelschlag entered and informed him that his truck was travelling backward down the street.

The driver rushed out just in time to see the rear end of the truck crash through a window of the Buick building. Canvas was used to cover the open space between the window and the wall, and the driver was able to get out of the building. The driver was uninjured.

A third glass window has since been delivered and put into place in the building. Mr. Checketts is wondering "what next?"

Mrs. M. B. Pierce spent Tuesday in Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. George Locke and son, Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bachelor were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Locke.

Widening To Lumber Yard Sought By Business Men; Commission Helps

Present Plan To Junction Only

With the widening of Grand River avenue as far as Farmington Junction practically assured, a moment has been started by Farmington business men to induce the State Highway Department to continue the wider highway into Farmington, as far as the Farmington Lumber and Coal Company.

With promises already received of dedication of a considerable portion of the Grand River frontage between the Junction and the lumber yard, an effort is under way toward securing assurance that an even larger percentage of the frontage would be dedicated to the state. State Highway Commissioner Frank E. Rogers has indicated that of most of the property can be secured by dedication, the State Administrative Board will, he believes, have little hesitation in widening Grand River into Farmington to whatever width the citizens determine upon widening "All Set!"

The State Administrative Board on Monday received and referred to the highway committee Commissioner Rogers' plan for 1928. This included the widening of Grand River to Farmington Junction. In a telephone communication with the Enterprise Thursday morning, Commissioner Rogers stated that he considers the widening program "all set," and that it will probably be finally approved by the State Administrative Board at its next regular meeting a week from next Monday.

The State plans to make Grand River 204 feet wide to Switzer, where the cut-off would be started, and 120 feet from there to Farmington Junction.

In the meantime, a committee representing the Farmington Exchange Club and the City of Farmington has been appointed and is at work endeavoring to locate a survey one made of the frontage along Grand River. As soon as this is obtained, the plan will be made to ascertain the attitude of the property-owners along the road, and to learn whether the owners of the major portion will dedicate the necessary frontage.

Pledge Dedication William G. Malcolmson, owner of a large strip of property, and Howard Warner, who also owns frontage on Grand River, at the Exchange Club meeting pledged the dedication of whatever is necessary along their properties.

As soon as a definite report is available on the other properties, a delegation will go to Lansing to appear before the State Administrative Board and urge that the wider road be extended into Farmington.

It is reported that a man experienced in road matters will be employed by the city to guide the efforts of local men in putting through the movement for widening in Farmington. Mayor Wells D. Butterfield called a special meeting of the City Commission immediately after the Exchange Club meeting Wednesday. An Exchange Club committee, consisting of Judge John J. Schulte, Howard Warner, Emory Hatton, and J. DeVere Fleming, met with the commission, and Judge Schulte and Commissioner Clarence Bleking were chosen for the preliminary work of securing a survey.

Discuss Width Considerable discussion arose during the Exchange Club meeting regarding the width of road which the State Administrative Board should be asked to approve for Farmington, many contending that the 100-foot minimum established by the city would be best, while others spoke for maintenance. (Continued on last page)