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NEW MODELS OF CHEVROLET TO BE ON DISPLAY HERE

First Showing Of Cars To Be Made Sunday; Details Are Withheld

The Farmington Motor Sales will participate next week in the showing of the new Chevrolet models described as the "most spectacular low-priced automobile of all time." It is expected that several cars will be on display here in ample time for the formal announcement, which is to be made next Sunday, January 1st.

In preparation for the new models, the windows of the local firm's showrooms have been covered and other details attended to. The first public inspection is scheduled for Sunday.

Chevrolet assembly plants have been in production on the new car since December 12. Factories in Flint, Tarrytown, N. Y., St. Louis, Mo., Oakland, Cal., Buffalo, N. Y., Janesville, Wis., and Norwood, O., have been humming with activity preparing for the highways the best of the new cars that promise to make motor car history in 1928.

Shipments of the new cars to dealers have been leaving the various assembly plants since December 15 so that the vast country-wide dealer organization may be prepared for the introductory showing January 1. Unbounded enthusiasm is being displayed over the new cars by Chevrolet field sales officials, who have been milling into Detroit for private showings of the new line.

A New Year Display
Practically every Chevrolet dealer in the United States will have cars ready for public inspection New Year day. From Bangor, Me. to San Diego and from Miami to Vancouver, there will be simultaneous exhibitions of the new car that has caused so much discussion in the last few months. This distribution achievement of supplying thousands of dealers with cars in such a brief space of time was made possible only through the tremendous resources and production facilities of the Chevrolet Motor Company, officials say.

RAYMOND B. STEELE, FORMER RESIDENT, CALLED BY DEATH

Deceased Spent Boyhood In And Around Farmington; Was In Poor Health

Raymond B. Steele, youngest son of the late Carlos and Ella Steele, died at his home in Strathmore Christmas Eve at the age of 49 years, 7 months.

"Ray" Steele, as he was known to his local friends spent his boyhood days on the homestead farm in Farmington, now owned by his brother, Frank Steele.

After two years at Ypsilanti Normal he went into business in S5 Paul, Minn., where he married Miss Mary Alton in 1902.

He returned to Detroit in 1912, entered the real estate business, and had been the agent in the sale of a great many of the farms which have changed hands in and around Farmington and also had been a pioneer in the development of Strathmore, now a part of Detroit.

Mr. Steele had been in poor health for several years.

His immediate family, besides his wife, Mamie, consists of twin boys, Frank Carlos and Lester John, 24 years of age, and one daughter, Margaret. Lester was associated in business with his father.

The deceased also leaves three brothers and four sisters, all of this section, his death being the first among a family of eight.

Services were held Tuesday morning at St. Mary's Church and burial in the new Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on the Eleven-Mile road, Southfield.

PROSECUTOR'S ASSISTANT



Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Norman Orr, who was a speaker at the Farmington Exchange Club two weeks ago, was last week promoted to first assistant prosecuting attorney by County Prosecutor Clyde Underwood, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of former Assistant Prosecutor Clarence Smith.

PAVING PROGRAM IS PROPOSED BY NICHOLS, HATTON

Speakers Urge Exchange Club To Back Move For Paving; Past Presidents Speak

Adoption of a paving program in the city of Farmington and active support of civic developments by the Farmington Exchange Club were urged by past presidents of the club at the meeting on Wednesday. Floyd Nichols, third president of the club, declared that a paving program must be considered soon, and that the Exchange Club should foster action to bring this about.

Emory Hatton, also a past president of the club, supported Mr. Nichols' suggestion, and in addition, reviewed the prospects for the future of Farmington, at the same time naming the important projects which face the city, and in which the Exchange Club should, Mr. Hatton believes, interest itself.

"Northville last summer undertook its paving program," Mr. Nichols said. "There comes a time, when every city must do the same. The time is not far distant in Farmington, and we should be thinking about it, and lending our support. We will find it hard to induce people to come here to live unless we can offer them paved streets."

In echoing the sentiments of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Hatton declared that "new residents will not make their homes in Farmington unless they can have nicely paved streets to live upon." A number of other important questions, grouped under the head of "Possibilities, Problems, and Progress," were named by Mr. Hatton as affairs in which the Exchange Club should take the lead. Among these were completing improvement of the Ten-Mile road, widening of Grand River, expansion of the school system to meet growth.

REV. GAUPNER SHOWS FIGURES OF LIFE OF CHRIST, CARVED IN WOOD

A unique exhibit of unusual interest is on display at the home of Rev. Paul Gaupner, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Clarenceville. The display consists of figures carved from wood, depicting the life of Christ.

The figures were carved by Rev. Gaupner's father and are believed to be the only thing of his kind in the country, perhaps in the world. They will remain in place for another week or two, and Rev. Gaupner states that anyone interested is welcome to visit his home and see them.

The Junior Class dance given Wednesday evening in the town hall was a decided success. A large crowd attended and enjoyed the affair.

FAVOR DELAYING-CAR SERVICE 'TIL EXPRESSES START

Farmington May Have Ordinary Service Soon, Or Expresses In Spring

That Farmington may have the street car service of the ordinary type if it so desires, or fast express service in the Spring, according to its choice, was the statement made at the Farmington Exchange Club meeting Wednesday noon by John Clark, of the Detroit Union Lines. After hearing Mr. Clark, the club voted to recommend to the Detroit Department of Street Railways that the starting of trolley service be delayed until the express service begins.

According to Mr. Clark, the Detroit officials are confident that they will be able to institute express service on Grand River avenue in the city, and at the same time extend the service to Farmington, early in the spring. Mr. Clark stated that the Detroit authorities had decided whether to begin trolley service of the ordinary kind within the next few weeks, as they consider would be possible, or to wait for the faster service, being unaware of the attitude of Farmington on the question. A unanimous vote of the members of the club showed sentiment in favor of waiting for the speedier service.

The general opinion seemed to be that it might jeopardize the interests of Farmington and vicinity to attempt ordinary street car service now, and that the venture might not prove successful, resulting, perhaps, in the abandonment of car service again. "It was believed, however, that there can be no doubt of the success of a fast express service once it is established."

OLD TIME STARS LOSE TO PRESENT HIGH SCHOOL TEAM

1927 Team Staves Off Alumni Rally In Last Quarter; Score 18-16

Coming from behind in the last quarter and staging a spectacular rally, the Farmington High School basketball team of 1927 threw a scare into and all but defeated this year's team Tuesday night, beating 18 to 16 at the end of the first half, the Alumni came to life and were but two points behind when the final whistle blew. The score was 18 to 16.

The high school team's spirited play in the first part of the game completely bewildered the Alumni, who were rarely able to advance the ball beyond mid-court, and frequently lost it in their own territory. Middlewood in particular proved a nemesis for the Alumni. The entire high school team tired in the last half, however, and held to their lead only by a rare exhibition of fighting spirit.

Three brothers of one family, played in the game, Russell and Harley Catherman for the Alumni and Howard Catherman for the 1927 team, and two Rozenboom brothers also played on the high school team. Lineup and scoring follows:

High School	Alumni
H. Catherman	RF R. Catherman
E. Rozenboom	RF Banfield
Otis	LF Roth
Middlewood	C H. Catherman
Starkey	RG Tredway
G. Rozenboom	LG Staman
Goals—Alumni; R. Catherman (2), Banfield, H. Catherman (2), Staman, High School; E. Rozenboom, Otis (2), Middlewood (2), Starkey (2).	
Foul throws—High School; Middlewood (3), Starkey (4), Alumni; Banfield Staman (2).	

Painting of the lighting posts along Grand River avenue has been completed, and greatly improves the appearance of the street.

Clinton McGee, of Pontiac was a visitor in Farmington Saturday.

Many Important Events, Numerous Deaths in The Chronology of 1927

Many important events and the passing of a number of well-known citizens marked the year 1927 in this section. Numerous occurrences both in the city and township of Farmington, as well as in adjoining communities make the record of the year an interesting one.

While the advent of new buildings and new business within the city was outstanding, civic affairs of great moment transpired during the year, probably the most important in Farmington's history. Township affairs also progressed considerably.

A number of important gatherings took place in this section during 1927, and several outstanding figures in the community were taken by death. The chronology printed herewith will afford our readers the opportunity of a brief backward glance at 1927 in this community. It covers the period from January 1, 1927 to December 29, the date of this issue.

Chronology—1927

- Jan. 4—Farmington Township adopts master plan for layout of all streets within the township in the future.
- Jan. 5—Herman Runkle, owner of a gasoline station at Orchard Lake and 13-Mile roads held up and robbed.
- Jan. 7—John Turner dies suddenly at age of 40.
- Jan. 6—Miss Jessie Bonstelle speaks at Farmington Woman's Club.
- Jan. 18—Clarence Bicking succeeds Howard Warner as president of Farmington Exchange Club.
- Jan. 21—Isaac Bond School dedicated.
- Jan. 31—Mrs. Margaret Budd passes away at 63.
- Feb. 7—Announcement of plan to provide gas services for Farmington and vicinity.
- Feb. 13—Clarenceville Athletic Club formed and officers chosen.
- Feb. 17—William Buck dies at 32.
- Feb. 18—Farmington High School girls defeat Northville at basketball and win first place in league.
- Feb. 21—Baptist Father and Son banquet.
- Feb. 22—Evangelical Church Father and Son banquet.
- Feb. 23—First performance of Senior play.
- March 6—Deputy Charles Wilson wounded at home of Florian Mashinski at Fourth Gate. Mashinski arrested after 3-hour siege.
- March 16—Mrs. Anna C. Brown and Ernest Schwein of Farmington on jury in Espire-Ford libel suit, Detroit.
- March 17—Mrs. Emma Hiles passes away at 67.
- March 18—Farmington H. S. girls win undisputed basketball championship.
- March 21—Novi hotel, old landmark, being torn down.
- March 28—F. L. Cook & Co. sells grocery store to Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.
- March 27—New West Point Park Independent Church and Community Hall dedicated.
- March 28—Harrison Johnson and Leo Gildmeister purchase the Novi Elevator.
- April 2—Farmington School placed on approved list of North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

SCHOOL BUILDING IS THOROUGHLY CLEANED DURING THE VACATION

During the Christmas vacation, the Farmington Board of Education has had the school building thoroughly cleaned and the school books aired. In rooms where there were pupils who came down with scarlet fever or other diseases the floors were washed with chemicals and the desks and seats given similar treatment.

The Board is taking every precaution to eradicate all germs that might exist and will have the school building in perfect shape for the reopening next Tuesday, January 3.

April 4—Second city election. Wells D. Butterfield re-elected Mayor over Fred L. Cook. Fred Staman, Carl Hogle and Harrison Johnson elected to city commission. N. H. Power re-elected clerk, Hinman G. Nichols elected treasurer, Arthur Lamb chosen assessor. Township election—Isaac Bond re-elected supervisor, Willard Campbell chosen clerk, Arthur Coe re-elected treasurer. Novi Township—Fred W. Durfee elected supervisor, Earl Banks, clerk, Charles W. Hamilton, treasurer.

April 18—Home of Harry Pagel destroyed by fire.

April 24—Martha Jane Taggart, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Taggart, dies.

April 25—Annual Spring Clean-up begins.

April 27—Sheriff Schranum announces plan to station a second deputy sheriff in Farmington.

April 28—Ground broken for new building to house Farmington Motor Sales.

May 2—St. Clair Hamlin becomes partner in Pioneer Market.

May 2—Farmington Enterprise sold by W. N. Miller to present owner.

May 6—Farmington Woman's Club costume party.

May 8—Farmington City Commission establishes width of Grand River avenue as 100 feet.

May 8—Announcement of raising of Farmington postoffice to second class.

May 13—Herbert Thayer dies at 81.

May 13—Baptist Mother and Daughter banquet.

May 16—Methodist Mother and Daughter banquet.

May 19—Evangelical Church Mother and Daughter banquet.

May 20—Rev. George A. Fee buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Farmington.

May 25—County O. E. S. meets in Farmington.

May 31—Farm home of Floyd Schroeder destroyed by fire.

June 2—William McDermott dies at 86.

June 6—Mark Daines joins his brother, Harold, as a partner in Central Market.

June 12—New I. O. O. F. temple dedicated in Clarenceville.

June 13—Ten-Mile road paving to Farmington begun.

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FARMINGTON TRIMS ROCHESTER HIGH'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Fast Passing Attack In Second Half Smothers Visitors; Score Is 13-7

Farmington's high school basketball team defeated Rochester's quintet on the home floor last Wednesday, December 21, by a 13 to 7 score.

Rochester was outclassed but poor shooting by Farmington in the first half made the score 4 to 4 at the end of the half.

Beginning the second half Farmington opened a passing attack that completely smothered the big Rochester team and counted many baskets, though many good chances were missed.

Otis Middlewood and Catherman were tied for high point honors, each getting two field goals and a foul throw.

The lineup:

Farmington	Rochester
Otis	LF Spaver
Catherman	RF Spencer
Middlewood	C Williams
Starkey	RG Hutchins
G. Rozenboom	RG Potere

D. F. HAMLIN TO REMAIN FLEMING CO. DIRECTOR

Although he has succeeded his brother as a partner in the Schroeder and Hamlin Market Delos Hamlin will continue as director in the F. D. Fleming & Co. real estate firm, also retaining his license as a real estate broker.

1927 A YEAR OF GREAT PROGRESS IN FARMINGTON

New Buildings And Business, Big Civic Projects, Mark Last Twelve Months

Unprecedented progress has marked the year of 1927 in Farmington, this entire section experiencing a rapid but steady growth in the face of depression in other nearby communities. The past twelve months have seen many new enterprises begun, many new homes constructed, and the development of many important projects.

Business has shown a surprising development, with two new garage buildings completed, a third announced, opening of gas service and nine entirely new lines of business begun in Farmington since last spring. A Catholic church, Our Lady of Sorrows, has also been located in Farmington and a building erected.

In civic matters, there, there has been the drawing to a climax of the movement for wider Grand River, the filing of plans for a \$800,000 sewer to serve most of the city and township of Farmington, and to be constructed by the county, and other important affairs.

Speaking at the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday, Howard Warner pointed out that "all these developments have been achieved without a superhighway," and that this is an indication of the great achievements possible when wider Grand River becomes a reality.

Mr. Warner also revealed that savings deposits in Farmington had increased five per cent in the past twelve months.

DR. FRANK WEAVER CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF EXCHANGE CLUB

Arthur Lamb Is Elected First Vice-President; Carl Hogle Outgoing President

Dr. C. F. Weaver was unanimously elected president of the Farmington Exchange Club at the meeting Wednesday noon. Arthur Lamb was chosen first vice president.

John J. Schulte was elected second vice president, and Edgar Pierce third vice president. Elmer Palmer was re-elected secretary, and Hinman Nichols was chosen to succeed to Mr. Pierce's former office as treasurer.

Theodore Hodges, H. C. Wood and T. H. McGee were elected to the Board of Control for one year and Frazier Staman was chosen as a member of the board for six months.

The meeting marked the end of Carl Hogle's term as president of the club.

FARMINGTON STORES TO CLOSE EARLY EVENINGS IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY

Beginning January 1, the principal stores in Farmington will close each evening except Saturday at 6:30 p. m., according to an announcement made this week. Practically every store in town will be closed early each evening during January and February, it is indicated.

SHOCK OF DAUGHTER'S DEATH CAUSES DEMISE OF HER AGED FATHER

Grief and the shock of his daughter's death, coupled with pneumonia, Wednesday night caused the death of Alphaeus Angell, 77, of Novi, just two weeks after his daughter, Mrs. Estella Button, 41, had passed away. Mrs. Button died December 14 after an illness of less than a week. While arrangements have not been completed, funeral services for Mr. Angell, who was prominent in Novi township, have been set for Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.