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FLAMES DESTROY A FARMHOUSE ON NINE-MILE ROAD

Family of Floyd Schroeder Lost Home and Household Goods In Blaze

Fire that followed the back-firing of a gasoline engine early Tuesday evening destroyed the home and household goods of Floyd Schroeder on the old "Matt Green Farm" on the Nine-Mile road, west of Halsted road.

Mrs. Schroeder, who was endeavoring to start the motor, escaped being burned. She was able to run from the well-house, where the engine was located, to the homes of neighbors, who responded to her calls for help.

Mr. Schroeder hurried from the barn, where he was milking cows, and with the aid of neighbors, saved part of the family furniture and clothing from the burning house, which had caught fire from the well-house.

Fire Truck There

Meanwhile, an alarm had been sent to Farmington, and the fire truck was rushed to the farm. By the time it had arrived, however, the fire had made such headway that chemicals were useless. Those at the fire devoted their attention to saving whatever had not been touched by the flames.

Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder, who have five young children, have moved temporarily into a farmhouse on Halsted road, south of the Nine-Mile road, known as the Greer farm. The farm where the fire occurred is now owned by M. Hulett of Detroit.

MRS. MCGEE GIVEN A DINNER PARTY ON 90TH BIRTHDAY

Nonagenarian Feted by Many Relatives and Friends At Farmington Home

Surrounded by many of her descendants numbering in all six children, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, Mrs. Abigail McGee, one of Farmington's oldest residents, celebrated recently her 90th birthday. The remembrances of relatives and old acquaintances filled Mrs. McGee's home on Shiawassee avenue with gifts and flowers.

The principal event of the birthday celebration was a dinner in Mrs. McGee's honor, attended by all her relatives who were able to attend. They found Mrs. McGee as jolly and sprightly as her children and grandchildren.

Age has not dimmed Mrs. McGee's sight, for she still reads without glasses. Mrs. McGee enjoys, however, having her daughters read her newspaper to her.

Mrs. McGee has lived in Farmington for more than 60 years. She came from Ireland when only five years old.

Among her children who attended the dinner were Postmaster T. H. McGee of Farmington, a son, and Clinton McGee, Pontiac attorney. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. H. Harding, Mrs. James McGee of Flint, wife of Rev. McGee, who was unable to leave the hospital; Mrs. Switzer, Mrs. George McGee, Mrs. A. J. St. John, and Mr. and Mrs. John Balch and family of Pontiac.

PROMISE TO MOVE SIGN FROM POLICE BOOTH SITE

George L. Gow, inspector for Walker & Co., outdoor advertisers, was in town Wednesday and promised immediate action on the removal of the sign on the site of the police booth.

Delay has been caused by the death of the president of the Walker company.

The township and the city of Farmington recently agreed to share the expense of a police booth for the sheriff's man. The booth will cost \$400 and will be erected by Arthur Lamb. Warner brothers have turned the site over for the amount of yearly taxes.

JUNIORS OF FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PREPARE TO PRESENT A COMEDY

On Thursday, June 9, the Juniors of Farmington High School will present as their class play, "Clarence Decides," by Beulah King.

The play is a sparkling comedy relating the adventures of three modern Cinderellas and their Prince Charming.

The cast is as follows:

Mrs. Davenport (Aunt Susan) Ethel Malby
Mary Ann Lee.....Evelyn Dennis
Sarah Maude Lee.....Lois Young
Julia May Lee.....Lois Weston
John Smith, first gardener Edw. Rozenboom
John Smith, second gardener John Smir, second gardener
.....Wm. Etkarkey
John Smith, third gardener John Smith, third gardener
.....Gustave Rozenboom
Clarence Moore.....Walter Neilson
Mrs. Dixby Moore.....Elle Scarpis
Lizette, the maid.....Anna Palacky

The play will be given in the Community Hall, at 8 o'clock. Tickets may be bought from any member of the class, and reserved seats will be on sale at Cook's Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week.

COVERED WAGON RECALLS YOUTH TO FARMINGTON MAN

T. D. Irving Finds Picturesque Conveyances Still Cross The Plains

The covered wagon, immortalized by a movie of that name, has not disappeared from the American continent, as many had supposed. Nor has the western cowboy passed into history.

A resident of Farmington township, as recently as last month, has seen both the animal and the human element in American institutions while visiting Oklahoma. He is T. D. Irving, who spent the month of May with his son, Thomas L. Irving, at the latter's home in Tulsa.

Mr. Irving returned home a few days ago, and related his astonishment at seeing roses in bloom in May. "In Tulsa, the City of Roses," was full of them when I arrived," said Mr. Irving. "In fact, the citizens had just been holding a rose carnival."

"While in Oklahoma, I saw sights which reminded me of the days 50 years ago, when I crossed the western plains in '77. Near Fairfax, we saw a number of covered wagons in groups of two or three, and also large numbers of cowboys at their work. It may surprise many to know that covered wagons are still to be seen in parts of the west."

FARMINGTON WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS MEETING; OFFICERS ARE CHOSEN

The annual meeting of the Farmington Woman's Club was held Thursday, May 26, at the home of Mrs. M. B. Pierce. Officers for the year October, 1927-June 1928 were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. C. W. Wilber; vice president, Mrs. Elmer Switzer; recording secretary, Mrs. T. H. McGee; corresponding secretary, Miss Hard; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Steele; critic, Miss Brynton.

The committee appointed to plan the annual President's Day outing, comprised of Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Hendry, have arranged for an annual and pleasant affair. Thursday, June 9, the members of the club will form a theatre party to attend James F. Barrie's celebrated play, "Dear Brutus," to be given by the Bonstelle Theatre company. After the play light refreshments and a social hour will be the attractive foyer of the Bonstelle Theatre will follow. A special bus will be provided to take members and their guests from Farmington direct to the theatre and will call at the theatre for the return trip. Reservations for the later tickets and also for places in the bus must be made immediately by application to Mrs. Roy Brown.

Helen L. Hard, Cor. Secy.
Job printing of all kinds neatly done at this office.

Memorial Day Forty Years Ago Was a Great Event In Farmington

Probably there are few living in this vicinity who recall that forty years ago, in 1887, Memorial Day fell on Monday, as it did this year. Few also will recall the observance of the holiday in Farmington by the members of Farmington G. A. R.

Through the courtesy and the unfading memory of M. H. Power, Farmington's city clerk, we are able to present to Enterprise readers a word picture of Memorial Day as it was celebrated 40 years ago, when most of the "boys in blue" still were living to honor the memory of their departed comrades. We are pleased to print Mr. Power's reminiscence of that day.

"How many readers of the Enterprise know that 40 years ago or May 30, 1887 Decoration Day came upon Monday, or the same day of the week as it did the present year and that the G. A. R. of our city celebrated the day?" The speaker was Judge J. W. Donovan, who is still living in Detroit. A fair-sized crowd had assembled at the cemetery attending commemorative exercises which were under way when rain began to fall in torrents, compelling the people with the band to take refuge in

Wilber's barn across the street.

"The exercises were concluded at the Town Hall by an eloquent address by Judge Donovan:

"The master of ceremonies for the G. A. R. was Ainsley B. Beach who died June 25, 1905. In the Civil War of 1862-65 he was a gallant soldier and as a member of the cavalry was in a number of hand fought battles escaping without a scratch.

"Years after he was the victim of an accident and lost one eye and three fingers of one of his hands by the premature discharge of his gun while hunting rabbits.

"He was one of the charter members of the G. A. R. of our city. This society never had a very large membership, but was loved and respected by our citizens for the services they rendered in the hour of the nation's peril.

"I think W. H. H. Smith is the only surviving member. They are gone and

"On fame's eternal camping ground, And their silent tents the spread, And glory guards with solemn sound

"The bivouac of the dead."
—N. H. POWER.

CITY COMMISSION MEETS TO ACT ON SMALLPOX WARNING

Communities Warned To Take Steps To Consider Epidemic Of Disease

A special meeting of the Farmington City Commission has been called for Friday evening, June 3, to consider precautionary measures against the spread of smallpox.

A State Department of Health bulletin, warning communities to guard against smallpox, threatens the summer resort business of Michigan, was recently received and made public by Dr. James Miller, Farmington city health officer.

The letter points out that the resort business is the second largest industry in the state, and that if concerted action is not obtained, it will probably be necessary for this department to warn prospective tourists through newspaper publicity of the existence or threatened existence of smallpox in various communities, of which your community may be one.

The letter sent out by the Department of Health is as follows:

"Smallpox is unusually prevalent in Michigan. During the first 24 days of May, 15 cases of smallpox have been reported to this department. Each day witnesses smallpox reported from communities which had previously escaped. The disease is spreading. Your community may or may not have had recent cases of smallpox, but in either case the disease exists not far from you and may at any time make its appearance in your community unless you take measures to have a general vaccination campaign immediately.

If smallpox continues to spread as it is at present, two things are going to happen.

1. People of this state are going to die of confluent or hemorrhagic smallpox.

2. The summer resort business of the state will be ruined. This letter is an appeal to your community to immediately institute a general vaccination campaign to apply to all persons, both young and old, who have not been successfully vaccinated within the past five years.

If you will write us the probable number of vaccine points which you will need, this department will be glad to send them to you free of charge.

The concerted action of the various communities in the state in bringing about immediate general vaccination is the only hope of preventing what may easily become a serious epidemic.

For the protection of the resort business—the second largest industry in the state—as well as (Continued on Page Eight)

FARMINGTON DEFEATS PLYMOUTH 3 TO 1 ON LOCAL DIAMOND

On Tuesday, May 31, the home team played the Plymouth team at the local diamond, winning by a score of 3 to 1.

The game was well played on the part of both teams, Farmington making two errors and Plymouth two. Plymouth players were in doubt as to their eligibility but on conferring with their principal, the matter was cleared up.

Incidentally these same two players were the only Plymouth men to get hits and the one run, Douet singled in the only run on a scratch hit through the box.

Button, centerfielder for Farmington, turned thief and robbed one of the Plymouth men of a hit by a miraculous shoe string catch. Middlewood on first also played a nice game.

Rozenboom struck out ten men and helped his season's average quite a little.

PARENT-TEACHER GROUP HEARS TALK BY DETROIT MAN

Director of Visual Education Explains Importance Of Illustrated Programs

Members of the Farmington Parent-Teacher Association were given an insight into the important part played by "Visual Education" in our larger school systems, at the regular meeting of the association last Thursday, R. Whittinghill, director of Visual Education in the schools of Detroit, was the speaker of the evening.

Mr. Whittinghill described the film program, which he said, is carried out during 32 of the 40 weeks in the school year.

"This is not for entertainment but for educational value and is seen by 45 to 50 thousand children every week. The slide program as it is carried out in every school and is equipped with a stereopticon machine.

He also stated that 400 photographs have been taken of various commercial activities and brought to the students and teachers.

"An exhibit program has always been a part of the school work, although it has not always been classed as visual education. Parents in this way can see what their children are doing in their school work."

Mrs. Roos, president opened the meeting and introduced to the assembly, Miss Gertrude Richardson, who rendered a vocal selection, "One Fitting Hour" in a most pleasing manner and responded to a hearty encore with "Killary May."

This was followed with the ensemble singing community song numbers "America, the Beautiful" and "Our Battle Hymn for Children," led by Miss Reed.

FARMINGTON MAN'S CANOE OVERTURNED AT WALLED LAKE

Gage Halsted Comes Through Holiday Boating Accident In Safety

The Memorial Day holiday came near having serious consequences for Gage Halsted, of Farmington, a student of Michigan State Normal School at Ypsilanti. While canoeing at Walled Lake, Mr. Gage's canoe was overturned, but he reached shore safely.

According to accounts of the accident, Halsted's canoe was caught in the swell of a motorboat which passed nearby, and capsized. Although not a strong swimmer, Halsted managed to keep afloat and reached shore in safety.

He returned to his home in Farmington none the worse for his experience, and later went to Ypsilanti for the reopening of the Normal School there Tuesday.

Halsted is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Halsted of Farmington. Another boat was overturned at Walled Lake Monday, but the occupants reached shore.

TAX RATE THIS YEAR WILL SHOW LITTLE CHANGE

Commission Tentatively Sets Rate At \$14.00 In Public Hearing

Taxes for 1927 in the city of Farmington will in all likelihood be about the same as those levied last year. At a public hearing of the city commission, held Tuesday evening, requirements for the city's business for the coming year were fully discussed, and tentative appropriations made.

The budget ordinance will not be adopted until the meeting next Monday evening, and some changes may be made before the adoption of the ordinance. As it now stands, however, the proposed ordinance calls for a tax rate of \$14.00 per thousand, or an increase over last year's rate.

The slightly increased rate, together with a ten per cent increase in total property valuations, will result in sufficient additional revenue to maintain the city's work for the year. If the tax rate of \$14.00 is adopted, a total of \$40,559.89 will be raised, as against \$34,544.25 last year.

Many of the original estimates for city work were pared down by the commission in order to hold taxes down. While not hindering the making of needed improvements, the commission stressed economy in considering each departmental appropriation, and the final allotments of funds found practically unanimous approval.

Citizens failed to avail themselves of the opportunity to discuss the budget ordinance at the public hearing. Secretary Floyd Nichols of the Board of Education appeared, however, and revealed that the sum of \$1,399.55, which was due the school board from the city for school purposes, had through error been turned over to the county treasurer as taxes collected.

Secretary Nichols reported that he had been unable to secure payment of this money, and that the city would be responsible for the sum mentioned, even should it be necessary for the city to borrow money to complete the school fund.

MEMORIAL DAY IS COMMEMORATED BY LEGION MEMBERS

Ex-Soldiers Attend Service At Church; Decorate Graves Of Comrades

Memorial Day was observed in Farmington by the Groves-Walker post of the American Legion. No. 346, members of which attended memorial services in the Methodist church on Sunday and decorated the graves of their dead comrades on Monday.

Sunday morning an appropriate memorial service was held at the Methodist Church. Members of the American Legion met at the log cabin headquarters and marched in a body to the church and were seated together.

There was a thrill in many hearts to see the boys marching down the aisle of the church. The choir sang two special selections.

Rev. E. F. Dunlay spoke on the subject "Lest We Forget." He said that in the past 65 years our country had been connected with three wars. He briefly gave the historical setting and the causes leading up to the Civil War, the Spanish-American War and the World War.

Mr. Dunlay pointed out that it was not our desire, as a people, to take up arms against our brother man, but we were forced to do so, and when we went into the struggle we gave all that we had for the cause. He closed with the thought that the particular duty confronting us is that of peace.

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