

The Farmington Enterprise

Vol. XXI. No. 31

THE FARMINGTON ENTERPRISE, FARMINGTON, MICH. THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1927

5 Cents Single Copy. \$1.50 a Year

LODGE TEMPLE IS TO BE DEDICATED IN CLARENCEVILLE

Oddfellows' New Building To Be Opened Sunday With Formal Exercises

One of the remarkable achievements among Michigan fraternal orders in recent years is that of Clarenceville Lodge, I. O. O. F. which will next Sunday dedicate its new temple near Grand River avenue and Eight-Mile road. Although less than two years old, the lodge has already erected its own temple and has a membership of more than 200. The dedicatory ceremonies will be impressive, and will be attended by many high officials in Michigan Oddfellowship. The service will start at 3:30 o'clock. Previous to the dedication exercises, the Lady Rebekah will perform a memorial service and ritualistic drill. On the afternoon's program will be a memorial address by Rev. George Gulen, on "Our Beloved Dead," music under the direction of Mrs. Noman C. Cook; vocal selections by Paul Behnke and Norman Redpath.

Temple Is Large

The new temple is located just north of the point where the Eight Mile road and Grand River avenue intersect. It is 100 by 40 feet with a spacious auditorium and dance floor, 40 by 80 feet. The building when completed will have an attractive brick veneer finish and slate roof on the exterior and will be finished in polished hard maple and ornamental plaster.

Anniversary Coming
Five days later, following the dedication of the Temple, on Sunday, June 12, the lodge will celebrate its second anniversary. This function, it was stated, will take the form of a grand formal opening featured by a pretentious program of musical numbers and addresses, to which a special invitation will be issued to the public. The committee in charge of the dedication program consists of George March, William Lindemeyer and N. Cook.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF M. E. CHURCH HOLDS DINNER MEETING

The Ladies of the Woman's Home Missionary Society held a very enjoyable and profitable birthday party at M. E. Church dining room Tuesday, June 7. The tables were decorated in resemblance of each season. A pot luck dinner was served. This being the first birthday party a birthday cake with one large candle was cut and everyone was asked to have a piece.

The meeting was called to order by our president, Mrs. F. L. Cook.

At roll call Mrs. Tillman, leader of Group 1 received the missionary pin.

Mrs. E. F. Benson of Detroit district gave a very interesting talk and explained the picture in full. Mrs. Lamb, birth-day secretary, had asked all members to pay up for year 1925 birthdays as the society was one year behind and \$15.00 was collected.

After election of officers the meeting was adjourned.

MRS. McROBERT, AN OLD RESIDENT OF COUNTY DEAD IN NORTHVILLE

One of the oldest residents of this section of the county passed away Tuesday when Mrs. Laura McRobert, who lived in Northville in recent years, died after a brief illness. Mrs. McRobert was 81 years old, and was well-known throughout this section. Two sisters, each older than Mrs. McRobert, survive her. They are Mrs. James Sarrison, 92, of Northville, and Mrs. Hannah Bloy, 96, of Detroit. Other survivors are Mrs. Don P. Yerkes and Mrs. Lida Trufant, of Northville, and Mrs. Harry Weaver of Traverse City. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon.

JUDGE SCHULTE OFFERS ESSAY ON WORLD PEACE AS SECOND OF SERIES

With an essay on "The Foundation of Peace Between Nations," Judge John J. Schulte of Farmington in this issue gives to Enterprise readers the second of a series of articles on diverse subjects. Judge Schulte began his essays with a discourse on "The Blessings Of A Cultured Tongue," published last month in this newspaper. Others which appear in our columns from time to time in this week's essay, Judge Schulte discusses international law as the basis for a lasting peace between all nations.

CITY COMMISSION TO CURB PEDDLERS WITHOUT LICENSES

Bread Wagon Drivers Arouse Protest As Menace To Local Merchants

Peddlers from other cities, principally Detroit, are to be carefully watched and a rigid watch kept upon them, according to plans of the City Commission. At the regular meeting held Monday evening, the commissioners discussed ways and means of curbing the unlicensed vendors.

The chief offenders, it appeared, are bread peddlers. According to some of the commissioners, the bread companies employ war veterans, who are enabled to get a license permitting them to peddle throughout the State.

The commission was unanimous in the opinion that vigorous efforts should be made to protect local business men by keeping out unlicensed peddlers. Close watch will be kept upon them henceforth by the local authorities.

Commissioner Bicking, as head of a special committee, reported that after a trip to Pontiac, his committee found that the payment of \$1,399.50 by former City Treasurer George Gildemeister to the county treasurer some time ago was a payment required by tax regulations. The treasurer having been billed for Covert road-at-large and the drain tax. The payment caused a lack of money with which to pay the school district, and the commission voted to borrow the necessary money, until these taxes are collected and the city reimbursed.

LONE BANDIT ROBS WALLED LAKE MAN NEAR FARMINGTON

Motorist Picks Up Young Man Walking Along Avenue; Loses Stickpin

Grand River avenue, between Farmington and Redford, was the scene of a holdup Monday evening when Raymond F. Kern of Walled Lake, was robbed of a diamond stickpin.

Kern, returning from Detroit about 6:30 p. m. stopped between Redford and Farmington to pick up a young man who was walking along the highway. He produced a revolver and told Kern to drive to Lansing. Shortly after passing through Brighton, the bandit changed his mind, directed his unwilling chauffeur to return to Detroit.

Upon reaching Detroit the fellow compelled Mr. Kern to surrender a diamond stickpin valued at about \$60, a small sum of money and his watch. He consented to return the watch, kept the remainder and departed, allowing Kern to return to his home about five hours late.

Kern is a salesman for a Detroit Hudson-Exess Sales agency and lives on Maple avenue, Welfare subdivision, Walled Lake. The bandit was a tall, well-dressed, young fellow about 22 years of age. He was very talkative and from things said he apparently was, or wanted Mr. Kern to believe he was the lone bandit who robbed the Redford State Bank a short time ago.

First Taxes, Levied 60 Years Ago, Totaled \$260 For Town

Probably few citizens of Farmington know that it was just 60 years ago last month that the first charter election was held in the village of Farmington. Taxpayers will be interested to learn of the first annual tax levy, which followed four months after the election. The Farmington enterprise is able to recall these events through the courtesy of City Clerk N. H. Power.

P. Dean Warner was chosen the first president of the village, and with him on the governing body were named several other prominent citizens. They met difficulties, however, when in September, 1867, came, there was objection to the amount of taxes to be raised. The total sum was \$260.00. The story of the first few months of village government is delightfully told by Mr. Power as follows:

The first charter election held in the Village of Farmington occurred May 8, 1867 or 60 years ago. It resulted as follows: P. Dean Warner, President. Justus B. Webster, Trustee. Anson B. Cloyce, Trustee. George B. Matthews, Trustee. John A. Fairfield, Recorder. Monthly meetings were held in which various ordinances dealing with the building of wooden sidewalks, the running of stock, at large upon the village streets, etc., were adopted by the council.

WALLED LAKE TO FARMINGTON BUS LINE IS LIKELY

Application Filed With Public Utilities Commission For New Route

A new bus line operating between Walled Lake and Farmington may be established soon. Application has been filed with the Public Utilities Commission at Lansing for a permit to operate such a line.

A hearing will be held next week on the application, according to the notice received by the Walled Lake Exchange Club from Lansing. The Exchange Club recently inquired of the Public Utilities Commission the status of the franchise for a Walled Lake bus line, held last year by the People's Motor Coach company.

According to the notice from the Commission, the People's Motor Coach company last fall asked and was granted permission to drop the franchise. This leaves the field open for a new concern. The name of the new applicant for franchise is given as Mixer and Ford. The men named are not generally known in this section.

APPEAL TO WARD OFF SMALLPOX IS MADE BY DOCTOR

Farmington City Physician Asks Citizens To Be Vaccinated Against Disease

Following the bulletin from the State Department of Health, which appeared in last week's issue of this newspaper, warning health officers in every section against a possible epidemic of smallpox, Health Officer James A. Miller of Farmington has addressed a letter to the general public through our columns.

Dr. Miller asks the citizens of this section to co-operate in preventing an epidemic, advocating vaccination of every person who has not been vaccinated in recent years. Free vaccine is offered to all physicians of this section. Ada M. Safford, R. N., school nurse of Farmington High School, has added a warning against smallpox, telling of its spread in countries and how efficient vaccination is in fighting the disease. Dr. Miller's letter follows: "In last week's Enterprise there appeared a copy of the bulletin issued by the Michigan Department of Health appealing for a general vaccination campaign to apply to all persons irrespective" (Continued on Page Four)

LOCAL KNIGHT TEMPLARS TAKE PART IN PARADE AT STATE CAPITOL

A number of Knight Templars from Farmington, members of the Northville Commandery, attended the State Convocation held at Lansing Tuesday. They drove to Lansing in private automobiles, and took part in the parade at the stadium of Michigan State College in East Lansing.

Among those who attended from here were Clarence Bicking, Howard Eisenlord, Norman Lee, Amos Otis, Arthur Lamb, Fred Cook, Will Way, and Paul Foss.

LOCAL TALENT TO OFFER PROGRAM FOR FLOOD FUND

Local Red Cross Unit To Raise Its Quota Through Entertainment

Farmington's Red Cross unit is going to raise and surpass its quota of the fund for relief of Mississippi flood sufferers. In order that the Farmington unit may turn over its share to the national fund, an entertainment will be given by home talent next Wednesday evening, in the Town Hall.

Mayor Wells D. Butterfield will open the program with an address. Other officials are lending their aid, among them City Clerk N. H. Power, who will greet those attending at the hall door. A silver collection will be taken at the door.

The program has been arranged by Mrs. Erskine Evans, who is responsible for the idea of a home talent program to raise the Red Cross quota. Mrs. Evans has worked actively for several weeks and has been aided by the hearty response of home talent to requests for appearance on the program. The girls' and boys' glee clubs are included in the program, which includes the following numbers:

- Piano Duet.....Betty and Beulah Gulen
- Vocal Selection.....Iretha Reed
- Accompanied by L. Lockwood
- Blarney Number.....Cedric Harger
- Recitation.....John Gulen
- Piano.....Edward Fink
- Solo.....Gertrude Richardson
- Accompanied by E. Pierce
- Piano Duet.....Jean and Catherine Storms
- Violin Solo.....George Schellenberg
- Piano Number.....Elaine Auten
- The Trials of a Schoolmistress.....Arlene Fink
- Mandolin.....Dorothea Kurtz
- Gladys Baker at the piano
- Solo.....Virginia Otis
- Accompanied by Roberta Russell
- Whistling Number.....Mrs. Vincent B. Evans
- Accompanied by Mrs. S. D. Harger
- Reading.....Ellie Seates
- Piano.....Dorothea Kurtz
- Quarter.....Ermine Pierce, Will Walters, Don Button, Lou Pauline
- Geneva Church at the piano
- Reading.....Iva Hawkins
- Piano Number.....Barbara Moon
- Duet.....Roberta Russell, June Johnson
- Song by the Fifth Grade Boys.....Arthur Exsomit, Elmer Catherman, Drayton Holcomb, Gwen Lancaster, Dick Russell, Lloyd Taggart
- Piano Number.....Geneva Church
- Solo.....Roberta Russell
- Accompanied by June Johnson
- Mr. Spencer Heeny presents the following piano pupils:
- Elron Edwards, Thelma Garlick, Virginia Hinborn, June Johnson, Roy Keller, Jr., Viola Lamb, Roberta Russell, Hayward Salow, Mary Jane Schroeder, Lois Young
- Vocal Solo.....Violin Obligato
- Miss M. Roediger, Mrs. Bruce Dickie
- Accompanied by Mrs. A. Roediger
- Reading.....Rev. E. F. Dunlavy
- Piano Solo.....Gladys Baker
- Closing.....Rev. E. W. Palmer
- Both the Girls' and Boys' Glee Clubs will render numbers under the direction of Miss Lulu Lockwood.
- Cornet Solo.....Roberta Jubb
- Roberta Russell at the piano
- Me and Bob.....Margaret Webster

BURTON PROTESTS ASSESSMENT ON BIG SUBDIVISION

Owner Of Farmington Woods Denied Appeal From His Assessment

With the largest single assessment in the city placed upon his Farmington Woods subdivision, C. M. Burton of Detroit appeared before the Farmington Board of Review Tuesday morning and asked for a reduction of his assessment. The valuation placed upon the subdivision, comprising 180 acres, was about \$450,000.

Mr. Burton's objection to the assessment was practically the only one offered in the two days the board sat. After carefully considering his application for reduction, the Board denied the request.

Mr. Burton was accompanied by his attorney, who argued against the assessment. The property assessed is on Orchard Lake road.

Few Changes Made

The Board confirmed practically the entire assessment roll prepared by Assessor Arthur Lamb. Increases totalling about \$8,000 were made, while reductions totalling about \$900. These changes will make no difference in the tax rate.

The roll was inspected item by item and compared with the roll for 1926. James L. Hogle acted as chairman of the Board, having been selected when the Board organized Tuesday morning.

EXCHANGE CLUB TO PLAY BALL GAME WITH HIGH SCHOOL

Business Men Take Up Challenge Of School Team; To Play Thursday

Farmington's funniest if not its greatest baseball game is on the way. A contest that is expected to become the sole topic of conversation in Farmington for days is scheduled for next Thursday afternoon, June 16.

At that time, the Farmington Exchange Club will accept the challenge of the High School baseball team to a game to be played on the high school field. At the noonday meeting, Wednesday, the Exchange club voted unanimously to accept the challenge.

Some idea of the uniqueness of this baseball game can be gathered from the fact that there will be four umpires, one at home plate and one on each base. N. H. Power, City Clerk has been chosen to work behind the catcher.

Many Players

In addition to the plentiful supply of umpires there are at least two Exchange Club players for each position. The club presents six star pitchers, and it is possible that the candidates may draw lots for the honor of playing the position, unless the High School consents to allow all to play at once.

The game will be called promptly at four o'clock. Tickets will be on sale early next week, and the proceeds from the sale of the tickets will be used to aid the athletic fund of the high school.

Exchange Lineup

The complete Exchange Club lineup, as given out yesterday by Manager Thomas McGee, and approved by Coach Harold Daines, is as follows: Osmus or Dickenson, catchers. Weaver or Smith, second. Lamb or Johnson, first. Clark or Palmer, right field. Warner or Aschenbrenner, center. Parnor or Fleming, left field. Nichols or Warner, third. Fitzpatrick, Hatton, Bicking, Hogle, Staman or Leonard, pitcher. Umpire at the plate, Powers. Umpire at first, Miller. Umpire at second, Bond. Umpire at third, McCracken.