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## LARGEST CROWD IN MANY YEARS AT GRADUATION

Dr. Lynn Harold Hough Of Detroit Is Speaker At High School Commencement

"The student of today has a magnificent educational background, and is obligated to live up to it," was the message brought to nineteen seniors of Farmington high school at the Commencement exercises last Thursday evening in the Community hall, by Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, widely-known Methodist minister of Detroit.

What was perhaps the largest crowd gathered in Community hall in recent years attended the exercises, at which 19 seniors received their diplomas.

Dr. Hough began his address by relating an incident of a visit he made to Rome many years ago. Standing outside the city, Dr. Hough said, he saw some boys swimming in the Tiber, enjoying the sport with nature around them. Looking up, he saw in the background a magnificent cathedral.

**Educational Advantages**  
Dr. Hough pointed out that those who are engaged in the joyous occupation of gaining an education, have a background as magnificent as did "the boys in the Tiber."

"The student of today has contact with a magnificent educational background," Dr. Hough declared. "In no other age have students been surrounded with so much that is helpful and encouraging."

"It is not enough, however, that the student of today merely take advantage of this splendid background," Dr. Hough continued. "Today's scholars have an obligation to live up to their heritage by providing even greater gifts for the students of the future."

**Lauds Americans**  
Dr. Hough drew on American history for illustrations of his thesis, pointing out Wendell Phillips, Abraham Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt as worthy examples.

Following Dr. Hough's address which held the attention of his audience through clarity of expression and the marvellous language for which Dr. Hough is noted, the class received their diplomas.

Superintendent A. G. Leonard presented the class to Secretary Floyd Nichols of the Board of Education, who distributed the diplomas.

The faculty of the school accompanied the seniors on the entrance march, played by Miss Ernestine Pierce, the teachers taking seats in the front rows and the seniors on the platform. Rev. Elmer Palmer of the Baptist church offered the invocation and the Shubert male quartet of Port Huron rendered vocal numbers. Rev. Edward Dunlavy of the Methodist church pronounced the benediction.

**Class Roll**  
Those who received their diplomas at the Commencement exercises were:

- Cedric Harger.
- Mildred Adams.
- Florence Baxter.
- Marion Brock.
- Leona Gould.
- Emma Grouper.
- Allen Killom.
- Kathryn Murphy.
- Avis Goers.
- William Pauline.
- Ellen Perry.
- Doris Sheppee.
- Federick Sheill.
- Percy Spaller.
- Nedha Sheets.
- Adaline Wixom.
- Genevieve Forsythe.
- Carla Rife.
- Ruth Whitney.

Spend your **FOURTH OF JULY** at beautiful Park Island, Lake Orion. Dancing afternoon and evening. Swimming, coaster, rink and many other park amusements; free picnic grounds, shade tables, seats.

## LITCHFIELD COUSINS' HOLD ANNUAL REUNION DINNER IN FARMINGTON

An unusual event of the past week in Farmington was the reunion dinner of the "Litchfield Cousins," which was held Saturday in the Methodist Community Hall. More than 60 were present from all over the State.

The dinner of the "Litchfield Cousins" is an annual event. D. L. Dickerson's mother, now deceased, was a member of the Litchfield family. Mr. and Mrs. Dickerson acted as host and hostess at the dinner.

Those present came from Bay City, Greenville, Williamston, Plymouth, Ann Arbor, Grass Lake, Detroit, Dexter and Romeo.

## WATER MAILED TO FORMER RESIDENT OF FARMINGTON

Local Merchant Sends Crated Tank Full Of City Water To Ohio Each Month

Farmington has claimed many advantages and blessings of nature for years. Splendid location for a town, invigorating air, beautiful trees and lawns and flowers, have all been pointed out by residents to visitors and friends.

Now Farmington puts forth another bid for fame, and asks if any town of its size, or double its size, can match it. Farmington claims its drinking water is the most healthful and invigorating in this section of the country, and puts forth an unusual circumstance to prove the merits of its contention.

Six years ago, William Thomas, a well-known resident of Farmington, left this city to go to Fremont, O., to live. Mr. Thomas has given assurance that he left Farmington reluctantly.

Mr. Thomas kept up his old acquaintances in Farmington, and a few months after he had moved, sent back an unusual request. He had found, he wrote to Fred Cook, Farmington merchant, that the water in Fremont lacked the refreshing, invigorating effect he had become accustomed to in Farmington water.

Mr. Thomas asked that Mr. Cook send him some Farmington water. Mr. Cook complied with the request of his friend, and soon a "repeat order" was received. Mr. Thomas secured a five-gallon can, put in into a crate, and regular monthly shipments were begun.

**Still Sends Water**  
Once a month, when his supply is getting low, Mr. Thomas sends the empty can to Mr. Cook by parcel post. Mr. Cook takes the can to his store, fills it from a faucet, and returns it to Postmaster T. H. McGee. The crated can has made innumerable trips in the six years of this unusual shipping.

Recently a relative of Mr. Thomas, whose health has been poor in recent years, visited Dr. E. F. Holcomb in Farmington and told friends that Mr. Thomas believes the purity and refreshing qualities of Farmington water does him much good. He wants to continue receiving Farmington water throughout his life. Mr. Cook, questioned on the subject, said that he intends to keep on shipping "liquid health" from Farmington to his old friend.

## PIERSON SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL PRESENT PAGEANT

Flower Display Will Be Given On School Grounds Friday Evening

On Friday evening, July 1, on the Pierson School grounds, Seven Mile road, east of Farmington road, the children of the school will present a flower pageant for the benefit of the Pierson school. P. T. A. fund. Mrs. Dorothy Jorgensen, soprano soloist of Detroit will sing the leading part of "Spring."

Mrs. B. C. Thomas and her efficient committee have trained the choruses and an evening of very enjoyable music will be presented.

A social time with ice cream and cake will be held on the school lawn.

## The Declaration of Independence

(Unanimously adopted July 4, 1776; signed by 54 delegates, August 2, 1776.)

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them; a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the cause which impels them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the Governed. That whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers to such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government.

WE THEREFORE, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN GENERAL CONGRESS assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world, for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, by authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly PUBLISH and DECLARE, that these United States Colonies are, and of Right ought to be FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which INDEPENDENT STATES may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and Our Sacred Honor.

## MRS. BICKING IS NEW CONTRIBUTOR TO ENTERPRISE

Poem On Graduation Dress Is Presented To Our Readers In This Issue

Another welcome addition to the growing circle of Enterprise contributors this week is Mrs. Imogene Bicking, wife of Commissioner Clarence Bicking of Farmington. Mrs. Bicking contributes in this issue a splendid poem which will, it is hoped, be but the forerunner of many others from the same pen.

"The Graduation Dress" is not only interesting, but timely. Inspired by the commencement exercises taking place all over the country, Mrs. Bicking recently unpacked her own graduation dress of years ago, and compared it with those of the present-day senior girls.

Her reflections as she looked at the dress, and measured it to see how it compared with those of the present day, are recorded in the poem which the Enterprise is highly pleased to present to its readers. We believe it excellent in both thought and form.

"The Critic" Writes

Another contributor whose work appears in this issue is "The Critic." His letter to the editor on the literary work of Judge John J. Schulte and Miss Marie Walling was published in a recent issue.

In the communication published this week, "The Critic" takes up Judge Schulte's thesis on International law and peace, and offers his own reflections in an essay entitled "Two Different Analysis of the Cause of War and Peace." The entries which will present in subsequent issues, more of the poetic works of Miss Marie Walling, the first of the regular literary contributors. Miss Walling's work has brought widespread commendation from our readers.

**Power Articles Later**

The Enterprise hopes also to be able to present soon more of the historical articles of City Clerk N. H. Power, which have aroused so much interest among our readers.

## MANY AT FUNERAL SERVICES FOR THE LATE MRS. EVERTS

Burial Takes Place In Clarenceville After Services At Evangelical Church

Farmington residents gathered in large numbers last Saturday to pay their last respects to one of the city's most popular residents. Mrs. Henry Everts, who died in Harper Hospital, Detroit, Thursday, June 22 Mrs. Everts was 49 years old.

Funeral services were held at the Evangelical Church Saturday afternoon, with Rev. Bollens, Jr., officiating. Following the church services, burial took place in Clarenceville Cemetery.

Mrs. Everts is survived by her husband, Henry Everts, a daughter, Mrs. Nellie Esch, and a son, Lester, all of Farmington.

Mrs. Everts was a resident of Farmington for 27 years, and was active in work in the Order of the Eastern Star. Members of the Eastern Star conducted the funeral services of the order following the church services.

## MCCRACKEN FIRST IN COUNTY TO GET A FEDERAL AWARD

President Of This Section Is Leader In Fight Against Corn Borer

A resident of this vicinity, Harry N. McCracken, farmer of Farmington township, brings honor to this section by being the first Oakland County farmer to receive federal compensation in the fight against the corn borer.

Mr. McCracken, who is known as a highly successful scientific farmer, took up the battle against the corn pest soon after the alarm was broadcast. He cleaned up 20 acres of 1926 corn stubble and refused to be awarded a check by the government at Washington.

Still another honor came to Mr. McCracken this week, when it was announced that he was one of the citizens of the county selected as members of the Pontiac Drain Commission.

## PICNICS OF BAPTISTS AND METHODISTS ARE HELD AT ISLAND LAKE

The Baptist church and Sunday school annual picnic was held at Island Lake Tuesday. All met at the church and drove to the lake. A large crowd attended. After a little play all enjoyed a bountiful picnic dinner after which there were races for all interested. Prizes were awarded the winners.

Baseball interested some groups swimming others and water was enjoyed by the small children. The return trip was made late in the afternoon.

The Methodist church and Sunday school picnic was held Wednesday afternoon at the same grounds.

## NEW EDGEWATER AMUSEMENT PARK OPENS SATURDAY

Forty-Acre Recreation Center On Seven-Mile Road To Offer Many Features

The Grand River section will witness one of the outstanding events in its development of recent years on Saturday, July 3, when the new Edgewater Amusement Park is thrown open to the public. The park is located on the Seven-Mile road, a few blocks east of Grand River.

The new park will be one of the largest business enterprises in the northwestern section. It occupies 40 acres on the former John Krave property, a beautiful site for a park devoted to recreation. It will contain the largest semi-open ballroom in Michigan, with a capacity of 2,000 couples. Management and music of the ballroom will be under the direction of Jean Goldkette, widely-known orchestra leader.

A "Giant Thriller," the longest in the state, will be among the leading attractions at the park. Among the other features will be flying ships, "Dodgem," tilt-a-whirl, Custer speedway, and fun-on-the-farm.

**To Have Tea Room**  
One of the notable features of the park will be a high-class luncheon place, the Edgewater tea-room. There is also a picnic grounds on the park.

Boating and canoeing will also be among the park's leading attractions, which include almost every modern amusement device. Gondolas and speedways will vie for the interest of the throngs at the amusement center.

The project, one of the largest undertaken in Detroit "amusement circles in recent years, is financed by Detroit capital, though not connected with amusement parks in other parts of the city. H. P. Egert is in charge of the new recreation place, and has stated that the policy of the park will be "forty acres devoted to clean amusement."

## PERMIT FOR BUS LINE FROM WALLED LAKE TO FARMINGTON REFUSED

A communication has been received from the Michigan Utilities Commission by the Walled Lake Exchange Club, stating that the application of Mixer and Ford to operate a bus to Farmington was denied because they did not prove that their service would be satisfactory and also because they intended to use second hand touring cars.

## OFFICERS INSTALLED BY EPWORTH LEAGUE OF METHODIST CHURCH

Members of the Epworth League of Farmington Methodist church held the installation of officers last Sunday evening. The new officers will serve for one year having been elected two weeks ago.

Miss Eleanor Talbot was installed as president, and Lucille Austin as vice-president. Howard McCracken is third vice-president and Florence Ross and Catherine Banfield are fourth vice-president. King Harger is secretary and treasurer.

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## HOGLE IS CHOSEN LOCAL EXCHANGE CLUB PRESIDENT

Semi-Annual Election Of Officers Is Held By Local Business Men's Club

At the semi-annual election of officers held by the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon, Carl Hogle was elected president of the organization. Dr. Frank Weaver was chosen first vice-president.

With the Wednesday meeting, the Exchange Club ceased its activities for the summer. No meetings will be held during July and August.

All of the men selected by the nominating committee as candidates for the several offices were elected. Arthur Lamb was chosen second vice-president, and Judge John J. Schulte third vice-president.

Rev. Elmer Palmer was re-elected secretary, and Edgar Pierce returned to the office of treasurer.

Three members were chosen to the board of control, Spencer Heeney, Ralph Auten, and Frazer Holcomb. The officers elected will serve six months.

**Leonard Talks**

Archie Leonard, chairman of the entertainment committee, closed the first six months' activities for the club with a stirring speech that will live long in the memory of those who heard it. For nearly an hour, he held the members at close attention while he talked on "The Enormity of Trifles."

He quoted examples of history, of how seeming trifles had changed the course of world events, relating how Abraham Lincoln's life had been saved by a piece of string dipped in melted grease, and how the city of Quebec in Canada was saved from capture by American forces, because an English soldier knocked the ashes from his old clay pipe, setting off a cannon charge which revealed the surprise attack.

Applying his theme to everyday life, Mr. Leonard laid down for his audience a rule of living concluding his address by reading a poem whose theme was, "I have to live with myself."

**Singers Entertain**

An unexpected feature of the meeting was the rendition of a series of songs by P. Owen Pauline, of Farmington, and Wayne Van Dyne, of Northville. Among the songs rendered was one written by Mr. Van Dyne. The singers were forced to give several encores.

Former president Leo Glidemeister was scheduled to furnish entertainment for the final meeting, but after a short talk introduced Mr. Leonard as the speaker of the day.

## CORRECTION OF ERROR IN REPORT OF WALLED LAKE DANCE CASE

The Enterprise desires to correct a statement which appeared in a headline in this newspaper last week. The statement was to the effect that Sunday dancing at Walled Lake was ended.

At the court hearing at which the case was decided, Judge Leonard W. Carr dismissed the injunction which prevented the sheriff's officers from entering the hall to interfere with dancing.

There has been no movement to stop the dancing and apparently the sheriff's men have found no reason to interfere. Nothing of an objectionable nature in the conduct of the hall seems to have appeared to cause interference.

Dancing will be held every night except Monday through the summer. Next Monday being a holiday, there will be dancing from 4 p. m. until midnight, the same hours as on Sundays.

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