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PRIZES FOR GALA DAY TWICE THOSE OF FORMER YEARS

Business Men Contribute More And Better Prizes For Gala Day Events

With almost double the number of prizes offered in any previous year, and with numerous new and interesting attractions, all indications are that the Gala Day of Farmington American Legion on Labor Day will draw the largest crowd in years.

The response of merchants to the Legion's work in gathering prizes exceeded the highest hopes of the Legion's men themselves. Both in value and in number, the prizes donated by the merchants are exceptional, and a large number of additional events was made necessary by the long list of trophies.

To Throw Rolling Pins

One of the features added within the last few days is the ladies' rolling-pin throwing contests. There will be one contest for distance and another for marksmanship. Three handsome prizes are offered to winners of first three places in each event.

Free Vaudeville Acts

Arrangements have been completed for the presentation of three performances of high-class vaudeville. Stars of note on the vaudeville stage have been secured among them Martin Brothers, musicians, Jack Gregory and Co. of "Noveltyland," and the "Rex Trio," a father and two small sons of exceptional acrobatic ability. The vaudeville performances will be free.

Auto A Prize

The climax of the entire day will be the award of a new automobile to a lucky holder of tickets distributed by the Legion members.

Fast Ball Games

In the morning and again in the afternoon, baseball fans will be treated to some fast diamond sport.

Walled Lake will play Clyde in the morning game, and West Point Park will meet the winner in the afternoon. All three teams have excellent records this season.

MRS. EMMA FRENCH DIES AT 68 IN THE FARMHOUSE WHERE SHE WAS BORN

Living sixty-eight years in the house where she was born was the unique life record of Mrs. Emma French, who died last Friday in her home southwest of Farmington. Mrs. French was buried Monday in Oakwood Cemetery, after services at which Rev. William Richards of Northville officiated.

The deceased is survived by three sisters, Mrs. K. Sherman, Miss A. Sherman, Mrs. Walter Nichols, a brother, Edward Sherman, and an adopted daughter, Mrs. Mae Bailey of Birmingham.

Cedric Harger and Walter Rea of Ypsilanti spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Harger of Rockford, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenyon had as their Sunday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Barling and Mrs. Dexter and family of Pontiac.

The Young People of the Baptist Church met at the church Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Norman Pipe of Toronto who is studying for the ministry was the speaker.

The Misses Boynton had as their week-end guests their nieces, Mrs. Frances Sanford of South Bend, Ind., Mrs. Sanford came from her summer home in Highland Park at Grand Haven.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Kenyon, there was a very pretty gathering, a birthday surprise for Mrs. Kenyon. Present were, Genevieve Tromblay, Grace Heene, Aileen Joyce, Edna Farnum of Detroit, Mrs. Ripley, Miss Ripley, Miss Joy and Ann Ripley of Walled Lake, Ellen Donnelly, Frank Beans, Arthur La Duc of Royal Oak, Arnold Stoltz and James Donnelly.



WILLIS M. BREWER

BREWER, NEW HEAD OF STATE LEGION, COMING GALA DAY

Newly Chosen State Commander Invited To Speak At Labor Day Celebration

To make more notable what will undoubtedly be the biggest Gala Day in the history of Farmington, the local American Legion post will present an added feature in the presence of Willis M. Brewer, newly elected state commander of the American Legion. An invitation has been extended Mr. Brewer to attend and deliver an address on Labor Day, the date of the big celebration.

Mr. Brewer was elected department commander of the state's Legion posts at the recent convention at Jackson. He was chosen without opposition to succeed Harold G. Edwards of Muskegon.

Heads Auditing Board

Mr. Brewer is well known throughout Oakland County as chairman of the county board of auditors, as well as for his Legion work. He was formerly commander of the Pontiac Legion post, and has held several other offices in the veterans' organization. At one time he was a member of the Pontiac school board.

The election of Mr. Brewer has been viewed with great satisfaction by Legion men throughout the county. He is well known personally to practically every member of the Farmington Legion group, having visited Green-Walker post on numerous occasions. His appearance here is looked-forward to as one of the major attractions of a day full of interesting events.

Mr. Brewer yesterday gave assurance to the Enterprise that he will accept the Farmington Legion's invitation and that he will be present for at least part of the big Gala Day celebration.

Miss Orene Habermehl spent Tuesday in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Johnson are entertaining Mrs. Carol M. Hale of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mrs. H. A. Barrons of Detroit spent the week-end with her son, Norman Barrons and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten and family attended the Auten family reunion at Ortonville, Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Bae spent Monday in Detroit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm MacGregor.

Miss Edna Bowers of Bowling Green, O., is spending several weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. Charles Walling.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walling, Marie, Elbert and Edna Bowers spent Sunday with Mrs. Aura Condit of Hamburg.

Mrs. Charles Locker of Brookfield drive, entertained a number of friends in honor of her daughter, Fern's birthday anniversary.

MAKING GALA DAY PLANS

West Point Park is to have a Gala Day celebration next month's September 24th having been tentatively chosen as the date for the event. Residents will invite citizens from other towns for the event, and a good time is promised.

SHERIFF'S MEN TO GIVE FARMINGTON FULL PROTECTION

Third Deputy Coming; Stokes In Charge of City's Police Work After Grant Resignation

Changes in the administration of Farmington's police work, and the probability that the city will soon have 24-hour protection by the sheriff's force developed within the past week. It is expected that a third deputy sheriff will be sent to Farmington to aid Deputy Clayton Stokes and Lee Doyle some time in September.

Following the resignation of Superintendent of Public Works George Grant as chief of police, to permit him to devote all his time to other duties, the City Commission at a special meeting passed a resolution asking Deputy Sheriff Stokes to assume charge of police work in Farmington. With the consent of Sheriff Schram, Deputy Stokes agreed to take over the supervision of the police work.

Await Third Deputy

Deputy Stokes said yesterday that no important change or plan of operation has yet been put into effect. The coming of another deputy sheriff is expected, however, to permit an extension of work which has hitherto been impossible because of lack of men.

With the three deputies on duty in Farmington, there will be two police officers on duty throughout the night, as Officer Herman Kreager continues on his night duty, and the new deputy will probably be assigned to all-night work. Deputies Stokes and Doyle will be available throughout the daylight and early evening hours.

WATER SUPPLY IS PRACTICALLY FREE OF CONTAMINATION

Latest Tests Show But One Sample Impure; Officials To Clear Dead End

Practically all of Farmington's water supply has been pronounced free of contamination by county and state examiners, according to reports received in the city yesterday. The latest tests are reported to have shown that but one of the samples last submitted showed traces of impurity, and that all other samples are uncontaminated.

The one sample showing impurity was taken from a tap in the business section. Officials are quite certain that the impurity in the water from this tap is caused by a dead-end near by, and are going to work at once to clear it up.

State Reports Samples Pure Several days ago the city officials received a welcome notice from the State Department of Health to the effect that all of the latest samples sent that department had been found pure. It was hoped that the same report would be received from the county laboratories.

The adverse report on the one sample is not considered a serious matter by the officials, and it is anticipated that a "clean bill of health" will be possible for all of Farmington's water supply within a short time.

In the absence of Dr. J. A. Miller, city health officer, it is impossible at present to obtain an official statement as to whether boiling of the water can be discontinued with complete safety.

Mr. and Mrs. Glassford of Charlevoix, parents of Mrs. Frank Weaver, are spending several weeks with Dr. and Mrs. Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Dickerson are the grandparents of a baby boy, born to their daughter, Mrs. G. W. Groves of Romeo, on August 22.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Harger entertained Mr. and Mrs. F. Lester Harger and daughter Marilyn of Port Huron at dinner Tuesday evening.

Miss Ruth Carlisle and Miss Nina Warner entertained for dinner on Sunday the Misses Boynton, Miss Hard and Mrs. Frank Sanford of South Bend, Ind.

WEST POINT PARK TO PLAY PLYMOUTH BALL TEAM AGAIN SUNDAY

What is expected to be one of the best ball games in this section this year is scheduled for Sunday afternoon at West Point Park, when the Plymouth Merchants team meets West Point Park in a return game.

Last Sunday Plymouth defeated West Point Park at Plymouth 6 to 5, scoring the winning run in the ninth inning. West Point Park expects to turn the tables Sunday. A large crowd is anticipated.

OLD HOUSE BUILT BY SEEKER AFTER LIFE EVERLASTING

White House Moved From Holcomb Property Has Interesting History

Excavation work has been started for the new Buick garage and salesroom sales and service station on Grand River avenue, next to the D. U. R. freight office. The house which formerly stood on the property has been moved back and will be remodeled, it is understood. The new building is expected to be ready within 30 days.

The passing of the old house from Grand River avenue, where it stood for decades, is not without its due recognition. In what the editor considers one of the most interesting articles that has appeared in the Enterprise, City Clerk N. H. Power tells something of the history of the house, and of its first occupants.

By N. H. Power

In the Enterprise of August 11, it was announced that the property on the south side of Grand River avenue, next to the D. U. R. freight office, owned by Dr. Holcomb, is to be the site of the new Buick garage, and that the house now standing on the property would be moved away. The house was built in the early fifties, soon after the construction of the Grand River road and was occupied by Ebenezer C. Stevens and his numerous family of boys and girls, all of whom left our city years ago and I think are dead, with the possible exception of one girl.

Prominent In Affairs

They were a prominent family and were active in the social affairs of the town. Mr. Stevens was the pioneer shoe merchant of Farmington. He began making shoes in a shop built for him by Arthur Power in 1830.

This shop stood on Shiawassee street, near the site now occupied by the Baptist Church. Samuel, one of the sons of Arthur Power, married Amelia Stevens.

Soon after 1850 Mr. Stevens built a brick store that stood near the location of the D. U. R. waiting room on Grand River avenue. This was a two-story building. In the upper one Mr. Stevens kept a force of men making boots and repairing the same. The lower story was used as a salesroom for boots and shoes.

High top boots were usually worn by men in those days and Mr. Stevens did a flourishing business.

Repaired Watches With the making and selling of boots and shoes he combined the trade of repairing clocks and watches. His honest methods of dealing secured a patronage that was loyal to him through all the years of his business career.

Sought Secret Of Life Tall and spare in appearance and energetic in his movements, he had some peculiar ideas, one of which was that death could be forever averted by the use of electricity.

He used various devices to establish the truth of his theory, but without avail and he died September 3, 1881, aged 76 years. He was buried in the Quaker Cemetery. His son Herbert, was buried by his side a few years later.

Time with its relentless force years ago took this pioneer citizen from our midst and now the house in which he and his family lived and saw life's ever-changing lights and shadows, must, too, give way to the demands of our restless, teeming business age.

FARMINGTON TO HAVE NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH; BUILDING TO START SOON

DANGEROUS CURVE ON THE SEVEN-MILE ROAD WILL BE ELIMINATED

Motorists who travel often from Farmington to Northville have seen signs of a welcome change to be made on the Seven-Mile road. The sharp "S" curve of the pavement, a little more than half way from Farmington road to Northville, is to be straightened out.

Officials say that state maintenance funds for roads are paid over only if all curves of the road are below a certain degree. The curve in question, one of the most dangerous in this section, the officials say, prevents the payment of state funds for upkeep of the Seven-Mile road, and will soon be eliminated.

MISS WALLING TO HAVE CHARGE OF GAS OFFICE HERE

Farmington Office To Be Opened By Consumers Power Company In September

The Consumers Power Company of Pontiac will open an office in Farmington in September, and a Farmington young woman will be placed in charge of the office. Miss M. Marie Walling, whose home is in Farmington, will be transferred from her post in Pontiac to assume charge of the Farmington office.

The exact date of the opening and the location of the company's office are still in doubt. The company is believed to be still seeking a location in the business section.

Popular In Farmington

The announcement that Miss Walling is to be in charge of the Farmington office will undoubtedly meet with much satisfaction in the city. Miss Walling is popular throughout Farmington, and is well known for her poems appearing regularly in the Enterprise. Assurance that the many and varied duties in connection with the management of the office will be capably handled is given in the training Miss Walling has received, in almost every department of the gas company's work, in recent months.

Meanwhile, laying of gas mains in the city proceeds rapidly, and the opening of service in the early part of September is anticipated.

BENJAMIN FOREST PIERSON

Benjamin Forest Pierson, son of Lorenzo and Addie Pierson, was born in Livonia Township January 13, 1870. He had lived in this community nearly all his life. He was married to Addie McManus August 15, 1893. To them were born three children, two of whom are living.

He had been in poor health about four years but was confined to his bed only a few weeks when he passed away at his home at the age of 57 years.

He leaves to mourn his death his wife, Addie Pierson and two children, Mrs. Tessa Baker of Northville, and Lloyd Pierson, of Farmington; also a sister, Mrs. Minerva Warner of Washington State.

The funeral services were held at the home Friday, August 19, by George E. Gullen officiating with burial in Oakwood Cemetery. "A familiar figure to our eyes, We have seen him in days of yore, He'll be missed, but not forgotten, Tho we see him pass no more." M. C. L.

Mrs. Tucker and daughters are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Chamberlin.

Fourteen ladies of the Rainbow Council, Number 2, surprised Mrs. Samuel Locke at her home, Wednesday.

Mrs. Furler and Mrs. Shulton were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Johnson have as their week end guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ira C. Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Skinner of Flint.

New Edifice To Be Erected At Powers and Shiawassee Avenues Overlooking Valley

Property Includes Seven Acres

Farmington is to have a new Catholic church, with a beautiful church building and a new residence. Work is to be begun soon on the new church, and it is expected that services will be started in the new edifice in the fall of early winter.

The Diocese of Detroit has recently acquired from the C. W. Burton Co., that portion of Farmington Woods subdivision, located on the southwest corner of Powers and Shiawassee avenues, known as the Charles Ely residence, for the site of the new church.

The property consists of the unrestricted two acres on the corner and an added five acres lying to the west and leading down to the river.

Developments will soon be on the way and a beautiful new church structure will overlook the valley to the south.

Plan New House

A new residence will supplant the old farm house situated on the hill, and developments on the whole subdivision will soon take on new life and be under full swing again.

The finished paving of the Ten-Mile road will make Farmington Woods a most desirable location for family residences and the whole city will feel the touch of prosperity issuing therefrom. Added interest has already sprung up in the locality and real estate sales people are flourishing around with new prospective buyers.

The biggest event of the year for fruit growers throughout Oakland County starts next Monday, when the annual Oakland County Horticultural Tour begins. The farm of Don Button, near Farmington, is the scene of the opening of the tour, which opens at 10:00 o'clock.

COUNTY TOUR FOR FRUIT GROWERS TO BEGIN ON MONDAY

Annual Horticultural Event To Last For Four Days, Visiting The Entire County

The biggest event of the year for fruit growers throughout Oakland County starts next Monday, when the annual Oakland County Horticultural Tour begins. The farm of Don Button, near Farmington, is the scene of the opening of the tour, which opens at 10:00 o'clock.

A basket picnic will be held at West Farmington school Wednesday noon, after the tour has visited the farm of Grimmer Bros. The Siegel Land Corporation, Loren Flint, of Novi, will next be visited, and then Dr. C. J. Jentzen of Northville.

Tuesday Big Day On Tuesday morning the tour will be resumed, starting at the Sly Fruit Farm west of Birmingham, and visiting a number of Wayne and Washtenaw County farms.

Milford Highland, White, Lake, and Waterford will be included on Wednesday, and Holly and Ortonville on Thursday, the last day of the trip.

Harold M. Vaughn, County Agricultural Agent, advises fruit growers that all attend at least two days.

Mrs. Walter Schweizer of Middle Belt road is entertaining her three sisters, Mrs. Wm. McGuire and the Misses Irena and Mary Maylan of Binghamton N. Y.

Former pupils and teachers of the Nichols School will gather for their reunion Saturday, August 27, at the schoolhouse. A pot luck dinner will be served at 12:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradshaw returned home Tuesday evening after spending a week in St. Thomas, Ontario. Mrs. Van Tatter, sister of Mrs. Bradley, returned with them.

Mrs. Don Button entertained Wednesday afternoon in honor of her guests, Mrs. Ada Button and Mrs. Mary Smith. The ladies present were, Mrs. Elliot Sprague, Mrs. Frank Steele, Mrs. J. Jones, Mrs. Harry McCracken and Mrs. J. Button.