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AMERICAN LEGION ANNUAL GALA DAY A GREAT SUCCESS

Largest Crowd in Years Visits Farmington For Sixth Annual Labor Day Event

With one of the largest crowds in the history of Farmington assembled, the annual Gala Day celebration on Labor Day was among the most successful of the six annual events given under the auspices of Groves-Walker Post. From 10 o'clock in the morning, when the first events took place, there was not a dull moment until after midnight.

Interest was divided between the two ball games, the athletic events, and the drawing for the Chevrolet automobile in the evening. Throughout the day Farmington streets were thronged with crowds of visitors, and the crowd at the afternoon ball game was one of the largest ever to witness a contest in Farmington.

The morning ball game, between Walled and Clyde, proved an interesting contest, ending in a victory for Clyde, 4 to 1. Numerous errors by Walled Lake lost the game for them, and Clyde was automatically made the opponent of Farmington in the afternoon. Farmington won easily in the final game, 26 to 1, due to weakness in the Clyde pitching staff.

Rolling-Pins Fly
In the afternoon athletic events, interest was at a high pitch throughout. The ladies' rolling pin contest, a new event, was productive of a good deal of laughter, as was the pie-eating contest.

The tug-of-war between the Township and the City of Farmington was ended almost before it began. One mighty heave by the township huskies and the city men were hauled down Division street several times as far as was necessary to win the tug.

Legionaire Howard Eisenlord was almost mobbed by the crowd of eager boys waiting to dig for nickels and pennies in the sawdust scramble, and they broke from behind the rope before the word was given. Football tactics were employed, and a woman spectator protested that the boys were "scratching each other's faces."

Free vaudeville occupied the (Continued on Page Eight)

OFFICERS CHOSEN BY THE GREATER NOVI ASSOCIATION

A. Atkinson Elected President; Dr. Thomas Speaks On Schools At Meeting

Archie Atkinson was elected president of the Greater Novi Improvement Association at a regular meeting of the association held Thursday. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Thomas of West Point Park, who took for his subject, "Costs and Benefits Of A Good School." Music was furnished by the Novi orchestra.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: Archie Atkinson, president. E. J. Ver Duyn, vice-president. Frank Clark, secretary. Mrs. Milo Chapman, treasurer.

COLORED BOY WINNER AT CONCEALING PIES; EATING IS DIFFERENT

When is a piece of pie not eaten? Answer, when it is stuffed in the hollows of one's cheeks.

Thirty or forty boys lined up on the bandstand Monday for the biggest event of the year in Farmington boyland, the Gala Day pie-eating contest. A tiny lad of color was the universal favorite, and he was named winner—at first.

But the judges discovered that he had not consumed the pie, but stuffed it into his cheeks. Relegated to second place, he had difficulty swallowing his pie, and a still harder time swallowing his disappointment.

PLYMOUTH BOY FLIES IN PLANE THAT GOES 'A HUNDRED FEET HIGH'

Gerald Greer, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Greer of Plymouth had the pleasure of riding in the Stout all metal tri-motor Ford airplane that Col. Charles Lindbergh flew to Grand Rapids. Gerald says he knows they "went a hundred feet high" while on the 25-mile ride.

FARMER OF NOVI TOWNSHIP LOSES HARVEST IN FIRE

Blaze At Three O'Clock Wednesday Morning Razes Big Barn; House Saved

An entire season's harvest, two head of stock, and a dog, were destroyed by fire, early Wednesday morning on the farm of Frank Durfee, on the Nine-Mile road, three miles west of Farmington, in Novi Township. A fortunate direction of the wind prevented the fire from spreading from the large barn, which was burned down, to the farmhouse and other buildings.

Fire departments from Farmington and Northville went to the scene of the fire, but could do little except pump water on nearby buildings.

A motorist travelling along Grand River avenue detected the blaze, which illuminated the sky for miles. He drove to the Durfee farm, and aroused the family, just as the sides of the barn were about to fall in.

There was no opportunity to save the stock or the dog. Fortunately, 200 bushels of wheat were drawn to Northville from the Durfee barn on Tuesday, thus reducing the loss, which is understood to be covered by insurance.

The barn, an unusually large one, housed the entire crop of the Durfee farm for the summer. Oats, hay and other produce were burned. The fire started about 3 o'clock, from an unknown cause.

CLYDE LOSES TO WEST POINT PARK; BEAT WALLED LAKE

Morning Game A Good Contest. But Afternoon Game Ends 26 To 1

Two of the largest crowds ever to attend baseball games in Farmington witnessed the contest played Monday-morning and afternoon, as part of the Gala Day celebration of the American Legion.

Walled Lake lost to Clyde in the morning game, by a score of 4 to 1, and thus Clyde won the right to play West Point Park in the afternoon. Walled Lake's errors were mostly excusable due to the bumpy condition of the field.

Walled Lake was unable, however, to hit the delivery of the Clyde southpaw, who hurled an excellent game. Hoppe, pitching for Walled Lake, also twirled a good game, but lacked the perfect support given the Clyde hurler.

Second Game "Massacre"
The afternoon game was a "massacre" with West Point Park winning, 26 to 1. Ralph Coe, of Walled Lake, pitched for Clyde, was not in form, and West Point Park started hitting his delivery early in the game. West Point Park scored freely, and in the fifth inning, with the score 8 to 1, scored ten runs before two were out. Harry Wolfe's second triple out of the game, plus a home run, and numerous shorter hits, sent West Point Park runners around the bases time after time.

Carl Goers, pitching for West Point Park, was in splendid form (Continued on Page Five)

WANTED—COPIES OF THE ENTERPRISE

Have you your Enterprise of August 25th? Due to unprecedented demand, which still continues, all copies of that issue have been exhausted.

The Enterprise will pay double price, or 10 cents per copy for 20 copies of the August 25th issue, and will consider it a favor if readers can locate their copies and turn them over to us. Those having copies may phone the Enterprise office and the paper will be called for.

Former Supreme Court Justice Will Speak At Walled Lake On Saturday



JUDGE JOSEPH E. MOORE

WEST POINT PARK TO HAVE JUBILEE DAY ON SEPT. 24

Citizens Of All Surrounding Communities Invited To Participate In Celebration

West Point Park, the active and growing community at Seven-Mile and Farmington roads, two miles south of Farmington, is preparing for the biggest event in its history. The community is to hold its "Jubilee Day", on Saturday, September 24, and is inviting residents of all sections to join in the celebration.

Two big ball games, an auto show, athletic events, vaudeville, a band concert, dancing and drawing for a \$150 radio set which will be given away in the evening, form part of the program for the big day.

From 10:30 in the morning, until the celebration is concluded at midnight, there will be something doing at West Point Park for young and old. Men, women, boys and girls will all have an opportunity to take part in the events of the day, including games and races for all. Cash prizes will be offered for all events, first prize in most cases to be \$5.

Past Ball Games
The ball games are expected to be the best in this section for some time, and West Point Park, with a record of more than 20 games won this season, will probably play both games. The teams are to be selected with the utmost care to assure hard-fought contests.

A greased-pig race after the ball games will be one of the big features of the day. Full details of the program will be announced next week.

SITES FOR A NEW SCHOOL DISCUSSED BY NOVI BOARD

Members Of Board Expect Favorable Vote On Bond Issue When Time Comes

Sites for the new proposed school building for Novi were discussed at a meeting of the school board on Tuesday evening. Archie Atkinson reviewed the positions under consideration, described the sites, and in discussing the costs, declared that he believed all would be in favor of the new building when the time came to vote on the bond issue.

School will be held in Novi for ten months instead of nine months as heretofore was the practice, a motion to that effect having been offered and carried at the meeting.

A petition was presented to the Board, asking that tuition be allowed, pupils of eighth grade, to attend any high school. Members of the board were of the opinion that the work of the teacher would not be lessened by such a procedure, believing it would be as much work to prepare a schedule for eight pupils as for twice that many. The petition stated no reasons for its being offered, and was voted down.

Residents are urging their friends to "be ready to vote yes" on the bond issue when it comes up.

One of the outstanding events of the year in this section is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, Walled Lake's Homecoming Day when former Supreme Court Justice, Joseph B. Moore, will address those gathered for community reunion. Justice Moore, who was born in Commerce in 1845, and who was three times Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Michigan, will be a guest of honor.

The prominent jurist has many friends in this section and a large number of old residents are looking forward to greeting him. The committee considers itself highly fortunate in securing Judge Moore's assurance that he will attend.

Probably few young men living at the time of the Civil War have so interesting a story as Judge Moore, in connection with that conflict. Judge Moore, had two brothers, and the oldest enlisted, leaving the two at home. The family could spare but one, and both desired to enlist.

Draw Lots To Enlist
On a December morning in 1864, Joseph drew the lucky number, and immediately went to Detroit and enlisted.

He was in barracks but ten days, however, when to his great disappointment, the surgeon refused to accept him for military home. He was nineteen years old at the time.

The day after the surgeon's edict, Joseph's brother went to Detroit and enlisted, and served faithfully until he close of the war.

Degrees From Hillsdale
Mr. Moore, who was granted his Doctor of Master of Arts and Doctor of Laws by Hillsdale College, moved to Lapeer in 1868, and entered the practice of law. He was chosen mayor of Lapeer, prosecuting attorney, and state senator. He was elected Supreme Court Justice in 1895, and re-elected in 1905, 1913, and 1921. He retired about a year ago.

During 1904, 1905, 1912 and 1920, Judge Moore was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State. He is 82 years old, and still active.

SCHOOL OPENS IN FARMINGTON WITH 422 IN 12 GRADES

Enrollment Total Shows A Slight Decrease In Comparison With 1926 Figure

Four hundred and twenty-two pupils were registered in Farmington schools early this week. The figure is a slight decrease in comparison with last year's total, 431 being enrolled a year ago.

The largest enrollment in single classes is 37, there being several grades with that number. The smallest class is the senior, with 24 registered. There is an increase of five in this class over last year.

Removal of the car line service to Farmington, with consequent lessening of convenience in reaching the Farmington school, is ascribed by school authorities at the probable reason for decrease in total enrollment.

The number of pupils enrolled in the various classes is as follows:

Kindergarten	31
First Grade	32
Second Grade	32
Third Grade	25
Opportunity Room	9
Fourth Grade	37
Fifth Grade	34
Sixth Grade	30
Seventh Grade	37
Eighth Grade	37
Ninth Grade	37
Tenth Grade	32
Eleventh Grade	25
Twelfth Grade	22
Total	422

A CROWD AT THE DANCE
is always assured if you advertise it in the columns of this newspaper.

Send in your news items early. Phone 25-F2.

GREAT INCREASE IN ENROLLEMENT IN THE CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL

So busy were officials of the Clarenceville School with the work of registering pupils early this week that a complete report on the enrollment in the school could not be obtained.

Incomplete reports indicate, however, that the enrollment this year will total about 700, a tremendous increase over last year, when about 550 pupils attended the school. It is feared that overcrowding may result from the great influx of new pupils.

NEW SCHOOL IN WEST POINT PARK OPENED TUESDAY

Ten Grades To Be Taught In New Building; Forty High School Pupils

Children of West Point Park instead of a little one-room school house, found a modern four-room school waiting for them. West Point Parkers proud of the work achieved in the building of this school.

The needs of the community have grown so rapidly during the past year that the people realized a twelve grade school would soon be necessary. They have taken a great step toward this goal in the addition of two grades this year, making it a ten grade school.

They In High School
With the students who have enrolled from Livonia Center school, there are about forty children in the high school.

The attendance in the lower grades is also greatly increased this year over that of last.

We have this year, four teachers on our staff, Mrs. H. J. Wagonschultz, who has taught in West Point Park for five years, who will teach the fourth, fifth and sixth grades; Miss Bernice Finnigan, who was with us last year, and who took work in child psychology and kindergarten methods this summer, will again take the kindergarten grade.

The other grades will have as their teachers, Miss Ethel English of Manchester and Miss Tinsley of Kentucky. Both teachers have college degrees and Miss Tinsley, who will be principal, has taught for several years.

Reception For Teachers
Friday evening of this week the people of West Point Park will give the teachers a welcome in the form of a reception to be held under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher Association.

West Point Park plans many things this winter and hopes to grow as rapidly as in the last year.

DAMAGES PAID BY CITY FOR CRASH ON OILED STREET

Oil On Road Causes Truck To Skid And Overturn On Division Street

The City of Farmington found oiling the streets an expensive undertaking, Wednesday night when a claim for damages for \$25 was paid to James Season. Mr. Season's truck skidded in the oil on Division street and turned over a few days ago.

According to reports, Season was riding west on Shiawassee street with his two daughters in his truck, and turned south on Division street. His car started to skid in the thick, slippery coat of oil on the road, and Season put on the brakes. His truck turned over.

Deputy Clayton Stokes examined the damaged car at Mayor Butlerfield's request. At the meeting of the Commission Wednesday night, the commissioners voted to place Season's truck in as good condition as before the accident. The cost was estimated at \$25.

MYSTIC WORKERS OF EAST FARMINGTON TO MEET NEXT FRIDAY

The Mystic Workers of East Farmington will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Seeley on Friday, September 16 for supper.

A want ad in the Enterprise will bring results.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON CITY AFFAIRS MADE BY MAYOR

Survey Of Fire Equipment, Improved Police System Among Suggestions To Commission

Eight recommendations, containing a number of important proposals regarding municipal affairs, were presented to the Farmington City Commission at the regular monthly meeting Wednesday night, by Mayor Wells D. Bunterfield.

Some of the recommendations sum up matters previously discussed by the commission, and all are intended to bring city affairs on a par with municipal government everywhere.

Police work, the fire department, public works, and other departments of city work are covered in the recommendations. Among the most important are a survey of the entire fire equipment, to be accompanied by recommendations for making the department efficient; improvement of accommodations for prisoners, with provision for an attendant whenever prisoners are held in cells; provision of a time clock for the night watchman; manner of taxation for the Laing drain; naming of a fall clean-up day; and provisions for substituting sodium chloride for oil in city streets.

As submitted to the commission the recommendations are as follows:

1. That hereafter until arrangements are made an attendant shall be present during the night whenever a prisoner occupies a cell in the city building, the Police Commissioner to arrange for such service. (Continued on Page Five)

FARMINGTON MAN WILL SUPERVISE BIG IMPROVEMENT

G. H. Riddle To Have Charge Of Sewer and Paving Project In Northville

The City Commission of Northville has retained G. H. Riddle, registered civil engineer of Farmington to supervise the installation of a big paving and sewer program that they the starting at once.

Northville plans to pave about two miles of her principal residential streets as well as to widen and curb the main street this fall. Other streets will be paved the coming year.

To Start At Once
Mr. Riddle has been authorized to proceed immediately with work that will amount to about \$150,000.00 and give Northville a good start to a city of paved streets.

Mr. Riddle is well qualified to undertake this work and we know that Northville will be well taken care of.

THE LUCK OF 'LITTLE JOE' WORKS FOR HIM WHILE HE SLUMBERS

On a platform flooded with bright lights and surrounded by hundreds of breathlessly eager men, women and children, a tall man drew from a large metal container a pasteboard ticket. He held the ticket aloft, while the crowd waited, and then read a magic number. A silence followed, and then a name was read.

In his bedroom, not far from the lighted platform, a small boy lay sleeping, dreaming perhaps of a toy automobile with red wheels, a bumper, and a horn. He slept the whole night through, and not until Tuesday morning did "Little Joe" DeVriendt, 5 years old, become aware that he won a real automobile, the Chevrolet roadster given away by the American Legion on Gala Day. Joe's parents already own a Chevrolet, so a ready customer's money has been put in trust to start "Little Joe" off to college fifteen years from now.