

## Changes In Mail Routes Will Be Made January 16

Three Routes To Be Combined Into Two Out Of Farmington Post-Office

An important change in rural mail routes out of Farmington is scheduled to take place on January 16, with one route being eliminated and two carriers assuming added mileage while some mileage will also be transferred to Northville.

Routes Nos. 1 and 2 will be combined, Postmaster Thomas H. McGee announces, and there will be no Route 3, Farmington, after January 15. Mrs. E. Middlewood, present Route 2 carrier, will become carrier for what is to be known as "Route 1," while Almeron Bidwell, present Route 3 carrier, will handle the new Route 2.

Ten miles will thus be taken from the rural routes out of Farmington. The present Route 3 comprises about 25 miles, with nearly 12 miles to be added to form the new Route 1, carried by Mrs. Middlewood, and about 13 to be added to the mileage covered by Mr. Bidwell.

The present, Route 3 goes west of Farmington, past Novi, and the portion west of Novi, an area three miles wide will be transferred to Northville, Route 1. The portion between Farmington and Novi will be on the new Route 1, which will go only as far as the Novi-Walled Lake road.

Mrs. Middlewood will cover 10.50 miles, as compared with 31.85 heretofore, and Mr. Bidwell, 43.41, as compared with 30.95 at present.

## UNION MEETINGS FOR PRAYER TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK

Baptist, Evangelical And Methodist Churches Will Participate

A series of meetings "for the cultivation of the spirit of prayer" and a closer spiritual union among the people of Farmington and surrounding country is being planned by three Farmington churches. The week of prayer has been set for next week when three meetings will be held.

The Baptist, Evangelical and Methodist churches will unite in the meetings, which will be alternated among the various church buildings with the pastors also alternating in brief addresses. The program for the meetings is as follows:

Wednesday, January 2: Prayer and address, "The Meaning of Prayer," by Rev. A. A. Schoen at Methodist Church.

Thursday, January 3: Prayer and address, "The Power of Prayer," by Rev. Elmer W. Palmer, at Evangelical Church.

Friday, January 4: Prayer and address, "The Results of Prayer," by Dr. H. Addis Leeson, Baptist Church.

All meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p. m.

**DON'T FORGET THE** Masquerade dance at West Point Park Community Hall, Friday evening, January 4th. 7-2-c

**Whatever It Is—It Pays To Advertise!**

Again it's seen that it pays to advertise! Last Saturday the Enterprise phone rang, and a man's voice said: "I notice that you contributed a full-page advertisement to the Farmington Goodfellow Fund." This was acknowledged and the voice continued: "I should like to make my contribution. This is Mr. Goodenough speaking. May I send it to you?"

A few minutes later an envelope was delivered to the Enterprise office, for the Goodfellow Fund, in it were two crisp new bills, one of \$20 and the other of \$5 denomination. A number of other contributions were also received.

## To Be Chief Aide



Charles L. Wilson, Jr. of North Farmington, who formerly practiced law in Farmington, is to assume the duties of first assistant prosecutor of Oakland County on January 1, under Prosecutor-elect Norman C. Orr.

## Machine Hits Gas Pump, Causes Fire

Driver And Two Children Escape As Flames Shoot Up Thirty Feet

Considerable excitement was caused and a possible explosion or serious fire averted at Farmington Junction Saturday evening when an automobile struck a gasoline pump at a filling station and was destroyed by the fire which followed. The flames shooting 30 feet high drew a large crowd, and caused an alarm to be sent to the Redford Township Fire Department, the Farmington Fire Department also responding.

The pump and car were ruined, and the presence of a gasoline-supply truck driver, who was filling the station's underground tank at the time, in removing the filler-hose and speeding the truck away, prevented a more serious result.

While driving toward Farmington Oscar Mullen of Farmington road and Walden avenue was forced from the road and his coupe struck one of the four gasoline pumps at the Standard Oil station, knocking it from its base, and causing the gallons of gasoline in the glass bowl to ignite. A stream of fire 30 feet high shot up.

Mullen's two children Floyd and Harry, were with him at the time, but all escaped injury.

The Farmington Fire Department responded to the alarm and in a few minutes had the fire out. The Redford Township Fire Department also came on call from S. A. Engel of the Old Southern Style Barbecue.

Bert Clark, Switzer and 13-Mile road, was driving toward the depot in Farmington at the same time as Mr. Mullen. He was about to cross Orchard Lake road Mr. Clark made a left turn, it is said. Mullen's car and Clark's collided.

A gasoline distribution truck driver, A. Dowd, filling the underground tanks. He quickly pulled up the filling hose and drove his truck out of danger.

## EXCHANGE CLUB CHOOSES CLARK AS NEW LEADER

President-Elect Unable To Be Present Due To Illness; Lamb Is Praised

John Clark was unanimously elected president of the Farmington Exchange Club for the next six months, at its meeting Thursday noon. Mr. Clark was unable to be present because of illness.

Arthur Lamb, retiring president, was praised for the accomplishments during his term among them the success of the "Goodfellow Fund" in which the Exchange Club took a part.

Other officers elected without opposition were: first vice-president, Edgar S. Pierce; second vice-president, Spencer J. Heeney; third vice-president, Harrison Johnson; secretary, Elmer W. Palmer (re-elected); treasurer, Hinman Nichols (re-elected); Board of Control, one year, Duane Tibbits, Frank Weaver, Arthur Lamb.

The Club will meet on Thursday again next week, instead of Wednesday, due to New Year's day falling on Tuesday.

## Permanent Group To Do Welfare Work Suggested

Uniting Of Organizations To Continue "Goodfellow" Idea May Be Attempted

A suggestion that a community wide organization be formed for permanent welfare work has followed the conspicuous success of Farmington's first "Goodfellow Fund" in providing Christmas cheer to needy families. The idea was placed before the Farmington Exchange Club Thursday noon by Rev. Elmer W. Palmer.

Rev. Palmer expressed the opinion that several organizations of the community, such as the American Legion, the Exchange Club, The Woman's Home Missionary Society, might appoint representatives to act as a continuing welfare group, which would care for needy cases not only at Christmas time, but throughout the year, investigating appeals for aid and also cases in which help appears necessary.

Rev. Palmer appealed for a greater co-operation between the several community organizations, and suggested, as one possibility, a get-together dinner of all business-people of the town, to be held some time in January and February.

The balance of \$153 remaining from the Goodfellow Fund collection, reported by Arthur Lamb, treasurer of the Fund, has been brought to the fore the problem of its best use, as well as of continuing work of this kind.

Twenty-five baskets were distributed on Christmas day to needy families, and over 300-bags of candy, nuts and oranges were given out Saturday night to children. Mr. Lamb reported. A total of \$356.85 was collected, expenditures being \$203.85. Other donations included ten bushels of potatoes, three bushels of apples, two dozen cabbages, one bushel of carrots, five jars of jelly, and four cans of apple sauce. The Detroit Edison Company furnished electric light bulbs, current and coloring material free of charge.

Thirty-five chickens were included in the 25 baskets, and in addition, each basket contained 20 pounds of potatoes, two loaves of bread, ten pounds of white flour, five pounds of pancake flour, peas, corn, jam, apples, carrots, cabbage, butter, sugar, and chickens according to the size of the family. One hundred pounds of nuts, the same amount of candy, and 30 dozen oranges went into the kiddies' bags.

The Exchange Club gave President Lamb a basket of gifts for his work for the Fund, and expressed appreciation also to others who helped.

**Carols Are Sung**

One hundred and fifty men, women and children gathered in the Town Park Saturday evening to sing Christmas carols. Scores more sat in machines along the curbs. The damp cold kept many from the ground, but those present enjoyed the singing and the visit of "Santa Claus," who distributed gifts to those before the S. D. Harger represented "Santa Claus."

## CORRESPONDENTS ILL

North Farmington news items this week are by Mrs. J. B. Bullis, substituting for Mrs. Brakine Evans. Clareville and Holly-wood columns are omitted this week due to illness of Mrs. Fred Menke and Herbert L. Lindstrom.

## Santa Sent One Man What He Asked For

Santa Claus heeded the appeal of John Thayer, resident of Thomas street, Farmington, for "either paving or a bank," made before the City Commission recently.

As Christmas presents Mr. Thayer received two tiny boats, one from a brother-in-law, and another from Plymouth. Both "Santas" had read of Mr. Thayer's request in the Enterprise. Neighbors expect to see a sail hoisted any day.

## Henry Ford Thanks a Farmington Township Man for Old Wall-Mirror

Among several thousand returned on and every part functioned without jar or sound. "That 'yes, sir' was the secret of my long and pleasant employment under Mr. Ford, for a soon learned that 'guessers' did not stand very high in his estimation. "When work became slack in the Edison plant I went to the Pemberty machine shop, but there were only a short time when Mr. Ford sent for me, and to that act on his part I owe my life, for the next day the boiler from the Pemberty shop blew up, killing 30 workmen, the man who had succeeded to my bench being among the number.

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A feature which on the Detroit Free Press while strolling thru the museum in quest of material for a newspaper story, came upon this mirror and of it he wrote:

"We had pressed the sign that once adorned the school house where Henry Ford learned the elements, long shelves of old books, paraphernalia that was common in the hoop-skirt days and came to an old mirror. With it was a letter.

"It was from a man who worked for the Detroit Edison company when the automobile magnate was putting up with his engine. He had written to Mr. Ford substantially that this mirror was one that once hung in the engine room of the Edison Company, that he and Ford remember 'Henry'—used to waste the grime from their faces before it and perhaps, he thought his old workmate would like to have it as a memento of what he used to be before the gods linked arms with Engineer Ford and made him one of industry's outsiders."

In relating to the present writer the story of his association with Mr. Ford in the days when the automobile was only a dream and the name of Henry Ford unknown outside of a limited circle, Mr. Schellenberger said recently:

"In my early days I was a loco-engineer and for several months had a run on the Michigan Central Railroad. Always being of a mechanical turn of mind I concluded to quit railroading and secure a position as a machinist. My first job was with the Great Lakes Engineering Co., where I worked for some time at boiler making.

"There came a dull spell and one day while down in Detroit City I decided to look into the Edison building where a new engine was being made ready for operation. I approached the foreman and asked for employment. He referred me to another man who I afterwards learned was Henry Ford. Mr. Ford asked me if I could read blue prints and when I assured him I could he put me to work on the new engine, remembering that there seemed to be something wrong with it. I soon located the seat of trouble and made a necessary adjustment. A day or two later down in Detroit City I was called to me and asked if it was all right. I was about to reply 'I guess so,' but something told me that 'guesses' were not very popular with Mr. Ford, and I simply replied 'yes, sir.' Steam was

turned on and every part functioned without jar or sound. "That 'yes, sir' was the secret of my long and pleasant employment under Mr. Ford, for a soon learned that 'guessers' did not stand very high in his estimation. "When work became slack in the Edison plant I went to the Pemberty machine shop, but there were only a short time when Mr. Ford sent for me, and to that act on his part I owe my life, for the next day the boiler from the Pemberty shop blew up, killing 30 workmen, the man who had succeeded to my bench being among the number.

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## Start Fund For Baptist Building

Church Leaders Announce Plan; Contributions By Non-Members Voluntary

An effort to raise funds for the building next Spring of the new Baptist Church Sunday school building will soon be under way, church leaders have announced, and plans are already formulated for the work. It is hoped to start construction with the first mild weather in the Spring.

The endeavor will be made to raise the necessary money among members of the church and those who desire to make voluntary contributions, in addition to a mortgage on the church property. Church leaders emphasize, however, that there will be no solicitation of funds from the general public, and that the money-raising will be confined to church members and voluntary contributions from whoever desires to aid the church.

## MRS. E. J. TREMPER, FORMER RESIDENT, CALLED BY DEATH

Companionship of 44 Years Ended In Death Of Farmington Resident

News of the death of Mrs. Eliza J. Tremper Christmas day in Northville, while not unexpected was received in sorrow by her friends in Farmington. She had lived a long and useful life. Of a serene and happy disposition she found her greatest enjoyment in helping others. The latter part of her life she was a helpless invalid but uncompromising and always sensible of the devotion and love of the those that ministered to her.

For years she and her family were well known residents of Farmington. Thomas Tremper, her husband, died here in 1852. Mrs. Tremper was 91 years old. She is survived by her daughter, Grace Tremper, who through long years has given her mother a devoted and a love that never faltered or complained.

Eliza Jane Sulphren was born in Cavreza County, N. Y. June 20, 1837 and came to Michigan with her parents at 16 years of age. On December 27, 1857 she was united in marriage to Thomas Tremper, who died June 22, 1892.

She resided in Northville since 1908 among many friends who have since deceased. Mrs. Tremper was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The funeral services will be Friday at 2 p. m. at the Methodist Episcopal Church, her pastor Rev. William Richards officiating and interment will be in the Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington.

Spencer J. Heeney was in charge of arrangements.

## One Dead, Many Ill As 'Flu' Wave Hits Farmington

Hundreds Stricken In Worst Epidemic In Years; Whole Families Suffering

With one man dead and hundreds ill, one critically, of influenza, Farmington is in the grip of the worst epidemic of illness in years, if not in its history. No count is available of the number of cases, but the homes are few in this section, both in the City and throughout the surrounding territory, in which there are not one or more in the family ill. In some cases several in the family are confined to their beds or to their home.

The epidemic appears to have respected no age, men, women and children from the youngest to those well along in years having been affected.

Physicians have been kept busy day and night, and efforts to locate nurses where they are needed, have failed, many nurses being themselves ill.

John Greenman, father of five children died Saturday at his home in Parker subdivision, south of Farmington, after only two days' illness. He was 31 years old.

Erskine Evans, former rural carrier, is critically ill at his home on Lakeway drive. Mr. Evans was taken ill last week and will probably be confined for some time.

Many of the cases are not severe, and remaining in bed with complete rest, is advised by doctors.

A number of cases have been reported at Novi, where School Superintendent Culver is reported suffering from intestinal influenza. The epidemic is not believed as severe there, however, as in Farmington.

As an instance of the spread of the epidemic, four of the seven correspondents of the Farmington Enterprise are ill, in addition to the illness of Mr. Evans, husband of Mrs. E. W. Evans, North Farmington correspondent.

**May Delay School**

School authorities said Thursday that it is planned to open school next Thursday, January 3, unless the influenza epidemic is so severe that it is deemed advisable to delay the opening.

Supt. Ralph Baker said that thus far there has been no change in the scheduled opening.

## Obituary

John Greenman was born in Fife Lake, Mich., 31 years ago and died in Farmington December 22. In his short residence in Farmington, he made many friends, who respected him for his integrity, and qualities that make a man. His friends and the entire community are in deep sympathy with the entire family.

Burial took place at Oakwood Cemetery, with Dr. H. Addis Leeson officiating at the service.

—A Friend

Funeral services were held last week for Mrs. E. Elie Briggs Garlick, of Novi, mother of Fred Garlick of Farmington. Mrs. Garlick passed away on December 17, after four weeks' illness.

E. Elie Briggs was born in Lexington, October 1853. She was married in 1875 to Frank Garlick, six children being born, one dying in infancy.

Five children survive: William Garlick of San Francisco, Mae Doyle of Marlette, Len Atkinson of Novi, Frank Garlick of Cleveland, and Fred Garlick of Farmington; one brother, C. C. Briggs of Belding, Mich.

Russell Emerson Leesch, 6 years old, only child of Mrs. Amorius Leesch, of Pasadena Park, died Saturday afternoon at 1:55. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The funeral services will be Friday at 2 p. m. at the Methodist Episcopal Church, her pastor Rev. William Richards officiating and interment will be in the Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington.

Sheldon Beckwith, 5, of 302 Grand River avenue, Farmington, died early Thursday afternoon of droup. Burial took place at Oakwood Cemetery at 4 o'clock.