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## Board Discusses H. S. Situation In Athletics

### Handicap In Athletic Competition With Larger Schools Is Described

Farmington High School's athletic situation, with reference to the handicap suffered by the school in its present competition, occupied the attention of the Board of Education at its January meeting last Thursday evening.

The board made inquiry of Superintendent Ralph B. Baker, as to the time spent in practice and in games, among other phases of the situation.

The questions regarding the athletic competition developed following discussion of the work and time spent by teachers. Supt. Baker said that the high school girls were limited to basketball practice three times a week. The boys have four practice sessions and one game a week. Two of the practice periods are in the afternoon and two in the evening.

"Under the circumstances," Supt. Baker told the board, "We have to work the very hardest in order to make any kind of showing at all against the teams we are playing. The teams of other schools in the league are so much bigger and have so many more students to draw from—their players are much larger and heavier than our boys."

Supt. Baker cited as an instance the addition of Lincoln Park High School to the League. "Next year Lincoln Park will be in the League," he said. "They have 142 freshmen entering high school in one class. We can't expect to meet them on even terms."

Trustee Lloyd Gullen inquired about the practice periods. Supt. Baker, after stating the hours, said that members of the basketball squad should be home by 9:30 p. m. on the nights of practice.

"We defeat our own purpose if the boys and girls' work too hard at athletics," said Mrs. Emil Roos, president of the board. No definite action was taken on the situation at the meeting.

## AUTOS CRASH IN CONVENIENT PLACE—FRONT OF GARAGE

### Sudden Stop Sends Big Sedan Into Parked Automobile On Grand River

Occupants of two automobiles escaped injury in a severe crash on Grand River avenue in Farmington Monday. Both cars were badly damaged.

The collision occurred in front of the General Garage, in the west end of the business section. George R. Williams of Route 2, Farmington, was driving a large sedan west on Grand River and following another sedan. The first car slowed down to draw up at the north curb and Williams, to avoid striking it, put on his brakes quickly.

Williams' machine skidded over the ice into a parked car, owned by Irene Kramer, 22 N. Cass avenue, Pontiac. Both cars were taken into the General Garage.

## NEW OAKLAND 48" AND PONTIAC SIX ARE SHOWN HERE

### J. T. Alcock, Inc., Present 1930 Models Of Oakland; Company

The latest product of the Oakland Motor Car Company—the Oakland V-type Eight, a fast, powerful car which stands alone as the only automobile in the moderate price field using this design of motor, is now being played by J. T. Alcock, Inc., in Farmington.

With the new Oakland Eight and the newly-styled, mechanically improved New Series Pontiac Big Six, the Oakland Motor Car Company offers products of fresh appeal to a wide range of buyers.

Seven models including two open body types, are offered on both the Oakland Eight and the Pontiac Big Six. Both cars offer ample reserves of power. The Pontiac develops 60 brake horsepower from an engine of 2000 cubic inch expansion at 3000 (Continued on page four)

## Speaks Here Sunday



Rev. Bert Ede, pastor of Walled Lake Methodist Church will speak at Farmington Methodist Church Sunday evening, exchanging pulpits with Dr. H. Addis Leeson, who will preach at Walled Lake.

## Father-Daughter Banquet Planned

### Farmington Methodist Church Plans To Reverse Usual Combinations

An innovation in the annual banquets held for parents and their children is planned this year by Farmington Methodist Church, according to an announcement made this week by Dr. H. Addis Leeson, pastor.

Instead of the usual Father and Son and Mother and Daughter dinners, the affairs this year will be gatherings of fathers with daughters and mothers with sons. The Father and Daughter banquet will be held first, on the evening of St. Valentine's Day, February 14, in the Methodist dining hall.

A prominent man will be selected as speakers for the fathers and daughters. St. Valentine's Day decorations and atmosphere will prevail. Sons will be writers upon the fathers and daughters, and women will prepare the food. Miss Merlah Andrews and Mrs. F. L. Cook are in charge of the arrangements.

At the later banquet for mothers and their sons, the arrangement will be reversed. A woman will be the speaker, men will preside in the kitchen and daughters will serve. The date will be announced later.

## CEMETERY ASSN. RE-ELECTS SAME HEADS FOR 1930

### Clarenceville Organization Adds New Trustee; Plan To Beautify Cemetery In Spring

All officers of the Clarenceville Cemetery Association were re-elected at the annual meeting of the Association held Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was at the home of Charles Heise, Clarenceville.

A new trustee, Jesse Ziegler, was also added to the board of directors. Mr. Heise was re-elected president. Mr. Ziegler vice-president. Mrs. Julia Tyler, secretary and George Nacker, treasurer.

A very good financial report was made and accepted. The members voted to beautify the cemetery in the Spring with new shrubs and trees. Every effort is being made by the Association to make the cemetery as beautiful as possible, in consideration of the funds available.

## Our Abused Michigan Weather—Not So Bad!

Is Michigan's climate so bad? City Clerk M. H. Power says "No!" and cites the weather report on Tuesday of this week, a fairly nice day in Farmington. The reports from 32 cities all over the country showed not a single announcing clear skies. Included were those citadels of sunshine, Florida and California. Jacksonville reported cloudy and Los Angeles the same. All Florida and California papers, please copy.

## Two Hour Limit On Parking May Be Established

### Double Parking Difficulty On Grand River Increases; Officials Seek Solution

Establishment of a two-hour limit on parking of automobiles in Farmington's business section in the Spring is regarded as likely, due to the difficulties officials have been facing in their efforts to control double-parking, according to a statement this week by Emory O. Hatton, police commissioner of the City.

For many months double-parking on Farmington's congested main street has bothered the city authorities, and of late it has greatly increased. At times the highway is virtually blocked for short periods.

The situation is regarded as serious for both motorists and business-men by Commissioner Hatton, who says that many have become so accustomed to double-parking in the business section that they do not take the trouble to back into a place, beside the curb when there is an opening.

"I do not believe we should do anything while the snow is on the streets," said Mr. Hatton. "At least, not until after March 1. But we must make some regulation to control parking during the day. Things are also very bad on Saturday evenings, when people driving cars can hardly get through the town."

Not all of the fault lies with the motorists, according to officials. Much of it is due to the all-day parking of cars by people who take their cars uptown and leave them on the street in the business section all day long, and drive them home at the end of the business day.

"A parking place was provided for cars near Grand River," said Mr. Hatton. "But no one seems to want to use it unless they are forced to walk a half a block or a block after parking the car."

It is believed that the two-hour parking limit would be welcomed by shoppers and others coming uptown on business, if it pointed out that two hours allows ample time for shopping or visiting a physician or dentist, but would correct the all day parking problem.

## OFFICERS CHOSEN BY 2 GROUPS AT CLARENCEVILLE

### I. O. O. F. Temple Association And Edgewood Rebekah Lodge Name Leaders

New officers were elected Monday evening by the fellowship Temple Association of Clarenceville, composed of members of Clarenceville Lodge, I. O. O. F.

The officers chosen were: A. Rolfe, president; William Lindmeyer, vice president; William Fox, secretary; George Marsh, treasurer; Don Parks, John Bigg, and Noble Parmenter, directors; O. Berg, James Layn, A. Rolfe, and George Parks, trustees.

Officers were also elected by Edgewood Rebekah Lodge, No. 290, Tuesday evening. They are as follows:

Noble Grand, Edna Blain. Vice grand, Olive Parks. Recording secretary, Mamie Armitage. Treasurer, Frederika Fox. Financial secretary, Ella McCarthy. Trustees, 3 years: Isabelle Menke; 2 years, Gertrude Macoit; 1 year, Mable Parmenter.

## Firemen Called Out Early Sunday Morning

Farmington firemen were called out at 5:30 a. m. Sunday morning by a small blaze at the S. A. Engel barbecue at Farmington Junction. The fire was caused by grease dripping in the kitchen. The night attendant had been cleaning the chimney flues in the kitchen, and after cleaning them, lighted a piece of paper to test out the draft. Grease on the under side of the canopy started the fire. The attendant was unable to put out the fire with an extinguisher and Mr. Engel called the fire department. There was no damage.

## Search Fails For Bandit Pair Who Held Up Novi Grocery; Loot \$283

Search of several days has failed to yield any clues to the two bandits who on Saturday evening held up the Kroger Grocer and Baking Co. store at Novi and escaped with \$283 from the store cash register. The men are believed to have gone through Farmington on their way to Detroit after the robbery.

The holdup occurred about 10:30 p. m., as the store was about to be closed. The manager and his assistant found themselves facing two men, one with a gun. They were forced into a rear room and locked in while the bandits rifled the cash register.

The men are said to have escaped in a large touring car. A woman waiting for a car in front of the police booth in Farmington reported about that time seeing a touring car with two men driving rapidly past toward Detroit.

## Educational Unit Dedication Feb. 2

### State Baptist Leaders Coming To Farmington For Exercises At New Building

Baptist leaders of Michigan will come to Farmington for dedication of the new Baptist Church educational unit, which is to be held on Sunday, February 2, according to an announcement this week by Rev. Elmer W. Palmer, pastor.

Dr. Ralph P. Andem, executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention, will be the main speaker of the occasion. Another speaker will be Dr. H. C. Gleiss, superintendent of the Detroit Baptist Union. Both men spoke at the ground-breaking exercises a number of months ago.

The exercises of dedication will begin at 3 p. m. in the new building. An effort is being made to get Rev. F. C. Currey, state evangelist, to speak at one of the three services planned during the day.

Ministers of the Detroit Baptist Ministers Conference have consented to hold their weekly meeting that week in Farmington. They will conduct a conference on evangelism on the afternoon of Monday, February 3, with Dr. Arthur E. Allen of Jefferson Avenue Baptist Church as leader. They will be served dinner at 6:30 p. m. by ladies of the church. They will speak during the Baptist night program to be held in the evening.

## 'CIRCUS SOLLY' IS PRESENTED TWICE BY WOMAN'S CLUB

### Good Attendance At Both Performances; New Faces Seen In Cast

"Circus Solly" a three-act musical comedy sponsored by the Farmington Woman's Club, played at the city houses Monday and Tuesday evenings in Farmington Town Hall.

Besides the familiar home talent seen often within the past year in Farmington Players' productions, "Circus Solly" presented several who were new to the audience—theatricality. They were Harrison Johnson, as the rustic village constable who regained his youth but retained his whiskers; Leonard Schultz, a new resident of the community whose acting indicated that he was not new to the stage, and Miss Mildred Adams, the "Widow Willow" whose "Far be it from me to say anything, but—" was well done and productive of frequent laughter.

Of those with whose work the audience was more familiar, Miss M. Marie Walling again demonstrated her ability to handle any part assigned to her, and excel in it. As "Annie" the town character, Miss Walling provided most of the atmosphere, and her song-and-dance, "Personality, I Love Spinach," accompanied by an opening and closing umbrella, was the funniest number in the show.

The chorus performed capably, the finale of Act I being particularly well done. The entire company was much praised for their accomplishment in preparing for the show in only ten days' time.

A wave of spy mania is sweeping the Balkan countries.

## Gives Assurance Of Grand River Being Completed

### Increased Double-Parking On Grand River Troubles City Officials

Residents of Farmington and others interested in the completion of the Grand River widening and paving, the Cut-off to Farmington, are reassured that the work will go forward again as soon as weather permits, by statements of Grover C. Dillman, State Highway Commissioner.

It is said that the threatened suit by Wayne County against the State for return of \$3,000,000 in automobile weight and gas taxes would, if successful, halt all State highway building plans and prohibit the carrying out of the 1930 construction program. While the widening of Grand River avenue was on the 1929 program, the fact that it is not yet completed caused some apprehension in regard to it, in view of reports regarding the threatened Wayne County suit.

In an effort to determine as definitely as possible whether the Grand River and Cut-off projects would be affected, the Enterprise directed an inquiry to Highway Commissioner Dillman. Commissioner Dillman's reply is as follows:

January 8, 1930. Mr. H. Levinson, Publisher, The Farmington Enterprise, Farmington, Michigan. Dear Mr. Levinson:

I have noted with considerable interest your letter of the 4th relative to the 1930 construction program as a whole, and particularly the construction work in your vicinity.

The project from Farmington east to the Eight Mile road on Grand River, also the route as far west as the south Farmington road, is under contract, and the money has been budgeted to cover cost of same. I do not believe that the efforts being made to divert gas tax collections from the cities, and the more recent attempts that it appears may be made by parties in Wayne County to refund practically all the weight tax to the counties, will delay the completion of these two projects.

Any statements I have made relative to holding up the 1930 road construction, program has had to do with new projects not under construction of which there are many important ones in southeastern Michigan.

Yours very truly, Grover C. Dillman, State Highway Commissioner.

## PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION TO MEET WEDNESDAY

### Change Made In Meeting Date; State President Coming In March

The Farmington Parent-Teacher Association will hold its next meeting Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, January 22. The program committee announces two talks: "Home Play" by Mrs. A. R. Crawford and "The Health of the High School Child" by Mrs. A. A. Schoen.

Because of an especially interesting program, the March meeting will be held on the evening of March 26. Mrs. Pettengill, State president of the Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers, will speak. This is on a Wednesday evening, instead of the usual Thursday afternoon gathering.

Members are asked to note the change in the date of the January meeting. The change from Thursday to Wednesday was made to avoid conflict in date with the monthly meeting of the Farmington Woman's Club.

Special interest is made at this time by the president of the Association for the co-operation and interest of the parents. The day of every meeting thus far has been stormy and attendance has not been as large as the leaders have hoped for. Members are urged to make an extra effort to attend the meetings from now on.

The North Farmington Cemetery Auxiliary will convene Jan. 21, at the West Bloomfield Town Hall, for a regular meeting. Dinner will be served at noon, to which all interested are invited.