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## Large Class To Be Graduated At Farmington H. S.

Twenty-three Girls, Seventeen Boys To Get Diplomas From Farmington

Forty seniors, by far the largest class to be graduated at Farmington High School, will receive their diplomas at Commencement exercises to be held on Thursday evening, June 9. Twenty-three of the graduates are girls and seventeen are boys.

Exercises this year will be simpler than on previous commencement occasions. The Commencement ceremonies will be combined with class night exercises. Following the program by members of the class, there will be presentation of diplomas. There will be no Commencement address. It is possible that someone from out-of-town will be requested to attend and present the diplomas with a few remarks, but this has not been definitely decided.

The class roster is as follows: Elaine Auten, Virginia Bostwick, Marian Erwin, Lucille Jacobs, Beulah Gullen, Marguerite Huffman, Metha Jorgenson, Frances Kinsel, Gladys Krumm, Viola Lamb, Dwayne Murphy, Bessie Palacky, Edna Penn, Dolores Reay, Lena Shampo, Jean Storms, Margaret Sterling, Annetta Tweedy, Irene Taylor, Dorothy Uley, Ellen Webb, Esther Fenningdorf, Roger Blain, Fred Brooks, William Cairns, Harold Chamberlain, Earl Clappison, Ray Fend, Clarence Ferris, James Frantz, Frank Kerr, Leonard Kozlowski, Lewis Maas, Paul Nelson, Roy Reynolds, Edward Shoemaker, Atwin Stump, Russell Waack, Wayne Wagner.

## OFFICERS FIRE ON, SEIZE BURGLARS AT WALLED LAKE

Three Youths Captured After Chase Following Store-Breaking

An attempt to burglarize a grocery store at Walled Lake was made by John Gallagher, 24; Lloyd Murray, and Norris Hoffmann all of Detroit.

The thieves were discovered by Deputy Walter Lowry at 3 a. m. Friday, who called Deputy Willie Coe. The intruders refused to surrender, which caused Deputy Lowry to open fire. The men fled and were overtaken near the Masonic Temple, about two blocks from the business section.

The young men held at the County jail and for an investigation on breaking and entering charges.

Held On Forgery Charge Deputy Willie Coe also picked up E. H. Dupont, of Sears Lake near New Hudson on a charge of forgery. Dupont gave Earl Parris, of R. Carnes Lumber Co., Walled Lake, a check for \$5.00 for a sack of cement and received the change. Mr. Parris became suspicious and reported the check.

About twenty checks have been returned in various parts of the country, which were forged by Dupont.

## SPECIAL OFFER TO INTRODUCE NEW HYDRAULIC LIFT

Earl Vivier Service Station Makes Get-Acquainted Offer To Motorists

A "get-acquainted" offer to owners of automobiles to introduce a new hydraulic lift for motor cars, is announced this week by Earl Vivier, in an advertisement on page 5.

Installation of the lift, which raises the car over the floor for the floor for lubrication and eliminates the necessity of crawling under to reach the chassis, was recently completed. The lift is the first of its kind to be installed by a gasoline station in this vicinity.

Mr. Vivier's offer is of a complete specialist's lubrication service together with other useful incidents, at a special low price for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

## Name Chief Doyle To Curb 'Skipping School'

Chief of police Lee Doyle of Farmington has been designated as Farmington Schools' truant officer by the Board of Education, it was announced this week.

The Board took the step in an effort to curb the widespread practise of "skipping school", which has been popular and frequently indulged in by pupils in various classes for some time. It is expected that with Chief Doyle aiding the school authorities, the pastime may be kept within bounds.

## 5 Escape, Lose Home In Blaze

Smoke Awakens Father, Family Rushes From House; Was Show Place On Grand River

A family of five were driven from their beds at three o'clock Thursday morning and saw their comparatively new home, one of the show-places of Grand River burned to the ground with all their furniture and possessions. The handsome residence of L. H. Spicer, well-to-do building contractor, three miles west of Farmington on Grand River Road, a structure believed to be as near fire-proof as builders' skill could make it, fell in flames and burnt for the fire subsided.

So fiercely did the flames burn, so hotly was the fire, that the family's escape after they could not even reach their telephone to call for aid. They were forced to drive to the assistance. The department responded and might have been of help but there was no sufficient water supply available. A cistern that might have supplied water was nearly dry.

Mr. Spicer was awakened by smoke and aroused his family. The flames and smoke were on the west side of the house, where the telephone was, and there was no choice but to rush outside, leaving behind clothing as well as furniture.

The residence, which drew much comment from passing motorists because of its striking appearance was built only a little over a year ago. It was of red and yellow brick, laid in unusual patterns. Because of the lack of water supply, every precaution that might make the house safer from fire was included, and the place was pointed to as a real modern "fire-proof" home. No expense had been spared in its construction.

The cause of the fire is not known.

No other buildings were near enough to be endangered. The Spicers are temporarily occupying a tenant-house on the property.

## MISS D. L. KURTZ TO GIVE GRADUATION RECITAL FRIDAY

Farmington Student Of Piano To Receive Diploma After Program

Miss Irene T. Kremer of Pontiac will present one of her pupils, Miss Dorothée L. Kurtz, in a graduation piano recital at Salem Evangelical church in Farmington, Friday evening, May 20, at 8 o'clock.

Miss Kurtz, having satisfactorily completed the prescribed graduate course of study, in piano playing and teaching, will be awarded her graduation diploma by Miss Kremer. Mrs. Rita Kastner, vocalist, and Miss Edna Caroline Schroeder, reader, both of Pontiac will assist with solos and readings.

Edward Eaton, teacher and director of band of Farmington High School will deliver an address and present the graduation diploma. The public is cordially invited to hear the program, which includes numbers by such noted composers as Beethoven, Schubert, Rossini, Chopin, Wagner-Liszt and Moszkowski.

## Town Board Cuts Budget; Welfare Relief A Problem

Last Year's Total Cut Nearly One-Fourth; Undecided On Welfare Appropriation

Ten thousand dollars, or nearly one-fourth of the total was lopped off last year's budget for Township purposes by the Farmington Township Board Tuesday night in making up the appropriation for the coming year. A total of \$28,000 was appropriated for three departments, as compared with \$38,000 allowed last year.

One of the major problems remains to be met, however, in the question of poor relief, and the Board is divided on the matter. Unless there is a reversal of action on the part of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, Farmington Township and all others must begin to care for its own indigents next January 1. This was voted by the Board last October, and it will be upset at the session next fall.

Farmington Township actually should gain by it, since a report from the Auditors shows that under the County system, Farmington Township paid \$31,507.65 in taxes to the County for poor relief in the past year and received \$23,639.42. However, the matter of raising the money by Township levy is one that gives the officials no little concern.

## A Tie Vote

Supervisor Coe suggested an appropriation of \$20,000 and a motion to this effect received a tie vote, 2 to 2. Justice Blanchard stated that he preferred to consider the matter longer before giving it his vote. Justice Roberts declared that he believed it would be possible to get along without the appropriation, since the County owes the Township about \$18,000 in withheld delinquent tax money.

West Bloomfield, Supervisor Coe pointed out, recently appropriated \$28,000 for poor relief by a vote of the people, although that township's requirements from the County were a little less than Farmington's. He declared that provision must be made to feed the poor or serious consequences might arise next winter.

## Two Funds Cut

Savings in the budget were made possible by cutting the general fund from the \$30,000 appropriated last year to \$25,000, and the road repair fund from \$8,000 to \$2,000. However, it was found necessary to appropriate \$1,000 for highway improvement, which item was omitted from last year's budget.

The Board was inclined to make the same appropriation for the cemeteries as last year, but it was brought up that a demand had been made for "cuts all the way around", and the fund was reduced from \$200 to \$155. North Farmington cemetery is to get \$75 instead of \$100, and the East and West cemeteries each \$40 instead of \$50.

## AN ADVERTISER ADVERTISES SELF "RIGHT OUT OF PIE"

"Good Goods At Low Prices" Plus Advertising Cleans The Shelves

It's many years since first it was declared that "it pays to advertise," but the truth of it bobs up again and again. Sometimes it is only too true.

A. L. Ross, proprietor of Farmington Bakery, advertised last week a special price of 15 cents on pies for Saturday only—and he advertised himself right out of pie. Before evening, every pie in the place was gone—and people were still coming in for more. It was too late to overcome the effects of the advertisement and too late to bake any more pies for that day.

To permit all those who were disappointed last Saturday to get pies at the low price, Mr. Ross is operating the "special" this Saturday, along with his low prices on all other baked goods.

## References To Town Hall Ownership Found In Old Volume By C. G. Hogle

A real "find"—a treasure that may literally prove to be "worth its weight in gold" in the approaching litigation over the Farmington Town Hall ownership—was uncovered this week by Carl G. Hogle at the residence of his brother-in-law, George Simmons at Novi. What Mr. Hogle unearthed is an old and fascinating volume containing a history of Oakland County and every community in it.

The printing of the book and the discovery by Mr. Hogle of what it contains could scarcely have been more striking in their bearing on the Town Hall case if

## Salaries Are Out; Deadlock On Two

Township Board Makes Cuts, But Can't Agree On Clerk And Treasurer

Reductions in salaries of Township officials and employees were made by Farmington Township Board Tuesday night, but the Board adjourned without setting the pay for two of the most important officers, after a lengthy debate that resulted in a deadlock. The pay of the clerk and treasurer has not been acted upon.

Supervisor Arthur P. Coe volunteered a reduction of \$550 in his allowance for salary, expense and clerk hire, and it was adopted. Mr. Coe, who received \$2,250 salary, \$630 for expenses and \$1,170 for clerk hire, a total of \$4,050 last year, will receive a total of \$3,500. His pay last year represented a cut of 10 per cent from the previous year, \$4,500 having been the pay prior to that time.

Two motions regarding the salary of the clerk failed of passage. The clerk's salary last year was \$1,350 and \$90 for expense, representing a cut of 10 per cent from the preceding year. Totals of \$1,440 and \$1,300 failed to get approval. The matter was further complicated when it was recalled that if no salary is set, the clerk by law may draw \$5 a day for his services, which would total much more than the past year's salary. It is possible that he might elect to draw his salary of the past year if the board makes no change. The members finally gave it up and passed on to the next problem, which proved equally difficult.

Two motions on the treasurer's salary failed, one on a tie vote and the other for lack of support. The treasurer's salary last year was \$1,530, a reduction of 10 per cent from the previous year. A

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## Three Soft-Ball Teams Specialize -- One Wins, One Loses, One Just Ties

Farmington's soft-ball league of three teams, which is intensely growing at every game, is proving to be a success for most of the town on Wednesday and Friday evenings after dinner is over (and whether or not the dishes are done). Three teams, each of which apparently know how to do one thing, are proving a strong attraction and providing a lot of fun. The team captained by George Gilman, known as the "evils", knows only how to win games, or if they know anything else they try not to show it. Team No. 2 headed by Harrison Johnson, refuses to end any game with anything but a tie score. Team No. 1, true to its title, leads both of the others in knowledge if not in proficiency for it knows two things, how to lose and how to tie, but alas, not at all how to win.

One yard, one moderately exciting, and two surprisingly fast games have been played. The first contest, a 25-25 tie between Teams 1 and 2 is still remembered, and will be for a long time. The same teams managed to "cut" the scoring in half when next they met, but they ended up in just as tight a knot, 12-12.

both incidents had been deliberately planned as part of a story. The book, containing references to the Town Hall and the arrangement under which it was built, was compiled and printed in 1877, just a year after completion of the building, Mr. Hogle's uncovering of the material has occurred while attorneys are waiting for a date to take testimony and argue on the Town Hall suit.

Mr. Simmons had known of the existence of the book, but had not suspected that its contents included anything that might bear on the Town Hall question. It has been handed down in his family from father to son.

The volume is of a type rarely seen nowadays. Some idea of its appearance and contents may be gathered from the fact that it is more than a foot square, is nearly two inches thick and contains over 300 pages of articles and pictures about every township and community in the County, together with maps. The extent to which affairs and events of each community are covered in minute detail is astonishing, especially in view of the fact that the work was done in the days of hand-set type, and hand-fed presses. The pages have gilt edges.

There are two references to the Town Hall in the Farmington section. The first under the heading, "The Town Hall," reads as follows:

"The Farmington town-hall is a two-story brick building thirty by sixty feet in dimensions, which stands on the principal street, near the business centre of the village, and is an edifice which, in solidity and architectural beauty, is excelled by very few, if any, of similar character in Michigan, remarkable as this State is for the superiority of its public buildings. The lot—about five-eighths of an acre, was purchased of Mrs. Cynthia M. Collins for eight hundred dollars of which five hundred dollars was subscribed in the village as an inducement to secure the location of the building there. It was erected in 1876, and was completed ready for occupancy, in December of that year. The contract price was four thousand one hundred and fifty dollars, which by certain extra expenditures was increased to a total of four thousand three hundred dollars. Of this the Masonic Lodge paid eleven hundred fifty dollars for a per-

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TO GIVE CARD PARTY Mr. and Mrs. William Eckler of Shiawassee street will open their home to Farmington Chapter, O. E. S. for table bridge and pedro next Friday, May 27, during afternoon and evening.

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## Says Utilities Body May Favor Jitney Line Now

Mayor Reports State Commission Realizes Handicap, May Grant Franchise

The Michigan Public Utilities Commission, which has several times refused to grant a permit for a jitney line on Grand River between Farmington and Redford, in competition with or in preference to the service of the Eastern Michigan System, may alter its stand and grant such a franchise, according to Mayor Arthur Lamb of Farmington. Mayor Lamb, after a recent trip to Lansing, where he pointed out to officials the inadequacy of service provided by the Eastern Michigan System, especially since July 1, declares that the Lansing officials displayed a favorable attitude toward a jitney line in place of the present bus system.

According to the Mayor, one of the reasons for the rejections of applicants for permits heretofore has been lack of support for the jitney, applicants on the days when hearings were held. On all occasions heretofore, Mayor Lamb said, he was told by the only persons present were the jitney applicants and representatives of the Eastern Michigan System, the latter opposing the permits. In the face of evident lack of interest on the part of citizens or officials of the community urging a change, the inclination of the Commission was not to upset existing conditions.

According to Mayor Lamb, the official with whom he conferred indicated that there is opinion at Lansing that the type of vehicle and the schedule offered by the present permit holder is unsuited, and that the large bus being used is not adapted to the conditions.

This official agreed that seven passenger sedans run on a frequent schedule, affording a service valuable to working-men, is what is needed between Farmington and Redford, according to Mayor Lamb. He assured the Mayor that if a group of Farmington citizens and officials will appear and support the request for a jitney line permit, it will receive the sympathetic consideration of the Commission. The Lansing official also suggested that the local officials might help by taking an active interest in the filing of the application, to see that it is properly brought before the Commission.

## OFFER FREE TUBE WITH FIRESTONE SIX-PLY TIRES

Ford Sales To Give Tube With Each Tire; Prices Down To Record Low

A sensational offer that is of interest and value to every motorist is made in an announcement in this week's issue of the Enterprise, by Ford Sales and Service, distributing Firestone Gum-Dipped Cord tires in this vicinity. The unprecedented offer gives the tire buyer a free tube with every 6 or 8-ply Oldfield type tire purchased at the local Firestone Agency.

The offer is made at a time when tires are at the lowest prices in many years, with Firestone leading the way in selling high quality tires at prices usually quoted for non-standard brands. Tires are now so low in price that many, if not most motorists, have already found it cheaper to trade in or discard tires worn smooth, rather than incur the repair bills that may lie ahead.

Complete list of low prices on all sizes is contained in the announcement, which emphasizes the well-known Firestone policy, which is not to manufacture tires for mail-order houses or others to sell under different names and without the guarantee or endorsement of the manufacturer.

All sizes of tires are provided by the Ford Agency, which mounts and services the tires without charge. The "free tube" offer is for a limited time.