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High School Will Graduate Largest Class In History

53 Students To Finish Scholastic Careers At Commencement Exercises, June 1

The largest class in the history of Farmington High School will be graduated on Thursday, June 1 at commencement exercises to be held at Farmington M. E. Community Hall. The exercises will begin at 8:00 p. m.

Heading the graduating group this year is Howard Westfall, class president. The other officers are La Verne Sherman, vice-president, and Frances Schmidt, secretary-treasurer. R. C. Burns is faculty sponsor.

The 53 graduates are: Russell A. Miller, Robert Louis Spicer, Aubrey J. Kennedy, Helen L. Burns, Otto Regentik, George W. Wagner, Jack R. Quinlan, Roy N. Parker, Jack R. Reinke, Erna Frances Gray, Ralph Edward Rose, Inez Ruth Coates, Andrae Mae Dunfee, Howard Harry Westfall, William Hamilton, George Nelson, Harry P. Chapman, Fred Von Mecke, Vivian L. Addis, Mary Lou Fanzini, Ellen J. Cairns, Howard Waite Thayer, Wayne Mark Wikom, Sara Ada Leonard, Marvella Christina Auten, Helen Elizabeth Borchart, Carl Lehman, Gilbert Elwood Grimmie, Eugene B. Regentik, Frances I. Schmidt, Wilson Dowell, Kenneth Graham, Dorothy Smith, Charles J. Roediger, Elizabeth E. Turner, Elizabeth E. Sherbeth, Florence Alice Cook, Edward N. Candell, Ward O'Hara, John Rands Grant, Mildred S. Paulger, LaVerne C. Turner, Charles L. Collins, Germaine M. Beauchamp, Clayton J. Stamp, George J. Zerbini, Gail Lucille Reed, Floyd M. Cairns, Pearl Evelyn Brown, Martha Doris Schreyder, Wanda Lucille Drake, Abbie L. Kent, Myrtle May Bollhat.

The program is as follows: Music, High School Band, Invocation, Rev. Breitenbach, Salutatory, Helen Borchart, History of class, Elizabeth Turner, Class Prophecy, Ellen Cairns, Mildred Paulger, LaVerne Turner, Elizabeth Sherman, Aubrey Kennedy.

Class Poem, George Wagner, Class Will, Jack Grant, Valedictory Address, Wayne Wikom.

Presentation of Diplomas, Supp. Dalrymple, Benediction, Rev. Johnson.

Service will close in Farmington Thursday, June 1. The last classes will be held on that day, although the school will be open Friday, when report cards are given out.

PALMER IS ELECTED TO HEAD DETROIT MINISTERIAL GROUP

Farmington Pastor Honored By Baptists; Takes Office Immediately

Rev. Elmer W. Palmer, pastor of the Farmington Baptist church, was elected president of the Detroit Baptist Minister's Conference at the annual election held Monday in the Woodward Avenue Baptist church. He succeeds Rev. Roy Williamson, pastor of the Grand River church.

Rev. Palmer will hold the office to which he has been elected for a term of one year. He will preside over the meetings of the group next winter. These meetings will occur at two week intervals during the period between September 1, 1933 and May 1, 1934.

During the past year, Rev. Palmer served as vice-president of the conference. He is also a member of the state committee on the ministry of the Michigan Baptist Conference and clerk of the Detroit Baptist association.

During the eight years in which he has served the local church, Rev. Palmer has taken a prominent part in civic affairs. He is, at the present time, the secretary of the Exchange club.

Other officers elected at the Monday meeting were the Rev. George Ferguson, pastor of the Puritan Avenue church, vice-president; and the Rev. Magnus Burgess, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry West spent Sunday at Holly with Mr. and Mrs. Bendley.

Sell Poppies Saturday To Aid Disabled Vets

"Poppy Day" is here again. Saturday has been set aside as official Poppy Day, to raise funds for disabled veterans and also for the relief of distress and suffering.

Women of the Farmington Legion Auxiliary will conduct the sale Saturday, with the purpose of placing a poppy in the buttonhole of every passerby. The flowers that are to be sold were made by disabled soldiers in hospitals all over the country.

Citizens Accord Budget Approval

Only Two Changes Are Suggested; Discussion Centers On Assessors Plans

Farmington city's proposed budget for 1933-34, which cuts city operating expenses one-third, called forth virtually no criticism at the public hearing Wednesday night. Only two changes were asked, and those were of a minor nature.

It was suggested by Commissioner Emory Hatton that a fund of \$2,000 be added to the list of fixed expenditures to cover the year's share in \$10,000 due in bonds in 1938. The proposed addition will be taken up when the commission meets to pass on the budget Monday, June 5.

Fred C. Zimmerman of Detroit spoke before the commission to protest the budget's allotment of \$750 for work on assessors' plots this year by Mr. McAlpin of Birmingham. Zimmerman said that the plots would deprive the city of a large amount of back taxes, and that he would take steps to prevent their approval by the state auditor. He also stated that the city had lost \$6,000 in back taxes by allowing the Charles Ely property to go unassessed.

Mr. McAlpin defended the legality of assessors' plots, pointing out that they were used by almost all cities at present. The board then accepted the first three plots representing work since last fall.

TWO GRAND RIVER MERCHANTS GIVEN LICENCES FOR 3.2

Pappas and Schweim Restaurants Get Only Permits In City Up To Now

Sale of legal beer began in Farmington city Thursday with the arrival of telegrams from the state liquor commission permitting two Grand River avenue merchants to carry the 3.2.

At a special meeting of the City Commission last Friday the only two applications entered were passed unanimously and referred to the state commission. They were from Ernest Schweim, for a beer garden license and retail license, and from Mrs. Hattie Pappas, for permission to sell in a restaurant.

The Schweim beer garden is located in the old pool room on Grand River, now completely renovated. Restaurant service will also be maintained. Mrs. Pappas will sell beer at her husband's Victory Restaurant a few doors farther east on Grand River.

The Schweim was informed by the State Commission that he could not hold both types of license, and will be limited to selling as a beer garden. He will begin sale Saturday; Mrs. Pappas is already selling.

Stanley Smith of the Farmington Drug Co. intends to apply for a federal license to supply wine and whiskey on prescription. Federal laws have now eased the restrictions somewhat, and doctors will be given more freedom in recommending alcohol for patients.

FIRST-NIGHT GAME

Farmington A. C. will meet the Whaling Nite Hawks of Detroit in the first night-time baseball game Farmington has ever had, on Saturday evening on the High School diamond.

Powerful flood-lights set around the field will be used to make the game as easy to play and see as one played in broad daylight.

Ask Town Board To Furnish Seed As Garden Help

Ask Township For Seed To Plant Family Plots; Land Is Hard To Find

Strong sentiment in favor of a combined plan of both private gardens and a welfare farm to meet a possible food shortage was expressed at a meeting Monday night of Farmington Township taxpayers and welfare families.

The meeting, called by the Township Board at the suggestion of Justice Ward Eagle, was intended to bring forth an expression of the township residents' opinion on what steps the Board should take this summer toward cutting welfare costs and providing for the possibility of a bad winter. Two conflicting plans were presented.

One plan was to purchase private gardens by welfare families or of a large Township garden as in the past—were reconciled in the minds of the audience, which voted for the adoption of both.

In addressing the meeting, Justice Eagle pointed out the necessity for action by the welfare families themselves if they are to be provided for next winter, and brought up the suggestion of privately-cultivated family gardens. One man in the audience pointed out the lack of seed, another the need of tools.

"The Board, I believe, will make every effort to provide the necessary seed and sugar for canning fruit," Justice Eagle replied. He said, however, that the Township had no funds to purchase tools, and that those now owned by welfare people must be made to do around.

Another objection offered was that many welfare men had found it impossible to obtain land for cultivation.

A vote of those present, however, expressed the desire for private gardens for small vegetables, operating jointly with a welfare farm on which the largest crops, such as potatoes, rutabagas, and turnips, could be raised. Pending action by the Township Board, the welfare families were asked to submit an estimate of the seed and manure materials they needed, and the amount of land available to them for private cultivation.

Supervisor Arthur P. Coe reported the results of last year's work on the Township farm, including the fact that the largest crop had at least broken even. Against approximately \$500 spent on the work, there was recorded a yield of 2000 bushels of potatoes, 200 bushels of beans, and 600 of other vegetables.

Badgers Retain Lead In Soft Ball League

Although defeated in Wednesday night's game with the Wolverines, 3-1, the Badgers still hold their lead in the Farmington soft ball league at the end of this week's play.

A victory for the Wildcats in the Monday contest puts the latter team in second place with the Wolverines, one game behind the Badgers.

Monday, May, 22	R	H	E
Wildcats	3	4	2
Cubs	3	4	5
Wednesday, May 24	3	9	4
Wolverines	1	3	5
Badgers	1	3	5

Standings To Date

W	L	Pct.
Badgers	2	.667
Wildcats	1	.500
Wolverines	1	.500
Cubs	1	.333

Only two home runs have been scored so far this season, one by John Spaller and one by Curtis Hall.

Night Of Free Show Is Changed To Friday

The free motion picture show which is sponsored each summer by Farmington business men will be given every Friday instead of every Tuesday night from now on, it has been announced. The next show will be this Friday night, May 26, on the Town Hall Park Lawn.

TEAM WINS TWICE

Farmington Dairy's baseball team beat Parker's 4-3 Friday and the Badgers 16-2 Tuesday night. The team wants two games a week and dates may be arranged by the Dairy.

Township, City Plan 20 Percent Assessment Cut

Two Boards Of Review Will Meet In June To Consider Adjustments

Conforming to the trend shown in other sections of Oakland County, Farmington Township and City property valuations are likely to be greatly reduced for the coming year. Assessing officers of both units are contemplating important reductions in assessments on which they are now working, preparatory to hearings of the boards of review next fall hence.

The reduction under consideration in the City would embody a straight 20 per cent cut on all assessments by Assessor James L. Hoyle. The reductions in the Township are expected by Supervisor Arthur P. Coe to average at least that much and perhaps even more, though the slashes will not be through a general cut, but by reductions according to where they are most merited, in the judgment of the assessing officer and the board of review.

Townships and cities throughout Oakland County are talking of making blanket reductions. Royal Oak is reported to be discussing a 25 per cent cut, and in Birmingham an appeal was made to the City Commission for a 15 per cent slash.

The situation results from the coming of the State Tax Commission into Oakland County in 1931, and making huge increases in the assessments almost everywhere. The Commission, whose work brought many protests, placed the assessments on the rolls and declared that the valuations made must stand for three years. Local assessing officers have not had authority to alter these, but since the Commission completed only part of its work of re-assessing the County, the Commission can hardly claim that its valuations should stand for three years.

Wherever local officials are discussing reductions, it is pointed out that unless the particular unit makes the cuts, it will be forced to pay a proportionate share of the County and State taxes; since other units are making the reductions.

The Township board of review will meet Tuesday and Wednesday, June 6 and 7, and Monday and Tuesday, June 12 and 13 in Bond School. The City board of review will meet Tuesday and Wednesday, June 6 and 7.

HEAD OF VITROLITE CO. MOVING TO FARMINGTON

Farmington will have new residents about June 10, when the former Lyman Farrand residence on Valley View avenue will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. C. Putnam of Detroit, and Mr. Putnam's brother-in-law.

Mr. Putnam is president of the Vitrolite Construction Company of Detroit. His brother-in-law is connected with J. L. Hudson Co.

Civil War Veteran Celebrates 88th Birthday By Going Back To School

Not every soldier can boast the distinction of having his name on a monument before his death, but such is the privilege enjoyed by W. H. Wiewand of Coldwater, Civil War veteran and former teacher here.

On his 88th birthday recently, Mr. Wiewand, who despite his high age, motored to Hillsdale to spend the day at the college from which he enlisted to enter the Civil War. On a monument there are inscribed those who died in the Union colors while in attendance at school there. Of these 27, Mr. Wiewand is the only survivor today.

He returned to the college after the war, completed his course and engaged in teaching for many years afterward.

Mr. Wiewand spends a large part of his time in attending class and school reunions and in the various parts of the college to attend these functions, "gadding" as he calls it. Eight years ago, he was the guest of honor at a banquet at Hillsdale college in which more than 1,000 persons participated. He keeps a lively interest in national and civic affairs.

In a letter to the Enterprise, Mr. Wiewand tells how, on the morning

Heads Detroit Pastors Battle In Court On Northwestern Highway Certain



Rev. E. W. Palmer, who is the new president of the Detroit Baptist Ministerial Conference, the society of which he has been vice-president for a year.

Fitting Rites To Honor War Dead

Legion, School Pupils To March In Parade Tuesday; Plan Military Ceremony

Farmington will pause in its daily round of affairs next week to celebrate fittingly the day set aside for America's fighting men. Memorial Day here will be marked by a parade, starting at 10 o'clock at the school grounds, consisting of Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion, members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, the Boy Scouts of Farmington, the Bond School, Clarenceville; Farmington High School band and the pupils of Farmington schools.

The parade will halt at the cemetery, where services in memory of the dead will be held. A firing squad will fire a salute. Archie G. Leonard will give the address of the day. The parade will return to the high school and disband there.

West Point Park Church Honors Mothers, Daughters

West Point Park church held its Seventh Mother and Daughter banquet, which was very well attended.

Mrs. Roy Miller was toastmistress. Mrs. Albert Nacker gave the "Toast to Daughters," Miss Viola Nacker responded with the "Toast to Mothers."

Mrs. Carrie Hudson of New Hudson gave a reading. Mrs. Williams and two daughters of Farmington gave a novelty number, Miss Ernestine Pierce of Farmington a solo, and Mrs. Mary Johnson of Farmington was the speaker.

The dinner was cooked and served by the men. Gifts of flowers were received by Mrs. Charlotte Wolfe, Mrs. Tom Gillespie, Mrs. Katherine Bond and Mrs. Margaret Martin. The Ladies chorus also gave some numbers.

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Battle In Court On Northwestern Highway Certain

Taxpayers Believe Construction Was Illegal; Pledge Funds For Legal Action

The probability of a suit to test the legality of the assessments for Northwestern Highway was indicated in a meeting Wednesday night of the taxpayers in the assessment area. A large majority of those at the meeting gave a verbal pledge of financial support for the suit, and steps were taken to obtain written pledges from those not present.

The suit will be brought, according to those backing it, because the 60 per cent of taxpayers' shares required by law for the building of the road were not obtained. If that is the case, they contend, the assessments on them for building the highway was illegal.

Pledges and a petition are being prepared, and the plan is to secure enough support to cut the cost of the suit to one percent or less of the taxes for the road assessed on each person participating.

One group of 13 taxpayers have signified their intention to carry the suit through with or without help from the others, and have retained A. L. Moore of Pontiac as their attorney.

Because of the magnitude of the Northwestern Highway project with its accompanying cost, the proposed suit would probably overshadow all other controversies over roads in the County, a number of which have already been called into question as to legality of assessments.

SCHULTE IS CHOSEN TO LEAD EXCHANGE CLUB, RUNS ALONE

Palmer And Hatton Also Receive Unopposed Nomination For New Terms

John J. Schulte, Jr., is slated as the next president of the Farmington Exchange Club; for the last six months of the current year. Nominations of the board of control announced Wednesday presented the name of Mr. Schulte for president, without opposition. Nominated for re-election without opposition are Secretary Elmer W. Palmer and Treasurer Emory Hatton.

Mr. Schulte has been vice-president for the current term, during which Earl Vivier has served as president. Election will be held next Wednesday, in accordance with the club rules, which provide for nomination by the club members, and the meeting next Wednesday will be the final one of the present term, sessions to be discontinued until next September.

A discussion of the history of abdominal surgery, made understandable to the layman, was given by Dr. Z. R. AschenBrenner at the meeting. Dr. AschenBrenner related instances of the fortitude and skill of pioneers in surgery, and the success they achieved under unfavorable conditions. Included was an account of one successful operation, the first of its kind on this continent, in which one Dr. MacDowell performed the surgery while a menacing mob, opposed to the attempt, waited outside to take revenge upon him if the operation, a most serious one, should prove a failure.

Some of the remarkable discoveries of recent decades, through which surgery has come to its present stage of high development that has proved a boon to mankind, were outlined by the speaker.

Farmington High School To Receive Certificate

Farmington High School has been placed on the list of approved secondary schools as prepared by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This action was taken at the thirty-eighth annual meeting of the Association in Chicago, April 20-22, 1933.

The school will receive from the chairman of the Michigan committee a certificate which is valid for the period beginning March 15, 1933, and ending April 15, 1934. It will be placed on view in the school building.

Byron Rowet, of Kansas was in town Monday.