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Post Office Addition Nearly Done

With all but a few minor improvements yet to be added, work is virtually complete on the addition to the Farmington Post Office. Sorting tables have already been moved from the front part of the building to the enlarged portion, giving the staff a greatly increased area for the sorting of rural delivery mail and parcel post packages.

The addition, which is at the rear of the building, is 18 x 25 feet in size and is constructed of brick block as is the older part in front. Three large windows and a door window furnish ample sunlight for the new portion. The interior of the entire structure may later be painted white to furnish even better natural lighting.

The ceiling of the entire building has been insulated with a special "rock wool" which was installed with a high-pressure air "gun." A new general delivery case will soon be installed at the service window and steel sorting tables will replace the wood ones now in use. As soon as the rear entrance is completed, incoming and outgoing mail will be delivered at the rear door instead of through the front of the building.

Coincident with the enlarging of the building itself is the announcement of the increase in postage of the post office. During the past two years approximately 230 new mail boxes have been added to the rural route No. 2 which is carried by Mrs. Ethel Middlewood. Although the actual mileage covered is low in comparison with the number of patrons served, Mrs. Middlewood's route is considered a very heavy one as a total of 450 mail boxes is an average number for a single route. A. W. Bidwell, who carries route No. 1, serves approximately 450 patrons.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebrated

Congratulations and good wishes from over 100 friends and relatives were received by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley at their home on Zaida avenue on Sunday, their golden wedding anniversary. Guests were present from Ayler, Michigan; and Chatham, Ontario; Royal Oak, Detroit, Northville and Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Houghner of Royal Oak and Peter Gilbert of Chatham, Ontario, who were among those present, attended at the wedding on March 15, 1887, when Miss Susan Houghner became the bride of Frank Ernest Bradley at Ayler, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley have lived within a mile of their present home for the entire 50 years, coming immediately after their marriage. They have been subscribers to The Enterprise for 49 years of their half-century of married life.

Mr. Bradley was employed as a cheese maker at the George Mundy factory and at the A. B. Smith cheese factory on Seven Mile Road. Later he had a factory of his own. One of the numerous ones which dotted the countryside in the Farmington area during the years when cheese making was a flourishing business and until it was succeeded by milk production when the community changed from rural to suburban.

A family of five children was born to the couple; Hazel, who died at the age of 10 years; Maybelle Bradley Alderman, whose death occurred in Florida, in 1933; Evangelina Bradley, Pauline; and Helen Bradley Coon; numerous sons and daughters, all three of which live in Farmington.

Robert Plettenberg Heads Sons of Legion Squadron

Robert E. Plettenberg is the Captain of Sons of the Legion, Farmington Squadron, his election having taken place at Friday night. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Plettenberg, the former being the present Commander of the Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion.

First Lieutenant is Joseph (Bud) Norton, jr.; Second Lieutenant, Robert Hogle; Adjutant, Homer Eisenhold, jr.; Finance Officer, Alonzo Raley; Sergeant-at-Arms, Joseph DeVriendt, jr.; and Chaplain, James Norton.

Attempt To Halt Truck Traffic Not Successful

An attempt to stop trucks destined for Detroit via Grand River avenue was frustrated Wednesday night by Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt, who furnished police escort to the truck and not to try to go on to Detroit.

Six trucks were stopped on Grand River avenue at the intersections of the Cut-Off, Eight Mile Road, and Detroit city limits at Seven Mile Road. Four of the men pulled along the side of each of the trucks, brought them to a stop, and warned the drivers to turn back.

Around midnight the deputy was

Good Friday Services Planned

Union services will be held on Good Friday, March 25, at the Farmington Baptist Church at 1:30 p. m., with Rev. Delmore Stubbs of the Methodist Episcopal Church officiating.

The service includes hymns on the cross, piano selections; invocation by Rev. Gilbert Miles of the Baptist Church; Scripture by Rev. Carl Schultz of the Salem Evangelical Church; Prayer by Rev. Miles; Scripture by Rev. Schultz; special music by Mrs. Gilbert Miles and Mrs. Claude Hardy; and the message by Rev. Stubbs.

VIC BLAKESLEE TELLS SOAPBOX DERBY PLANS

Vic Blakeslee, Farmington Chevrolet dealer, calls attention of boys in this area to the fact that entries are being received for the fourth consecutive All-American Soap Box Derby sponsored by Chevrolet and recognized by sports writers and enthusiasts as "the greatest amateur racing event in the world."

The Derby, started in Dayton, Ohio, five years ago, has grown in popularity and appeal so that today it stands alone as the greatest single sporting event for boys. Thousands already are making plans for building their own racers for this year's event.

Last year there were more than 150,000 boys entering in various cities throughout the United States. Champions from 116 cities took part in the national finals at Akron, Ohio.

The national and international finals this year will be held at Akron on August 15, according to an announcement made this week by C. P. Fiske, advertising manager of the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors Sales Corporation. City champions from 120 cities will compete.

Entries from Canada, South Africa, Mexico, and Hawaii are expected to compete in the international finals. Plans already are under way for expanding the facilities of the concrete track at Derby Downs, just outside the Akron airport.

The National Champion will be awarded a coveted college scholarship and City Champions in each instance will win the M. E. Caryl Trophy. Many other valuable prizes will be given to place winners both in the city races and in the All-American race and the international race.

Improvements Being Made on Three Stores

Giving improved ventilation and new service entryways, a new corridor has been cut in the rear of the Smith-Bradley drug store, Mac's 5c to 10c store, and the Schroeder pool room.

In the Smith-Bradley drug store new shelves have been installed in the prescription room and the floor has been raised to the same level as that of the front part of the store. A door is being cut into the rear of Mac's 5c to 10c store and another one will be cut into the rear of the Schroeder pool room.

The building housing the stores is owned by the Farmington Improvement Co.

HOBBIES WILL BE CLUB TOPIC
Hobbies will be the topic of the Farmington Women's Club at the meeting with Mrs. Theodora Norton on Wednesday, March 24. The chairman, Miss Andrews, requests the members to bring quilts, crocheting, or any handwork, modern or antique, that they might care to exhibit.

Gerald Grace Named 1937 Valedictorian

Gerald Grace is the valedictorian of the 1937 graduating class of Farmington High School, according to the announcement made this week by Principal Robert C. Burns. The distinction was awarded to Gerald on the basis of his outstanding scholastic record made during his four years' studies at the Farmington school. He has the marks, with the exception of one "B", were "A's." He will give his valedictory address at the high school commencement exercises which will be held on June 17.

Salutatorian of the class is Gordon Hogle. Others whose high scholarship marks them for special honorable mention are Lucile Geisler and Ernest Ham.

Announces New Air Mail Schedule

Mail leaving the Farmington Post Office at 4:30 on any weekday will reach the majority of inland cities in the country within 24 hours, according to the latest schedule announced by Postmaster Norman Lee.

The letters are taken at 4:30 p. m. to Detroit and from there are transferred to the mail planes at the municipal airport. That the public has become conscious of the swift service offered by the fact that there has been a 100 per cent increase in the number of air mail letters leaving Farmington during the winter.

Air mail costs six cents per ounce in the United States and Canada. Two three-cent stamps may be used and the letter marked "air mail" or a special six-cent air mail stamp may be used. Rates to Mexico, Central and South America are somewhat higher. To send a letter to the Hawaiian Islands on the "China Clipper" costs 25 cents for one-half ounce. To the Philippines the charge is 75 cents for the same weight. Those who wish to find the exact amount of time needed and the postage necessary to mail a letter to towns or cities not listed below may consult the special air mail map which Mr. Lee has available at the post office.

Following are the air mail schedules to the principal cities in the United States:

Destination	EAST Arrives
New York City	3:30 a. m.
Washington, D. C.	4:50 a. m.
Philadelphia, Pa.	4:57 a. m.
Boston, Mass.	8:19 a. m.
WEST	Arrives
Los Angeles, Calif.	11:30 p. m. next day
Chicago, Ill.	12:30 a. m. next day
Denver	10:20 a. m. next day
Minneapolis	9:50 a. m. next day
Vancouver, B.C.	8:00 a. m. next day
SOUTH	Arrives
Louisville, Tenn.	12:07 p. m.
Memphis, Tenn.	11:20 a. m.
New Orleans, La.	2:45 p. m.
Miami, Fla.	6:30 p. m.
SOUTHWEST	Arrives
Kansas City, Mo.	8:12 a. m.
Wichita, Kan.	9:35 a. m.
St. Louis, Mo.	9:45 a. m.
Fort Worth, Texas	3:15 p. m.
Brownsville, Tex.	8:10 a. p.

Finds Old Deed From Government

Brown with age and with some of the signatures barely discernible, an interesting old deed, one from the federal government to Nehemiah Lamb, was found this week in an old tin box by Arthur Lamb of Farmington. Nehemiah, the great-uncle of Arthur Lamb, bought the 80-acre tract of land at Twelve Mile and Talbot roads owned by Louis Howard from the government in 1833 during the administration of Martin Van Buren.

At the time of the purchase Howard Road was not in existence and was a single piece. Since that time the road has been cut through and now there are approximately 49 acres on both sides of the road, north of Twelve Mile Road.

The deed is signed in two places with the signature of Martin Van Buren by his secretary. The land later came into the possession of Caleb Lamb, Arthur Lamb's grandfather, then to Mrs. Theodora Howard, a daughter of Caleb, and then to the present owner.

Miss Meriah Andrews and parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Andrews attended the funeral of Mr. W. G. Farmer of Postfach on Wednesday. Mrs. Farmer was a sister of the Misses Anna and Gertrude Richardson of Maple Avenue and William Richardson of Thomas street whose death occurred last week.

8 Petitions Filed For City Offices

Petitions for seven incumbents and for one new prospective officials have been filed for the Farmington city election to be held, Monday, April 5.

No contests have yet appeared on the municipal ballot but six days remain before the deadline for filing petitions on next Thursday, March 25.

Those incumbents for whom petitions have already been filed are following: Mayor Edward M. Warner; Commissioners Leo F. Gildemester and Harold C. Oirdvorne; City Clerk Harry W. Moore; City Assessor, James L. Hogle; Justice, Lloyd S. Gullen; and Constable Marie Pettibone.

The new-comer the present field of candidates is Fred W. Bagnall for whom a petition has been filed for the short term commissionmanship made vacant by the resignation of Fred Staman.

Among those for whom no petitions have been filed are: Commissioner Emory Hatton, Justice John J. Schulte, Board of Review members, George K. Checketts and Benjamin Storms, and Constable Clarence Bell.

Next Tuesday night, March 25, the Commission will meet to canvass the petitions.

At the April 5 election, the following state offices will be voted upon: State Highway Commissioner, two justices of the Supreme Court, two Regents of the University of Michigan, Superintendent of Public Instruction and a member of the State Board of Agriculture.

BASKETBALL TEAM AWARDS MADE BY COACH KAMMERER

With the basketball season over, interest at Farmington High School has turned to inter-class games where considerable rivalry exists and the boys appear about even between the Junior and Senior classes. The show-down between these two classes is Thursday afternoon when they meet in the final game. Each has won two games.

The following players, as announced by Coach Harold Kammerer, won letters during the past basketball season: Bob Davis, captain; Louis Newlin, DeWayne Hoffman, Gerald Grace, Howard Turner, Don Lee, Ralph Banfield, Red Collins and Carl Hunt. The first four named are seniors. However, a good nucleus for next year remains.

In addition to the remaining five letters, the team will have Halsey Miller, who would easily have won his letter this year had he not had such luck in basketball and his wrist after the season, and some other good prospects from this year's second team—especially Bill Slocum, Bob Snyder, Bill Plink and F. C. Wellington.

The past season was not nearly as successful as anticipated, the team having lost 10 games and won an even 50, five won and five lost, in league competition. In addition to this they played three non-league contests, losing to University High of Ann Arbor, Northville, and Redford Union.

Several factors probably contributed to the play of the team. In the first place, the league was unusually strong this year, with Millford, Walled Lake, and Keego Harbor boasting exceptional teams.

The Blue and White again felt the lack of a strong center. They were unable to get the center jump ball and this was a big handicap all season, especially in games on the small local floor.

Sickness and ineptitude hit the team in January, to throw it off stride after it had played fine ball in the games before the holidays. The boys never quite regained their stride, but they were showing signs of improvement by next Saturday.

On Friday members of the Junior and Senior classes will make a trip through the Detroit House of Correction.

WOMAN'S CLUB FEDERATION TO MEET APRIL 2
The April meeting of the Oakland County Federation of Women's Clubs will take place Friday, April 2, at 11 o'clock in the Board of Commerce Building, Pontiac. Officers: Extension Spelling, of Michigan State College; Lansing, will speak on "Landscaping" at 1:30 p. m.; Mrs. Muriel Juffrie Hurd, Royal Oak, State and County chairman of poetry will also address the afternoon meeting.

School Head Retiring



JOHN A. DALRYMPLE

Closing Plan Adopted By 19

Picadors are being displayed in many Farmington business houses this week announcing the intention of the stores to close on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 p. m., from April 1 on.

Those who have announced their intention of closing Wednesday afternoons are the following: Hatton's Farmington Hardware, Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., Kroger Grocery and Baking Company, Warner Dairy Co., Fred L. Cook and Co., Fred Pauline, Boston Shoe Repair shop, Curley's Electric Shop, Comstock's barber shop, Mac's 5c to 10c store, Roy Plunkett's barber shop, Farmington Bakery, Ben Meyers' barber shop, Louis Hogue's, Hamlin's Market, Farmington Mills, Dickerson's Hardware, Pauline's Market and Chamberlain's Jewelry shop.

It is expected that filling stations, garages, drug stores and restaurants will remain open. The offices of the Farmers Power Plant at Detroit Edison will be open because of public utility regulations. The Post Office and the Farmington State Bank are others who will not be able to close because of state or federal regulations.

It is thought by some Farmington business men that the practice of closing one afternoon during the week will be adopted by Detroit firms also. Further announcements concerning the plan for closing Farmington stores will appear in later issues of The Enterprise.

WILL INVESTIGATE PAYROLLS AFTER MARCH 20

A corps of investigators will check the books of employers who fail to file their official reports and pay their contribution to the state unemployment compensation fund before the deadline, March 20, Frank A. Picard, chairman of the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission, announces.

"Michigan employers have just two days left in which to pay their contributions on 1936 payrolls to the state fund without interest penalty," Mr. Picard said. There will be no further extension of the deadline.

"And those employers who should have filed their report forms with us and should have paid their contribution, can look for a call from one of our investigators who will want to know why they have not complied with the provisions of the new state law."

An interest penalty of three-quarters of one percent of the delinquent contribution per month or fraction of a month will be charged all employers, liable under the act, who fail to pay their contribution by next Saturday.

SCHOOL VACATION TO BEGIN MARCH 25
Spring vacation at the Farmington schools will begin on Friday noon, March 26, and will continue until classes are resumed on Monday, April 5.

On Friday members of the Junior and Senior classes will make a trip through the Detroit House of Correction.

WILL HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICE AT CHURCH
A memorial service will be held next Sunday, March 21, at West Point Park Community Church for Mr. Wemyr H. Vandine Vance. The service will begin at 10:30 a. m. George Gullen, sr., and Geo. Gullen, jr., will officiate, assisted by Mrs. Zaida Wolfe, Virginia's teacher. Neighbors and friends are welcome.

Dalrymple Retires As School Head

Coming as a great surprise to Farmington residents is the announcement this week by Supt. John A. Dalrymple of Farmington schools, that he has decided to relinquish his duties in the executive capacity as superintendent for those of a straight teaching position in the Farmington school.

"During the last seven years the high school enrollment has doubled and the efforts to provide for the added students with no added facilities, in a way which has maintained the school's accreditation, has been a very difficult task," Mr. Dalrymple states. "Because of these factors, I have decided to make this change."

Speaking for the Board of Education, Spencer Heenev, president, said: "The board certainly regrets Mr. Dalrymple's decision, but we are glad to know that he will be with us in the school, if only in a teaching capacity. Mr. Dalrymple is held in high regard by the Board of Education as well as by the whole community, and we want him to remain with us in the school. We feel that Farmington is fortunate to have a man of his experience and his example among its citizens, especially in its school. We hope that he will continue to make Farmington his home and remain in the school as long as he likes."

During Mr. Dalrymple's seven years as superintendent of the Farmington school, the enrollment has been greatly increased by the large number of families moving into the Farmington area. With this increase of enrollment the finances of the school have been improved and the aid from the state increased, at a time when during the depression years, in addition to achieving these goals, Mr. Dalrymple has maintained the Farmington school's accreditation.

Just what subjects he will prefer to teach, Mr. Dalrymple has not yet decided. Further arrangements await the selection by the Board of Education of a new superintendent of the schools.

OLD DIME PAYS THREE TIMES COST OF CHEVROLET

An interesting story of how an old dime paid the cost of a Chevrolet is told by Vic Blakeslee, Farmington-Chevrolet dealer.

"Of all the millions of people who have bought Chevrolets, probably few are so well satisfied with their purchase as Roy Koonz, of Bloomington, Ind., who recently bought a used car for \$150 from the University of Michigan company of that city. After getting his home he happened to find a dime that had fallen down behind the seat cushion.

"Koonz was only mildly pleased by this lucky find, but his luck picked up when he noticed that the coin was dated 1821. That was a bit unusual. A friend of his happened to be somewhat of a coin specialist and he mentioned the fact to him.

"The proof came when the specialist, after a bit of investigation, informed him that the coin had a rare coin market value of \$150. So now Mr. Koonz is firmly convinced that Chevrolet dealers truly offer more for your money."

SUBSTITUTE AT WILCOX SCHOOL FOR MISS GULLEN
Mrs. E. Scott of East Dearborn has been substituting at the Wilcox School for Miss Betty Gullen at Farmington who has been ill the past week. Miss Gullen teaches the first two grades at the Wilcox School.

Miss Reld, school nurse for Wayne County, assisted Dr. Metzger, chief of the Michigan State Sick list at the school Thursday. Miss Jamieson who recently returned from New Orleans, gave a very interesting talk to the school children last week.

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Mrs. Henrietta Habermehl spent the latter part of the week with Mrs. Don Button.