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## School Begins Recreational Program

School boys between the ages of 12 and 18 are being offered a recreational program conducted by the school for 20 weeks this winter to keep them occupied on Saturday mornings.

"The program is intended to keep the boys off the streets and to give them a better understanding of a variety of sports, as well as the sportsmanship that is a part of all games," Robert Stewart, principal of the grade school, who is in charge of the program, says.

The group will meet in the high school gym whenever outdoor conditions do not permit an outside meeting. The activities will be: football, basketball, volleyball, ping pong, soccer, boxing, football, and calisthenics.

Nearly 45 participated last year and at least that many are expected this year. It may be necessary to stagger the classes for the different age groups if the enrollment becomes too unwieldy.

Direction of the program will be in Mr. Stewart's hands, and he says it will run much like a chess. It will start around 8 a. m. and last until about noon.

Saturday morning presents a problem to many Farmington boys, especially in the winter. Mr. Stewart says, and this program is designed primarily to give them something to do that will be diverting and at the same time worthwhile.

Because of the limited gymnasium space, a recreational program in the Farmington schools has always presented a problem. Last year several of the grades were without any regular recreational program and the Saturday morning meeting was intended to remedy that situation as well as to provide school children with something to do on Saturday morning. The program last year was divided for grade school children from 8:30 until 10:30 a. m. and for high school students in the afternoon.

Until the complete enrollment is discovered, Mr. Stewart will not be able to announce whether the program will be divided or whether it will be simply for boys of all ages in the morning only.

## Many Arts Shown In Play Here

Drama, pageantry, dancing, instrumental music and vocal music are all being offered in the production "At The Crossroads," which plays at the Farmington Town Hall Friday and Saturday night.

These arts will be included in the play because the subject matter of the play embraces all of them. It is a portrayal of the dilemma confronting the youth who has just graduated from school and must decide how he will spend the rest of his life.

As the plot unfolds, various fields of endeavor will be unfolded before him: he will see great musicians and poets at work, and artists in other branches of learning. But because the play is more than sheer pageantry, the audience will be surprised at the ultimate course of events, according to Mrs. Leo Ganache who is presenting the play, which is being sponsored by Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

William Chapman will play the role of the graduate who is confronted with the central problem of the play. Among the musical artists who will be featured are the Ford Singers; the Farmington High School Band; a clarinet quartet; Miss Shirley Rabi, too dancer; Mr. Joseph Sabar, baritone; and Miss Evelyn Miller, tap dancer.

Besides the story and the individuals who will act in it, the play has an additional recommendation in the staging. A particular effort has been made, Mrs. Ganache says, to make the lighting. It is believed that this contributes a lot toward making the play more presentable.

The play will start at 8:15 p. m. and tickets are on sale at Dickerson's Hardware and Hamilton's Market.

## JUNIORS HOLD DANCE

The Junior Class is sponsoring the last dance of the year which will be held this Friday evening, December 2nd from 8:30 to 12:00. The dance will be held in the gymnasium of the high school.

The gymnasium will be decorated in green and white. Refreshments will be served.

## Observe 69th Anniversary



C. N. ANDREWS



MRS. CHARLES N. ANDREWS

Sixty-nine years ago this fall, the teacher in the rural school at West Bloomfield, a little community on the Sixteen Mile Road, was seeing a picture of a young farmer named Andrews. She was new to the community, had come from Pontiac, and was as interested in him as he was in her. He was no youngster, for several years had passed since he had cast his first vote, a vote for Abraham Lincoln.

After the harvest was taken care of, they were married in the little town of Fenton, Mich., and came back to West Bloomfield to settle down. West Bloomfield was the community that the young farmer's parents had selected when they came "out West" from New York state in 1822.

Not until 13 years ago did Mr. and Mrs. Charles Andrews, the young farmer and his school teacher bride, leave West Bloomfield. Since then they have been living in Farmington and their daughter, Meriah Andrews, has been living with them.

This week they will observe their wedding anniversary, for it was 69 years ago Friday that they were married in Fenton. It will be a mild observation, Mrs. Andrews says. Next year when the 70th anniversary rolls around, she says that there may be some sort of party or something like that, but not this year.

It isn't because Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are not feeling well that the celebration has been put off. Each of them is still active. Although Mr. Andrews recently celebrated his 56th birthday and his wife will have her 91st birthday on Christmas day, they are frequently seen on the street and each of them voted at the recent election.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are the oldest married couple in Farmington as well as the city's oldest voters.

## O.E.S. INSTALLS 18 OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR

Farmington Chapter No. 239 O. E. S. held a public installation of officers in the Masonic Temple Tuesday evening with 150 persons attending.

Officers installed for the ensuing year were: Mrs. Robba Harrison, Worthy Matron; Chas. E. Perry, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Ida Worsfold, Associate Matron; J. Lowell Ramsey, Associate Patron; Mrs. A. E. Bond, Secretary; Mrs. Edith Sonnenberg, Treasurer; Mrs. Hazel Diamond, Conductress; Mrs. Florence Ramsey, Associate Conductress; Mrs. Erik Midtved, Chaplain; Mrs. Evelyn Hinburn, Marshal; Mrs. Mathilda Schreiber, Organist; Miss Margaret Webster, Adah; Mrs. Martha Hurkett, Ruth; Mrs. Ella Darling, Esther; Mrs. June Sallow, Martha; Mrs. Anna Adair, Electa; Mrs. Lena Oldham, Warden; Herald Cox, Sentinel.

The program was opened by the Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. Elsie Schreiber. Past Matron of the Chapter, who instructed the Inviting Marshal, Mrs. Gertrude Webster to conduct the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Hazel Lynch and the Worthy Patron, Chas. E. Perry, to the East. Mrs. Schroeder then gave a welcoming address. Rev. Delmore Stubbs, pastor of the M. E. church, was in attendance and gave the invocation. Presentation of the flag by Mrs. Gertrude Webster followed.

The installing officers were: Installing Matron, Mrs. Mae West; Installing Marshal, Mrs. Mary Johnson; Installing Chaplain, Mrs. Mabel Ailyn; Installing Organist, Mrs. Graves Royal Oak; Installing Soloist, Mrs. Thelma LeRoy of Royal Oak.

They and the new officers were escorted to their places by the Marshal, Mrs. Gertrude Webster. Musical numbers were given by Mrs. Thelma LeRoy of Royal Oak, playing her accompaniment on the guitar.

The Worthy Matron, Mrs. Robba Harrison, was escorted to the East (Continued on Back Page)

## Washington Delays, Farmington Hopes

Farmington's PWA school project is still hanging fire. School officials have been expecting to hear from Washington, but no word has been received.

If approval of the project is received before Dec. 5, it means that a PWA grant of \$38,815 will be used along with a \$45,000 bond issue to construct an additional building near the high school. The new building will have an auditorium-gymnasium and several classrooms.

If approval is not received by Dec. 5, it means that Farmington is out of luck, because it is a federal provision that all PWA projects shall be under way by Jan. 1, 1939. Superintendent of schools, R. C. Burns believes that at least 30 days will be needed to advertise for bids on the construction job, and have the contractor at work on the site.

According to a dispatch in a Detroit newspaper, more than six million dollars of the 25 million dollar PWA grants earmarked for 250 Michigan projects is going begging.

School officials have not given up hope.

## HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A REAL LIVE PHEASANT?

Has the ground bird season left you skeptical of the existence of such a bird as the pheasant? Are you seriously contemplating putting your gun in the umbrella stand and letting the whole matter drop forever?

If you are in such a despondent frame of mind, you might visit J. F. Schroeder's back yard at 3325 E. Grand River. Mr. Schroeder has a flock of pheasants living in a coop, 21 of them. Eight of the birds are males. They have a golden yellow cap of feathers hanging down from their heads which they can spread out to fascinate the females. This gives them their name of golden pheasant. They are dressed in their backs are the royal blue and yellow color, and they can make either one predominate depending upon whether they tuck in their wings or not.

"The English golden pheasant is not a game bird," Mr. Schroeder explained, "so I am able to keep these without having a permit. I like to have them around to look at and to hear them whistle. Sometimes when I hear their soft whistling in the morning it makes me think that I'm up in the North woods."

One visit to Mr. Schroeder's back yard is enough to make almost any man start pulling up his gun for next season. But, don't forget—no hunting in the city!

The reward of one duty is the power to fulfill another.—George Elliot.

## Barrels of Salt and Sand To Make Icy Streets Safe

Protection against slippery pavement on the steep grades and danger points of the city's streets this winter is assured by the city. Twelve barrels, painted orange and containing a mixture of rock salt and sand have been distributed to the danger spots.

The barrels were distributed Tuesday to the following places: McGee Hill, Bagnall Hill, the hill on Power just north of Grand River, and the hill near Power and Shawnessee. The barrels have been placed along the roadside so they will be accessible whenever needed. The orange color was selected so that the barrels would be conspicuous in the snow.

## Exchangeites To Aid Goodfellows

The Exchange Club will assist this year as it did last year in the Goodfellow Drive, and it will also provide a community Christmas tree and decorate the evergreen tree that stands in front of the Town Hall. It was decided at the meeting Wednesday.

A committee was appointed to determine the manner in which the club will aid the Goodfellow Fund. It will report at next week's meeting.

At luncheon Wednesday, the members ate venison, which was given to them by Delos Hamlin who recently brought a large buck back from up North.

Mr. Hamlin gave a short talk to the club narrating his experiences in getting his buck. He used a deer call and "cold tracked" him. He was hunting near Hattop, Mich.

No program has been planned for next week's meeting, but part of the time will be taken up with reports from the committee on the community Christmas tree.

## Sally's Chicken Shack To Have Grand Opening

A new eating place will be introduced to the area at the grand opening of Sally's Chicken Shack, 3120 Grand River at Orchard Lake Road.

At the opening, entertainment will be offered and there will be a banquet for the women present, according to Sally Ann Baker, for whom the establishment is named.

Among the things featured at Sally's Chicken Shack, are barbecued chickens and spare ribs; chicken dinners are another feature on the menu. The building, occupied by the restaurant has been remodeled.

Justice Ernest V. Blanchard has ordered the two dogs to be shot and the county will pay Klein for the sheep, because Blenman is unable to.

When livestock is killed by dogs in this county, if the owner of the dog cannot pay for the damage his dogs are killed and the county pays for the damage. Part of this expense is defrayed by money from the dog license fund, according to Deputy Sheriff Joseph B. Vriendt. The main reason for charging a license fee for dogs is that the county will not have to bear all of the cost of buying livestock to replace that killed by dogs.

Justice Blanchard will appraise the five sheep killed and pay Klein enough money to replace them. This is the first time in several years that as many as five sheep have been killed by dogs. De Vriendt says.

It was discovered that the dogs were Blenman's, because one of them had been shot while he was killing sheep and it was possible to trace the trail of blood to his home, officers said.

The Farmington Bank has a Christmas suggestion that is a little out of the ordinary. It is that you prepare yourself for a merry Christmas next year, by joining the Christmas Club now. You may become a member by depositing regularly any sum from ten cents to \$10.

The woman of the household seems to be likely to get a better Christmas morning than the man, if she goes to Dickerson's Hardware. There is a whole array of electrical appliances intended to make her work lighter and more pleasant. Among the labor saving devices offered are: waffle irons, toasters, mixers, grills, corn poppers, and irons. Dickerson's also has a large variety of Pyrex ware, which makes a welcome gift.

With all of these suggestions pertaining to husbands, wives and children, it might not be amiss to mention the family car, which ought to receive a little attention at Christmas, too. Burnett Brothers Service Station offers the suggestion that you replace that tired battery with a new Exide. "When I'm an Exide, you start," they say. At White's Service Station you may be sure your car will be properly serviced for winter. White's mention particularly their electric and battery service.

## Parents Must Be Cautious Of Contagion

Parents of Farmington grade school children are being warned by school officials of the danger of returning children to school before they have completely recovered from the illnesses that kept them out. There are now around five cases of chicken pox and several cases of measles among the children. This figure is far from epidemic dimensions, but it is important that parents of infected children be those under suspicion act with extreme caution before returning them to school, according to Robert Stewart, principal of the grade school.

"It seems that we are now having one of those periods during which a communicable disease claims more than the average number of victims. Last year it was the mumps and this year it may be the chicken pox, but whatever it is, the co-operation of the parents means almost everything in curbing it," Mr. Stewart says.

Children who have been kept out of school for anything other than a communicable disease are now required to bring from their parents when they return to school a written excuse telling what it was that caused them to be absent. Children who have been out of school with communicable diseases are required to bring a doctor's certificate certifying they are not contagious when they return to school, Mr. Stewart says.

It is hoped that the required excuses will arrest the spread of communicable diseases by making parents stop and think before they send a child back who has been ill. Another result hoped for is increased attendance and decreased absence because of flimsy excuses.

Each of the excuses that is submitted by the pupils will be sent to the county health department which will file them for record purposes. The State Department of Health is proposing a more thorough investigation, for pupils in the Farmington school are being asked to take a medical blank to their parents for the purpose of discovering what diseases, operations or defects the pupil has had. These blanks will be given to the State, but copies will be returned to the school so that they may be used in the county medical files. The medical guardian of Farmington school children.

Within a few weeks another step will be taken to protect the physical well-being of the school children. The teachers of each class will be given material with which to test the eye sight of each pupil in her class. Any case of defective vision will be reported to the parents of the child.

It is hoped that these several measures will be effective. Mr. Stewart says, in reducing the number of illnesses and absences caused from them, this winter.

## Christmas Club Checks Mailed

More than 300 far-sighted people who started preparing for Christmas 15 months ago will receive a little more than \$1,000 in the mail Friday as a reward for their far-sightedness.

The thirty 325 are members of the Farmington State Bank's 1938 Christmas Club, which has but one requirement for membership—that you bank a regular sum, from ten cents to \$10, each week. Special interest is provided for this purpose, and interest is at the same rate as for orthodox savings accounts, according to Howard C. Knickerbocker, cashier of the bank.

This year's checks total almost twice as much as last year's, but were for only \$7,000. The year before last the Christmas Club members received only \$3,500. It is expected that the total of more than \$1,000 into the hands of local consumers will have a considerable effect upon business here. Although the ostensible purpose of the club is to prepare for Christmas, around 25 per cent of the money will probably be returned to the bank to be saved, out more than 40 per cent will buy Christmas presents.

Another interesting use of Christmas Club money has been revealed by a study of the spending habits of the more than 8,000 members of these clubs in the U. S. It has been found that many

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## Buy A Merry Christmas From Local Merchants

Now, if ever, are shopping days in Farmington. Merchandise of many varieties has been ordered, counters and display cases have been attractively arranged, festive window displays have been executed—all to show the citizenry of Farmington that a merry Christmas can be had by doing your shopping from the local merchants.

A window shopping trip down Grand River is enough to convince anyone that Christmas is practically won for us, wreaths, bits of holly and tiny Christmas trees are everywhere in evidence.

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## TWO DOGS KILL FIVE SHEEP ON KLEIN FARM

Five sheep on William Klein's farm, on Fentonville Road, were killed by dogs Wednesday morning. The dogs belong to Oliver Blenman of 35300 Thirteen Mile Road.

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## A&P Offers Way To Interesting Fruit Cake

Now is the ideal time to make the fruit cake you will serve during the approaching holiday season, is the counsel of M. K. Perrier, manager of the A and P store.

Perrier backs up this statement with the mention of the many fruit cake ingredients being offered this week at his store.

At the A and P, the thirty cook may purchase dates, figs, raisins, lemon peels and nuts of different varieties all of which do their share in making the fruit cake spicily and interesting to eat. Like Christmas stockings, the success of a fruit cake is in proportion to the number of different good things you extract from it, and Mr. Perrier says that he can make your fruit cake a success.

In addition to these specialized offerings, the A and P extends the usual invitation to shop and save on all sorts of groceries. The ad in this week's Enterprise lists a number of the various bargains.

The distinguishing sign of slavery is to have a price, and to be bought for it.—Ruskin.

Letters to the Editor are always welcomed by this newspaper.