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Faster Pace Expected in Land Sale

Properties listed in Book One, pages 32 through 48, of the official list of the State Land Office Board for Oakland County will be offered for sale March 1 through March 7 at the State scavenger land sale in Pontiac.

It is impossible to offer all the parcels listed on the day designated since the parcels are scattered over a wide area. The parcels will be offered first the following day. Hours of sale are from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. The place of sale is the Masonic Temple Building, 1 Lafayette Street, Pontiac.

The schedule of sale follows: Friday, March 1: Pages 32, 33, 34, and through Berkeley School Park No. 1 Subdivision on Page 35 of Book 1.

Monday, March 4: Beginning with Brockline Hills Subdivision City of Berkeley, on Page 35; Pages 36, 37, 38, and 39 of Book 1.

Tuesday, March 5: Pages 40, 41, 42, and through Ellwood Heights Subdivision, City of Berkeley, on Page 43 of Book 1.

Wednesday, March 6: Beginning on Page 43 with Glenford Park Subdivision, City of Berkeley, Page 44, and through Glenford Park No. 1 Subdivision, City of Berkeley, on Page 45 of Book 1.

Thursday, March 7: Beginning on Page 45 with Hampton Manor Subdivision, City of Berkeley; Pages 46, 47, and through Hannah's West Royal Oak Subdivision, City of Berkeley, on Page 48 of Book 1.

So far, only farm properties have been offered in Oakland County. Of 170 parcels offered the first four days of the sale 95 were sold, the total sale price being \$74,738.00; the sales averaging 21 percent of the 1938 assessed value.

Due to the length of the term descriptions, said Harry W. Jones, representative of the State Land Office Board for Oakland County, it has been impossible to sell very many in a day. However, beginning Friday, March 1, the City of Berkeley will be reached and subdivision descriptions will go much faster. It is hoped that about 400 parcels can be offered. Due to the fact that there are more than one and a half minutes of selling time. The schedule is based on this rate. In subdivisions where the percentage of sales runs high, however, it is quite likely that this pace could be maintained. Due to the fact that there are over 125,000 parcels to be offered in Oakland County, if parcels are offered at the rate of one a minute, it will require a full year to complete the sale. In order to expedite the sale it is necessary to set heavy daily schedules even though it may not be possible to offer all the parcels scheduled, said Jones.

CHURCH TO BEGIN EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS MARCH 3

Singlar Evangelist Albert E. Hesketh of Elkhart, Indiana, who has conducted successful evangelistic meetings in churches throughout the nation, will come to Farmington and conduct a series of meetings at the Baptist church, beginning Sunday and continuing for two weeks.

Evangelist Hesketh is an unusually the soloist and choir director. He uses a large piano and organ and an accompaniment to his solos and in leading the singing of the congregation. He will organize a large chorus choir which will assist each night in the meetings. This will be the seventh series of meetings in which Rev. Hesketh has assisted the pastor, Rev. Gilbert A. Miles.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the meetings which are held at the Baptist church each night from March 3 to 17, Saturday nights excepted.

WOMEN'S CLUBS FEDERATION ANNOUNCES POETRY CONTEST

The Poetry Division of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs announces a poetry contest for high school girls only. There poems are to be sent to the chairman, Mrs. Fannie Sprague Talbot, 139 Cherry Street, Battle Creek, Michigan, not later than March 20.

A theme is required with each poem, and contestants are not to submit more than six poems. There will be six cash prizes, and the two judged next best will be given honorably mention.

Movies Make Studies More Interesting for Students

A new and modern way of teaching is being employed at Farmington grade school, under the supervision of Principal Robert Stewart. Called "visual education," it consists of actually letting the students see what they are learning by the use of motion and sound pictures.

The construction of the new gymnasium-auditorium has made possible such a program. Hereafter there will be no lack of space for the showing of moving pictures, nor the equipment with which to show them. Now the

Fines Given in Traffic Court

Four persons appeared in Judge John J. Schmitt's traffic court this week to pay fines for violations of traffic laws. Scott Tyler, 41, of Birmingham, arrested on a charge of driving without a chauffeur's or an operator's license, paid a fine of \$5.00. He was arrested on Telegraph Road near 13 Mile Road.

Improper overloading and passing on a hill brought a fine of \$3.00 and \$5.00 costs against Richard Davis, of Fowlerville. He was arrested while driving on Grand River avenue.

Warren Snyder, 55, of 14877 Kentucky avenue, Detroit, failed to stop for a stop sign at the intersection of Telegraph Road and 10 1/2 Mile Road and was assessed a fine of \$5.00.

Dudley H. Pritchard, of Grand Rapids, pleaded guilty to a charge of improper overloading and passing on a hill and was assessed a fine of \$5.00. He was stopped by officers while driving on Grand River avenue.

Senior Class to Present 'Spring Fever' March 3

The Senior class of Farmington high school will present "Spring Fever," a play in three acts, Friday evening, March 3, in the new school auditorium. The play, a sprightly comedy, deals with the adventures of a group of college students, and rib-tickling situations come in hilarious sequences.

The first scene of the final week of rehearsals Monday. The play will be given under the direction of Grady McKay; public speaking, debate and salesmanship instructor, Lynn Rohrer, commercial teacher, in charge of business details, and the construction of scenery is under the supervision of Charles Baker, arts and mechanical drawing instructor.

O. E. S. CARD PARTY TUESDAY EVENING

Farmington Chapter No. 239, O. E. S. is sponsoring a card party Tuesday evening, March 5, at the Masonic Hall in Farmington. Every body is welcome to attend the party, which begins at eight o'clock, and there will be table prizes and door prizes.

LEGION AUXILIARY PLANS CARD PARTY SATURDAY

The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion will hold a card party Saturday, March 2, at the Legion Home on Grand River avenue. Luncheon will be served, and order to expedite the sale it is necessary to set heavy daily schedules even though it may not be possible to offer all the parcels scheduled, said Jones.

Farmers Prepare to Answer Uncle Sam's Questions

Farmers in this area will soon be squaring their heads in an effort to supply the answers to 176 questions, to be fired at them by representatives of the United States Census Bureau. The 22nd annual census will begin their questions, compiling information for Uncle Sam's farm records.

This area will be included in the 171st Congressional District, comprising Oakland County, the 22nd Ward, Washtenaw County, Northville, Livonia, Plymouth, and Redford Townships, with headquarters at 18 E. Lawrence street, Pontiac.

First Taken in 1940

The first farm census taken was in 1840 and is now being taken at five year intervals. The 1850 Census showed the total farms as 1,419,073; in 1935 the total farms reached an all time peak of 6,812,353. It is expected that the total number of farms in the 1940 Census will show in the neighborhood of 7,000,000.

The farm schedule this year has been divided into regional and territorial divisions. The schedule will have 176 questions to answer. The Schedule for the State of Michigan will contain fewer questions than the last farm census held in 1935. The subdivisions of the farm schedule are as follows:

- I Farm operator as of April 1st, 1940.
- II Farm tenure, April 1st, 1940.
- III Farm acreage, April 1st, 1940.
- IV Values, April 1st, 1940.
- V Farm mortgage debt and farm taxes.
- VI Other land owned April 1st, 1940.
- VII Work off farm and years on this farm.
- VIII Irrigation.
- IX Cooperative selling and purchasing, 1939.
- X Farm labor.
- XI Farm expenditures in 1939.
- XII Farm machinery and facilities, April 1st, 1940.
- XIII Supplemental information.
- XIV Live stock and live stock products, April 1st, 1939.
- XV Farms harvested on the farm in 1939.
- XVI Value of products used and of forest products sold in 1939.
- Farm Schedules are also required for farm-owned orchards, gardens, country estates, nurseries, flower, hatcheries, nurseries, flower, and vegetable under glass, rabbit and aquaculture and many other specialized operations not generally recognized as farms.

Records Held Confidential

Trained Enumerators will start taking the farm census along with the Population Census on April 2, 1940. All Enumerators will have directions to show that they are authorized by the Bureau of Census to secure the information required. All Schedules received will be held strictly confidential and will be used solely by the Bureau of Census in the compilation of farm statistics. Only sworn Census employees will see your statements. Reports are required by Act of Congress and farm owners cannot be secured for all tracts. Land three acres or over and all tracts of land less than three acres where the value of the agriculture products exceed \$250.00.

Judge Rules Out Cemetery Charges

Charges of fraud against three men in connection with a Novi cemetery association, which were lodged as an outgrowth of a one-man grand jury investigation by Municipal Judge John J. Schulte of Farmington and Prosecutor Charles L. Wilson, have been dismissed by Judge Earl Nash of Farmington. The three men, promoters of the former Grand Oakland Memorial Park cemetery, are Cyrus A. Cooke, 2809 E. Jefferson, Detroit, Forrest Keeton, 15363 Manor, Detroit, and A. L. Schneider of Jackson. The charges which were dismissed were grand larceny and conspiracy to defraud.

Sen. McCallum To Discuss Taxes

Senator George McCallum, of the twelfth Michigan district, will be the featured speaker at the meeting of the Exchange Club, to be held Wednesday noon at the Methodist church. It is expected that a large number of outside visitors will be present to hear the Senator's talk.

Senator McCallum has chosen as his topic, "Taxation" and the talk promises to be one of high interest to taxpayers. Since Mr. McCallum is considered to be exceptionally well-informed on his subject, non-members who wish to attend the meeting may make arrangements by seeing or calling Mahonin Bradley, Exchange club president.

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Mr. Rugg told of the manufacture of glass, the processes used to make different types of glass, and of some of the new varieties, such as "rubber glass," and others.

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P. T. A. MEMBERS HEAR TALK BY MRS. H. S. MALLORY

The Farmington Parent-Teachers Association held their meeting on Friday, February 23. Girl Scouts of Troop No. 1 opened the meeting with a presentation of the colors and the pledge of allegiance as a part of their badge work in dramatics and Americanism. Those who took part were Betty Aschebrenner, Marjorie Barlow, Mary Jo Cole, Isabelle Davis, Kathleen Roberts and Joy Schumacher.

The nominating committee was named for the election of officers to be held at the March meeting. Chairman of the Committee is John Hunt, and other members are Carl Roberts and Joy Schumacher, Walter Coon, and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre.

Mrs. H. S. Mallory of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, was the guest speaker. She spoke on the relations between parents and teachers, and gave instances of problems concerning children, which were solved by the parents and teachers working together.

Mrs. Mallory then answered questions on child problems and child psychology.

Over a hundred members and friends attended this meeting, which was held in the new Auditorium. Refreshments were served, following the meeting.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 19, when the school will hold open house, and the parents will have the opportunity of seeing what is being done by the school.

Scotch Dancers To Entertain Veterans

Those attending the Canadian Veteran Annual Ball in the Naval Armory, Detroit, Friday evening, March 1, will be treated to an exhibition of Scotch, English and Irish numbers by a troupe of costume dancers, which includes Pearl Smith and Nettie MacDonell, 1929 Channing, St. Cloud, Minn.; the Chapler Clow, of Traverse, Mich.; Ford Mercury Rangers and the Davis Sisters will provide conspicuous entertainment which will not conflict with the dance.

The local Canadian Legion Post 2140 is represented by Post Commander Art Heavens, who has been appointed Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

WORD RECEIVED OF DEATH OF WILLIAM A. GRACE

Word has just been received of the death of William A. Grace of Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Grace was a son of Theodore and brother of Edward C. Grace, of Farmington, and of Jeanette M. Grace of Detroit. He died Friday night. Services were held in Kansas City.

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Veterans Invited To Join New V. F. W. Post

Ambers Stulek, representative of the Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars, announces plans to organize a V. F. W. post in Farmington and asks that all veterans who would be interested in joining the post contact him. Mr. Stulek has called a meeting to be held at the Victory restaurant, Saturday, March 2, at 7:30 p. m. All veterans are invited to attend.

Merchants Feature Winter-End Shopping Bargains

Farmington merchants continue to keep their shelves well stocked with winter-end bargains, making this one of the most profitable shopping seasons of the year.

Housewives won't want to miss the array of bargains to be found at Barton's Farmington Hardware. Nearly everything in the line of household goods may be found in attractive display and at attractive prices.

The fastest-cooking range on the market is the new Consumer Power Co. calls their new gas-top range. Why not arrange to give it a test in your home. There's no obligation.

How would you like to receive a kitchen knife and fork absolutely free? All you have to do is purchase a 24 quart case of either Ives or Quaker State motor oil for \$1.00. Middlewood's Standard service station and you will receive one free. But hurry, the offer won't last much longer.

Gifts From Van Burg's

When you think of gifts, think of Van Burg's jewelry store. Van Burg's has hand-picked for you the best gift ideas that can be found—and don't miss their watch values.

Take a look around you at the new 1940 cars. Chances are good that you'll say Pontiac is the most beautiful. If you'd like to become better acquainted with Pontiac, drop in at Keego Sales and Service, in Keego Harbor, and look over the new models.

Woman's Club to Meet at Home of Mrs. Hutton

The Farmington Woman's Club will hold their regular meeting Wednesday afternoon, March 6 at the home of Mrs. E. Hutton on Shilawassee avenue.

Mrs. C. Ada Bond is program chairman, and has secured as speaker Mrs. E. D. Moessner of Pontiac, who will speak on the topic, "What Every Club Woman Should Know." Roll call will be answered by giving points on parliamentary procedure.

Cage Team Enters Tournament

Farmington high school's basketball team will meet Pontiac High School in their first game in the district cage tournament, to be held in Walled Lake, Thursday, February 29, Friday, March 1, and Saturday, March 2. The Farmington team is scheduled for Thursday night at 8:15 p. m. If Farmington defeats Pontiac, they will next meet Redford Union Friday at 6:45 p. m. This would be the third game between these two teams. Farmington lost the first to Redford and will meet the coach Bob Hutton's Blue and Whites are entered in the Class B division along with such teams as Birmingham, Redford Union, and Milford.

The Friday and Saturday scheduled games are:

Friday, 1:00 p. m., St. Marys vs. winner of New Hudson-Waterford game; 7:15, Dublin vs. winner of Farmington-Plymouth game; 8:00, Birmingham vs. Milford (Class B); 9:15, Walled Lake vs. Brighton (Class C).

Saturday, 6:45, Class A finals; 8:00, Class B finals; 9:15, Class C finals.

Tickets may be procured at Farmington high school from Coach Paul Stoeneker. Tickets for single games or the entire series of games may be purchased.

Roy Jones To Take Over New Postal Route

Roy Jones, 22083 Miller, Farmington Township, will be the new mail carrier between the Farmington and Redford post offices, following the acceptance of his bid by postal authorities. He will take over his new duties March 1.

SINGING AND TAP DANCING FEATURED AT CLUB DANCE

Singing and tap dancing by Barbara Bailey was featured at the dance held Saturday night at the Clarenceville Men's club, Virginia Erickson, of Farmington, also did a buck dance, and waltz clog was offered by Barbara Bailey and Josephine Fry of Northville.

Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Sylvia Parrish

Funeral services were held at Flint Wednesday for Mrs. Sylvia Parrish, a long-time resident of Farmington. Mrs. Parrish died Sunday at the home of her son, Clark, in Flint. She was buried at North Farmington. She is also survived by another son, Clarence, of Detroit.

BAPTIST CHORUS PRESENTS HYMN HISTORY PROGRAM

The choir of the First Baptist Church will give a Hymn-Story program, His Mother's Sermon, by Ian McLaren, at the Baptist church Sunday evening, March 25. This is an unusually the program which has been presented in many of the large churches in this country and abroad. It has a Scotch background and the choir will be assisted by a Scotch tenor, Mrs. Rita Ewart, of Detroit. The text is cordially invited to attend.

Electric Ordinance Considered

A special meeting of the City Commission will be held Tuesday evening for the purpose of discussing an electric ordinance for the City. The need of a uniform inspection system in Farmington has been brought before the Commission several times, and a sample electric ordinance has been placed in the hands of the City Clerk.

The City of Farmington has had no electrical inspection system since last fall when the State Electrical Inspector's Department, under which Farmington was served, was discontinued. It is felt that such a lack is a distinct hazard, since faulty wiring is often the cause of fire in the home.

The Commission will discuss the amending of Section 16 of the City Building Ordinance, which it is believed, may conflict with any electrical ordinance which might be passed. Mayor Lee is the State legislator appointed Howard Otis, city commissioner, Bayard Tucker, and Paul R. Schreiber to confer with Justice John J. Schulte, City Attorney, for legal advice, and to report to the Commission.

Adopted in Other Cities

The ordinance, which has already been adopted by a number of municipalities in the metropolitan area, provides for "safeguarding life and property by regulating and providing for the inspection of the installation and maintenance of electric wiring, electric devices and electric material; to provide for the licensing of electricians and the licensing of Journeymen electricians; to provide a reciprocal arrangement for the recognition of examinations and licenses issued by other municipalities in the State; to encourage Michigan voluntarily cooperating in the enforcement of this ordinance; to provide a penalty for violations thereof and to repeal or amend any ordinance or ordinances in conflict therewith."

MEMBERS' WIVES ARE GUESTS AT RIWANIS MEETING

Plans for the next meeting of the Kiwanis club, to be held Wednesday evening at the Salem Evangelical church, will be announced by Mrs. Orville E. Dunckel, superintendent of schools, who will be in charge of the programs during March, is attending the National Educational meeting in St. Louis.

Wednesday evening was "Ladies' Night" at the Kiwanian's meeting, with 32 members and wives in attendance. Members and guests enjoyed a program of impersonations presented by Mrs. E. J. Bergendorfer, impersonator, from Grand Rapids. Mr. Bergendorfer's grand-aunt kept the program at a high pace. Imitations included various birds, animals, etc., a sketch of a young lady in love and one of a father attempting to awaken his four sleeping sons. A chicken dinner preceded the program. Ken Loomis was in charge of the entertainment, in place of J. E. Belser, Clarenceville school superintendent, who is also attending the educators' convention in St. Louis.

Work on the Kiwanis Ministry Show, "Anchors Aweigh, Minstrel" is going ahead satisfactorily. The show will be under the direction of a representative of the John B. Rogers Producing Company.