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## Churches Will Observe Good Friday

Farmington's annual observance of Good Friday, the Union services of the three Protestant churches, Baptist, Methodist, and Salem Evangelical church, will be held Friday, March 22.

The services this year will be held at the Salem Evangelical church and the participating churches have invited the attendance of everybody in this community, regardless of church affiliation. It is expected that most of the merchants and store-owners in Farmington will close their places of business between 1 and 3 during Good Friday afternoon so that they may attend the services.

## Rev. Stubs To Give Sermon

Rev. Delmore C. Stubs, of Farmington Methodist church, will give the sermon. Rev. Stubs announced that his theme will be "The World From the Cross," a topic especially appropriate to the occasion.

Rev. Carl H. Schultz, of the Salem Evangelical church, will be in charge of the services and Gilbert E. Miles, pastor of the Farmington Baptist church, will also take part in the program. Rev. Schultz announced that the services will begin at about 1:30 p. m. and will last approximately an hour and a half.

## DR. GEORGE A. SHERMAN TO TALK HERE WEDNESDAY

Dr. George A. Sherman, medical superintendent of the Oakland County Tuberculosis Sanitarium, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Exchange Club Wednesday. His topic will be "The Control of Tuberculosis in Oakland County."

The meeting will be held in the high school gymnasium and all Farmington high school students have been invited to attend. The meeting will begin at 11 a. m. All who are interested are invited to attend.

An interesting talk about a fascinating business—that of flying—was presented to the Exchange club at their meeting Wednesday noon. Lieut. Charles Stark, of Selfridge Field, was the speaker, and his topic held the attention of all his listeners.

Perhaps those who got the biggest thrill from the "flying talk" was a group of 40 young boys, guests of the Exchange club. The boys are all building model planes to enter in the club's Model Airplane contest. The judging is to be held May 6.

## Services Held Thursday For Mrs. Amelia White

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon for Mrs. Amelia White, of 32305 Shawnee avenue, who died Monday at her home. Mrs. White was a native of Germany and had lived in this country 49 years. She had lived in Farmington for the past 15 years.

She leaves her husband, Charles, three sons, William, Charles, Jr., and Elmer, and one daughter, Mrs. Martha Harms.

Services were held at 2 p. m. from her home, and at 2 o'clock from the Brightmore Pentecostal Tabernacle, 22335 Foxwell avenue, Detroit. Rev. Bond Bowman officiated.

## County Health Group To Meet March 20

The Oakland County Public Health Association will meet at 6:30 p. m. on Wednesday, March 20, at Adrian Cotter's Tavern, Woodward avenue and 12 Mile Road.

Mr. C. C. Brander, Detroit News Community editor, will be the guest speaker of the evening. His subject will be "Radio and the News of the Day." Mr. Brander has had an extensive and interesting career in newspaper work with various newspapers in Michigan and other states. For the past ten years he has been with the Detroit News.

Reservations may be made by phone or mail at the following: Oakland County Health Department, 436 Auburn avenue, Pontiac, Phone 27630, or at the Royal Oak District, of the Oakland County Health Department, 111 South 77th street, Royal Oak, Phone 2546.

## Scouts Plan Big Show For Parents and Friends

A mammoth All-Scout Demonstration will be held in Farmington the last week in April. Participating will be the Farmington Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, Girl Scouts, Girl Scout Brownies, and the Cub Scouts.

The demonstration, according to John W. Hunt, neighborhood Boy Scout Commissioner, will cover all phases of scout work. The object will be for each group to present some phase of their group training to the public and to demonstrate the many items that go toward making a successful Boy and Girl program.

## Citizenship Day Leaders Named

A number of Farmington people will serve in various ways on the Oakland County Citizenship Day program, to be held Sunday, May 19, in Pontiac. Chairman for the city of Farmington is Archie G. Leonard. His district leaders are G. E. Dunlop, Superintendent of Schools, Mahton S. Bradley, Joseph Himelstapf, Mrs. F. J. Nash, Mrs. Martha Warner, Mrs. Maie Cronin, and W. B. Gamble.

Chairman for Farmington Township is Arthur Cox, who has selected Harry McCracken, Jay C. Button and G. W. Powell as discussion leaders. Several others are to be named.

## FARMINGTON CUB SCOUT TROOP NOW HAS 40 MEMBERS

The Cub Scouts of Farmington, sponsored by the Parent Teachers Association, have taken their place in this community as a permanent institution.

Cubmaster, Howard L. Richards reports that he has registered approximately 40 boys, including an associate Den at Bond School.

Boys to be eligible for Cubbing must be 9 years of age, but under 12 years of age. The program is based on the theory of primary and secondary education, the relationship between the parent and the child, and to stimulate the creative instinct in the boy. Therefore, the parents play an equally important part in the program and in order to qualify their son for Cubbing, must attend a training course to acquire a sound work and understanding.

Cubs meet weekly in Den at the home of Mrs. B. E. Scott (known as a "Den Mother"). Once a month all Dens meet in a "Pack" under the direction of the Cubmaster with the parents of the County Executive Committee. The projects are displayed, stunts put on, and Achievement Badges awarded.

## Easter Brings Spring Into Farmington's Stores

With the advent of Easter, traditional harbinger of Spring, Farmington store-owners are rushing preparations for the coming season. End-of-winter values are being featured in a great many stores and bargain-wise shoppers are urged to take advantage.

Easter specialties of all kinds are offered at Fred L. Cook, who has a clothing store. Their hit-of-the-week is their offering of shoes, for all members of the family, at low Spring prices.

A brand new service station has opened at 2815 Grand River. To be known as "Menke's Super Service" the new station was formerly Otis service station, and will handle Mobilgas and Mobiloil.

You will believe the many outstanding innovations embodied in the new Ford will you've ridden in one. Why not find out about the Ford today? Stop in at Otis Russell, Inc. and let the salesmen point out the high points about this great new car.

"Need a dash of Spring in your home? Try painting some of those dark corners. And when you get the new Farmington Hardware and ask for Pittsburgh paint it goes farther. In these bustling March days it's mighty vexing not to have hot water when you want it. People who have one of Detroit Edison's hot water electric tea kettles never worry about hot water—they have plenty of it at a moment's notice.

Need Building Materials? Need plumbing or building a new garage or an addition to your home call Farmington Lumber and Coal Co. and get the particulars about prices of materials. You'll find that this will save money. Middlewood's Standard Service station is continuing his trade-in offer on Atlas tires. Here's a chance to trade in your old tires on new ones of good tires.

Pontiac store owners would like that it's hard to find a car that will give you so much for so little as a Pontiac. The 1940 Pontiac sells for as low as \$783, delivered at Pontiac.

During the coming summer, you housewives won't want to spend long hours cooking over a hot range, gas cooking can be a beat when it comes to economy and convenience. You can try one in your own home simply by visiting the Consumers Power Co. and asking for a free trial.

Calling All Rugs! Grime Cleaners have done a full sized rug for only \$3.99. For quick service call REDFORD 6566.

Traveling luxury at low cost—this is what you get in Sammie's. It's handsome, it's tough, Sea-It at Dickerson Hardware.

You're invited to go riding in a new Hudson. The makers of Hudson promise you the best thrills that money can buy in an automobile. Begin your joy ride from Shaw Bros., 20921 Oxford.

Larry chick builder makes chicks healthier. Get this outstanding poultry food at Farmington Mills.

Regardless of what kind of weather March offers, Sinclair gasoline will work better in your car. It will give you more miles to the gallon, better protection for your engine, and better service station.

The Hardy Family is back again! They'll be down at the Redford Theatre from Friday through Monday in "Judge Hardy and Son."

Prize of the Bluegrass starting the blind horse, Gantry.

## Candidates Prepare for Campaigns

With the annual Township election a little more than two weeks off, Republican and Democratic candidates are beginning active campaigning for election. All officers, with the exception of Commissioner of Highways and member of Board of Review will be contested.

Election day will be Monday, April 1. The offices to be contested include the following: supervisor, clerk, treasurer, Justice of Peace, commissioner of highways, member of Board of Review, and four constable positions.

Voting Places

Voters of Precinct No. 1 will vote at the Town Hall in Farmington. Precinct No. 2 voters will cast their ballots at the Farmington Township Welfare office, 2834 Grand River avenue. The polls, according to Clerk Harry McCracken, will open at 7 a. m. and remain open until 7 a. m., unless the Board of Election decides to close for one hour at noon.

Arthur Cox, incumbent Republican supervisor, is seeking reelection to that post, opposed by Albert Kos, Democrat. Harry McCracken, Republican, is seeking reelection as clerk, running against Fred Wilkinson, Democratic nominee.

Mrs. Cox seeks re-election. Mrs. Loretta Cox, Republican, and Charles Bardwell, Democrat, are other in the treasurer election. Mrs. Cox is the incumbent. Ernest Blanchard, incumbent Justice of Peace, is seeking reelection on the Republican ticket, and is opposed by Joseph Babb, Democrat.

Four Republicans and two Democrats will be running for four constable posts. On the Republican side are: William Campbell, William LaFarge, Grant Heliker, and Alvin W. Vanvorst. The Democratic aspirants are Paul A. Paris, Jr., and Leo Wedykie.

Graham, Button Unopposed

Joseph Graham, Republican is unopposed for re-election to the post of Commissioner of Highways and Don R. Button, Republican member of the Board of Review also has the field to himself.

## CAST REHEARSES NIGHTLY FOR "ANCHORS AWEIGH"

Rehearsals for the Kiwanis minstrel show "Anchors Aweigh" are in full swing, with one of the largest casts ever to be assembled for "Anchors Aweigh" in Farmington. Rehearsals will be held nightly between now and the evening of the show, at the high school auditorium. On nights when the auditorium is being used for other purposes the cast will rehearse in the Town Hall.

The show will be presented on Tuesday evening, March 26 in the high school auditorium. School children are admitted to the dress rehearsal Monday evening, March 25 (for ten cents, according to Kiwanis officials). Tickets for the Tuesday performance may be obtained from any member of the club. To stimulate the sale of tickets, prizes will be given to those selling the greatest number. To the winning man will go a pen and pencil set donated by Howard Otis. The first prize will be an electrical appliance, donated by Dick Taylor, and the school child selling the most tickets will receive a portable radio given by Vic Blakeslee.

## New Books Available At Public Library

A number of new books, for both adult and juvenile readers, are now available at the Farmington library, according to Mrs. Florence Leach, librarian. Included are the "Clayton Adventure," and "Maggie Crip," by Richard Hillburt; "Little Woodman of the North," by Bailey; "Stories That Never Grow Old," by Peter; "Over the North Pole," by Badstuber; "Wallie the Walrus," and "Karoo the Kangaroo," by Wiese; "Wabash," by Wilson; "The Young Man From Mt. Vernon," by Peters; "Softball 'So What?'" by Lowell Thomas; "Sea Horse Adventure," by Bostelmann and Eberle; "Birdhouses," by Paul V. Champlin; "The Nightingale," by Hans Anderson; "The Wonders of Red Yellow-Brown," by Faber Birren; "The Presidents in American History" by Charles A. Beard; "Ships Under Sail," by Gordon Grant; "Morning Is Near Us," by Susan Glaspell; and "Children's Blue Bird."

## Farmington Woman Aids In Arrest of Purse Thief

A complaint entered by Mrs. Mary A. Funk, of Farmington, resulted last week in the arrest of Mollie O'Brien, on a charge of attempted larceny. Mollie, 61 years old, had stolen a purse which was carried by her on her way to work on March 19, 1937, according to Detroit police. She has operated under a number of aliases.

Mrs. O'Brien was seized in the basement of a downtown store after she had been caught trying to steal Mrs. Funk's purse. Mrs. Funk is a former matron in the Detroit House of Correction.

The arrest came just a little over two weeks after Mrs. O'Brien had finished a seventy-day sentence on another pickpocket charge. A New York police message, transmitted when Mollie was arrested in Detroit in November, said that she and her husband had been caught trying to steal Mrs. Funk's purse. Mrs. Funk is a former matron in the Detroit House of Correction.

## Flower Show Tickets May Be Purchased Here

Tickets for the annual Detroit Flower Show, to be held at Convention Hall, beginning Monday, will be sold here. Tickets may be purchased in Farmington from Mrs. R. E. McCurdy, 33914 Macomb avenue. The Farmington Branch of the National Woman's Farm and Garden Association, is giving credit for the selling of these tickets.

## Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tripp Dies Sunday

Prayer service was conducted Monday for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tripp. The baby died Sunday afternoon shortly after birth. Mrs. Tripp is the former Florence Alice Cook, nee D. C. Snooks, of Detroit. Burial was at Oakwood cemetery.

## 'Ace' Johnson May Be Wayne County's Next Sheriff

When the name and picture of Acell F. ("Ace") Johnson, as possibly Farmington's next sheriff, appeared in Detroit newspapers during the past few days, it awakened recollections in the minds of Farmington residents who have lived in the community a dozen years or more. For "Ace" Johnson was a familiar figure in the community in the 1920's—he was one of a long line of proprietors of the former barbecue at Grand River and Orchard Lake roads, a long line which seemingly found it impossible to make the place profitable. Now it is used for residential purposes.

The "Ace" Johnson who operated what was known under his proprietorship as "O-Ace-Sez" Inn, is not the rather plodding slow-witted fellow portrayed by at least one newspaper. On the contrary, Farmington recalls Ace Johnson as a distinct personality, of slightly mentally and possessed of original ideas. The very name of his place gave indication of that.

A Noted Place

For a long time, during the years long before Northwestern Highway was built and when Detroit's population flooded to the nearby lakes up Orchard Lake Road instead of going far out in the State as they do now, the corner was known throughout the Detroit area through its peculiar name of "The Pig and Whistle." It was a beehive of activity, if not of profit.

Along came Ace Johnson, and ran a contest for a new name. His personality and wit were known. Also, this was during the Prohibition era, and the word "oasis" was a favorite one. Someone inquired on the pig and whistle name for the corner, O-Ace-Sez Inn, combining thus the pleasant connotations of "oasis" with the vitticisms of Ace Johnson.

Issues Booklet

Mr. Johnson promptly started circulation of a regularly-issued booklet, filled with clever things picked up here and there, and of course advertising the virtues of his eating place, calling the publication, "The Book of O-Ace-Sez."

But those things were of the lush days of the Twenties, before the combination of higher speed cars, depression, James Couzens (formerly Northwestern) Highway, following a year of frequently shifting ownerships, doomed the corner finally as an eating-place. It had a colorful history—and no more colorful chapter than that now being written by Ace Johnson, now, by a quiet, of late under-sheriff of Wayne County, and probably the only under-sheriff in its history, who hopes he will not become Sheriff Johnson automatically.

Mr. Johnson, chief law-enforcement officer of the move to out Sheriff Wilcox in connection with graft charges, proves to be successful.

## Lots Scheduled For Tax Sale

Property in the City of Farmington will be offered at the Oakland County land sale, conducted in Detroit, Michigan, on the schedule for the next week.

Thursday, March 14—Beginning with Book 2, page 3, and in Farmington City described on pages 3, 4 and 5, but not including Birmingham Gardens subdivision on page 5.

Friday, March 15—Commencing with Birmingham Gardens subdivision on page 5 and pages 6 and 7 through Birmingham Woodward subdivision, Book 2.

Monday, March 18—Beginning with Blakeslee's addition, Birmingham, on page 8 and pages 9, 10, and 11 of Book 2.

Tuesday, March 19—Starting with Northlawn Heights, Birmingham, on page 12, pages 13 and 14 through Rural subdivision of O. E. Shattuck subdivision on page 15, Book 2.

Wednesday, March 20—Beginning with Sheffield Estates, Birmingham, on page 15, page 16 and through Sheffield Estates, No. 1 on page 17, Book 2.

Thursday, March 21—Smith addition, page 18, completing City of Farmington, page 18, including all of City of Bloomfield Hills, and commencing with City of Ferndale, pages 20 and 21 and through Campbell Heights Subdivision No. 2 on page 22, Book 2.

Friday, March 22—East Urban Subdivision, Ferndale, on pages 23, 24 and 25, and through First Addition to East Urban on page 26, Book 2.

## South Oakland Farmers To Discuss Dairy Bill

The South Oakland local of the Farmer's Union will sponsor a meeting at the Wilcox Hall Wednesday, March 20, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of studying and discussing the Dairy Stabilization Bill (H. R. 8598) already introduced in Congress. William Ramsey, Jr., president of the local, will be in charge of the meeting.

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This includes provision for insuring producers the same degree of protection to dairy products as commodities and stabilization of production and price. It contains a stabilization feature which would insure adequate amounts of dairy products to the public with protection to the producer against extremely low prices with maximum benefits under the Act, payable only in compliance with approved herd practices and quality production.

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At six o'clock the ladies will serve dinner, and at eight o'clock Mrs. Adams will conduct church services.

The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Letters to the editor are always welcome by this newspaper.

## City To Vote On Edison Franchise

Qualified voters of the City of Farmington will go to the polls Monday, April 23, for a special election. The issue to be voted upon will be the granting of a 30-year franchise to the Detroit Edison Co. to supply electrical power to the City.

At their meeting Monday evening the City Commission passed a resolution approving the issuance of such a franchise subject to the approval of the voters. Another meeting was held Wednesday evening for discussion of the franchise. R. H. Taylor, representing the Detroit Edison Co. was present to answer questions of the members of the Commission. Final approval will be given by a date set for the election. Cost of the election will be borne by the Detroit Edison Co.

Under the franchise the City of Farmington is guaranteed rates not to exceed those charged in the City of Detroit. The franchise is not exclusive, and other companies or persons may also be given the right to operate in Farmington.

Rolling papers, to be announced later, will be the same as those used for regular city elections.

## KIWANIS SAFETY CHAIRMAN TO SPEAK HERE

E. Ross Farr, chairman of the safety committee of the Michigan District, Kwanis, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Kiwanis club Wednesday evening. Mr. Farr, whose headquarters are in Grand Rapids, will speak on safety in relation to Kwanis activities. The program is arranged by Superintendent Orville E. Dunlop.

The wives of Kiwanis members are reminded that the meeting Wednesday, March 27, will be a "ladies night" meeting, and that all Kiwanis ladies are invited to attend.

Roy L. Deis of Chicago, was the guest at the Kiwanis meeting Wednesday evening. An expert on painting, Mr. Deis gave an enlightening talk on "Painting, Staining and Styling With Paint." He was the guest of Forrest Dickerson.

Present at the meeting were 36 members and eight guests. Tickets to the club minstrel show "Anchors Aweigh" were distributed to the members. Dick Taylor, the chairman, the show will be presented Tuesday evening, March 26, instead of Monday, March 25, as previously announced. A dress rehearsal will be held on the night preceding the show.

## Open House For P.T.A.

The Farmington Parent Teachers Association will hold their regular meeting Tuesday evening, March 19, beginning at eight o'clock, in the high school assembly room. Election of officers will be held.

Following there will be open house in the school, and teachers will be in the respective rooms, giving the parents an opportunity to see what is being done in each class. There will be an especially interesting exhibit in Manual Training, Domestic Science and Chemistry.

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