

# The Farmington Enterprise

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## FIGHT WITH BANDITS

Deputies George Francis and William Goers Have Exciting Time Thursday Morning

About 1:30 Thursday morning Deputy Sheriff George Francis received a telephone call from New Hudson informing him that a gang of robbers had left there for this direction, after having committed their depredations in that village, the second visit at that town this week.

Mr. Francis called Deputy Goers and together they started, in Mr. Goers' car, west on Grand River, coming upon the gang in the hollow near Schroeder's pond. The two deputies had stopped their car and upon the approach of the other car, a big Buick, ordered the party to stop and throw up their hands, covering the driver and a companion with revolvers. They threw up their hands and stopped, but they had no more than gotten the two fellows spotted, when from the rear seat they were commanded not to shoot, and looking into the back of the car they found they were covered with four revolvers. At the same time the driver was commanded to go ahead or he would get a hole put through him.

A flash light revealed the big car contained five desperadoes, and as they started ahead they fired three shots at the deputies, who emptied their guns at the flying machine and then jumped into their car and followed as far as this village, when Redford and Detroit messages were left at the telephone office and Francis and Goers resumed the chase.

Deputy Stringer of Redford got into the chase and followed the car, the light snow leaving their track perfectly plain. The message to the Detroit police, however, was not gotten through in time, it taking 23 minutes to get through the Detroit central, and the squad of policemen were sent out to intercept the gang missed them. As Francis and Goers arrived at the Snyder road they were held up by 11 mounted police, armed with Winchester, who claimed the robbers had not passed there. After some time spent in again finding the trail Francis and Goers followed the parties to Vinewood avenue, when they turned south to Fort and west on Fort to the Clark street car barns, where they were cornered by Stringer, but managed to make another getaway.

They were followed through DeWeyland to Inkster, where all trace of them was lost. Mr. Francis tells us it was a very exciting little party he had up in the hollow, especially when he was looking into the barrels of two big automatics, and later heard the bullets flying past him. The two local deputies fired 11 shots into the car as the bandits started up the hill west of town, and all of the opinion some of them took effect.

### Red Cross Notes

The Shawasssee Street Red Cross meet with Mrs. Oscar Smith next Wednesday afternoon. The ladies are urged to be present.

The Red Cross Sewing circle of the German church held their meeting, with nearly all members present, with Mrs. Wm. Maas, Jr., Nov. 22. They finished their dozen handbags, and one dozen nightgowns. A nice lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held west of town, with Mrs. John Maas, December 6th. Everyone welcome.

Several of the boys enjoyed skating, by moonlight, one evening this week.

The Parcel Post sale, which was postponed on account of sickness in the village, will be held tomorrow (Saturday, December 8). Everyone is invited and heartily welcomed. A number of pretty Christmas gifts can be had at 10 and 25 cents.

### Thanksgiving at Waco, Texas

A menu card from "our boys" in Camp MacArthur, Waco, Texas, gives the Thanksgiving dinner served to the boys of Co. A., 125th Infantry, N. G., 63rd brigade and 82nd division of the national army, formerly the 31st Michigan infantry, of which the Farmington boys are members.

It is a pretty 4-page folder, with an American flag on the cover, giving the name of the company, date of the feed and name of the camp. On the second page is a menu "fit for a king," consisting of five courses. The third and fourth pages contained a roster of the company, in which the names of Howard Eisenold, Carl A. Goers, Bertrow W. Brown, Norman C. Lee, George H. Miller and Hugo Schaeffer appear.

The boys wished their friends in Farmington to know that they were well fed and well treated in every way.

### Trolley Bowling League

No. 2 Farmington and No. 3, Northville come together on the home alleys this (Friday) evening. No. 3 team has been rolling a winning game ever since the season opened, and our boys hope to "break their winning streak" tonight.

No. 5 of Redford, has been rolling short-handed, and their score shows it. It is hoped that they will all be in the game from now on, and will start a winning streak.

High local score for the week is held by J. C. Clark, 256.

Everybody welcome to these games.

Following is the standing of the teams to date:

	Won	Lost	Per
Farmington No. 2	13	10	625
Farmington No. 3	16	4	761
Northville No. 3	16	12	573
Northville No. 4	8	12	323
Redford No. 5	17	15	150
Redford No. 6	11	10	525

### CHURCH NOTES

#### Baptist Church.

Rev. J. W. Salton, Pastor. Services next Sunday, morning and evening, with Sunday school at noon. All are welcome.

There will be a Christmas entertainment in the church on Christmas evening, December 25th.

#### Salem Evangelical

Rev. A. C. Stange will preach next Sunday morning at 10:45, eastern time, in the Clarenceville German church.

The Farmington Ladies Aid meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the parsonage.

#### Methodist Church

Rev. James Priestley, Minister. We were glad that we were able to resume our regular services last Sunday. The morning service was well attended, and we hope to have a larger attendance next Sunday, as conditions will have become normal and none need have any fear of diphtheria. The sermon for the morning service will be on the theme, "Praying for Forgiveness," being the fifth of the series on the Lord's prayer. The attendance last Sunday was very encouraging. The Sunday school will have a fine attendance, if you are there to make it such.

At the evening service the pastor will introduce a new feature. During the service he will tell the story of "The Coward Who Went Over the Top." The message of the evening will be one that none should fail to hear. The Woman's Home Missionary society will meet Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Wm. Hendry. The leader of the meeting is Mrs. Redford. All members should be present and bring a friend. A ten cent lunch will be served.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening. The Gospel of John is being studied, and the chapter for next week is the sixth.

The Knights of Methodism met Monday evening and a most interesting meeting was held. We are anxious to see more of the members present next Monday evening.

Read the liners.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

After January 1, 1918, the Price of the Enterprise Will Be \$1.50 Per Year

Without any apologies other than that the cost of everything entering into the making and publishing of a newspaper make it absolutely necessary, if we continue in business, to increase our subscription rate. Therefore, beginning January 1, 1918, the subscription rate of the Enterprise will be \$1.50 per year, 75 cents for six months, 40 cents for three months.

For two years we have endeavored to make the Enterprise what it should be as a local newspaper, and the steadily increasing cost of material has brought us to a point where it is imperative that we either increase the price, cut the quality or size of the paper, or go out of business entirely. We have "hoped against hope" that conditions would change for the better, but instead they have steadily become worse.

Many papers all over the state have already been obliged to take this step, and every editor has hesitated until it was actually "forced upon him." In this county and vicinity already six publications—the Milford Times, South Lyon Herald, Northville Record, Plymouth Mail, Orion Review, Birmingham Eccentric have made the above announcement.

To all our subscribers, and those who wish the Enterprise, we make the following offer: You can renew your subscription between now and January 1, 1918, for one or two years at the old price of \$1.00 per year. Those who are now in arrears (and a few are) may pay what is back and also for one or two years in advance at the old price, providing you do so between now and the first of January, 1918.

This is purely a business proposition with us that MUST be met in a business way, and we trust our friends and subscribers will look at it in that light. However, should any think they cannot meet the increase (only about one cent a week), and wish to cancel their subscription we assure them that we bear them no hard feelings, and only ask that they notify us of the fact, and should the time come when they wish The Enterprise sent them again we will welcome them as old friends.

Remember the price advances January 1, 1918, next month, and subscriptions at \$1.00 will be accepted for one or two years in advance, up to that date. After that the price will be \$1.50 to one and all alike.

## FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Newey Items Taken From Other Papers in and About the County.

"Grandpa Roper celebrated his 90th birthday last month, after being a resident of Redford township sixty years.—Redford Record.

George W. Chapman, 94 years old, an Oakland county pioneer and the oldest member of this lodge, died in Michigan, passed away at the Masonic hospital at Alma, November 22.—Birmingham Eccentric.

The country is just now scourged by enthusiastic hunters, with \$10 dogs and \$50 guns, who shoot away \$1 worth of ammunition, wear out \$5 worth of clothes, and spend \$2 worth time to get 80c worth of game.—Oxford Leader.

Wayne is taking steps to prevent a small-pox epidemic, having already two or three cases, mysteriously contracted. Strict quarantine and vaccination measures are expected to halt any further spread of the disease.—Northville Record.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holmes formerly of Milford, were with a party of Flint people driving through here Tuesday bound for St. Petersburg and Tampa, Florida. They said coal was non-procurable in Flint, so they loaded up their homes and set out for the southland to stay until the last of April.—Milford Times.

The citizens of Clarkston were alarmed because the original route of the new interurban line from Pontiac to Owosso did not go through that village, and they got busy, with the result that the route will no doubt be changed. In order to accomplish this it was necessary to raise \$15,000 and place it on deposit in the Clarkston bank.—Holly Herald.

### Weekly War Notes

The government wants mechanics of all trades. Enlistment is urged by experts.

All former exemptions are cancelled by the new selective draft rules after December 15th.

According to the Department of Agriculture, rats and mice destroy each year property worth more than \$200,000,000, equaling the gross earnings of an army of 200,000 men.

Many of the mortars employed today on the allied fronts are of the compressed-air type, using a puff of air or gas instead of powder to throw the shell into German trenches.

A woman 96 years old has written the woman's committee of the Council of National Defense asking for war work because, she says, "My son is too old to be a soldier." A girl 9 years old wants to go to France as a messenger in the Red Cross service.

No news from the soldier means that he is all right. Every casualty is immediately wired to officials in Washington, being by friends without loss of time, and is also immediately released for publication in the newspapers.

Present-day trench warfare has caused the pneumatic cannon idea to be developed after it had been laid aside for many years as impractical. Aside from being silent and inexpensive, the pneumatic mortar is readily manipulated. It is used at ranges from 750 to 1,000 feet, and is said to be exceedingly accurate.

### Taxes Due

I now have the tax roll for Farmington Township in my hands for collection of state and county taxes, and will be at the Farmington State Savings Bank on Fridays and Saturdays, during banking hours, until January 10th, to receive your taxes.

R. H. MARSH, Township Treasurer.

### PATRIOTIC LEAGUE SUCCESS

Owing to the fact that the local Patriotic League committee has worked faithfully and hard for the success of the plan, and the hearty co-operation of nearly all of the citizens of Farmington township, there has been collected up to Thursday the sum of \$1,457.

This committee, and in fact the committee all over the county, have given their time and expenses for this work, no one in the entire county, except one man as accountant and book-keeper in Pontiac, receiving one cent for their work or expenses in this drive for patriotic funds. While Farmington's share in the fund may perhaps fall a little short of the quota ascribed to her it must be remembered that we have a number of citizens residing in this vicinity who are doing business in Detroit, and consequently are donating and helping in every way possible with the city work, some of them feeling that they have done even "more than their share already."

However, the committee, the citizens of the township and all are to be highly commended in the hearty support they have given the movement.

Football is a popular pastime with the youngsters at this time of the year.

We want the Enterprise to be a newsy newspaper. Please send or phone in your news—25 or 10.

The deer hunting casualty list for 1917 gives six killed and many injured at the close of the season November 30th.

A 10-cent lunch will be served at the home of William Hendryx by the Woman's Home Missionary society Tuesday, December 11th.

### Local News

Perry Wadon and family spent Thanksgiving at O. H. Everett's.

Will Walters is driving a new Ford coupelet, purchased of Carl Ely.

Mr. and Mrs. Wadenstorer and family spent Thursday in Detroit. Mrs. M. S. Brownridge, of Detroit, was a visitor of Mrs. David Ross Wednesday.

Miss Dorothy Wixom was a week end visitor of her cousin, Geraldine Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. John Turner, of Farmington, spent Friday at the A. B. Peterson home.—Redford Record.

John Walters is carrying mail on route 2, for Will Walters, and Allie Phelps for Will Sprague on route 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Habermehl entertained Mrs. L. Habermehl and children Orene and Charles Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ryder and children Edward and Elaine spent Thanksgiving with relatives at Northville.

Mrs. James Hogle has made several trips to Detroit the past week, for the purpose of receiving treatments on her eye.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shear entertained Miss Abbie Burton Thanksgiving. Chicken and rabbit were delicacies at dinner.

Misses Carlisle and Warner entertained for Thanksgiving Mr. and Mrs. Clarence T. Armstrong and their son Roland, of Highland.

A license was issued last week by the county clerk for the marriage of Henry Toussant, of Farmington, and Mabel Dunham, of Plymouth.

Clinton Tredway is staying with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smith, and attending school while his father's new house is in progress.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Pierce and daughter Ernestine and Mrs. Minnie Wilber were guests of the latter's nephew, C. W. Wilber and wife, Thanksgiving day at the Vliet farm house at Clarkston.

Mrs. W. E. Lord spent last Saturday and the fore part of the week with her sister, Mrs.

James Morrison and family, in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. H. McFarland entertained her sister, Miss Vera Pardee, and friend Miss Rose Lowery, also their daughter Mrs. L. Wenslow and husband, all of Detroit, Thanksgiving day.

In the change of schedule on the D. U. R., cars from Farmington to Detroit leave this village at 7:45 a. m. and every hour thereafter until 7:45 p. m. after which the old schedule will be in effect. Cars from Detroit for Farmington will leave the waiting room at 6:45 a. m. and hourly thereafter until 6:45 p. m., no change being made in the leaving time from the city after 6:45.

Willard Service Storage Batteries for sale. Also batteries recharged. W. H. Lee & Sons.

LITTLE WANT ADS

FOR SALE—Hay and Oats. L. C. Harger. 6p

WANTED—Men to cut wood. Will pay \$1.25 a cord. L. C. Harger. 6p

STATIONERY—Let us print you some nice stationery. Good work and reasonable prices.

FOR SALE CHEAP—Good iron bedstead and springs, slightly used. Inquire of Mrs. Clarence Bell. 5-6c

FOR SALE—Visiting cards—either printed or engraved. Best of work and prices right. Ask the Enterprise man.

FOR SALE—Thorough-bred Buff Orpington chickens. Inquire of Ray Piddington, Farmington. 6p

FOR SALE CHEAP—Buick 5-passenger car, taken in exchange, and in A-1 condition. E. S. Grace, Farmington. 2c

NOTICE—I am in no way responsible for the contraction of any debts by my wife, Nancy Burley, after this date. Henry C. Burley. 6p

FOR SALE—Large sheets of Blotting paper; also Bristol Board, Cards of all kinds, either printed or plain. Call at the Enterprise and see what we have.

BIRTH CARDS—We will print you a neat card announcing the birth of your baby, and furnish the envelopes for mailing. Cards and envelopes 25c for 50 cents, Enterprise office.

AUCTION SALE—Having decided to go south I will sell at Public Auction on my place, three-fourths of a mile west of the North Farmington stores, on Wednesday, December 12th, all of my live stock and tools, consisting of three teams of horses and three colts; three fine cows, four good shots and one brood sow, 70 chickens and all of my farm tools; also 30 tons of good hay and 400 bushels of oats, besides other things too numerous to mention. H. G. Kyle, will do the crying. John Phelps, proprietor.

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Every SATURDAY Evening

## SOCIAL DANCE

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## REDFORD

Good Music, Fine Floor, and best of order.