

The Farmington Enterprise

VOL. XXXII No. 27.

FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1918.

\$1.50 A YEAR.

LEM WALKER WRITES HOME

Is Stationed Within Hearing of
the Big Guns—Will Soon
Be in the Trenches

Somewhere in France,
April 11, 1918.

My Dear Mother—
Just a line today, as I haven't
much to do. I am sitting on a
big hill; it is about 150 feet
higher than our camp.

"We have moved a little
nearer the front now—left the
other camp a few days ago. I
had some ride; spent one night
on the train. I wish you could
of seen us asleep that night. We
didn't have pullman cars or first
class, either, but we rambled
right along just like the old Ford.

"There were five compart-
ments to a car, with eight in a
compartment. There was one on
the floor, five on the seats and
the Corporal and myself slept in
the suit case rack, up near the
ceiling; it was lots of fun, but a
rather hard bed." The rack was
only ten inches wide, only about
half of me on the rack. The
train stopped quick once and I
came down on top of the other
boys. I thought I was a goner.
The cars are not very large. We
had lots of fun on them.

"We have only moved four
times since we have been in
France. We live in stone billets
now—all the buildings are made
of stone. There are lots of hills,
and it is rather a lonely place,
but I am getting so I like it here.
I can hear the roar of the big
guns now.

"It will be quite a while be-
fore we go into the front line
trenches. The weather is fine
here, and I am well and happy
and hope you are all the same.
Will close hoping to hear from
you all soon."

Yours lovingly,
LEM.

Black-Leg Menaces Potatoes

Of the diseases which attack
the potato, none have spread
more rapidly in Michigan within
the past two or three years than
the "black leg," a report from the
experiment station of the Michi-
gan Agricultural college de-
clares.

"The trouble is widespread in
the upper peninsula and seems
to be gaining a foothold also in
southern Michigan. Prior to
1917 it had been reported but
from a few localities in southern
Michigan, and then, in most in-
stances, only in potatoes imported
from northern localities.

"In the wholesale shipping of
tubers into the state which took
place in 1917 to supply seed
stock, "black leg" was introduced
into many southern Michigan
counties, where it has been
known to produce losses of from
25 to 75 per cent of the crop in
the field, and to cause a serious
rotting of tubers in storage.

"It is not known whether the
germs of this disease, under
Michigan conditions, can live
over winter in soil which has
borne a diseased crop, but the
rotation which is necessary for
other reasons will eliminate all
danger from this source.

"Sound seed tubers, free from
rot, wounds, bruises, scab, or
other blemish, and disinfected in
either formaldehyde or corrosive
sublimite, will give a crop prac-
tically free from black leg. In
the season of 1915, observations
made in the upper peninsula
showed that seed tubers care-
fully sorted and treated gave less
than one-tenth of one per cent of
black leg, while seed tubers from
the same car, planted without
care gave a field with 75 per
cent of black leg."

CHURNOLD is the best, by
test. Phone us—Cook's Gro-
cery, phone 3.

Take Notice

There is a village ordinance
against the riding of bicycles
and the running of express
wagons on the sidewalks. A
word to the wise is sufficient.

George Francis,
Village Marshal.



A MESSAGE FROM FRANCE

*Spirit of This War Pictured by French Schoolgirl
in Letter Received by John H. Finley.*

THIS letter is one of the many messages which have been received from the schools of France in response to the messages from American universities and schools, carried to them by John H. Finley, Commissioner of Education and President of the University of the State of New York. It is reproduced here and comes from a pupil in the Lycee Victor Durny in Paris, which he visited last May, and there heard the pupils singing "The Star Spangled Banner" in French and crying in chorus, "Vive l'Amérique." It is doubted if there has been a more graphic or poetic ex-
pression of that which separates the men in the opposing trenches or of that which brings America and France together.

*"It was only a little river, almost a brook; it was called the
Year. One could talk from one side to the other without raising
one's voice, and the birds could fly over it with one sweep of their
wings. And on the two banks there were millions of men, the one
turned toward the other, eye to eye. But the distance which sepa-
rated them was greater than the stars in the sky; it was the distance
which separates right from injustice."*

*"The ocean is so vast that the sea gulls do not dare to cross it.
During seven days and seven nights the great steamships of America,
going at full speed, drive through the deep waters before the light-
houses of France come into view; but from one side to the other
hearts are touching."*

Third Four-Minute Speech

Following is the four-minute
speech written and delivered by
Miss Carolyn Morris, of our
school, in the recent contest:

"Have you done your duty to
the government by buying
Thrift Stamps?"

"Have you been saving up
your pennies, nickels and dimes?
If not, begin now—not next year
or any other time, but now. We
must have money to carry on this
war. If we don't begin to carry on
until next year, how are we to
carry it on now? If you save
money little by little it will soon
amount to a quarter; which is
the price of a Thrift Stamp. Every
time you buy one it helps
the boys 'Over There.'"

"It is easy to save—much easier
than anyone thinks. Just think
of the money which is spent
every day for shows, candy and
other amusements. If only a
part of it were saved, how much
good it could do for the govern-
ment! It does not mean that
you should give up pleasures al-
together, but you can give up a
great deal."

"Many people say, 'we have
money enough to carry on this war;
what is the use of buying Liberty
Bonds, War Saving Stamps and
Thrift Stamps?' If we just stop
to consider the money used for
clothing, food and ammunition
for the soldiers, we would be
surprised. The government has
given you an easy course to give
this by selling you Thrift Stamps.
Most everyone can buy them,
one or two at a time. Let's
"Our boys are fighting and giv-
ing their lives for us, and it is
no more than right that we
should give them all the com-
forts we can."

"By buying a Thrift Stamp
now you will save one cent each
month on it. Every month you
wait, so why not buy one now?
After you have 16 Thrift Stamps
you can turn them in for a War
Savings Stamp, which can be re-
deemed in 1923 and draw 4 per
cent interest for the length of
time you have held it. You can
redeem it before, if necessary,
and get nearly 3 per cent, simple
interest."

"Just think of the boys 'Over
There,' and what it means to
them. Every time you buy a
W. S. S. it feeds a soldier for
over a week. The more we save
here now, the more boys it will
save 'Over There.' Don't be a
slacker—buy a Thrift Stamp and
help win the war."

Get CHURNOLD at Cook's
Grocery. We deliver. Phone 3.

School Notes.

There is no school in the high
room on account of the county
Eighth grade examination being
held there.

There are 21 candidates writ-
ing on the county Eighth grade
examination.

The pupils of the Grammar
room are studying the Recon-
struction Period in U. S. History.
The Eighth graders have been
discussing efficiency the past
week, in connection with Civil
Government.

Elvina Esch has been absent
the past three days.

Red Cross Notes

O. E. S. Red Cross Sewing
Circle meets at Masonic hall next
Wednesday.

The Shiawassee Street Red
Cross Circle will meet with Mrs.
H. P. Randall next Wednesday
afternoon.

The surgical dressing rooms in
Masonic dining room will be
open Tuesdays, from 2 to 5 and
7 to 9 p. m., and on Wednesdays
from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. and 7
to 9 p. m.

The New Idea club will sell
baked goods. The proceeds will
be used to buy an electric motor
for a sewing machine with which
they will do Red Cross work.

The members of the Fairview
Unit wish to thank those who so
kindly came out Friday evening
to assist in making their social a
decided success. The proceeds
for the evening were \$28.85.

Local News

Louis Waack, of Clarenceville,
died Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry Harding was in
Pontiac Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Carl Isaminger visited
her parents in Plymouth Tues-
day.

G. F. Hoose now has full
charge of the Atlantic & Pacific
Tea Store.

Elm won the honor flag, and
Livonia Center had 100 per cent
registration.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Boyle and
family spent Sunday evening
with Mr. and Mrs. H. McDer-
mott.

Mrs. R. Wolfe, chairman of
Women's Registration in Livonia
township, reports a full registra-
tion, with the exception of three,
who refused to register.

Try the liners. They sell.

Ladies Literary Club.

On Wednesday, May 8th, the
members of the L. L. C. spent a
very enjoyable afternoon at the
home of the president, Inda
Hambleton. The afternoon's
topic was "Bird Life and its Con-
servation."

Jessie Green gave a most in-
teresting sketch of the life of
John Burroughs, describing at
length his charming home life.

"The Economic Value of Birds
and Bird Laws of Our State," in
the hands of Zayda Wilber
proved the program committee
made no mistake in assigning
her that topic, as her knowledge
and love of birds gave her paper
added interest.

After adjournment the hostess
very pleasantly surprised the
members by serving ice cream
and cake.

The next meeting, at the home
of Martha Schroeder, May 22nd,
will combine the work of the last
two meetings, thus bringing the
year to a close at the regular
date.

Gasoline shortage in several
nearby towns.

The Theater

Managers Bristol and Eisen-
lord, of the Farmington picture
theater, are making every effort
for the improvement of the char-
acter of the pictures and the
amusement of their patrons.
You will be pleased with an even-
ing spent there.

On Saturday night they will
present "Streets of Illusion," a
five-part feature play by Gladys
Hulette, which they tell us is an
exceptionally good one.

Next Tuesday evening will be
presented the eleventh episode
of the thrilling drama, "The
Hidden Hand." This serial is
giving a good run and you can
take up the thread of the story
at any time, even if you have
not seen the preceding episodes—
each one being a good plot and
play by itself.

For Sale

We have a new Maxwell Tour-
ing Car and a new Maxwell
Truck; also one second hand
Ford for sale. Lee & Sons Gar-
age, Farmington.

We have a quantity of Mo-
hawk Overalls, in all sizes, at
\$1.00 per pair while they last.
Worth more money. F. L. Cook
& Co.

Enterprise liners sell things.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

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

The American freshmen in the
trenches are giving the German
sophomores some hazing.—Orion
Review.

The burning of two barns on
Maple street Thursday afternoon
provided considerable excitement
for a time, as their proximity to
dwelling houses made the fight
to subdue the flames a hard task.
—Holly Advertiser.

Drinks to be imbibed instead
of regular booze are being manu-
factured with astonishing regu-
larity. Scarcely a week passes
that a new brand does not ap-
pear on the market. Some of
them last about a week; but
there is no question but that the
manufacture of near-beer is go-
ing to become considerable of
an industry.—Oxford Leader.

Burglaries at the billiard room
of Jake Bentler and at the pro-
duce office of Weaver & Watkins
some time Wednesday night or
Thursday morning netted the
marauders somewhere around \$75
or \$80 worth of cigars, while at
the same time over \$150 in cash
in the two places was untouched,
doubtless overlooked.—Milford
Times.

The Record was criticised—in
a friendly way—for referring
last week to the local Lutheran
church. We are informed by a
member of the church that the
designation "German" Lutheran
is no longer used among them,
having been officially dropped by
action of the Synod. The de-
nomination is now the American
Lutheran.—Northville Record.

E. S. Barnes and brother,
Lewis, of Clarenceville, went to
Camp Custer Wednesday to visit
the latter's son, who was in
training there, and were much
disappointed to learn he was one
of 500 who had entrained that
morning for Oglesby, Ga.
They were fortunate, however,
in seeing 1,000 men entrain for
the same cantonment in the
afternoon, and report it a most
impressive sight.—Rochester
Clarion.

Prosecutor Gillespie informs
the Herald that the last and
eighth man, Gene Hanios, im-
plicated in the robbing of the
New Hudson garage has just
been sentenced to a term in
prison. In getting this bunch,
Oakland county officials have
broken up what Detroit police
term as the worst gang they
have ever met. This gang made
a specialty of making night
raids on garages out in the state
and bringing their plunder to
Detroit for disposal.—South Ly-
on Herald.

Forty years ago this week the
present printer of the Eccentric
got out the first issue of this
paper. It was a little four-
column, four-page paper, printed
in Pontiac. Old man Whitehead,
old man Mitchell, old man Fisher,
and a number of others of the
Birmingham youth of nearly
half a century ago assisted in
folding that first issue of a bud-
ding newspaper on the counters
in Frank Hangerman's drug
store. And 40 years hence some
other fellows can have our job.—
Birmingham Eccentric.

Get the best Margarine,
CHURNOLD at Cook's Gro-
cery, phone 3.

We have a limited quantity of
Lime-Fertilizer, one of the best
garden fertilizers made. In 25-
pound sacks. Farmington Lum-
ber & Coal Co.

Chicken Notice

The village ordinance requir-
ing that chickens be kept shut
up will be enforced, and com-
plaints made to me will be
promptly attended to.

There is also an ordinance re-
quiring all residents maintain-
ing open places or cesspools to
keep same in clean, sanitary con-
dition.

GEORGE FRANCIS,
Village Marshal.

Overalls, all sizes at Cook &
Co.'s for \$1.00 per pair.

Given Information

Tuesday afternoon a commit-
tee of village councilmen, ac-
companied by the editor of the
Enterprise, made a trip to Royal
Oak for the purpose of looking
over their paving and obtaining
as much information regarding
the procedure for obtaining
same in the business district, as
possible.

Through the kindness of Mr.
Kiddier, manager of the lumber
company, the party were piloted
to the offices of the village, where
they met with a hearty recep-
tion, and were given much valu-
able information by Village At-
torney Dondero.

Mr. Dondero kindly went into
the matter very thoroughly for
the benefit of the local investiga-
tors, and invited them to call
again if he could be of any assist-
ance.

The party then returned home
by way of Birmingham, where
they were much pleased with the
wide streets and paving, having
gained information that will be
of great benefit in putting
Grand River through the business
district.

Mohawk Overalls at Cook's—
all sizes, for \$1.00 per pair.

LITTLE WANT ADS

FOR SALE—A new Milch Cow.
Inquire of E. S. Sprague. 28p

FOR RENT—An up-to-date ap-
artment. Inquire at Warner
Dairy office. 22c

FOR SALE—A Child's Iron Bed-
stead. Inquire of H. W.
Moore, Farmington. 26c

FOR SALE—House and lot on
Grand River. Inquire of Dr. J.
A. Miller. 27p

FOR SALE—Kitchen Cabinet
and Round Oak Dining room
Table. Inquire of Mrs. Ross,
Division street. 27p

WANTED—Man to furnish ma-
terial and labor to blow out
about 100 stupps. S. Billing,
Route 2, Farmington. 27p

FOR SALE—All kinds of plants;
also cut flowers for Mother's
Day. John Mahaney's house. 27p

FOR SALE—If you want a good
variety of early seed potatoes
call John E. Wedow, phone
40w2. 24c

FOR SALE—Two show cases—
small cigar case and one larger
size, cheap. Otis Jensen, Clar-
enceville. 27-28p

FOR SALE—Round Oak Table,
in use about 2 years—8-foot.
Price \$15.00. John S. Landau,
phone 6735, Farmington. 26c

FOR SALE—No. 1 Timothy Hay,
also quantity of Oats. L. F.
Salow, phone 3932, Farming-
ton. 261f

FOR SALE—Gem Cement Block
Machine, nearly new, 36 pal-
lets, tampers, etc. Inquire
Seba Bristol, phone 57. 27p

FOR SALE—Black horse cheap
—no use for him. C. A. Rus-
ling, Farmington, also folding
baby's side-walk sulky. \$1.50;
like new. 27p

FOUND—A small amount of
money, while cleaning up the
lawn. Owner can have same by
paying for this notice. Mrs.
William Hendryx. 27c

LOST—Between Farmington and
Schoolcraft road, tire 34x4, on
rim. Finder please return to
L. C. Schroeder, Cass Lake,
Mich., R. 3, or Farmington
Ford Sales & Service Garage. 27p

ESTABLISHED 23 years, specia-
lizing in farms. Buyers for
all kinds of farms; also small
places. Address Mr. Mc-
Adams, 1250 West Euclid Ave.,
Detroit, Mich. Phone Garfield,
1117. 1mar3