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## Farmington High Boys Win Five Straight Games

Twenty-Five Teams Compete in Ypsilanti Last Week

TEAM GOES TO ANN ARBOR APRIL 1 AND 2

Last week-end the High school boys basketball team competed in class B tournament held in Ypsilanti under the auspices of the Michigan State Normal College. Twenty-five schools were represented. The towns sending teams were Birmingham, Mt. Morris, Hudson Y., Farmington, Holly, Milan, Fowler, Concord, Trenton, Flint, Junior High, Fowlerville, Dundee, Hamtramck, Mt. Clemens, Reading, Britton, East Lansing, Marine City, Howell, Memphis, Hudson, Petersburg, Ulica and Northville.

The various teams drew letters for places and games. Birmingham drew "A," Mt. Morris "B," Hudson Y. "C," Farmington "D," Holly "E," etc. "D" and "B" played game one, "D" and "B" game two, etc. The winners of game one played winners of game two, etc., until winners of the tournament were found.

The Farmington boys played five hard games in 36 hours, and won all of them. On Thursday night they met Holly and defeated them 33-10. It was a harder game than the score would indicate because many people had Holly picked as the probable winners of the tournament. On Friday morning the boys met and defeated the Detroit Hudson Y team 36-10. On Friday afternoon they met Birmingham in an exceedingly hard fought game. The score was 28-22. Birmingham had the game on the 11th that they could "clean" our boys on a neutral floor but they fell down when an opportunity presented itself. Friday night the Milan team was the victim of a 18-15 score game. Milan had been picked to win. Some people were so sure of their victory that they bet 3-1 against Farmington. Milan did win the first half 13-7, but they were unable to stand the gaff for the full game and the Farmington five ran over them 11-2 in the second period and took the game by three points.

The Milan game left our team a tie for first place with the winners of the other semifinal encounters between Britton and Northville. Britton easily defeated Northville by using three regulars and two subs. So Britton and Farmington met Saturday morning to determine who was to have first and who second place. Half the town of Britton was there to see the fray and all the cheering was for Britton, the team the crowd had picked to win. However, the crowd was doomed to disappointment because the Farmington defense was practically perfect. Only twice during the game did the Britton boys break thru for a short shot at the basket. They made both of them. The other points were made on long shots from the center of the floor and on fouls. At the end of the first half our boys were leading by one point, the score being 18-17. In the second half the extra endurance of the Farmington boys came into play and the Britton bunch couldn't stand the pace. The game ended with Farmington in possession of 32 points while the total count for Britton was 24.

On April 1st and 2nd the team goes to Ann Arbor to compete for State Championship of Class B. There will be either 8 or 10 teams in the tournament there.

The schools of the state are divided into two classes, A and B. All schools having 251 or more enrolled in Senior High are in class A. All having less than that are in class B. The three Normal High teams in the state are class A.

Charles H. Silman

Charles H. Silman, aged 68 years died Saturday morning, March 12, at his home in Farmington of a complication following an illness of several months.

Mr. Silman was born in what is now Ferndale, January 14, 1853, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Silman, who were among the first settlers in that section. He was director of School District No. 9 for 29 years.

For several terms he served as highway commissioner of Royal Oak township. He also had held other township offices. For ten years he had led a retired life. He removed from the home at Woodward and Eight-and-a-half Mile road two years ago to take up his residence in Farmington.

Mr. Silman was married in 1872 to Miss Annie Brown, who died several years ago. He later married Frances Miller Strathurg. He was an active member of Royal Oak Methodist church and for several years had been a member of the choir.

Besides his widow, a daughter, Gladys Isabel Silman, of Farmington, survives.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the late home in Farmington and in the Chapel at Ferndale. Rev. John R. Andrews, pastor of the Ferndale Baptist Church, conducted the services.

Many Oakland county pioneers and life-long friends of Mr. Silman attended the services. Burial was in Royal Oak cemetery.

**Banquet Given to  
High Basket Ball  
Team Big Success**

Discussion on Athletic Meets in League Follows.

On Wednesday evening, March 22, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Banfield and family gave a splendid banquet to the Boys' Basket Ball Team of the High school in honor of the fine work they did at Ypsilanti.

The banquet opened with Coach Babcock offering a blessing. A wonderful supper followed, the fellows eating until they could eat no more.

The talk that followed was on the coming baseball and track meets in the League. The evening closed, with Captain Russell Catherman giving thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Banfield and family.

Motion made by Trustee Ely and supported by Trustee Bicking that meeting adjourn. Carried. All yeas.

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H. D. WARNER, Clerk.



## New Cement Construction Company Recently Organized Here

Ernest Goers and J. J. Camp Head New Company

OPEN OFFICE AT THE LAKE DRIVE GARAGE

Ernest Goers and J. J. Camp have formed an organization for the purpose of going into all kinds of cement construction work. Mr. Goers has been master mechanic and in charge of Sidewalk Construction for the Otis Cement Construction Company. Mr. Camp has been in the cement construction work for many years, specializing in heavy concrete and cement work such as dams, breakwaters and buildings; in the last few years he has specialized in lighter cement work such as sidewalks, garage floors, foundations, roadways and street grading. These men, due to the field which is opening up in this section and due to the interests that Mr. Goers has in this section, decided to open an office at the Lake Drive Garage, Farmington Junction. Mr. Camp will maintain an office in Redford.

With the business knowledge and constructing knowledge that these men possess they will be an asset to the business life of the community.

**Ladies Literary Club Man Undergoes Peculiar Operation on Spine**

The regular meeting of the L. L. C. was held at the home of Ernest Pierce, 19 members being present.

Four papers were scheduled for the afternoon, three being given: Julia Marlowe—Local Robinson; Maude Adams—Martha Schroeder; Harry Lauder—Mable Allen.

After a short story read by Esther Boynton, the club adjourned to convene for its annual meeting Wednesday, March 30th, at the Methodist church. There will be a Pot-Luck luncheon at 10 o'clock and all members are requested to be present.

## IN MEMORIAM

It is with sad hearts that the Ladies Literary Club present to you this very inadequate testimonial to our beloved neighbor, friend and valued club member, Mrs. Florence Moore, who passed from death unto life February 18, 1921.

Mrs. Moore was a charter member of the club, and for nearly 25 years, has ever been faithful to its best interests. As our first president she served acceptably for two years, was vice-president under several administrations and has been a member of many standing committees, filling each and every place with ability and praiseworthy.

With a retentive memory she had read extensively of the best literature, and being more of a literary student than most of us, she was of great assistance in earlier years in making out our programs, at a time when we had no other club programs to consult; but had to depend entirely upon our own resources.

Mrs. Moore had a marvelous faculty of smoothing out difficulties, and many times saved the day for us by her theory, or witty solution of a vexatious situation, at the same time recognizing each one's rights and with a kindly word and thought for all. She was a staunch friend, and if she had an enemy we never heard of it. To know her was to love her. She has gone leaving a vacancy in our club, difficult to fill and which we deplore her going, she has left us a shining example to follow and a blessed memory which we will always cherish.

See what the Liners offer.

## Clarenceville B. of C. Favors Good Roads Day

Enthusiastic Meeting Discusses Good Roads.

MORE THAN FORTY MEMBERS ATTENDED

With a great deal of enthusiasm and spirit the members of the Clarenceville Board of Commerce discussed the question of road conditions in the community, relative to plans for working out with the other residents of the township a comprehensive plan for the construction and maintenance of a system of hard surfaced roads, which will be adequate for the transportation demands of the present and the future.

Many of the roads of the township are in deplorable shape every spring due to no fault of the present road building administration, for in order to have an adequate system of roads the township conscience will have to bring itself to the point where a co-ordinate and co-operative demand will be made for a proper system of roads, financed in such a manner so as not to burden the land owners to such an extent that it should cause them to carry an unnecessary tax load payable in one year or in a few years. In other words the Farmington township community wants good roads but they do not wish to load themselves with a heavy direct tax, because the large land owners would have to pay an immense sum and at the present time have to pay a huge road tax every year. Under the present method even with a large tax enough money is not available each year to either build or maintain a substantial amount of roads annually.

In the discussion in the Clarenceville Community meeting the consensus of opinion was that even with the present dirt road system great improvement could be accomplished by the proper drainage of the roads. Oftentimes dirt roads are dragged when there is not sufficient crown or ditchage to carry off water which is shed on them. In other words a proper grading of the present dirt road system will be a big temporary relief to the chaotic condition which exists on some of the township roads. This question

can be satisfactorily answered only by the cementing of the will of all the people in the township to get good roads. Since the present highway engineer came into office the roads in the township have been improved to a great extent.

It is understood that when he first took office there was no road equipment to speak of in the township. Today there is considerable road building machinery on hand and the commissioner has a thorough knowledge of the various roads and their needs. But one efficient man and four over-seers cannot get good roads without the co-operation of the people of the township. Many men and women from many parts of the township has signified their intentions of helping this intelligent good road movement, and it is felt by many that such a movement, properly handled will be instrumental in giving the township good roads without strangling the finances of the property owners. In other words a comprehensive plan properly laid out and executed will give us improved roads, with a reasonable outlay of money each year. Other communities in other states have good roads without staggering taxes, why can't we?

The Clarenceville Board of Commerce has gone on record endorsing the furtherance of Good Roads. This is not all for last Saturday the men of Clarenceville turned out to put certain pieces of road into shape so that they could be travelled over. Some of these men pay considerable tax, but they were willing to go to any reasonable length to get good roads. One prominent man in the Clarenceville community, we understand, has hauled and laid considerable road material at his own expense.

In other words if a man pays considerable taxes and if the road program for the construction of improved roads does not include his literary this man might as well live in the backwoods at certain times of the year. For a few hundred yards of impassable road will call a halt to express from to centers of "intimacy." Concerted effort and intelligent information will form the basis for all of us in obtaining a proper modus operandi for the solution of the road problem.

**Grace Miller White**

has written some remarkable tales of the squatter folk of Cayuga lake and the more aristocratic residents of Ithaca, N. Y. They have been featured on the stage and in moving pictures. This one will make the author a host of new friends, will make some famous, and will make you love Tony, its heroine.

Will soon start as a serial in this publication.

**Watch for It!**

This story will appear in our paper starting next week. Grace Miller White is one of the most capable writers and you are sure to enjoy this fine story.

**Card of Thanks.**

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to Rev. John Andrews, Pastor of the Ferndale Baptist chapel Ladies of the W. C. T. U. of Ferndale; Ladies of the Home Missionary society; the M. E. Sunday school of Farmington, and to all our friends for their kindly services and beautiful floral gifts during our sad bereavement.

Mrs. Silman.  
Gladys Silman.

**Notice.**

The Busy Workers of Clarenceville will hold a Fish Pond Social, Wednesday evening, April 6th, at the home of Mrs. Otis Hansen at Clarenceville for the benefit of the Clarenceville Cemetery. Everybody welcome—Come and have a good time. Also good music.

**Card of Thanks.**

The residents of Clarenceville wish to thank the people of Farmington for their support at the recent Township caucus.

**EXPERT**—Fence building by rod or hour, estimates cheerfully given. No job too big or none too small. Address all communications to James Tolman Farmington. 19p

**WANTED**—Butcher to put in shop in our Grocery. Mrs. A. Hallman, Brick Store, Clarenceville, 19p

**FOR SALE**—Toulouse Geese, Ancona chickens, Pearl Guinea fowls and eggs. N. G. Adams, Farmington Junction. 19c

**FOR SALE**—4 Bulls eligible to register. Four work horses. Albert Sukowski, phone 44-F-3. 20p