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FARM GROUPS ANNUAL MEETS

Thirty Associations, to Gather at East Lansing During Farmers Week, Feb. 4-8.

Thirty different state agricultural associations and groups will hold meetings at the Michigan Agricultural college this year during Farmers week, which is to be held February 4-8. Many of them will be holding their regular annual meetings, while all will draw a large attendance to swell the crowds at the big state farm conference.

The Michigan state farm bureau comes first in point of number of members among the groups which will gather. Other of the larger units will be the Michigan crop improvement association, the Michigan breeders and feeders association, with its many affiliated breed associations, the Michigan beekeepers association, the Michigan potato producers association, the Michigan soils association, the Michigan poultry association, and various other special groups.

While the list of speakers who will appear upon the general program at Farmers week has not yet been announced, it is understood that a line-up of interesting and instructive platform talent is being scheduled.

Special exhibits, covering almost every phase of rural life and agriculture, are being prepared and will be shown in a new way this year. Entertainment features will again include the annual livestock parade, moving picture programs, special gatherings for the ladies who attend the conference, and other events of interest.

Crowds at the annual Farmers week have run above 6,000 in recent years, and plans are being made to accommodate another record attendance this winter.

FARMINGTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The F. W. C. met Wednesday, Jan. 2, with Mrs. Nine Whipple. Roll call was responded to by giving a New Year's resolution.

The President appointed Mrs. Anna Brown as the new member of the program committee.

After a short business meeting the program of the afternoon was given as follows:

City Government—Mrs. Bickling. Constitutional Convention. Ratification of Constitution. Function of two Houses of Congress. Members—How Chosen. The President and his Cabinet—Mrs. Eda Parker.

United States Courts: District, Circuit and Supreme—Mrs. Nina Whipple.

Biography of John Marshall—Mrs. Lou Pauline.

The subject of study for the next meeting will be Lyric Poetry as planned for Oct. 24.

The club adjourned to hold the next meeting January 16th with Mrs. Josephine McGee.

DEATH OF FORMER FARMINGTON RESIDENT

Mrs. Thomas Carr died New Year's eve at her home in Lansing. The funeral was held from her late home, Thursday, Jan. 3, conducted by Rev. C. H. Ashworth, pastor of the Universalist church of that city.

Emma Nelson was born near Pontiac in 1853. The greater portion of her life was spent in Farmington, where she owned property on Rogers street at the time of her death.

She was united in marriage to Addison Fairfield in 1872. To this union two children were born. Mr. Fairfield died in 1880. In 1884 she married Thomas S. Carr upon whom one son was born. In the death of Mrs. Carr the husband loses a devoted wife and the three sons lose an affectionate mother. She was a sister of the late Mrs. Carlos Steele of Farmington.

51ST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Tuesday, Jan. 8th, was the 51st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Sprague. While they spent the day at home they rejoiced in good health, which is a remarkable feature considering their age. A year ago they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the Universalist church.

COMMUTATION TRIAL PERIOD ON D. U. R. LINES

Under authorization of the Michigan Public Utilities Commission interurban fares on the Orchard Lake Division on January 10 advance to two and a half cents per mile where such transportation is paid for singly.

However for the benefit of regular riders the Detroit United Railroad at the same time inaugurates a sixty day trial period with a series of commuters' tickets that will permit such riders to travel between two given points at practically the same average rate as has existed.

These commuters' tickets are issued in three forms, as follows: Twenty rides to be used in 20 days on local and express cars by the purchaser only.

Thirty rides to be used in 60 days on local and express cars by the purchaser and members of his family when traveling together.

Fifty rides to be used on any passenger car/limited included, good for the holder thereof and party.

These commuters tickets will generally be sold at waiting rooms but they will not be sold by conductors on the cars. They will also be sold at some additional places.

The commuters' ticket sale is purely experimental and their continuance depends wholly upon an increased amount of riding.

Under the order of the commission the company has not only a right to issue commuters tickets but it has a right to make special arrangements with municipalities providing rates offered one community must be offered another, if officially asked for providing the cases are substantially the same. "but" says the order "the existence of the competition of other means of transportation and the relative extent or severity thereof shall be deemed to affect the similarity of conditions."

"LITTLE LORD FAUNTLEROY"

When Mary Pickford made the extremely interesting picture, "Little Lord Fauntleroy," one of the best stories of modern literature became alive. This lovely story will be seen at the M. E. community hall next Tuesday evening.

Harman Gaddy fell about three weeks ago, and at the time thought the injury only a strain, but last Wednesday morning he suffered a great deal of pain and summoned a physician who found that he had a broken rib.

NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Farmington Methodist Church
S. D. Eva, Pastor

10:30 "Repentance."
11:45 Sunday School.
6:30 Epworth League.
7:30 Story-sermon, "Arbutus."

Clarenceville Community
M. E. Church

Rev. T. J. Gregg, Pastor.
10:30 "Love's Conquest."
11:45 Sunday School.
7:30 "The Wisdom of Soul Winning."

First Baptist Church
C. W. Townsend, Minister.

10:30 Morning worship. Sermon, "The Secret of Real Success."
11:45 Church School. Adult lesson, "The Long Sojourn in Egypt."

6:30 B. Y. P. U.
7:30 Popular Hour. Subject, "The Great Praise Hymns." Chorus Choir.

7:30 Neighborhood meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Grace, Improvement Company's building.

Universalist Church
A. B. Beresford, Minister.

10:30 Worship and sermon. Dr. Beresford will preach. Subject, "The Man who carried the cross for Christ." Being the first sermon of a series on "Persons Whom Jesus Met."

12:00 Adult Bible class and Sunday School.

Evangelical Church
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor

10:15 Services in German. Installation of Officers.
11:45 Sunday School. Bible class conducted by Rev. Bollens. Friday—Choir rehearsal.

ERECT HALL FOR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Evangelical Society to Make Extensive Improvements to Church Property

The annual congregational meeting of the Evangelical church society of Farmington, was held on Monday, Jan. 7th. The meeting was of more than usual interest as matters of considerable importance were discussed and definitely settled.

Heretofore the family has been the unit of membership in the church. A resolution was adopted by which membership will be by individuals.

It was decided to build at once a hall and dining room on the church property for social gatherings. For some time the need of more room for this purpose has been felt. Various plans for providing the same have been discussed. The building of a new and separate building was decided upon as the most practicable one. Construction work will be commenced early in the year.

The pastor, Rev. J. Bollens, in recognition of his untiring labors in behalf of the church and its members, was given a substantial increase in salary.

Officers elected are: Fred Brockmiller, George Gildemeister, and William Melow. The first two are new members of the official board the latter, Mr. Melow, being re-elected.

LOCAL NEWS.

Minnie Maas spent the day Sunday with Miss Nellie Evert.

Raymond Hyde spent a part of his holiday vacation with friends at Marlette.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Fawcett and brother, Lynne Fawcett, returned Tuesday from their trip to Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Knapp and baby have returned from a two weeks visit with his parents and other relatives at Yankton, S. D., and St. Paul, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn C. Norton and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Billing gave a radio dance at the Billing home Saturday evening. About 30 friends were present.

Mrs. A. P. Bowen, who has been spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. John C. Clark and family, returned to her home in Toronto, Canada, last week Thursday.

Miss Carol Döry, Mrs. J. M. Rainy and Walter German of Birmingham, and Mrs. Elizabeth German of Flint, were callers at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Miller Sunday.

The ministers of Farmington held an informal gathering in the study of Rev. S. D. Eva Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Eva gave a talk on "Books I have read and reviewed."

About 18 friends surprised Mrs. J. C. Clark Monday evening, it being her birthday anniversary. The evening was spent in playing Five Hundred, after which a fine luncheon was served.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mrs. A. McGee last week Thursday evening. Rev. Clyde McGee was here from Chicago and the family had their New Year's dinner at that time.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Lapham on Wednesday evening when their daughter, Maurine, became the bride of James A. Fry of Northville, in the presence of the immediate families only.

Mr. and Mrs. John Melow, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bickling were invited to the home of Chas. Newkirk and wife at Dearborn Saturday evening where they partook of a fine six o'clock dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Starkey and mother, Mrs. M. M. Bulman of Bothwell, Ont., Canada, went to the Shubert-Michigan theatre, Detroit, last Thursday to see "The Bat."

Mrs. Bulman is visiting her son and will leave the latter part of the week for Europe to see the battlefields. This is the eighth voyage that Mrs. Bulman has made across the Atlantic Ocean.

SERIES OF SERMONS AT BAPTIST CHURCH

January 6th the subject was, "Hymns of Meditation," supplemented with stereoscopic views and a duet by Verna and Harry Sanderson.

January 13th the "Great Praise Hymns" will be the subject, supplemented by a chorus choir selection and special music.

January 20th, "Militant Hymns" will be the subject, supplemented by processional and antiphonal singing.

January 27th the subject will be "Commemorative Hymns." The pastor has sent to Indianapolis for a superb set of 21 stereoscopic views to illustrate Mason North's great hymn "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life."

February 3rd the theme will be "Invitational Hymns," supplemented by an inspiring pageant entitled, "Stewardship" by Rev. C. E. Boyd of Detroit.

A brief sketch of the outstanding hymn writers will be presented and the messages of the great hymns will be sung and interpreted.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING ABOUT WILLS

In probate court is an estate of about \$10,000 which will have to be distributed through an administrator because the man whose will it is didn't know that a will to be legal must be signed by two witnesses and on the will in question the signature of only one witness appears, says the Grand Rapids Chronicle.

"It matters not if a dozen persons are in the room when a will is signed," Judge Clark E. Higbee told us, "the will is void unless two persons sign as witnesses. Many persons do not understand this and so we have many cases in court in which wills are broken. But at that not so many wills are broken as is popularly supposed. I think fewer than 5 per cent of the wills filed are broken."

We got to talking with Judge Higbee and found out a lot of things which were interesting and which we will pass on to you.

The popular form of will has not changed in hundreds of years and out of the wills filed today the great majority begin with the words "In the name of God, amen." Then follows, "I, John Doe, being of sound mind," etc. Usually the first provision is for the payment of just debts and funeral expenses.

But according to Judge Higbee none of these things is necessary to the validity of the will, as the will has a better chance of remaining unbroken if the provisions simply outline the will of the testator. Of course if there is a desire to create a life estate or leave money in trust for the services of a lawyer, or other services for there are more court battles over such provisions than over anything else excepting deeds to property which figure in the estate of the decedent.

Ante-mortem deeds are the cause of most of the legal battles that is, where during a lifetime some person endeavors to provide for a transfer of property after death without the formality of going through probate court procedure.

If there is a deed given before death and a provision in it that the actual transfer shall take place after the death of the person giving the deed then the deed takes the natural of a will and must go through the court.

If a deed without such provision actually is delivered it is valid even though it is not recorded until after the death of the giver. Another way in which property may be decided is by depositing the deed in escrow. This takes place by making out a deed and depositing it with a third person, the deed being in an envelope being in the hands of the person named in the deed after the death of the maker of the deed. But there can be no reservation such as a right of the grantor of the property to recover the deed at any time previous to death.

Another thing not generally known is that a testator may cut off his children from any of his property.

The annual meeting of the Sunday school of the Methodist church will be held on Monday evening, next. Supper will be served at 6:30 p. m.

BANKS REPORT BUSINESS INCREASE

Annual Stockholders Meeting of Farmington Banks Held Tuesday—Directors Elected

The Farmington State Savings Bank and the Peoples State Bank of Farmington held their regular annual stockholders meetings on Tuesday evening which were well attended.

The reports read to the stockholders show that both banks are in a flourishing condition and have just closed a prosperous year. The resources of the banks now total a million and a half dollars as will be seen by financial statements published elsewhere in this issue of The Enterprise.

The meeting of the stockholders of the Farmington State Savings Bank was attended by 37 stockholders who elected the following persons as directors:

Isaac Bond
C. Gale Collins
E. O. Hatton
Clinton McGee
H. N. McCracken
M. B. Pierce
Edgar S. Pierce
Oliver Russell
H. A. Schroeder
C. R. Talbot
Howard M. Warner
Harley D. Warner

The new member on the board is Emory O. Hatton. Mr. Hatton is one of the younger business men of Farmington, who has won for himself an enviable reputation as a progressive and enterprising merchant. He is a member of the Farmington Hardware Co., one of the leading mercantile establishments of the city.

The bank did a fine business in 1923, every department showing a gratifying growth as was shown by the report read.

Following the stockholders meeting the board of directors elected present bank officials as follows:

Howard M. Warner, president.
M. B. Pierce, vice-president.
Edgar S. Pierce, cashier.
R. O. Soldan, assistant cashier.
The annual stockholders meeting of the Peoples State Bank of Farmington was held with a large percentage of stockholders present.

The following named persons were elected directors for the ensuing year:

Charles H. Ely.
Ernest W. Blaghard.
Emil Root
James A. Miller.
Leo F. Gildemeister.
James L. Hogle.
Thomas Lytle.
John Fitzpatrick.
Clarence N. Wesley.

Mr. Wesley, treasurer of the Hutchins Car Roofing Co. of Detroit, is a new member of the board as is Mr. Fitzpatrick who comes from the Missaukee County Bank to take charge as cashier.

At a meeting of the board of directors directly following the stockholders meeting the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

James L. Hogle, president.
Dr. James A. Miller, 1st vice-president.
Thomas Lytle, 2nd vice-president.
John Fitzpatrick, cashier.
George C. Gildemeister, assistant cashier.

Charles H. Ely, chairman of board of directors.

The officials of the bank look forward to a year of business prosperity.

Miss Gaylord, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Gaylord, who has been very ill the past few days of pneumonia, is reported as slightly improved.

HOW TO STOP BOOTLEGGING

James S. Butler, sheriff of Oakland county, says: "If all violators of the prohibition law were given terms in the state prison at Jackson there would be less violation of the law. We are not in sympathy with the \$9, 45 and \$90 day terms in the Oakland county jail which are now given."

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Tolman is ill; also the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Regent.

NEW CASHIER ASSUMES DUTIES JAN. 21

John Fitzpatrick, recently elected cashier of the Peoples State Bank of Farmington, made this city a visit Monday to familiarize himself with his new duties which he will assume on January 21.

Mr. Fitzpatrick comes from Lake City, Michigan, where he has been for some time identified with the banking business of that city as cashier of the Missaukee County Bank, which position he has resigned to accept a similar one here, but retains his interest in the Lake City bank and is one of the directors. He is also president of Falmouth Bank at Falmouth, Mich.

Mr. Fitzpatrick has wife and a daughter. They will reside at their home in Lake City, until a new home is secured here.

HARDING MEMORIAL FUND

Since the last report the following subscriptions to the Harding memorial fund have been received from Farmington citizens: A. L. Bruder, \$1; M. B. Pierce, \$2; miscellaneous German church, \$50; Mrs. H. Harding, \$1; E. S. Sprague, \$2; H. N. McCracken, \$1; Rev. S. D. Eva, \$1; Arthur Schroeder, \$1.

FARMINGTON CHAPTER O. E. S. ENTERTAINS

A special meeting of Farmington Chapter No. 239, O. E. S. will be held Thursday evening, Jan. 17th, with dinner at 6:30.

The officers of Pontiac Chapter will be guests of Farmington Chapter and will confer the degrees of the order on several candidates.

All members are urged to be present.

LIBRARY BOOKS WANTED!

Will the persons holding these books return them to the Farmington public library:

Gray Dusk.
The Exile of the Lariat.
Richard Carvel.

There are others that belong to the library that should be returned. Books cost a lot of money and are expensive to replace, so kindly return them.

SKI JUMPERS HAPPY

"If this snow holds out, and is encouraged by a little more, the Detroit Ski club will be out on the hills back of Farmington soon," said one of the enthusiasts. "There is no greater sport for one who loves the out of doors. Of course one runs a risk of breaking his ankles, or his legs, in a fall, but then there is danger in crossing the street, and the element of uncertainty adds to the zest."—Detroit News.

SUPERVISORS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS BUILDING OF \$450,000 COUNTY HOME

In a recommendation submitted to the board of supervisors Tuesday afternoon by the committee on the county infirmary, which has had the matter under consideration nearly a year, it was urged that the board vote to submit to the electors of the county at the April election, a bond issue of \$450,000, to be used in the construction of a combination county infirmary, contagious disease hospital, tuberculosis sanatorium and juvenile detention home. The suggestion was made that all be built on the property now owned by the county west of Pontiac and used for years as the county farm. The committee severely criticized conditions now existing at the county farm, the temporary home built during the war with its lack of room and conveniences.

GETS DIVORCE FROM THIRD HUSBAND

Mrs. Doris DeSmith of Farmington township, a woman 60 years of age, was granted a decree of separate maintenance Monday in circuit court from August DeSmith. Her witnesses were Mary J. Craig and Claude Wilson. Mrs. DeSmith said she had been married three times, her first two husbands both having died. She married the defendant in Toledo, Jan. 10, 1921, but was deserted by him on Aug. 19, 1922. She has an equity in land amounting to \$600 and the decree will provide she may sell this property and keep the money.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Riddle entertained for dinner Sunday, Mr. J. F. Moore of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Pierce and Ernestine Pierce.