

REV. JAS. MCGEE
ORATOR OF DAY

Former Farmington Man Who Has Gained Distinction to Be Here

Rev. James McGee will be the orator of the day, June 20th. Word has been received that he will be with us on that date. This theme will be "Spirit of the Pioneer." He could not have chosen a more fitting one for the occasion. Neither could his selection as speaker be improved upon. His family was a pioneer family and he was one of our boys and received his education in our schools.

Active, alert, ambitious and with mental equipment of a high order, he has gone steadily forward until at the present time he is pastor of the Baptist church of New Haven, Conn. It is a great honor to be called to the pastorate of a church in that city, a college town and the seat of the renowned Yale university. He is in touch with the best thoughts of his time and in daily contact with men whose names loom large in the world of letters, science and art. His liberal education, his culture, his mastery of the English language and his captivating eloquence have given him an enviable place among the best speakers of the day. He is a man of the people and his history and he can be depended upon to give an address worthy of the event we celebrate.

SOMETHING WORTH WHILE

Dr. Blumenthal, a character analyst, was the main attraction at the noon-day luncheon of the Exchange club of Farmington Tuesday. His secretary Harold Clase, noted song leader put much pep into the singing.

Dr. Blumenthal has organized a class here is character reading, the first session of which will be held tonight at the M. E. community rooms.

On Monday night of next week the doctor will give a free lecture on "How to Understand Yourself." As to the pleasure and profit to be derived from one of his lectures, nothing need be said.

Harold Clase, one of the foremost song leaders of the country, will have charge of the singing. His great interest is in store for those who attend.

BASEBALL SEASON
OPENS AT NORTVILLE

Loye German, Earl Stimpson of Northville, and Ernie Light of Redford, boys well known among ball fans, are members of the London, Ont., baseball team. The boys are now at Three Rivers in training and all have shown that they are worthy of starting the season in the Michigan-Ontario league.

These boys will be in action on next Monday and Tuesday at Northville when the London team plays the Foresters. Rev. H. C. Smith, passed away Wednesday, April 23rd of pneumonia.

Deceased leaves a wife and two children.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning from St. Mary's church.

DEATH OF FRANK SMITH

At his home west of Farmington Frank Smith, son of C. F. Smith, passed away Wednesday, April 23rd of pneumonia.

Deceased leaves a wife and two children.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning from St. Mary's church.

LOCAL BOY MEMBER COLLEGE REPUBLICAN CLUB

Harley Catherman of Farmington is a member of the Republican club recently formed at Alma college, one of more than one hundred similar clubs organized in the colleges and universities of the country.

Besides bringing speakers to Alma and keeping the student body in touch with political development, through the columns of the Almanac, the club will render valuable service to every one of voting age by the absentee ballot whether the student be republican or independent.

BAPTISTS' ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 30, at 7 o'clock will occur the regular annual meeting of the church for the election of trustees and other officers. The session will begin with a supper. Reports of all departments will be read, followed by the reading of the report of H. Davis of Redford, will deliver the address of the evening.

EASTER MORNING FIRE AT PLYMOUTH

Easter morning services at Plymouth were rudely disturbed by the discordant jangling of bells and shrieking whistles giving an alarm of fire. Friends and others rushed from places of worship and their homes and succeed in beating out the fire but not before three buildings had been destroyed, causing a loss of about \$75,000.

The feed warehouse of J. D. McLaren, the foundry building of the H. D. Lee company and the Bachelor Motor Sales garage were destroyed.

Fire companies from Ann Arbor, Walled Lake and Northville responded to Plymouth's appeal and a company in Detroit was held in readiness to rush to the town.

Mr. E. N. Pollock, whose husband's grocery store was destroyed, was a few doors away in a church singing a solo when the firemen arose and quietly left the church.

Volunteers wetting the roofs of adjacent buildings prevented the spread of the fire to a nearby lumber yard. Ten automobiles stored in the garage were burned.

MORE OF THE NEW BOOKS

A Revision to Type. Labrith, Helen Hull. Feet of Clay. M. Tuttle; Candestick. Makers: Judd and Judd, Bartley; Three Generations, Maud Howe Elliott; Emperor's Old Clothes, Frank Heller.

TO BOB OR NOT TO BOB?

To bob or not to bob? Most of them, up to thirty anyway, say yes. Some of the girls that are crowding forty pretty close are falling in line too. They say it means a lot less work over night and morning and all that, but no boy for a moment supposes this is the real season. If the girls were not so satisfied that their appearance is improved there would be mighty little bobbing, though it does mean a saving in time and labor, and a bobbed head does give a sort of jaunty and youthful appearance even to an old maid of forty, if she has hair enough to bob. These things being so, we may expect to see a host of bobs for some time to come.—Grand Rapids Chronicle.

NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Farmington Methodist Church
S. D. Eva, Pastor.

10:30 "The Law and the Gospel."
11:45 Sunday School.
7:30 "The Epic of Earth."

Clarenceville Community
M. E. Church

Rev. T. J. Gregg, Pastor.

10:30 Subject, "Facing Facts."
11:45 Sunday School.
7:30 Subject, "Home, A Woman's Kingdom." This is the first of a series of ten sermons on the general topic of "Home and Kindred Subjects."

Next Sunday night the women of the Adult Bible class will have charge of the opening service—everything up to the sermon by the pastor. Reading by Mrs. L. Barge, pantomime by Mrs. Lily and special music.

First Baptist Church
C. W. Townsend, Minister.

STRANGER'S SUNDAY
10:30 Sermon, "Heart Hunger."
11:45 Church School, "Adult Lesson, 'Amos and Hosea Preaching for Righteousness.'"

7:00 The time for the entire evening's program.
7:30 Wednesday—Annual church meeting.

Universalist Church
A. B. Beresford, Minister.

10:30 Worship and sermon Dr. Beresford will preach. Subject, "Easter and What After?"
12:00 Sunday School and Adult Bible class.
Evangelical Church
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor.
10:15 Services in German.
11:45 Sunday School.

STATE FIGURES
MUST BE USED

In Fixing the Assessed Valuation Supervisors Must Be Guided By Tax Commission

The matter of assessing property of the county for taxation purposes to conform approximately with the valuations found by the representatives of the state tax commission, is again agitating the assessing officers of the county and there does not seem to be an expert opinion among the supervisors as to just what can be done. There are some who are inclined to make the valuation regardless of what is required by the commission and they would value that the various supervisors join them in turning down the demands of the commission.

The tax commission has increased the valuation of Oakland county from \$69,000,000 of which \$36,000,000 is against the city of Pontiac and \$20,000,000 against Royal Oak. The increase in Farmington township is \$2,000,000. The raising of the assessed valuation of the county is equally divided, does not of course mean that property owners will pay any more taxes than under a lower valuation, but it does mean more to some of them if a few of the cities and townships can get away with schemes to keep their assessments down while others follow the plain mandate of the law and place their cities and townships where they belong as to valuation.

There has been a disposition on the part of a few of the supervisors to defy the state commission in this matter. If they can get away with it, it will mean a big increase of the costs of county taxes. George Lord, chairman of the state tax commission, was before the board of supervisors Tuesday and laid down the law and told them that the only way to get a commission proposed doing if there was not a fair compliance with the law and the orders of that board.

Mr. Lord in part said: "This is no bluff, I mean exactly what I say. The tax commission will not stand for any discrimination from any district as against the others. The figures must be reasonable. We are not going to stand for two or three assessing officers attempting to keep their tolls low while the others have brought them up to where they belong in accordance with our figures. We intend to see that every assessing officer in this and every other county gets a square deal. The law makes it mandatory for the tax commission to come in and equalize a county where one supervisor petitions it. It can come in with its own initiative when it is satisfied the valuations are low and after a county is reassessed in that manner the assessments cannot be either raised or lowered for three years except that new buildings can be added."

From the survey we have carried on in Oakland county since last October when we equalized the county, we are satisfied our figures at that time were not far from correct. There will be no change in this year's figures, except that a few districts may be slightly raised while strictly farming communities may be slightly lowered. The state tax commission stands ready and willing to co-operate with every assessing officer and if you are having any difficulty whatever you can call on us to assist you and it won't cost you a cent. We will be glad to send you help when you need help. I will be glad to confer with you personally if you will give me at least two weeks notice."

Most of the supervisors expressed a willingness to keep assessments in line with the state figures, but they will insist that all be required to get within 10 or 15 per cent of the figures, as recommended by Mr. Lord.

State taxes were spread in Farmington township this year according to a \$2,000,000 increase in assessment which resulted in a slightly less amount raised than would have been paid by the township under the old valuation, says Supervisor Bond.

Mr. and Mrs. Budd Shepso spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Webber at Plymouth.

Mrs. Lena Gies and two children of Farmington Junction were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Brossow.

COSTUME BALL OF MORE THAN PASSING INTEREST

The Farmington Woman's club will give a Costume Ball at the town hall Friday evening, May 2nd for the benefit of the Farmington Centennial celebration.

Friends wishing to help this cause are invited to be present and join in the grand march at 8:15 p. m. whatever you are accustomed in the old time style of the present period.

A program of unusual merit has been arranged, consisting of a Dutch Dance and an Indian Dance given by school children; a minuet by George Gildemeister, Viola Gildemeister, Robert Cook, Bernadine, Frances Brown, Viola Walters and Harmon Boice.

A double quartette will be one of the features of the evening. Perkins' Orchestra of Northville will furnish music for modern and old style dances. Refreshments served.

STOPPING THE SPEEDERS

Street patrol here is accomplishing much in cutting down reckless speed by autoists. During the past week Marshal Kreger has stopped many who were driving at a rate far in excess of the limit. The large majority look the warning good naturally but a few were inclined to be a little impudent and were made to put up a forfeit for appearance before a justice.

The marshal states that it will be necessary for a number to clean their license plates.

PRODUCER - TO CONSUMER AREA INCREASED BY GOOD ROADS

Statistics of the use of good roads by farmers for direct marketing to consumers show the great advantages hard roads possess for the man who makes his living from the soil. It has been shown that the longest dairy route profitable over a good earth road is 15 miles for the round trip, while over a hard road the dairy farmer can operate profitably a route with a total length of 40 miles. This applies to every truck farmer, poultry raiser, and farmer in general with produce to sell direct to the consumer. Moreover, the 15-mile trip over an earth road is only practicable part of the year, while the 40-mile route over the hard road is good most of the time, regardless of the season.

With hard roads, all country producers of foodstuffs can make profitable daily trips to the city and back from a distance of 20 miles, creating a producer-to-consumer area with a radius of 20 miles around every city.

Not only the farmer connected with a direct market, but he who is connected by a hard road with a railroad shipping point, reaps steady profit from good highways. Many states it has often happened that fruit has been allowed to rot and fertile fields have gone uncultivated because impassable roads have made profitable sales out of the question. Steady and constant demand for farm products at good prices.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. George Gullen of Detroit, a former pastor of the M. E. church here, were Farmington visitors Tuesday.

Miss William Brossow is at the home of her daughter Mrs. Herman Kreger in Northville helping care for her new grandson.

Harlie Catherman of Alma college and friend Miss Josephine Leavy of Howell, spent Easter Sunday with his parents in Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Buffmeyer and son Teddy, of Bloomfield Hills, were Easter guests of their brother Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lepley.

Miss Treva Catherman leaves Friday to spend the week-end with her brothers at Alma college. Friday evening she will be their guest at a ball given by the students.

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Gaukler of Pontiac, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son Monday, April 21st. Mrs. Gaukler was formerly Miss Helen Warner of Farmington.

Easter Sunday Mrs. Louise Maas entertained Mr. and Mrs. John Maas and son Fred, his friend Earl Scherhorn of Northville, Mr. and Mrs. George Nacker and Mr. and Mrs. William Maas.

SUPERVISORS ADOPT STOP ORDINANCE

Becomes Effective When Approved by the Governor and Notice is Given

An ordinance requiring all motor vehicles to come to a full stop when approaching improved highways was adopted at the Saturday session of the Oakland county board of supervisors. Before the ordinance becomes operative it will have to be approved by the governor and notice given to the public.

The roads listed are:

State trunk line No. 10 known as the Dixie highway or Saginaw road; at the intersection of the Rochester-Royal Oak road and state trunk No. 59 known as Auburn avenue; state trunk line No. 16 known as the Grand River avenue; Southfield road from Birmingham to county line; John R. road through Royal Oak and Troy townships; Royal Oak-Lakeville road known as Thumb road; Dodge road at its intersection with the Pontiac-Rochester road and at its junction with state trunk No. 36; the Pontiac-Orion road; the Grand road leading from Clarkston to state trunk line No. 36; when approaching trunk line No. 36 and approaching Baldwin avenue; while traveling south on Franklin road on reaching the Orchard Lake-Bloomfield Center road when approaching from any direction the intersection of the Franklin road and Maple avenue; when approaching on the townline between Farmington and Bloomfield townships the Wallace Lake road; when traveling the Elizabeth Lake road where it intersects the Alford road; when approaching from any direction the north and south and east and west roads in Highland village; on approaching on any improved highway the Orchard Lake road from Pontiac to the Grand River road; at the intersection of the Big Beaver and Dodge roads and at the intersection of Baldwin avenue and the Clarkston road.

For violations of the ordinance a penalty of not to exceed \$100 fine and not to exceed 90 days in jail are provided in the discretion of the court. The provisions of the ordinance do not govern crossings where a traffic officer is stationed and who is in charge of directing traffic.

THE HIGH SCHOOL TATTLER

Habits

Habits may not mean much to many people, but they are exceedingly important factors in everyone's life. All the habits may be classified under the two headings "degrading" and "uplifting." Everyone surely desires his habits to be listed in the list of those that are "uplifting." This may be very hard for some people to accomplish, but for youths it is a considerably easier thing for the school is the stepping stone. In school they are taught to acquire the habit of cheerfulness, correct posture, beneficial reading, regularity and accuracy, as well as promptness and many others. These habits once formed will leave marks which years will find hard to erase. According to the words of Dryden, "We first make our habits, then our habits make us."—Editor.

Chapel Exercises

On Good Friday afternoon the school was visited by preachers of the town who brought very directly and firmly the message of Good Friday. Rev. John Bollens of the Evangelical church told the story of the kindergarten, first, second and third graders; Rev. C. W. Townsend of the Baptist church spoke to the fourth, fifth and sixth graders, while Rev. Sidney E. Eva of the Methodist church brought a very vehement message to those in junior and senior high school. In the high school the service was opened by the singing of "How Firm a Foundation" directed by Miss Wood.

Kindergarten

The afternoon group has been reading nursery rhymes. The children have been studying "The Boy and the Robin," "The Sparrow and the Robin," "The Sparrow and the Robin" and other songs that have been studied.

The children make baskets for their Easter party which was held on Friday. They looked for the eggs that had been hidden for them to find and other things that help make up a good party for little ones.

STEGER-TEMPLE RALLY

The young people and others who attend the Baptist church on Sunday night at 7 o'clock are assured of a real treat. Sunday is to be "Young People's night" and the young people union is putting on what it calls a "Steger-Temple rally." The young people expect to have Herbert Steger, famous football player and captain-elect of the University of Michigan 1924 gridiron team, present to speak on young people's religious work. Mr. Steger has the enviable record of never having played in a game which his team lost—neither in high school nor in college. And when Steger is held for downs and is forced to yield his position on the platform to another, a group of young people from the temple Baptist church of Detroit, will come upon the field of action, and put on a model B. Y. P. U. devotional service. The Temple Young Peoples Union are without doubt, some of the finest in Detroit. They have long possessed the habit of winning, the attendance banners at most of the rallies of the big city Union. Then, too, they are always near the fore in social and religious activities. They have a group of young people who frequently put on model B. Y. P. U. services for other young people. Last September they were present at Farmington and put on a young people's service. Recently they put on a service for the Redford young people, and this Sunday they are to speak again at the Farmington Baptist church. This group contains both men and women, and plenty of good musical talent.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service. All athletes are especially invited to come and hear Herbert Steger. The members of the Farmington B. Y. P. U. are anxious to see as many young people out as possible. They confidently expect that the Steger-Temple rally will be one of the best young people's devotional services ever held in Farmington.

The first four officers of Farmington Chapter No. 239 O. E. S. Mrs. L. F. Schroeder, Mrs. T. McGee and Mr. and Mrs. A. Bond were entertained by Orion Chapter Friday afternoon and evening. A sumptuous banquet was served at 6:30. They witnessed the initiation of ten candidates and installation of officers of Orion Chapter. The installing officer was Mrs. Dolly Buckingham, Assistant Grand Matron O. E. S. Grand Chapter of Michigan.

Mrs. Henry Pauline and Mrs. John Clark attended a shower in Northville Wednesday, given in honor of Mrs. E. B. Cavell by Mesdames N. C. Schroeder and Shaefer at the home of the former.

Regular meeting O. E. S. this Friday, evening.

David Kitchen, Erskine Evans and T. D. McCord are new pupils in this room.

The children have dramatized the life of the birds.

First Grade—The first grade room has a very attractive Easter border on the blackboard.

A collection of bird pictures has been brought to school which is of interest to the children in the study of birds.

A plant and some daffodils have been brought to school which is of interest to the children in the study of plants.

Original stories about spring pictures have been told for language class.

Second Grade—Miss Palmer is reading the book "My Book House in the Nursery" to the children. It was brought to school by Drayton Holcomb.

The second grade has been reviewing stories in reading.

The poem "Maple Forest" has been memorized by the children. The pupils made rabbit decorations for Easter.

The children studied pictures for Easter. "The Boy and the Rabbit" and a few others pertaining to Easter.

Third Grade—The third graders have enjoyed the story "Bunny Brown and His Sister Sue in the Big Woods," which was read for morning exercises.

The geography class has been studying sugar.

In arithmetic class the pupils learned to write the Roman numerals.

The fourth grade is going to study the possessions of the United States soon.

The children dramatized the play "Planting the Tree." The pupils are planning on having talks on the Hawaiian Islands.

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