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## FARMERS ARE BIG AUTO OWNERS

State Highway Commissioner Tells of Oakland County Highway Needs

At a meeting of the Pontiac Kiwanis Club Monday noon, Frank E. Rogers, state highway commissioner, gave an interesting talk on the highway needs of Oakland County.

Owing to its location, the unusual number of its lake resorts and suburban population, the greatest congestion of highway traffic is found here. Mr. Rogers, who is the best authority in the state on highway conditions gave many startling facts relative to the same. He said in part:

The highway department has faced a huge task in outlining and carrying out a statewide road building program, Mr. Rogers declared. It has had to consider the needs of the entire state and of the various sections.

Thus far the southeastern portion of the state, where half of the state's population is concentrated, has received far less than its portion of the trunk line. State officials turned their attention first to building through trunk lines between key point cities throughout Michigan, both in the upper and lower peninsula. Now, with the most important of these highways completed, state officials are turning to another phase of its task and one in which Oakland County residents are primarily interested.

Mr. Rogers quoted figures to show how big a burden of taxation this part of the state has been carrying and how little, comparatively, it has received in building highways. In these statistics he grouped Wayne and the four counties surrounding it, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Monroe, in one group, and besides these five counties the counties lying next around them, St. Clair, Lapeer, Genesee, Livingston, Leelanaw and Ingham, in another group.

According to the 1920 state census the first group of counties had:

38% of total population.  
52.5% of valuation.  
40% of automobiles.  
5.67% of trunk lines.  
6.1% of federal aid roads.

The second group of counties contained:

50% of population.  
64% valuation.  
54% of automobiles.  
13.5% of trunk lines.  
15.5% of federal aid.

These figures indicate that while a large portion of the state's population lives in the southeastern corner of the state and that while a large portion of the state's taxes come from this section, the amount of road work which has been done here is comparatively mild.

Now, with the most acute needs of other sections of the state cared for, Mr. Rogers told his hearers, the state is turning to the task of feasting the great congestion which exists in this more thickly populated area.

Congestion is noticeable in western Michigan during the summer months, owing to the traffic to and from the northern resorts, but congestion in Oakland County and the counties surrounding it exists the year round, he pointed out, assuring his hearers that the widening of Woodward avenue was only the first step to be taken by the state in solving this problem.

Mr. Rogers also gave figures regarding the number of automobiles as compared to the population of the various counties, which were interesting.

Taking the entire state, there is one automobile to every 4.9 persons. Kalamazoo county leads all Michigan in this respect, with one automobile to every 2.9 persons in the county. Oakland County ranks but little below Kalamazoo, with an automobile to every 3.4 persons, far ahead of the state average.

Genesee County trails Oakland with a car to every 4.3 per-

## GILDEMEISTER ESTATE IS SETTLED

With the final settlement of the estate of L. Gildemeister, who died fifteen years ago, Leo Gildemeister comes into possession of the Farmington Roller Mills property. The business has since his father's death been conducted by him.

## OBITUARY

Floyd L. Austin

Floyd LeRoy Austin was born in Charlevoix County, Michigan, March 8, 1903 and met with the accident which caused his death, December 23rd, passing away at Grace Hospital, December 24, 1924 having reached the age of 21 years, 9 months and 21 days.

Deceased leaves to mourn his loss a mother, father, one sister, and one brother, and a host of friends. To know him was to love him. His sunny disposition endeared him to all.

Almost his last words to his father were, "I prayed for the Lord to save me, but I'm ready to go."

## ASA ROBERTS

The funeral of Asa Roberts was held Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Carl Ely in Northville, conducted by Rev. A. B. Beresford. Interment at Clarenceville cemetery.

Mr. Roberts passed away Sunday morning and leaves three daughters, Mrs. Carl Ely, Mrs. John Walters, Mrs. Edward Millard, nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

TEMPORARILY DISCONTINUED  
For the month of January the Saturday evening picture shows at the Methodist Community Hall will be discontinued, to be resumed a little later.

## NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Clarenceville Community M. E. Church  
Rev. H. B. Duttweiler, Pastor  
10:30 Morning service.  
7:00—Sunday School.  
7:30—Evening Service.

Farmington Methodist Church  
S. D. Eva, Pastor  
Sunday—  
10:30—"Hungry Hearts."  
11:45—"The New Year Sunday School."  
6:30—The Livingstone League.  
7:30—A Visible Sermon—"Door Bells."


Evangelical Church  
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor  
10:15—Services, English.  
11:45—Sunday School.  
Monday, January 6, 8:00 P. M., Church Council meeting.  
Wednesday, January 7—Ladies' Aid Society.  
Friday—Choir rehearsal.  
January 12, 1:30 P. M.—Annual Congregational meeting.

First Baptist Church  
Rev. J. S. Wilson will occupy the pulpit morning and evening.  
10:30—Communion service.  
11:45—Sunday School.  
7:30—Topic, Crossing the Jordan.


St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville (At Switzer Road).  
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor.  
10:30—Regular services, 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays in German; 2nd and 4th in English.  
9:30—Sunday School.

sons. The poorest showing is in the upper peninsula where Houghton has one automobile for every 17.6 persons and Keweenaw has but one to every 20.3 persons.

These figures explicate a well known belief that Detroit and Warren have more automobiles proportionally to population than other sections of the state. When viewed as a whole, Mr. Rogers stated, the figures indicate that farming sections of the state lead in owning automobiles. Next come the industrial centers, and last the thinly settled upper peninsula counties where mining is the principal industry.



### The Publisher of The Enterprise Wishes Subscribers, Patrons and Friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



## STATION F. H. S.

Staff for the month of January:  
Editor in Chief, Adaline Wixom.  
News Editor, Doris Shepko.  
Society Editor, Eubel Penneman.  
Athletic Editor, Rowland Snook.  
Business Manager, Avis Goers.

Kindergarten  
winter scene in their sand box.  
The children are planning a snowman out of paper with which they will decorate their room. Many winter songs and poems are being learned. One little girl has brought a doll for the kindergarten.

Miss Hartz.  
First Grade  
This grade has been divided, so now fall sessions are being held each day. Miss Percy is the new teacher and she occupies Miss Wood's room.

Miss Schiffer.  
Second Grade  
Norman's class has started in the second reader, which makes them feel a bit elated. They have finished the book of "Heidi" and are making a poster of it. Thomas Measell, because he is the best in art work, will do most of it.

Miss Koterba.  
Third Grade  
In this grade, Fern Agar, Elmer Catherman, Hazel Cohn, Frances Davis, Forest Durham, Gwen Lancaster, Dick Russell, and Marjorie Kitchen have been perfect in attendance for the month of December. Everyone reports a good time over the vacation.

Miss Huff.  
Fourth Grade  
Godfrey Hendricks is back in school. Charlotte Lester was absent Monday.

Miss Hunter.  
Fifth Grade  
This grade is enjoying fractions. They are also learning a New Year's poem which is quite appropriate for the season. Because of the cold, and because so many are wearing kid gloves, they have learned how they are made, that they might appreciate them more.

Miss Tapio.  
Sixth Grade  
In Healthy Living, this grade is playing "Set-up" exercises which make the body grow properly. In Language they are studying the book "Heidi," also, Thelma Carlisle gave the class a very good report on it one day. Percentage has just been started which is entirely new work.

Miss Hudson.  
Eighth Grade  
The following have been neither tardy nor absent this year, Kathryn Banfield, William Clark, Richard Cox, Olive Grinnings and Eileen Lapham.

Miss Stewart.

Commercial Department  
The advanced shorthand class are just completing "The Sign Language," a serial story which has been in the Gregg Manual for the last four months. Nearly everyone is wondering who will be first to get a diploma among those who are beginning typewriting.

Miss Wallace.  
Latin 10  
The Latin 10 class has recently started Subjunctive Mode.

Miss Knapp.  
Freshmen  
The Freshmen are still playing with their toys they received on the Christmas tree.

Juniors  
They still appear to be as dumb as they were the Friday afternoon of our Christmas program.

Seniors  
The Seniors are still looking forward to the time when they will be enjoying their trip to Washington.

Doris Shepko.  
Athletics  
On Friday last, Farmington played the "Alumni" team. The boys' game was close, but when the final whistle blew, the Alumni was ahead, 15 to 13. The Alumni overrode the boys in foul shooting; however, the high school was superior in field goals.

The girls' game was also close until the last quarter when F. H. S. forged ahead. The final score was 18 to 12.  
Next Friday the High School will play at Walled Lake. A close game is predicted.

Rowland Snook.  
Its Mission  
Gerald—"What's this uncle?"  
Uncle (at the park)—"That's a zebra."

Gerald—"What does it do?"  
Uncle—"Well, er—its principal use is to illustrate the letter 'Z'." The mothers of a freshman, who was taking Algebra and Latin was very proud of him. When a caller came in one day, she said to Johnny, "Johnny say, 'hello' in algebra to the lady."

Newlywedged Surgeon—"Don't intend to settle down until I find the best possible location!"  
Friend—"I can point it out to you at once—the most popular railroad crossing in the country."

The Boy Grow Older  
Friend—"And has your baby learned to talk yet?"  
Mother—"My year we're teaching him to keep quiet now."

Sure Sign  
Helen—"How do you know Chaucer dictated to a stenographer?"  
Nettie—"Just look at the spelling."

## FORD BUYS OAKLAND FARMS

Henry Ford is investing extensively in Oakland County lands. He has purchased a number of lots in the vicinity of his recently acquired old Botsford Inn property in Clarenceville and the grounds around it are being converted into a park. Deeds for fourteen of the lots in Farmington township, have been filed. Mr. Ford has also acquired the Carl Hutton farm of 192 acres, the Clyde Adams farm of 80 acres and the Lou Sallow place of 16 acres lying along Grand River avenue in Farmington township, and is reported to be negotiating for the purchase of the Arthur Treadway farm of 134 acres lying within Farmington village. No announcement has been made of what Mr. Ford expects to do with these properties.

Mr. Ford has signed the petition for widening Grand River avenue to 204 feet from the Oakland-Wayne county line to the Novi township line through Farmington township and has consented to give such lands as are necessary from his frontages. This petition, asking to have this road made into a super-highway is signed by the majority of property owners from the county line to the village of Farmington and signatures are now being obtained from the owners of property to the Novi township line. It is expected that the state will improve and widen the highway the coming year. Wayne County has already taken steps to widen to 204 feet the Grand River road from the Seven Mile road to the county line and an effort is being made to widen the street from the Seven Mile road to Wyoming avenue, Detroit—Michigan Investor.

## OBITUARY

Wilhelmine Smith was born at Macklenburg, Sralitz, Germany, January 9, 1847. At the age of 18 she was married to Frederick Garschow, who preceded her in death sixteen years ago, May 1866. They came to this country and settled in Greenfield township where they lived three years when they moved to Livonia. Eight children were born to this union of which two died in infancy. The six still living are Mrs. Julius Laudau, Mrs. Riley Wolfson, Mrs. Barney Tuck, Fred Smith, Farmington, Mrs. William Hart of Owosso, William Smith of Plymouth, all of whom were with her during her last illness. Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Laudau were at her bedside when the end came at 4:15 A. M. Monday, December 15. Mrs. Garschow had made her home with her children the last five years, having spent the past year with Mrs. Laudau, where she was taken ill four weeks ago. Garschow was the cause of her death and she bore her suffering with patience and fortitude. She will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her best.

The German Lutheran Church of Livonia has lost a faithful supporter. She was a charter member for over fifty years.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 17, conducted by Rev. Peters, burial at Livonia cemetery.

## HANES WILL CONTEST

Stuit to prevent the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, from receiving the \$50,000 estate of the late Peter Hanes, of Farmington, was filed in circuit court by Mrs. Cora B. Hanes, the widow. She is suing the society and Vernon J. Lilly, Detroit scientist, to secure return of a valuable farm to her. Mrs. Hanes sets forth that she signed a quit claim deed for the property before her husband's death without knowing the nature of the paper. Her deafness prevented her hearing the explanations made, she says. The property was left in trust, with \$150 monthly income for life for herself, then reverting to the church society. She wants to set aside the deed to the farm, valued at \$40,000, which, then would revert to her without trust limitations.

Farmington Lodge No. 151, will hold a special communication, Monday evening, January 5, at 7:30 o'clock, for work in the second degree.

## PUBLICITY PROJECT PROVES POPULAR

Exchange Club Committee Secures Booth at Builders Exposition

The publicity committee appointed by the president of the Farmington Exchange Club upon authorization of the members, report that most gratifying progress has been made toward arranging for a Farmington booth at the Seventh Annual Builders' Exposition to be held in Detroit from January 28th to March 7th.

Space has been secured and the committee was fortunate in getting a booth in the very center of the hall facing both aisles which will give the workers a chance to interest the visitors, both coming and going.

While there will be some expense in carrying out this project, it is believed that it will be small when compared with the benefits to be derived. To pay for the booth privilege, publicity and incidental expenses, it is estimated that at least \$1,000 will have to be raised. When the project was laid before parties here owning real estate now on the market or likely to be most encouraging assurances of financial aid were met. Several of the parties at once offered contributions in excess of the most sanguine expectations.

This project is intended primarily for the benefit of Farmington. The club's purpose in carrying it out is not to boost the interests of any particular individuals, real estate speculators or promoters. Those owning real estate will of course, benefit in proportion to their holdings and consequently should and no doubt will contribute liberally. Every property owner in Farmington and vicinity will be benefited by the publicity and should contribute something toward the expense.

While the land owners and real estate dealers will reap a benefit from every lot that is sold, these transactions will mean a lasting benefit to the merchants and business men of Farmington, and they should and no doubt will respond liberally to a call for contributions to the expense fund.

Assurances of substantial donations have been received from the following:

F. M. Warner estate.  
J. W. Lathrup.  
Farmington Lumber & Coal Co.  
Farmington Hardware Co.  
F. D. Fleming.  
L. K. Fleming.  
Clarence Elliot.  
R. N. Crossman.

Many others have expressed a willingness to contribute and the committee feel confident that a sufficient amount will be raised to make this publicity project a big success.

The sixth annual Builders' Exposition held last spring attracted over 200,000 visitors and it is expected that the 1925 exposition will bring together at least a quarter million of people eager for home owning and improved home conditions. To acquaint these prospective home buyers and builders with the advantages Farmington has to offer in the way of an ideal home location, is the big purpose of the project now under way.

## EXCHANGE CLUB OFFICERS

At the noonday luncheon of the Farmington Exchange Club, Tuesday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months: President, Floyd H. Nichols. Vice-president, John Fitzpatrick. Secretary, F. D. Fleming. Treasurer, E. O. Hutton. Members of board of control, Harley W. Warner, Dr. Frank Weaver and A. L. Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gravin entertained at Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whiteford and family of Redford, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gravin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, Homer Eisner and son of Farmington, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wardell, son Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wardell of Lansing.