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HENRY FORD ATTENDS OLD TIME DANCE HERE

The old time dance given at the Farmington town hall last Saturday evening was a most interesting affair in itself and was made doubly so by the presence of Henry Ford, who is fostering a movement to revive interest in old time dances and music.

The graceful movement of old time dances to real music which so charmed our grandparents, is almost entirely unknown to the present generation, having been superseded by such terepsichorean travesties as the bunny hug and other suggestive and more or less indecent twirling and twisting across a ball room floor to a burlesque on noise produced by a jazz orchestra.

The following account of the Ye Old Time Dance was written by one who was there:

"Long years ago a wise man wrote: 'There is a time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance'."

The time to dance came last Saturday night, August 15, at the town hall in this village when about sixty couples gathered to indulge in the good old-fashioned dances of the years that are gone. Some of the dancers remembered with great pleasure the music furnished by John Tinsam and Volney Gunning when they played at the hall forty years ago or more.

On this occasion they were there in their old positions, with the same skill and the same deft and clever touch of their younger days. They produced music that makes dancing so pleasurable and so entrancing. Not once was a discordant jazz note heard. That modern doodlebug product remained in the obscurity it richly deserves.

"Henry Ford was there and danced often and well. He is doing all he can toward driving jazz into the discard and reviving interest in the old fashioned dances that are sane and decent."

"Mrs. Tinsam at the piano and Mr. Brooks with his violin were valuable assistants in the orchestra."

"July 4, 1876 John Tinsam first played a violin at a dance. It was in the Branch Cheese factory in Livonia. Soon after Volney Gunning became associated with him in furnishing music for dances."

"We, who in our younger days, were so delighted with their melodies hope that time will continue to deal gently with them that they and their art may be spared to charm and please all who are fortunate enough to listen to their music."

"The success of this affair and the pleasure derived by all who were there and participated, lead us to hope that it will be repeated in the future."

One who was there.

JUSTICE LE FEVRE'S REASON FOR DISCONTINUING COURT

Mrs. Eva LeFevre, justice of the peace, states that the reason for a decision to give up conducting court is that not sufficient business is furnished from this locality to warrant her in devoting time to it. Since last April but four complaints from Farmington village were made before her.

She states that in meting out justice she has always used her own judgment in the matter of sentences and has been careful to make the punishment fit the offense. She does not take kindly to what seems to be an established practice among complaining officers of dictating what the sentence shall be.

FARMINGTON WOODS SUBDIVISION ACCEPTED

The Farmington Woods Subdivision (Ely farm), was approved by the council at a special meeting Monday night. Streets are to be gravelled or cinderized by the land company and walks and water mains laid.

This subdivision is one of the more pretentious of recent platting within the village limits. The land is high and dry and excellently drained. It is expected that lots will sell rapidly and some very fine homes will dot the landscape.

Best results are obtained thru Enterprise Liners.

DIVIDE PETTIBONE FARM INTO COUNTRY ESTATES

The Siegel Land Corporation of Detroit, through Gullen & Gullen, has purchased the Charles Pettibone farm of 120 acres on the northwestern outskirts of Farmington and it stated that it will be divided into four estates on each of which will be erected a fine country home to be occupied by the Siegel brothers.

No finer terrain for landscaping can be found in this section of the state. The beautiful hills and dales are finely wooded and the elevations are such as to give a fine view of the surrounding country which is a most pleasing one.

TO DECORATE THE NEW WAY

Farmington will soon decorate in the new way. Sockets every twenty feet have been placed in the cement walks in the business district near to the curb in which can be placed flag poles on holidays and other occasions when a celebration of any kind is on.

Business places will be expected to furnish the poles and flags. An initial cost of a few dollars will secure a uniform and attractive decoration for all future occasions.

FUEL GAS FOR SUBURBANITES

The right of way for a pipe line through Livonia township in Wayne county is now being asked for by a gas company and it is stated that the same company will soon ask for the privilege of extending a line through Farmington township.

A big demand for gas fuel by suburban residents in the vicinity of Livonia in this locality is given as the reason for the request.

M. S. C. WILL EXHIBIT WORK AT STATE FAIR

Michigan State College exhibits at the annual State Fair to be held in Detroit, September 4 to 13 include over a score of prize horses and cattle, over 50 heads of prize sheep, and special exhibits arranged by the college farm crops department, the soils, dairy, poultry, forestry, home economics and veterinary departments.

Each departmental exhibit will demonstrate the effective work that has been carried on in its particular field. The farm crops exhibits is said to be exceptionally fine, having made use of the best crop results in constructing an interesting and instructive exhibit.

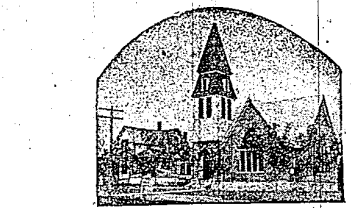
Work of the soils section in manner of analysis and testing, forestry nursery and soil, poultry, discoveries and best practices in veterinary science, as well as method employed in modern dairying will be vividly portrayed. The home economics exhibit is planned particularly for the housewife.

Boys and girls' club champions will take part in dairy and beef cattle judging. There will also be a health contest in which the healthiest boy and girl in Michigan will be chosen for national honors at the International show held in Chicago in December.

MUSIC LOVERS TREAT AT DETROIT TEMPLE

Tom Brown, world's greatest saxophonist, one of the famous Six Brown Brothers and his Merry Minstrel Orchestra, headlines the bill at B. F. Keith's Temple Theatre, starting Sunday matinee, August 23. Mr. Brown and his orchestra have created a sensation wherever they have appeared and disciples of syncopation and lovers of popular music have a genuine treat in store for them. Others billed: Frank Van Hoven, the mad magician with a thousand laughs; Willie Solor, international entertainer direct from London; Tracey and Fay in a fast dancing routine; Fulton and Parker in a comedy bit; Malvina, violinist making her first American tour; Samaro and Sonia, two Russian peasants; Snell and Vernon, artistic athletes and the usual screen offering.

Read what Gullen & Gullen have to say about Enterprise Liners. Page 5.



EVANGELICAL CHURCH, FARMINGTON

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AT EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Last Sunday, August 16th, was a memorable day in the history of the Evangelical Church in this village, for fifty years had elapsed since the founding of this congregation. Nothing had been left undone to make this day one of importance.

The congregation was indeed fortunate in securing the services of several of the former pastors. Rev. Deckinger of Metropolis, Ill., who served this congregation for twenty-nine years ago, Rev. Aldinger of Lynnville, Ind., who was the first resident pastor living on Fendt road, just below the Junction some forty-two years ago, and Rev. Stange who lived in Farmington until five years ago, were the guests of honor for the day.

There were three very impressive services with more than capacity audiences. The entire congregation, friends and a great many other Farmingtonians were gladly welcomed.

On this occasion there were presented to the church electric fixtures, lectern, individual communion service, altar chairs, palms, altar and pulpit hangings, book racks, library table and five dozen collapsible chairs from various members. Indeed these new additions greatly improved the appearance and conveniences of the already cozy church.

ZERO HOUR—THE WHISTLE—OVER THE TOP—GALA DAY

Labor Day, September 7th, marks the annual holiday of the Groves-Walker Post, American Legion. This year's celebration is going to be another one just like the other ones only bigger and better.

Remember that this is the kids' last chance to have a good time before school commences. Mother needs a holiday, too, after the strenuous activities of summer vacation, so send the washing to the laundry and bring the family to town for the day. Dad, you're the goat, but maybe you'll win the Ford touring car that's going to be given away.

Don't bother about lunch, the Legion boys are going to have "grub" concessions as in former years.

Say folks, don't you want to see the baseball game? And the fat ladies' race? And all the other athletic events? The midway will be larger than ever this year. Free vaudeville acts, too, and then there's the band and dancing.

Oh, boy, but it's going to be a "bang up" jamboree.

Everybody come and help put Gala Day over the top.

HOOPER ELECTED IN 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Attorney Joseph L. Hooper was, on Tuesday elected congressman from the Third district by 6,641 majority, with all returns in. Claude Corny, Kalamazoo attorney, Democratic nominee, carried Kalamazoo and Hillsdale counties, while Hooper piled up big majorities in Calhoun and Eaton and also carried Branch by 41 votes.

Hooper succeeds the late U. S. Representative Arthur B. Williams, also a Battle Creek attorney, who died several months ago.

STONE'S FAMOUS ORCHESTRA AT CENAUQA SHORES

Stone's famous orchestra of Detroit, personally conducted is now the big dance music attraction at Cenauqa Shores pavilion, says Herman Czenkusch, the proprietor and manager. With each night's dance souvenirs are distributed among patrons.

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In the history of the church we find chronicled that Farmington has been served by thirteen different ministers, the majority of whom can count Farmington as their first station in the ministerial field.

The Ladies Aid served a very fine dinner after the morning service at which about 300 guests were served. Supper also followed the afternoon service and was likewise shared with a goodly number of guests.

Monday evening the ladies again served a banquet to the congregation. This evening was especially set aside for the renewal of old acquaintances. A very fine program was carried out. Aside from local talent and the visiting pastors the congregation was fortunate in securing Rev. Howe from Detroit as the main speaker for the evening.

Goldenglo, gladioli, oak leaves and zinnias were artistically arranged about the auditorium as decorations.

At the morning service the pastor, Rev. Bollens stated that \$1,000 should be raised on this occasion to meet requirements of the society. The congregation evidently agreed with him, for when the receipts were totaled it was found that sum had been reached.

NEW LAW GOVERNING RECORDING OF PLATS

The new law governing subdivisions of which Senator Howarth of Oakland county is father, will go into effect on August 27. The law, it is said, is a great improvement on the old one in many respects being more comprehensive and specific and gives to township boards additional powers.

Besides detailing the technical side of the preparation of plats, the new law has several features which are noteworthy. Under the old law the official body whose duty it was to pass on plats practically had no discretion in the matter, its duties were almost entirely clerical.

Under the new law the "governing body of the municipality" shall determine as to whether said lands are suitable for platting purposes and shall have the right to require that all streets and private roads shall be gravelled or cinderized or properly drained and bridges and culverts installed where necessary, and where lots are platted of a width of 60 feet or less may require that concrete or gravel walks shall be built, and that all highways, streets and alleys conform to the general plan that may have been adopted by the governing body for the width and location of highways, streets and alleys.

It shall have the power to require bonds guaranteeing the installation of the improvements. "The governing board of a township shall have the right to adopt rules and regulations as to the width of lots and shall have the right to reject any plat where said lots do not conform to said regulations: Provided, however, that a township board shall not have the right to require lots which are to be used for residence purposes to be platted of a width of over 40 feet."

Occasionally, in former years, plats have been recorded by persons who did not hold title to the property in question, and therefore had no right to dedicate streets and easements. The new law gives the governing body of a municipality the right to require an abstract of title proving the ownership of the land. Where a plat is presented by a vendee un-

NO CHANGE OF ATTITUDE ON MR. SMITH'S PART

In a telephone communication with The Enterprise Mr. Lore, one of C. F. Smith's attorneys, stated that Mr. Smith was opposed to the proposed Grand River cut-off crossing his farm at any point. When told that Governor Groesbeck had stated to the Farmington delegation that no objection to road passing through the farm would be made by Mr. Smith, provided it did not cut through his private golf course, Mr. Lore said, that no such assurance had been given to anyone, that taking any part of the farm for road purposes would be fought.

GETTING NEARER UNIFORM AUTO TRAFFIC LAWS

Municipal and police officials of the cities and towns of Michigan and the sheriffs of the counties of the state are displaying a deep interest in the coming uniform traffic ordinance conference. That promises to see practically all sections of the state represented in Detroit on Tuesday, September 8. More than 700 invitations, fixing Detroit as the place and September 8 as the date of the conference, have been sent out by Captain W. S. Glibreth, manager of the Detroit Automobile club to mayors, city managers, councilmen, judges, police chiefs and sheriffs.

An unusual amount of rain for this season of the year, coupled with hot spells have created a condition just right for the breeding of mosquitoes. At Detroit the pests are driving citizens from their homes. Conditions are not quite so bad in Farmington but life in the open at night time is made miserable. Barrels, buckets and old cans about the premises should be emptied. Sagging eave troughs are also breeding spots for the pests. Clean up the breeding places.

A certain percentage of the state tax. If the state and county valuation is high the rate required to raise that amount of money is correspondingly low and similarly if the valuation is low the rate is high.

Church Notes

Clarenceville Community

M. E. Church
Rev. H. B. Duttweiler, Pastor
Sunday morning, 10:30 at the Clarenceville Community Church, the pastor, Rev. H. B. Duttweiler will speak upon the subject, "Trials in Life." The children's sermonette is another of those "What Anyone Can Do." The evening service at 8:00 is the "glad and happy hour," only one hour in length. The subject is one touching the daily life of today and answers many questions as to the restless spirit of today, "Finding Rest."

Farmington Methodist Church

S. D. Eva, Pastor
10:30—"The Rivers of Eden."
11:45—Sunday School.
7:00—Epworth League at Pastor's summer cottage.
No evening service.

Evangelical Church

Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor
10:15—Services, German.
11:45—Sunday School.
Wednesday, August 26—Y. P. L. Social.

First Baptist Church

R. F. Willson, Pastor
10:30—"How Shall We Escape If We Neglect So Great Salvation?"
11:45—Sunday School.
No other services.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville

(At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor
9:30—Sunday School.
10:30—Regular services, first third and fifth Sundays in German; second and fourth in English.

OAKLAND COUNTY TO GET SUBSTANTIAL TAX BOOST

Oakland, Wayne, Washtenaw, Dickinson, Ingham, Macomb, Ottawa and Berrien counties are fighting the proposed increase of \$353,163,000 in the state valuation for taxation purposes as proposed by the state board of equalization as this increase is placed on the eight counties mentioned. The greater portion of the added millions is placed on Wayne county which now pays nearly half of the state taxes.

Oakland's valuation would jump from \$221,825,000 to \$246,500,000 and its percentage of the state tax from 3.15 to 3.34 per cent; Washtenaw from \$117,000,000 to \$124,700,000 and from 1.66 to 1.68 per cent; Macomb from \$92,138,000 to \$98,250,000 and 1.31 to 1.33 per cent; Wayne from \$3,163,333,000 to \$3,425,000,000 and 45.13 per cent to 45.37 per cent.

Several other counties have indicated they will send delegations to protest against the proposed increase in valuation even though their percentage of the state tax would not be advanced.

These latter counties apparently take the position that while the recommended revaluation would not cost them any more, or as much, the increases in other sections of the state might have a tendency to encourage extravagance.

A county is required to pay a certain percentage of the state tax. If the state and county valuation is high the rate required to raise that amount of money is correspondingly low and similarly if the valuation is low the rate is high.

The material thing of interest to the counties therefore is not so much what the valuation is as how much of the state tax must be raised in the particular county.

The county officials who oppose the increase even though their counties would be required to pay a lower percentage of the state tax, have indicated they believe that the gradual increase in valuation will tend to increase, the state tax also until a high rate on a high valuation will be necessary. It is to countercheck such a possible move that representatives of various counties are protesting.

OPEN MEETING OF CLARENCEVILLE LODGE

The first open meeting of the Clarenceville Lodge, I. O. O. F. No. 427 will be held Wednesday evening, August 26, at 8:00 at their regular meeting place, White's hall, corner Grand River and Base Line road. All Odd Fellows whether members here or elsewhere with their wives are urged to attend this open night. An evening of fellowship and entertainment has been provided for by the entertainment committee. Also all the ladies to bring boxes for the auction block. A grand opportunity to get acquainted, making of new friends and the broadening of the spirit of brotherhood.

NINE HOLES IN PLAY AT GLENAOKS COURSE

Rapid progress is being made in building Glenoaks, the new golf course on Orchard Lake road at the Thirteen Mile road. Nine temporary holes are now in play and the permanent 18-hole course will be ready about July 4th next.

Among the well known Farmington people who are interested in Glenoaks are Isaac Bond and several others who became members of the club at a meeting last Monday evening in Farmington.

Three beautiful houses have already been built on the property adjoining the golf course and six or seven others will be put up before snow flies.

There is every indication now that next spring will see a residence building boom around Glenoaks and many of our well known men and women swinging golf clubs there.

WHY THE DOME?

A large placard bearing the words "Town Board Meeting Wednesday Night to Consider Grand River Dome Subdivision" tacked to a post at the corner of Grand River avenue and Division street, attracted considerable attention.