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OAKLAND COUNTY

PRESS CLUB

Nearly every weekly newspaper of Oakland County was represented at the February meeting of the Press Club held at Ferndale last Saturday. Editor Williams of the Ferndale Enterprise knowing the fondness of the average newspaper man for a most tempting dinner of that delectable and properly garnished dish served at Hagelstein's Restaurant.

Ferndale as a municipality, is a comparatively new one, its name suggests a bosky dell, with babbling brook and shady nooks. The name, so far as these close-ups to nature are concerned, is a misnomer, for the big village is a beehive of urban activities.

Ferndale citizens point with justifiable pride to their village's equipped fire department with its paid force of experienced men, who are provided with the latest improvements in apparatus, fire signals, etc. Through the courtesy of Mr. Williams and the chief of the newspaper men were shown just how the laddies fight a fire.

Editor Williams is a booster for the town. This is what he has to say of it:

"Ferndale, Oakland county, is one of the wonder towns of Michigan. Eight years ago it was farm land—brush and swamp, no road, streets or improvements. Woodward avenue a dirt road.

"The village was incorporated in the spring of 1918 with a population estimated at 500. Today the census gives nearly 14,000.

"Located on Woodward avenue, its growth, adjoining Detroit's city limits is more or less dependant on the prosperity of Detroit, its population being mainly derived from the big city.

"Since incorporation, sixteen miles of pavement have been laid, 36.3 miles of lateral sewers, and 6.75 miles of trunk sewers; 48.31 miles of water mains.

"Total length of streets, not including Woodward avenue, 49.3 miles. Total area of Ferndale, 2.5 square miles.

"Total amount of money handled by treasurer since incorporation, \$1,800,000.

"At the present time it is the largest village in Michigan, with sentiment gradually drifting toward making the town a city.

"There is practically no sentiment for annexation to Detroit."

FARMINGTON-SEVEN MILE RD. BOOSTERS TO ORGANIZE

The rapidly growing neighborhood at Farmington and Seven Mile road is preparing to organize for community improvements and to boost for that locality as a desirable residence district. Many lots have been sold in the various subdivisions at that point and, a number of fine homes have been erected. It will be the purpose of the new organization to let the world know of the many advantages there found.

HUGH McDERMOTT

Hugh McDermott passed away at his home on the Five Point road on February 14, 1926, after a short illness.

The deceased was born on the old McDermott homestead, in Southfield on January 29, 1852, where he has always lived excepting five years.

He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Ellen McHugh of Pontiac, Mrs. V. G. Laskowski of Clinton, and one brother, Wm. McDermott of this place, also five nephews and four nieces.

The funeral services were held at St. Mary's Church, Redford, on Thursday. Burial was at Grand Lawn Cemetery.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

About forty guests from Farmington and Detroit were entertained at a birthday party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Racheler of West Farmington, Monday evening, February 22, in honor of their daughter Helen's 16th birthday anniversary.

The evening was spent in playing games and dancing after which refreshments were served. Many useful gifts were received.

THE PASSING OF THE VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

Thursday, February 18 at 8 p. m. was held a session of the village common council at the council chambers. It marked the close of that form of government for this community.

It is a far cry back to May 9, 1867 when the first session of the village council of Farmington was held. Almost sixty years have come and gone and time ever busy has made its mark here as elsewhere. The first council membership was as follows: P. Dean Warner, president; John Fairfield, clerk; J. B. Webster, Anson Cloyes, and George Matthews, trustees.

At this session Mortimer Serwys was appointed marshal and Henry Riter, poundmaster. All of these men have passed on to the great unknown. They and their successors in office have given us an efficient and economical government. Mistakes have been made and will continue to be made as long as governments shall exist. But during these years there has been no scandals, no defalcations, no misuses of funds charged to any officer of the village. It is a goodly record and has been maintained to the end. The last council has made a fine record and it would be difficult to improve upon its personnel. Arthur Lamb, Clarence Bisking, C. W. Wilber and Howard Warner will retire.

The first name to take office March 11, 1918, Bicking, March 12, 1920 and Wilber and Warner, March 14, 1921. During these years these men have given the best they had and their record in office has been one altogether creditable and honorable to themselves and beneficial to the citizens whom they served. They and their associates have devised and perfected a water system that would be difficult to improve upon and at the same time have kept the bonded indebtedness of the city well within bounds. Other problems of city government difficult of solution may arise and confront the new city officers. They should have our loyal support in order to give our city a satisfactory administration and maintain the standard of former years.

N. H. P.

EXCHANGE CLUB NOTES

Rev. E. F. Dunlavy was the principal speaker at the Tuesday noonday luncheon of the Exchange Club. "Washington, the Man," was the subject of his talk. He reviewed the life of our Father of His Country from early manhood to close of his remarkable career, emphasizing those characteristics which made for greatness. Goodness rather than intellectual brilliancy made Washington great he said and he found upon reviewing the lives of all great men that it was the quality of goodness possessed by them that made them really great. Without goodness there is no real greatness.

A slight inkling was given by the entertainment committee that they have a surprise in store for next week's diversion.

IRISH PATRIOT TO TALK

General Frank Aiken, chief of staff of the Irish Republican Army, and Joseph O'Donoghue, member of Dail Eirinn for County Donegal, both prominently identified with the fight for Irish freedom, are to speak at a mass meeting in the auditorium of the Elks Temple, Detroit, on Sunday evening, February 28, 1926, under the auspices of the American Irish Republican League.

Honorable Frank Murphy, judge of the Recorder's Court of Detroit, will preside over the meeting.

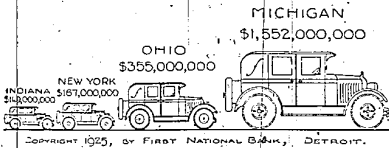
General Aiken, who is only 27 years old, is one of the most interesting figures growing out of Ireland's fight for freedom. At the present time he is a fugitive from the betrayal of the Northern Nationalists by the Free Staters. He enrolled in the ranks of the Irish Volunteers, when but 16 years of age, becoming aide to De Valera in 1917.

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MICHIGAN AT WORK

MICHIGAN FIRST MOTOR MAKER

Value of State's Automobile Production in Year More Than Four Times Ohio, Nearest Competitor.



The automobile is the most valuable single product of American industry. And the value of the automobile production of the state of Michigan in a year is one-half the value of the nation's total output. Michigan is by far the leading automobile producer of the world.

The latest survey of manufacturers conducted by the United States Census Bureau at Washington shows that in one year the value of Michigan's automobile output was \$1,532,000,000.

The second state in point of production was Ohio which had an output valued at \$535,000,000 and

the third state was New York with production valued at \$367,000,000.

These figures represent only the value of finished automobiles and not the value of bodies and parts in which Michigan again leads.

In one year the value of bodies and parts produced in Michigan was \$177,000,000. Ohio, the second state in this respect also, had a production valued at \$144,000,000.

It is only within the last few years that the automobile has assumed the place of leader of American industry. The value of automobiles produced in a year formerly was less than the value of production of packing house products and petroleum.

High School Spotlight

Second Grade

We are keeping a chart this month that will help us remember to brush our teeth night and morning.

Miss Percy's boys and girls and we learned the story about "Bots and His Brothers together, last week. We like to have Miss Percy's boys and girls come down our room.

Florence Jantovsky and Catherine Oate moved away and now we have but 31 boys and girls. Many boys and girls are out of school on account of illness.

We decided that we can show our love for our flag by breathing through our noses and walking and sitting up like soldiers.

Miss Kotelba.

Second Grade

Wanda Taggart won in our spell down last Friday.

The third grade invited us to see their play called, "George Washington."

In number work we are learning the Roman numerals to fifteen and every day we have a race in addition combinations.

Miss Percy.

Third Grade

We are drawing plans in arithmetic for doll houses. We are going to choose the best ones and construct houses out of cardboard. This work helps us to use the ruler and measure correctly. Yesterday we gave a play, "How Hubert Earned His Flag," for the second and fourth grades.

Fifth Grade

During this patriotic month, we are trying to remember that American ends in "I Can."

In reading class, we have memorized "About Ben Adhem." We like especially well the lines where about cheerily says, "I pray thee, then, write me as one that loves his fellow-men."

We are finding the geographic study of the Iberian peninsula very interesting.

In hygiene class we are writing stories about "The Cake of Soap That Wanted to Grow Smaller."

Miss Tapio.

Sixth Grade

Our motto this week is remember that American ends with "I Can."

In our language work we have

been reviewing synonyms, suffix, and prefix. In arithmetic we have started interest problems.

Many interesting pictures were drawn on Washington's birthday. Lewis Moors' was voted the best.

Miss Hudson.

Seventh Grade

The History Club of the seventh grade had a very enjoyable time at their George Washington party. The party was held Monday, February 22 and took place in the Kindergarten room.

Miss R. Wallace.

Eighth Grade

Everyone is back from measles vacation and an effort is being made to catch up.

Miss Stewart.

Freshmen

The Freshmen all expected a holiday on Washington's birthday but were much mistaken as they had to work as hard as ever.

Sophomores

The Sophomores are busy writing up a description of the City of Farmington to send into the Michigan State Teachers' Association.

Juniors

The Juniors are supposed to help the Seniors, but they don't seem to be seen collecting rummage.

Seniors

The Seniors had their first rummage sale at Pontiac last Saturday at which time they made \$75. They are having another rummage sale a week from Saturday. Please collect your rummage and have it ready for them.

Athletics

On Wednesday night of last week the boys and girls played with Northville. The girls' game was not a successful one, the Northville girls defeating Farmington by the score of 40 to 15. Mr. Anderson was referee.

The boys were hard workers and won by a score of 32 to 19 with Mr. Conley as referee.

On Saturday the boys played St. Mary's College of Orchard Lake. This game was a hard one as the score at the end of the third quarter was 10 to 15 in favor of St. Mary's. But the game ended with the score of 22 to 21 in favor of Farmington.

Lucille Austin.

A FEBRUARY CRICKET

The first robin has been reported, but it remains for a Farmington citizen to spring the biggest surprise of the season. On Tuesday J. W. Cornair brought to the Enterprise office a cricket which Mrs. Cornair found chirping and skipping in front of the Central Market.

FARMINGTON BOY HONORED

Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Switzer have received word from their

brother, St. Clair Switzer, a student at the Miami University, Oxford, O., that he has been elected to the Sigma Tau Chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

LETTING ITS LIGHT SHINE

The Wolfe Realty Co. does not believe in hiding its light under a bushel. A large electric sign above the company's door now so shines that it can be read along distance, up and down Grand River avenue.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET

Although there was snow a plenty and entirely too much wind to even call the weather unpleasant on the night of February 18th, the fathers and sons of the Evangelical Church had their banquet. It was a stormy night with barely any trolley service. The weather was the principal factor of success, however.

Once inside the hall the fathers and sons did complete justice to the menu.

Mr. Percy Pauline was on the program, but was somewhat delayed on account of another similar engagement at a Detroit church. Plans were allayed when Percy put in his appearance and sang perfectly wonderful.

Then there was Mr. Harold Gullen and his violin. He played splendidly.

Glady's Landau, who posed as "My Dad," gave a very fine reading on "My Dad."

Miss Dorothea Kurz had some of Chopin's compositions for the audience which truly were enjoyed by everyone.

Mr. Frank Steele who had such a time getting to his farm stopped in to take a "peek" and incidentally get a "ride home," gave us a very interesting talk on the boy problem.

The main speaker of the evening was to have been Rev. Isell of Detroit but on account of weather conditions could not get to Farmington. Our Mr. Leonard was one of the speakers and very willingly stretched his address of "Dad is Right" to the great delight of the fathers and sons.

A gathering of this sort would not be complete without community singing. It was provided with Mr. Spencer Heeneay at the piano.

When on account of business "Spence" was called away, Miss Lenore Bruder accompanied the rest of the songs.

Well pleased with the splendid service at the table by the ladies and the program rendered the exercises closed with singing "My Farmington."

GRAND TRUNK BUYS LAND IN PONTIAC

A real estate transaction involving sale of about 256 acres of land east of the present Grand Trunk right of way at the southern edge of Pontiac points the way to a speedy moving of the railroad tracks where it adjoins Woodward avenue, and it also marks Pontiac as perhaps the center of the Grand Trunk railroad operations this side of Detroit. The sale, according to reliable information, involves 156 acres of land formerly owned by Alfred Howland, and 100 acres owned by the Richmond Land Co. Upon this land will probably be built the road's general yards and an electric power station. The land is situated south of South boulevard, east of the present Grand Trunk right of way, and north of the Square Lake road, all in the city of Pontiac. It is stated that one of the pieces purchased by the Grand Trunk at about \$90,000, cost less than \$18,000 twelve years ago.—Michigan Investor.

TOWNSHIP MASS MEETING

Citizens of the various sections of Farmington township are getting busy in the readjustment of their political affairs to meet a changed condition caused by the action of the voters in making Farmington village a city, thereby cutting it off from the township.

A mass meeting has been called for tonight, Friday, at the Grace School House on the old Farmington road near Switzer road for the purpose of getting facts on the present township government and to plan for the coming year.

MICHIGAN'S NEW TELESCOPE

One of the great refracting telescopes of the world, the gift of R. P. Lamont of Chicago, is nearing completion at the observatory of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. This instrument has an object glass of 27 inches in diameter, and is said to be surpassed in power only by the telescopes of the Yerkes, the Lick, and the Allegheny Observatories of the United States, while in Europe there are only five which slightly exceed its strength.

ROCHESTER CHOSEN FOR NEXT A. L. MEETING

Despite the inclemency of the weather that prevented many from getting to Farmington the Sixth District Quarterly Convention of the American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary held here last Friday was a successful and pleasant gathering.

The business meeting of the two affiliated orders was held at the town hall at 4 o'clock when the routine work was done. Rochester was chosen as the place for the next quarterly meeting.

There were about ninety home and visiting members seated at the tables in the Evangelical Church dining hall where they were served with a fine spread.

Mayor Butterfield welcomed the members of the Legion and the Auxiliary to Farmington. The principal speaker of the evening was Col. A. H. Ganagar, department commander. Other short addresses and music filled in a profitable and enjoyable hour.

The convention closed with a dance at the town hall which was well attended, considering weather conditions.

PROBE OF PAROLE SYSTEM ORDERED

The house of representatives Wednesday authorized a legislative inquiry into the wholesale paroles that have been granted by the governor since he has been in office, the total exceeding 7,250, and also authorized creation of two other commissions to delve into causes of crime and criminal court procedure.

There was virtually no opposition to the passage of the three bills, although they became involved in a house wrangle growing out of objection to administration highway finance secrecy and as a result, approval of them appeared questionable for more than an hour.

Only two material objections to the proposals were voiced. Representative Fred King of Cheboygan, offered and, after considerable debate, withdrew an amendment that would have limited expenditures of each of the three commissions to \$20,000. He explained that the bills, as drawn, permitted the commissions to expend unlimited totals.

Each of the commissions would consist of four representatives, two senators and one member not of either house, to be appointed by the governor.

SEE CROP INSURANCE IN CERTIFIED SEED

That the planting of certified seed potatoes is an effective form of crop insurance for Michigan farmers is being pointed out this spring by H. C. Moore, potato specialist at the Michigan State College in charge of seed potato inspection service.

"Those state farmers who each year plant approximately 100,000 bushels of certified seed potatoes have found that such seed is a very good form of potato crop insurance," says Moore. "Certified seed has materially increased their yields and bettered the quality of their crop, so that they have been able to produce potatoes more economically and to market them to better advantage."

"Economy in production—lower production costs per bushel—should be the aim of potato growers. Numerous tests throughout the state show a production of approximately 50 bushels per acre for certified seed as compared with uncertified or 'common' seed potatoes. This makes it possible in many instances for growers to reduce their acreage and still maintain their total potato output, by planting certified seed and following good practices."

A general shortage of certified seed potatoes is said to exist this year, not only in Michigan but also throughout the entire country. For this reason, growers have been urged to get their seed stocks early. Varieties included among those which are being certified in Michigan are: Russet Rural, White Rural, Green Mountain and Irish Cobbler.

The annual Farmington township election occurs Monday, April 5. Considerable interest is being taken in it.