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## TELEPHONE CO. CELEBRATES HERE

"Old Timers" have been especially invited by Manager Roy E. Crowe of the Farmington telephone company to participate in the local observance of the 50th anniversary of the telephone, the 49th anniversary of the service of Michigan and the 20th anniversary of service in this community. Among the "old timers" and pioneer users of the service were: Oscar Armstrong, James Hogle, T. H. McGee, E. C. Grace, Dr. E. F. Holcomb, R. J. A. Miller, whose names appeared in the first list of subscribers to telephone service here.

The program marking the occasion will be held in the telephone central office in Farmington State Savings Bank building March 10 at 2 o'clock, when visitors will be received by the local committee of telephone people headed by Daisy Cairns, chief operator. Other members of the committee are, Sadie Cairns, operator and Lawrence Miller, operator in min.

Visitors to the telephone office will witness the actual operation of the service, the operation of the switchboard for the handling of local, rural and long distance messages and the functioning of the intricate plant equipment. An average of 2008 local and 159 toll or long distance telephone calls are handled from the Farmington central office each twenty-four hours, meaning 65010 per month, Manager Crowe states.

All telephone employees will wear, as a badge of the anniversary, a pin or button of blue on which will appear a telephone, with the numerals "50," in white, superimposed over it.

Those subscribers who will be unable to visit the central office on Wednesday, March 10, are invited by Manager Crowe to do so at any time. Open house in commemoration of the telephone's anniversary will continue throughout the remainder of the week, he states. Final details of the March 10 program will be announced later.

## FARMINGTON'S UNPAID TAX FOR 1925 IS \$60,000

The tax collecting season having closed with the first of March Township Treasurer Frank E. Rogers is now preparing to make his tax returns to the county treasurer with the list of unpaid taxes. He says that unpaid taxes to the amount of about \$60,000 will be returned this year.

Hereafter taxes on property within the city limits of Farmington will be paid to the city treasurer, who will collect them twice a year city tax in the summer and the state, county and school tax in the winter.

## OLD TIME DANCES POPULAR

Old time dances with old time music apparently are popular in this community. The crowd which gathered at the Town Hall last week Thursday evening in response to invitations sent out by the committee of the Clarenceville Cemetery Association was an unusually large one which taxed the capacity of the dance floor. The older persons seemed to thoroughly enjoy the dance and the younger set soon caught onto the graceful movements and figures of the old round and square dances.

## EXCHANGE CLUB NOTES

That the Exchange Club is capable of self entertainment was demonstrated at Tuesday's noon-day luncheon when Leo Glidewell and Carl Hogle gave short talks on their recent experiences as jurors in the United States Circuit Court for Eastern Michigan at Detroit.

## REGULAR COMMUNICATION

At the regular communication of Farmington Lodge No. 151, F. & A. M. Monday evening, March 8, there will be work in the first degree.

By order of the W. M.

Pay up your subscription.

## THE CAR WON'T BE MISSED BUT JOE WOULD BE

Joe Haas, publisher of the Holly Herald had a miraculous escape from death Sunday when a Pere Marquette passenger train struck his automobile as he was attempting to cross the tracks at a street intersection. The auto was demolished and Mr. Haas emerged from the car, which had been rammed against a light post, with a broken collar bone and various bruises. Mr. Haas says he failed to see the train until it was too late to stop and with accelerated speed he was unable to clear the tracks. With his usual gameness he was at his place of business Monday.

There are cars plenty, but not too many Joe Haas'. Therefore we rejoice.

## Committees Select Township Candidates

A meeting was held in the Township hall, Farmington Monday evening, March 1 by the four committees whose chairmen had previously been selected at a mass meeting held in the John Grace schoolhouse on Friday evening, February 27.

These committees, chosen from the four road districts of the township had been formed with the idea of selecting the most capable men who might be available to fill the many vacancies in township offices caused by the village of Farmington becoming a city.

Harry McCracken was elected to act as chairman of the entire committee which endeavored to work out a plan whereby each section of the township should have as nearly as possible equal representation. After much discussion it was agreed that the following names should be endorsed by the committee to fill the various offices:

Supervisor, Isaac Bond. Clerk, James Oldham. Treasurer, Arthur Coe. Highway Commissioner, Clyde Sealey. Justice, 2 year term, Ward Eagle. Justice, 3 year term, Charles Wilson. Justice, 4 year term, Charles Perry.

## PROPOSED PAVING OF BASE LINE ROAD

As will be seen by official notice on page three of this issue of the Enterprise, State Highway Commissioner Frank E. Rogers has taken action upon a petition of property owners asking for the improvement of the Base Line road from Farmington road east to its intersection with Grand River road, a distance of about two and one-half miles.

This road has been designated as a superhighway with a width of 204 feet from Lake St. Clair, west for a considerable distance, and eventually to cross the state and eventually the road is now an improved gravel highway from the Farmington road to Northville and with the paving of the proposed piece from Grand to Farmington road a new means of reaching this section from Detroit will be established.

The State Highway Commission has called a meeting to be held at the church near the southeast corner of Section 35, Farmington Township on March 23 at 1 o'clock for the purpose of hearing objections to the road and determining the limits of the assessment district.

The pavement will be of concrete construction, 20 feet in width. When the road is eventually made a super highway a parallel slab of pavement will be laid.

The time is now past for springing the "first robin" story.

## High School Spotlight

### Kindergarten

The children are making paper houses for a sand table city. A three room house with basement was built of Patty Hill blocks.

Several march songs and rhymes are being memorized. Three new dances, "How Do You Do," "Dance a Little Partner," and "The German Klapper Dance" were learned.

Mrs. Hamlin.

### First Grade

Ruth Schell entered our room Monday.

The third "C" reading began their Primers Wednesday. March, wind and the Dutch people are the subjects for nature study and literature.

Miss Shiffler.

### Second Grade

Evelyn Fitzpatrick is back to school after an absence of three weeks.

This being the month of March we are studying the "Dutch Twins." We expect to make the country of Holland soon.

We have had some exciting races in number work with Miss Koterba's boys and girls.

Miss Percy.

### Third Grade

William's class is reading out of their second grade books.

Ruth's class is reading in "Progressive Road to Reading." Robert Kelly, Thyra Lester, Kirk Evans, and Edith Kahl are back after a long absence on account of illness.

Miss Koterba.

### Fourth Grade

We have finished drawing doll house plans and are going to choose four of the best ones to be constructed out of cardboard.

Several boys and girls are back with us today after several weeks of illness.

Emily Maas has been re-elected Mayor for the month of March.

Miss Phillips.

The fourth grade are learning how to figure the cost of articles and are making out sales slips in arithmetic class. We are planning to have a store next week, and we are having "special" sale days.

Several boys and girls were chosen to read their George Washington, in the fifth grade room.

In geography we are studying the New England states and in reading class we have drawn maps and located cities that are named in our reading lessons.

We are having a spelling con-

test this month and gold stars are pasted each week for the "A" pupils.

We are glad to have so many of the pupils back, who have been having the measles.

Miss McClellan.

### Fifth Grade

Last Wednesday was tag day. For every error made in English, a tag was pinned on the victim. In geography class we are studying about Austria, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

We get our report cards this week and so we are trying to keep in mind Horace Mann's quotation:

"Lost, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered for them are gone forever."

Miss Tapio.

### Sixth Grade

Margaret Schell entered our room this week. We have now an enrollment of forty-one.

A spring border has been placed on the blackboard, under the supervision of Mrs. Potter.

In our good English class we have been studying different poems by Oliver Wendell Holmes and are now memorizing "March" by Helen Hunt Jackson.

Miss Hudson.

### Eighth Grade

We are going to have a costume party and a basket school next Thursday evening to raise money for our club.

Miss Stewart.

### Freshmen

Miss Daster has decided not to keep so many freshmen after school.

The freshmen would rather watch the grade children at play than to study algebra.

### Sophomores

The Sophomores have just finished Julius Caesar. They all think it's the whiskers off the cat being stabbed.

### Seniors

We are rapidly reaching our financial goal, but still have a short distance to overcome.

We expect to leave for Washington about April 17. The coming of March makes the intervening time seem very short.

Have you wondered why all the ice happened along this week and last? The reason was that the Senior class needed ice for their physics experiments and Mr. Crawford ordered too much to keep at the school house. (We will soon be through with them.)

Florence Moore.

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## JUSTICE NOT A HIGHLY REMUNERATIVE OFFICE

That the office of Justice of the Peace is not as highly remunerative as some think is shown by a report made by Eva Lefevre who has performed the duties of that office in this township for the past five years. Mrs. Lefevre was first elected to fill a vacancy for a two year period at the close of which she was re-elected for a full term of four years. The report is for the two years and three years of her second term and is for criminal, misdemeanor and civil actions brought before her.

During the period she collected \$7,200.20 in fines and costs which amount was turned into the county treasury. The amount of fees paid her by the county for the period was \$582.20.

## Northville Visited By Disastrous Fire

Fire at Northville Monday night destroyed Schrader Bros. undertaking garage in which was housed eight valuable vehicles used in their business. Before the flames could be gotten under control the fire spread to neighboring residences destroying that of Lily N. Terrill and badly damaging two others.

Firemen from Northville, Dearborn, Plymouth, Walled Lake and Detroit apparatus at Redford responded to the alarm.

Soon flames entered the Schrader home, then the Terrill residence, and later the Harge apartment building. Fifteen roomers, mostly teachers, reside in the latter building. Most of them were away when the fire broke out and returned to find their clothing destroyed.

For a time it appeared that the entire block would be burned.

## "DANCING MOTHERS" AT GARRICK THEATRE

Following its unqualified triumph of an all-season run in New York and the past three months in Chicago, "Dancing Mothers" has transferred activities to the Garrick Theatre, Detroit, for a brief engagement beginning Sunday night, March 7. An unconventional treatment of a very modern domestic problem, with intensely dramatic scenes relieved with an abundance of wit and humor, "Dancing Mothers" has fairly won a place among the most notable and enjoyable comedies on the American stage. Mr. Selwyn, who personally directed the production, wrote the play in collaboration with the well-known Edmund Goulding. The role of the heroine a spirited woman who is driven to show that a woman of forty can outstep her flapper daughter and at the same time revenge herself upon a flirtatious husband, has given Mary Young another opportunity to prove herself one of the most gifted comedienne appearing in New York productions. Sharing honors with her as a featured member of the cast is John Halliday, who portrays the doubly vamped youth. They will play their original roles throughout the tour.

Among the other prominent members of the unusually large "Dancing Mothers" company are William P. Carleton, Dorothy Burgess, Eva Lang, Helene Sinnott, Kelly Nell, Grace Reinhart, Irma Steele, John Lewis, William Smalley, William Dean, Adin Wilson, Gerrit Brooks and others.

## DEATH OF MRS. VIOLA SOPER

Mrs. Viola Soper passed away Thursday morning at Highland Park General Hospital, where she underwent an operation Tuesday. A husband and three children, Warren, Kenneth and Delight are left.

Mrs. Soper has made many friends since moving into her new home at Farmington Acres, who were grieved and shocked to learn of the death of their good neighbor.

J. W. Cornair with his family becomes a resident of Farmington, having taken a lease of the Renous home on Grand River avenue. Mr. Cornair was a resident of this locality until five years ago when he moved to Detroit.

Enterprise Liners bring results

## NEW GOVERNMENT NOW FUNCTIONING

The first meeting of the city commissioners was held at the city hall Monday evening with Mayor Butterfield in the chair. All members of the commission were present to assist in putting the new regime in working order.

A full account of the proceedings will be found in the official report of the clerk. Upon opening the proceedings Mayor Butterfield outlined a policy of action for the city government which he thought might be advisable for the commission to follow in meeting the various problems now confronting it. He said:

"At this time it is proper that we give our attention briefly to some of the conditions and problems that are before us.

"This community has, by a decisive vote, effected the transition of the form of its government from that of a village to that of a city. Unquestionably this change was brought about with the expectation that it will facilitate the improvement of our material, social, and moral welfare and development, and yet with the hope that the burden of taxation will not be materially increased thereby, or at least only in proportion to the benefits secured.

"However the accomplishment of these objects will not be entirely because of the new charter. It is but a modern, up-to-date implement, instrument or machine whereby the Commission, and other officials, to whom its management and operation have been entrusted, may more effectively do the work and perform the duties assigned them.

"We are all more or less familiar with the present needs of our city: streets, drains, sewers, sidewalks and other public utilities to be repaired and improved and, in some instances, replaced; protection from fire and lawlessness to be maintained; and many other matters of greater or less importance to be attended to. These are the things that may, by reason of their necessity, be allowed to absorb the major part of our time and labor. But if our efforts are entirely circumscribed by temporary requirements we shall simply be marking time.

"Conditions demand also that this Commission, collectively and individually, act and plan for the future. A careful study and survey of the situation should be made and a general plan for sewers, streets, sidewalks, etc., should be adopted. This would be a lay-out that may be carried through to completion by degrees, as may be needed or desired, but which will definitely and finally establish grades, levels, depths, dimensions, etc. This will prevent the necessity, in years to come, of changing or throwing away the work previously done.

"Farmington, with its attractive and beautiful location and environment, may become an ideal city—the center of a high grade residence district. But, with the prospect of continued lack of freight transportation facilities, conditions may never be such as to make it an industrial center.

"The development to which we may logically aspire will mean eventually more sanitary and healthful conditions, greater convenience and safety, more beautiful buildings and surroundings, a broader social life, and more employment and business. In the long run it will represent economy and thrift, comfort and all of the elements that an ideal residence community should have. It should not mean more taxes if carefully and wisely managed.

"However, to refer again to the present and the things immediately demanded by the city: this administration should step on the accelerator at once. At the earliest possible date such streets as are not passable should be made so; dangerous sidewalks should be repaired or replaced; and other necessary matters should be given immediate attention.

"Let us get busy."

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