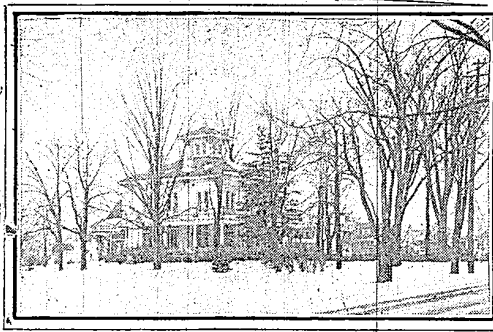
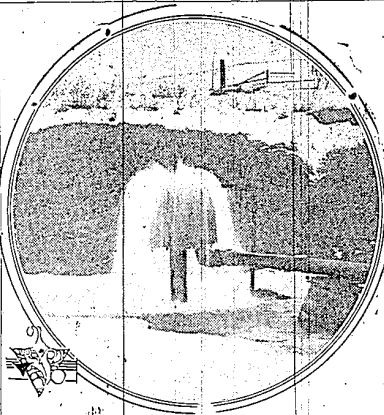


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A FEW SCENES IN FARMINGTON

## FRIENDLY FARMINGTON GROWING GRACEFULLY

Under the above caption the Detroit News of Sunday, April 25 published an extended illustrated article by John E. Sanford, staff correspondent, from which The Enterprise republishes a number of excerpts. Through the courtesy of The News several of the illustrations are herewith used.

The article is the first of a series of similar ones covering Detroit's various suburban villages and cities.

In May, 1924, Arthur Power and four other pioneers from the New York State negotiated the distance from Detroit to the spot where they founded Farmington in two days of hard travel.

The possibility of 40-minute access by an extremely mediocre means of transportation today is one of the attractions the city holds out to those who wish homes outside of the congested portions of Detroit.

Arthur Power and his associates found a lively stream among the hills, the best branch of the River Rouge, and settled there because it gave them a mill site.

Their descendants point to the hills around the stream, as sites for beautiful residences, some, like those of Luman W. Goode-nough, David Gray, Marcus Burrows, C. F. Smith and his children, Charles Talbot and other Detroit business and professional men, and others the modest dwellings of those who seek semi-rural surroundings for their children.

Farmington is just on the turning point between village and urban life. There is enough of both to make it attractive.

So far, everybody knows everybody else. The Farmington Exchange Club meets every Tuesday noon in the Farmington M. E. Church, which is the center of community activity, and the Ladies' Aid Society of the church serves a dinner which can not be equaled at any hotel.

At the Exchange Club luncheon, Wells D. Butterfield, first mayor, sat at the same table with Howard Warner, son of the late Fred M. Warner, former governor, in the most cordial relations. Last February their friends conducted a spirited campaign as to which of the two should have the honor of being Farmington's first mayor, but it never made any difference in the friendship of the two men—the grandson of the pioneer banker and first village president, and the veteran Detroit architect, his business still in the larger city, who brought to the village his mature experience in three towns. The people decided—by a narrow margin of 13 votes—the and three-year citizen and the son of a pioneer family remained friends. That is a sample of the spirit that invites people to live in Farmington.

Right now, Farmington is in the beginning of a real estate boom. Some say, it is well under way; others say, "Just wait." At any rate, land was once purchased at \$30 to \$100 an acre is selling at \$1000 to \$2000 or more, and a good many persons who

## FARMINGTON BOY MAKES GOOD

Farmington scored one last week when the combined Glee Clubs of the City College of Detroit in their presentation of the opera "The Prince of Pilsen" selected from its student body a freshman, who is one of Farmington's popular and talented young men, to fill the premier vocal role and title character.

Percy O. Pauline of Farmington and P. Owen Pauline of the Detroit City College are one and the same person, and for two evenings last week he added another cognomen, one of royal strain, when as the Prince of Pilsen he occupied the center of the stage at the Cass Technical High School as the leading soloist and the character around whom the theme of the opera revolved.

In each of the solo parts Percy displayed his accustomed ability; his tones and words rang out with distinctness and quality which brought him instilled applause. The song, "The Tale of the Sea Shell," which he sang



P. OWEN PAULINE

with Miss Dorothy Hope, was particularly pleasing. Whether accompanied by chorus or Miss Hope he was equally effective.

In the colorful garb of a European prince he made a splendid appearance, carrying himself with poise and dignity. He made a most attractive prince. The press agent of the opera states that Percy brought down his avoirdupois in keeping with the requirements of his part, declaring that "music has found a new function, that of assisting overly large persons to reduce." "The Prince of Pilsen," better known as P. Owen Pauline, has accomplished wonders in this direction. When practice for the opera began his weight was reckoned near to 210 pounds. Music has reduced that figure to the necessity of a new suit of clothes, the scales now tipping around 170 pounds. Perhaps this new physical condition accounted for the grace and agility which Percy displayed as a dancer. In this role, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Hope, he proved as successful as in that of a vocalist. Neither must one overlook his ability as a love-maker in which he also showed considerable skill. This he must have acquired either naturally or by long practice.

Percy's many Farmington

friends who were present at the performances on Friday and Saturday of last week were delighted to see him fill so important a part and with so much ability and success.

## FOUR MEN BURNED TO DEATH IN COTTAGE

Four men, whose remains were found in the ruins of a single room cottage on the Base Line in the southwest part of Farmington township, which was destroyed by fire of an unknown origin by fire of an unknown origin Wednesday afternoon have been identified as B. J. Thompson, owner of the house, and Claude VanValkenburg, Barney Roach and Virgil Cross of Northville. The identification was made last night in the Shrader Brothers' undertaking establishment in Northville by relatives and friends. Thompson, son of a former wealthy Northville farmer, was about 50 years old. The other men were about 40.

The fire started about 3 o'clock, according to neighbors, following an all night party in the house, from which sounds of carousal issued during the night.

William Taft, a neighboring farmer, discovered the blaze and attempted to gain entrance to the place when he found the roof afire. Finding all the doors and windows locked securely he hurriedly summoned the Northville fire department, which arrived too late to save the building.

It is believed that the fire started either from a carelessly thrown cigarette or an explosion of a gasoline stove found in the place. Two of the bodies were found on the bed, one on a cot and the other lying on the floor near the stairway leading to the basement.

Thompson, who was considered as somewhat of a recluse, had lived in the cottage since the death of his father, dwelling on a small estate left him. The other three men were laborers living in Northville Saturday.

"A Great Little Guy" opens at the Shubert Detroit Sunday evening, May 2 instead of Monday evening as appears in an article elsewhere in this issue.

## Public Health Clinic by Farmington Schools and Oakland County Tuberculosis Association

When? April 30 (Friday), 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Where? High School building. What? Physical examinations with special attention to the lungs.

Why? Many abnormal conditions of the body are easily cured if recognized in the early stages. The longer the symptoms are ignored the less probable is the cure. This is notably true of tuberculosis. This disease is also preventable.

The cure and prevention of tuberculosis take the same treatment, viz: proper hygiene living, including sunshine, fresh air, sleep, rest and proper food. There is no drug that will cure it. Who? (1) Those adults or children who have had cases of tuberculosis in their homes or among their close associates.

O. E. S. OFFICERS  
Farmington Chapter No. 239, O. E. S., held its annual meeting last Friday evening. Installation will be held Friday evening, May 7 at 8 o'clock. Masons, Stars and families are invited.

The following officers will be installed:

Worthy Matron, Florence Lee.  
Worthy Patron, Isaac Bond.  
Associate Matron, Matilda Harding.

Secretary, Ada Bond.  
Treasurer, Ruby Taggart.  
Conductress, Viola Gildemeister.

Associate Conductress, Ina Storms.

Chaplain, Ada Richardson.  
Marshal, Emma Nacker.  
Organist, Alice Dredge.  
Ada, Gertrude Webster.

Ruth, Mae West.  
Esther, Irene Oemus.  
Martha, Emma Hendricks.  
Electa, Kate Banfield.  
Warder, Ethel Middlewood.  
Sentinel, Frank Lee.

## TWO NEW HOUSES IN GARDEN GROVE

Harry S. Wolfe is starting to build two new houses this week in Garden Grove. He is building one brick veneer for Anton Schweizer, the other for Mrs. Zeigler, mother of Jesse Zeigler. Mr. Wolfe has promised the purchasers in Garden Grove a real building program of high grade homes. It looks like he is fulfilling his promises. As a result all of the residence lots in Garden Grove have been sold.

## OXEN PART OF OLD TIME ATMOSPHERE AT INN

Henry Ford has purchased a yoke of cherry red twin oxen of Philo M. Lossing of Kalkaska, which he plans to keep at the Bostford Inn as a part of the old time atmosphere he created at that place. Mr. Lossing has been engaged by Mr. Ford as keeper of the animals.

## NOTICE

All library books marked 1926 must be returned every week unless renewed.

## MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS SERVICE AND BANQUET

Mother's Day service will be held at the Evangelical Church Sunday, May 9: Mothers and Daughters banquet Tuesday, May 11.

## F. D. FLEMING COMPANY INCORPORATED

The F. D. Fleming Co., has been organized and incorporated as the successor of F. D. Fleming, taking over the real estate business of Mr. Fleming which he established here three years ago and which has steadily grown until it reached a point where an incorporation was deemed necessary. The capital stock is \$125,000 with \$50,000 preferred and \$75,000 common stock. The offices of the corporation will remain at Farmington where a general real estate and brokerage business will be conducted. In addition to real estate brokerage the company will engage in various activities in the line of real estate dealings, such as establishing new subdivisions and marketing the same. An eighty-acre tract in Southfield township was recently purchased by the company and plans for subdividing it are now under way.

The officers and directors of the company are: F. D. Fleming, president; Arthur D. Smith, vice-president; John Fitzpatrick, secretary and treasurer; Leo Gildemeister, Emil Roos and Clarence Elliott. All are citizens of Farmington except Mr. Elliott who resides in Detroit. When Mr. Fleming came to Farmington in 1923 there was not a regularly established real estate agency here. Since then several have sprung into existence which is convincing evidence of a waking up in real estate activity in Farmington and vicinity.

## DAUGHTERS OF CIVIL WAR ENTERTAINED

Fifteen members of Tent 16, Daughters of Civil War Veterans of Detroit, were entertained at the home of Mrs. P. A. Glidden Tuesday. Games and music were enjoyed. Mrs. Pearl Hane, accompanied Misses Vouth and Cowden on the concert. Mrs. Hane will be remembered here in connection with the first summer school at the Baptist Church.

## MRS. FREDERICK TILLMAN

Mrs. Frederick Tillman, passed away Saturday after an illness of eight months aged 39 years.

A prayer service was held at the home on Division street, Tuesday morning conducted by Rev. E. F. Dunlavy.

The remains were taken to her old home in Towanda, Pa., for burial.

Mrs. Tillman, through her activities in choir work at the Methodist Church had endeared herself to many friends, who grieve her departure.

Deceased leaves a husband.

Mrs. Lyman Sprague is recovering satisfactorily at the home of her daughter in Detroit. Mrs. Sprague underwent an operation at Ford Hospital two weeks ago. Mrs. Clyde Carey is home from the Northville Hospital and is much improved.

## CLEAN UP THE CITY

At the Exchange Club meeting last Tuesday the club was favored by two addresses by members of the Farmington Woman's Club. Mrs. Roy Brown, president of the Woman's Club gave a talk on "Clean Up Week," pointing out a number of places that should have attention at once.

First in the list of places mentioned was the town hall park, pointing out the need of wire baskets for waste paper and refuse, the need of flower beds, the trees to be trimmed of their dead limbs, etc.

She asked in the name of the club that the city ordinance No. 37, pertaining to outside toilets, be enforced, that area between the D. U. R. station and Owen apartments be kept in order and not be made a dumping ground as this is one of the first sights strangers meet on entering the town from the west. Alleys and barns in general should be kept clean and neat at all times.

Mrs. Brown pointed out the immediate pressing need of some adequate ash and garbage disposal for our city, as at present we see garbage strewn along our highways evidently thrown from machines. In conclusion, Mrs. Brown proposed that the city be divided into two parts making Grand River avenue the dividing line, and a contest be inaugurated to see which side of the street can be made most beautiful. All residents should enter this contest, and each feel they are doing their part to beautify Farmington. Hand bills will be distributed to your home by the Boy Scouts at the close of the contest, probably one or two persons from neighboring cities will act as judges and a cup will be awarded the winning side.

The Exchange Club voted enthusiastically to purchase the cup for the contest.

Miss Emily Butterfield was the next speaker on the program. Miss Butterfield gave a very interesting and instructive talk on Harlan Paul Douglas's book "The Little Town."

In giving a review of this book she pointed out advantages of living in a small town rather than a large city or the country. The small town, which the author pointed out meant a town of from 500 to 5000 inhabitants. In a community of this size there is a civic consciousness, adequate churches and schools and libraries. In a town or small city there is a better opportunity to establish the ideal home. In the city they are too crowded, in the country they are too far removed from one another, but in the small town or city there are more of the advantages with fewer of the disadvantages. When Miss Butterfield finished all were glad they lived in a small city.

Citizens are requested to send complaints or suggestions to Clean-Up committee of Farmington Woman's Club in care of P. O. Box 515 and have suggestions or complaints in by Saturday evening.

The Seniors and all who went with them to Washington are giving glowing accounts of the beauties of our National Capital.

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