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JOHN TURNER

This community was shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of John Turner, who suddenly expired while attending a party at Clarencville Friday evening.

He was born March 23, 1887 in Southfield township, Oakland county, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Turner. Upon the death of the father the family moved to Redford and from there to Farmington.

At fourteen years of age he began work on the D. U. R. as water boy. He next accepted a position at the power house, was promoted to conductor, from that to dispatcher and for the past eight years has been terminal superintendent. About a year ago he formed a partnership with John Clark in the coal business.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Farmington.

He was married May 27, 1908 to Miss Dora Kuhn, and to them were born two sons, Harold and Laverne, all who survive him. Besides are left his mother, Mrs. Mary Turner; two brothers, Samuel Turner and David Woodruff, all of Farmington; a sister, Mrs. Seymour Lloyd of Monroe; and a host of friends who mourn his untimely death.

Funeral services, largely attended, were held from the M. E. Church Tuesday afternoon, Rev. E. F. Dunlap officiating. Interment at Oakwood Cemetery.

BANKS ELECT OFFICERS

The annual meetings of the stockholders of the Farmington banks were held at their respective banking houses on Tuesday evening of this week at which reports were read showing a most satisfactory business for the past year, it being the banner year in the banking history of Farmington.

Directors chosen for the Farmington State Savings Bank:

Isaac Bond, G. Gale Collins, E. O. Hutton, Clinton McGee, H. N. McCracken, M. E. Pierce, Edgar S. Pierce, Olin Russell, A. Schroeder, C. R. Talbot, Howard M. Warner, Harley D. Warner and Floyd H. Nichols.

The directors then chose the following officers: President, H. M. Wainwright; vice president, M. E. Pierce; cashier, Edgar S. Pierce; assistant cashier, H. N. McGee.

Directors for the Peoples State Bank: Charles H. Ely, Ernest V. Blanchard, James L. Hogle, Dr. J. A. Miller, Leo Gildemester, Thomas Lytle, Emil Roos, John Fitzpatrick, Dr. E. F. Holcomb.

Officers chosen: James L. Hogle, President; Dr. J. A. Miller, Vice-President; Thomas Lytle, Vice-President; John Fitzpatrick, Cashier; Geo. C. Gildemester, Asst. Cashier; Charles H. Ely, Chairman Board Directors.

EXCHANGE BOWLERS

The Farmington Exchange bowlers went to Birmingham, Wednesday night where they mopped the alley with the Birmingham Exchange team. Three games were played all of them going to Farmington.

GROUP THREE MEETS

Mrs. L. R. Pike, Maple avenue, opened her home Tuesday afternoon to the members of Group Three of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Twenty-four ladies were present and accomplished much in serving. A delicious lunch was served.

F. W. C. MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Farmington Woman's Club will be held Wednesday, January 19, at the home of Mrs. Fred Cook. All members are asked to represent characters in Mother Goose and may the "Fune was fast and furious."

H. L. Hard, Cor. Sec.

COUNTY PRESS CLUB

TO MEET AT LANSING The Oakland County Weekly Press Club held its monthly meeting at the Roosevelt Hotel, Pontiac, last Saturday with a good attendance. The feature of the meeting will be held at Lansing at the time of the annual meeting of the Michigan Press Association.

F. A. C. WINS TWO GAMES

F. A. C. played the Gas House Gang, supposed to be in Class A standing from Detroit, but had little trouble running up a large score, winning 32 to 18.

Tuesday night they had another good workout by beating the Brightmoor team at Brightmoor. This team is composed of former high school players from Detroit and Redford. The game was won by the score of 22 to 12.

Saturday night, January 15, the F. A. C. takes on the Charlotte team from Detroit. This team is supposed to be very fast and a good game is looked for.

F. A. C. has changed its schedule of games. Instead of playing on Monday night as it has done for the last two seasons, they have scheduled all of their home games for Saturday night, because this gives them more chance to book stronger teams from Detroit and Pontiac.

Church Notes

Farmington Methodist Church, Rev. Edward F. Dunlap, Pastor.

10:30—Worship and sermon. Anthem by the choir. Solo, selected. Sermon by the pastor, "The Responsibilities of Maturity."

11:50—Sunday School. 7:00—Epworth League. 7:00—Evening service. Anthem by the choir. Trio, selected. Sermon by the pastor, "Temple Builders."

A cordial welcome awaits you at all our services.

Evangelical Church, Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor.

10:15—Service—English. 11:45—Sunday School. Wednesday, Jan. 19th, 8:00 p. m. Stereopticon Views and entertainment.

First Baptist Church, Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor. Services for Sunday, January 16, 10:30—Morning worship. Junior sermon "The Prayer Book."

Adult sermon "A Red Sunset and a Red Sunrise." 11:45—Sunday School. We have classes for all ages.

6:30—Gospel service. The sermon subject for this week will be "The Pearl of Great Price." This is the sixth sermon of the series on the parables of Jesus.

Wednesday nights we meet for Bible study.

All who are not connected with some church will find a welcome at our services.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarencville (At Switzer Road).

Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor. 9:30—Sunday School. 10:30—German service.

Thursday, 8 p. m.—Bible class. If you seek rest for your soul, true happiness here and hereafter, the Lutheran Church night to appeal to you; because its services do not aim to entertain but to lift up the heart to God; and because it leads you to know your sin and your Savior from sin, Jesus Christ.

Clarencville Community Church, Rev. A. H. Wallis, Pastor.

10:30—Worship. 7:30—Musical service. 11:30—Sunday School. Thursday, 7:30—Mid-week service.

Next Sunday the choir will render special music. There will be a special speaker. Let everybody make a special effort to be present at this ever growing service.

A god way to become acquainted with your neighbors is to meet them at the church.

Universalist Church, 3:00 p. m.

H. P. PLAYS HERE

Farmington A. C. plays Highland Park M. E. church team Tuesday night, Jan. 18 at the H. S. score.

F. A. C. lost to this team last Saturday at the home of A. C. tournament held at the General Motors building and is now out to turn the score around.

CHICKEN THIEVES

Chicken thieves are again active in this locality. On Monday night 12 fowl were stolen from the coop at William Graham's farm and the thieves visited the farm of William Kurtz, a neighbor on the same night and carried away a number of chickens. Last week Frank Bradley lost 20 chickens by theft.

At about 11:30 Monday night Star Graham, who lives across the road from his brother William, heard a noise in the direction of the hen houses and set up to investigate. As everything then appeared all right and the noise had ceased he went no further. The loss of the chickens was not discovered until morning. It is thought that the action of Mr. Graham in starting to investigate frightened the thieves away before they had secured a big haul.

THIRD NUMBER OF LECTURE COURSE

Opal DeLong's Accordion Girls, the third number of the lecture course, sponsored by the Progressive Class of the Methodist Church, have come and gone. It is doubtful if three more pleasing artists have ever graced the Lyceum platform in Farmington. Their pleasing personalities and their artistic work on the accordions; their colorful costumes and their apparent happiness in giving the entertainment made the evening a delight to those privileged to attend.

Their rendition of Verdi's Rigetto on the accordions was particularly outstanding. But they were not simply artists upon the stage; their beautifully modulated voices in song and Miss LeMays work as a reader made an evening's entertainment with nothing to be desired.

The Progressive Class is to be congratulated in securing such splendid talent for the entertainment and pleasure of the citizens of Farmington.

BAPTIST LADIES MEETING

The ladies of the Baptist church will meet at the home of M. & O. Taggart, Thursday, Jan. 20. Those wishing to attend are requested to meet at the Baptist church at 10:30 of that day where autos will be waiting to take them to the Taggart home.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Twelve friends of Mrs. Fred Brockmiller dropped in at her home on the Seven Mile road, Monday evening to help her celebrate her birthday anniversary. Buncos was played and a delicious lunch served at the close. The usual birthday cake forming the centerpiece, Mrs. Brockmiller was nicely remembered.

MEMBERS OF P. L. L. S.

Robert Shaw and Harold Turner of Farmington are new members of the Philolexian-Lyceum Literary Society at Kalamazoo College.

The Philolexian-Lyceum, the second oldest men's society on the campus is one of the most prominent organizations for the development of fellowship, social and curricular activities.

L. O. T. M. ELECTION

Farmington Hive, No. 75. L. O. T. M. installed the following officers for the ensuing year:

Com. Elizabeth Cain; Past Com. Minnie Yerkes; Lieut. Com. Maud Ackerson; Chaplain, Phoebe Miller; Mistress at Arms, Viola Schoeb; Sergeant, Bertha Spallier; Record Keeper, Edythe Cain; Finance Keeper, Lulu Lee; Sentinel, Catherine Quinn; Picket, Faye Ross; Captain, Ella Boillat.

AMICUS CLUB

Mrs. Jess Dowell will entertain Friday, January 21, the Amicus Club at the home of Mrs. P. L. Prindle, 14754 Woodmont road. Members take the bus to St. Mary's and walk back two blocks west.

AUXILIARY SOCIETY

The North Farmington Auxiliary Society will meet for dinner and the afternoon at the home of Mrs. Marie Walters, 24 miles west of Nichols Crossing on the Tuttle farm. All are invited.

Pay your taxes now.

EXCHANGE CLUB NOTES

There was a fine attendance at the Tuesday noonday luncheon of the Exchange Club when three new members, N. H. Power, Samuel Engle and Frazer Staman were welcomed.

Arthur Lamb was chosen as a delegate to represent the club at the Regional Tidewater Conference of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater Association to be held at Muskegon January 27.

The club voted to change the day of its noonday meeting from Tuesday to Wednesday at 12:15. The change will be effective the first Wednesday in February.

BOY BITTEN BY DOG

L'wayne Ayer, who lives in the Parker subdivision, was bitten by a dog, belonging to B. C. Storms. Tuesday night on Grand River avenue. The boy received immediate medical attention and the dog's head has been sent to Ann Arbor.

This coupled with the fact that a mad dog in the city was killed a few days ago which had bitten other dogs makes imperative that dog owners heed the official notice published in this week's paper.

PASTOR'S WIFE WILL FILL LOCAL PULPIT

The Rev. Helen F. Adams, who is to conduct services at the Farmington Universalist Church next Sunday, is the wife of Dr. Frank D. Adams, of the Church of Our Father, Detroit, and is known as the "war minister." She was ordained early in 1918, while her husband, a first lieutenant of infantry, was away with the army.

At the outbreak of the war Dr. Adams was pastor of the First Universalist Church of Urbana, Ill. When he enlisted and entered training camp, Mrs. Adams, who was then a licensed preacher took his place and carried on the full activities of the Urbana pulpit and parish until his return nearly a year and a half later. She is a very able preacher.

The Farmington Church has recently been redecorated and it presents a neat and attractive appearance. Arrangements have been made for services at regular intervals. The service Sunday will begin at 3 o'clock.

NORTHVILLE RECORD SOLD

The Northville Record was sold last week by E. E. Brown to E. R. Eaton who took immediate possession.

Mr. Eaton is an experienced newspaper man, but for the past few years held the position of private secretary to Governor Groesbeck. He has a state wide acquaintance both as a journalist and public official.

The Record is one of the best country newspaper properties in Michigan and Mr. Eaton will no doubt find the field a pleasant and profitable one.

Mr. Brown who has been its editor for the past eight years goes to Ann Arbor where he has business interests requiring his full time. He leaves a host of friends in Northville and Farmington.

CITY POOL SHARKS TOO MUCH FOR HIM

Finding it easy to win money playing pool in small towns north of Mount Clemens, including Montville, William Gilbert, 24 years old, of Yale, Mich., set out for Detroit last week with \$2 in his pocket, hoping to earn his living by playing in pool halls.

He found the Detroit boys too hard to beat, however, and on the first night after his arrival in the big city he found himself wandering the streets with only 15 cents in his pocket. He started on foot for Farmington, where he thought he would be able to borrow some money from a friend, but night fell before he arrived and he put up in a vacant house alongside the road. Police found him there and arrested him, but he was later safely returned to his former hunting grounds at Yale and neighboring small towns.

Herbert Renshaw of Detroit was a visitor at the home of Dr. and Mrs. G. R. Switzer, Grand River avenue.

BIG DEVELOPMENT IN FARMINGTON SECTION

At the request of the Snell Realty Corporation, which concern is interested in the advancement of this locality by reason of its heavy holdings in real estate, F. D. Fleming of this city, president of the Greater Farmington Association, compiled a list of events changes and developments indicating growth of this section which should reflect increased real estate values.

Mr. Fleming has ably covered the field and performed a fine service in directing attention to the march of progress here.

In commenting upon any action or proposed action, Mr. Fleming is emphatically fair, and his suggestion as to the widening of Grand River avenue to Farmington should be acted upon.

Mr. Fleming notes the following evidence of progress:

Farmington has changed its form of government from a village to that of a city of the fifth class. The significant thing about this change is that the personnel of the governing body is much more progressive and up-to-date and alive to the possibilities and opportunities of this community.

The Laing Drain has been approved and \$850,000 has been provided by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors to build it together with a disposal plant. This will be a combination sanitary and storm system and takes care of approximately four square miles including the City of Farmington and territory adjacent on the west, south and southeast.

A thirty year gas franchise has been granted to the city and township to the Consumers Power Company. They guaranteed to have gas available to at least 100 hundred families in Farmington by July 1, 1927.

The Telephone Company authorized the expenditure of \$20,000 in this district to take care of the growth they anticipate.

Through the Greater Farmington Association and other agencies, this district has received a great deal of splendid advertising and favorable publicity. I believe thousands of new prospects are created. The Farmington district is now thought of in much the same light as Birmingham and the Bloomfield Hills. To my mind, this is the greatest importance.

Petitions have been properly filed and approved by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors to pave the Ten Mile road from the Southfield road west to a point six miles west of the Farmington road. One mile of this highway is inside of the City of Farmington.

The Eight Mile road was made a 204 super-highway from Gratiot avenue to Grand River avenue and was paved in 1926 from Grand River west to the Farmington road. Sidewalks will also be laid as a part of this project. The Farmington to Pontiac highway was also completed as a concrete road in 1926.

Grading was completed for widening and laying the concrete on Grand River avenue from Redford to the Seven Mile road. This will bring the widened Grand River avenue to within four miles of Farmington in this connection permit me to say that, in my opinion, the paramount thing to do is to get Grand River avenue widened to Farmington in 1927. I am inclined to think this work would have been completed now if every one interested in this community had used their influence for widening Grand River instead of quibbling over the 'cut-off.' I believe this cut-off is necessary and I have not heard a single intelligent argument against it. I believe we should all, in the interest of a greater benefit to ourselves, fight to get the present Grand River widened to Farmington.

I do not believe the present program of widening Grand River provides anything except temporary relief and the time will soon come when a subway and a 204 foot super-highway all the way between the City Hall and Farmington will be absolutely necessary.

George H. Ruhling & Company, civil engineers, were employed by the Township to make a master plan as a guide to platting. It is practically completed. On Janu-

ary 3, 1927, Mr. Ruhling and Glenn Phillips appeared before the city council and bid for the Master Plan contract. No other one development of the past year will contribute as much to land enhancement and tax saving as will these Master Plans.

During the past year the buses have replaced the trolley. When properly organized, no doubt, this will prove a step forward but at present our service is inferior to that enjoyed by this community in the years gone by. Every highway that can be built to relieve Grand River traffic will be decidedly beneficial to this district.

The Farmington Woods subdivision is one of the recent developments in this district. Mr. Burton is a pioneer here in this class of development. He has set a very high standard and others will undoubtedly follow it. I believe this development has done much to stimulate values in this district and will do much to reduce the tax rate. Hal Thompson, agent for this property, told me that they would start seven fine homes in this subdivision next week.

Another important development which should enhance values very materially in this district is the 230 acre project sponsored by Louis Tarabusi and myself. It lies west of the Farmington road and south of the Farmington City limits.

An important need at present for this district is first mortgage money. Last week a Detroit builder came out and looked this district over very carefully with a view of starting a building program here. He wants me to submit some good fully improved residence lots, preferably on second mortgage. He also wants to be assured that first mortgage money at approximately the same terms at which it can be obtained in Detroit is available.

Enterprise liners for results.

MISS BONSTELLE SPEAKER AT WOMAN'S CLUB

The regular meeting of the Farmington Woman's Club, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ernestine Pierce, was held Thursday, January 6, at the home of Mrs. Martha Warner. After a short business meeting, members and guests, numbering more than eighty, were diverted by several pianola selections before the advent of the speaker of the afternoon, Miss Jessie Bonstelle.

Miss Bonstelle spoke of present day conditions in the theatrical world, and of how they might be improved. She uttered the earnest, well-thought-out ideas of a woman who knows whereof she speaks, and is doing worth-while things in the drama; bright flashes of wit and humor aided by a delightful personality put her at once in rapport with her audience.

At the close of Miss Bonstelle's talk two duets, "Oh, That We Two Were Maying" and "E'en as a Flower" were most pleasingly sung by Mrs. Harley Warner and Percy Pauline, accompanied by Miss Ernestine Pierce. Mr. Pauline then sang two solos, "Invictus," his fine baritone splendidly adequate to the noble challenge—"I Am the Master of My Fate—I am the Captain of My Soul!" and the beautiful love lyric, "The Bells of St. Mary's." A pretty feature was the presentation to Miss Bonstelle of a basket of roses by Little Dorothy Warner and to Mrs. Harley Warner and Miss Pierce of corsage bouquets, by Master Freddie Warner.

A short reception to Miss Bonstelle and the serving of delicious refreshments brought to a close a most enjoyable afternoon.

Helen H. Hard, Cor. Sec'y.

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The Weasels, losers in an attendance contest with the Gophers, which extended over a period of three months at the Exchange Club, will banquet their haughty and boastful conquerors at the Hotel Roosevelt, Pontiac, Friday evening of this week. About thirty members have signified their intention of attending. The losers guarantee full transportation for their foes. Autos will leave the city at 6:30.

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