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Legion Prepares For Big Crowd Here On Monday

New Features Expected To Bring Record Attendance For Gala Day

Keen competition in the popularity contest for young women having aroused intense interest, Farmington's American Legion Post is preparing for one of the biggest Gala Day celebrations ever held on Labor Day. Arrangements have been practically completed for the all-day and evening of enjoyment in the Town Park, on the baseball diamond, and on Division street.

New features, including the best entertainment ever prepared for a Gala Day program, have been prepared by the Legionnaires. Races, ball games, an automobile show, war trophy exhibit, and the giving away of a Pontiac Six sedan, the highest price ever given, are among the attractions which are expected to make the event the biggest since the Gala Days were begun six years ago.

Following the opening salute and opening of the auto show at 9:30 a. m., the first of two scheduled ball games will be played with Walled Lake and Northwood A. C. crossing bats, at 10 o'clock, on the Farmington High School grounds. A band concert by the Northville School band will start a few minutes later, and at 10:10, the ever-popular horsehoe tournament will get underway. The morning events will be followed by lunch at noon served by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Afternoon sports will begin at 1 o'clock, and include a number of events, one of which, the pop-drinking contest, is described as highly amusing. The pop bottles are opened by ladies and the pop consumed by men. Three sets of prizes are offered, men and women sharing in the awards.

The annual sawdust scramble and pie-eating contests will give energetic boys an opportunity for enjoyment and reward. Free vaudeville acts will be shown at 2:30 p. m. On the vaudeville program this year are Marie Correll and Company, said to include "the strongest lady in the world", clown-tumbling, tight-rope artists, trapeze-acting, ladder balancing, and acrobatic acts; trick roller-skating, jugglers, cartoonist drawing cartoons of people in the audience, and others.

In the afternoon ball game at 3 o'clock, West Point Park will play Plymouth. James Quinn, former Farmington High School star, will pitch for Plymouth.

A band concert will be given at 4 o'clock, to be followed by supper and free vaudeville acts. Dancing will start at 8 o'clock in the Town Hall, and at 9:45 prizes will be given. Following award of the grand prize, the winner of the popularity contest will be announced and a diamond ring awarded the winner. A second award will also be given for the girl next highest in standing.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has issued an invitation to all to partake of food at their stand during the day, through Mrs. Isabelle Lueke, secretary, as follows:

Good things to eat will be served all day on Gala Day at the stands run by the Ladies' Auxiliary. Everything from meat to pie in a mode will be there. Nice rich milk will be on hand to fill the babies' bottles, so mothers won't have to stay home and miss all the fun.

Isabelle Lueke, Secretary.

CLOSE LABOR DAY
Farmington's post office and most stores will be closed all day on Labor Day. A few stores, mainly those handling foodstuffs, will be open in the morning. Farmington Drug Co. will be open all day.

OAKLAND HILLS NEWS

The Enterprise is pleased to call attention of its readers this week to a new column of correspondence, "Oakland Hills" news. It covers mainly the area east of Orchard Lake road and north of Twelve-Mile road.

Former Farmington Boy's Invention Restores Speech To Aged Woman



SERGIUS P. GRACE

To Hold School Classes In House

District No. 6 Board To Prevent Overcrowding Of Pupils

In an effort to avoid repetition of overcrowding which handicapped teaching in School District No. 6, Farmington Township, last year, members of the Board of Education of that District have arranged for a house well-located in the territory in which school will be taught this year. The renting of the house will give the District three buildings for the holding of school sessions, which have heretofore been confined to Grace and Noble Schools.

The place is a brick house at the corner of Old Farmington and Tuck roads. It will be in shape for school use when sessions open next Tuesday morning. The schoolhouses in the District have been rededicated during the summer. A new bus driver has been engaged, J. C. Spalding being the man chosen.

The same staff of teachers, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Plumton, Mrs. Wilkerson and Miss Spaulding will battle for the coming year.

Civil War Vet Stops Here On Reunion Trip

One of the 19 survivors of 1,036 men who made up the old 22nd Regiment of Michigan in the Civil War, William H. Wileand, 84, of Coldwater, visited in Farmington Wednesday. Mr. Wileand taught school in Farmington in 1873 and '74. He enlisted in the 64th regiment from Farmington, going with Company A from Pontiac.

Mr. Wileand stopped in Farmington on his way home from Pontiac, where he attended the 64th regimental reunion of his regiment. He drove his own car, for the sixth year in succession.

Farmington Thrills To Roar Of Zeppelin's Motors In Night Sky

Farmington got its greatest thrill in years Wednesday evening when the round-the-world Graf Zeppelin sailed through the skies to the southward in the gaze into the city. Numerous bright lights in the front part of the great sea-ship, in what apparently was the cabin with another light here and there and one in the stern, were all that was visible about the big dirigible.

As the mighty hum of her motors heralded the ship's nearness, houses and stores were emptied. Out from the pool-room on Grand River avenue men fled on the run, as if some catastrophe had taken place inside.

S. P. Grace, Hailed As 'Modern Genius' After Success Of 'Larynx'

Many have been the achievements of Sergius P. Grace, native of Farmington, which have placed his name on the front page of newspapers throughout the land. His accomplishments in the field of electrical experiment have served to make him the vice-president of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, where he could go on to even greater work.

But none of his many successes had brought him the happiness and lasting satisfaction which came some time ago when, in Dallas, Texas, he succeeded in restoring, by an artificial larynx which he had invented, the power of speech to an aged woman who had been speechless for more than a year. The astonishing story is told in detail in an article of a Dallas newspaper a few days after the former Farmington boy had given back to the woman that faculty which she so desired. Under the heading, "Aged Woman, Silent More Than Year, Again Learns Joy Of Speech Here, Modern Genius Gives Her Artificial Power Of Forming Words," the story reads as follows:

"This is a story of compassion and tenderness, and commercialism and progress—and of the return of the gift of speech to a little, helpless old woman who for more than a year and a half had not spoken an audible word. It might easily have been a 'press agent' story—if the press agent had said anything about it—but it wasn't. A newspaperman found out about it, because he lived next door to the woman, then another and another. And here is the story:

Mrs. W. R. Wilson, 70, the sort of little old woman one wants to wrap up in jewels' cotton against the hurts of the world, lives with her husband, 72, at 2214 W. Tenth street, Oak Cliff. They had the calm happiness of old folk until a year and a half ago when the first severe infirmity of old age arose. Mrs. Wilson became partly paralyzed—not helpless, or anything like that, she would have told you if she could—and her vocal organs became inoperative.

After a half century of hourly conversation with her husband, the things she might say to him were taken away. When a man is 72, his eyes are not as sharp. (Continued on page five)

Girls Vie For Lead In Popularity Contest

Interest in the American Legion popularity contest reached its keenest point this week when leadership changed several times within a few hours. Alice Westfall took the lead from June Johnson by 30 votes Tuesday night, but lost it soon after, and Miss Johnson went nearly 500 ahead Wednesday evening. Mary Ellen Fink was about 1,000 votes behind the two leaders.

Two Boys Burned In Explosion Of Thresh Machine

Brothers Recovering From Burns On Face And Body At Home On Seven-Mile Road

George and John Greenlee, brothers about 16 and 13 years old, are recovering at their home on Seven-Mile road west of Farmington, from severe burns suffered last Friday when the fire pot of a threshing-machine exploded, on the Rynold Esch farm, Power road, southwest of Farmington. Both of the boys were burned about the face, hands, knees and feet.

The two boys had been driving the water-supply wagon team. They stepped up on the step at the back of the fire engine and just at that moment the fire-box exploded. The man in charge of firing the threshing was also burned, but not seriously, and is back at work.

Herman Rosow, one of the threshers, rushed the boys to the office of Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner, where they were given first aid. The boys' faces were blackened by explosion, and their hair singed.

After first-aid treatment, the boys were taken home. They are now able to sit up.

The threshing-machine which exploded is owned and operated by Herman Goers. It has been repaired and is now being used on the Louis Esch farm on Base Line road, east of Farmington road.

SEARCH FAILS FOR THREE GUNMEN IN GD. RIVER HOLDUP

No Clues Found In \$400 Robbery Of Motorist Near Oakwood Cemetery

Patrolling by police and two days of investigation have failed to reveal any clues to the three bandits who selected the dark spot on Grand River avenue in front of Oakwood Cemetery as a cool place to hold up Max Fonberg, 16205 Crutcher avenue, Detroit, Monday evening. They obtained about \$400.

Fonberg, who is in the upholstery business in Highland Park, had collected the money during the day. He told police that he believes the men saw him take the money from his pocket somewhere in the City.

Fonberg passed through Farmington on his way to Walled Lake just about 9 o'clock. A few minutes later he drove up to the police booth and reported the robbery. Three men, in a large touring-car, he reported, forced him to the side of the road and two jumped out. They displayed guns and ordered him to hold up his hands. They quickly found his roll of bills and ran back to their machine, the driver starting away as they leaped in. They made no effort to molest their victim. The touring car disappeared westward along Grand River avenue.

Deputies Doyle and Tamm and Constable Marl Pettibone set to work at once, but were unable to discover any trace of the robbers. Fonberg could not give a good description of any of them, saying only that they appeared to be wearing dark shirts.

Car Overturns, 7 In Rubly Family Unhurt

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rubly and five children of North Farmington had an unusual escape from injury while returning this week from Manistee, where people may not only look over the 1930 Packards, but may also ride in one. The agency will have one car on display and another parked nearby, in which anyone who is interested may take a ride.

The new 1930 Hupmobiles, including the new "six in the thousand dollar class," which has aroused much interest, will be displayed by Malby Motor Sales, of Grand River avenue, Redford.

Taxpayers Beware! Penalty Time Near

Final warning is issued this week to all taxpayers in the City of Farmington. The time for payment of taxes without penalty ends Saturday night, August 31, and collection of four per cent additional starts on Tuesday morning. No further extension of time is contemplated.

George C. Gildmeister, city treasurer, reports that taxes have been coming in well, sixty-five per cent of the total levied having already been paid.

School Handbook Being Published

'The Pathfinder,' Farmington High School Guide, To Be Aid To Students

A handbook of information about Farmington High School, its curriculum, facilities and advantages is being published by the Board of Education. It is expected that the printing of the book will be completed by the end of the week, and that copies will be ready for distribution to pupils when school opens on Tuesday morning.

The handbook has been compiled by Supt. of Schools Ralph B. Baker. It is called "The Pathfinder," and is intended as a guide to both prospective students and those already enrolled. The school calendar for 1929-30, time schedule, committees, rules, hints on study and conduct, curriculum in detail, marking system, and extra-curricular activities are covered fully. The book contains also an index and a page for memoranda. There are 36 pages.

LEADING MAKES OF MOTOR CARS WILL BE AT AUTO SHOW

Dealers To Present Latest Models Of Large Manufacturers On Labor Day

The latest creations of nine leading American motor car manufacturers will be on display in Farmington Monday at the Automobile Show sponsored by the American Legion in connection with its eighth annual Gala Day celebration.

Farmington Motor Sales will display three models of the new Chevrolet, the "six in the price range of the four," of which over a million have been sold, in less than eight months. The sedan, imperial sedan, and coach will be displayed.

George K. Checketts will show Buick and Marquette sedans, "the newest trimmings of Buick craftsmanship." The Buick shown will probably be the 118-inch wheelbase model.

W. F. Goers will place on view the newest Hudson and Essex coaches, in attractive colors from the many in the Hudson company's line.

Oakland-Pontiac Sales will have at the Show the Pontiac Big Six two-door sedan which will be given away in the evening, a Pontiac four-door sedan, and an Oakland All-American Six brougham.

Grand River Motor Sales will display one of the new "all-adjustable" cars, with four speeds forward. The model will probably be the new "612."

Two of the three revolutionized "Chryslers" will be shown by J. L. Taylor of Walled Lake. A "77" Royal sedan and "70" brougham are to be at the show.

Russell Walker, Packard dealer of 8249 Grand River, Redford, will introduce an unusual feature, an arrangement whereby people may not only look over the 1930 Packards, but may also ride in one. The agency will have one car on display and another parked nearby, in which anyone who is interested may take a ride.

Says Airport Is 'Assured,' After A Trip With Stout

John W. Lathrup Makes Announcement After Flight To Cleveland

Establishment of an airplane landing-field and erection of a factory by the William B. Stout interests on acreage owned by John W. Lathrup, east of Dye's Inn on Grand River avenue, is assured in the near future, according to Mr. Lathrup, who returned Thursday morning from a three-day trip to Cleveland with Mr. Stout, William B. Mayo, chief consulting engineer of the Ford Motor Company, and other engineering executives.

Mr. Lathrup made the trip in a Stout plane with 17 others, the party including the families of the airplane and engineering men. They left Detroit Monday afternoon.

On his return to Farmington, Mr. Lathrup said that he could state definitely that the Stout interests would locate west of Farmington, as soon as plans were completed. All obstructions have been removed at the site of the proposed airport, and it can be ready for use as a landing-field on very short notice, according to Mr. Lathrup.

Mr. Stout and his associates, with whom Mr. Lathrup has been in continual contact through the summer in the interest of an aviation field in this vicinity, may come to Farmington soon to go over final plans for the airport and factory.

BODY OF DROWNED CLARENCEVILLE BOY RECOVERED

Funeral Services Held Thursday Morning For Jack Lyons, 11 Years Old

After two days of dragging the bottom of Walled Lake, a crew of men on Tuesday afternoon recovered the body of 11-year-old Jack Lyons, of Clarenceville, who had disappeared Sunday night while rowing a boat.

The body was found in six feet of water, in front of the entrance to the canal which leads to Mud Lake. The boy's mother has a cottage on Mud Lake.

The lad was not reported seen after Sunday evening, when he went rowing. The boat and oars were found drifting along the east shore of the Lake Monday, and an intensive search begun.

Suspicion that the boy had been drowned were confirmed when his body was located late Monday. The searchers lost track of the body, however, it having drifted away before they obtained grappling apparatus to bring it to the surface.

On Tuesday dragging equipment was hooked to a speed-boat driven by Chester Steurer, of Cenequa Shores, and who was accompanied by Deputies H. W. Thorburn, W. E. Coe and William Tamm.

The drowned boy had been subject to sick spells, and it is believed that during one of these he fell from the boat.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the home of the boy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lyons.

GETS CHANCE TO PAY

Ralph Brown, formerly of Farmington, was given 90 days in which to pay a board bill by Judge John J. Schuch of Farmington, when arraigned on a charge of evading payment. Brown was found guilty and sentenced of 90 days suspended, to give him an opportunity to pay the money.

A sedan will be on display. Klett Automobile Co. of Grand River avenue, Redford, will present a Viking, 90-degree V-type eight, four-door sedan, and an Oldsmobile Six coach.