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## Farmington M. E. Church Planning Its Centennial

### One Hundredth Anniversary Program Being Arranged For Next Month

Officials of the Farmington Methodist Church have planning to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the beginning of Methodist preaching and regular services in the community of Farmington. This date will be October 27th and the week following.

The centennial preacher has been chosen and accepted the invitation to come for this occasion. He is Dr. Clarence E. Allen of Erie, Pa., who began his ministry in the Farmington church. He has become one of the great preachers of the denomination, having served leading churches both in the West and the East, and will be a welcome visitor and preacher here.

A "Reminiscence and Home Coming" evening and a large banquet will be features in the celebration. As an occasion like this comes but once in a lifetime and high expectations center in this coming event in Farmington.

New Bulletin Board  
The Progressive Class of the Farmington Methodist Sunday School has purchased and erected an attractive new bulletin board in front of the church. It is the latest and most approved Board, electrically illuminated and finished in Palm Green to blend with the vines and shrubbery. Miss Meriah Andrews is the president of this class which has made this substantial and useful addition to the church equipment.

## FARMINGTON MEN WILL BE 'WOMEN' JUST FOR TONIGHT

### Womanless Wedding, Play, Sponsored By P. T. A. To Be Given Sept. 26, 27

Much interest is expected to be given in Farmington September 26 and 27. It is to be a "Womanless Wedding." Not a woman will take part. Farmington men, by magic touch of lip-stick, rouge, and eye-brow pencil, will become beautiful "girls," charming debutantes, stately matrons and vamping flappers.

A director of the Simpson Lumber Company of Bardonia, Ky., will arrive in Farmington the first of next week to direct the production. The Farmington P. T. A. is sponsoring this affair and are hearty in their co-operation and enthusiastic for its success. The "Womanless Wedding" is being staged throughout this section this season, and good reports come from other towns that packed houses greeted the performance both nights. In Royal Oak some time ago, 1,500 people saw this play.

It is a clean, wholesome bit of old fashioned humor that makes the old laugh young again, and the young laugh until their sides ache. Many beautiful costumes will be worn by the men.

## STEELE FAMILY REUNION IS HELD; OFFICERS CHOSEN

### Descendants Of Late aCros and Ellas Steele Have Annual Gathering

The descendants of the late Carlos and Ella Steele held their annual reunion at the home of Alfred and Dorothy Smith Saturday, September 8th.

This farm home made an ideal place for such a gathering and the weather just right for a picnic dinner.

The direct descendants now number 33, and the in-laws increase this number to 45. One peculiar fact concerning the family is that none have wandered far from the parental birthplace and hence nearly all were present, the exception being one grand daughter, Margaret Steele, who is attending school in St. Paul, Minn., and her brother, Frank Steele, temporarily in Virginia. Outside guests were cousins, Carr Baldwin and family of Bennington and Mrs. Dolly Baldwin

## Only Two Buildings In Path Of Diggers

Work on Grand River widening is going forward daily, with the two brick and stone buildings standing in the way having been torn down. Only two structures the office of the Grand River Lumber and Coal Co. and a small garage building a little farther west, are in the path of the widening, almost as far as the beginning of the cut-off.

Surveyors are at work to determine the spot to which the lumber office is to be moved. It is expected the building will be moved within a few days.

## Teachers Will Greet Parents

### Annual Reception Of P. T. A. Will Be Held Sept. 19 In Schools

Teachers in Farmington Public Schools, both those new this year and who have taught before, will be welcomed to the parents of their pupils at the members of the Farmington Parent-Teachers Association next Thursday evening, September 19. The reception will take place in the school buildings.

From 7:30 until 9 p. m. the teachers will be in their respective rooms to meet the parents of their pupils. At nine o'clock all will assemble in the high school auditorium, for a program which will include brief addresses of welcome and response.

After the program, the parents and teachers will return to the gymnasium, where games will be played. Refreshments will be served by the P. T. A. following the games.

## COUPLE REPORTS SECOND HOLDUP IN SHORT TIME

### Children's Hospital Nurse And Detroit Man Each Give Bandits \$11

The second holdup at lonely spots in this section past two weeks occurred Monday night when a nurse at the Children's Hospital of Michigan and her escort were held up as they were about to enter the driveway of the hospital. Each had \$11, which the three bandits took.

The nurse, Miss Anita Fullerton, and her escort, Owen Hudson, 3809 Mohawk avenue, Detroit, had driven down Tuck road on their way to the Hospital about 10 miles from the city. One of the bandits was about six feet tall and the other about five feet six inches in height, appeared suddenly out of the darkness. One waved an automatic.

After robbing the couple, the bandits drove away in a mud-covered sedan. Hudson followed, trying to obtain the license number, but it was covered with mud and he was unable to distinguish the numbers.

The holdup was reported to Farmington deputy sheriffs, by Hudson after he had lost trail of the bandits.

## HAVE FAMILY REUNION

The Donaldson family reunion represented by the families of C. F. Rose of Walled Lake, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Banfield and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Richardson of Farmington and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Donaldson of Pontiac was held at the Highland State Park on Sunday. Thirty people were present. The reunion in previous years has been held on New Year's Day, but hereafter will be held the second Sunday in September.

## VISIT EXCHANGE CLUB

Oakland County Road Commissioners Luther D. Allen and Howard Hillman were visitors at the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday evening, September 10. They were guests of Commissioner Isaac Bond of Farmington.

Cook and daughter from Ovid, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Swenson, presented by Elmer Swenson, of the Steele family, were present. Cloyce Steele was chosen president for the coming year, and Florence Steele Sharpley, secretary and treasurer.

## Deputies' Office Here Shaken By A New Upheaval

### Business Man Makes Affidavit After Request For Doyle's Resignation

The turmoil which has seethed in and about the deputy sheriff's station in Farmington in recent months broke forth anew during the past week, when Deputy Sheriff Lee Doyle was asked by Sheriff Frank Schram to resign his position before October 1.

As a result of the fare-up, Joseph Himmelspach, proprietor of the Farmington Dairy, on Wednesday made and arranged for publication in this local paper an affidavit, stating that he "was not responsible for a report to Sheriff Schram," regarding Deputy Doyle. On Thursday morning friends of Deputy Doyle started circulation of a pe-

## Deputy Better After A Serious Illness

Deputy Sheriff Marek of New Hudson, who formerly spent considerable time in the hospital at Farmington, is recovering from a serious illness in University Hospital at Ann Arbor. Deputy Marek suffered a rupture of the appendix about two weeks ago. His condition has critically for a time but he is reported to have improved rapidly.

tion among Farmington citizens and business-men, expressing confidence in the ability and integrity of Deputy Doyle, and asking that he be retained. Mr. Himmelspach was one of the first signers.

## Warrant Started It

The newest upheaval in the Farmington station developed Monday, when Mr. Himmelspach, a former employer for whom he had taken out a warrant, charging embezzlement of \$110. Mr. Himmelspach and Deputy Doyle had arranged to go after the man with him on Wednesday morning. The deputy, who he appeared at Mr. Himmelspach's office, but that Mr. Himmelspach was out. In the afternoon, Deputy Doyle went to the dairy office and informed Mr. Himmelspach that he could not get with him to serve the warrant.

Mr. Himmelspach then secured Deputies William Tamm, and Clayton Stokes to go with him. On Thursday, according to Deputy Doyle, he was called to the station and given until October 1 to resign.

Mr. Himmelspach's statement was designed to overcome the effect of rumors which he said had come to him early this week, to the effect that he had made complaint to Sheriff Schram, and caused the request for Deputy Doyle's resignation. It is printed on page seven of this issue.

The petition asking that Deputy Doyle be retained reads as follows:

"We, the citizens of Farmington and of Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby subscribe our confidence in the integrity and ability of our fellow townsman, Deputy Sheriff Lee Doyle, of Farmington, an honorably discharged soldier of the United States of America, as an officer and a gentleman, and do hereby request Sheriff Frank Schram to retain Lee Doyle as Deputy Sheriff at Farmington."

## CLARENCEVILLE GIRL IS BRIDE OF NEW YORKER

Miss Anna Alice Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Brown of Clarenceville and John Albert Swart, son of W. S. Swart of New York, were united in marriage Tuesday evening, September 10 at 8 o'clock at the home of her parents. Thirty-four guests were entertained at the wedding.

Rev. Robert D. Richards performed the ceremony.

## ONE FIRE IN WEEK

Call on the Farmington fire department to extinguish grass fires, were reduced to one during the past week. The only call was from Floral Park on Monday evening about 8 o'clock.

## Flowers Fill Hall As Show Is Opened

The committee in charge of Farmington's first Flower Show were pleasantly surprised, Thursday morning, when flower growers brought dozens of exhibits to the Community Hall for display. The response far exceeded the highest expectations of those in charge.

Ribbons for first, second and third prize winners were ready. Large numbers of people attended the show early and were lavish in their praise of the exhibition. Names of winners will be published in next week's Enterprise.

## Family Of Eight Unhurt In Crash

### Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten And Children In Car Hit By Drunk Driver

A Farmington family of eight, the parents and six children, are congratulating themselves on their fortunate escape from injuries Sunday afternoon when their automobile was struck by another driven by a young man who had been drinking. Although the other machine was travelling at high speed and struck the Farmington car full on the left side, it did not overturn, nor was a glass broken.

Those from Farmington were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten and their six children. Returning home to Farmington they were just about to make the turn at the Keego Harbor school when a smaller sedan approached the sharp curve, headed in the opposite direction. The driver failed to turn his car and it plunged into the Auten sedan.

After the collision, the youth backed away his car, which was little damaged, and started away. A motorist who had been behind him took up the chase and finally forced him to the side of the road some distance away. He was arrested by police. Later he was taken drunk driving, and on Monday morning arraigned in Orchard Lake village court. He was fined \$50 or sentenced to 40 days in the County Jail, and ordered to pay for the damage to Mr. Auten's car.

The sentence was light because of the youths statement that he has been supporting his widowed mother.

The fenders and body on the left side of Mr. Auten's car were badly smashed.

## LEADING TEAMS WILL PLAY FOR GOVERNOR'S CUP

### Inter-County Baseball League Meet Sunday In First Of Three Games

A series of baseball games that is expected to be fought with as much spirit as the big league "world series" starts next Sunday at West Point Park when the first of three games for the Inter-County League championship will be played. West Point Park's team and Hamtramck will contend for the trophy donated by Governor Fred W. Green.

The second half of the league schedule was completed last Saturday, when West Point Park kept in the title race by overwhelming Northville, 20 to 10. The home team sluggers enjoyed a big day at bat. In one inning 13 runs were scored. Ten in West Point Park's second inning home runs in successive times at bat. Carl Goers pitched for West Point Park and was able to "ease up" during most of the game.

Hamtramck and West Point Park have engaged in several hard battles this year, and with the League cup at stake, it is anticipated that both teams will fight to the last out in the last inning. Carl Goers will probably pitch Sunday, the game beginning at 3 o'clock.

John Lathrup, of Farmington recently purchased a property comprising 23 acres in Brighton. He intends to improve it as a roadhouse.

## Says Farmington Drain May Be Started Within A Month

### County Commissioner Coming To Farmington Monday. Evening To Give All Information Desired; New Petition Would Hasten Work

Farmington has an opportunity to have construction on the Farmington Drain started within 30 days, according to County Drain Commissioner Arthur W. Spencer, whose office is prepared to proceed with the work on short notice. In addition, everyone in Farmington Township and City may have the further opportunity of learning all about the plans in detail before construction is begun. Commissioner Spencer having promised to come to Farmington next Monday evening with a member of his staff and describe the proposed work in detail, answering any questions that may be asked.



ARTHUR W. SPENCER County Drain Commissioner

## Fail In Attempt To Enter House

### Return Of Dr. and Mrs. Miller Fails Would-Be Intruders; Windows Broken

Would-be intruders who apparently spent more than half an hour around the home of Dr. and Mrs. James Miller on Grand River avenue early Tuesday morning failed in their attempts when Dr. Miller awakened. They tried six windows in the house, breaking the glass in two, and prying the sash in others.

Dr. and Mrs. Miller had just returned home, after spending most of the summer at their cottage at Walled Lake. It is believed that the men attempting to enter knew of the Millers' having been away, and believed the house still unoccupied.

Dr. Miller was awakened from a sound sleep about 3:30 a. m. He thought nothing of the noises, however, at first. Later he was aroused again and opened a window in the bath-room.

When Dr. Miller arose in the morning, he discovered the cause of the noises. Two of the windows which the intruders had tried were directly under a street light. They had also been on the porch, attempting to enter from there, foot-prints on the porch indicating their presence at the window in the front of the house.

## MISS T. SALOW, A FORMER RESIDENT, BECOMES BRIDE

### Daughter Of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Salow Feted By Farmington Friends

Miss Thelma Salow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Salow of Northville and Joseph Charles Collins were united in marriage Tuesday evening, September 10 at the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. William Richards, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Northville, in the presence of 26 guests. Until a few years ago, the bride and her parents resided in Farmington, the bride being a graduate of Farmington High School.

The home was beautifully decorated with seasonal flowers, ferns and palms. Following the singing of "I Love You Truly" by Wayne VanDyne, Miss Viola Walters played the wedding march. The bride, attractively arrayed in white satin, with a veil suspended from a coronate of orange blossoms and carrying white roses, was accompanied to the altar by Miss Helen Collins of Knoxville, Ia., a sister of the groom. She was attractively dressed in yellow tulle and carried yellow roses.

Alburn Salow, a brother of the bride, was best man. The ring ceremony was used by Rev. Richards. The wedding took place in front of an altar of flowers and palms, with a bell suspended from above. Following the wedding a dinner was served the guests, with a prevailing of the dining room. (Continued on page five)

## County Commissioner Coming To Farmington Monday. Evening To Give All Information Desired; New Petition Would Hasten Work

Residents of both the Township and City are invited and urged to be present, the Drain project being regarded as one of the most important in the history of this community. The Drain, originally planned as the Laing Drain, has been expanded and it now includes most of the City and a considerable part of the lower portion of the Township.

Mr. Spencer will be at the meeting of the Farmington City Commission, which starts at 7:30 p. m. His coming is the result of a conference Monday with Commissioner Emory Hatton of Farmington. When Commissioner Spencer advised Mr. Hatton that his staff is ready to proceed at almost any moment to obtain bids and let the contract, Mr. Hatton persuaded him to come to Farmington Monday evening and lay the matter before the people of this community.

## New Law Helps

The fact that the Farmington Drain may be started within a few weeks and a good part of the work accomplished yet this year is the result of passage of a new law at the last session of the Legislature, according to Mr. Spencer. This law gives County Drain Commissioners by statute, power to construct closed sewers as well as open drains.

The suit began over a year ago by taxpayers in the Southfield Drain area, to prevent building of that Drain, and based on the contention that the Drain Commissioner has no power to build closed sewers, is still pending, before the Michigan Supreme Court. Although a favorable decision is expected, it will probably not be before next February or March.

If the decree sustains the Commissioner, construction could proceed thereafter.

With the passage of the 1929 statute, however, if Farmington files a new petition, now the County department can proceed at once under the new law, which became effective August 29. The legal question raised in the Southfield case would have no bearing on the new petition.

It is pointed out that circulation and filing of a petition at once would make completion of the drain possible nearly a year earlier than would be possible if the Supreme Court decision is awaited, since drain construction work can be carried on well into the cold season.

## FORMER RESIDENT OF FARMINGTON DIES IN PONTIAC

### Evelin J. Sowles Succumbs After Stroke Of Paralysis; Age Was 53

Evelin J. Sowles, who formerly lived on 12-Mile road, died Friday at his home, 126 North Johnson avenue, Pontiac, after a year's illness following a stroke of paralysis.

Evelin James Sowles was 53 years old. He had been a resident of Pontiac for the past six years. He was born in Dryden Township, Lapeer County, in 1876, he married Miss Eda Darow of Farmington. They lived in Farmington 13 years.

Surviving are his widow, a daughter Hazel, and son Lloyd of Pontiac, three sisters and two brothers.