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## Dr. Edgar Jones Speaks On 'Best That I Remember'

### Many Business-Men Gather to Hear Address of Noted Detroit Pastor

One of the most enjoyable meetings of the Farmington Exchange Club in recent months was held Wednesday noon when Rev. Edgar DeWitt Jones of Central Woodward Christian Church, Detroit, spoke on "The Best That I Remember." In anticipation of Rev. Jones' address, many Farmington business men were in attendance as guests of the club members.

Dr. Jones selected for his hearers the best that he had heard and read during his many years in the ministry. He told the two best Irish stories, the two best negro stories, the two best Irish jokes, the best stories about lawyers and preachers.

Two pieces of poetry, one by James Whitcomb Riley on Lincoln, and the other by Eugene Field on "We and Jim" were read by Rev. Jones. Examples of his magnificent oratory, one the conclusion of Daniel Webster's reply to Hayne, and the other the conclusion of Bryan's famous "Cross of Gold" speech were also read.

## Speaks In Farmington

### REV. EDGAR DEWITT JONES



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## Reminiscences Enjoyed By Club

### Atmosphere Of Olden Days Recreated At Meeting Of Woman's Club

On Wednesday, the members of the Farmington Woman's Club and guests were taken back by reminiscences of those present into the atmosphere of historic Farmington. A display of antiques and diverse, intensely interesting and highly illuminating to those "days of yore," graced one entire room at "Ye Old Antique Shoppe" which translated, was really a room at the home of Mrs. Charles Pettibone. A generous overflow of these precious and unreplaceable goods were scattered in other rooms. These ornaments ranged in age from 50 to 225 years.

This unusual display was under the supervision of Mrs. W. F. Per, Mrs. Martha Warner and Mrs. Jessie Lee. For the rest of the pleasurable afternoon all are indebted to this committee.

When Mrs. Switzer, president, had concluded the business meeting, Mrs. Minnie Wilber and Miss Mrs. Jessie Lee, gave two dramatic duets, "Shins of State" and "Auld Lang Syne." Mrs. Wilber later gave a piano selection, to the delight of the audience. Mrs. McGee read for the appreciation of those present of "The Corn Huskers" by Whittier. Mrs. Lou Pauline accompanied by Mrs. Whipple at the piano, sang two favorites, "Neonolitan Boat Song" and "Mammy's Song."

Everyone present was most appreciative of the incidents recorded in the family history of Kate Pettibone as told by herself in a most interesting and informal manner. This story, as told by Mrs. Pettibone, who will be 96 in early December, of the settlement of Farmington in Southfield from New York State in 1841 made those present realize the venture as well as the adventure it must have been.

Nathan Power, who deserves the highest qualification the name of "Farmington's historian," was splendidly replete in his account of the development of this community, interjecting many personal anecdotes in his accurate and interesting remarks.

Upon request of Mrs. Wilber, Mrs. Steele, told briefly the history of a small hair trunk lined with a Republican newspaper printed in 1807.

To securely establish the atmosphere of olden times upon this assembled group, Miss Esther Beynon, adorable in old fashioned cap and apron, made a "moving picture" as she sat knitting. Accompanying the activity of knitting was that of spinning by Mrs. Charles Pettibone, dressed in a quaint costume belonging to Mrs. Martha Warner's father's mother, using a spinning wheel owned by Mrs. Jessie Lee. This was accompanied by Mrs. Elmer Dohany playing "Sweet and Low."

Doughnuts and cider from real antique dishes and goblets concluded the day.

The plan for the next meeting has been chosen from the cookbook and the meeting will be at the home of Mrs. C. W. Withler.

—Mrs. Eganville, Pathmore Corresponding Sec.

About 17 members of the Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. C. W. Withler at a social gathering at the Plymouth Methodist Church, on Wednesday.

## New Trial Set Next Week For Warner Ex-Mag

### Jury's Disagreement After Three Hours Necessitates Retrial Defense Claims "Gift"

As the result of disagreement among the jury, a new trial will be held next Tuesday afternoon in justice court, Farmington. Mrs. Bertha Getzlan, 27, who is charged with larceny of jewelry and other articles from the home of Harley D. Warner, where she was formerly employed as maid. The jury in the trial held Tuesday afternoon was out for three hours.

Mrs. Getzlan was returned to the Oakland County jail, but it is expected that the \$300 cash bond required to release her will be furnished.

Mrs. Warner was the first witness for the prosecution. She identified a bracelet, necklace and a perfume bottle. She testified that late in August, before leaving on a trip, she offered Mrs. Getzlan some jewelry which she had just purchased. Mrs. Warner said that she told Mrs. Getzlan, downstairs, that the things for her children had been left on Mrs. Getzlan's bed upstairs. She testified that she had not given the jewelry to any other person. Mrs. Getzlan's defense articles named in the warrant "an' lef' the Warner home" on September 15.

Missed Suitcase  
Mrs. Warner was called and testified that he had missed a suitcase named in the warrant with Chief Police officers. Mrs. Getzlan testified that she had handed them the jewelry at her home at Five Points.

Defendant Testifies  
Mrs. Getzlan testified that she found the bracelet and necklace with the baby clothes laid on the bed by Mrs. Warner. She declared she had no knowledge of the disappearance of other articles named in the warrant. A friend, Myrtle Noltensmyer, of River Rouge, testified that Mrs. Getzlan had none of the missing articles when she arrived at her home following Mrs. Getzlan's leaving the Warner residence.

Mrs. Getzlan's husband was in court. A divorce is pending. Mrs. Getzlan testified. They have three children.

### Jury Debates

For three hours, from five until eight o'clock, the jury, consisting of William Pauline, Chas. Ely, Chas. Harold Horace Durbin, Charles Walling of Farmington, and Henry Holbrook of Southfield, debated the case. It was said that the verdict stood four to two for conviction, after having been evenly divided at first, three and three. Finally it is reported the two standing for acquittal declared they "would stay all night" rather than change their view and the disagreement was reported to the court.

Municipal Judge John J. Schulte Jr., who heard the case, set next Tuesday for the new trial. Assistant Prosecutor Thomas Gillette appeared for the prosecution and Donald Porritt of Pontiac for the defense. The trial was marked by numerous verbal clashes between the attorneys.

## FLAMES DESTROY HOME FOLLOWING STOVE EXPLOSION

### House West Of Novi Burned To Ground; Two Fire-Departments Respond

Fire destroyed the home of Fred Smith, living on Grand River avenue, west of Novi, Wednesday afternoon. Explosion of a gasoline stove was reported as the cause of the blaze.

Fire departments of Farmington and Northville responded to the alarm. The Farmington department, which arrived first, found that it was impossible to save the home, which was burned to the ground.

The run to the fire was made in fast time by the Farmington department. It was one of the longest runs ever made by the new truck.

Send in your news items.

## New Farmington Chief Of Police Accused, Makes Quick Confession

Scarcely a month after he was named head of the police department of the City of Farmington, Chief of Police Lee Doyle on Saturday evening was accused just outside the entrance of a Farmington bank, admitted the truth of the charge against him, and shortly later made a complete confession. He implicated in his story a prominent Farmington man and several other well-known residents.

The speedy accusation and confession of Chief Doyle came in the midst of much excitement on Grand River avenue. The accusation against Chief Doyle and his quick admission stunned many who were looking elsewhere for evidence.

## Union Services On Thanksgiving

### Joint Worship Of Churches To Be Held In Salem Evangelical Church

Farmington's annual union Thanksgiving service will be held next Thursday morning, with Salem Evangelical Church as the meeting-place of members of three churches who will unite in an hour of Thanksgiving.

Dr. H. Addis Leeson, pastor of Farmington Methodist Church, will deliver the Thanksgiving address. Rev. A. A. Schoen of the Evangelical Church will read the invocation, and Rev. Elmer W. Palmer of Farmington Baptist Church will give the benediction.

The Methodist male quartette has been asked to sing, and a vocal solo will also be arranged. The Thanksgiving services alternate among the three churches.

## ARRESTS PLEASANT RIDGE POLICE HEAD

### Assistant Prosecutor Charles L. Wilson Plays Important Part In Dispute

Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Charles L. Wilson of Farmington played a leading part in a dispute early Tuesday morning between four members of the Prosecutor's staff and Chief of Police Charles Stephens of Pleasant Ridge. Chief Stephens arrested Prosecutor Norman Orr, and three assistants, Mr. Wilson, Curt W. Augustine, and Thomas Gillette, for driving through Pleasant Ridge between 45 and 70 miles an hour at 1:30 a. m. Tuesday.

After the prosecutors were stopped there was an argument, following which Mr. Wilson caused the arrest of the Pleasant Ridge Chief for assault and battery. Mr. Wilson declares his coat was torn.

The Pleasant Ridge police head will be tried next Tuesday. Mr. Wilson was cited to appear Thursday night in Pleasant Ridge court to answer to the speeding charge.

## HURT ON SWING

### Jennie Lamphere, Pupil at the Farmington Schools, was Injured on the Playgrounds This Week, Suffering a Gash in One Ankle in the Mishap.

The first accident in this section to be caused by icy pavement this season occurred Wednesday evening on Grand River avenue in Farmington. One man was injured.

## Dead' In Our May 16 Issue—But Alive Now

Not dead, but alive and happy, is Augustus Neundorff, former Farmington undertaker. Last May there had been a report from two reliable sources that Mr. Neundorff, who was highly regarded in Farmington, had passed away. An acquaintance who signed himself "Scribe" wrote an appreciative report to Mr. Neundorff's life recalling the many kindnesses to sick persons.

On Monday afternoon a woman came to the Enterprise office and gave assurance that Mr. Neundorff is still living at Santa Monica, California.

This is the kind of correction that the Enterprise delights to make.

## Call Meeting Of Governing Bodies Of Township, City

### Township Board Invites City Commission To Discuss Account Pending On Dec. 3

A joint meeting of the Farmington Township Board and the City Commission will probably be held on Tuesday evening, December 3, for the purpose of settling an account between them, covering a period of more than two years. The Township Board voted Tuesday evening to invite the City Commission to attend its next meeting.

The matter requiring settlement dates back to the division of the Township and City. A settlement by which the City's debt to the Township was placed at \$3,000 was arrived at. Later, an agreement was made to credit the City with about \$355, it is understood, leaving the debt approximately \$2,645.

One year later the City made a payment to the Township, according to the reported record of the same amount for which the City was to have been credited a year previous. It is on the crediting of this account that the question arose, and committees of the governing bodies, as well as auditors, have failed to clear up the difficulty.

The Township has paid its bill to the City, and payment by the City of the Township bill awaits this settlement.

### Important Decision

An important decision was made by the Township Board Tuesday night, relating to maintenance of roads. Heretofore, it has been the custom, when return-taxes came in, to put these all into the general fund.

The Township Board, is pursuing a new policy of avoiding overdrafts, and making a start at cutting down the overdraft, accumulated through perhaps 25 years. In order that the various road districts may not suffer for lack of maintenance funds, the board has decided that all return-taxes received henceforth shall go into the respective road funds, as they would have gone if the taxes had been collected when originally levied.

## NEW CURTAIN OBTAINED BY THE PLAYERS' GROUP

### Old Curtain In Town Hall Replaced by Organization In Time For "Billy"

A new draw curtain of blue plush this week replaced the old roller curtain which has served in the Farmington Town Hall for many years. It was purchased by the Farmington Players and put up in time for the performance of "Billy" Thursday and Friday evenings.

The new curtain, the cost of which was \$185, adds much to the appearance of the stage. Further improvements are contemplated by the Players. Assistance of the community officials has been asked by the organization, in paying for the curtain.

## CUPS PRESENTED TO CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM AT DINNER

### Carl Goers Receives Watch And Charles Wilson From Bronze Figure

Two cups, a gold wrist watch and a bronze figure were presented to the West Point Park baseball club and two individual members at a dinner Saturday evening honoring the team, which won the championship of two leagues during the past summer. The dinner, given by the Inter-County League, was held in West Point Park Community Hall.

A gold wrist watch, the gift of "fans and team-mates of West Point Park" was presented to Carl Goers, pitcher, whose work contributed most of the team's victories. The bronze figure of a batter was given to Charles Wilson, who was the champion batsman of the Inter-County League.

## FIRST ACCIDENT DUE TO ICY ROAD ON GRAND RIVER

### Man Hurt In Collision Of Two Cars; Stopped To Wipe Windshield

The first accident in this section to be caused by icy pavement this season occurred Wednesday evening on Grand River avenue in Farmington. One man was injured.

Cleora Harrison, driving west on Grand River, west of Power avenue, stopped to wipe off the windshield, which was coated by ice. While the car was stopped it was struck in the rear by another car driven by Roy Young of Brighton, a student of Farmington High School. Young said later that he saw the Harrison machine stopped on the road, but was unable to stop his car due to the slippery highway.

The Harrison machine was knocked several feet off the pavement and Thomas Harrison injured about the back. He was treated by Dr. E. F. Holcomb.

O. F. Pike, of Detroit, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Pike, Monday.

## TWO HARD GAMES NEXT WEEK FOR NORTHWESTERN

### Clinton A. C. Is Conquered In Spiritated Battle; Lee Cleaners Coming Sunday

In one of the hardest football games it has ever played, Northwestern A. C.'s gridiron squad last Sunday downed the strong Clinton A. C. team at Northwestern field, by a score of 12 to 6. The game was fiercely contested, one Canton player being taken from the field with two broken ribs.

Another hard game is in prospect next Sunday for Northwestern when they play the Lee Cleaners team of Detroit. Still another will occur Thanksgiving Day morning, when they play a return game with the West Point A. C. team that defeated Northwestern 6 to 0 earlier in the season.

Touchdowns by Captain Robinson, quarterback and Gates, end now for Northwestern. Frank Newhouse at center played a brilliant game. The fact that two former Northwestern players were on the Canton team appeared to add greatly to the rivalry between the two clubs.

## C. M. SAMSON IMPROVING

The many friends of Charles M. Samson of Prospect avenue, Farmington, will be glad to hear of his improved condition. He is at Grace Hospital, Detroit.

Number of Farmington residents, and Rev. E. P. Dunlavy, formerly of Farmington, have visited Mr. Samson recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. James Auten of Ortonville, Mich.

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## POWER ARTICLE PART OF M. E. CHURCH HISTORY

The article prepared by Nathan H. Power for the recent Farmington Methodist Church Centennial is to be a part of the official Church history. Dr. H. Addis Leeson is preserving a copy of the article in the church record book.

The concluding portion of Mr. Power's article, containing some of the most interesting material, appears in this issue on page 11.