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## Students Have Tree-Planting Drive Under Way

### Parents Asked To Aid By Providing Tasks By Which Money May Be Earned

Pupils of Farmington Schools began this week in earnest their work of earning money with which to pay for the planting of 100 acres of pine trees in Michigan's reforestation campaign. The Student Council in the High School and leaders in the various grades have given talks to the members of the classes, urging them to work to the utmost to raise the needed funds.

It is emphasized in connection with the students' efforts that the method of raising money in the school is by earnings of the students, rather than by having them ask their parents for money to contribute to the work. It is hoped that this will have the good effect of placing responsibility upon the pupils and at the same time instill more thoroughly in their minds a deeper appreciation of the great work of which the Farmington effort is a part.

An appeal is issued this week to parents, urging them to give their children tasks to perform, by means of which they may earn money for the fund. The committee in charge states that those not having children in the school, and wishing to assist in raising the fund, may contribute, and their contributions will be welcome. Those who wish to aid may send contributions to Principal A. R. Crawford, of the Parent-Teacher Association committee on this work.

## NEW CHEVROLET LINE FOR 1930 IS INTRODUCED

### Called "Greatest Chevrolet in Chevrolet History; Has Many Improvements"

The Chevrolet Motor Company has announced a new car for 1930 known as "The Greatest Chevrolet in Chevrolet History."

Announcement of the new car today comes right at the close of Chevrolet's greatest year, for the sensational success of the six-cylinder Chevrolet, introduced just a year ago, resulted in an output of 1,350,000 cars this year, breaking by a wide margin all former Chevrolet annual production records.

In making public Chevrolet's plans for 1930, W. S. Knudsen, president and general manager, declared that with the improvements incorporated in the new car, Chevrolet was anticipating a volume of business that will equal, if not surpass, the phenomenal record of 1929. And, in order to accommodate an early demand, production is being speeded with all the haste consistent with the precision methods for which Chevrolet manufacturing operations are famous.

New car shipments have been going out to dealers for the past ten days, with deliveries to owners scheduled to start today. The cars are on display in thousands of Chevrolet showrooms from coast to coast, including Farmington Motor Sales, Grand River avenue, while at the same time the announcement of the new car was being broadcast through the

### SNOW CLEARING COST \$136

Clearing snow from the streets in Farmington's business section cost \$136, according to a report made to the City Commission Monday evening. Members of the commission regarded the expenditure as an excellent investment.

### FINES TOTAL \$70

Fines collected from persons arrested in the City of Farmington during December totaled \$45 for City violations and \$25 for State violations. The amounts were given in the monthly report made Monday night to the City Commission by Chief of Police Lee Doyle.

London's first trunk telephone line was opened with Brighton on December 1, 1884.

## False Alarm During Storm Causes Action

Members of Farmington Township Board Tuesday night discussed the fire call which the Clarenceville Methodist Church recently, which took nine Farmington volunteer firemen out on one of the bitterest days of the year. The call, a false alarm, sent in by a mischievous Clarenceville boy, cost the township \$30.

The Township Board took steps toward placing a penalty on false alarms.

## Assessors' Plats Favored For City

### Commission Discusses Proposals For Making Of Plats In Near Future

Hundreds of pieces of property in the City of Farmington, the owners of which now hold title only by descriptions of "metes and bounds" will have the advantage of new, modern descriptive methods within a year, if the City Commission goes ahead with proposed plans for the making of assessor's plats of the City.

At its meeting Monday evening, the Commission discussed the proposition and opinion appeared strongly in favor of having the plats made. It was suggested that the work be done in the very near future, and provisions for payment be made in the next year's budget. At least one offer has been received to make the plats with the understanding that payment would be made after July.

Bids of \$500, \$1,500 and \$3,000 have heretofore been received by the Commission. Mayor Lamb pointed out that the great discrepancy in figures was undoubtedly due to a difference in the bidders' plans as to the extent of the work proposed.

A considerable part of the city now is recorded by plats. The new plats will cover all the remaining property.

## MUSICAL COMEDY TO BE PRESENTED BY WOMAN'S CLUB

### Preparations Are Completed For Showing of "Circus Solly" January 13, 14

The stage is set and everything is ready at the Farmington Town Hall for the three act merry musical comedy "Circus Solly," which is to be given under the auspices of the Farmington Women's Club next Monday and Tuesday nights.

Harrison Johnson will be seen as Hickory Bender the town constable, Helen Webster as Jane Brown, (the lady girl) is at her best in this super-musical comedy "Circus Solly," which is not complete until Circus Solly, which role is capably filled by P. Owen Pauline, enters upon the scene and Lynn Rohr as Betty, the "blacker" who travels with the circus.

Betty Wood the cigar counter girl who is Jane Brown's best friend, is played by Francis Brown, Marie Walling as Edw. and Edward Eaton as Simon Rot and the pillow peddler from an unexcelled pair of comedians, Leland Schultz appears as "McGivvy" the town barber and inventor of McGivvy's capless and Mildred Adams as "Widow Willow," a "grass widow" who mourns her departed Clarence.

They present impersonations that are seldom seen in home talent plays. No circus is complete without a real circus girl and this part is taken by Gladys Baker.

Through the production there are numerous choruses, with lively dances and songs presented by twenty-five pretty girls attired in the latest musical comedy costumes. Seats are on sale at the Farmington Hardware Co. store.

A matinee for school children will be presented at 2 o'clock Monday January 13 at a nominal charge.

Rev. Eisen of Andrews, Ind., spent several hours with his mother and sister, Mrs. A. A. Schoen Tuesday afternoon.

## Farmington Man Resigns As Head Of Pontiac Bank

### Charles R. Talbot Of Farmington Gives Up Presidency Due To Ill Health

Resignation of Charles R. Talbot of Farmington, for the past two and one-half years president of the Peoples State Trust and Savings Bank of Pontiac, was announced Thursday morning. Ill health was given by bank officials as the cause of Mr. Talbot's resignation.

Mr. Talbot has been regarded as one of the leading bankers in this part of the State. For some time he was president of both the Standard Trust Co. of Detroit and the Pontiac Institution. A little less than a year ago, however, he resigned the presidency of the Detroit company in order to devote all of his time to the work in Pontiac.

Mr. Talbot entered Pontiac banking circles as president of the Peoples State Savings Bank in August, 1927. He held the position until his resignation this week.

According to bank officials, Mr. Talbot faced an impending physical breakdown; his health having been seriously impaired during recent months. He had been unable to spend but little time at his desk, it was stated.

Mr. Talbot is a director of the Farmington State Savings Bank.

## COUPLE OBSERVE 57th ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR WEDDING

### Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Sprague, Both Past Eighty, Celebrate At Farm Home

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Sprague of Maple Hill Farm, 26725 Drake road, northwest of Farmington, passed their 57th wedding anniversary Wednesday.

Mr. Sprague purchased the farm on which they live in the spring of 1875, and they have lived there ever since, engaged in general farming and fruit growing.

Although several years past eighty, the couple are enjoying good health. It is not an uncommon sight to see Mr. Sprague driving his car, and he drives wherever he wishes to go.

The anniversary celebration took place Sunday when their son Lyman and his wife, granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Garton, a nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sprague, all of Detroit, were at the old farm home.

The many friends of "Elliott and Eva," as they are familiarly known, extend best wishes and greetings to them, and none they may see many more anniversaries.

## PETITION FILED TO VACATE PART OF SUBDIVISION

### Permission Asked To Allow Converting Of Lots Into Golf Course

Notice was received by the Farmington City Commission on Monday evening of the filing of a petition to vacate a portion of the subdivision of the subdivision of the parcel here been filed in the office of Burton P. Dougherty, Oakland County clerk.

The petitioners are Charles H. Ely and Addie M. Ely, his wife, of Farmington, and the Shitwase, Realty Company. The purpose, as stated in the papers filed with the City Commission, is to permit the building of a public golf course on the property.

It is stated that a company has already been formed to carry out this proposal.

Members of the Commission expressed the opinion that the City had no jurisdiction in the matter, but might file objections if it so desired. When the hearing is held in Circuit Court, they were of the opinion that there is no reason to object to the petition, and it is expected that none will be made.

The hearing is to be held January 27. None of the owners of lots in any other part of the subdivision will be affected by the vacating of the plat, in the way of the shutting off of streets, according to the petition.

## Mayor A. Lamb Heads County Committee

Mayor Arthur Lamb of Farmington was named chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors' committee to the State Association of Supervisors at a session of the County Board Wednesday. The State Association meets on January 27, 28 and 29 in Lansing. Supervisor Chas. Bilkowski of Southfield is also a member.

The Supervisors adjourned Wednesday afternoon after a very short session, which began Monday.

## Trolley Jumps Track; None Hurt

### Eastbound D. S. R. Trolley Plows Through Snow To Curb On Grand River

A mishap that might have had serious consequences occurred in Farmington early Thursday afternoon when a D. S. R. car jumped the track on Grand River avenue just west of School street in front of the Herman Schaepler home.

The rear end of the car, served as far as the curb on the north side of the road, across the west-bound traffic lane. Fortunately, no automobile was traveling west in that section at the moment. The car was quickly hauled back on the tracks by a service car.

The car was eastbound at the time it left the track. No one in the street-car was injured. A small pile of dirt was said by one employe to have caused the car to jump the track.

## FORMER MERCHANT OF FARMINGTON TAKEN BY DEATH

### Melvin Gupitil Dies In Minnesota At Age Of 88; Was Married Here

Mrs. Edith Graham has received word that her uncle, Melvin O. Gupitil died at his home in Minnesota, January 4 after a three weeks' illness.

Mr. Gupitil was born at Waterbury, Vt., February 7, 1841 and came to Farmington with his parents when he was six years old. He resided in Farmington and at one time conducted a meat market on Division street. He was married to Martha Leveridge of Farmington 64 years ago.

About 43 years ago he moved with his family to Dakota and from there to his present home, having resided there about 30 years. His wife died about five years ago.

He leaves one son, William, and five grandchildren in Minnesota and a number of relatives in and around Farmington.

## FORMER EDITOR GIVES ENTERPRISE 30-YEAR OLD DEED

### Paper, Evidences Transfer Of Land By Founder In 1899 For \$400

Supervisor Harry N. McCracken of Farmington Township this week presented the Editor of the Enterprise with Mr. McCracken's deed to property on which the publishing plant stood 30 years ago. The deed recorded conveyance of the property to Mr. McCracken by Edgar R. Bloomer, founder of the Enterprise, and Mrs. Bloomer.

The consideration for the transfer was \$400. The deed is dated the sixteenth day of September, 1899, and the land contained in "Lot 11" of Fred J. Warner's addition to Farmington village.

The late Governor Warner signed his name as a witness to the transaction, as did George Whipple, a resident of Farmington. The certificate bears the name of Albert G. Griggs, register of deeds.

Subsequent to transfer of the property, Mr. McCracken became contractor in charge of the Enterprise and threw the car upside down, causing considerable damage to the car.

## New Attempt To Determine Town Hall Interests Begun

### Meeting Of Farmington City Commission, Township Board And Masonic Lodge Representatives Planned Latter Part Of January

Another effort to decide the various shares in ownership of the Farmington Town Hall is under way, instituted by the Farmington Township Board at its meeting Tuesday evening. A gathering of the Township Board, the City Commission, and representatives of the Farmington Masonic Lodge is proposed.

It is likely that the joint meeting will be held some time this month. The date will probably be set by the Farmington City Commission, at its next regular meeting, on Monday evening, January 16.

The last meeting, to discuss the question held by a joint committee of the three interested parties, resulted in failure to agree on any plan for division of the property or determination of the three interests involved. The committee debated for nearly three hours in an effort to reach some satisfactory basis of division which might be reported to the bodies by which they were appointed.

At the time of the meeting, fixing of the Masonic Lodge's interest at 25 per cent was discussed, and while this was not determined, deadlock occurred on the question of possible division of the remaining 75 per cent. On the "73-27" basis on which the Township and City divided their assets at the time of the separation, the Township would receive 54.75 per cent of the Town Hall property and the City 20.25. The City representatives contended that this portion was smaller than that which the City should receive.

## Taxes Paid Near Double '29 Total

### Township Treasurer Reports Collection Of \$61,000 By January 7; \$32,000 Last Year

Farmington Township taxes collected thus far this year are nearly double the amount collected by this time a year ago, according to a report made to the Township Board Tuesday evening by Township Treasurer Elmer Empson.

Taxes collected to and including Tuesday, January 7, totalled over \$61,000, Mr. Empson stated in comparison with \$32,000 collected by that date in 1929. This is a gain of \$29,000, in the face of less favorable business and money conditions.

Mr. Empson said that he believed that much of the cause for almost doubling the amount collected a year ago lies in the new system of sending itemized statements instead of notices which merely state the total amount.

City Showing Good

Nearly 25 per cent of the total State and County tax assessed against property in the City of Farmington has been paid, according to City Treasurer George Gildemeister. The total tax is \$110,000, and about 2 per cent has been collected, Mr. Gildemeister states.

## BAPTIST CHURCH DEDICATION DATE SET NEXT WEEK

### Building To Provide Adequate Room For Present And Future

Work on the new Farmington Baptist Church Sunday School building is being rushed to completion and the date for the dedication exercises will be set next week, according to Rev. Elmer W. Palmer, pastor. A week of celebration and services will follow the dedication.

The interior of the new building will provide even more room and be more beautiful than was expected when it started was made, according to Rev. Palmer. It will amply take care of the present needs and also provide room for future growth.

The entire congregation has united in the work of financing the new building. There will be no general solicitation of funds, Rev. Palmer states, but contributions from any who desire to aid will be welcomed.

Workmen under Arthur Lamb, contractor in charge of the work on the new building, have completed laying of the oak floors and all carpenter work will be finished within a few days.

## CAR IS SMASHED

L. C. Thayer of Farmington had the misfortune to have his car smashed at Grand River and Eight Mile roads Saturday afternoon. Crossing the car tracks at the intersection, the tires of the machine caught in the car tracks and threw the car upside down, causing considerable damage to the car.

## Time For City Tax Payment Extended

Taxpayers of the City of Farmington have extra time in which to pay their taxes again this year. By unanimous vote, the City Commission voted to extend the time for payment of taxes to January 31, without penalty.

The final date before the extension was January 9. The motion for extension was made by Commissioner E. O. Hatton and supported by Commissioner C. G. Hogle.

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## PAST PRESIDENTS TO BE IN CHARGE OF CLUB PROGRAMS

### New President Offers Award Of \$15 For Best Program Presented

Past presidents of Farmington Exchange Club will have an opportunity to conduct a program of the Club during the next six months according to an announcement by Spencer J. Heene, newly-elected president of the Club at the noonday meeting Wednesday in the Methodist dining hall.

Each of the past presidents of the Club will be assigned a date on which he will provide the program, and Mr. Heene offers an award of \$15 in cash or a gift to the past president who presents the best program. The award is to be decided by a vote of the other members of the Club.

Application blanks were distributed to the Club members on Wednesday for reservation of the annual Michigan Exchange Club summer outing. The outing this year will be a three-day boat trip to the Soo and return. A number of Farmington members are expected to go on the cruise.

## BUS HAULS AUT FROM DITCH; OCCUPANTS SAFE

Four women in a car which went into the ditch on Orchard Lake road Wednesday morning were rescued by a bus and passing motorists. A Pontiac-Arbor bus came along shortly after the mishap, and John Lathrop of Farmington, who also was passing, produced a log-chain. The bus hauled the car out.

The car, which slipped from the icy road between Ten and Eleven Mile roads, lay on its side. None of the occupants was injured.

### STORES CLOSE EARLY

Most Farmington stores adopted early closing hours this week. Nearly all of the business places will close at 6:30 p. m., during January and February.