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Hundredth Year Of Farmington Schools Marked

Large Number Attend Pageant By Children Depicting Advancement Of School

Contrasts between the schools of early days and the those of today, with a history of Farmington schools during the hundred years of their existence, interested a large audience at the meeting of the Farmington Parent-Teacher Association Tuesday night. School children presented a pageant portraying four periods in the history of the schools, and the history itself, the work of City Clerk N. H. Power, was distributed.

A business meeting was held following the pageant. At this meeting a decision was reached regarding the question of including among guests at the honor banquet those students who have been outstanding in athletics. The question was raised some time ago, due to the contention of some that scholarship alone should be considered as a qualification for invitations to the honor banquet, and also because of the fact that the Association has had some difficulty in meeting the expense, due to the large number of guests in proportion to those in attendance who paid.

Desire To Pay
The executive committee, consisting of the officers, met before the general session and agreed that athletes should be invited as before, but that members of the kitchen and dinner committees, and the teachers, pay for the dinner. In the past they have not been charged. The teachers themselves urged that they be transferred from the non-paying to the paying classification. The recommendation was approved by the Association.

Principal R. C. Burns was named to the vacancy in the office of vice-president, by recommendation of the committee. It was voted to give \$20 to the Community Co-operative Association, and a silver collection of \$11.50 was taken for charitable work. Refreshments and a social hour were enjoyed later.

Mrs. A. C. MacDonald has been placed in charge of subscriptions to the Child Welfare magazine, official organ of the P. T. A.

The program presented Tuesday evening, and the history of the schools, are as follows:

The cast:
Farmington, Yesterday, Today, And Tomorrow
Spirit of Farmington, Roberta Russell.

The New Century, Jean Doyle, Episode 1.

An Old-Fashioned School.
Teacher, Lucille Jackson
Pupils: Fatsy Ann Lapham, Mary Ann Kahri, Romana Krynowski, Edward Erwin, Clayton Stokes, Robert Smith, Vernice (Continued on page five)

New Hudson And Essex Models Will Be Here

New Hudson and Essex models, at the lowest prices in the 22 year successful history of their makers, the Hudson Motor Car Company, go on exhibition this week at Lake Drive Garage. Both the popular cars are greatly improved in appearance, both being striking examples of the 1931 increased quality at reduced prices.

The Hudson, which will be known as The Greater Hudson Eight, is much more stylish, the swinging streamline effect being carried through from the new chromium-plated wind-screen to the tip of the rear fender. Luxurious upholstery, fittings and appointments are carried out to the smallest detail. Power has been increased and many outstanding advancements in motor, chassis and body construction give great flexibility and smooth, easy riding at every speed.

There will be fourteen body (Continued on page eight)

Enterprise A Newspaper Of Five Million Circulation, Ex-Editor Says

The Enterprise a newspaper of five million circulation! This is not a fanciful dream of the future, but a remembrance of the past. For a brief time in its history, the Farmington Enterprise, by the solemn oath of one of its former publishers, had a circulation which far exceeded that of any newspaper on the face of the earth today.

The former editor and publisher, A. E. MacKinnon, who owned the Enterprise 31 years ago, spent a few hours in Farmington Saturday, and related the story, among many other interesting ones, of the Enterprise's huge circulation. Mr. MacKinnon, now engaged in public relations work, with headquarters in New York, exchanged reminiscences with a number of residents of Farmington of thirty years ago and more.

Mr. MacKinnon was the second owner of the Enterprise, purchasing it from the founder, Edgar R. Bloomer, in 1899. At that time the printing was done, Mr. MacKinnon said, on a press operated by a steam engine. The editor-owner went away for a time during an unusually cold spell in winter, and returned to find his steamplant frozen and cracked beyond repair.

The Five Million!
The paper had to be printed. A blacksmith was summoned, Mr. MacKinnon related, and tapper the flywheel, then fitted a handle into it—and the editor-owner turned the press for the entire edition by hand. At this point in his story Mr. MacKinnon held up his hand and said solemnly: "And as long as I live, no one will ever convince me that the Enterprise did not have five million circulation that week."

But more was to come. Grinding out one edition (of five million papers) was too much for the young editor. He hatched out a scheme and a treadmill was rigged up, attached to the press. There lived in Farmington at the time a man whom many old residents well remember, "Hud" Wilcox, whose great pride was in the fine horses he kept. Mr. MacKinnon engaged Mr. Wilcox to bring one of his horses to walk upon the treadmill and turn the press.

Trolley Spoils It
All went well until a street-car came along and swung around on the track—that former "rain" past the Enterprise office, over ground now occupied by God's Service Station. When the car approached the horse attempted to (Continued on page five)

ASKS CHARITABLE ATTITUDE TOWARD YOUNG ATHLETES

School Head Urges That "Second Guessers" Avoid Criticism Of Players

A plea that spectators display a charitable, considerate attitude, rather than a critical one, toward high school and college athletes in contests, particularly football, was made by Supt. John Dalrymple of Farmington schools, Tuesday noon, when members of the Farmington high school football team were guests of the Exchange Club at luncheon.

"The boys go out to do their best," said Supt. Dalrymple, "They're out there with the fear every minute of the game that each play they make will be a mistake. And then for them to have to hear next day the errors they made, isn't fair. We on the side lines are only second-guessers. It's an easy job to point out the mistakes the other fellow has made afterward."

"I hope the time will come soon when the boys can play for pleasure and profit, when winning or losing won't count so much. We can see that the time is coming, too, in the growth of such sports as tennis and golf. The young people are demanding a kind of sport that they can continue with pleasure and profit later on in life, less strenuous sports that do not call for such exertion."

Principal R. C. Burns, Coach Shadley, and Captain Ed. Mossell were called on for remarks. Both faculty men praised the spirit of the team in the face of a season that did not result in more victories than defeats. Each of the boys was introduced to all present by the Club member sitting next to him, and community singing was enjoyed.

E. W. Evans and family had Thanksgiving dinner with Mrs. Evans' father, Mr. Weber of Detroit.

TO APPEAR IN COURT AND AT COMMISSION
Farmington City officials and City Attorney John J. Schulte will appear in Circuit Court at Pontiac Monday morning, and at Lansing Wednesday morning, before the Michigan Stream Control Commission, on the questions regarding the Power avenue sewer line. The hearing Monday is on the bill of complaint filed by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Fink to prevent the City from connecting up the line and using it.

Two Boys Drown, Another Saved At Walled Lake

Detroit Youths of 18, Duck Hunting, Lose Lives When Boat Overturns

Two Detroit youths were drowned in Walled Lake and another saved by two men who witnessed the tragedy, when their boat overturned Wednesday afternoon. The boys were duck hunting.

The two drowned are Harold Johnson, 1537 Morrell, Detroit, and Ralph Larsen, Detroit. Albert Richardson, 20, 1422 McKinstry, the third member of the hunting party managed to cling to the capsized boat until Joseph Urton and George Marsh, both of Walled Lake, reached him in a row boat. Urton and Marsh live on the southeast shore of Walled Lake, near where the tragedy occurred. Richardson is suffering severely from the exposure and was taken home.

Tries To Swim
One of the drowned youths tried to swim to shore, but was overpowered by the icy waters and sank. The other went down almost immediately. Richardson managed to cling to the boat until help reached him. At a late hour Wednesday the body of Harold Johnson was recovered in 20 feet of water, but dragging for the other body was given up for the night.

Immediate dragging of the lake was started by Deputies Wellie Coe of Walled Lake, Herman Grimmer, Farmington Township, and Hugh Thorburn of Oakley Park. The body of Johnson was recovered by Coe, Thorburn and Frank S. Nook.

MOTION PICTURES OF AFRICAN TRIP THRILL AUDIENCE
Former Detroit Police Commissioner Shows Movies Of The "Dark Continent"

One of the most interesting presentations in Farmington in some time was given last Friday evening in Methodist Community Hall when Harold H. Emmons, former police commissioner of Detroit, presented motion pictures of "A Trip Through Africa" taken some years ago by Mr. Emmons, Edwin S. George and Dr. James W. Inches.

The party traversed the entire continent from north to south, from Alexandria, Egypt, to the Cape of Good Hope, a dangerous journey through thousands of miles of jungle. The trip required seven months, and included walking hundreds of miles through roadless country.

Vivid descriptions and pictures of the Pyramids, ancient tombs, forgotten kings, queer animals of the jungle, and quaint customs of the various peoples, were included in the entertainment, which was enlivened by Mr. Emmons' infectious wit and humor. Strange facts about life there, such as the circumstance that white men can protect themselves from sunstroke in Africa only by wearing pads of red or green cloth, were revealed by Mr. Emmons. The red and green materials keep out the scorching rays of the sun, which are unbearable by white people, but which do not bother the natives, Mr. Emmons explained.

Pictures of the great Victoria Falls, twice as high as Niagara Falls and four times as wide, but with less water flowing over them in the course of a year, and also of the crater of a great volcano, with molten lava and clouds of steam at the bottom, were among the fascinating sights of the pictures. Mr. Emmons' visit to Farmington was arranged by Mayor Arthur Lamb.

The pictures followed a Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by the Methodist Church, and attended by about 200, in the church dining hall. Rev. F. C. Johnson spoke briefly following the dinner.

Trolleys Blocked By Auto In Storm

Farmington had "a good sample" of winter conditions with the first storm, which brought more than an inch of snow to this section Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Street car service was interrupted for an hour in the evening when an automobile skidded from the road upon the tracks east of Brookdale drive, blocking the cars. A wheel on the machine was broken, but no one was hurt. The car was driven by a Detroit resident going to Lansing. His machine turned a complete circle before stopping on the tracks.

City Preparing For Hall Suit

Commission Authorizes Hiring Of Attorney In Action On Town Hall

City of Farmington officials took steps Monday night to prepare the City for the suit by which it is sought to determine ownership of Farmington Town Hall.

The City Commission, at a special meeting called for the purpose, voted to authorize a committee of two of its members to employ an attorney for the work. Mayor Arthur Lamb appointed Commissioners Leo Gildemeister and Amos Otis to select an attorney. The motion was offered by Commissioner Emory Hatton.

Only a week remains for the City and Farmington Masonic lodge to file their appearance in Circuit Court at Pontiac.

TOM CARR DIES AT HOME OF SON IN DEWITT, MICH.

Former Resident Of Farmington Buried Wednesday Afternoon; Was 73 Years Old

A character familiar for many years in Farmington passed away Monday when Thomas S. Carr, long a well-known resident of the community, died at the home of a son in Dewitt, near Lansing. Mr. Carr was 73 years old.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, with burial at Dewitt. Surviving are three sons, Harry of Dewitt, Arthur of Milwaukee, and Alvin of Northville, a brother Charles Carr.

Mr. Carr left Farmington last March to make his home with his son, his health having been impaired for some time.

First Edison Monday Special Is 'Sell-Out'

A complete "sell-out" marked the first of a series of "Monday specials" at the Farmington office of the Detroit Edison Company, on Monday of this week. The offering was a guaranteed new electric fan, with cord, for 95 cents and the customer's old iron.

The entire allotment of the Farmington office was sold long before closing time, and a number of would-be customers were forced to return home disappointed.

The second of the series of special values will be offered next Monday, when an electric toaster of high quality will be sold at \$1.45. The purchase must be made on Monday to obtain the price advertised. The toasters are illustrated in an advertisement on page 6 of this issue.

STEAL THEIR DINNER

Some people are going to have turkey dinner for Thanksgiving if they have to steal it.

Nine turkeys were stolen Tuesday night from the farm of J. A. Culbertson, on the Walled-Lake-Pontiac road, two miles east of Walled Lake.

Hope To Stay Off Stoppage Of Freight Dec. 16

Shippers And Committee Re-Doubling Efforts To Save Car Tracks

Although carload receivers and shippers in this section have received notice from the Eastern Michigan Railways of discontinuance of freight service over the street car tracks to Farmington on December 16, the leaders of the battle to retain the car rails on Grand River, rather than accepting this as an indication of defeat, are redoubling their efforts to preserve the line.

Notice to those receiving large quantities of freight followed receipt of notification by employees of the Grand River freight division.

Shippers and the committee appointed by Mayor Arthur Lamb are active in gathering all possible information on past operation, besides laying plans to bring to attention of authorities the importance of the trolley line to the community. It is reported that State highway officials did not realize until recently that there is no steam railroad running through Farmington.

Republic Head Protests

Among protests against loss of the rail service was one from the Ford Republic Home for Boys. Mr. Jones, head of the Home, wrote the State Highway Department, giving facts about the shipments of coal received by the Home by rail and urging the Department to give the matter its careful consideration. The Department replied that Mr. Jones' letter had been referred to the Oakland County Road Commission.

State Has Deed

Authoritative reports are to the effect that the State Highway Department has already exercised its option to buy the Eastern Michigan Railway right-of-way, and other property, and that the deed for this already has been delivered to the Department at Lansing. Those actively working to save the tracks see no handicap in this, however, in that it seems generally agreed that the State Highway Department would scarcely refuse to allow the cars to pass over the property for the benefit of this community.

COMMITTEES FOR BOY SCOUT WORK HERE ARE NAMED

Howard Warner Chosen Chairman, Others Assigned To Special Activities

Division of the work of the Farmington Boy Scout committee among men interested in the movement was accomplished during the past week, with selection of a chairman and naming of sub-committees. Howard Warner was chosen general chairman, with the following as heads of sub-committees:

Troop advancement, Edward Bauer and Earl Wagner; finance and property, Erskine Evans and Rev. A. A. Schoen; outdoor, M. Holloway and Leon Byer; publicity, Rev. F. C. Johnson and Rev. Elmer W. Palmer.

The troop is preparing for the court of honor to be held on December 16, when merit badges will be awarded. It is expected to be an outstanding event in scouting affairs in Farmington.

The troop will go on an all-day hike Friday, meeting at Farmington State Savings Bank at 11:00 o'clock, and going by truck to Walled Lake. They will hike through the woods and tests will be given on fire-building and cooking. Marvin Holloway will be in charge.

John Fitzpatrick drove to Lake City Tuesday morning, planning to return Wednesday with his mother, who will spend the winter at the Fitzpatrick residence.