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## Annual Banquets For Mothers And Daughters Soon

### First Of Annual Events To Be Held Friday At Baptist Church

Churches of Farmington and vicinity will hold Mother and Daughter banquets starting Friday evening and continuing for ten days. The churches also plan special Mother's Day services Sunday.

The Baptist Church will be the first to hold its annual dinner, the event being planned for Friday evening, May 8, at 7 o'clock. Mrs. Viola Smith, who recently returned as missionary to the Belgian Congo, will be the principal speaker.

The banquet of the Salem Evangelical Church will be held Wednesday evening. An interesting program will follow the dinner. Owing to the limited space of the dining hall, it is urged by committee members to make reservations for plates as early as possible. The principal speaker for this affair was not announced.

The Methodist Church will hold its banquet Thursday evening at the M. E. Community Hall. Miss Emily Butterfield of Farmington will deliver the principal address. Mrs. F. L. Cook will act as toastmistress. Two discussions, "Daughters—Are They Assets or Liabilities?" by Miss Louise Porter and "Motherhood—Is It a Full or Part Time Job?" by Mrs. Doris Van Valkenburg are also on the program.

The West Point Park Presbyterian Church will hold the annual event next Friday evening. A program will follow the dinner, featuring an address by Dr. Helen R. Phelps of the Belleville Community Church. Mrs. Carl Gullen will act as toastmistress.

The banquet of the Clarenceville M. E. Church will be held but no date has yet been set for the affair.

## WEST POINT PARK WINS FIRST GAME IN NEW LEAGUE

### Showing of Home Team Delights Fans; Play Henderson Tire Team Sunday

West Point Park's baseball team demonstrated Sunday that Detroit's fastest semi-pro league is none too fast for them, when they defeated the Briggs Mfg. Co. aggregation in an exceptionally fast game, 3 to 1. They also demonstrated again that a pitcher who goes through nine innings against them without meeting a single base-hit at some time or other is either very good or very fortunate.

Held down tight for five innings, West Point sluggers broke loose in the sixth inning and drove Deskin from the box, scoring three runs. A long double to left by R. Wolfson opened the rally. Halverson walked and both advanced on a passed ball. With one out, Roy Clement slashed a line drive to right center for the first scores. Before the rally ended, Albore replaced Deskin in the box.

John Jayska hurled a splendid game for West Point Park, allowing but four hits. Two doubles in the second accounted for the visitors' run. As the team came in for their half of the sixth, Jayska promised his mates, "If you get me two runs I'll beat these fellows." The sluggers brought in three tallies and Jayska kept his word.

Roy Clement followed up his timely clout in the sixth with a triple over the school-house in the eighth, that should have been a home run. His mates were unable to bring him home.

Henderson Tire team will come to West Point Park Sunday afternoon for the second league game of the season. The game starts at three o'clock.

## OFFER FREE VASE

An attractively decorated vase is being offered free by the Farmington Hardware Company with each purchase of Waterpump Quick Drying Enamel, Varnish or Lacquer, the size of the vase depending on the size of can purchased.

Another money-saving offer in the form of a coupon worth 40 cents, appears in the Farmington Hardware advertisement on page 5.

Miss Leola Ike spent Wednesday visiting friends in Redford.

## F. H. S. Band Wins Medals At Redford; Rival Director Writes Praise

The performance of the Farmington High School Band at Public Redford Theater last Saturday evening, when it won two medals, has brought forth an unusual congratulatory letter addressed to the enterprise and written by another competing band leader, Edwin Head, director of the Northville Community Band and of Detroit All-City Junior and Elementary. The Farmington Band received medals for the excellence of their trombone and trumpet sections.

Mr. Head, whose Northville Band won first prize, especially compliments the leader of the Farmington Band, Edward Eaton. The contest at the Redford theater consisted of a week of individual performances of bands in this section, the Farmington Band having given a concert Tuesday night of last week at the theater.

Mr. Head's letter is as follows: Editor: Farmington Enterprise: Dear Sir: I would like to congratulate through your columns, the Farmington High School Band, and Mr. Eaton, its director, on the very creditable performance they gave at the Redford theater last Saturday evening. Having built six bands from the very beginning, I know just what work there is attached. There's a whole lot more work to it, than the people on the outside know about, and to build such a fine little band in about a year and a half deserves all the encouragement and backing the people can afford.

I watched every movement of these fine boys and girls, well deserved (Continued on page four)

## Log Cabin Will Remain In Park

### Area Around Cabin To Be Improved; Will End Quitching

The log cabin in Farmington's town park, removal of which was asked two weeks ago, will remain for the present at least, by decision of the City Commission Monday evening. Other suggestions of Farmington Woman's Club, however, that the appearance of the property be improved by sowing grass seed and doing away with the "recreational" area, were adopted.

Commissioner Delos Hamlin, reporting for the parks and cemeteries committee, consisting of himself and Commissioner Leo Gildemeister, stated that it was the opinion of the committee that the cabin should stay temporarily at least.

The "recreational" grounds refers to the quitching-area near the cabin, it is anticipated that some needed repairs of a minor nature may be undertaken to preserve the building's exterior appearance.

## MRS. OLIVE SPRAGUE EXPIRES; WROTE HER OWN OBITUARY

### Funeral Services Held Wednesday For Farmington Woman; Was 79 Years Old

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Olin Philbrick Sprague of Farmington, who died Monday in the Pontiac Infirmary. Interment was in Mt. Hazel cemetery, Redford. Mr. Sprague was 79 years old.

Four years ago Mrs. Sprague wrote her own obituary and handed it to Mrs. Thomas H. McGee at the time she entered the infirmary with the request that it be published in the Enterprise at the time of her death. Mrs. McGee preserved the copy. It reads as follows:

"I was born in Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, January 3, 1852.

"I was the only child of Henry L. and Clarissa Bigelow. My mother died when I was three weeks old, leaving me to the care of an older sister, Mrs. Mary Philbrick, by whom I was cared for, given a common school education and all comforts of her home.

"I supported myself by doing dressmaking and general sewing for nearly 45 years. My poor health compelled me to give it up when I have been obliged to accept help, and for which I am very grateful.

"I am to be buried in Mt. Hazel Cemetery, Redford, by the side of Charles Philbrick.

Olive Philbrick Sprague"

## Hold Final Rites For Floyd Cole At Plymouth

Funeral services were held Monday at the Schrader Funeral Parlor for Floyd Cole, 38 years old, who died at his home in Plymouth last Friday. Mr. Cole was a world war veteran and services were in charge of the American Legion Post of Northville, of which he was a member.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Blanch Cole, his mother, Mrs. Anna Sprague of Farmington, and a sister, Mrs. Carey Cole also of Farmington.

## Again Ask \$600 For Cemeteries

### Township Board Fails To Accede To Request of Cemetery Auxiliaries

Possibility of a keen struggle between Farmington Township Board and the auxiliaries of the three Township cemeteries, appeared at the regular board meeting Tuesday night. Representatives of the three auxiliaries expressed dissatisfaction with the proposition and the distribution for the cemeteries' maintenance during the coming year.

As an economy measure, the Township Board several weeks ago slashed the appropriations for the cemeteries from \$200 to \$100 for North Farmington and \$50 each for East and West Farmington. At the board meeting Tuesday, Harold Noble, Miss Martha Noble, Mrs. E. W. Sturman and Herman Grimmer were present as representatives of the three cemeteries. Mr. Noble acting as spokesman, lodged the complaint at the distribution of the appropriation.

The township did not accede to the committee's request standing firm in their belief that the cut was justified in view of current economic conditions. Most officials contend that the appropriations as they now stand are sufficient for proper maintenance.

Clerk Willard Campbell made a search of the records and found the resolution adopted in 1929 at the annual business meeting provided that from and after this date the sum of \$200 per year each for the respective cemeteries—East, West and North Farmington—be raised by taxations.

Discussing the cemetery appropriation matter, Township officials raised this question: "Since only 40 per cent of the Township tax was assessed this year, could the Township Board be forced to turn over to the cemetery associations any more than 40 per cent of the \$600, even if the Township Board recognized the 1929 resolution as binding upon them?"

Mrs. Sturman, Mr. Noble and Miss Noble represented East Farmington cemetery, while Mr. Grimmer is from the West Farmington district.

## Final Rites Are Held For William Sallow

### Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for William Sallow, 87 years old, of Livonia township, who died at the home of his son Sunday. The final rites were held at the home with Rev. A. A. Schoen of Farmington officiating. Interment was in Northville.

Mr. Sallow was born in Germany and came to this country at the age of four years. He moved to a farm on the South Lyon road in Northville, Mich., where he was living when he came here from Nashville, Tenn. Following the death of his wife, two years ago, he has lived with his two sons, Edward of Livonia, and Louis of Livonia township.

## ESTIMATE IS GIVEN

An engineer's estimate of the cost of building an interceptor along the Silver Rouge, east of Redford Drive, as requested by the Michigan Stream Control Commission, was reported by Commissioner Emory Hutton Monday evening. The estimate is \$3,285, which is for the complete job, including a chlorinating plant for sewage.

## Township Adopts Budget System For Expenditures

### Board Allots Cash To Various Funds; Plan To Keep Within Appropriations

Adoption of the budget system in Township expenditures makes the Farmington Township Board meeting Tuesday evening. Henceforth the Township money will be allotted to various funds, with the plan of keeping expenditures within the amount of each fund.

It is the belief of the Board that adoption of the budget system used throughout the country in governmental as well as private affairs, will be a factor of importance from an economy standpoint.

With the co-operation of the Township auditor, the sum of about \$6,100 now in the Township treasury was apportioned among the highway improvement, road repair, and contingent funds. The distribution was as follows: highway improvement, \$183.92; road repair, \$1,159; general fund, \$3,765.

### "Good Start"

The auditor suggested that during this first year, with the small amount to start with the large tax delinquency, it will undoubtedly be impossible to keep within limits set but that inauguration of the budget system would be "a good start" and help put Township affairs on a better business basis.

## Insure Employees

A precaution against possible serious loss by the Township was taken in passage of a motion to insure all Township officials and employees who might be injured or killed in pursuance of their duties. The cost of such insurance is small. Indigents working on Township roads will also be insured, this being required.

Inquiry by Justice Walter Headle regarding the progress of Township Hall property litigation brought the information that attorneys for both the Township and City are ready, but are waiting for Roscoe B. Dunlap, attorney for the Masonic Lodge.

## Woman's Club To Hold Annual Meeting May 13

The next meeting of the Farmington Women's club will be held at the home of Mrs. Elmer Doehny on Base Line Road, next Wednesday evening.

This is the annual meeting of the club and a "pot luck luncheon" will be served promptly at 12:30 o'clock.

The members ate reminded of the request to each one bring their sandwiches and one other article of food together with their plate, cup and silver.

The annual club dues will be payable at this meeting also.

The club met at the home of Mrs. M. B. Pierce last Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Boynton very ably and interestingly presented the subject of the evening, "The Heart of the Concupr Group." Emerson, Hawthorne, Fuller, Alcott and Thoreau. So vaguely familiar to all became glowingly real, after listening to Miss Boynton's intimate discussion.

P. Owen Pauline once again delighted the members with his splendid voice. Miss Ernestine Pierce accompanied him.

## Chorus 'Girl' Leads Pals In Bold Theft In Heart Of Town

A bold and daring robbery was committed by a gaggle led by a woman in the heart of Farmington last Friday evening about ten o'clock. While hundreds of people watched them, the perpetrators of the theft calmly carried through the operation as though it had been carefully rehearsed beforehand, and the spectators looked on as though it was part of a show.

No action has been taken, although the culprits are known to Farmington authorities. In fact, there are few people better known to the community at large than those who committed the theft. And as a further note, the stealing was part of a show, but not as it was originally written.

What happened was that the "Flapper Chorus," made up of some of Farmington's "strong women," rose up in rebellion and prepared to demand all the rights,

## City Commission Demands 15-Cent Fare To 5-Points

### Commissioners Express Disapproval of Present Situation; Three 5-Cent Fare Zones Outlined; Jitney Representative, Renews Lower Rate Offer

A demand that the Eastern Michigan Railway reduce its bus fare to 15 cents from Farmington to Five Points is to be made this week by the City Commission, following a discussion of the transportation situation on Grand River Monday evening. The alternative, should the demand be refused, will be that the Commission will give other interests a permit and encouragement to operate.

### Farmington Pupils At Two State Events

Farmington School pupils will represent their school in two events of State-wide interest Friday. Twenty-two members of the high school mixed chorus will compete in a State-wide music contest at Lansing and Elsie Nelson of the sixth grade will be one of 62 district champions competing for the Michigan spelling championship at the State Fair Coliseum in the afternoon.

## City Will Buy Street Grader

### Commission Votes Purchase Of Street Maintenance Equipment At Once

Purchase of equipment which should make Farmington's streets as good as any village of similar size anywhere was decided on Monday evening by the City Commission. The Commission voted to buy a street grader, consisting of a combination tractor, scraper and strapper.

One make of grader is expected to arrive in the City within a few days for demonstration on the streets. This is without obligation to the City. The Commission has under consideration two types, one the "cat" and the other mounted on large wheels with rubber tires.

The cost of the grader will probably be about \$2,000, with trade-in of one of the City's tractors. Exceptionally good allowance offers have been obtained from the two companies whose graders are under consideration. The Commissioners quizzed representatives of the companies at length Monday evening on the capabilities of their machines.

Purchase of a grader was voted after consideration of two other possibilities, use of he present equipment and renting. The consensus of opinion was that a scraper alone could not keep streets in proper condition, especially after oil has been used. From the cost of renting a County scraper last year at \$45 a day, and the amount of work obtained, it was determined that a grader would easily pay for itself in a few years, as compared to rental.

## TO FIX STREET

Thomas Street which has been in bad shape for a number of years, will be put in first class condition within the near future. The City Commission is planning to lower the street level and put hard-surface material on the top.

Mr. Murphy said that the men he represents would, when their line was started, provide service as late at night as the last Detroit car reaching Five Points.

## WILL LEARN IF CITY WATER DEPT. GAINS OR LOSES

### New Auditor Engaged, Recommends Separate Account To Determine Profit or Loss

A change of auditors in charge of city accounts, which will bring about at least one important alteration in the accounting of city finances, was decided upon by the Farmington City Commission Monday evening.

John P. Leyhan, who was engaged to make the next audit of the City's books, suggested that the municipality should set up a separate account for the water department. Hitherto, Mr. Leyhan said, there has been no means of telling whether the water department is operated at a profit or loss, its receipts being put into the general fund and expenses taken from that fund.

Mr. Leyhan, who is well known to Farmington business men, plans to make a day's study of the books without charge, and may recommend other changes later.

When the curtain went down on the "College Flapper" at Farmington Town Hall last Thursday evening, members of the "Flappers" chorus felt, (and beyond any shadow of doubt they were justified) that they were "the hit of the show." Yet when the cast assembled on the stage for the finale, instead of having the prominent place to which they were entitled, the "Flappers' Chorus" were, according to the script, required to keep down front of the cast while the others sang some inconsequential song about (Continued on page five)