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## First 'Good-Will' Banquet Proves A Big Success

Many In Attendance From Out-Of-Town—Horticulture Professor Speaks

One hundred and fifty Farmington men and women mingled Tuesday evening at an event which it is hoped will prove, but the beginning of an era of ever-growing mutual understanding and co-operation. Gathering at M. E. Community Hall for dinner and a program sponsored by Farmington Exchange Club, the number in attendance and the spirit of friendliness manifest made the first community good-will banquet a distinct success.

More than half those in attendance came from outside the town, these being guests of the club. In addition to the club members and their guests, a number of Farmington business-men outside the club availed themselves of the opportunity to attend the dinner with their wives, widening the circle of townpeople who extended the welcome.

Dinner was followed by a program which included community singing, music by the High School Orchestra, and speeches. Dr. J. F. Weaver led in community singing and President Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner introduced William Murphy, Macomb County agricultural agent who told of the organization and accomplishment of the Romeo peach festival, held for the first time early in September of this year. He said that the plans for next year would probably call for an even greater event, and that the affair had made the name of "Romeo peaches" known far and wide, although the movement began but recently.

Officers Aid  
K. D. Bailey, Oakland County agricultural agent, expressed the willingness of his department and the State unit to assist in every way possible any effort that Farmington might care to make to exploit its fruit-growing industry.

Prof. H. A. Cardinell, extension specialist in horticulture at Michigan State College, was the (Continued on page eight)

## WEST POINT PARK WOMEN ORGANIZE NEW ASSOCIATION

Women Of Presbyterian Church To Share Responsibilities In Church Work

The women of the West Point Park Presbyterian church organized a women's association recently to meet a long-felt need for a group of organized churchwomen to take a deep interest in and to share responsibilities for such church work as Christian missions, Christian education, church and church school visitation and church decoration.

Mrs. Edward H. Pence, who organized the women of Fort Street Presbyterian church, Detroit, 30 years ago and who has been active in women's work in various parts of the country, took charge of the meeting.

It was decided that the organization will be known as The Women's Association of West Point Park Presbyterian church with membership open to all women members and adherents of the congregation. Regular monthly meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month at 8 o'clock.

Among the officers elected were the following: Mrs. Earl K. Gulien, president; Mrs. Charles L. Pierpont, vice-president; Miss Lora Ault, secretary; Mrs. Albert Heichman, treasurer, and Mrs. Emerson Ault, secretary for Missionary literature.

The following convenors of committees were elected with power to choose the remaining members of the committee: Mrs. John Mercer, missions (national and foreign); Mrs. Charlotte Wolfe, Pastor's aid; Mrs. Robert Fredericks, hospitality and decoration; Mrs. Lloyd Gulien, program; and Mrs. Emerson Ault, missionary education.

## Detroit Seeks Arrest In Chief's Dooryard But Chief Is Indiposed

The City of Farmington might appear just like any other Michigan town of its size to the casual observer, but to representatives of a Detroit baking firm it does not—in fact there are one or two things about Farmington that appear very unique. One of them is that one cannot be arrested for the asking—even if you are charged with the honor of the chief of police and beg for it—and the second peculiar thing about Farmington is that a City ordinance is a City ordinance in the eyes of the officials and is observed as

## Registration Of Indigents Begins

Unemployed May Register Either With City Clerk Or Township Supervisor

Registration of unemployed in Farmington City and Township is under way this week following recommendations by Supervisors Arthur Lamb and Arthur Coe to the City Commission and Township Board that such work be done. Those who wish to register must personally visit either the city clerk's office in Farmington or Supervisor Coe's no general registration as first suggested is being made.

According to City Clerk N. H. Power, several unemployed men have already filled out the registration blanks. No report has been received concerning the number registering in the Township but it is thought that the number will be far greater than that in the City.

Printed forms have been obtained and all registering will be required among other things to name dependents, length of residence in the vicinity, whether or not a United States citizen, amount of employment in the past year, and whether or not any soldier's bonus or other compensation is being received.

All cards when properly filled out will be placed on file and all general labor in the City and Township supplied from them.

An effort will also be made to interview all potential employers, ascertain their possible to have them select their employees, when needed, from the files of the City Clerk and Township supervisor.

## Missionary To Burma To Speak Sunday Night

Rev. A. C. Darrow, Baptist missionary to Burma, who is visiting the Detroit churches under the joint auspices of the Detroit Baptist Union and the Board of Missionary Cooperation of the Northern Baptist Convention, will speak at 7:30 Sunday night at the Farmington Baptist church.

## FARMINGTON MAN WEDS

Of much interest to Farmington was the recent wedding of Rupert Turner, 24, of Farmington, to Miss Helen Banks, 22, they were married in Sault Ste. Marie, Canada. The bride is a native of Canada.

The couple are spending their honeymoon in the Mackinac region.

## Free Newspaper In Every House --- Just To 'Hit' A Small Town's Mayor

Not only was Farmington's mayor the subject of unusual attention by Pontiac's daily newspaper last week, but Farmington residents were, each and every one, the objects of unusual generosity with respect to copies of that newspaper. A check-up disclosed that practically every home in Farmington received Tuesday afternoon of last week a free copy of the Pontiac Press in which Mayor Lamb and Supervisor Charles Hamilton of Novi Township were "lambasted" practically, and Supervisor Coe of Farmington Township and others incidentally, the cause being their having voted against ousting the County

such, even in the face of "high pressure" attempts at bargaining. Lee Doyle, chief of police, when confronted with a situation involving the aforementioned elements recently, was most polite but firm. To the consternation and embarrassment of company officials, legal counsel and employees and in the face of pleas, jibes and even threats, the chief still demurred from making an arrest, reserving however, the right to change his mind without notice.

To understand the Chief's plight and the eagerness of certain parties to have the power, it is necessary to go back to the first week in November.

Driver Warned  
A driver of a truck for a Detroit baking company, one Watson by name, had been making a practice of driving into Farmington at regular intervals and delivering merchandise without a peddler's license as required by a City ordinance. Early in November Chief Doyle confronted the peddler, informed him of the ordinance and ordered him to stop his peddling activities until he had obtained a permit from the City Clerk.

Later in the month this same peddler stopped the Chief on the street and asked his permission to deliver three loaves of bread, admitting that he had not secured a license. Doyle, having neither the authority nor the inclination to give such permission, refused him his request and suggested that his company secure necessary approval from the City.

In Chief's Dooryard  
Monday noon as the police officer was backing his car from the driveway at his home on Maple street, a truck owned by the bakery in question stopped in front of his residence. One man Watson, alighted with a loaf of bread under his arm and approached the Chief.

"I'm going next door, Chief, and try and sell your neighbor a loaf of bread," Watson is quoted as saying.

To be accosted in his own dooryard, the Chief was left temporarily gasping with astonishment but he was quick to recover and also quick to sense what was behind the driver's apparent audacity.

"Someone sent you here so that I couldn't miss you and bring you in, didn't they? Doyle asked the driver who readily admitted that such was the case. At this point a third party entered the scene, the role of foreman and immediate superior of the driver, Watson.

"Why don't you arrest him, Chief? You've got a City ordinance, haven't you? Take him down, we want to try this case. We'll take the consequences."

When Chief Wants To  
To "try the case" was what Doyle had surmised to be the object of this personal visit seeking an arrest. Without doubt a trial in justice court would bring a conviction but an immediate appeal to a higher court would be followed by weeks and perhaps months without a decision. Doyle had made up his mind by this time that he would oblige with an arrest but he was going to do (Continued on page four)

Poor Commissioners as "incompetent" in the absence of charges against them. Not only were the papers thrown about on doorsteps, but other copies were tossed in parked automobiles.

Two things remain unexplained, however. One is why the county seat daily of a county of over 200,000 population published in a city of about 50,000 people should go to all the trouble it did to vent its wrath on the mayor of a town of less than 1,500, casting only one vote on the board of supervisors. The second mystery is regards the distribution of these free copies. (Continued on page eight)

## Investigation Is Begun In Fire At Clarenceville

Police And Fire Officials Are Investigating Recent Fire In Unoccupied House

Sheriff's officers are investigating a fire which caused nearly \$300 damage Monday at 21331 Cambridge street, Clarenceville. The loss was fully covered by insurance.

The house, a one-story wooden structure owned by Earl Currie of Clarenceville, had been vacated the day before by Sylvester Downing and his family. Because of the fact that there were no occupants, electricity or stoves in the building, the cause of the fire is proving a puzzle to officials.

Mrs. Currie said that she and Mr. Currie visited the house Sunday afternoon and that on Monday morning Mrs. Currie went there alone and removed some rubbish and burned it outside the house. She stated that she thought she smelled smoke at the time but did not investigate, believing that it was probably smoke blowing in from the burning rubbish. Less than three hours later neighbors noticed smoke pouring from the house. The house was ablaze.

At investigation by Bernard Banfield, Farmington fire chief, Tuesday morning indicated that the fire could not have started in the basement and that it undoubtedly had its origin on the floor in a corner of the dining room adjacent to a clothes closet and a chimney.

The greatest damage was caused by smoke, water and chemicals.

## TREE-PLANTING ALONG GD. RIVER GETS UNDER WAY

Legion Post, Residents Take Advantage Of Offer Made By Howard Warner

A number of individuals and one organization have already taken advantage of an offer by Howard Warner which will, it is hoped, add much to the beauty and particularly restore some of the attractiveness of Grand River which was feared would be lost through removal of trees for the widening.

Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, on Thursday afternoon planted in the front yard of the Legion home two sturdy young elms given by Mr. Warner, who some time ago offered trees to any residents who would ask for them. Alex Keith and Samuel Turner are Grand River residents who have planted or are planning to set in one or more trees; while Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson is planning for one or two in front of the Methodist parsonage.

Mr. Warner's offer provides that residents of Grand River may have the trees free for planting inside the walk, inasmuch as the widening prevents planting between the walk and the curb. Grand River is regarded as a civic improvement of general benefit.

Other residents of Farmington desiring trees in front of their homes may have them without charge providing the planting is done outside the walks, so the improvement will be a public one, under city control.

Mr. Warner reported to Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday as chairman of the tree-planting committee that Mr. Keith had agreed to plant the trees for any resident of Farmington for \$2.50 each in lots of 20 or \$3.00 each in smaller quantities. It is not necessary, however, to hire the planting done, and residents may get the trees from Mr. Warner without cost and do their own planting.

## ATTENDS FUNERAL

William Pangborn and daughters Marjorie of Oakland avenue and Stella Simmons of Newburg, motored to Royal Oak Thursday where they attended the funeral of the former's brother-in-law, Ralph Bailey.

## BULLETIN

Warren Sixby, 29 years old, of Detroit was instantly killed at 5:30 Thursday night two miles west of Novi on US16.

Sixby, a truck driver, had halted beside the road and was standing between his truck and a second one which was to tow him. A car driven by Robert M. Inglis, also of Detroit, approached from the west and hit the rear truck, pinning Sixby between them.

Inglis was released, pending a statement by the prosecuting attorney.

## Act To Preserve Trees Along Park

Exchange Club Moves To Save Trees Threatened By Highway Widening

A committee of three, including representatives of the Highway Commission, Detroit Edison Co. and the Farmington Exchange Club, is expected to meet Friday to discuss means of saving several hard maple and elm trees on Grand River avenue near the City park which may possibly have to come out with the widening of Grand River.

N. H. Power has been named representative of the Exchange Club which is behind the move to save the trees if possible. It is hoped that the aid of the Farmington Woman's club may also be enlisted.

It is felt by many citizens of Farmington that the loss of these trees would be a distinct blow to the beauty of the City. According to Mr. Power, some of these trees are more than 50 years old and to have them removed would take much from the beauty of the street.

A possible solution to the problem was voiced Thursday by Mr. Power when he said that the Highway Department might be induced to do the widening on one side of the street only, or at least widen on the north side of the street to the trees and take the remainder of the required footage on the opposite side.

## BERKLEY CHAPTER WILL ENTERTAIN FORMER OFFICERS

Past Matrons And Past Patrons Of Farmington O. E. S. Are Invited

Past matrons and past patrons of Farmington Chapter, O. E. S., with all County matrons and patrons of the order, are invited to the first Past Matrons and Past Patrons Night to be held at Berkley Chapter, Thursday, November 19.

The Berkley Chapter is planning a dinner which will be served at 6:30 followed by initiation. All Farmington members who plan to attend are urged to notify the secretary, Mrs. Ada Bond or Mrs. Mary Johnson.

At the last regular meeting of the Eastern Stars it was decided to have a keno party, Wednesday evening, November 18, in the dining room of the Masonic Hall at 8:30. Various awards will be distributed which will be in keeping with the spirit of Thanksgiving.

## Redford Young Men's Class To Give Show

The Young Men's class of Calvary Methodist church, Redford, will present a minstrel show in which 60 young men will take part. The show will be given under the auspices of the Young People's club of the M. E. church and will be presented in the Community hall, Saturday, November 21 at 8 o'clock.

## TO CONFER DEGREE

The second degree will be conferred upon a number of candidates, Monday, November 16 by Farmington lodge, No. 151, F. & A. M.

## Unemployment In Area Aided By Highway Project

Work Of Grading For US16 Widening Started Thursday By Contractors

Concrete evidence of unemployment relief is being shown in Farmington Township following the beginning of grading work on US16 at the Ten Mile road, Thursday morning. Eight teams and 16 men are being utilized at present by the contractors, Julius Porth and Sons, but it was indicated that 12 more teams and many more men will be given employment soon.

The work is the beginning of extensive construction operations planned by the State Highway Department for the winter on US16 between Farmington and Howell. Nearly 12 miles of this road lies in Oakland County which insures the employment of Oakland County labor, according to instructions given the contractors by the State.

To Grade All Winter  
Plans of the Highway Department call for a ten foot widening on each side of the present 20-foot roadway as far as Brighton. It is hoped to complete all grading work during the late fall and winter with the expectation of laying concrete as soon as the season opens in the Spring.

Under the present arrangement contractors are paying 35 cents per hour for men and 65 cents per hour for teams with a nine hour working day. Men with teams are being given constant employment while others are being employed in two shifts of six days each. The eight teams now being used are all from Farmington Township.

## Relieves Indigents

With operations approaching full capacity indigents in this area will experience considerable relief. Those now being employed receive in addition to an average of \$9.45 per week for labor, \$3.75 per week from the County, giving them a weekly income of \$13.20. This is computed on a basis of five persons in a family.

## RUSSIA CHOSEN AS DISCUSSION TOPIC BY WOMAN'S CLUB

Woman's Club Sets November 18 As Date For Next Meeting

The subject of discussion at the regular meeting of the Farmington Woman's club last week was Russia. An interesting paper devoted to a study of the Five Year Plan was presented by Mrs. Harrison Johnson. Mrs. Crawford read the last of a series of articles which have been appearing in the Detroit newspaper dealing with the situation in Russia. Mrs. Cook read a paragraph taken from a recent radio address from London by George Bernard Shaw and an article written by John Lovett of Detroit was presented by Mrs. F. N. Steele.

The next regular meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. C. N. Wilbur, November 18, when Miss Sprague will have charge of the program.

## PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION TO MEET THURSDAY

Speaker From American Automobile Club To Give Address On Safety

The Farmington Parent-Teachers association will at its second meeting of the school year Thursday evening, November 19, at 8 o'clock at the high school gymnasium.

A short program is planned to follow the business meeting which will include a lecture on safety by Mr. Ristol of the American Automobile Club. The Farmington High School band under the direction of Edward Eaton will play a few numbers.

Several students will present a short drama with Betty Edgar accompanying them on the piano.