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## All Is Prepared For Mid-Month Bargain Event

Merchants of Farmington Ready For Unusual Event This Week-End

Farmington and vicinity is ready for the biggest event of some time in this section, the two Mid-Month Bargain Days planned for Friday and Saturday of this week. Merchants have provided attractive special offerings for the week-end, many of them offered below cost to make the event successful.

Thirty-two kinds of business places have joined in the Bargain Days, making available a wide variety of articles and commodities at money-saving prices. Complete details appear on page 3 of this issue.

The "specials" provide sharp competition for first place in interest. There are many everyday articles at prices so low that they will have the most appeal for thrifty people with an eye to saving wherever possible. There are novel offerings, too, such as the "rewards" for buying in Farmington that will be given by one concern. Another offers to "close your clock"—anybody's—but read the advertisement. There are trades and discounts and gifts of many kinds presented.

Supplementing newspaper advertising are many hundreds of circulars distributed in Farmington and adjoining territory, providing a combined circulating of nearly 3,000 copies of the advertisement to homes within a large radius.

Farmington business-places will close for three hours from 12 noon to 3:00 p. m. Friday (Good Friday), reopening at the latter hour. They will be open throughout Saturday evening, and the two bargaining houses will by special arrangement keep open from 7 to 9 in the evening for cashing of dairy farmers' checks.

The business places participating are: Farmington Hardware Co., Earl Viver Gasoline Station, Loomis and Plunton Barber Shop, Farmington Dairy, Lloyd S. Gullen, real estate, the Sugar Bowl, the Keweenaw Baking, Checketts Motor Sales, Lapham Oil Co., Farmington Mills, Lee Hardware Co., the Auto Shop, Farmington Cleaners, Otis-Grace Motor Sales, Lee's Auto Service, Curly's Electric Shop, E. C. Grace Store, Harold Chamberlain Gasoline Station, Nelson Sisters' Bakery, Boston Shoe Repair Shop, Fred L. Cook & Co., Stanley F. Smith, drugist, Market Chamberlain, jeweler, Olin Russell, Inc., Delos Hamlin, Red and White Store, Consumers Power Co., General Garage, Farmington Motor Sales, Farmington Coal and Ice Co., and The Farmington Enterprise.

## Last Rites Are Held For George Lindbloom

George Lindbloom formerly of Orchard Lake road, was buried Wednesday at Acadia cemetery. The ceremonies were arranged by the Harris funeral home in Detroit.

Death came Sunday night as a result of a blood clot in the brain.

Mrs. Lindbloom is returning to the home of Orchard Lake Road.

## SOCIALIST LABOR MAN WILL GIVE A LECTURE

"Is Socialism a Dream" will be the subject of a lecture to be given by James Sim on Sunday, April 16, at the Oddfellows Hall, Eight Mile Road and Grand River, at 2:30 p. m. After the lecture the meeting will be open for questions.

## GOOD FRIDAY NOTICE

Our Lady of Sorrows plans the three-hour services again from 12 noon until 3 o'clock. This service commemorates the three hours that Christ hung upon the cross in reparation to his eternal Father for the sins of the world.

## CORRECTION

George Grant has denied that he will refuse to do jury duty in the April term, as was announced recently.

## Photo Shows Miraculous Escape Of Officials In Wreck



The above photo shows the Governor's office car, widely known and familiar as "No. 1" lying at the edge of the concrete on the cut-off west of Farmington Thursday morning, near where the Cut-off meets Grand River. The car, lying on its left side, is facing eastward, in the opposite direction from which it had been travelling before the accident. Three men escaped, two being slightly hurt and the third unharmed. The photo was taken by the Enterprise at 7:45 Thursday morning. Another picture appears on page 5.

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## Boards Wrestle School Finances

Trustees Of Rural Districts Hear Farmington Plea For Tuition Payment

Trustees of eight school districts sending pupils to Farmington High School met with the Farmington Board of Education Wednesday evening to iron out problems of finance made acute by closing of Detroit banks. The meeting was at the request of Farmington Board, and was held in Farmington High School.

With a month and a half of school remaining, the Farmington trustees appealed to members of other boards, indebted to Farmington for tuition for their pupils, for assistance. The Farmington board members pointed out that teachers in Farmington schools have with a splendid spirit of cooperation, been bearing a heavy load in recent months, and that they have earned every possible assistance from school authorities.

County School Commissioner, E. J. Ledley, and Deputy Commissioner Archie G. Leonard attended the meeting to lend their assistance. The total of tuition due from the surrounding districts alone would be sufficient to pay up Farmington teachers through the rest of the school year and would also enable the Farmington board to pay its bills, according to figures given out at the meeting.

The Farmington trustees asked each board represented at the meeting what they could do to help. In most cases the response was that all funds were tied up since the bank holiday began, and that everything would depend on release of funds in those banks.

President Ross stated that Farmington district requires \$9,000 to run the school for the remainder of the year, but that \$1,200 are in addition to that district owes its teachers within a few dollars of \$4,000 and owes \$2,000 in past due bills. The total of tuition due Farmington from other districts is somewhat over \$3,000.

## ASH RITES FRIDAY

Funeral services will be held for Carl Henry Ash, 11, son of Carl and Mrs. Ash, at 2:30 p. m. Friday, in the home, Rev. F. C. Johnson will read the service.

The boy died Tuesday night of bronchial pneumonia. Burial will be in North Farmington cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clark and daughters Jean and Jane were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McGea.

## Departments Of City Assigned

Commissions Designated To Head Various Phases Of Farmington Government

Various departments of Farmington City government have been assigned to members of the City Commission by the new mayor, Howard M. Warner, who assumed office Monday along with other newly elected officials.

Each department will be in charge of one commissioner, this being a departure from the policy which has previously obtained, of having a two-man committee of commissioners named to head the departments.

The committees announced by Mayor Warner are as follows: Buildings—Oamus; Cemetery—Staman; Finance—Gildemeister; Fire—Oldenburg; Lights—Hamlin; Ordinances—Oldenburg; Police—Hutton; Parks—Hamlin; Sidewalks—Gildemeister; Streets and Sewers—Hutton; Water—Staman.

The committees are taking up their functions immediately, although there was no meeting of the Commission Monday evening, the regular April meeting having been held last Thursday. The first meeting of the new Commission will be held next week.

## MRS WEBSTER TO BE INSTALLED AS O. E. S. HEAD SOON

Mrs. Selma Brown, Worthy Grand Matron, Will Conduct Ceremony

Mrs. Gertrude Webster, Worthy Matron-elect of Farmington Chapter 239, Order of the Eastern Star, will take office with other new officers at a special Installation meeting Friday, April 28.

Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter, Mrs. Selma Brown of Birmingham, will install the officers. Public installation for Masons and Stars will be held. At the meeting Tuesday the following officers were chosen to serve with Mrs. Webster: Arthur Coe, worthy patron; Mrs. Allie Austen, associate matron; Mrs. Ada Bond, secretary; Mrs. William Zwalhen, treasurer.

## Gives Talk On Flowers Before Women's Club

Farmington Women's club met at the home of Mrs. B. Levinson, April 5, jointly with the Farmington Garden club.

Mrs. Elmer Doheny and Mrs. Karl Ritter were in charge of the program. Mr. Pearson gave an interesting talk on "Some Annuals—New and Old Fashioned." Tea was served by the hostess.

## TO HAVE CARD PARTY

Farmington Business and Professional Women's Club will hold a card party Tuesday, April 18, at the Totem Pole. Table and door prizes will be given.

## Six Beer License Bids Are Filed With Clerk

Beer may never flow in Michigan what with the way our legislators are playing about up at the capitol but there are at least six optimistic in Farmington.

Despite the muddled beer situation, six applications for licenses to sell have been received by N. H. Power, city clerk.

## HEENEY RETAINS PING PONG TITLE; SWEEPS TOURNEY

Defeats Wixom In Finals; Match Here Between Stellar Teams Planned

Spencer J. Heeney retained his Farmington singles ping-pong championship by winning the tournament held last Thursday night at the Otis-Grace Motor Sales. He did not lose a single game in the tournament.

The semi-finalists were Wayne Wixom against Curtis Hall, and Heeney against Bob Cook. Heeney defeated Wixom in the finals, to keep his record clear for the tournament. He defeated, in order, Harrison Johnson, H. Thayer, Cook and Wixom.

French and Stiffens, state doubles champions, played an exhibition match after the tournament. Plans are being made to match the state and Detroit city teams against the ping pong champions from the University of Michigan in an exhibition in Farmington in the near future. The Michigan team has already won a match from the champions.

## Former Local Resident Succumbs In Pontiac

James W. Allen, painter, former of Farmington, died after an operation Saturday at Pontiac sanitarium, where he had been living for more than a year.

He leaves a wife, but no children. Burial was in Grand Lawn cemetery, Redford and the ceremony was attended by a number of Masons from Farmington. He

## Stark Tragedy Stalks The Streets Of Farmington-- It's Blighted Love

(By Roy K. Moulton, Jr.) Spring Beautiful Spring!

Comes April with his showers sweet, and all at once the flowers begin flowering, the buds begin budding, the grass begins grasping, and happiness fills the heart of everyone.

No, not quite everyone. For on a street in Farmington, friends, there blossoms a little pastoral tragedy, unheeded by the hurrying throng of passers-by.

Oscar the Sawhorse was a simple country cut before he hit the Big Town. He used to run and kick up his heels and wiggle his ears (which are two household brushes, and very nice brushes). But now he stands in the window of the Farmington Hardware Co. store he is occupied, deponent, disillusioned.

## Eleven Homeless, 2 Firemen Hurt

Two Families Are Left Nearly Destitute As Fire Razes Old Farmhouse

Two firemen were injured and 11 persons were left homeless and virtually destitute by a fire which demolished an old farmhouse on Eleven Mile Road, near Middle Belt, Wednesday afternoon.

Chief Norman Lee was burned on one ear and thumb and Howard Osmus in the neck, when the roof of the burning house collapsed on them. They were inside, on the stairs at the time, attempting to subdue the flames. Osmus' shirt and hat caught fire.

Two families, those of John Aland, laid-off Ford worker, and Wesley Wilson, farmer, occupied the house. Aland has a wife, Daisy, and three children, Florence, 15, Helen, 11, and John, 8. Wilson's family is composed of his wife, Gladys, and four children, Esther, 16, Jaunita, 11, Ralph 6, and Nila 4.

The fire, cause of which is unknown, was first seen by Mrs. Wilson at about 2:30 p. m. While at her household work she noticed signs of burning shingle in the air. A member of the family was despatched to the nearest phone, at the home of Emmett Houghton, half a mile away, and the fire department was called. The delay was blamed for the complete destruction of the house.

The two families managed to save most of the household furniture but lost most of their clothes, and a large amount of the salvaged bedclothing and other cloth goods were burned by falling shingles, where they lay outside the house.

C. E. Wise, of Detroit, proprietor of a public golf course at Walden Lake, is the owner of the house. The Aland and Wilson families have lived there two and a half years.

Aland while not employed at the Ford payroll, worked occasionally as a paperhanger. He lost all his paperhanging tools in the fire. The families appealed to local Red Cross representatives for aid.

## Comstock's Car Wrecked On Cut-Off

St ate Car No. 1, With Two Officials In It, Overturns

## PASSENGERS UNHURT

The Grand River Cut-off, scene of numerous accidents in its short existence, provided the most spectacular crash thus far and created a stir that spread from Detroit to Lansing Thursday morning, when the Governor's office car was overturned and wrecked at 4 a. m. The seething atmosphere of rumors and speculations has for the most part cleared, but mystery still persists as to how three men

## Lansing Mayor In Crash Faces Recall Move

Mayor Peter F. Gray of Lansing, one of the three State men who escaped death or serious injury when Gov. Comstock's office car overturned on the Cut-off early Thursday morning, is facing the prospect of recall petitions in his home city. Circulation of the petitions was reported in a news dispatch from Lansing Tuesday. The petitions charge, according to the dispatch, neglect of duty, unbusinesslike methods, appointment of incompetents, and laxity.

Mayor Gray is serving his second term, having been re-elected last November. He is prominent in State Democratic politics.

escaped without serious injury from the accident.

The three men, Mayor Peter F. Gray of Lansing, Burnett J. Abbott, secretary of the State Advisory Board, and Trooper Ralph Glassford of the State Police, were returning to Lansing after seeing the opening ball game in Detroit Wednesday afternoon. The big blue Red Royale sedan, No. 1, homestered at the crest of the upcurve on the Cut-off where it meets Grand River, two miles west of Farmington. Reports were that it turned over three times and marks on the pavement indicated that the car had rolled nearly 100 feet diagonally on the pavement, from the point where it first went over.

The car, which was stored in the Ford Garage most of the day, has been hauled back to Lansing. It is regarded as beyond repair. The top was torn out; the windshield, of shatter-proof glass, was wrecked from its frame; fenders were crumpled, one side of the rear end was lifted two feet above its natural position, and wheels were wracked out of place.

## Curve And Hill

Indications were that the car was travelling at a high rate of speed. In its last half-mile the Cut-off rises sharply and there is a considerable curve. The curve straightens out as it nears the union of the two roads. A red flicker light flashes at the junction-point.

It is believed that the red flicker light may have confused Trooper Glassford who was driving, perhaps making him think it was necessary to stop. The curve flattens out just ahead of where the marks indicated, the car left the road, running into the soft shoulder on the right hand side. A furrow a foot wide and almost as deep was ploughed for 150 feet along the shoulder. A "Slow" sign, with the word spelled in luminous letters, was smashed to bits and the road was torn up eight feet from there on. A hundred feet farther on the wheels struck the pavement and the somersaulting began.

## Marks On Road

Marks on the concrete indicated that on returning from the shoulder to the road the car wheels might have jumped from the road for a distance of four or five feet, and black marks, such as made by tires with brakes set, extended for a distance of eight feet from there on. A hundred feet farther on the opposite side of the pavement, and on the very edge of the concrete, was where the machine came to rest, on its left side and facing south.

But Oscar does not turn his head, and still they stand there in a sad tableau. The Great White Way, that thoroughfare of laughter and tears and filling stations, has been blighted another victim. Heartless, heartless Oscar.

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