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## Mid-Month Sales Offer Big Saving Friday, Saturday

Sixteen Farmington Merchants To Cut Prices Drastically For Two Bargain Days

The biggest commercial event of the month will take place for Farmington and its vicinity this Friday and Saturday, with 16 of the city's outstanding business firms offering attractive specials in the renewed Mid-Month Bargain Days.

So successful and unique was the Mid-Month sale held in April, that these merchants have expressed the hope that the Bargain Days may become a permanent institution.

Merchandise and service of all descriptions are offered this week, frequently at a cost so low that the firms will lose money on the article in helping to make the sale a success. Groceries and food supplies, clothing, general merchandise, auto supplies and services of many kinds are offered for Friday and Saturday alone at startlingly low prices.

Besides newspaper advertising, which will be found on page 3 of this issue, handbills will be used as a medium for spreading the popularity of this week's sale. Showing the complete list of stores and special offers, they will be distributed over Farmington and vicinity Friday, more than 400 handbills will also be sent out to farmers with their milk checks.

The following firms will take part in the Mid-Month sales: Farmington Cleaners, Farmington Market, Chamberlain Service Station, Ford Sales and Service, Kroger's, Chamberlain-Jeweler, Farmington Drug Co., Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., Earl Victor Oil Station, Delos Hamlin's Red and White Store, Otis-Grace Motor Sales, Farmington Hardware Co., F. L. Cook & Co., Burnett Brothers' Service Station, Farmington Mills, and The Farmington Enterprise.

## ISSUE CITY NOTES

### EARLY NEXT WEEK TO PAY EXPENSES

Only Small Portion Of Total To Be Released Now; Expert Advises On Notes

Farmington City's new negotiable notes will make their appearance at the beginning of next week, consultation between city and state authorities having resulted in the final approval of the new plan.

Only a small porportion of the notes, enough to pay the city's current bills, will be issued first; and the full equivalent of \$2000 allowed by vote of the City Commission last week will be held back for some time.

Commissioners Leo Gildemeister and Emory Hutton met with Harold Smith, secretary of the Michigan Municipal League, in Ann Arbor this week, and he commended the Farmington plan, adding some suggestions as to the form to be used in the notes.

As many of Farmington's merchants as possible have been interviewed, according to Gildemeister, and almost all of them have agreed to take the new notes at least up to the amount of their anticipated city taxes.

The new notes will be the size of United States paper money, printed in black on green check paper. They will bear the number of their denomination, \$1, \$5, or \$10, in the four corners, a serial number, the signature of Mayor Howard Warner and N. H. Power, city clerk, and a statement of the terms of the notes.

The total of \$2,000 has been divided up into 800 ones, 120 fives, and 60 tens. The notes will be redeemed six months after the date of issuance with three percent yearly interest, and will be accepted by the city at any time in payment of taxes, water bills, or other obligations. The notes are backed by anticipated taxes and \$18,000 in closed banks.

**O. E. S. CARD PARTY**  
A card party will be given by the O. E. S. Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the O. E. S. Hall. There will be a prize for each table and refreshments. The public is cordially invited.

Ralph Secret of Cleveland, Ohio was a Friday dinner guest at the J. Edgar home.

## Memories Of Clark Family Recalled As Old Residence Here Is Torn Down

By An Antiquary

(The demolition of the Old Clark home on Grand River avenue this week to make way for Earl Vivier's proposed service station has called forth the following contribution from a man who has lived in Farmington many years.)

How common they are! How often do we see them, sometimes alone in an isolated spot, sometimes one of a group on a city street.

We hardly give them a passing thought. But if old houses had lips, what stories they might tell, that secrets reveal, in and out of those doors men and women fighting life's fierce battles have come and gone.

Joyous and happy carefree children have made the old house children.

## Fight Rowdism At Free Pictures

Checketts Tells Exchange Club That Respectable People Are Forced To Stay Home

Rowdism at the weekly free movies sponsored by Farmington business men has created a serious problem, it was asserted by George K. Checketts at the Exchange club Wednesday.

A number of young rowdies make themselves unbearable, he told the club, "And respectable people stay at home rather than tolerate them. The free show attracts undesirable riff-raff who create a lot of disturbance, jostling women and children and in general disrupting the entertainment."

It was reported also that the Order of the Eastern Star had been handicapped in carrying on its meeting because of the noise. The O. E. S. meetings are held Tuesday evenings in the Town Hall at the same time the free movies are going on outside on the lawn.

One city official told the Exchange group that the motion picture operator, had told him that Farmington is the worst town for rowdism of the six in which he shows his films.

It was suggested that the police department is the proper agency for dealing with the situation, and Police Commissioner Emory Hutton promised that the police would do what they could to hold the offenders in check. Police efforts at past performances have been without much result.

## REV. E. W. PALMER TELLS WHY CHRIST HAD 4 BIOGRAPHIES

Points Out In-Exchange Club Talk That All Great Men Have Several Aspects

Why there are four different books in the New Testament about the life of Jesus, four biographical accounts, rather than only one, was interpreted for members of Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon by Rev. Elmer W. Palmer.

Mr. Palmer pointed out that there are always a number of biographers of noted men, and emphasizing whose genealogy showed his character and career. He referred to four important phases of the life of Theodore Roosevelt, stating that as Mr. Roosevelt might have been in four different types of garb with accompanying surroundings, so might his life and that of every famous man be so divided, without one portion interfering with the other.

Thus in the gospel books of the New Testament, Mr. Palmer said, Jesus is pictured by Matthew, Mark, John and Luke; first as a man, then as a king, and fourth as the Son of God, with divine attributes. The four biographies, Mr. Palmer concluded, are not in conflict, but each supplements the others, and the four help to make the picture complete.

A pedro party will be held Friday, May 19, at the Legion Home by Farmington Auxiliary.

feal with their merry laughter. "There groups of happy children played, There youths and maidens dreaming strayed."

The old house on east Grand River Avenue known latterly as the Godfrey home has been sold and will be torn down, soon to become a thing of the past. For years it was occupied by Frank D. Clark and his family who came in possession of it about 1866. He was a builder by trade. The building profession was a busy one those days and many a substantial farm home and barn were erected about that time in this vicinity.

Mr. Clark had always had several men employed during the building season. He was township clerk for a number of years and secretary of the Masonic lodge for a long period.

There were three children in the family, Carrie the youngest, a helpless invalid, Frank and Minnie with many friends. The latter was easily the most popular girl in town. Her beauty was undeniable, her personality charming, her social activities many and varied. It was a home that young people loved to enter and where they often gathered. And now the old house has shared the fate of all created things.

In 1884 Minnie Clark married Jack McVain, editor of a daily paper in Buffalo, N. Y. He was an able fellow, kind, sociable and an honor to his profession. After a few brief months of married life she passed on. Her death seemed most untimely. Mr. Clark died in Detroit many years ago. Frank the son went to California and from there to Honolulu where he now resides and practices dentistry, which has been his profession for many years.

His mother spent her declining years with him. She died in 1916. According to local tradition her body was cremated and the ashes brought here by her son and deposited on the family lot in Oakwood Cemetery.

Gone is the old house and the happy home of the long ago. But as long as memory shall last, wonderful recollections it will bring to the mind of the writer, who soon must pass on and become only a memory.

## MAY 27 IS SET AS 'ANNUAL POPPY DAY' FOR FARMINGTON

Citizens To Wear Legion Flowers In Memory Of Local World War Dead

Saturday, May 27 is designated as "Poppy Day" in Farmington in a proclamation issued by Mayor Warner. The proclamation called upon all citizens of the city to observe the day by wearing the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary poppy in memory of the World War dead. The proclamation states:

"Whereas, in the great crisis of the World War the young men of Farmington offered their services to our country with an exalted spirit of patriotism, numbers of them sacrificing their lives in that service;

"And, Whereas, the same exalted spirit of patriotism is needed today for the service of our country in its peace-time difficulties; Therefore, I, Howard Warner, Mayor of the City of Farmington, urge all citizens to recall the memory of these gallant dead and renew the memory of their high patriotic service by the wearing of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary memorial poppy on Saturday, May 27.

"To that purpose, I do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 27, Poppy Day in the City of Farmington.

Howard Warner, Mayor

## Nellie The Cow Again Breaks Into The News

Nellie the Cow—she of the sad and pensive head—waggle—is well known to the residents of Farmington.

Farmington Drug Co. whose display window she graces, has offered a free quart of ice-cream to the first child who can guess most accurately the number of times Nellie's tail wags in five hours. Local dairy authorities believe that Nellie will soon be the most-gazed at cow in seventeen counties.

## Military Funeral Solemnizes Death Of Dr. H. E. Boice

Services For Well-Known Doctor Held Here And In Byron Thursday

Dr. H. E. Boice, 56, for 13 years a resident and practicing physician of Farmington, was interred at 3 p. m. Thursday at Byron, Mich., his boyhood home, after succumbing to a sudden heart attack Tuesday morning.

His death came as a great shock to friends, since he had not been seriously ill for a long time before it occurred, and there was no indication that his health was poor. He was seized by the attack at his home at 7:30 Tuesday morning.

He was active in Democratic politics of the township, having won the nomination of his party for supervisor against a field of three others at the recent spring primaries. He was defeated by his Republican opponent by a narrow margin. He was the first Democratic township supervisor in the township in 20 years.

Dr. Boice was widely known in Farmington and the surrounding district because of his practice, and his membership in the University of Michigan, and another at Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, and practiced medicine here and elsewhere for more than 35 years.

His surviving relatives are his wife, Evelyn A. Boice, his son, Harmon Boice, of Farmington and Dr. D. A. Wickett, E. W. Wickett, both of Ann Arbor, and Mrs. E. B. Shaffer of Mason, Michigan.

Funeral services were held both at his home in Farmington and at Byron. Rev. F. C. Johnson read the services here, and Rev. U. G. Ostrander of Linden assisted in the services at Byron cemetery. Military rites were performed at the service by a firing squad from second infantry of Ft. Wayne. Dr. Boice had served in France for two years and held a major's commission.

Pall bearers were Carl Goers, James Van Volkenburg, Fred Schaeper, Marl Pettibone, Alfred Smith, and Harley Schroeder. Members of Grove-Walker Post No. 346, American Legion of Farmington, expressed especial regret at the loss of one of the Post members in the death of Dr. Boice. Dr. Boice was a member of the Post and his comrades say he will be greatly missed. He was child welfare officer of the Post at the time of his death.

## NEW YORK STARS ARRIVE FOR ANN ARBOR FESTIVAL

Rehearsals Begin For Henderson Season To Broadcast Program Sunday

Complete rehearsals for the distinguished Ann Arbor Dramatic Festival, to be presented from Monday, May 22, through Wednesday, June 21, in the Lydia Mendelsohn theatre at Ann Arbor, are scheduled to begin this week under the direction of Robert Henderson.

Tom Powers, Rose Hobart, Violet Heming, Edith Barrett, and a score of other New York artists have arrived in Ann Arbor for the festival, and the rehearsals are officially opened with four performances on May 18, 19, and 20 at the Palace theatre in Toledo under the management of The Town Hall Society.

At Ann Arbor, the Dramatic Festival will open on Monday evening, May 22, with Tom Powers and Edith Barrett in "Another Language." The supporting cast (Continued on page eight)

## Will Hold Reception In Honor Of New Pastor

Salem Evangelical Church of Farmington is pleased to announce that Rev. Wm. Breitenbach has been installed as regular pastor and that a reception will be held on Monday evening, May 15th at eight o'clock in order to have the new pastor and his wife meet with as many of the residents of this vicinity as possible.

This meeting will be an informal get-acquainted gathering. Some special music will be rendered and light refreshments will be served. All are invited to attend.

## Given Praise For Work On Korner Kitchen Case



SPENCER HOWARTH

## Beer In Township But Not In City

Three Licenses Are Granted In Meeting; City Takes No Action

After an extended absence, legal beer returned to Farmington at 6 o'clock Thursday evening with three places selling it under licenses obtained through the Township Board at its special meeting Tuesday morning. No beer was sold in the city, the commission not having met to consider the two applications received.

The three township permits issued to the Silver Noon at Farmington Junction, Edna Pound at Grand River just east of Middle Belt, and Clarence White on Twelve Mile Road east of Orchard Lake, were obtained far ahead of those for many Detroit establishments through the efforts of Willard Campbell, township clerk, who took the approved applications to Lansing himself, and thereby avoided a long delay.

Four other applications have been received by the Township Board since the meeting, and immediate action on them is promised. They are from Oakland Hills club, Franklin Hills Golf Club, Joseph Moukkan, and Homer Norris.

Only two applications have been filed so far with the City Commission from Ernest Schweim and Eugene Grace. The commission will meet early next week to pass on them and any others that may come in. Grace plans to fit out Lee's Hardware store for dealing in beer, and it is believed that Schweim will occupy the former pool room on Grand River, running a restaurant service there also.

Several other residents have signified their intention of applying for licenses but have as yet taken no action.

## Mrs. Bicking Cultivates Old Family Property

Mrs. Clarence Bicking of Farmington obtained a commercial grower's license last week and intends to have the six acres which she and Mr. Bicking own on Power Avenue and Shilavase completely under cultivation this year. They will specialize in perennial plants and will also have a nursery of trees and shrubs.

Mr. and Mrs. Bicking have owned the property for the last thirty years, and Mrs. Bicking is the third generation of her family to live on it. She inherited it from her father, Chas. Ely. The original 200 acres were purchased in 1859 by William Ely.

As long ago as 1898 the words "Spring Brook Farm" were to be seen in faded letters on the old well-house at the west side of the road, and Mr. and Mrs. Bicking will keep up the family tradition by calling their nursery "Spring Brook Gardens."

## Currency Control To Be Discussion Group Topic

The Economic Discussion Group will meet Friday evening of this week at the residence of E. R. N. Crozman. The main subject to be discussed will be "Inflation of the Dollar." Anyone interested in the subject is invited to be present.

Mrs. Clarence Denis and Mrs. Allen Nelson spent Tuesday in Detroit.

## Arrest Two For Year Old Holdup Near Farmington

Man Pleads Guilty To Robbery At Korner Kitchen Last July; Implicates Another

Clever work by Oakland County sheriff's officers has, it is indicated, brought near to a solution the mystery which for almost a year has surrounded the robbery of R. C. Brooks' Korner Kitchen at Twelve Mile and Orchard Lake Roads.

Raymond D. Amburn, 25, of 2129 Popular street, Keego Harbor, was picked up by Under-Sheriff Spencer Howarth and Deputy Albert Ekstrum who were following an anonymous tip, and at his arraignment May 3, confessed to a charge of robbery armed. He implicated Caswell McNally, 30, of 606 Shepherd St., Lansing, who denied any connection with the crime when apprehended by officers.

The robbery was committed late in the evening of July 19, 1932. Two men, masked, entered the Brooks' taurant, leaving a maroon-colored Oakland sedan outside. One of them covered Mr. and Mrs. Brooks with a revolver while the other lifted the cash register. The loot included \$15 in cash and a forty road commission check for \$70 which the robbers cashed the same night at Bachelor Brothers bath house at Walled Lake.

Following Amburn's confession sentence was deferred to May 27 and he was released without bail. He is married, has one child and records show that the robbery was his first and only offense. McNally, a single man, was out on bond on another charge when taken into custody for the Brooks robbery, police say. He is being held for \$5,000 bail.

Sheriff Roy Reynolds expressed high praise of Howarth and Ekstrum for their success in apparently clearing up the case.

## BADGERS DEFEAT CUBS IN BUSINESS MEN'S GAME 11-6

Opening Game Postponed Because Of Rain; Complete Code Of Rules Announced

Heavy hitting gave the Badgers an upset victory over the Cubs in Farmington Business Men's baseball league Wednesday afternoon. The score was 11 to 6. Maas and Williams were the winning batters. The game was the season's opener, the contest scheduled for Monday having been postponed because of rain.

The recently adopted rules for the league read as follows:

1. The League shall be composed of four teams of 13 players each.
2. Teams shall be known by the following names: Wildcats, Wolverines, Cubs, and Badgers.
3. Each team shall be captained respectively as follows: 1. Wildcats, Carl Goers; Wolverines, George Gildemeister; 3. Cubs, Howard Osmus; 4. Badgers, Norman Le.

4. The Captains shall meet and elect the following officers within their own body. President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director (with no extra power or authority) and shall elect one other person outside their body to be designated as a Director, the five to constitute the official governing Board of the League.

5. The officers shall then select the personnel of each team from players residing in Farmington City, dividing the strength as their best judgment dictates and notify each player.

6. The officers shall arrange schedule of games for the month (Continued on page four)

## Mid-Month Bargains

An unusual opportunity to save is offered to residents of Farmington and vicinity in the repetition this week of the Mid-Month Bargain Days.

## FRIDAY & SATURDAY Special Offers by 16 Farmington Firms

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