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Church Society to Present Play

The Ladies Aid Society of the Salem Evangelical Church of Farmington will present a two-hour musical comedy production entitled "Listen to Me," in Farmington Town Hall, Thursday, November 7 and Friday, November 8. With its comedy, songs and dancing, the production is expected to prove one of the most entertaining ever offered in this community.

"Listen to Me," since its first appearance over eighteen months ago, has won for itself the reputation of being one of the best plays on the amateur stage today. One critic says of it: "The best amateur play that has come to my attention during the past ten years." Another calls it a "highly professional show suited to amateur capabilities. The play deals with the highly humorous attempts of two young people, Dick Marshall and Alice Richards, to successfully manage a large hotel which has been left to them jointly. Under the terms of the erratic will, made by a man who had never seen either of them, but knew their fathers well, they are to conduct the experiment for a week. If successful, the hotel is theirs; if not, it must be sold to the executor of the estate. When Dick and Alice arrive, each determined to run things his or her own way, the complications begin to arise. Mr. Banks, the manager and principal comedian, undertakes the difficult task of keeping peace between the owners, and his influence is offset by Mr. Weldon, the executor, who would benefit materially if the experiment failed. Banks, who has been managing the hotel by the simple method of paying nobody and expecting no one to pay him, does not have a serious moment on the stage; with Mr. Twist, an absent-minded, befuddled guest, he carries most of the comedy, and when this pair are together, as in the outstanding "telephone scene," the subtle comedy reaches its height.

The cast of principals number ten, including Bill and Billie, the bellhop and the maid. Mrs. Sylvester, Miss Stuart, and Mr. Corey, the lawyer. The comedy is enhanced by chorusing taking place among which is the beautiful "Firefly Dance" which closes the first act. The cast will be selected locally and the production will be rehearsed and staged under the direction of Leonard McDermott. The dance will be given following Friday night's performance.

Fall Motif Carried Out in Window Dressing

Displaying an art in window dressing bordering on professional skill, Farmington merchants have decorated displays which have attracted considerable attention for their novelty, decorativeness and originality.

Perhaps the one which aroused the most comment for its novelty was the "lifelike" skull of a skeleton in the window of the Farmington Drug Company. With only the skull visible, the rest of the "figure" was cloaked in black surmounted by a witch's hood to denote the eeriness of Halloween. The remainder of the window consisted of novelties spread on fall foliage.

Although the skull had the semblance of genuineness, it was made of plaster of paris.

The Dickerson Hardware is featuring as its window display this week a campfire scene with a kettle suspended from a tripod of twigs against a background of corn stalks, corn cobs and autumn foliage.

In one window of Hutton's Farmington Hardware a variety of saws is featured, while in the other window bedroom furnishings are set up.

Most of the other Farmington merchants have used the fall season and the approaching cold weather as the basis for their window decorations.

TALKS ON INSURANCE

H. J. Ackerman of Grand Rapids spoke to Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon, on "How to Buy Automobile Insurance."

Rev. Elmer Palmer, former secretary and honorary life member, was guest, as was G. H. Lela, Detroit attorney who has recently moved into the former Shell Gates farm residence.

Farmington Is 'End of Trail' for Runaway Girl



Terminating her horseback ride a mile north of Farmington early Tuesday morning before she could continue for parts unknown, Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt, halted Fredericka Hoffmann, 14, whose room had led her from her home in Detroit to Birmingham and thence to Farmington. But after being taken to the police booth, she revealed she would head for a "open space" again whenever the opportunity presents itself.

A trifle stiff as a result of having fallen from her horse several times since Sunday morning, the girl was unconcerned about the worry caused her mother, as well as police.

Boasting this was the third time she had run away, Fredericka explained that she had a male companion, whose name she refused

to divulge, had planned their flight a week in advance. With no particular destination in mind the girl said she had been riding.

The horse was without saddle. Fredericka managed to outlast her companion who abandoned the adventure when he was thrown from his horse shortly after leaving the stable.

At Birmingham Fredericka stayed at the home of Mrs. G. W. Yoeman over night. After leaving the Yoeman home Monday morning, Fredericka obtained a saddle and continued her journey. Tired and hungry after riding all day, the girl applied at the Liggett home, on Farmington road near Twelve Mile, for food and lodging. Meantime police were attempting to locate the missing girl and the horse by tracing hoof prints

along the gravel roads. They abandoned the search late that night.

Tuesday morning Fredericka started out again. This time Deputy Sheriff DeVriendt found her riding on North Farmington road near Ten Mile.

Fredericka refused to give any reason for her leaving home except that she preferred the open spaces to city life.

"She had a hunting knife and an air pistol for which she gave no explanation. Although she had no money, she claimed she and the horse would have been able to go indefinitely if her plans—unknown to herself—had not been thwarted," Mrs. Hoffmann, a widow, could give no excuse for her daughter's leaving home. She said that Fredericka dislikes school but gets good marks.

J. M. Sorority Pledges Two Farmington Girls

With the close of the "rushing" season at the University of Michigan, Alpha Gamma Sigma sorority announces the pledging of Miss Barbara Middlewood of the class of '39 and of her sister, Miss Esther, a graduate student, daughters of Mrs. Ethel Middlewood of Farmington.

The rushing season lasts two weeks, beginning shortly after the opening of school. During this time, the various sororities entertain prospective pledges at luncheons and teas, climaxing the season with formal dinners to which they invite only the girls to whom they wish to extend bids. From 10 to 25 girls are pledged by each sorority. The pledges will be initiated later in the semester.

Grid Team Faces 3 Hard Games

In its next three games Farmington expects to meet the toughest competition of the season in that order of the showing which has been made by Northville, Walled Lake and Redford against the teams which they have played. The first game on the last part of the Farmington schedule will be with Northville at Northville, Friday, November 1.

Farmington defeated Northville Friday by a score of 14 to 0. Although Farmington made 14 first downs against its opponents' 3, the stubborn fighting defense exhibited by the latter team prevented the Farmington team from scoring more often than it did.

It was not until the middle of the second period of the game that Farmington was able to make its first touchdown when Tony Himmelsbach passed the ball to Bill Davidson, who received it in the end zone. Himmelsbach drop-kicked for extra point, making the score 7 to 0.

Hamilton Score After a series of straight line plays, Harvey Hamilton carried the ball from mid-field through left tackle for the second and last touchdown of the game. Again Himmelsbach succeeded in kicking for extra point.

In addition to his kicking proficiency, Himmelsbach showed up very well throughout the afternoon in the long gains he made by carrying the ball. Hamilton and Davidson likewise increased Farmington's yardage, by picking their way through the Milford line just as they have done, against the latter in the game they have run up against so far this season.

Commenting on the game, Coach Kammerer stated that for the first time during the two years he has been coaching the Farmington team an opposing team was able to block a Farmington punt.

The Farmington lineup consisted of the following players:

DeYoung, S.-r. e.
Rose, S.-r. t.
Linklater, H.-r. e.
Hunt, M.-c.
Smith, C.-l. e.
Robinson, L.-l. t.
Clark, R.-l. e.
Lambert, H.-r. e.
Davidson, Wm.-h. b.
Gary, R.-h. b.
Himmelsbach, T.-f. b.
Substitutions:
Turner, H.-l. b.
Bafield, R.-r. e.
Turner, H.-l. b.
Mitchell, Wm.-l. e.
Harrington, H.-r. e.
Pare, G.-l. e.

Farmington Purchases New Snow Plow Truck

With the recent purchase of a new City truck equipped with a snow plow attachment, residents on the less-traveled streets in Farmington will enjoy the same ease of travel that prevails on the main thoroughfares.

Although in the past the County has provided for the removal of snow from the main thoroughfares in the City, the side and back streets were not cleaned with snow removing equipment.

The new City truck can be converted into a snow-plow within a very short time without interfering with the other purposes for which it was purchased.

The old truck which had been in service since 1928 was used as a part payment on the new vehicle. This is the second truck which has been purchased by the City this year, the former being a "pickup" which is used for light work. It is expected the lighter machine will effect an economy in operating costs.

HELEN L. HARD,
Sec'y Pro Tem.

First WPA Work Begins On Monday

Water Waste Reduced By New Cooling System

A milk-cooling system designed to reduce the waste of water is being installed at the Farmington Dairy. It will be in operation by the end of the week according to the announcement of Joseph Himmelsbach.

Mounted on the building, the huge tank will provide the means whereby 3500 gallons of water will be cooled each hour. The water will then circulate in the refrigeration system which in turn will cool the milk. In the past the water has been drained after being used once. The new system permits the continual use of the water.

Schools Take Part in Fair

The F. P. A. (Future Farmers of America) of Oakland County are sponsoring their first county wide fair this fall.

The schools having agricultural departments and Home Economics departments in the county qualify for this and may take part in the various activities. They are Holly, Lake Orion, Milford, New Hudson, Oxford and Walled Lake.

The purpose of this fair is to further the cause of agriculture, to bring about a better understanding between the consumer and the producer, and to educate toward the production and marketing of higher quality farm products.

There have been in the past several community fairs, but this represents a new trend in cooperative undertakings to bring together several groups having like interests.

Each school will have an educational exhibit on some recommended practice in the field of agriculture and the Home Economics departments will have exhibits in their fields.

Many of the premiums for the fair have been donated through the courtesy of concerns of local, state and national repute.

The officers of the fair are: president, Harold Glicker; manager, Robert Button secretary, Delbert Thornsbury; treasurer, Edwin Welch; advisor, W. C. Proctor of the Walled Lake Consolidated School with other schools and officers assisting.

NINE AWARDED MEDALS IN SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Nine of the twelve drivers employed by Farmington Dairy, Inc., are well on their way toward winning gold medals for safe driving after having been presented with silver medals Monday evening. The awards were given for having completed six months of driving without an accident. The other three drivers have not been employed long enough to merit the honor.

The awards were made at a dinner in the Legion Home with Earl Vivier, representing the Goodrich Company, presenting medals to the following: William Page, Russell Harold Scott, Ross Barton, Adam Kleiner, James Smith, Diederich MacFarland, Tony Himmelsbach and Joseph Himmelsbach.

The safe driving campaign was originated by the B. F. Goodrich Company in January when it was launched on a national scale.

The campaign for truck and bus operators is open to every driver in America," said Mr. Vivier, Goodrich representative in Farmington.

TOWNSEND GROUP TO MEET IN FARMINGTON

Plans are being made for the organization of a Townsend Club in the 17th Congressional District. A meeting for this purpose will be held in Farmington Town Hall November 22 at 8 p. m.

People who are interested in the plan which deals with old age revolving pensions are urged to attend the meeting and hear Charles Lockwood, attorney who will speak on the subject.

Miss Olive Grimwade and Miss Shirley Zwaalen attended the morning service held at All Saints Church, Windsor, Sunday.

Farmington's first participation in the Federal Administration's gigantic work program will get under way Monday morning when 26 men will start in the city on improvements involving \$4,820.25.

Also approved by Washington, and scheduled to be undertaken during the winter, is a Township project which was the largest submitted in this area; that of a \$13,000 drainage system covering a large area in the vicinity of North Farmington, Twelve and Thirteen Mile roads. This project, originally planned to cost about \$17,000, will employ a large number of men, although its extent and cost has

been reduced by the WPA. Officials say \$4,000, it is still the largest single job in the township or city.

Work which will start Monday covers three pieces of sewer construction: 1,050 feet of intercepter, that will complete the project, originally planned to cost about \$17,000, will employ a large number of men, although its extent and cost has

considerable time ago by city and public works officials; 310 feet of 12-inch sewer on Oakland Road, and 820 feet of 12-inch sewer on Power avenue. Twenty-two men will be employed as laborers on the job, and four in other capacities.

Of the cost amounting to nearly \$5,000, the City of Farmington is asked to pay only a little more than 20 per cent, \$1,010.25. As in other communities, the Federal officials indicated that a part of the cost should be borne by local governing units, and the percentage to be paid by the local government was made small enough to make the benefits received worth many times the cost to the local unit.

It is understood that a number of other Farmington City projects are in line for early approval and commencement of work. Notification of final authorization of the three jobs was received Thursday morning by Commissioner Emory Hutton from Mr. Buchanan, WPA area superintendent. City officials were well pleased.

"When the township project, designed to drain a large area of low wet land, may get under way, is not known, but is expected to be completed during the spring. Of this project, nearly all the cost will be borne by the federal government, because very little material proportionately, is involved.

Winery Purchases Huge Grape Stock

Taking advantage of its manufacturing facilities and of the recent addition of a warehouse which increases its storage space the LaSalle Winery is purchasing as large a stock of grapes as it can handle.

Grape growers in the southwest part of the state have been particularly anxious to fill as many orders as they can before heavier frosts damage their crops. Already, in a few sections of Berrien county, the chief grape producing district in the state, there have been many losses owing to early frosts. In some instances, farmers have stated they will be forced to go on rubber rolls unless they can find a market for their produce.

With most of the winery orders filled, the truck traffic occasioned by the grape cargoes brought from Benton Harbor, Lawton, Mattawan, and Farmington has declined. It reached its peak last week when there were 14 trucks at the winery.

Berrien county produces more fruit than any other county in the state of Michigan, if not in the entire United States. In addition to grapes, apples and peaches are grown. It is said, the quality of grapes produced there is superior to that which is produced anywhere in the country, including California which has been considered the best grape producing region.

FARMERS' UNION TO HOLD DANCE

A dance and card party will be held at the Wilson Community hall, Friday evening, November 1, under the auspices of South Oakland Local No. 72 of the Farmers' Union. Refreshments.