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## Women Plan To Improve The Library

Residents of the Farmington area will see a big improvement in the library located in the north section of the Town Hall, if plans now being formulated by the newly appointed Library Committee are carried to completion.

Mayor Warner selected Mrs. William Irish, 32911 Grand River road, to head this new group, and named Mrs. Fred L. Cook, 23925 Wilmarth avenue, and Miss Helen Hard, 22915 Wilmarth avenue, to assist the chairman. Mrs. Irish was authorized by Township Supervisor Arthur Coe to select her own township committee. Those appointed were, Mrs. Fred Menke of Clarendonville, Mrs. W. H. McCullough, of the central section, and Mrs. Harley Gibson of the western area.

Mrs. Irish, a life-long resident of Farmington, has always been interested in the welfare of the library. For years she has advocated a new library, and was instrumental in having the Women's Club set aside a fund for the erection of such a building. When the depression came Mrs. Irish's dream was frustrated.

**Aid War Veterans.**  
One of the first moves of the new committee was to sort over the books on the shelves and in storage. Some story books, which have never or seldom been called for, were sent to the Farmington Legion Auxiliary, who in turn delivered them to the home for disabled war veterans on Jefferson avenue in Detroit.

The Library Committee plans a general housecleaning. Many books in bad shape, and there will be repaired and some of the books by better authors will be replaced. The furniture, floor and ceiling will all receive much needed repairs. New curtains will also be purchased.

At present the magazines are strewn on the library tables because of the lack of racks. It is the intention of the committee to place shelves for the magazines on the book shelves.

Mrs. Irish believes that the library has great possibilities. She reports that there are many books which local people would be interested in if they knew that they were in the library. This includes many new books on law and taxes.

The committee hopes to have the library open two or three days a week. It is now open on Saturday only, but later may also be open on Monday and Wednesday. Miss Kennedy, librarian, reports that more people from the township than from inside the city use the library.

## 11 FARMINGTON SCHOOLS GET PRIMARY MONEY

The eleven schools in the Farmington area together have received \$5,652 as their share of the supplemental primary money distributed among the school districts in each city and township of Oakland County.

The primary apportionment which was distributed from the office of the superintendent of public instruction at Pontiac this year went directly to the individual schools. Formerly the money was sent to each township, from where the money was sent to the individual schools in the township.

Primary money is distributed once a year, and is a government fund set aside specifically for the schools. It may be used only to pay teachers' salaries. The money was originally obtained from the sale of public lands. The board of each school files the statistical and financial reports of their school before this primary money can be received.

Oakland County's share of the supplemental primary money is \$191,462.40. The primary money for 1935, per pupil, was \$11.13. This is an increase of 72 cents per pupil over 1934.

## Farmington People Participate in Recital

A number of Farmington young people participated in a recital Monday evening in Stevens Hall, Detroit. They were Billy Conway, Amanda Kellogg, Arlene Kellogg, Eileen Flinn, Mary Himmelspach, Margaret Mary Flinn, and Eleanor Schoenberger.

## Native of Farmington



SEN. A. L. MOORE

## Death Shocks Farmington

Citizens of Farmington and vicinity still feel the shock of the sudden death of a native of this city of Oakland County who became an outstanding State figure, Senator A. L. Moore, for whom funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon. A number of old schoolmates of the "litterary club" days of Farmington attended the services.

At his last appearance in Farmington, Senator Moore had said that he always was glad to come to Farmington, "because it was coming home." His early years were spent in this section.

Senator Moore died suddenly Monday morning in Circuit Court at Pontiac, while appearing on a case. Death was caused by a blood clot entering an artery and reaching the heart.

Senator Moore was born in Bloomfield Township October 23, 1870. His first home was a log house. He spent his early life in this vicinity, attending public school in Bloomfield, and making many friends.

He was admitted to the bar in 1895 following his graduation from the law school at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana. He has been highly successful in the practice of law.

In 1931 Senator Moore, who was known as an authority on taxes, received national recognition when he was named as one of the property owners division of the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

Senator Moore was elected to the State Senate in 1932. He was re-elected in 1934. Much of the current tax legislation, including the recent moratorium on penalties for taxes prior to 1935 and the 10 year payment plan for delinquent taxes are part of the tax program he advocated.

He served in the State Legislature, as a member of the committee of the Pontiac Board of Education. Last year Senator Moore traveled to England to study English taxation methods. From this observation and study he formed his tax policy for the State Senate.

He was recognized as the foremost authority on taxation in the state. Besides his political work he participated in many civic and church activities. He was a member of the Old Fellows and Knights of Pythias, a member of Central Methodist Church of Pontiac, Rotary Club and Pine Lake Country Club. Formerly he was director and critic of the Gridiron Club, an oratorical organization.

## Farmington Woman Hurt in Auto Accident

Mrs. Mabel Graves, 26-year-old Farmington woman, suffered a possible fractured skull and head injuries in an auto accident in Pontiac Thanksgiving Day.

Ray Graves, her husband, was driving their car north on Perry street when Patrick W. Dinan, Pontiac, attempted to make a left hand turn off Perry and in front of the Graves car. Mrs. Graves was taken to the Pontiac General Hospital.

Three others received injuries. Roy Graves injured his hand. His son, Lloyd, sustained a head injury. Mrs. Patrick Dinan, an occupant of the other car, received bruises on her leg and side.

## Vote To Kill Beer License; Refuse Shift

Formal revocation of the beer-garden license of Frank Schweim and John Spiller, at 32333 Grand River avenue, and closing of the place as a tavern, is expected daily by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, as a result of action taken by the City Commission Monday evening.

The City Commission, on a vote taken to disclose sentiment, indicated that it would refuse to approve transfer of the license to Mrs. Hattie Pappas, who planned to ask the Liquor Control Commission for the transfer. The city governing body then promptly voted to recommend to the Lansing officials that the license be revoked.

That the Liquor Control Commission will revoke the license is a virtual certainty, since it does not go against local sentiment in such an instance. The same applies to the application for transfer, and the view of the Farmington Commission expressed, it has been indicated that the applicant for transfer will not press the matter further.

Under the present rules of the Lansing authorities, it would be necessary for the applicant to put the place in shape before the application would be considered. Then, it was approved by the authorities at the capitol, the local governing body would be asked to pass upon it. Paul A. Pare, attorney, appearing for Mrs. Pappas, said that his client had purchased the license and equipment from Schweim, in recent months, the sole owner, and had made a lease of the building. Mr. Pare said that his client would not care to go to expense of improvements unless the City Commission was likely to approve the petition.

Commissioner Hamlin remarked that "there is considerable sentiment to the effect that one drinking place in town is enough." Mr. Pare pointed out that the Mr. and Mrs. Pappas have nothing against their record in their present place, and argued that the people, not the place, are responsible for what happens.

Another prospective applicant, Homer Norris, appeared. He formerly was at Mammy's Bungalow, west of town. He indicated that he is interested in the place, but had not made formal application.

**EXCHANGE CLUB MEMBERS HEAR ARCHIE LEONARD**  
That crime is "the most highly organized business in America," and that "unless you and I do something about it, decency will find itself fighting with its back to the wall in a losing battle," was the arresting message brought to the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon by Archie Leonard, assistant prosecuting attorney and former superintendent of schools in Farmington.

Mr. Leonard, drawing on his experience in office, said that while he was not sure of the question of temperance, his observation showed that a large part of all crime is related to liquor; that while the promise that "the old saloon will never come back" has been kept, the saloon has been replaced by something worse; that "unless the beverage interests clean their own house, prohibition will come back to stay."

Mr. Leonard said that if the present crime could be shifted, the national debt could be paid off in two years, because the bill for crime in America is 14 billion dollars a year.

The speaker was the guest of Floyd Nichols, and was accompanied to Farmington by Prosecutor David C. Pence.

Next week Farmington will visit the Northville Club.

**Farmington Boy Scouts Await Christmas Party**

The Boy Scouts of Troop 46 of Farmington are anticipating a joyous Christmas party to be held in conjunction with the Nitz Service Station at Grand River avenue and Grand street, present location, last Thursday.

The robbers broke in a side door early in the morning and took merchandise, consisting mostly of cigarettes, tobacco and candy, and also a valuable watch. This second time within a year that the Nitz Service Station has been broken into. The youths were in custody of the police at four o'clock that afternoon.

The three youths were John Sewell, 19; Harrison Graves, 15; and Ernest Traven, 16; all residents of Livonia Township. Sewell pleaded guilty, and will be bound over to Circuit Court. His case will be heard during the December session. Graves and Traven were turned over to the Pontiac Juvenile Court, and their case will be heard some time this week.

Thanksgiving guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bond were Mrs. Charlotte E. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Wilson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bond and Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Morris.

## Woman's Club Speaker



DAVID PENCE

## High B. B. Season To Open Friday

"Green and light, but scrappy," that is the type of team that will represent Farmington High School on the Brexide court this year, according to Coach Kammerer. They will open their pre-season schedule Friday night at Ann Arbor when the first and second squads of both schools lance.

For two weeks a squad of 25 men has been going through the fundamentals and routine practice. Because of the many vacancies to be filled in the lineup competition has been spirited.

The outcome of Friday night's struggle remains a big question mark. University High also lacks experienced players, as only one veteran returned to the fold this season. However, they have the advantage over Farmington in that which may prove to be a big handicap to the Farmington boys, unless the latter squad can use its speed to offset the disadvantage.

Besides the veterans, Harvey Hamilton and Tony Himmelspach, Coach Kammerer has the following twelve players on his first squad: Bill Davidson, Donnie Lee, Howard Turner, Harkness Scott, Bob Collins and Bill Mitchell for forwards; Leon Robinson, Gerald Grace, and Harry Lindner for center; Bob Davis, Carl Smith and Stan DeYoung for guards.

The second squad is composed of Bob Snyder, Bill Slocum, Fred Warner, Bob Hogle, Ed Mas, Vince Wilson, Halster Miller, Bill Schoep, Frank Brown, Jabez Bacon, Wade Dickerson and Ralph Banfield.

Harvey Hamilton will not be eligible for duty until next week. Coach Kammerer is still uncertain as to his opening lineup, and promises to substitute freely during the contest, but in all probability will give the following men the nod to face the opening whistle:

Lee, if Turner, if Grace, C. Himmelspach, Jr. Davis, if

**3 Livonia Youths Arrested by DeYriend**  
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## Peoples Bank Building Is Proposed as New City Hall

### Dismiss Kindergarten Because of Sickness

Children of the Farmington Kindergarten School were dismissed Wednesday night following the Christmas holidays. The early dismissal was necessitated because of the numerous cases of whooping cough among the young pupils.

This is the first year that Farmington has conducted a kindergarten since the depression era set in. Mrs. Roy Plimton of Farmington is the teacher. There are 24 pupils in the class, who attend the school for two hours a day.

Acquisition of the Peoples State Bank Building as a new Farmington City hall, providing municipal offices, commissioners' meeting-room, vault and a larger library which could be open every day, is under consideration by the City Commission following presentation of a proposal to that end at the Commission meeting Monday evening. By application of the city's balance in the closed bank and through an arrangement on delinquent taxes, it is believed the city may be able to obtain the property, considered ideal for the purpose, without outlay of cash.

## Mark Owen, Former Resident, To Quit Public Life

Mark B. Owen, former Farmington resident, and at present the superintendent of public works in Dearborn, resigned his position recently, and will enter private business. The Dearborn City Council has accepted his resignation, which will go into effect December 15.

Mr. Owen is known over the entire state as one of the foremost experts on drainage. For 12 years he has been in municipal employ. In 1923 he was a consulting engineer. Five years later he became the head of the Fordson department of public works. He retained this position until Fordson became a part of Dearborn in 1929.

One of the most efficient sewage disposal plants in the country was built and put into operation in Dearborn while Owen was superintendent of public works.

National recognition came to Mark Owen as a result of his sewage plant. Engineers from all corners of the country came to consult him in regard to their own problems, and consequently the country's sewage system has been revolutionized. During the Century of Progress Exhibition in Chicago Owen won the Chicago award in solving their sewage problem.

Owen received further national recognition in October 1935 when the officials of the International Association of Public Works elected him president of their organization. The meeting was the 16th Annual Convention, and was held in Cincinnati, Ohio.

## WOMAN'S CLUB HEARS OF YOUTH PROBLEMS

Prosecuting Attorney David Pence, of Pontiac, was the main speaker at the Farmington Women's Club meeting, Wednesday afternoon, which was held at the home of Mrs. John Dalrymple, east Grand River avenue. He discussed the youth problems, and suggested to the ladies that recreation be provided for the youths in place of permitting them to go to beer gardens.

The Women's Club officially went on record as being willing to cooperate in any movement for the betterment of the young people, when a resolution to that effect was passed during the business meeting.

The Farmington women accepted an invitation from the Redford Women's Club to attend their meeting in Redford on Monday, December 9. Transportation will be provided for those who desire it. They are asked to call Mrs. Grace Auten or Mrs. Gertrude Webster.

Mrs. Leonarda Gildemeister will be hostess at a Christmas party to be held at the home of Mrs. Gildemeister on December 18. This will be a Christmas party.

**Dr. Adams To Address Universalist Members**  
Members of the Farmington Universalist church will again gather in their church Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock for their monthly service. Dr. F. D. Adams, formerly of Detroit, and now in charge of a church in Oak Park, Illinois, will deliver the sermon. His theme will be "As Being in Prison with Them."

Dr. Adams has been serving his Oak Park congregation for three years. He was previously to that Dr. Adams had charge of a Detroit congregation, and filled the pulpit in the Farmington church every Sunday afternoon. At the present time he comes to Farmington once a month.



MARK B. OWEN

## Play Center To Be Given Trial

The young people of the Farmington area will have a recreation place for the winter in the undercroft of the Methodist Church House, if a three week trial, which is to be initiated Saturday afternoon, proves to be a success. This decision was reached at a meeting of the church board Tuesday evening.

Activities will officially get underway Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. when the young people of the community will participate in a ping pong tournament. These activities will not be restricted to members of the church, but will be a community affair.

The purpose of the recreation center, as outlined by the board, is to give the young people over the age of 12 a place to meet, and to enjoy their own games, under partial supervision. Besides the ping pong tournament there will be arrangements for other games, such as chess and checkers. The room will be open Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9, and Saturday afternoons from 2 to 5:30.

The physical properties of the Methodist church are well suited for a recreation center. The undercroft, generally referred to as the Community House, is divided into three sections by movable partitions. Two of these sections will be used.

At present the activities are limited to people over 12, but board members hope to make arrangements whereby children under 12 will be allowed to play also.

Arthur Power is in charge of the general plans for the three week trial period and he has appointed Mr. and Mrs. George Chetkett to be the supervisors for this Saturday afternoon's activities. He will also select other supervisors for future afternoons.

Church members are loaning ping pong tables, checker boards, and other equipment with which the club rooms will be outfitted.

## METHODIST LADIES TO HOLD BAZAAR, CHICKEN SUPPER

The Ladies Aid of the Farmington M. E. Church will have a bazaar Friday, December 6, starting at one p. m. There will be candy, canned goods, baked goods, and other items for sale. A chicken supper will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.

While the plan was merely outlined and no formal expression of opinion was taken, the commissioners received the idea with much favor and the sentiment appeared to prevail that it would be a splendid asset to the city if such an arrangement could be carried through.

The plan is similar to that which was operated so successfully to pay off mortgages on the Methodist and Baptist churches in recent years, with good results.

**Would Solve Problems.**  
Acquiring of the property by the city is looked upon as providing the solution to several problems. Some time ago it was found desirable to virtually abandon the fire hall for commissioners' meetings and clerk's headquarters, because the heating plant gave out and the high cost of a new one is not justified, considering the building. The clerk's office is in Farmington State Bank, the treasurer's office depends on convenience, and the commission meets in the basement under the Farmington State Bank.

The library's cramped and its congenial surroundings, together with the fact that it is open but one afternoon and evening a week, largely because a fire must be built especially for it at the Farm Hall, has been a source of criticism by citizens who feel that the present library facilities are not a credit to the community.

Expense of heating for one day a week also proved costly.

With a municipal building such as the bank structure offers, all these activities could be centralized, the library kept open daily, and much inconvenience avoided. It was suggested that the bank building could be located there, and the much needed call-book built in the rear of the bank building.

**Terms Advantageous.**  
It is believed that the city may never again have an opportunity to acquire a suitable municipal building under such favorable circumstances. The city has for some time owned a lot just south of the Enterprise office, and it is pointed out that it would not be possible to build a comparable structure at near the price at which the bank building could be obtained, and with the opportunity to accomplish this through other means than purchase.

The City had on deposit when the bank closed accounts totalling a little over \$14,000. In the course of liquidation, it is expected that about 50 per cent will be paid to depositors of the bank. (25 per cent having been paid). This would mean that the remaining part of the city's claim would be valued at around \$3500, which could be applied on the purchase of the building. There is due the city in taxes from the receivership, on the bank property and other parcels held, over \$1200.

The remainder of the purchase price, could be paid, he made up through delinquent taxes. It is thought that depositors who owe delinquent taxes would welcome an opportunity to get their taxes paid by turning their deposits over to the city. The bank would be worked out when other details are arranged.

**Delinquent Taxes.**  
There remains as a fertile field the huge bulk of uncollected taxes. Under the plan, the city would accept balances in the bank as tax payments, to be applied on purchase of the property. It is believed that there are two sectors of people in the community—bank depositors who are eager to get what they have in cash out of the banks as quickly as possible, and owners of tax-delinquent property who would pay up if they could make a saving. The thought is that the depositors would undoubtedly be willing to dispose of their (Continued on back page)