

Post Office Rating Is Undecided

Whether or not the Farmington post office will again receive the rating of a second class post office will not be known until postal officials at Washington make a check-up on the stamp sales at the Farmington post office.

Norman Lee, Farmington postmaster, has high hopes that the authorities at the national capital will act favorably on the question. The ultimate decision rests with the office of the first assistant postmaster general.

The amount of stamp sales for a year decides what class a postoffice automatically should belong to. The minimum amount of sales for a second class post office is \$8,000.

In a third class post office the local employees work for the postmaster, and there is no maximum number of working hours set. In a second class post office, on the other hand, the postmaster and the employees work for the government. The maximum number of hours for all is 40 a week.

Also, all employees have to pass civil service examinations.

When the Farmington post office established a new mailing record on December 23 it added materially in the sale of stamps.

Washington officials are favorable to the rating will not go into effect until the beginning of the next fiscal year, which starts July 1.

Norman Lee has been Farmington's postmaster since April 1934. He succeeded Tom McGee, Lee's acting postmaster for a year during 1932 and 1934. There are three people regularly employed by the postmaster at present. The Farmington post office dropped from a second to a third class rating in 1932.

BASKETBALL TEAM AWAITS KEEGO HARBOR

Resting after their hard-earned victory against a scrappy Brighton crew, the Farmington High School basketball team eagerly awaits the invasion of the this clads from Keego Harbor.

Comparative scores would mean anything it would seem as if the charges of Coach Kammerer would be in for a real trimming from Keego Harbor. The latter team crushed Brighton last week in a league play by the tune of 26 to 6, while Farmington barely nosed out Brighton 16 to 15.

In these days of upsets in all types of competitive athletics, however, the game of pre-doping by comparison seems to be as old as grandmother's shawl. In these modern days the underdog too often proves to be a thorn in the side of these teams that apparently are going places in their respective leagues.

Coach Kammerer is not too optimistic about the opportunities his boys have of winning this contest, which is to be played on the Farmington court. His charges are still green, and lack polish. However they are scrappy, and have a smooth, passing combination, they showed in their game with Brighton that the old "basket eye" was gradually coming back, and then, too, they have the advantage that the home crowd always offers the home team.

The Farmington cagers now have four games under their belt. Before they opened the league competition they had warm-up games with the powerful teams of Ann Arbor and Northville. While Farmington lost both of these engagements, University High and Northville have since proven their prowess by defeating some of the strongest teams in the state of the Wolverine state.

Miford opened league play against Farmington and by a last quarter upset defeated the Farmington crew, 23 to 12. Kammerer's quintet, however, made a fine rating by coming back in a spectacular last-half rally in the game with Brighton to chalk up a victory.

Arlene Bruce Buried Tuesday Afternoon

Funeral services were held for Arlene Edith Bruce, twelve-day old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bruce of West Farmington, Tuesday afternoon. She died Monday.

Arline leaves besides her mother and father one sister and one brother. The Bruce family live on the Twelve Mile Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Eaton visited friends in Farmington during the Christmas vacation.

Virgil Oliver, F. H. S. Graduate, Marries

Virgil Oliver, graduate of Farmington High School, and at present living in Novi, married Miss Florence Dowell of Detroit last Thursday afternoon. Judge John J. Schulte, Jr., read the ceremony. They were attended by Miss Cora Godfrey and Levi Lantz of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver will leave for Los Angeles, California, in the next few days. They plan to make their home there.

Virgil Oliver is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Oliver of Novi. Mrs. Oliver is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Solomonson of Detroit.

State Bank Ends Busiest Month

There have been many signs in recent months of the city of Farmington taking definite major strides among cities in this part of the state, and the long sought prosperity goal, and one of the most conclusive bits of evidence is the volume of business performed by the Farmington State Bank during the month of December.

A check-up on financial conditions of the people of this city or territory immediately establishes the fact that the people are either "hard pressed" or "on their feet."

While definite figures from the Farmington State Bank are not available as yet, bank officials are quite optimistic, and of the opinion that the people of Farmington, as a whole, are enjoying stable financial conditions.

The volume of business transacted during the month of December at the Farmington State Bank is greater than during any previous month of the "depression era."

This increase in business meant longer hours for bank employees, who have been literally swamped during the rush month.

While December was a busy month for bank employees, it was not for the only month in which this return to prosperity was indicated. The entire year of 1935 saw a steady increase, and December was merely a fitting climax.

BOY SCOUTS HOLD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas was an enjoyable time for Boy Scouts of troops 45 of Farmington and H. P. 30 of Highland Park. They gathered together for their first annual Christmas party at the Children's Hospital, it was a success.

Mr. Herrmann of Troop 46, chairman for the evening, opened the program by speaking on the "Why of Christmas." The scouts of both troops sang the old favorite, "Silent Night."

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Rites For Ralph Smith Friday

Funeral services for Ralph F. Smith, 18 year old Farmington boy, will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Church Friday morning, at 10 o'clock. Rev. John J. Larkin will read the last rites. Burial will be at Mt. Calvary cemetery. Detroit.

A car driven by Ralph Smith early Wednesday morning crashed into a concrete abutment west of Farmington on Grand River road, less than a mile from Smith's home. He died on the way to the office of a physician.

The victim was found by Deputy Sheriff DeVriendt. The accident occurred at 5:30 a. m. New Year's morning. He was driving alone.

Smith was returning home following a ride to Farmington. He and numerous friends, previously invited to celebrate New Year's Eve party at his home in Villa Vista.

Ralph was very popular among the younger set in and about Farmington. He has also achieved a reputation for his athletic prowess.

He leaves his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, of 3547 Grand River road, a sister, Beatrice and a brother, Henry. His grandfather, C. F. Smith, also of Villa Vista, is the proprietor of a chain of grocery stores.

How To Answer Box-Numbered Ads

The people of Farmington and vicinity who answer the want ads that appear each week in the columns of the Enterprise are requested to kindly note that when Enterprise box-numbers appear in the want ads that any and all inquiries in regard to those particular advertisements can be answered only by those people who hold the Enterprise box-numbers.

There are many instances when people come to the Enterprise office to make inquiries about these advertisements that have no name listed, but have only an Enterprise box-number. While the entire staff of the Enterprise is willing to cooperate in every way possible to help the people of Farmington and vicinity, in many cases, the members of the Enterprise staff do not know the name of the box-holders. Also there are many people who use box-numbers with the intent of hiding their identity be withheld.

People who wish to reply to or to ask any questions concerning these advertisements with Enterprise box-numbers are reminded that it is essential that they identify the ad and address the same in care of the particular box-number mentioned in the want ad.

Also people who hold box-numbers with the Enterprise are asked to get in touch with the Enterprise office at frequent intervals in regard to any replies that might have come into the Enterprise office.

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A Review of 1935 in Farmington Shows Return to Normal Times

The year 1935 which so recently bade the world a fond farewell was a year that was crowded with many events; for the people of Farmington, in many instances there were distinct indications that Farmington was continually approaching the return to normal times at a rapid pace.

From the list of the year's occurrences The Farmington Enterprise has gathered the following events:

Harold Donlin, Detroit Checker driver was slugged, robbed, and left in ditch on Orchard Lake road, a half mile north of Grand River road, January 1.

Farmington State Bank stockholders at their annual meeting, January 8, heard that the bank was operated in 1934 at a profit and that it was 115 per cent liquid.

Police made an extensive raid on gambling devices. Twenty slot machines and "baffle-boards" were seized in the territory along Grand River road between Eight Mile Road and Novi.

M. Byron Pierce, 75, for 55 years a barber in Farmington, and the oldest active business man in Farmington, retired from business January 15.

The Kroger Grocery and Baking Company doubled the size of their Farmington store.

Deputy Sheriff Claude Wilson of Farmington Township was fatally injured in an automobile accident, January 24 at Nine Mile and Berg roads. He died January 27.

Donald Cox, 15, died January 22 of injuries received in a coasting accident.

City Beats Depression The Farmington city commission at their monthly meeting February 4, announced definitely that the city of Farmington had emerged from its financial depression. A cash balance of \$9,533.05 was reported.

Mrs. Minnie Wilber celebrated her ninetieth birthday February 15.

A dog pack killed a horse on the Judson Jones farm on Twelve Mile road March 5 and attacked Fraser Wodenstern on the Frank Knight farm.

Miss Eva Nelson, 75, died March 7.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Grindme of Farmington join the gold rush—85 years after.

Farmington High School cagers, after an unsuccessful season, left their way through the district tournament at Milford. They lost to St. Clair in the first round of the tournament at Lake Orion.

Workers' Camp Disaster Farmington Cook and Co. marked their 30th anniversary of their organization on March 15.

Fred J. Gogers, 33, one of Farmington's oldest and best known residents died of a stroke on March 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sealey observed their golden wedding anniversary March 25.

Pire raced a dance hall and a mess hall March 30 at the Workmen's Camp at Halsted and Twelve Mile roads.

All the candidates for offices except in the cast of constable, in the city election April 1 were assured of their positions as no competition was offered. Marie Pettibone and Clarence Bell were elected constables.

Mrs. Ruth Russell of Maple avenue died April 4 of pneumonia.

Two hundred kypses camped just south of Nine Mile road near the Dune Scouts Club.

Mrs. Ella Graham, 62, of West Farmington died April 23 of pneumonia.

Ellen Power was valedictorian of the class of 1935 of Farmington High School.

Delos Hamlin's New Market opened May 1.

Baseball Champs Farmington High School baseball team won the Southwestern Oak and baseball championship by winning five games and losing none.

Only Three Fires In Past 3 Months

Farmington's fire-fighters have experienced an inactive three months. The fire siren blew on only three occasions during the months of October, November and December. These fires were all minor in character.

Firemen last heard the shriek of the siren on November 21. The fire, reported to be at Alphon and Grand River avenues, was out before the crew arrived.

The last city fire was a small blaze at the home of Tom Edwards at Oakland and Wilmarth streets. The only other fire during the three-month period was at Farmington road and the Cut-off. A truck was considerably damaged.

Spencer J. Heaney was re-elected trustee at the annual school board meeting of School District No. 5.

Mrs. Catherine Haas, 73, died July 6.

Kenneth Loomis and Roy Plumb opened a hardware store July 13 in the old Delos Hamlin headquarters.

School Board of District No. 5 voted to have a kindergarten school.

Mrs. Mary Eva Rowe, 66, died July 11.

Mrs. Rosina Wadenstern, 68, died from heart trouble July 18.

Sneak shooting enthusiasts organized a club in Farmington.

Emory O. Hatton purchased Day L. Dickerson's interest in the Farmington Hardware Company.

William Shocum, Jr., Fred Warner and Wade Dickerson returned from a 29 day trip to Alaska.

Raise Teachers' Pay Opening of Farmington Public Schools was delayed from September 8 to September 23 to avert spread of infantile paralysis.

The Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion felt that their three-day Homecoming celebration was a success.

Farmington Township schools opened September 9, but were closed to September 23, as an added precaution against infantile paralysis.

Teachers in the Farmington schools, who had taught school in Farmington during the previous year, received a 10 per cent increase in salary.

Farmington High School again received a new principal from the North Central Association.

Farmington School enrollment reached 547.

Four thousand five hundred square feet of sidewalk replaced to remove the snow from their main streets. It is the first year that the other streets in the city received attention also.

The new law traveled up and down all the streets, and made passage easier on the former "forgotten" streets.

Concensus of opinion among the people of Farmington is that clean city streets in winter time is a boon to any city. Traffic is not halted, melting snow causes no minor fiasco to town, walking is much easier, and it "looks much better."

When the driver of an automobile wishes to park his car it is not necessary to park it in a snow bank, but he is able to drive up to the curb. When he wants to drive away again he does not have to have his wheels battle loose snow. When the occupants of the car wish to step out of the auto and park, they do not have to first step into a pile of wet snow.

Travelers Comment Not only have the people of Farmington commented on the streets, but so have outsiders. One salesman is reported as telling a merchant that it was a "revelation" to come to Farmington, where the snow was all cleared away.

Fred L. Cook, dry goods merchant, when questioned about the efficiency of the city employees, stated that it reflected Farmington's ability to keep abreast of the times. With conditions changing everywhere a wide-awake city necessarily has to keep pace. If it wants to keep in the fore.

"I well remember in the days of the 'old' said Cook in a reminiscent voice, 'when they used to have sleighs drawn by horses. There wasn't a need to have snow removed in those days. The sleighs and horses packed the snow down. In fact, some times it was necessary to throw snow on the ground where the wind had blown it away, to make sleighing easier. But times have changed, and today it is quite necessary that we have the snow removed.'

Walter Weaver spent the holidays in Fremont, Ohio.

Beer Vote Shift Rumor Denied

While rumors of a switch on the part of a city commissioner on the "second beer garden" issue have been doated about town and extensive and costly improvements, have been carried on in the former Schweim beer garden, tending to give credence to the report, the situation has become the keeneast issue in the community in many months and the commission meeting Monday night is eagerly awaited.

However, information obtained by The Enterprise indicates that there has been no change in sentiment in the quarter in which it has been reported, but this appears only to add to the questions and doubts surrounding the renovating and re-equipping of the former Schweim place. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pappas are reported to have leased the building for five years.

Defeat Transfer At its meeting December 2 the commission defeated a motion to approve transfer of a license of Schweim to Mrs. Pappas.

A vote of three to two, one commissioner not voting. The opinion was expressed just before vote was taken that there was a great deal of sentiment that one beer-dispensing place in town is enough; that although the Pappas have a clean record in the present place it is the feeling of many citizens that no additional license should be issued.

The report circulated throughout the city after the December vote to the effect that one commissioner who had voted against the continuance of the former Schweim place as a beer garden has changed his attitude and would vote favorably, thus assuring the application for the commission's approval of at least three votes with the prospect of obtaining the necessary fourth affirmative vote.

Much of the strength of the rumor appeared to have been founded on the issue of the beer garden of the former beer garden, since it was reasoned that so much costly work would hardly be done unless assurance was felt that the required approval would be forthcoming.

Now, Mayor Ordinance Direct Inquiry The Enterprise brought forth the statement by the commissioner whose switch in sentiment has been rumored that he has not changed his view and will not alter his course on the issue of the beer garden.

Meanwhile the municipality, which has been without a regulating code except for an old one which was in effect in the village prior to National Prohibition, is to have a new ordinance covering the sale of intoxicants. An ordinance is in preparation for submission to the governing body Monday evening. Its provision will undoubtedly include the usual municipal regulations for control and enforcement of law.

Gus Pappas, proprietor of Victory restaurant, who leased the former Schweim beer garden place to open his new place on or about February 1. He hopes to specialize in steaks, roasts, sandwiches and the like. If the commission acts favorably he plans to sell beer, but no hard-liquors.

The plans for the new shop include modern equipment and furnishings. There will be no change between the kitchen and lunch room, and the walls will be of latest designs.

Funeral Services Held For Sharon Vivier

Funeral services for Sharon Edna Vivier, 5 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vivier, were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the house at 37305 Oakland avenue. Rev. Fred A. Kimball, pastor of the Methodist church, read the services. Burial was at Grand Lawn cemetery, Detroit.

Sharon died at 4:10 p. m. Friday afternoon. The principal cause of her death was whooping cough and broncho pneumonia. She was sick for three weeks previous to her death.

Sharon Edna Vivier was born August 2, 1935. Her father, Earl Vivier, is proprietor of the Shell Vivier, an oil station, on east Grand River avenue. She leaves besides her father and mother, two sisters, Audrey and Marilyn.

F. A. M. LODGE TO MEET MONDAY EVENING

A special meeting of Farmington Lodge No. 151, F. A. M., will be held Monday evening, January 6, for work in the first degree, according to an announcement made by James L. Hogie, secretary.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET AT PETTIBONE HOME

The first meeting of the year 1936 of Farmington Women's Club will be held Wednesday, January 8. Mrs. Charles Pettibone will be the hostess. The Fine Arts committee will have charge of the program.

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