

Food Stations Established For Birds

Birds are finding the consideration of Farmington citizens a genuine haven of refuge during these cold, snowy days when it is difficult for them to get food, because the Sportsmen's Club has established five feeding posts in this vicinity.

The club, acting in the interests of conservation, and aided in carrying out their program by two Farmington Boy Scout troops, has established posts, located as follows: one at the Girl Scout camp, one at the gravel pit, one on Power avenue across the road from the Wellington house, and two on the old Ely farm.

Quail and pheasants, unable to get enough food, because of the weather, have been feeding at the posts recently in large numbers, members of the club report. It is believed that many of them have been prevented from starving to death by the food they have thus received.

At this time of the year birds invariably have a difficult time finding food, but this year such a condition has been intensified by the unusually bad weather. Snow has covered the ground steadily for weeks and thus has hindered the birds in their efforts to get food for themselves.

It costs about a dollar a day to keep the feeding stations running, and members of the club urge Farmington citizens to join with them in the protection of bird life during the winter months.

It is planned to keep the posts in operation for the remainder of the severe part of the winter. This will be for only about a month, it is estimated. With the melting of snow and ice, birds will be able to find food for themselves.

Citizens may contribute either money or food, particularly corn and wheat, which are most used for feeding purposes. Club members have named George E. Keene as minister to receive contributions toward the maintenance of the posts.

"SEEING FOR SAFETY" FILM IS EXHIBITED

That lack of adequate and proper lighting may effect not only the eyesight and nervous system, but has a deleterious effect on the entire human body and even affects the heart, was the astonishing fact which brought home to members of Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon through a motion picture film based on the idea of seeing properly for safety, for health and for happiness.

able discoveries made in scientific studies of lighting and its effect upon almost all human activities were disclosed in the picture, which greatly impressed those witnessing its display.

One immediate effect of the showing was the intention immediately expressed by a member of the board of education to bring the subject before the board at its meeting Thursday evening, the inadequate lighting in the Farmington school buildings having been commented upon previously from time to time. One amazing disclosure of the film was the fact that while the pupils in a school room sitting in a row next to the windows may have the requisite light for proper study (50 foot candles), this volume of light decreases rapidly toward the interior, with the result that pupils in the last row from the windows may have as little as five foot-candles, or only one-tenth the proper light for reading. Tests have shown that not only is eyesight ruined, but children's advance in school is greatly retarded by inadequate and improper lighting.

One of the startling revelations was that 10 per cent of all children read glasses because of defective vision, that this increases to 40 per cent among college students and 71 per cent at the age of 60, and that much of this is due to improper lighting.

The showing of the picture is part of a national undertaking to provide "safety through seeing," and to avert the unfavorable effect of lack of light upon the vision. The activity is sponsored by electric light companies as both a business aid and public service benefit, in the hope that both the present and coming generations may benefit from the new knowledge which has been shown that it is necessary to good health.

Letter Describing Lincoln Death Possessed By Farmington Woman

A copy of a letter which has a peculiar interest at this period of the year, when the nation is observing the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, is a part of an extensive Civil War memoirs collection treasured by Mrs. P. A. Giddens, 2318 Grand River avenue, Farmington.

The letter was written by Mrs. Giddens' uncle, W. Norton Jones, to Capt. H. Bowen, and it describes the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Jones sat in a seat in the Ford theatre, Washington, where Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth.

The letter, giving a vivid, eyewitness account of a memorable event in American history, follows: "The theatre was filled and the play opened soon after 8 o'clock. I occupied a front seat in the section from the private box fitted

Rural Route Mail System Improved

A new method of distributing mail, making it possible to improve the rural route mail service for the Farmington district, has been instituted by Norman Lee, Farmington postmaster.

Residents along the two rural routes will now receive their mail about one hour to an hour and a half ahead of the time they previously received it. It is expected that much satisfaction will result from the improvement.

The new system has not had a fair chance to prove itself thus far, however, according to Mr. Lee, because the icy condition of the roads has naturally slowed up the carriers.

With the return of warmer weather and improved driving conditions, it is expected that the change will be more noticeable. Mr. Lee said that residents along the rural routes will then have a better opportunity to compare the time they are receiving mail with the time they formerly received it.

The rural routes out of Farmington postoffice cover Farmington, Livonia, and Novi townships. Each route is about 45 miles long.

HEALTH DECLARED MAN'S BIRTHRIGHT BY PETER ROSS

Health, abundance, and opportunity were declared to be the legitimate birthright of man by Peter Ross, C.S.R. of San Francisco, in a lecture on "The Christian Science given last Saturday night at Redford High School Auditorium in Detroit.

Mr. Ross, a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, spoke there under the auspices of Eighth Church of Christ, Scientist, of Detroit.

"Disease and danger," he said, "have their basis in the mistaken assumption that man and the universe are material. They are therefore beliefs which disappear with the understanding that really man and the universe are spiritual. To spiritualize the universe and the realm of Spirit there can be no perils, no impediments to health."

"The ideal state or heaven is not a place from which problems have been removed. Rather it is a place where pain and stress have been taken out of your life. It is the equipment of strength and ability, so that there be no works for man to do, no adventures to run, no heights to climb? Satisfaction is not found in doing or repose but in the state of achievement."

The lecturer dealt at length on the subject of immortality. He differentiated between material and spiritual consciousness, showing that the former is temporary and deceptive while the latter is genuine and enduring.

Final Date For Livonia Registrations Nearing

R. J. Levandowski, Livonia township clerk, is emphasizing the last day for registration, Friday, February 21, is rapidly approaching, and that registration should be accomplished as quickly as possible.

Tax Payment Increase For 1935 Revealed

An unusual gain in 1935 Farmington township tax collections when compared with those of the past few years is indicated by the records of Township Treasurer Mrs. Lorella Cox.

Mrs. Cox says that although the deadline for 1935 general tax payments is March 1, thus far 47 per cent of the taxes have been collected. This compares with 33 per cent during the entire collection period last year, 27 per cent in 1933 and 22 per cent in 1932.

The amount collected up to February 10 totals \$31,554.08. The amount of the tax roll for 1935 is \$77,782.58.

Mrs. Cox says that this year the great rush of payments came between January 1 and 10. Since then, she says, the payments have dwindled to practically nothing, but she expects them to increase next week and to continue at a high rate until March 1.

Up until March 1 payments can be made at a savings of four per cent. After that date there is no saving and the payments must be made, not to the township treasurer, but to the county treasurer.

The gain in collection for 1935 is seen as another indication of a return to more prosperous conditions in this vicinity.

Mrs. Cox announces that she will be in her office at the Farmington Bank during banking hours until Friday night for what promises to be an exciting game.

KEEGO HARBOR NEXT GAME FOR FARMINGTON TEAM

Farmington high school's basketball team, jubilant over going into the first round in the basketball league, will travel to Keego Harbor on Friday night for what promises to be an exciting game.

Keego Harbor and Farmington are tied in second place, each having won four games and lost three for a percentage of 57.1. Walled Lake still undefeated, remains at the top of the standing with seven victories.

Farmington had an easy time going about the 500 mark Friday night against Brighton. Farmington won, 39 to 13, handing Brighton its seventh straight defeat. Brighton has not won a game this season. The Farmington seconds also won, 28 to 9.

The first game Farmington played this season with Brighton was a close contest, but Brighton, unlike Farmington, has shown no signs of improvement since then, and Farmington had an easy time winning this occasion. Turner and Davis starred for the local quint.

League Standings

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Walled Lake	7	0	100.0
Farmington	4	3	57.1
Keego Harbor	4	3	57.1
Mifflid	4	3	57.1
Clarkston	2	5	28.6
Brighton	0	7	0.0

ARCHIE ATKINSON LAID TO REST AT SILVERWOOD, MICH.

Funeral services for Archie C. Atkinson, long a well-known and beloved citizen of Novi, were held Tuesday at the Methodist Episcopal church in Novi. Burial was at Silverwood, Mich. Rev. Harry Long officiated at the services.

Mr. Atkinson, who died last Friday at the Aitchison hospital in Northville, was one of Novi's most prominent residents. He was a resident of Detroit, two brothers, Frank, of Highland Park, and Steven, of Millington, Mich.

On ROLL OF HONOR Two Farmington students are on the hall of honor roll of the State College recently announced. They are Ada M. Button, senior in home economics, and George L. Howe, junior in engineering. They are among the 335 students of high ranking.

Friends Help Mrs. Ely Celebrate 80th Birthday

Four schoolmates of Mrs. Charles Ely at Miss Wheelock's private school in Farmington in about the "seventies" came to offer their happy birthday greetings to Mrs. Ely in celebration of her four score years on Monday, February 10, at her home. These schoolmates were Mrs. Phoebe Ross, Mrs. Jessie Lee, Nathan Power and Frank Brown of Northville.

During this informal "at home" on Monday afternoon and evening, Mrs. Ely greeted about 80 guests. Besides the host of friends were many relatives including her children, grandchildren, and one-year old Celia Ann Bloom of Northville, one of her two great-grandchildren, who were her mark (x) on Mrs. Ely's Memory book.

Eighty miniature candles decorated the birthday cake centerpiece that graced the dining table. Mrs. Jessie Lee presided at the coffee urn.

Fire Destroys \$15,000 Home

The loss of a \$15,000 home, burned to the ground by a fire apparently started by overheating, stands out as the severest loss in the Farmington area as a result of the sub-zero cold wave.

The home, on the Eight Mile road at Newburg road, was owned by Mr. and Mrs. John M. McCullough, who had bought it in August, 1935, and had spent nearly \$9,000 remodeling it since that time. It was constructed 75 years ago by C. J. Sprague and was long known as a model home and far as in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. McCullough and their three daughters, twins aged 10, and another daughter aged 13, were in the house when at 1 a. m. Monday Mr. McCullough was awakened by dense clouds of smoke. He awakened his wife and daughters, and fled only in nightclothes, they escaped to the homes of neighbors in 12 degrees below zero weather.

Firemen from Farmington and Northville were called to the blaze but were severely handicapped by the lack of water and the freezing of their chemicals. They were unable to put out the flames, and the house burned for about two hours. At the end of that time the entire interior, including all furnishings, was ruined and only the brick skeleton of the exterior remained standing.

Insurance partially covered the loss.

PONTIAC MAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM GAS DEATH

Harry Hess, Pontiac, a worker for the Consumers Power Co., owes his life to a passing motorist and the quick work of Dr. J. W. Norton, 32200 Grand River avenue, Farmington, in rescuing him after he had been overcome by fumes.

Hess and a fellow employee of the company were working on a manhole at Orchard Lake and Shiloh streets in Farmington, last Friday when gaseous fumes from the manhole overcame him. His co-worker endeavored to rescue him, but was unable to lift him out. Then a passing motorist lent his assistance and he was removed.

Hess, soaking wet from water which was at the bottom of the manhole, was rushed to the office of Dr. Norton. When he was brought there he appeared to be dead, having stopped breathing. Norton worked over him for about an hour, using artificial respiration and stimulants, and finally managed to start his breathing. Hess was then taken to the Pontiac General Hospital, Pontiac.

Man Injured In Auto Collision

A collision at the corner of Inkster road and Grand River avenue at 4:30 p. m. Tuesday between two automobiles severely injured Ladato, Detroit, driver of one of the cars, who was taken to the Redford Receiving hospital where he was reported to have suffered a fractured pelvis.

Ladato's car collided with one driven by Morrell Campbell, 20500 Grand River, Farmington, Hanley Harrison, also of Farmington, was an occupant in the Campbell car.

Campbell was coming west on Grand River avenue when the crash occurred. Ladato's car had stopped at a gas station at the intersection of the two roads, and was driving across Grand River avenue. The Campbell car ran straight into Ladato's machine. Both cars were wrecked.

Township To Have April Contests

With but one candidacy lacking to make a full Democratic ticket in Farmington Township, spirited contests for offices in April loom ahead, despite the fact that there will be no primary on the first Monday in March. In either party there is a contest for nominations, and the battle for offices will be carried over into the following month.

Lined up with one candidate for each office except highway commissioner, on party lines, it is expected that the groups will wage a lively contest as party units, the candidates on each slate uniting to try to carry the field for all.

Elimination of the primary was decided on by the township board upon advice of counsel, after the time for filing petitions had expired Tuesday without contents appearing for either side.

Supervisor Contest

Heading the tickets are Supervisor Cook, Republican, running for re-election, opposed by Fred Wilkinson, Democrat. Albert H. Ross of Farmington, across a newcomer to politics, will be the Democratic candidate opposing Clerk Willard Campbell, Republican.

The battle for treasurer will see a renewal of rivalry between former nominees for the office. Mrs. Loreta Cox, Republican, present treasurer, will be opposed by Theodore Kohlman, former Democratic nominee who has previously waged battle for the office.

Goers Unopposed

Clayton Goers, Republican, highway commissioner, is the only candidate without opposition. No other petitions were filed on either ticket for the office, he holds.

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'21 TEAM RETURNS FOR GAME WITH HIGH SCHOOL FIVE

A gala reunion evening will be held at Farmington high school Tuesday, February 18, with a game between the 1921 championship basketball team and the present Farmington varsity scheduled as the highlight of the evening. After the game, a dance will be held.

The evening has been planned for the benefit of the Farmington high school athletic program, all of which is based upon the profits made by the basketball team. It is hoped, also, that enough money will be raised by the benefit to purchase new uniforms for the basketball team.

Members of the 1921 team who plan to return for the game are L. and D. Harger, Russ Catherman (capt.), V. Smith, Pat Wixon, F. Stamen, P. Rarus and E. Catherman.

This 1921 team played 20 games, winning 17 and losing 3. Of the three lost, two were to Class A teams while Farmington was in the Class B division.

The team won the title of the Southeast Division basketball league and then reached the final round in the Class B division at the state basketball tournament at Ann Arbor. It lost the final game to St. Joseph by one point.

Tickets for the game are 35 cents for adults, with the purchaser having the option to pay more if he so desires. As much as the season raised is to be used to further the Farmington athletic program, Coach Harold Kammerer hopes that many people will be able to pay more than the minimum price.

Womens' Club To Meet At Van Volkenburgh

Farmington Women's Club will meet Wednesday, February 19, at the home of Mrs. James Van Volkenburgh. The meeting is in the meeting from that announced in the year book. The program will be a book review of Arnold Bennett's "How to Live on Twenty-Pounds a Day" by Mrs. Reed Webster.

Miss Buddy of the high school, English department will deliver a talk on "The Bible in Literature." Members will respond to roll call and the singing "My Pet Household Economy."

Mr. and Mrs. David C. Gee and family of Lincoln Park were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns.