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## Four-Day Circus To Be Held

With the circus season approaching, Farmington will not be found lacking in "three ring" entertainment. A four-day circus will be held by Our Lady of Sorrows church at the school, Grand River and Orchard Lake road, on Sunday, Saturday, May 30, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, June 1, 2, 3.

From advance indications, it will undoubtedly be one of the largest and most pretentious undertakings attempted by a Farmington organization.

One of the foremost features will be three amateur shows, one on each night of the circus. Competition is open to all who wish to enter. Valuable prizes will be awarded the winners. Amateurs interested in making application are asked to contact Roger Guerin, general chairman of the circus. Numerous concessions are planned, including ball throwing contests and other games of skill. It is even rumored that those attending might even have an opportunity to throw a few "indians" at their favorite nemesis who may be disguised in black face and sticking his head out of the well-known hole in the canvas.

A truly old style chicken dinner for which southern cooks are being imported from Detroit will be served on Saturday and Sunday. The committee has even gone so far as to travel many miles to pick out their chickens in advance and just before the circus opens to personally supervise the killing operation.

May Have Rodeo  
Although nothing definite has been arranged as yet, there has been some talk of having an hour and a half rodeo which would undoubtedly attract hundreds of spectators. The grand prize of a circus will be the giving away of a new Ford V-8.

## 31RL INJURED IN JUMP FROM CAR ON CUT-OFF

A twenty year old Dearborn girl whose condition is temporarily serious, is in Redford Receiving hospital following a freak accident at Farmington Road and the Cut-off Sunday.

The girl, Virginia Furiat of 6335 Maple road, Dearborn, jumped from the car in which she was riding when she saw it was going to hit another automobile, and suffered a possible skull fracture and severe abrasions of the left shoulder where she struck the pavement. Her body and face was also badly bruised and scratched. She was taken to Redford Receiving hospital by Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt of Farmington.

The accident occurred when Max Peters of 4550 Jonathan avenue, Dearborn, driving east on the Cut-off, ran into the rear of the car ahead of him which was stopping for the intersection and crossed into the west-bound traffic lane and hit a going west, driven by George W. Shaffer of 813 W. Morse land avenue, Lansing.

Only Person Hurt  
Miss Furiat, riding with Peters, jumped from the car just before it struck and fell and rolled over several times in the road. She was the only person injured in the accident.

The driver of the car which was first struck by Peters did not stop for the intersection and crossed into the west-bound traffic lane and hit a going west, driven by George W. Shaffer of 813 W. Morse land avenue, Lansing.

## Young Couple United At Quiet Ceremony

Miss Mildred Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard G. Adams of 1916 Mile road, Farmington, and Robert Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Cook of Wilmarth avenue, Farmington, were married in a quiet ceremony in the presence of the immediate families Saturday at St. John's Episcopal church, Midland, by the Rev. E. R. Stevenson.

The bride was attended by Miss Frances Brown and the groom by Lynn Robber.

## Farmington's "Old Mill," 108 Year Old Landmark Torn Down

Not a few expressions of regret by Farmington residents will greet the news that the Old Mill on Drake road between Eleven and Twelve Mile roads was torn down last week. One of Farmington's first commercial enterprises, and without doubt the oldest elements for 108 years.

The following description and history of the Old Mill written by Frank Steele of the Eleven Mile road was originally prepared for the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society.

The First Mill  
"One of the first men to anticipate the need of some means for converting the grain into flour and meal," Mr. Steele said, "was Edward Steele, father of the late, Carl Steele and my grandfather. He came to Michigan in company with his brother, Harmon Steele, in 1824, and they staked claims on land in this district.

"Through the center of the tract that they obtained ran a small stream with a natural location for a dam, flume and mill. These facilities were soon taken advantage of to satisfy the wants of a pioneer and a mill was built upon this location.

"The first grist mill was built in 1827 and was located on the west branch of the creek and about two and one-half miles north and west of Quakerston as Farmington was then called. The owners were Edward Steele, Harmon Steele and a small interest was also owned by Howard Mason, who himself performed most of the work.

"It is said the bedstone and runner were formed from boulders found somewhere in the vicinity. Show me today a number of men who will be equal to the task of moving from the solid rock of a boulder, the stones needed for such a mill. This was an example of the fortitude and independence of the pioneer. The first grist is said to have been ground by Charles Fisher, who brought the grain and carried away the flour and to find his home in a sack upon his shoulder, a distance of about a mile and a half each way.

"My grandfather, Edward Steele, died in 1856, and the mill was sold to Joseph Cook. The next proprietor was J. T. Little, who, desiring to do a more profitable business than the former owners by selling flour in Detroit, named the mill and his business 'Perambuco.' Thus the name of the place, now called 'Sleepy Hollow' became known as 'Perambuco Hollow.' My father, Carlos Steele, drew flour for Detroit with the axle of oen for Mr. Little, who, my father, was but 16 years old.

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## INN BUILDING IS CONVERTED INTO A LARGE STORE

The passing of one of the most noted inns of this section and transformation of the building into one of the largest merchandising establishments in the Detroit area has been completed during the past week.

What was formerly the famous "Allen's Inn" at Grand River and Seven Mile Road is now the largest merchandising establishment in the Detroit area. A Detroit organization which has had sensational growth in the retail food merchandising field in Detroit and nearby cities.

For years the inn was prosperous and the ownership and management of Mr. Allen, but since his retirement some years ago, other operators have been unable to equal his success. Recently the building has been vacated for the largest merchandising establishment in the Detroit area.

Extensive alterations, including the removal of the balcony, have been completed and the store is open for business, with an immense assortment of groceries, meats, vegetables and fruits awaiting customers. Nationally-advertised merchandise is sold at what are declared to be the lowest prices quoted on quality goods anywhere. Although the prices quoted are startlingly low, according to the management, quality is not sacrificed and everything is sold on a money-back guarantee of satisfaction. Package goods are standard, nationally-advertised packages and contain full weight and measure, backed by a money-back pledge.

A definite claim is cited by the management as making possible the low prices offered. These include the fact that while a number of large retail outlets are operated and make possible huge volume buying, the high executive overhead costs of most big businesses is avoided, due to the fact that Packers' Outlet is owned and operated by Detroiters with 25 years experience in the grocery business personally supervising and directing the business and thus making great savings in management costs. The self-service system is also cited as a means of considerable saving.

The Packers' Outlet store in the former Krugler building in the business section of Redford will be continued, but residents of this area will probably find the area at 1515 Park road more convenient, especially with the ample parking space for scores of cars that has been provided. The new store is now open for business, and 600 loaves of bread are being given away to celebrate the opening.

Engagement of Sara Ada Leonard Announced  
Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Leonard of Glendale road announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Ada, to Harry Ely of Detroit.

The date for the wedding has not been set as yet. Miss Leonard is one of the popular young ladies of Farmington and Pontiac.

Mrs. Charles Ely Wins "Oldest Mother" Prize

Although competition was very keen, Mrs. Charles Ely won the honors of being the oldest mother at the M. E. Mother and Daughter banquet on Friday night. She was presented by the toastmaster with a beautiful bouquet of snapdragons.

The men and the boys of the church prepared and served a dinner while the floral and table arrangements given by the members of the church were being made. Community singing was enjoyed at various times throughout the dinner. The toasts and talks were most fitting to the occasion, and the singing in another manner of expression bound together anew the hearts of the mothers and daughters.

There were several groups of three generations present.

## Says Fascism Is Danger Facing U. S.

Fascism and not communism is the great danger facing America and fascism is "just around the corner" in the country—is the message brought to Farmington men and women by Dr. Frederick B. Fisher of Detroit, who spoke Wednesday noon before an appreciative audience of Exchange Club members and their wives at the Methodist dining room.

The people of the United States need have no fear of communist ideas, in the opinion of Dr. Fisher, whose topic was "Russia." However, there is a very real peril in the menace of fascism, of which the American people are not aware, but which might at any time soon, take the country in its grip and destroy all hope of realizing the American ideal in government and in living.

Russian Influence

Although expressing the firm conviction that communism will not take root in the United States because it is not a program adapted to the American outlook, Dr. Fisher expressed an equally strong conviction that this country is bound to be influenced by what happens in Russia. The more fact, he pointed out, that Russian territory is one-sixth of all the land on the globe and its population is 168 millions, and that its cities are the fastest growing of any on earth, makes certain that Russian affairs and Russian ideas will spread their influence to other parts of the globe. It is equally certain, the speaker said, that it is useless to attempt to keep these things out of America by erecting a "wall" at the Atlantic ocean and making Russian officials promise not to spread communist propaganda in the United States.

Although expressing opposition to communism because of many reasons, Dr. Fisher declared that he is convinced that we are to witness in this country and all over the world an increasing "socialization of government"; that the day of rugged individualism is forever and that many old ideas must fall before the coming scientific era of civilization.

OLD FARMINGTON RESIDENT DIES AT MONROE  
Funeral services were held Tuesday at Monroe, Michigan, for Thomas Ervin Lloyd, 77, of Monroe, formerly of Farmington, and well known in this section, who died at his home Sunday.

Mr. Lloyd, who moved to Monroe from Farmington in 1904, was a resident here for some years and used to work at the old power house on Grand River.

He was born in Belleville, Ontario, on April 25, 1859, the son of Adam and Catherine Lloyd.

For a number of years, Mr. Lloyd was chief engineer of the Detroit United Lines.

He was a member of the Masonic order and had a Masonic funeral. Burial was at Grand Lawn cemetery, Detroit.

He is survived by a son, Ervin S. of Monroe, and four daughters, Mrs. Frank Allyn, Mrs. John Malone and Mrs. Howard Burnham of Detroit, and Mrs. Russell Acton of Monroe.

Farmington residents who attended the funeral were Mrs. Thomas McGee, Mrs. Drayton Holcomb, Sr., Mrs. W. C. Banfield, John Sawyer, James H. G. Forrester, Dickerson and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bond.

Viola Porter and Hugh H. Moore Wed Saturday  
Miss Viola Porter was united in marriage to Hugh H. Moore at a wedding ceremony at the First Baptist church, Farmington, on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock with Rev. Gilbert Mills officiating. The attendant were Miss Conchergers of Farmington and William K. Moore of Detroit. The young couple will continue to live in Farmington. They will reside on Jefferson street.

Rev. Lendrum to Speak At Plymouth Sunday  
The Rev. P. Ray Norton, pastor of the Plymouth Methodist Episcopal church, will be the guest preacher at the Farmington M. E. church Sunday morning.

The Rev. Fred Lendrum, pastor of the Farmington M. E. church will speak at the Plymouth church. Mr. Lendrum was pastor of the Plymouth church for six years before coming to Farmington.

## Stanley Smith Gives Up Mixing Drugs to Write Popular Songs

One of these days, when a new song hits sweeps across the country like the proverbial prairie fire, fills ether wave with its lulling air and sets everyone humming, possibly the people Farmington will be able to say: There, that's another of the many things a Farmington resident has done—that song was written at a desk in the back of one of our stores on Grand River.

For Stanley Smith, Farmington druggist retiring at least temporarily from the pharmacy business in which he has spent all of his life since his mid-teens, has definitely decided to follow serious writing as a business what has until now been one of his two hobbies, albeit a hobby to which he has devoted as much hard work as it if it was his chief vocation in life. He is going to concentrate on the writing of popular songs, even though he says

It is "the toughest racket in the world right now."

The only difficulty as far as Farmington is concerned (should Mr. Smith cash in on one or more of his productions) is that he will be leaving Farmington soon, a fact that his fellow-residents deeply regret, not merely because the community may be losing a prospectively famous song-writer, but because of Stanley himself—a friend to everyone and one of the community's most popular figures. However, Stanley has lived and worked so long in Farmington that he will always be regarded as of the community, whether he is in Vassar, Michigan, where he is going soon, or (who knows?) sometime in Hollywood, Cal.

Costly Business  
The venture on which Mr. Smith is to embark is no more matter of sitting down and writing songs, for he plans to invest in it time as well as money. It costs money to get songs before the publishers and the public, and perhaps in no other field is it more true that "many are called, but few are chosen." Yet Mr. Smith, who wrote 23 songs last year, an average of more than one for every two weeks, is ready to cheerfully gamble some money that a big success will come out of his song "click" to net him something in the business.

An idea of just how difficult a course he has set for himself is obtained through the statement that it costs no less than 35 or 40 cents to get a song before a publisher. The writer must have several dozen copies printed, to send to the various publishers. The cost per copy is necessarily high, yet it does not pay to have more than the necessary number printed, because in only a small fraction of cases would the extra ones ever be utilized. Cost of copyrighting and other necessities must be added in. The publishers receive these songs in huge volume every day, and the writer must stand away until an occasion arises when the publisher thinks the song may come in handy for a particular situation—a movie or a play, although most of these songs are now written in order by famous composers.

Seldom, indeed, is a song issued by the publisher immediately upon receipt. Most of them lay gathering dust on the shelves. "An Old Spinning Wheel," Mr. Smith says, laid on the shelves for four years before the publisher "had a hunch" it would go ever big, and proved his hunch correct. "The Music Goes Down and Around" was played by a band in a beer garden in Chicago frequently for four years without attracting attention, until a publisher happened in one night and heard it, and decided that it was "just the kind of crazy thing the public might go for."

Business and Pleasure  
Although the publisher was right, says Mr. Smith, the history of that queer composition, merely emphasizes how tough the song-writing business is, how much tougher than it is even said to be. A generation ago a song-hunter waited for years. Some men, indeed, lived comfortably all their adult lives on the royalties of one big hit. But now the radio has killed the sheet-music business. The top-notch hit is no longer than two or three months at the most. Where formerly

When the local poppy workers began their activities Saturday morning they will be part of an army of one hundred thousand women offering the American Legion and Auxiliary memorial flower in every part of the country. More than ten million poppies are expected to be distributed during the day and approximately one million dollars received as contributions in exchange for the flowers. All of the money received will go to support war relief and rehabilitation work of the American Legion and Auxiliary.

Disabled veterans in government hospitals and convalescent workrooms maintained by the Auxiliary have been working for months to collect the poppies with which America will honor their fallen comrades Saturday. The poppies which will be worn here have been made at U. S. Veterans Hospital, Camp Custer, Michigan.

WOMAN'S CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS  
New officers to serve for the coming year were elected at the annual meeting of the Farmington Women's Club held at the home of Mrs. J. W. Norion Wednesday evening.

Mr. Fred Bagnall will serve as the new president of the organization. Mrs. Carl Ritter was elected first vice-president; Mrs. Paul Schreiber, second vice-president; Mrs. Lloyd Galt, recording secretary; Mrs. Meriah Andrews as corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Fred Warner, as treasurer, were all re-elected for another term.

The retiring president is Mrs. Norion. Leo, retiring first vice-president is Mrs. William McCullough. The office of second vice-president is a new office, created this year.

The next regular meeting of the club will be a trip to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. The members will inspect the University buildings and have luncheon at Ann Arbor. Mrs. John Dalrymple and Mrs. Charles Pettibone are in charge of arrangements.

Miss Anastasia Kovarik To Be Married June 27  
Mrs. Victoria Kovarik of 13165 Northborne avenue, Grand Rapids, is planning an engagement of her daughter, Anastasia, to Joseph Thomas.

The wedding will be solemnized Saturday, June 27, at 9 A. M. at Our Lady of Sorrows church. The bride will be escorted by her father, John Kovarik, who will perform the ceremony.

## 15 Rabies Cases Alarm Officials

After it was believed Farmington had been rid of all dogs infected with rabies when no cases were reported last week, a new outbreak this week has caused fresh concern among police and health officials.

The menace suddenly grew to alarming proportions the early part of the week when no less than 15 dogs which were either in the advanced stages of rabies or which were about to be bitten by dogs infected with rabies were destroyed by Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt and dog warden Fred Schaeper.

How many dogs in this territory are infected is hard to determine. It is the fear of Deputy DeVriendt that several of the dogs destroyed had bitten others before they were shot and that more cases will show up within the week.

James Hughes of the Twelve Mile Road and Northwestern highway narrowly escaped serious injury Tuesday when he noticed his dog acting strangely and brought him in his car to Dr. G. R. Switzer's dog hospital on Grand River avenue in Farmington. The dog had been acting strangely in the kennel yard when he had a rabies attack. Deputy DeVriendt was called immediately and he destroyed the animal.

Upon being questioned, Hughes said he thought his dog, a pointer, had bitten at least five or six other dogs in the vicinity. Dog owners living near Twelve Mile and Northwestern Highway are advised to have their pets examined at the earliest possible moment and to immediately call a veterinarian or police officer if they notice it acting strangely.

Wednesday morning a seriously infected dog, apparently a stray, was shot by Deputy DeVriendt. The dog was a pointer, several hundred feet behind the Farmington Dairy building. It was believed it had bitten several other dogs earlier in the morning.

Although many cases of persons being bitten have been reported in Farmington, there have been numerous cases out in the county and near here. Since the situation is so acute, police have instructions to be ruthless in their destruction of all dogs which may even be suspected of carrying the germ and which are not properly tagged with special vaccination permits.

Again dog owners are warned to keep their pets under constant quarantine is lifted, not only for their own sake but for the sake of their neighbors and the children of the community who may be the innocent victims of a bite. At the present time, however, it is so prevalent that an uninfected dog running loose is almost sure to be bitten by one of the strays or few private-owned dogs with rabies that are still at large.

An indication of the extent to which the disease has spread is given in a bulletin issued by the Detroit Board of Health in which Dr. Fred M. Meador, director of the Board, stated, "In April 2,500 stray dogs were taken to the city dog pound and 1,500 have been quarantined thus far in May. Of this number five have been infected with rabies. If this outbreak continues and residents do not comply with the city ordinance requiring all dogs to be leashed on the street, next summer's quarantine will have to be imposed again this year."

The City of Detroit Board of Health has considered an outbreak of five cases of rabies serious enough to publish a warning while some fifteen cases have been reported in Farmington within a week, effectively illustrating the danger and need for all dogs to be confined and persons bitten by dogs to immediately report the incident and receive medical treatment.

## Woman's Club Members To Visit University

The Farmington Women's Club is planning to visit the campus and the University buildings at Ann Arbor on Wednesday, May 27. All members desiring to go are asked to call the committee in charge, Mrs. John Dalrymple or Mrs. Charles Pettibone not later than Friday, in order that reservations may be made for a luncheon at the Women's League building, and for the matinee in the afternoon at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theater in the League building. Those going are to meet at the Women's Club on Wednesday, May 27, at 10:30. From there, they will start a tour of the campus.

## GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS ENJOY BENEFIT BRIDGE

On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Elmer Dobany was hostess to the Garden Club members and guests at a benefit bridge party, following a dessert luncheon.

At each of the thirteen tables the prize was a glass cheese dish with a vegetable top. One door prize was an attractive box of perennial plants, including columbine, campanula, lilyum and carnation. The second door prize was a porch pot of double crimson geranium and vines. It was won by Mrs. Maher, wife of Judge Maher, of Detroit, and was donated by Spring Brook Gardens. The third door prize, donated by Mrs. Carl Ritter, went to Mrs. Ross Northrup of Redford. The fourth door prize was won by Miss Norbarness of Northville. It was a Washburn geranium plant donated by Mrs. F. C. Zbornick. On Friday and Saturday, May 22 and 23, the members of the Garden Club are invited to visit many of the beautiful Grosse Pointe Gardens. Free reservations call Mrs. Carl Ritter.