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Noble School To Be Ready For Opening

While authorities are still investigating the cause of the incendiary blaze that caused \$1,200 damage to the Noble School building several weeks ago, work is progressing rapidly on the damaged portion of the school.

"The loss was completely covered by insurance," says Carl Smith, President of the school board, "and we expect to have all of the repairs completed before school opens on September 8."

A new floor is being laid and the walls of the entire building, blackened by smoke from the fire, are being washed.

State Fire Marshal John Seman and Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriend are conducting the investigation of the origin of the fire.

PATROLLING ON CUT-OFF HALTS ACCIDENT TOLL

In startling contrast to previous week-ends, no accidents occurred during the "Cut-off" during the last week-end, according to Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriend, who patrolled the road almost constantly on Saturday and Sunday in an effort to reduce the growing number of fatalities and injuries resulting from the heavy traffic.

No arrests were made but many motorists were stopped and given stern warnings against passing cars on hills and curves. "The station the Cut-off is serious," says Deputy DeVriend, "that constant patrolling seems to be the only solution at the present."

Car Topples Forward

Two people were injured and three received minor injuries Saturday evening on Farmington Road near the Cut-off when a car driven by George Leslie, 5491 Vermont avenue, Detroit, got beyond control while passing another car also going south on Farmington Road.

Mr. and Mrs. George Berry, passengers in Leslie's car, living on Five Mile Road near Middle Belt Road, were taken to the hospital after receiving hospital care about the head and leg injuries. Mrs. Leslie and her daughter, Jean, were taken to Dr. J. W. Norton for first aid treatment for cuts and bruising on the head.

Mr. Leslie was attempting to pass another car when his car swerved and turned over frontward. The car was considerably damaged.

GIFT OF BOOKS IS MADE TO LIBRARY

The Farmington Public Library has received a gift of a number of books from Miss Anna Thayer. Among the books given are "Mary, Queen of Scotland," by Stephen Queen; "Gladstone, The God," by Robert Graves; "Our Street," by Compton Mackenzie; "The Baby Ions," by Clemence Dane; "Holy Deadlock," by A. P. Hubert.

Some of the recently purchased books now obtainable at the library are "So Red The Rose," "White Orchard," by Grace Hill; "Shining Windows," by Kathleen Norris; "Stranger in Black Brille," by Hoffman Birney; "The Electric Torch," by Ethel Dill; "Old Julep," by Mari Sandoz; "The Fall of Venus," George Cronyn; and "Christina of Sweden," by Margaret Goldsmith.

McGee Hill Road Being Widened

The McGee Hill section of Farmington Road, the scene of several accidents last winter, is being widened in an effort to make the road safer for winter traffic, according to Commissioner Emory Hattion.

When the work is completed the road will be 30 feet in width. The widening of the road has made necessary the removal of several telephone poles. It is proposed that the telephone lines be bunched in to a cable line, to be attached to the Detroit Edison company's power line poles.

The narrow bridge at the foot of the hill will be replaced next summer, says Commissioner Hattion.

"HOLD WEINER ROAST"

Two hundred neighbors from Clarenceville, Farmington, Redford, and Pontiac attended a "weiner roast" at the home of Mrs. Guy H. Cook, 21620 Hamilton avenue, Clarenceville, Tuesday night, August 11.

Wants Band Stand Enlarged; Park Finished

"We should be grateful enough for the very enjoyable music provided us by the Farmington High School Band to recognize their wishes in the matter. If they say the band stand is too small, then we ought to do something about it," says a "Citizen" in a letter to The Enterprise this week regarding the band stand controversy. The letter follows:

Dear Editor:

I would like to see my earnest endorsement to the suggestions made by Mrs. William Irish in a letter to The Enterprise last week concerning the band stand controversy.

I believe, as does Mrs. Irish, that the fix in the old stand is not so much the location of the band

Amateurs Appear On Gala Day

Aspirants to fame and glory will have a chance to demonstrate their talents at the Amateur contests which will be held during the American Legion Gala Day, September 5, 6, and 7, announces Charles Elkins, Commander of Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion.

An amateur contest will be held every evening, according to Commander Elkins, and prizes will be awarded the winners. Application may be made at White's Hi-Speed service station on Farmington Road near Grand River avenue.

"The 'Pet and Doll Parade,' one of the most popular features of last year's three-day program, has been included in the 1936 Gala Day.

Generous prizes will be awarded to the winners of the following classes of entry: The best decorated bicycle, the best decorated tricycle, the best decorated float, the best decorated dog buggy, the most original costume for boys, the most original costume for girls, the most unusual pet, the pet coming from the greatest distance, the largest doll in the parade, and the prettiest dressed doll.

Among the prizes to be given away during the Gala Day programs is a new Chevrolet town sedan. The unnamed pony which was donated to the Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion by the Farmington State Bank, will also be given away, included in the prize is a bicycle, saddle, and pony cart.

The Gala Day festivities will be held at the Municipal Parking grounds on Grand River avenue in Farmington, on September 5, 6, and 7.

GIRL RESERVES TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

An old-fashioned open house will be held by the Girl Reserves from 3:00 p. m. until 4:30 p. m. on Friday, September 11. It is announced by Elizabeth Shook, chairman of arrangements. The open house will probably be held in the Methodist Church Community Hall.

All of the girls in the group are to have some part in the affair," says Miss Shook, "and we want all girls who are interested in the club, who have not yet joined, to attend."

The following persons have been selected for the committee chairman: Edith Kahri, refreshments; Ruth Kipko, invitations; Helen Schwelm, reception; Mary Lou Worsfold, tables; Elizabeth Shook, arrangements; and Donna Johnson, music.

West Point Park Residents Will Picnic

Residents of West Point Park will hold a picnic at Riverside on Saturday, August 29. The picnic will be held at the home of Mrs. George Kriss, Frank Day Smith and Rev. George Gulien will speak.

Those attending the picnic are asked to bring their own lunches. Ice cream will be furnished free. There will be prizes for the children participating in the various events of the afternoon.

NICHOLS SCHOOL HOLDS REUNION

The annual reunion of the Nichols School, North Farmington, will be held at the School House on Saturday, August 29. A pot-luck dinner will begin at 1:00 p. m.

Bob Button attended Wendell Power, of Mrs. Joeanne Sowers Power, of the 14 Mile Road, as the best man, at his wedding service on Saturday.

stand but is the custom of honking horns at the conclusion of each selection.

It would require little effort, and certainly no money from the pockets of taxpayers, to ask concertgoers not to ruin the harmony of the music and bring discomfort to those bereaved ones at the Heenev Funeral Home by making discordant blares with their automobile horns.

I do not think that the band stand, as it is, is really a credit to Farmington. Miss Helen Shook, in a letter several weeks ago in The Enterprise, said, "further all we are the ones who have to contribute our music from the depths of that crowded, odious stand."

We should be grateful enough for the very enjoyable music provided us by the Farmington High School Band to recognize their wishes in the matter. If they say the band stand is too small, then we ought to do something about it. It would cost but little to enlarge and paint the stand.

But the park itself? None will disagree that the south side of the park is landscaped very attractively. Mrs. Irish said that "a job half done is worse than none at all." Why, the job isn't even half done? The north side of the park is disconcerting and the west end of the park is even worse. Are we putting up just a "front" for tourists or are we going to do the job thoroughly?

Perhaps if the City would purchase the materials, the Boy Scouts, whose cabin occupies part of the west end of the park, might join in and aid in the planting of the shrubbery. That would be a "good deed" that would be remembered for many years.

If anything at all is to be done, no half-way measures be substituted for a complete job. Such a park in the center of the city is an asset that many other towns envy. Let us make it a real, green carpet.

Respectfully,
A Citizen.

EXCHANGEITES PREPARE FOR SILVER JUBILEE

Members of The Exchange Club of Farmington are assisting in preparation for the entertainment of more than 3,000 Exchange Club members and their ladies who will arrive in Farmington for the celebration of The National Exchange Club in Detroit, August 30 through September 2, Herold M. Harp, National Secretary, announces from the official convention headquarters in the Hotel-Cadillac Hotel.

Working under the direction of Ralph T. Keelling, Pontiac, Governor of Michigan District No. 7, Farmington Exchangeites will serve on the Reception Committee and welcome visitors from every section of the United States. Committees also have been appointed to assist in registration and in providing transportation for trips to Greenfield Village, the Shrine of the Little Flower, and other points of interest.

The National Exchange Club, largest exclusively national service club in America, is composed of business and professional men banded together under the motto "Unity for Service." It was incorporated in 1917 as a non-profit, non-sectarian organization and a national headquarters was established in Toledo, Ohio, that year. Annual national conventions have been held since 1917. Although the Detroit sessions will form the twentieth national convention, the meeting will be known as the Silver Jubilee in commemoration of the founding of the first Exchange Club on March 27, 1911.

New Variety Store Will Open Soon

Farmington's business district may soon have a new store, it is indicated by the renting of the Schroeder Post Hall to Max Olshanski of Detroit, who is considering the opening of a five-to-dollar store.

Mr. Olshanski is affiliated with the Ben Franklin stores of Detroit. The new store will not be a regular Ben Franklin store, according to Olshanski, who is in charge of the arrangements, but will be run on a similar plan.

Mr. Olshanski is desirous of opening the proposed store around September 1, according to Mr. Gulien.

Post Office May Gain 2nd. Class

"If the receipts at the Farmington Post Office are maintained at the present rate, there is strong possibility that the Post Office will regain a second-class rating," says Postmaster Norman Lee.

Receipts must exceed a total of \$8,000 for the fiscal year in order to make the postoffice eligible for second-class rating, according to Mr. Lee. For the first six-month period of the present year, the sales of the Farmington Post Office exceeded the second-class requirement by almost \$1,000.

A decision favorable to the advancement will depend upon the two remaining quarters of the year. The present quarter will probably exceed the similar period of last year. Therefore, if the Christmas sales equal or exceed the sales in 1935, a second-class post office is virtually assured, Mr. Lee says.

If Farmington is granted second-class postal rating, it is probable that another clerk will be added to the staff and more frequent service will be given on incoming and outgoing mail.

MANY MORE NAMES SUGGESTED FOR LEGION PONY

Farmington's unnamed pony, which is being given away by the American Legion on Gala Day, will have a name, according to Howard Knickerbocker, cashier of the Farmington State Bank. Among the names that were sent in to him this week was one suggesting that the pony be named "Lumbert."

"When my father was a boy," writes the contestant who submitted the name, "the people of this locality knew the boys after whom the 'Groves-Walker Post' was named as 'Lumbert' and 'Burt.' In order that their names will be better known to the boys and girls of today, I suggest that the pony be named 'Lumbert.'"

Other names suggested during the week are:

"Dinky," "Rastus," "Prince," "Friday," "Big Boy," "Lumbert," "Mildie," "Trixie," "Legion."

Several weeks remain before the contest to name the pony is closed. Clip the coupon in this issue of The Enterprise and send in your favorite name to the Farmington State Bank. A \$250 prize awaits the winner.

Is There "Nothing New Under The Sun?"

In a moment of foolishness, someone once said, "There is nothing new under the sun." Surely that statement was regretted before very long! Perhaps all of the minerals composing the earth's surface have been discovered, but all of their uses have not been discovered. It is probable that new uses for the products of the earth will be found until the end of time.

For instance, there are over 100 uses for hot water in a modern home. Therefore, the Detroit Edison company builds hot water heaters that will keep the water constantly hot and available for those 100 jobs.

Water was to be feared by the men who sailed with Columbus but sailing upon the water today becomes a pleasure in the big steamer Pull-in-Bay.

The Indians knew little of the possibilities of the stores of metal that lay under their feet but modern autoists know the advantages of the hundreds of different blends of metal used in their Ford V-8s from Oldsmobile, Cadillac, a soluble gunmetal and camphor product, brings joy to the many who attend the new movies at the Penniman-Alhambra theater in Northville.

The pioneers that settled this country looked askance at gypsum deposits but their descendants made daily use of the plaster of Paris that is made from it. The Frisco self-heating plaster at the Farmington Lumber and Coal company is an example of this discovery.

Botanists tell that the cotton plant was just another weed until man began cultivating it. Now, at

Middle Belt Gets New Safety Signs

Additional signs warning motorists to go slow will soon be placed on Middle Belt Road near Grand River avenue, an intersection often described as one of the most dangerous intersections in the Farmington area and the scene of a number of accidents.

The recommendation for this action in the traffic problem was made by R. D. Scribner, Traffic Survey Recorder of the Plymouth branch of the State Highway Department. The signs, which are white with black lettering, are to be placed on the Michigan Highway in the intersection of Middle Belt and Grand River roads.

The Walker Advertising company has been requested by R. E. Heffron, Acting Traffic Engineer of the State Highway Department, to make the signs and to place them in the intersection of Middle Belt and Grand River roads approximately 100 feet, thereby increasing the vision to a point the trunk line intersection of the intersection.

Attention to the extremely dangerous conditions at the intersection has been focused by articles in The Enterprise, letters from residents of Farmington, and recent inspection of the spot by the State Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagner himself.

CENTERLINE BAND MAY PLAY GUEST CONCERT

The Centerline High School band has been invited to play the eighth summer band concert on August 27 in the Town Hall Park. Should the Centerline band be invited, it would not be able to accept the invitation, the Farmington High School band will play the following program. If the Centerline band is able to play the concert, this program will be played by the Farmington band on Thursday evening, September 2.

The program follows: Boston High School Cadets March—Sordillo; Mardel Gras Overture—White; Minuet from "Don Juan"—Mozart; Chicago Police Band March—Mader; Ching, Bing, Boom (Circus) March—Mader; White Capt. McKenzie March—Jives; Introduction and Bridal Chorus from Act III of "Lohengrin"—Wagner; Chacero March—Goldman; Nina Aichi—Buehler; (Concert) due by the Centerline band; The Star Spangled Banner.

Cook and Company's store, fully colored perles may be obtained for making dresses for fall wear. When is a weed?

The rain falls, the grass grows green, and the crows caw caw caw, and presto! Joe Himmelreich's Farmington Dairy serves cold, healthful milk. Owners of chickens obtain Larro Chick Bait at the Farmington Mills and on Sunday the whole family enjoys chicken dinner.

In the torrid heat of summer and in the cold blasts of winter, housewives are relieved of the troubles of refrigerating their foods by installing the Electrolux Refrigerator sold by Consumers Power company.

Centuries ago, the formation of oil deposits began when the vegetation (then covering the earth) went into the process of decay. Colored particles matter all is the result of these centuries of formation—and the delight of particular motorists.

Gasoline is truly the "salt of the earth." For geologists have discovered that where they find salt, there they will also find gasoline. White's Hi-Speed gas is a tonic for the engines of automobiles just as salt is a tonic for human beings.

The rotogravure section of newspapers often show pictures of European peasant women washing clothes by the seashore or in a nearby stream. American women are not forced to resort to such methods. They have a Speed Queen washer sold by Hattion's Farmington Hardware.

To end the modern day, all sorts of pleasure, such as may be found at the Northville Fair, provide many a pleasing fair.

Tells School Plans



SUPT. JOHN DALRYMPLE

Charity Fiesta At Smith Estate

Vista Villa Farms, the C. F. Smith estate on Grand River avenue west of Farmington, will be opened to the general public on Wednesday, September 2, for a gala "Fiesta" given for the benefit of Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

The program will begin at 2:00 p. m. when tea will be served on the lawn. A style show, with girls modelling the fall fashions in costumes, will be held in the garden at 3:15 in the afternoon.

During the afternoon and evening there will be Spanish dancing, strolling quartets, fortune tellers, and booths selling toys and baked goods. Flower girls and cigarette girls are being chosen.

"There will be dancing in the afternoon and evening," says Mrs. Henry W. Smith who is general chairman of the event, "and we hope that everybody will come and enjoy all of the many other things which we are planning."

Mrs. John F. Ackerman is co-chairman with Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Charles Schaub is treasurer for the event. The chairman of various other committees are as follows: Mrs. C. Rolland, bazaar booth; Mrs. Peter J. Weins, refreshments; Mrs. William Kuhn, food and drink booth; Mrs. Carl T. Hens, tea committee; Mrs. Herman Heare, Hi-Leak, Gardens chairman; Mrs. Charles Schaub and Mrs. Claude Moore, gifts, decorations and costumes; Mrs. John Schulte, barbeque; Bob Schulte, parking; Mrs. Walter Buchlander, toy booth; Mrs. Leo Taube, quilt booth; Mrs. James Bonar, house; Mrs. John Nagus, publicity, and Miss Helen Bratan, dance.

Consumer Employees Awarded Medals

Rolfe H. Smith, shop foreman in the Plymouth District for the Consumers Power Company, and Miss Marie Walling, who is employed at the Farmington office of the company, were among the 200 employees to receive medals for service at the banquet at the Masonic Temple in Pontiac on Friday night. The medals received by Mr. Smith and Miss Walling were given also to about 140 other employees who had given service in this company for from five to nine years. This banquet, given by the Pontiac Division culminated the Golden Anniversary program of the Consumers Power Company.

Circuit Court to Hold Hearing on City Suit

A hearing will be held Monday at the Circuit Court in Pontiac for the purpose of giving final approval on the \$17,500 settlement accepted by the City Commission on its \$3,500 suit against Harrison Johnson and Clyde Chamberlain.

Although the settlement was accepted by the Commission, a judgment must be rendered by the court before the agreement can become effective. The suit was instituted against Chamberlain and Johnson when a shortage was discovered in the books of Lewis Thayer, late City Treasurer. The two men had signed his \$5,000 bond.

Nathan Power Improves; Able to Be About Again

The many friends and acquaintances of Nathan Power, who resigned his position as City Clerk of Farmington last week because of illness, will be glad to learn that he is somewhat improved and is able to walk from his home to town and back.

Mr. Power served as City Clerk since the incorporation of the City and was chairman of the Farmington Centennial Celebration.

Farmington School Opens September 14

The Farmington Public Schools will convene on Monday, September 14, for the opening of the fall term, according to Superintendent of Schools J. A. Dalrymple.

Two new teachers are being added to the staff of the school, Max Thompson, formerly principal of the Kego Harbor schools, will teach the science subjects of Physics, Chemistry, and Biology.

Charles Kaufman, who has been teaching in the Detroit schools, will fill the newly-created position of Superintendent of the Grades. He will act as co-ordinator of the various programs of the first eight grades. Musical training and athletic programs may be made available to students in these grades, Mr. Dalrymple says.

Will Not Lengthen Day A contemplated lengthening of the school day will not be carried through, according to Superintendent Dalrymple. Because of the large enrollment and the adding of several new courses it was thought that the present number of class hours might prove insufficient.

"The eight-hour day, which means that school would convene at 8:15 in the morning and be dismissed at 3:40 in the afternoon, will not be adopted for the present," says Mr. Dalrymple. "Unless some unforeseen situation develops, we will continue on our regular six period schedule."

Add Four Subjects Four new courses are being added to the curriculum. Juniors and Seniors will be offered a course in public speaking. A year's course of one semester of Sociology and one semester of Economics, a full year, of Civics for Seniors, and a course of Biology for Sophomores are also to be added to the curriculum.

Students will spend an additional two weeks in school during the forthcoming year, as the school term is being lengthened to nine and one-half months. This will not shorten the vacations during the term, although only one week will be allowed for the Christmas vacation as the holiday falls on a Friday.

"We will open our books September 14, after September 1, says Superintendent Dalrymple. "As in past years, students will be able to buy, sell, or exchange their books at the schoolhouse before school begins."

Urge Early Enrollment Those students who plan to enroll in the Farmington schools for the first time this year are urged to complete their enrollment as soon as possible after September 1.

Baseball practice will probably commence after Labor Day, a week before the opening of school, as in former years.

MAYOR TESTIFIES IN BLACK LEGION INQUIRY

Mayor Warner of Farmington was a witness Tuesday before the one-man grand jury investigating the Black Legion in Oakland County. Mayor Warner is chairman of the Oakland County Republican Committee, and the Black Legion is reported to have been active in efforts to influence party affairs in the county prior to Mr. Warner's becoming chairman. He was before the grand jury only about five minutes.

CLARENCEVILLE TEAM GAINS FIRST PLACE

The Clarenceville Athletic club gained a firmer hold on first place position in the Wolverine State League by defeating the Detroit Nomads, 10 to 5, Sunday afternoon on the diamond at Ten and One-Half Mile Road and Gratiot avenue.

The Clarenceville club is now three games ahead of the Detroit Nomads who are in second place in the league. The Nomads made 18 hits and Clarenceville made 12 hits. G. Rosenbloom pitched for Clarenceville and Ed Rosenbloom was catcher.

With approximately a dozen more games yet on the schedule the Clarenceville club is confident that they will win the league title. The next game is scheduled for Sunday, August 23, at 3:00 p. m., on the diamond on Middle Belt Road between Seven and Eight Mile Roads.