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Post Office Assured Of 2nd Class

A second-class rating is assured for the Farmington Post Office, according to Postmaster Norman Lee, who states that the October sales of this year are already twice as great as in the same month in 1935.

Each of the three preceding quarters ending in March, June and September, the amount of sales have exceeded the figures of the previous year and it is expected that receipts during the final quarter of the present year will exceed \$3,000.

To achieve a second-class rating a post office must have a gross sales of \$9,500 during the preceding year. The sales at the Farmington post office this year, up to October 27, total nearly \$8,000.

Mr. Lee will be informed officially of the change after January 1, 1937 but the new rating will not go into effect until July 1, 1937.

Many Join Efforts To Make Warner State Treasurer



HOWARD M. WARNER

O. E. S. Celebrates 37th Anniversary

Eighty-five persons, many of them from out of town, attended the 37th birthday anniversary meeting of the Order of Eastern Star in Farmington on Tuesday evening.

The program of the evening began with an address of welcome by Mrs. Margaret Burns, to the Past Worthy Matrons, Past Worthy Patrons, Charter Members and Life Members of the order. The response for the Past Matrons was delivered by Mrs. Mary Johnson, for the Past Patrons by Albert Conn, a previous resident of Farmington, now of Detroit. Mrs. Elizabeth Holcomb gave the response for the charter members and John Finnen, a member of the order, gave a tribute to the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Georgia Walters, who responded with greetings to all present. Two piano selections by Mrs. Heaney and two vocal solos by Mrs. Lenore Gildemeister, accompanied by Mrs. Westphal, completed the program, previous to the inlatory work conducted by Mrs. Ethel Schroeder, Past Worthy Matron, and Mrs. Charles Freely, Past Worthy Patron, and Mrs. Charles Freely, of Northville were the candidates.

The tables in the dining room were arranged in the shape of a star with color decorations living at each point of the star. Mrs. Georgia Walters, Worthy Matron, was presented with a large, five-layer birthday cake, made of four gallons of ice cream, each layer decorated in colors with the name of each point of the star. The Eastern Star, this was the gift of Joseph Himmelsbach.

Of the nine living charter members, the following were present: Miss Grace Tremper, Noville; Mrs. Elizabeth Holcomb, Mr. and Mrs. John Thayer and Isaac Bond. The five of the seven life members who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. John Thayer, and Mrs. Elizabeth Holcomb. Nineteen Past Worthy Matrons and six Past Worthy Patrons were present.

Mrs. Eva Hutton was chairman of the program committee, and Mrs. Lena Oldham and Mrs. Ida Worsfold headed the dining room and supper committee.

Mrs. Clarence Dickling of Spring Brook Gardens donated potted chrysanthemums and a bouquet of dahlias and other cut flowers.

Boards Announced For Tuesday's Election

The two township election boards which will serve in the general election, Tuesday, November 3, are announced by Township Clerk Willard Campbell as follows:

Precinct one: Ward Eagle, chairman; Ernest Blanchard, Frank Steute, Mrs. Leslie McIntyre, Jay Butten, Mrs. Lattie Seeley, and Mrs. Jennie Lapham.

Precinct two: Walter Headlee, chairman; Mrs. Francisco Billing, Mrs. Louise Brown, Willis T. Roberts, Hubert Earle, and Charles Heise.

The election board for Farmington City will consist of Arthur Lamb, chairman, Mrs. Anna Brown, Mrs. Josephine McGee, Carl Goers, Herbert Todd, and Harry Moore.

Miss Sadie Heaney visited Mrs. Albert Berchem of West Point Park on Tuesday.

Several New Homes Under Construction

Several new homes are being built in the Farmington area and others will be finished before winter sets in. Among those who are building or remodeling are the John McColloughs, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Marter, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Haskins, and the Rene Van Houtes.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. McCollough of Halstead Road have recently completed the erection of a modern, air conditioned, two-story colonial home on the foundation of the home that was destroyed by fire last winter. This home site is known as the Caleb Sprague property. Mr. and Mrs. McCollough, of Detroit, purchased the property in the summer of 1935, and remodeled the home. The fire was one of the biggest in this locality last year. The lower story of the new home is brick and the upper story is chip-board.

Another home in the process of construction is a bungalow with a clap-board exterior being erected on a plot at the bend of the road on the farm property of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Finnen on North Farmington Road. The home, when completed, will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Marter. Mr. Van Marter is manager of the Apple orchard and farm for Mr. Finnen. Plans are being made for the present home on the property to be remodeled by Mr. and Mrs. Finnen and family to occupy during the summer months. Their winters are spent at Lakeland, Florida. Mr. Finnen has recently improved the buildings of the estate by painting the home white, with contrasting deep green shutters at the windows. The other farm buildings are also painted white. Since the purchase of the farm a year ago Mr. Finnen has planted a new apple orchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Haskins are building a new home on South Farmington Road near Nine Mile Road. Mr. and Mrs. Haskins have lived in and near Farmington for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Rene Van Hulle of Plymouth are remodeling their home on South Farmington Road, and are planning to landscape the lawn. They, with their two children, plan to move there within the next few months.

VELMA POWER MARRIED TO THEODORE JOHNSON

Mrs. Jessie Power of North Farmington announces the marriage of her daughter, Velma, to Theodore Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson of Drake Road on July 21. They are at home to their friends at Maple Vale Farm, 3404 Fourteen Mile Road.

Band Members Attend Marching Clinic

On Saturday, October 24, Ralph Banta and four boys from the band, James Norton, Claude Laro, Wilmer Kroecker, and Donald Oldenburg attended the State Band Orchestra association marching clinic at Lansing. The morning meeting was held in the College Union building of Michigan State College. In the afternoon the college band demonstrated several band formations and maneuvers in the stadium.

Farmington Furnishes Political Leadership

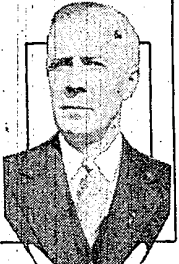
Probably no other small community in Michigan, and few larger ones, have ever contributed to leadership of State political affairs to the extent that Farmington is doing in the epochal election campaign this fall.

Not only has the community a candidate for a high State office in one of the major parties, but two other citizens and a former resident contribute to the interest in the greatest political struggle of the generation.

Besides Mayor Howard M. Warner's candidacy for State Treasurer on the Republican ticket there is the prominence in affairs of the Farmer-Labor party of W. Alton Nelson, who is State Secretary. George E. Gullen, former pastor of West Point Park Community church, who is the Farmer-Labor nominee for Supreme Court Justice, and Rufus N. Crozman who is the party's candidate for Register of Deeds of Oakland County.

Mr. Nelson was in the vortex of

Veteran Clerk Who Has Resigned and Successor



The vacancy caused by the resignation of Willard Campbell (above) as Farmington Township Clerk was filled by the appointment of Harry McCracken (right) by the Township Board Wednesday night.



School To Hold Open House

All parents and patrons are being invited to an open house which will be held at the Farmington elementary and high school during National Education Week from Friday, November 5 until Thursday, November 15.

There will be three informal discussions during the week. On Tuesday at 3:45 p. m., Superintendent John A. Dalrymple will lead the discussion on "The Story of the School." On Thursday Grade Principal, Charles Kaufman will talk on the "Changing Curriculum," and on Friday Robert C. Burns, principal of the high school, will discuss "Education for Character."

The discussions will be held in the grade school building after school is dismissed.

"The purpose of our open house and National Education Week is to better acquaint the community with the work and the problems of the school," states Superintendent Dalrymple. "We cordially invite parents and patrons to visit the school during the day and to stay for the open forums after school is dismissed."

BICYCLIST INJURED BY FALL UNDER TRUCK

Ten-year old Miles Bentley of 2074 Lincoln Avenue, Southfield Township, is the victim of the first bicycle accident in several years in the Farmington area, receiving a severely lacerated left arm when he was struck and run over by a truck on Waldron Avenue near Grand River Saturday afternoon.

His view of the highway blocked by a large steam-shovel machine in front of the Union Educational Company at the junction of the two roads, Miles rode out into the path of the truck driven by William Chapman, 18, of Waldron Avenue.

In trying to avoid being hit by the truck, Bentley turned his bicycle too sharply and fell under the truck. The wheels of the truck did not strike him but crushed the bicycle under which Bentley's leg was pinned.

He received deep lacerations on the ankle and about the head and face. He was taken to Dr. Joseph W. Norton for first aid treatment and was later taken home.

Cut-Off Changed To One Way Road

Despite the fact that two large signs and a prominent centerline have been installed on Grand River highway at the east end of the Cut-Off in an effort to make the latter a road for east-bound traffic only, many motorists are persisting in using the Cut-Off in traveling west past Farmington.

Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt turned back 127 cars in the hour between 5:00 p. m. and 6:00 p. m. on Sunday afternoon. Of this number, 39 disregarded the signs and his directions and were forced to stop and turn back after traveling a considerable distance on the Cut-Off.

A considerable increase in traffic through Farmington was in evidence, however, as the majority of motorists were directed through the city. On Sunday afternoon, a steady stream of traffic drove through Farmington on Grand River Avenue, often using both lanes of the road when the single lane was not able to accommodate the record amount of cars.

The change at the intersection of Grand River and the Cut-Off went into effect on Saturday. In place of the red and green stop signals formerly used, an amber "blinker" light has been installed.

Traffic approaching Farmington on Grand River from the east is now routed directly through the city and east-bound traffic only is routed by way of the Cut-Off.

In the parkway in the middle of Grand River is a large reflector sign, four feet by six feet, with the words, "No left turn. Keep to right." On the triangle on the west side of the intersection is another sign, "Stop. One-way traffic." In the middle of the highway is an asphalt ridge painted yellow, directing west-bound traffic to stay on Grand River.

Residents living north the Cut-Off desiring to drive north into Farmington are requested by Deputy DeVriendt to refrain from driving west on the Cut-Off. Motorists, thinking the Cut-Off for east-bound cars only, will use both lanes of the road, thereby endangering motorists driving west. Deputy DeVriendt explains.

The present system of routing will be used throughout the winter and until Grand River is widened. After that the Cut-Off will be closed to permit extensive repairs to be made in order to eliminate the most dangerous section of the road.

Wolfrum-Fawcett Vows Spoken In Ohio

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Ella Wolfrum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wolfrum, to Mr. William Fawcett, who lives near Grose Point, to John Fawcett of Farmington, on Monday, October 26, in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett are planning to spend their honeymoon in Bowling Green, after which they will make their home in Farmington.

Services Held For Raymond Blackburn

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Heaney Funeral Home for Raymond L. Blackburn, who died of a heart attack Monday afternoon. Rev. Gilbert Miles officiated. The burial was in the North Farmington cemetery.

Mr. Blackburn was employed on the farm of Bert Coe. He is survived by a niece, Mrs. Garfield Reynolds of Redford, a sister in Canada and a brother in Detroit.

Campbell Resigns as Town Clerk

Harry McCracken, former supervisor of Farmington Township, will complete the unexpired term of Willard Campbell, whose resignation from the office of Township Clerk came as a surprise to residents of the township for whom he has served as clerk for a period of 10 years.

Mr. Campbell requested that his resignation take effect immediately, giving poor health and business as his reasons for his action. The Township Board, at a special meeting Wednesday night accepted the resignation and appointed Mr. McCracken to assume the duties of the clerkship.

"I have contemplated resigning for some time," states Mr. Campbell, "but delayed doing so until this week. I am resigning in order to better care for my health and my business."

Mr. McCracken will serve as Township Clerk until the spring election.

Mr. Campbell has been clerk under three supervisors, Isaac Bond, Harry McCracken, and Arthur Coe. Mr. Campbell is one of the most popular officials ever to have served in the township. During much of his time as clerk, he was unopposed for re-election at the annual township plebelections. When there were contests, he invariably won by a comfortable margin.

MISS GERMAINE BEAUCHAMP WED TO LEO AUGER

Miss Germaine Beauchamp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vinch Beauchamp of 2129 Niagara Avenue, and Leo Auger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Auger of 636 Alver Avenue, Detroit, were united in marriage Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock at Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

The bride wore a long white satin gown with finger tip veil and white accessories and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. Her attendants, Miss Susanne Auger and Miss Rhea Beauchamp, wore gowned brides in rust mottled tulle, carried bronze chrysanthemums. The bride was given away by her father.

The groom was attended by Ernest Beauchamp and Edgar Auger. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, covers being laid for 29 guests.

Supper was served at the home of the groom's parents with 33 guests in attendance.

In the evening a reception was held for the newly married couple at the home of the groom's parents to 100 friends.

Following a short honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Auger will be at home to their friends after November 10.

FORMER RESIDENT TO BE BURIED IN OAKWOOD CEMETERY

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at one o'clock in Oakwood Cemetery for Mrs. Betty Armstrong MacFee who died in Santa Ana, California last Friday. Mrs. MacFee was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ely who lived in the Farmington locality. After her marriage to Mat Armstrong she lived on west Grand River where the Children's Home was recently located.

Surviving Mrs. MacFee are her sister, Mrs. Martha Hutton of Ypsilanti; two daughters, Mrs. Frank Bachelor of Union Lake, and Mrs. Lulu Coon of Detroit; and two sons, Dale and Earl, both of Detroit. Mrs. MacFee was 79. She was also a sister of the late Charles Ely of Farmington.

Enterprise Marks 48th Anniversary

This week, The Farmington Enterprise celebrates its 48th anniversary. With this edition, The Enterprise begins its forty-ninth year of publication.

Farmington's newspaper was founded in 1888 by the late Edgar R. Bloomer, who dedicated it as a "permanent and progressive" enterprise. Ownership remained with the founder for a dozen years, following which the paper passed through a number of hands. One of the proprietors was Harry N. McCracken of Farmington Township.



GEORGE E. GULLEN



R. N. CROZMAN