

# The Farmington Enterprise

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## EDITORIALS

### Knock Knock

"Knock Knock" is a game which every American household plays constantly. Even if she has a maid "of sorts," she is not exempt from taking a large part in this front-door sport which, like procrastination, is such a "chief of time."

On her way to answer the rattle of the knocker, she is asking herself, not "Who's there?" but "Is that the butcher, the baker or the candlestick maker?" However, it may be none of these, who have business more or less legitimate at her door. It may be the firemen's benefit association selling tickets for the annual ball; a small boy selling that popular magazine which every member of the family has already remembered to bring home; a small girl selling kitchen pot holders or artificial flowers, or needle packets; or a man who wants to do a little work (or preferably none) about the place in exchange for enough to buy a couple of doughnuts.

The day begins with the baker. By the time the loaf has been deposited in the bread box and inquiry made after the baker man's new baby daughter, the backdoor buzzer is announcing the vegetable man. By the time the back entry is filled with kitchen bouquets of celery, carrots, beets and the like, the front door knocker announces the expressman, or a man collecting money for some organization, or postage due on a letter, or a new telephone book, or one of a number of census takers. They want to know everything from your latest estimate of your approximate age, to how many magazines are admitted to the household.

Having disposed of the quota of salesmen at the front door, the buzzer at the back wants to admit the oil man to fill the heater, the laundryman to collect the week's wash, and by this time the knocker at front is again resounding with the clamor call of the egg woman, or a package is being left for the neighbors who are not at home to receive it, or someone wants to sell a load of wood.

Interruptions via the knocker, in the life of Mrs. Housekeeper, are a formidable battle. Not long ago a woman's magazine published an article entitled "Warning to Wives," an article purported to have been written by a secretary who supposes that wives are chief offenders in a world mostly made up of interruptions. The author of the article told them off roundly for telephoning to their husbands at their offices to ask them to bring home some possible bacon. But while secretaries are throwing protective measures around husbands, who is going to lift a hand and a voice in defense of housewives and their precious time?

### Traffic Control

In Evanston, Ill., Lieutenant Krenzel is awarded \$5,000.00 by the Commercial Investment Trust Safety Foundation for his work in improving safety conditions, and reducing automotive fatalities.

A study of the plan under which his system works reveals the following hard and fast principles:

a. Police officers investigate each accident thoroughly, making it a point to find the human factor at fault.

b. The offender is brought into court and PUNISHED.

c. Tickets for minor violations, and court sentences for more serious offenses, cannot be taken care of by political influence.

So it would seem that all any city or town has to do in order to reduce the accident toll is to religiously follow the principle: Find the Man and Punish Him.

Some people are not punished by paying a fine—they must lose their license or spend time in jail.

### Woodman Spare that Tree

This country needs greater public vigilance in defense of trees, together with more extensive tree planting programs.

If a tree is cut down because of old age it should be replaced by another.

Plantings along all highways add much to the beauty appeal for tourists, and the plan of planting in places will help check erosion.

We limit the number of birds a man may shoot in order to save our country from insects. Why not limit tree killings and save the country from erosion?

Letters to the Editor are always welcomed by this newspaper.

### Restore Land to Itself

(Exchange)

Unless man is made to realize the complete dependence of life itself upon the intelligent use of our land heritage future generations will be overtaken by economic disaster.

A great many people look upon land as an open account against which they're privileged to write as many checks as they please. But no bank account can withstand generations of reckless spending. Eventually comes a day of reckoning.

Once a farmer dismissed a tenant with the words, "I want no more of you around. You have bled the straw and sold it, sold the animals, ripped up the sod and cut down my trees, and never a scrap have you put back." This farmer had land honor, but there have been few like him.

The question of saving the land is now a vital subject to every citizen in the country, urban and rural, and any program devised to assure the nation a future supply of food and fiber should meet with universal cooperation.

### Reading Taste

(Exchange)

Reading serious books occupied more of the time of intelligent citizens in the 1920's than it does today. We have trivial diversions which did not tempt our fathers. We are paying for our gadgets—the movie, the radio, the motor car and the cheap newspaper—more and more things by an atrophy of our brains.—Wm. Allen White.

### Chain Letter Revised

(Exchange)

The send-a-dime letter racket has been revived in the west and has even been taken up by clubs which are conducting the chain for members and charging for the service. Police call the scheme "a sucker's game" that is as crooked as anything could be.

Two years ago the money-mailing craze was in vogue. Not long ago a woman's magazine published an article entitled "Warning to Wives," an article purported to have been written by a secretary who supposes that wives are chief offenders in a world mostly made up of interruptions. The author of the article told them off roundly for telephoning to their husbands at their offices to ask them to bring home some possible bacon. But while secretaries are throwing protective measures around husbands, who is going to lift a hand and a voice in defense of housewives and their precious time?

### Don't Knock

(Exchange)

It is well to remember that you cannot climb by dragging others down. Your progress doesn't depend on other people's mistakes, your fortune on their misfortune. Success is a positive attainment. It is built on what you do, not on what others don't.

Police in Worcester, Mass., report a "racket" in which garage operators, listening to police radio cars, rush their tow-cars to the scene of a collision, sometimes even getting in the way of rescue efforts, haul off the disabled car without consulting the distraught owner and later send him a bill for its repair. Besides federal penalties for using police radio information for private benefit, an effective way of ending this practice would be for courts to let it be known that they properly will not enforce bills for repairs and service not authorized by the car owner.

A group of people living in Cleveland have adopted the idea of flying to New York to the opera and returning the same night. Now that is what might be called being a bit minded.

Egypt has filed a request to join the League of Nations. After Ethiopia's eventual career the League ought to post a notice that each new member joins at his own risk.

Living in a trailer ought at least to take the work out of moving day.

Doctor: "Four pulse is as regular as a clock."

Sick Doc: "It ought to be, you've got your fingers on my wrist watch."

Recruiter: "A start. Do you want to join the navy for?"

Applicant: "So I can get some military experience. I'm going to join the army."

Actions Speak Louder Than Words

Nit: "Can I trust you?"

Wit: "Try me with a dollar."



### WEST POINT PARK

Mrs. Guard Parks and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Freer, Mrs. Nettie Baker and daughter Marjory of Detroit were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Addis.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Helchman were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beardslee of Detroit.

Mrs. Gerald Mead and daughter Maxine of Frankfort were the weekend guests of her sister Mrs. Elmer Helchman.

Bert Lensen of Detroit was the weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sharrow.

Homer Middlewood, who has been working in Florida all winter, returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McVicar of Bay City were the Sunday guests of their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold McVicar and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lyon of Detroit, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Eastman.

John Weigle has sold his new home on Banks Road, near Livingstone, and is moving into the Hall cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Nacker of Farmington, were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nacker.

The 4-H club of Pierson school exhibited their work at the Wayne County Training School at Northville, Saturday. Dorothy Trapp received first prize for the dress she made.

Little Robert Wagenshute is still in a critical condition in Ann Arbor hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gillespie entertained the choir of Redford Presbyterian church, Saturday evening.

Miss June Ault and George Misner visited the flower show in Detroit, Sunday.

Miss Barbara Middlewood was a visitor to friends Sunday, in Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sharrow were guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson of Birmingham.

Mrs. Russell Ault, a convalescent at Maybury Sanitarium, Northville, spent the weekend at her home attending to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ault and Miss Freda Ault attended an "Oyster fry" given by friends in Wayne on Saturday evening.

The Y. M. C. A. club met at the home of Mrs. Ethel Middlewood, Sunday evening. An interesting feature of the occasion was the description and display by Homer Middlewood of his shell collections and other curios.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Zwahlen and daughter Janet Mae of Detroit, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Zwahlen.

Mrs. Walter Hawkins of Detroit was the guest last week of her sister, Mrs. Albert Helchman.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Nacker of Redford, were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nacker.

Mrs. Arthur Sharrow was the guest Thursday of Mrs. Ott Farnsworth of Plymouth. Mr. Sharrow was a dinner guest.

Mrs. Albert Martin was the weekend guest of her son, Carl Bond and family of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gienegar and family of Wayne, were Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ault.

Mrs. Riley Adams is recovering from her recent illness.

William Seesley and daughter, Ethel of Northville, and Mr. Farnsworth of Plymouth, were Sunday afternoon callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Seesley on Wilmarth avenue.

Mrs. Henry Trombley has been absent from her office duties at the Schulte law office, due to illness.

### Tremendous Trifles

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

WASHINGTON "ASSASSIN"

"GEORGE WASHINGTON, an assassin... Impossible!" you exclaim. But it's true, Washington himself admitted it!

On May 28, 1754, his Virginia militia made a surprise attack on a party of Frenchmen at Great Meadows in western Pennsylvania. They killed two, including the leader, Colonel Jumonville, and took twenty-one prisoners, who claimed that Jumonville was an envoy sent to warn the English of the French lands. Since England and France were not at war, they said the attack was a violation of international law. Papers found at the time proved that they were also scouts for a French force sent to drive the English away.

Five weeks later, that force, commanded by Jumonville's brother, Colonel de Villiers, besieged Washington's little army at Fort Necessity. However, Washington held out until a demand for surrender was put into writing.

It was a soggy, rainy day and the French note was "written in a bad hand and was dotted and peppered." In it Villiers twice stated that the French were not attacking the English, but were punishing "L'assassinat de Sieur de Jumonville." This was read in Washington by Jacob Van Braam, a Dutchman, who translated the "assassinat" simply as "death or loss." So Washington signed the articles, with that fatal word in them.

It was a trifling error of interpretation, but the French, who welcomed an excuse for war with "perfidious Alibion," seized upon the young colonial officer's "confession." It played no small part in bringing on the Seven Years' War.

Western Newspaper Union.

In order to accommodate patrons of The Enterprise, the office is open each Saturday afternoon.

REGISTRATION NOTICE FOR ELECTION TO BE HELD APRIL 5, 1937

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the Michigan election law I, the undersigned City Clerk will upon any day except Sunday and a legal holiday, the day of any regular or special election or primary election receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said city not already registered who may apply to me personally for such registration.

Provided, however, that I can receive no names for registration during the time intervening between the second Saturday before any regular, special or official primary election and the day of such election.

Notice as further given to the qualified electors of this City that I the undersigned Clerk of said City will register qualified electors who may apply at my office in the Farmington State Bank building on any business day in the year up to and including March 27, 1937, the last day for general registration, by personal application from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. On March 15, 1937, I will be at my residence at 3373 1/2 Grand River avenue, Farmington Michigan, from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m.; at my office in the Farmington State Bank from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and at my residence from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. The name of any person but an actual resident of the City at the time for registration and entitled under the Constitution if remaining such resident to vote at the next election, shall be entered in the registration book.

H. W. MOORE, City Clerk, March 18-25.

### LICENSE PLATES "FOLLOW" THE CAR SAYS CASE

Leon D. Case, Secretary of State, has been called upon repeatedly of late to refund on license plates and stickers. Car owners have bought 1937 plates or stickers and before attaching the plates or stickers have sold or disposed of the car without giving the purchaser the plates or sticker.

This condition has been multiplied through the recent extension of the deadline for the use of 1936 plates, many car owners not attaching their 1937 plates or stickers.

### ELECTION NOTICE

To the qualified electors of the Township of Livonia, County of Wayne, State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the Township of Livonia, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on April 5, A.D. 1937, for the purpose of electing the following officers:

State  
Two Justices of the Supreme Court; Two Regents of the University of Michigan; Superintendent of Public Instruction; Member of State Board of Education; Member of State Board of Agriculture; State Highway Commissioner.

County  
Wayne County Auditor.

Township  
Supervisor; Clerk; Treasurer; Justice of Peace, full term; Justice of Peace, fill vacancy; Highway Commissioner; Member of Board of Review; Four Constables.

Polls will be open from 7:00 o'clock a. m. to 8:00 o'clock p. m. Eastern Standard Time.

Places for Voting  
Precinct No. 1—The Community Hall on Seven Mile Road East of Farmington Road.

Precinct No. 2—Sheldon Land Company Real Estate office in Rosedale Gardens on Plymouth Road.

HARRY WOLFE, Township Clerk, March 18-25.

ers sooner than legally required. People acquiring cars with 1936 plates, cannot buy plates or stickers for them, if 1937 plates or stickers have been previously issued for such cars. Nor can the purchaser of the unused plate or sticker secure a refund of their money. The plate or sticker "goes with the car."

The original plate or sticker purchaser refusing to surrender the license plate or sticker permit to the subsequent owner should be warned that the license plates and sticker permits remain the property of the state. The Motor Vehicle Law specifically provides

that the license is issued to the car and must remain on the car for the remainder of the current year.

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## BILL\* for a family of three: Electric Cooking is not expensive!

COST OF OPERATING AN ELECTRIC RANGE

Family of 3 \$1.70 per month

This figure is a 4-month's average (October, November, December and January) of actual cooking costs in families of three persons, at the rate of 2 1/2 cents (net) per kWh. Special record meters were installed on these customers' ranges to determine actual cooking costs, and the figure above—about 1/2-cent a meal—is the result. This is the AVERAGE of the cost figures obtained. Some of the actual costs were higher, some were lower. The cost of operating your range will vary, with the amount of cooking done, and with the use of retained heat and the waterless cooking method.

\*These latest figures on the cost of operating an electric range show an average of about ONE-HALF A CENT a meal a person. Actual meter tests were made in homes using electric ranges. The cost figure is obtained under everyday working conditions in ordinary kitchens. The ranges are used by women cooking meals daily for families of three, four and five people, or larger. In the survey, 5 well-known makes and 9 different models of electric ranges were included. These tests prove conclusively that electric cooking is not expensive. 10,000 of your neighbors' whose electric cooking during the year 1936 (SEE THE NEW ELECTRIC RANGES ON DISPLAY AT DEPARTMENT STORES, ELECTRICAL DEALERS AND THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY