

Oldest Store Discontinues Business

Farmington's oldest business house, the E. C. Grace dry goods store, located at the northeast corner of Grand River avenue and Farmington road, founded in 1872 by Theodore and Benjamin Grace, has discontinued business.

In the 65 years since its establishment, some member of the Grace family has continually been proprietor of the store. The stock has been sold, but the fixtures remain in the building.

Operated as a partnership between the two brothers, Theodore and Benjamin, for many years, the store later was managed by Theodore's son, E. C. Grace. About 1914 Mr. Grace transferred the direction of the store to his daughter, Mrs. Lou Pauline, who, with her husband, has managed the store since that time.

Mrs. Pauline expects to rent the building in the near future, although no definite arrangements have been completed at present for the taking over of the building by new tenants.

The Grace building is not only the oldest business house in Farmington, but also the oldest structure in this vicinity. It has served as a landmark in this community for nearly three-quarters of a century.

Originally, the Grace establishment was a typical small town general store, handling everything from dry goods to nails, but later, as more and more business houses located in Farmington, it became a dry goods store exclusively, continuing to serve the public in that capacity until the present.

VERGINA OTIS LEROY PERCY EXCHANGE VOWS

An attractive summer wedding took place Monday morning when Rev. Aulenbach of Christ Church, Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, united in marriage Miss Virginia Otis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Otis, of Farmington, and Leroy Percy, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Percy of Big Rapids.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Amos Otis. Mrs. Curtis Hall, a close friend of the bride, was matron-of-honor. Howard, a brother of the bride, attended the groom.

Following the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served to 25 guests at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Percy left immediately after the reception for a short wedding trip through northern Michigan. They will make their home in Columbus, Ohio, where Mr. Percy is engaged as a commercial photographer.

SERVICES HELD FOR PIONEER RESIDENT

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma Coleman, who died on Wednesday, July 21, in Birmingham, were held at the Bell Funeral Home at Birmingham last Friday. The burial was at Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Coleman was a resident of Farmington Township for nearly 50 years. Her maiden name was Viola Muldraugh. She was born in 1864 at Novi, Mrs. Coleman lived there until her marriage in 1891 when she and Mr. Coleman moved to the farm which he had purchased on Twelve Mile road. Mr. Coleman died in 1933. Since his death, Mrs. Coleman had been making her home with friends in Birmingham.

Mrs. Coleman's death resulted from a long illness after suffering a stroke on February 1 at which time she was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bade of Eleven Mile road.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS ANNOUNCED

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the following positions:

- Assistant naval architect, \$3,000 a year; assistant naval architect, \$2,600 a year; assistant dental laboratory mechanic, \$1,440 a year; public health scientist, \$1,620 a year; Public Health Service, Treasury Department, and Veterans' Administration.

Full information may be obtained from Margaret J. Rudeberg, Secretary of the U. S. Civil Service, at the post office in this city.

Farmington Merchants Offer "Hot Weather Specials"

Enterprise advertisers, in accordance with continued hot weather, again offer a host of products and appliances designed to help you keep cool. Fred L. Cook and Company know that light, cool clothes do most to offset the heat. This week they are offering white shoes and light dresses at a marked reduction.

Although hot weather seems to persist, it won't be long before you'll be thinking that a fire in the furnace wouldn't make the house uncomfortable. We suggest that you take advantage of the "fill-up" prices on coal and select now the best for your furnace.

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Home-Made Fly Spray Inexpensive and Effective

Inexpensive and highly effective fly spray mixtures containing flies and other livestock pests were outlined this week by the Michigan State College entomology department.

The cheapest fly spray that the farmer can make for himself is composed of a pint of kerosene oil to a gallon of water, crank case oil. The objection to this spray is that it stains the coat of the animal and therefore cannot be used on show stock. The spray, however, will be found to be highly effective, say the entomologists.

A spray which is somewhat more expensive and one that can be used on show animals is made from one-half pound of ground pyrethrum (obtainable at drug stores) added to a gallon of mineral spirits or oil of eucalyptus. The latter liquids are highly refined oils and may be obtained at garages or filling stations, where they are used by mechanics for washing their hands and for cleaning auto parts. The pyrethrum should be soaked in the oil for 48 hours with an occasional agitation to enable the oil to take up all of the chemical possible. After that the clear liquid should be taken off and is ready for use as a fly spray. The residue should be discarded.

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To Widen Grand River Next Month

Plans for the widening of Grand River avenue in and west of Farmington City, have been completed according to information received by Street Commissioner E. O. Hatton from P. G. McKenna, Eighth District Engineer for the State Highway Department. Work will probably start early in September. Mr. McKenna was in Farmington Saturday.

The plan calls for the widening of the Grand River road to 40 feet, within the city limits, and to 50 feet from the city limits to the Cut-off. Grand River will probably be blocked off and all traffic will be routed around Farmington on the Cut-off while the widening is in process.

Definitive plans for next year include the widening of the Cut-off to make that route State Highway No. 16. Through traffic will be routed over the Cut-off and the Grand River road, to be known as highway No. 16A will serve as a secondary route. It will, however, have to bear the burden of all traffic between Lansing and Detroit while widening of the Cut-off is being done.

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Fifty Gather For Literary Club Reunion

More than 50 members and a friend of the Young Peoples' Literary Union gathered at the home of Miss Ida and Zaida Steele Saturday for a dinner and general reunion.

The dinner was followed by a program. Lucy Moore of Lansing spoke on poetry, contrasting the old with modern verse. Several musical numbers were given by Helene McCracken, accompanied by Ernestine Pierce.

Guests were present at the reunion included E. M. Moore, Lucy Moore of Lansing, H. N. McCracken, Nellie McCracken, Myrtle Tredway, Ida Steele, Bertha Steele, Orion Everett, and Hattie Everett of Lake Orion.

Letters were read to members of the reunion. This group included Glenn Power, Travers City; Theodore Drake, Portland, Ore.; and Mrs. Arthur McCracken, Walsh, Indiana.

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These Are Busy Days For One of Town's Busiest Men

One of the busiest men in Farmington or in all this part of the State for many years, Joe Himmelspach, who with two Detroit stores in addition to his extensive Farmington Dairy business, is operating one of the largest industries in the Farmington area. This is his twenty-seventh year for Mr. Himmelspach in Farmington, for he came here 20 years ago, and he is celebrating the anniversary year by working at top speed for about 18 hours every day, managing an institution with 25 employes. He still supplies for the business the same unceasing energy that built it from nothing to its present large extent.

Four years after coming to this community, Mr. Himmelspach started Farmington Dairy. That was in 1921. He had no employes. He purchased milk from two farmers. Today, besides engaging 25 employes full time, he buys milk from 28 dairy farmers of this area.

Back in the early days, every single operation of the dairy was performed by Mr. Himmelspach, assisted by Mrs. Himmelspach. This included everything from taking in the milk to washing the bottles. It meant long days and nights of arduous toil—a real struggle to build a business out of nothing. To all of the ordinary problems of managing and maintaining a business was added that of getting the physical work done on an amount of time.

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Township, City, Tax Shares Less

In spite of the fact the County Board of Supervisors' equalization committee increased Farmington Township's assessed value approximately \$23,000 over the amount set by Arthur P. Coe, Township Supervisor, Farmington Township will pay a lesser percentage of the total county taxes than it did in 1936.

According to the report of the equalization committee, whose figures were approved by the Board of Supervisors Friday, Farmington Township will pay slightly more than two percent of the total amount of \$210,000,000 which the Board has set as Oakland County's assessed value for the past three years. Farmington Township's assessed value was placed at \$4,354,125, causing the township to pay 2.07 percent of the total as compared with 2.08 percent paid in 1936.

City Portion Lower Also As assessed by the City of Farmington's assessed value was also increased over City Assessor James L. Hogle's report by \$38,000, the city will also pay a lesser percentage of the total. Farmington will pay approximately one-half percent of the assessed value of the county's total taxes.

Novi Township's valuation was reduced by the equalization committee slightly over \$1,000,000 and that of Southfield Township increased a similar amount. In general throughout the county, were reduced by the equalization committee, city assessments were increased to make up the deficit. Largest of the city increases was that of Pontiac, whose assessed value was increased by nearly six million dollars by the committee.

COMPLETE PLANS FOR FIGHT CARD

Plans for a boxing card to be staged in Farmington under the auspices of the Catholic Youth Organization of Our Lady of Serenity parish are nearing completion. The bouts will be held August 19 and conducted by a committee of which Judge J. J. Schulte is chairman.

It is planned to have 10 or 12 bouts between winners of various amateur titles such as The Detroit Times Diamond Belt, The Detroit Free Press Diamond Gloves and the C. Y. O. Championships. The committee in charge of the card are lining up some of the local stars and an effort will be made to match two or three of the local products with fighters from Detroit.

Leo Jones, athletic director of the Chevrolet Motor Company, whose team won the Tri-State Chevrolet Championship title, will arrange the several matches. The fights will be handled by three well known Detroit referees, Frank Dally, Sam Hennessey and Jack Aspery.

FARMINGTON TEAM LOSES TO BELLEVILLE

In what appeared to be a one-sided affair from the outset, the Belleville baseball club won easily over the Farmington nine by a 10 to 5 score in a game played on the Farmington High School diamond Sunday.

Belleville started out strong and managed to hold the lead to the end of the game. Farmington shut out for seven innings, made rallies in the last innings, pushing over five runs in the eighth and ninth, but the side was retired in first half of the last inning before the home team could come close to tying the score.

Check Lee, Farmington second baseman, was spotted on the hand by a runner as he tried to field a grounder. The injury was not serious.

Next Sunday the Farmington Merchants will play Garden City at the tennis diamond located at Ford and Middle Belt roads. Garden City at present is tied for fourth place with Belleville and Wyandotte in the Michigan Inter-County League.

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Harry Wolfe Shifted To Sioux City Club

Harry E. Wolfe, son of Harry S. and Mrs. Wolfe, recently on the pitching staff of the Charleston, W. Va. ball club, has been transferred to Sioux City, Ia. The first game Wolfe pitched for his new club ended in a shut-out. Five to zero was the result. Sioux City Wolfe is owned by the Detroit Tigers.

Farmington Man Given Blue Goose Safety Medal

In commendation for three years of driving without an accident, Arnold Stort, 34019 Oakland Road, Farmington, was given a medal at a dinner given for the drivers of the Eastern Michigan Bus Lines by that company. The dinner was held at the Royal-Cadillac Hotel.

The dinner is given annually by the company for its employes, and drivers are recognized for their achievement toward safety programs.

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