

# Blast Burns Cottage At Walled Lake

A cottage at 1313 East Lake Drive, Walled Lake, was burned to the ground and several others were endangered as the result of a mysterious blast which was heard throughout a half-mile radius of the scene of the explosion early Tuesday evening. The cottage was reported as belonging to Joseph Flocari, of Detroit.

Several persons who heard the blast hurried to the scene to find the cottage a mass of flames. Both the Walled Lake and Novi fire departments responded to the alarm sent out soon after the explosion and were able to save nearby cottages which were in danger of catching afire.

Several witnesses claimed to have seen an automobile with one occupant leave the scene of the explosion immediately after it occurred. Another witness claimed to have seen at least four men in the car as it passed him.

The owner of the cottage could not be reached for a statement relative to the probable cause of the explosion.

Walter Tuck, chief of the Novi Fire Department, within whose district the property is located, stated that an investigation by the State Fire Marshall probably would be made this week.

# Former Postmaster Recalls Early Farmington Box Holders



M. B. PIERCE

## F.H.S. To Play Clarkson Here

Farmington football enthusiasts will get their first glimpse of the home team in action Friday afternoon when the local eleven will trot out on their home field to battle with the Clarkson team. It will mark the first appearance of the Farmington squad on their home field this season.

With one win and one loss chalked up against them, the Farmington team should have an even chance to be out on top when the timekeeper blows the final whistle.

The probable starting lineup will include Werschul at right end; Otis, right tackle; Davis, right guard; McKelvey, center; Poet, left guard; Killen, left tackle; Bantfield, left end; Len, quarter back; Hunt, left halfback; Turner, right halfback and Pink, fullback.

Although Davis was taken out of the game with Keego Harbor last week with an arm injury, it is likely that he will be able to start at the right guard position.

While Coach Shoemaker was slightly pessimistic as to the number of victories his newly acquired team might turn in during the year, it is possible that the squad may hang up a fairly good record for the season. While the squad lost in a close game with Keego Harbor, the result of the first game, played at Northville, should indicate that this year's team, with light, have something on the ball.

On the second floor of Farmington's oldest business house, the Grace Building, several regular weekly luncheon meeting Wednesday. Moving pictures showing the various phases of the work done by the Community Fund, not able to be performed by other welfare organizations, were shown.

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# Exchange Club Hears Welfare Aid Speaker

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# Farmington Girl Accepts New Position at Union Lake

Miss Beth Bagnall of Farmington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bagnall, has accepted a position at Union Lake Tuberculosis Sanatorium as bacteriologist and laboratory technician. Although much of her time will be taken up with these duties, Miss Bagnall is also carrying on research work in the laboratory at Union Lake. Associated with her in this work is Dr. Richard Olson, who also is associated with St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital and Pontiac General Hospital.

The research laboratory at Union Lake has only recently been made possible by the removal of the dental clinic and the pharmacy. All new equipment has been purchased and installed, thus allowing the staff the best available conditions under which to carry on their work.

Miss Bagnall was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Olivet College in June of 1935, and from there went into extensive training in the laboratory technician field. In February of 1936 she completed her study of detail methods at the State Board of Health laboratory at Grand Rapids and shortly afterwards secured a position as laboratory technician at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. Since that time, Miss Bagnall has been employed by the City of Jackson as city bacteriologist.



BETH BAGNALL

# Part Of Grand River To Be Opened

With the paving of Grand River avenue already completed from Farmington road to the intersection of the Gill road and Grand River, state highway officials this week announced that a part of the now widened thoroughfare extending from Farmington road to Cass street will be opened to traffic within the next ten days. This is being done, to accommodate the various business houses which are located within the area now closed off by the barricade at Farmington road.

The crew of men are now paving the stretch extending from Gill road west to the Cut-off. Although nearly all of the grading necessary has been completed, the amount of paving which will be done is dependent on the weather according to highway authorities.

Although it is expected that the paving of the highway will be completed at the specified time, this will not include the curbs and drain outlets, which will have to be constructed while traffic is being allowed on the highway.

While at first it was believed that only a 20 foot strip of pavement would be laid this year, which would allow one-way traffic only, highway officials said that the highway will be widened to its full width this year and that two-way traffic will be allowed in Farmington.

The widening of several portions of the Cut-off is the next problem confronting the highway department. According to plans made this year by Murray D. Van Wagner, State Highway Commissioner, a large sum of money will be spent next year grading and widening the Cut-off, upon which a majority of auto accidents in this vicinity occur.

Whether or not the Cut-off will be made into a boulevard with two traffic lanes state engineers have not yet stated. However, since it is a fact that roads bearing one-way traffic are responsible for a minimum of accidents, it is likely that the Cut-off will, in the near future, become an extension of the two lane route which now extends from Redford road to the intersection of Grand River and the Cut-off.

# Federal Government To Ease Apple Surplus

Farmington apple growers will be interested in the action taken last week by the Federal Government in an effort to speed the disposal of surplus apples that have glutted Michigan's market.

According to John B. Strange, State agricultural commissioner, the Federal Surplus Commodities Corp. has decided to establish a headquarters in Lansing to direct operations, and had sent a staff to Traverse City to arrange for purchases in that area. Apples will be bought at market prices and shipped to the corporation's 21 Michigan warehouses, from where they will be distributed without cost to needy families this winter.

Strange said that the purchases would be spread widely. The Government has set no limit on the number of bushels it will buy to take up part of the surplus. Apple producers asked that the corporation buy at least 100,000 bushels. State Agricultural Department announced that it would waive inspection charges on apples bought by the corporation.

# Woman's Club Begins Work

Opening the current season of activity, the Farmington Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. H. E. Doherty, Wednesday, October 9, with a large attendance of members and guests.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Georgia Bagnall, who, with Miss Helen Doherty, gave a report of the Federation meeting they attended at Birmingham.

The program was in charge of Mrs. Mabel Leonard and Mrs. Viola Olander. The subject, "The Art of Poetry," Mrs. John Doherty read a few excerpts from the book later to be reviewed by the club, and from which the topics for the year's study book were selected. Mrs. Pierce gave a paper on "Poetry." Mrs. Way gave a very interesting talk on Chinese poetry in the period before 2,000 B. C., reading them in Chinese and interpreting them in English. Miss Doherty read selections of poetry of the past century, giving illustrations of choral reading in unison by song. The latter type of poetry is being stressed in the school systems today.

Mrs. Hayward Salow and Mrs. Floyd Salow sang several appropriate songs, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Thomas.

The next meeting of the Woman's Club will be held Wednesday, October 20, at the home of Mrs. Beatrice Ritter on Eight Mile road. "Textiles" is the subject to be discussed.

# Announce Change of Koffee Shoppe Ownership

Announcement of the new ownership of what was formerly Miller's Koffee Shoppe was made this week. The new owner and manager of Lou's Dining Room, as the establishment is to be known, is Mrs. Lou McElroy, of Mount Clemens.

Mrs. McElroy is extending a hearty welcome to Mrs. Miller's former patrons and also extends an invitation to all persons who have not yet patronized the new place of business. Mrs. McElroy has extended the opening hours to include from 6:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m. on week days and from 9:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m. on Sundays.

Mrs. Harry Moore and daughter, Miss Margaret Moore spent Sunday in Farmington with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thornton. Miss Nancy Kaye Thornton returned with them and is spending the week at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moore.

# Death Takes Mrs. Henry Pagel Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Henry Pagel, pioneer Farmington resident, are to be held from the Salem Evangelical Church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Pagel, who passed away at her home Wednesday, after a short illness was seventy-five years of age.

She was born at Mecklenburg, Germany in 1862 and came to the United States as a girl with her parents. She had been a resident of the Farmington area for many years.

Besides her husband she leaves the following children: Mrs. Herman Krueger, of Farmington; Anna, Will, Harry and Fred, who reside in various parts of the country and Howard and Ella, who have made their home with their mother.

In addition to her children Mrs. Pagel also leaves two grandchildren and two great grandchildren to mourn her passing.

The burial service will be conducted by Rev. J. B. Bollen, of Detroit, and Rev. Carl Schultz, pastor of the Salem Evangelical Church of Farmington. Spencer J. Heeney will conduct the funeral arrangements.

# Keller Girl Is Improved

Norma Jean Keller, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keller, Jr. of Maple avenue, who was struck down last week, is now out of danger and is rapidly recovering according to hospital authorities.

The child was struck early last Thursday evening by a car driven by Curt Hall. According to witnesses, the accident was unavoidable as the Keller girl, playing with several other children, suddenly ran out into the street, where Hall was unable to avoid hitting her.

She was rushed to Redford Receiving Hospital by a bystander immediately after the accident. Some doubt was expressed whether or not the child would recover as she suffered a fractured skull and a broken leg.

Pictures of the scene of the accident taken soon after the mishap occurred clearly showed the marks of Hall's automobile tires where he skidded in an effort to stop his car. The pictures also showed that the child was approximately in the center of the road when she was struck by the machine. No charges were preferred against Hall.

The accident marked the first of its nature in the Farmington area for several months. With both city and school authorities cooperating in safety instruction and safety precautions it is hoped that accidents involving school children will be reduced to minimum during the school year.

# House Trailer Figures To Be Ready Soon

For the first time in the history of motor vehicle registrations, statistics indicating the number of house trailers licensed in Michigan will be available for 1937. No distinct license application form was provided for this type of vehicle until this year.

According to the records in the office of Leon D. Case, Secretary of State, there were 8,549 house trailers in Michigan registered for the first eight months of this year. Although there can be no comparison with the number of house trailers registered for the corresponding period in 1936, the total combined registration of house and commercial registrations on Sept. 1, 1936, was 107,863 as compared to registrations on Sept. 1, 1937, amounting to 117,739, being an increase of 876.

House trailers are licensed at the regular 25 cents per hundred-weight passenger car rate. The total revenue this year from this source, up to Sept. 1, is \$15,274.

# Rachmaninoff To Open Choral Union Series

Sergei Rachmaninoff will open the Fifty-Ninth Annual Series of Choral Union concerts in Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, Wednesday evening, October 27. He will be followed by the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra with Arthur Rodzinski conducting, on November 9. Richard Crooks, operatic tenor, will be heard November 19, and Fritz Kreisler, the distinguished Austrian violinist, will play Monday evening, November 29.

The Boston Symphony Orchestra under Serge Koussevitzky will make its annual Ann Arbor appearance December 9. After the holiday season, concerts will be resumed when Ruth Slenczynski, spectacular young pianist will be heard for the first time in Ann Arbor on Monday, January 10. The next number will bring to the University a particularly attractive musical number, when the Helsinki Chorus from Finland, conducted by Martti Turunen and under the sponsorship of Jan Sibelius, will appear in concert January 18. Glia Clima, the attractive Metropolitan Opera Soprano, will appear in recital January 23, and the String Quartet from Budapest will make its Ann Arbor debut, February 17. The pre-festival series will be closed Tuesday, March 1st, when Georges Enesco, the Roumanian violinist, will make his Ann Arbor debut.

Season tickets may be secured from the office of the School of Music, Charles A. Sink, President, at \$12.00, \$10.00, \$8.00 and \$5.00 each. Preceding the Rachmaninoff concert all unsold season tickets, if any remain, will be on sale for individual concerts at \$2.50, \$2.00, and \$1.50 each.

**PARENT-TEACHERS TO HOLD MEETING**

The Parent-Teachers Association will hold a meeting Monday evening, October 11, at 8:00 p. m. in the West Farmington School. All members are invited to attend the meeting and to bring a guest if they so desire.

# Boy Scouts Hold Organization Meeting

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# Merchants Ready To Supply Hunters As Season Begins

With the hunting season just a few days off, Farmington merchants are again ready to offer a great number of appliances, equipment and clothing to insure not only the best possibility of "getting the limit," but also a fair degree of comfort while doing it.

Fred L. Cook and company this week are again offering their new fall line of woolen goods. There is warmth like wool for warmth, and warmth means comfort on any hunting trip.

Automobile heaters capable of throwing out plenty of heat are but one of the many automobile accessories shown in the Blakeslee Motor Sales section of the page three. They are stocked with a wide variety of car heaters, windshield defrosters and other safety items for your car.

Shooting and cold weather are almost synonymous. The Farmington Lumber and Coal Company urge you to lay in your winter coal supply now at the present low prices. They also offer a number of other cold-weather preparations including door weatherstripping and insulating material. They will be glad to make estimates at no charge to you.

The Farmington Hardware Company, in their ad on page five list a number of the "fall specials" which they are offering this week. A partial list includes mattresses, beds, stove pipes and oil-burning heaters.

With the coming of cold weather, you and your family will be wanting a certain supply of hot water at all times. Why not let the Consumers Power Company install an automatic gas water heater in your home? Its cost is but a few cents a day. The Dickerson Hardware Company are again offering the new Duo-Therm circulating heater. See them now.

The Detroit Edison Company this week are advising the use of more lamps in your home. They not only add to the appearance of your home but assure the correct lighting for your eyes.

# Town Hall To Present Mexican Orchestra

Mercado's Tipica Mexican Orchestra, gloriously colorful organization which presents the authentic music, songs and dances of Mexico. In a riotous setting of gay serapes and brilliant native costumes will open the Detroit combined registration of house and commercial registrations on Sept. 1, 1936, was 107,863 as compared to registrations on Sept. 1, 1937, amounting to 117,739, being an increase of 876.

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**ALTAR SOCIETY TO HOLD ANNUAL FALL LUNCHEON**

Our Lady of Sorrows Altar Society will hold their annual fall luncheon Wednesday, October 13 in the School Hall, Grand River and Orchard Lake road. Lovely door prizes will be given away, and after the luncheon cards will be played with a prize for each table. Everyone welcome.

**MISSIONARY TO SPEAK AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH**

Rev. A. Fritz, a visiting missionary from India, will give a lecture at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, located on Middle Belt road, Friday, October 8, at 8:00 p. m. Everyone is welcome to attend the lecture. No admission charge is being made.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. C. Auten and two daughters of Royal Oak were Sunday visitors at the home of the former's brother, Ralph Auten and family.

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# Announce Dates for CCC Applications

Applications for enrollment in the Civilian Conservation Corps will be received at the office of the Oakland County Emergency Relief Administration from Mondays to Fridays, inclusive from 9 o'clock a. m. to 4 o'clock p. m. beginning Tuesday, October 13.

Under new regulations set up by the government, applications can be taken from honorably discharged veterans who have been out of camp six months or more. Previous to this the ruling in effect was one year from the date of honorable discharge before a boy would be eligible.

Boys from relief families or families constituting "border line" cases are eligible for enrollment. Those who wish to apply for enrollment are asked to present themselves at the Oakland County Emergency Relief Administration at Oakland avenue and Clark street in Pontiac.

**ATTENTION OAKLAND COUNTY FARMERS**

Information has been received from the Director of the North Central Division, that the final date for accepting Request for Inspection in the county office is October 31, 1937. Such requests must be in the county office, or postmarked not later than Oct. 31, 1937.

Each operator or owner who expects to submit an application for payment should file with the county office on or before the above date a Request for Inspection.

# New Telephone Directory Issued

New telephone directories for Farmington and vicinity are being distributed this week. A new feature of the directory is the classified section printed on yellow sheets and indexed alphabetically for greater ease to the user.

The new directory includes nearly 550 names which is a slight increase over the December 1936 issue.

Also included in the October issue is a calendar for the years 1937, 1938 and 1939, which was heretofore not a feature of the directory.

Mr. R. E. Crowe is the manager of the Farmington branch of the Michigan Bell Telephone System.