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## Fire Loss Estimate Is Near \$5,000

Loss by the fire which started shortly before 5 o'clock Wednesday morning in the tool shed and garage on the F. L. Dunn farm was estimated at near \$5,000. The building, two tractors, two automobiles, one truck, a chicken brooder, several pounds of feed and numerous implements were destroyed. Insurance covers the loss.

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## John W. Hunt Is Chosen To Head Camporee Committee

John W. Hunt of Oakland Road is general chairman of the Boy Scout Camporee committee which is taking steps to make successful the Camporee which will be held in Farmington June 10, 11 and 12.

Mr. Hunt, who is the Neighborhood Commissioner of Scouts in this area, was chosen as the logical man for the chairmanship because he is a high official in the area of the host Scouts.

The Committee, composed of about 20 men from various civic organizations will hold a second meeting Tuesday, May 3, in the basement of the Farmington State Bank, to further plans for the Camporee.

The official program already has been arranged by officials of the Oakland Circle District, but the Farmington committee will try to make the City a "perfect host" for the 1200 Scouts and leaders expected to attend.

Want No Permanent Host The Camporee this year will be the second to be held here in six years. For the past several years Rochester has been host, which might indicate that city is trying to establish itself as permanent host like Mt. Clemens in Macomb County.

Homer Arnett, Troop 45 Scoutmaster, says that Oakland County believes the location of the Camporee should be changed every year. Officials think this will keep the gathering constantly good at each town will attempt to improve year by year.

Much Depends On City That is one reason, the Scoutmaster says, that so much depends on the Camporee here being a success.

One thing the Committee must do is provide adequate toilet facilities on the High School athletic field where the Scouts will camp during the three-day event. All the tents and exhibits will be held on the field, but some of the displays will be at Troop 45's Scout cabin and perhaps in a few store windows.

Band members who took part in the program are:

Hamlin, Fred  
Kellogg, Arlene  
Clarinet

Coyne, Edna  
Fisher, Virginia  
Hutton, Francis  
Kahl, Christine  
Kellogg, Wanda  
Lapham, Patricia  
Larson, Charles  
Mitchell, Betty  
Norton, James  
Plettenberg, Robert  
Samuelson, Joyce  
Wedjke, Betty  
Worsfold, Mary Louise

Alto Clarinet  
Whipple, June

Alto Saxophone  
Goers, Dorothy  
Martin, Phyllis

Tenor Saxophone  
Bierling, Christine  
Parker, Edith

Baritone Saxophone  
Lynch, Robert

Trumpets  
Leach, Margaret  
Williams, Jerry

Cornet  
Banfield, Ralph  
Casper, William  
Dickerson, Wade

Horns  
Greenman, Bryce  
Scullard, Wilford  
Slocum, Susan  
Whipple, Barbara

Trombone  
Blough, Harold  
Norton, Don  
Olenburg, Charles

Baritone  
Ham, Robert  
Miles, Margaret  
Samuelson, Jack

Sousaphone  
Ham, Ernest  
Light, Irving  
Mack, Edwin  
Smith, Roland

Percussion  
Davis, James  
Greenman, Clyde  
Kison, Gerald  
Pauline, Richard

Farmington Druggist Says He Is 'Swelled'

Asked how he is feeling, Mahlon Bradley, druggist, who has the funny, says, "Swelled."

Mr. Bradley apparently is feeling fine and probably will be back to work sometime next week. He has been the object of much attention from friends who have sent him all sorts of gifts and flowers.

The druggist has not been at work for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Westfall announced the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, April 28.

## Will Ask State To Beautify Grand River

Farmington soon will ask the State Highway Department to make Grand River avenue in the City of Farmington and Farmington Township more attractive. Petitions asking that landscaping and other work be done with State and Federal funds along the following sections of highway:

1. The center parkway on Grand River from Eight Mile Road to the Cut-off.

2. The curb parkway from the curb to the sidewalk line from the Cut-off through the City to the West City limits.

3. The roadides from the City limits to the west end of the Cut-off.

Garden Club First Sponsor First proposed by the Farmington Garden Club, the idea was introduced by Howard Richards at the meeting Wednesday noon of the Exchange Club.

The Farmington Businessmen's Association also favors the plan. A similar improvement program recently was completed on Woodward avenue through Ferndale to Birmingham with State and Federal funds.

Want 800 Signatures Petitions now are in every store in the City and Township to be signed by the residents. No definite number of signatures is needed, but the sponsors would like to present at least 800 to the State Highway Department to indicate their improvement.

Beautification of the highways is another of a series of proposed improvements of definite benefit to Farmington, according to the sponsors.

The City nearly has completed a building ordinance and now is working on a zoning code that officials say is bound to be a good thing.

The City also recently proposed six WPA projects and the Township has requested the improvement of subdivision roads on WPA.

Following is the text of the petition to be presented to Murray D. Van Wagoner, State Highway Commissioner:

We, the undersigned residents of Farmington, Michigan, and members of the Farmington Businessmen's Association, Farmington Exchange Club, and the Farmington Garden Club, hereby petition and request that you, through your Department with the aid of Federal and State monies, landscape, beautify, and ornament the Parkway on Grand River avenue from Eight Mile Road to the Farmington "Cut-off" and the curb parkway, from the curb to sidewalk line, from the Farmington "Cut-off" through the City of Farmington, and the roadides from the said City limits to the western end of the "Cut-off" in which we have heretofore done on similar projects, or in such manner as your Department deems appropriate for the project requested.

Two Popsy Days Two days will be observed as Popsy Days this year. Instead of the usual one in a proclamation requested by the American Legion Auxiliary of Groves-Walker Post No. 316, Mayor Howard M. Warner is designating Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21, as the time to pay tribute by wearing the memorial flower for those who gave their lives in America's service during the World War.

As part of the official proclamation the Mayor made the following statement:

"As we receive our poppies from the women of Groves-Walker Unit No. 346 American Legion Auxiliary, who will distribute the flowers on the streets on those days, we will be adding the war's living victims by the contributions we make for the poppies."

"Understanding the meaning of the poppy and the uses to which the funds are put, can any of us be deaf to the appeal of Popsy Day? Can we fail to wear a flower of remembrance for the dead and show that we remember the living by contributing as liberally as our means will permit?"

"I am sure there are few in Farmington in whom remembrance is not a part of their lives."

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## Pearl Good Takes Another Step Toward Happiness

Regarded as a hopeless tubercular a short time ago, Pearl Good, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Good of Brighton, has taken another step toward a happy life following five years in a sanitarium at Howell. The former Farmington girl is now Mrs. Albert H. Noiroi of Brighton.

She was married at 9 o'clock Saturday morning at the Brighton Catholic church by Father M. Kisan in an impressive ceremony attended by 150 friends and relatives from Brighton, Gaylord, the home town of the groom, and neighboring places and cities. Mrs. Phoebe Ross, godmother of the bride, attended from Farmington.

Miss Margaret V. Holsel of Pinckney was bridesmaid; Arthur J. Good, Detroit, the bride's best man.

The bride wore a blue-gray suit and navy accessories. The groom and best man wore gray suits. The bridesmaid wore an Oxford gray suit with green accessories.

For five years, 1932 to 1937, the bride fought a courageous battle for life. Nine months of her time in Howell Sanitarium she was strapped face down, arms outstretched, unable even to feed herself and existing on a strict diet.

She left Farmington High School to enter the sanitarium, and during her five years there, she underwent five operations.

Buildings will be put in four groups: (1) first class residences, (2) second class residences, (3) business buildings, and (4) commercial buildings, such as factories.

Paul Schreiber, a Committee member, has collected a stack of papers and pamphlets, a few of which contain information pertinent to zoning. Some of his informants, authorities on zoning have offered to come to Farmington later to assist the Committee in getting the right start.

The Committee is working on the code, before the members feel it will be a great help to Farmington from a health standpoint. The code also will give "zone security" in that it will keep consistent the character of certain sections of the City.

All citizens interested in the code are urged to get in touch with a member of the Committee. If a resident would like to have an area zoned in a certain manner, he now has the opportunity to tell the Committee instead of waiting until the code goes through to raise an objection.

A marked reduction in the number of employer reports required by the Treasury Department with the administration of Federal old-age insurance will be effected through a new form which combines tax returns and wage reports, the Social Security Board announced. The new form, which simplifies the reporting required of employers but helps the government in its record keeping.

The new quarterly form, known as SS-1, takes the place of both the monthly tax return and the quarterly wage report previously filed by employers for 1937. On this one form, employers will report all the information previously given on monthly tax returns, Form SS-1 and six-months information returns, Forms SS-2 and SS-3a.

Payment by employers of their taxes and their employees' taxes will be made quarterly when the new Form-SS-1 is filed. The first return on the new form will be for January, February and March, and must be filed with local collectors of internal revenue not later than April 30.

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## City Buys New Park Equipment

Inaugurating the picnic season, several new stoves and tables arrived Thursday afternoon to be placed in the City Park, in the grove adjoining the athletic field, behind the pumping station. The new equipment was purchased by the City.

The three new stoves are the latest in camping outfits. They weigh 225 pounds each and are equipped with adjustable grates. The eight new tables purchased have benches attached and each one can accommodate from 40 to 50 persons.

City officials say that if good use is made of the equipment, it is probable that three more stoves may be purchased.

Brains can defeat that annual blot on pleasant spring memories—housecleaning.

Time, energy and money can be saved from the seven rules laid down by home management specialists at Michigan State College.

The rules call for a plan for cleaning, to invest in suitable equipment, have a supply of essential cleaning materials, find easiest and quickest ways to do the jobs, have plenty of convenient storage space, obtain dust collectors and get cooperation to keep the house attractive.

Soft water should be used, or if it is not available then some soda, ammonia or trisodium phosphate and soap saves the hands. Whirling, tripod powder or powdered pumice are best for scouring, using with any one of them a grease solvent that is non-explosive.

Grimy walls can be cleaned. The start recommended is to brush walls up and down and also crosswise; to remove the loose dirt, begin washing at the bottom to prevent streaks, wash a small area at a time, and all the water. This requires no rinsing but should be replaced when it becomes dirty.

Clean brooms and brushes and frequent cleaning of the carpet sweeper and vacuum cleaner aid in the process.

ARENA CLUB TO HOLD ANNUAL SPRING PARTY The Arena County Club of Detroit will sponsor its spring party Saturday, April 30, at the International Center Branch of the Y. W. C. A., 2101 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit. All former and present residents of Arena County and their friends are invited to attend.

muscle building on Grand River at School street.

Plenty of footpaths are saved by the inter-office phones, and as a result, much time is saved.

Installation of the phones is another step toward making the return on the new form will be for January, February and March, and must be filed with local collectors of internal revenue not later than April 30.

The City School officials now are working on a revised curriculum and a playground program. Details will be announced later.

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## All City Property Escapes Sale

No property in Farmington will be sold at tax sale Tuesday, May 3, as a result of the suit recently filed by the City of Farmington relative to the Covert road tax controversy unless the case is decided before the date of the sale. Possibilities of the case being decided before May 3, however, are remote.

Counsel for the City, Paul Pare and John J. Schulte of Farmington and Earl Phillips of Pontiac, have obtained an order from the Oakland County Circuit Court withholding from sale all property in Farmington because of the possibility that some of the taxes levied might be ruled to have been invalid.

If the City wins the case, whatever part of the taxes were Covert road levies would be illegal and would have to go through a complicated refunding process.

Regardless of the outcome of the case, however, land bearing delinquent taxes will be offered for sale next year.

The apparent error by which the City was assessed \$11,000 that should have been paid by the Township was discovered in December. Counsel for the City hopes for a hearing of the case before summer.

MRS. ROOSEVELT BACKS PLEA FOR EARLY T. B. TEST Attention is called to the need for early diagnosis of tuberculosis by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt in a message to the people.

Through the April Early Diagnosis campaign, Mrs. Roosevelt says, the Michigan Tuberculosis Association and its affiliated organizations are emphasizing the fact that tuberculosis can be controlled in the early stages.

"Tuberculosis is one of those insidious illnesses which can get a firm hold before we realize it," she explains. "Endemicism, lack of fresh air, too strenuous exercise and insufficient rest will start a child on the path which makes it a prey to tuberculosis or any germ that may be abroad in the community."

Mrs. Roosevelt recounted the story of a family in which the mother had tuberculosis for several years and knew that she was ill.

"Apparently nobody warned her of the danger to the other members of the family. On examination, two of the children were found to have contracted tuberculosis. With proper precaution and knowledge on the part of the family, they need never have been ill."

Every adult, it was pointed out, should know how to prevent the spread of tuberculosis. Emphasis was placed on the need, too, of teaching children how to protect themselves from the disease.

"Regular health examinations for children and for grownups are a safeguard for the community. Prompt care of any child showing signs of tuberculosis will result almost always in a rapid cure, whereas if the disease is left undiagnosed and uncared for the patient not only will have a slight chance of recovery, but the community will have suffered by the danger of contagion."

Farmington Girl Servies On College Committee

Norine Erwin, Michigan State College applicant, finance student from Farmington, is serving as chairman of the class memorial committee and as a member of the decoration committee for this year's graduating class which will hold its commencement ceremonies Monday, June 13.

Governor Frank Murphy will address the graduating class in the college's 80th annual commencement program. Approximately 640 graduates will receive degrees.

Mrs. Erwin also is serving on the program committee for the central section conference of the Associated Women Students to be held in Lansing April 28-30. The conference will draw representatives from more than 50 colleges and universities in the Middle-west.

The organization is composed of women students and is a self-government group, having charge of the supervision of housing regulations and the observance of rules.

Mrs. Minnie Rubert will be home the first of the week after spending the winter in St. Cloud, Florida.

## FARMINGTON PAIR OBSERVES GOLDEN WEDDING DAY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cox of Pleasant Lake near North Farmington celebrated 50 years of married life Monday, included in the 75 guests at the golden wedding anniversary supper in West Bloomfield, Mich.

They were friends from Kansas, Missouri and Illinois, six children, 18 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, Duncan Ward, 95-year old Methodist minister from Keego Harbor and Mr. Cox's sister, Mrs. Lillian Walters, 87, of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox have lived in their present home about 41 years.

Mrs. Cox was born in Illinois July 21, 1870. Mr. Cox was born March 17, 1865, in Pleasant Lake, 13 miles and Drake Road. When she was about 11 years old, Mrs. Cox moved with her family to Kansas where she met Mr. Cox. They were married in Clay Center and moved shortly afterwards to Farmington.

Children of the couple are John Cox, Harold Cox and Mrs. Ray Layland, all of Farmington; Mrs. George Theis, Mt. Clemens; Carl Cox, Pontiac, and Howard Cox, Pleasant Lake.

Roberts Take \$80 From Store on Base Line

Smiling at a table in his grocery store on Base Line and Farmington Roads in Livonia township Saturday night, J. C. Wright, Jr., proprietor, heard glass break in one of the windows. Looking for the source of the noise, he noticed a gun being poked through the hole and an unidentified person in the cash drawer. The bandit, who still is being sought by Wayne County police, fled with \$80 in currency.