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## Registration Records Are Broken

A record-breaking off-year election that may approach even the tremendous presidential year of 1936, looms ahead for the precincts of this section with registration in every quarter piling up at a surprising rate.

Topping the various precincts in this territory undoubtedly is Livonia Township, where moving out of the people from Detroit through out the summer and fall has sent the registrations within the past few days over the 3,000 mark. Prior to the primary election in September of the number of registered voters was more than 2,900 but with more than 100 additional registrations on the books since, a new record has been established.

Registrations are still coming in although it is probable that there may be a slowing down of the pace from now on.

### Former Detroiters

Most of the increase has occurred in precincts one and two of Livonia, the largest ones, and those where the influx of population from Detroit in recent months has been the greatest.

As in Livonia, there has been a substantial increase in registrations in Farmington Township. About 150 new names have been added to the lists, bringing the total to between 800 and 900. The increase has been fairly equal throughout precincts one and two of the township. Clerk H. W. McCracken anticipates that from now on the registrations may not continue so rapidly, inasmuch as many people thought that the deadline in August, which was Wednesday night, applied also to this area. Registrations are still possible in voting precincts of this section through Saturday, October 29.

Farmington City registrations are not expected to reflect increase approaching that of the outlying areas, since the city does not have a comparable influx of new residents. Clerk Harry Moore's absence on a hunting trip has prevented the bureau from making a final tally until after his return in a few days.

## "FLORIDA DAYS" ARE GONE WITH A COLD WIND

Residents of this area Wednesday evening and Thursday morning none too willingly said farewell to "Florida October," and turned to face genuine autumn and the winter that inevitably follows. Gone were the days of temperatures in the 70's and the strolling on Grand River, some of the women in sunnier sport shirts and the men in shirt-sleeves. Those things were "gone with the wind"—a wind that cut sharply Wednesday evening those who had not taken warning as the morning wind was warning of a skidding of the mercury in the afternoon.

The year's "second June" had a glorious departure, being accompanied by one of the most gorgeous sunsets this area has seen in years. As if to give the departing warm weather a royal send-off, the entire western sky was filled with huge strippings of golden red.

The warm spell that broke all records of the Detroit weather bureau provided some queer twists of Nature's activities. A frost one night fitted here and there with all the abandon of a butterfly. In the hilly area west of Farmington City, it came down hard, killing all plants and flowers that are susceptible to frost. In the level ground east of town, it skipped here and there, killing in some spots and leaving open spaces elsewhere. Reports from the Middle Detroit area, the frost was heavy and ruined all summer plants, while across the road nothing whatever was harmed.

Meanwhile, Thursday morning, those who are coldly practical and can look facts in the face, appeared upturn in their tempers, while the other less realistic folk—or perhaps more optimistic, left those garments at home, expecting that the weather, perhaps, that would come back—that lovely touch of summer, which had even young folks (not old ones with blood, thin and bones easily chilled, but young ones, too) were saying, "This Florida weather can last as long as it likes, as far as I'm concerned, all winter if it wants to."

## 'It's True What They Say About This Town in Dixie'

Recently Farmington businessmen had the opportunity to gain some enjoyment, vicariously, from one of the three trips in a "See America First" program followed by Edward L. Mills, formerly district superintendent for the Detroit Edison Company in this area, accompanied by Mrs. Mills, Mr. Mills, who showed the Exchange Club colored stereoscopic views of the West, and Mrs. Mills, are well known in this vicinity.

To "Synchroscope," Edison Company magazine for the company's employees and their families, Mrs. Mills has recently contributed a most interesting article about one of the most picturesque places in the United States, although it is one which does not get quite as much publicity as many spots are attractive.

Her article, entitled "It's True What They Say About Natchez," follows:

"History has made her great."

### Gets Sixty Days For Paint Theft

Arthur Boyce, of Route 1, Farmington, was sentenced to 60 days in the Oakland County Jail and Rockwood Gravel was fined \$25 or 30 days in the Oakland County Jail by Justice John J. Schulte last Friday.

The two men were charged with the theft of 17 gallons of paint and some brushes from the truck of Allen Sherman. The theft was committed around midnight, Oct. 9, shortly after the men left a beer garden. Philip J. Lucas, who had also been named as one of the defendants, was found not guilty by Justice Schulte.

Gravel paid the fine, rather than go to jail. The trial was held in the basement of the Farmington State Bank.

On the same date, Justice Schulte fined Ignatius Barynsky of Hamtramck, \$10 or 10 days in jail for being drunk and disorderly in a tavern at Eight Mile and Evergreen Roads. He went to jail. Harold Mroczka, fined \$10 or 10 days in jail for being drunk and disorderly Oct. 13; William J. Lang paid a \$25 fine for the same charge.

## APPLE YIELD IN FARMINGTON AREA MAY BE SMALL

Although C. C. Taylor, president of the Michigan Apple Institute, predicted Saturday that this year's apple crop would be one of the largest in recent years, exceeding 6,500,000 bushels in the State, apple growers in this area will not enjoy a boom year, according to L. H. Spicer, of 1624 Grand River, who is a member of the board of directors of the Apple Institute.

Because of the frost that swept this region last May, the local harvest of apples may be reduced as much as 50 per cent, under what the yield otherwise might have been, Spicer declares. The damage done was not attributed to drainage by Spicer, for he says, all the nearby orchards he had seen, whether on high or low ground, had been affected by late spring's weather.

The Michigan Apple Institute is a co-operative organization of 2,000 Michigan apple growers. It was founded last year to promote the sale of Michigan apples; the idea for the institute having been taken from the many other co-operative groups in the U.S. which have been organized to promote the sale of their particular agricultural product, whether it be peaches, pears, or other fruit.

The Michigan Apple Institute has planned a "National Apple Week," which will be observed Oct. 25 to Nov. 5. Another project, they have underway, according to Spicer, is the development of packages and special sales for Michigan apples. These will have printed on them identifying labels and brand names in which Michigan apples can be used.

### W.C.T.U. TO MEET OCT. 25

The regular meeting of the Farmington Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held Tuesday, October 25, at the home of Mrs. William M. McCulloch, 30710 Elm Street. It will be a joint meeting with the Calvary Union, and the "Hasting" Union will have charge of the program: "Citizenship."

Mrs. David Edwards of Detroit, spent several days this week with her mother, Mrs. J. D. Parker.

Nature has made her beautiful Natchez, Mississippi, one of the oldest cities in the United States, lies off the beaten path, perched upon steep bluffs over 200 feet above the Mississippi River. Here many old houses stand preserved, furnished with treasures that can't be duplicated. Gardens make a riot of color, filling the air with fragrance. We were impressed by the cultural atmosphere and the hospitality, and came away with a better understanding of the Old South as depicted in recent southern novels.

### Various Influences

Some of the homes are colonial, others show the French influence, while others are typically Spanish. Each has some feature that would delight architects, and the collection of two stories high, supporting classic galleries; exquisite wrought iron banisters; doors with remarkable fan lights and windows of alternate diamond and oval shapes; doors with knobs of silver; beautifully carved tinels; stairways that rise in a series of loops; graceful spiral staircases with no support except their own peculiar construction. Inlaid marble mantels, and ceilings ornamented with finely milled drapings of plaster; a fine wrought bronze chandelier with long crystal pendants.

Marvelous paintings by some of the world's finest masters grace the walls. A series of portraits framed in rare old woods attract much attention. And you find original paintings by Audubon, the naturalist and artist, who for a time, taught dancing and painting in Natchez.

### Designed by Masters

The beautifully hand-carved teakwood, mahogany, and rosewood furniture was designed by such masters as Sheraton, Chippendale, Hepplewhite, and Duncan Phyfe. What connoisseur would not be interested in the variety of beautiful tables, old chairs, carved in spiral adornings of the spool design, whatnots holding curios and relics from far-off lands, unusual buffets laden with magnificent silver service, molded by silversmiths from pure coin silver, or a rosewood bed with satinized canopy and a prayer stool built on each side? The quantity of designed movable closets in the bedrooms are almost uncounted.

The libraries are the love of those who revel in old books, for in Natchez are thousands of rare volumes and priceless first editions of the classics.

The china at Green Leaves could not be duplicated at any cost and, fortunately, remains almost unbroken set. It is deeply handed with royal blue, and heavily threaded with gold. It is embellished with hand painted birds in natural colors—all different designs. The cases are filled with golden fruit knobs. At Rosalie there are countless pieces of exquisite rose Du Barry china and Bohemian glassware which appeal to the feminine heart.

### "Punkah"

Did you ever see a "punkah"? This is a large fan suspended over the dinner table, propelled to and fro by servants during the serving of a meal.

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## Red Cross Roll Calls Are Being Called Now

The 22nd annual Roll Call of the Oakland County Red Cross has begun and the various townships of the county are being called to roll. It is one that held no better than the Czechoslovakian border.

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On just two occasions in the game Wallled Lake menaced Farmington. The first one occurred at the beginning of the fourth quarter, when the game was tied 6-6 on the part of the field judge and the referee. At the change between the third and fourth quarters, the ball was moved from one 30-yard line to the other, and the game was tied 6-6 on the part of the field judge and the referee.

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## Father of 4 Passes Stop Road--Killed

Because their father failed to stop at Nine Mile Road, a through highway, while driving on Tuck Road, four Farmington children are fatherless.

Henry Grimes, of 20435 Ten Mile Road, died last Saturday of injuries suffered the night before when his automobile was struck by one driven by Stewart MacMillan, 2758 Yester, Ferndale, who was driving down Nine Mile Road.

Grimes was a contractor and had been living in this area for two years. He leaves a widow and four children. He was buried Monday. MacMillan's statement to Assistant Prosecutor Samuel G. Patterson made Saturday, stated that Grimes had not stopped for Nine Mile Road, a through highway, and when his car was struck by MacMillan's, the impact was so great that Grimes was thrown out of his car onto the pavement. Patterson released MacMillan Saturday.

Failure to stop at a through highway resulted in serious injuries for another man last week. Duane Greenlee, of Wilcox, was driving a truck load of brewery grain down Farmington Road and failed to stop for Eight Mile Road. His truck was overturned by a car driven by Ben Allen, 4582 Burwood, who suffered a compound fracture of the left leg.

According to Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt, who gave Greenlee a ticket for reckless driving, the brewery grain which piled up on the highway required several hours to be removed.

Greenlee will be summoned before Justice John J. Schulte, when Allen's condition has been more completely diagnosed. DeVriendt says, "It is suspected that Allen is suffering some internal injuries in addition to his damaged leg," he says.

One driver was sentenced by Justice Schulte, in the past week, for driving while under the influence of liquor. Philip Dorosenko, 11328 St. Aubin, Hamtramck, who pleaded not guilty and was sentenced to 55 days in the Oakland County Jail or \$100 fine. He went to jail and Justice Schulte revoked his driver's license for one year.

## New Auto Repair Shop Opens on Farmington Rd.

A new service is being offered in this area by the Farmington Collision Service. It is located at 23603 Farmington Road.

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## Students Rejoice In Victory Over Wallled Lake, 31-0

Farmington High School students are jubilant today, because their arch rival on the gridiron, Wallled Lake, was finally defeated Wednesday by Farmington, 31 to 0, after having trampled the Farmington team each fall for more than five years.

The visiting team, except for a few tense minutes in the last quarter, was not even able to invade Farmington territory. From the kick-off, the game belonged to Coach Shoemaker's lads, for although they were playing against a team that was heavily favored, it was one that held no better than the Czechoslovakian border.

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## Theoretical and Practical Combined in Sales Course

Students in the Farmington High School who are taking the Co-operative Salesmanship course under Grady McKay are taking part in a new type of course which is being given under the supervision of the State Department of Vocational Training.

The unusual feature of this course, which was inaugurated this fall, is that the students taking the course in the morning and work in retail establishments in the afternoon. The purpose of the course is to combine the virtues of academic training with those of experience.

Of the 15 seniors taking the course, nine of the boys are employed and two of the girls. Jobs in dress shops and in grocery stores where the girls work as checkers, are being sought for the remaining six girls, Mr. McKay said.

Unlike manual training and home economics, which are also under

the supervision of the State Department of Vocational Training, the course in co-operative selling is taught in only a few other high schools in the State, Mr. McKay said. The school work taken in the course is intended to supplement that which is learned outside. A junior business training course, one year of typing and public speaking are prerequisites. The courses taken in the mornings by those working are: general salesmanship (one semester); retail selling (one semester); business English (one semester); merchandising (one semester); and consumer education (two semesters).

In addition to serving as a teacher, Mr. McKay acts as a coordinator between the employer and the student employee. A state requirement makes it necessary for him to visit each employer once each week. Over 400 is the state coordinator who visits the several high schools at which the co-operative salesmanship course is being given.

Among the students now working, the majority of the boys are employed in grocery stores in the vicinity; the farthest away being at the Seven Mile Road and Livonia. There are only two girls working, one of them in a restaurant and one in a dairy. The minimum number of hours any student shall work is 20 per week, Mr. McKay said.

In addition to the pay they receive from their employers, the students who spend their afternoons working receive one academic credit hour from the school.

## HITLER'S FALL IS PREDICTED BY SPEAKER

Adolph Hitler rules Germany by reprisal, and therefore dissemination elsewhere of true reports of conditions in Germany is almost impossible because relatives left by those coming out of the country might face persecution. Rev. John J. Larkin of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, told members of Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday night. The speaker returned from Germany some time ago from a European trip which included Germany and what was formerly Austria.

So thoroughly organized in the United States is the German spy system, said Rev. Larkin, that any resident of Germany who might come to the United States and openly tell of things as they really are, would have to do so knowing that whatever relatives or other close associates he had left behind in Germany would face the wrath of the present rulers of the German people.

In such inhuman ways is this wrath visited that none care to risk his life by imposing on those they love.

The speaker predicted that Hitler will fall and that his fall will be a great one. This is because, the speaker said, Hitler is endeavoring to build in defiance of the law of God, and "naughty" built thus are sure to crumble. The persecution in Germany of Jews, and those whose grandparents had Jewish blood, is against the law of God, said Father Larkin, quoting the Scriptural injunction to "love thy neighbor as thyself."

Not only is the persecution in Germany the cruelest in all history, said Rev. Larkin, but it is based on a notion that is ridiculous. He pointed out that for a thousand years, the melting pot of all the races of Europe, just as the United States has been for a hundred and fifty years, except that Germany's has been seven times longer and the mixture much more chaotic. Consequently, he said, all the genealogical tables of all families were available, it would show that at least half the population of the country at some time in the past had a strain of Jewish blood, and to drive them out of Germany would "decimate that country."

In Vienna, Rev. Larkin said, since the Anschluss, when a native Austrian stopped and asked a question, he looked furtively to each side and does not answer, fearing that his questioner may be a member of the secret police.

Rev. Larkin told of the interest of the Holy See in the persecution of the Jews, and how the group were left behind by four officials in Trieste, and of what ensued when the omnipresent and ever-vigilant government police found them in the city of Rome. He stated that the group were detained some time while the Vatican was brought.

## Home Modernizing Drive Is On

Businessmen and artisans of this area are united in a vigorous campaign to bring home to the people of the Farmington territory the message of modernization of their homes, which may now be accomplished so easily through taking advantage of the Federal Housing Administration program.

In a full page advertisement in this issue, going not only to the immediate territory around Farmington, but also to every home in nearby sections, the benefits of the FHA home improvement plan are being emphasized. Assistance to any homeowners interested in making improvements or repairs will be provided by any of those listed and full information furnished. Financing to qualified applicants is provided without difficulty on the convenient FHA plan.

### Michigan a Leader

In pushing the modernization program, Farmington is in step with the remainder of the country, and particularly Michigan, which is in the forefront of States in taking advantage of the Federal Housing Administration activities.

The "Modernizing Your Winter" program, mentioned several weeks ago, has been producing large results, according to Raymond M. Foley, State Director of the Federal Housing Administration. Michigan is among the few leading States in the country in the amount of building activity fostered by loans under Title I of the Housing Act, which are made largely on personal credit without mortgages. These loans also are made by local lending institutions.

"Our previously expressed hope," that millions of dollars of property improvement would be undertaken in Michigan this fall, is beginning to be fulfilled, judging from the reports from hundreds of banks and other lenders. They state that approximately one-third of the loans are being made throughout Michigan are taking advantage of the long-term loans possible to improve their properties and prepare them for winter weather," Foley said. Applications are being made to lending institutions at the rate of \$500,000 weekly with a steadily rising trend."

Another record breaking month in the volume of insured mortgage financing in the State of Michigan was recorded in September at the Detroit Insuring Office of the Federal Housing Administration. Applications for insurance of mortgages on residential properties, including groups of single houses, during the month totaled nearly \$10,500,000, Foley said. In the same month there were 2,107 individual applications filed for the insurance of mortgages, including 1,409 new houses proposed to be built.

"This represents an increase considerably in excess of a million dollars over the volume of business done in August, which was the previous high month in the history of the Detroit Insuring Office," said the State Director. "This is particularly gratifying in view of the continuing increase of new construction, which indicates that a great many people of moderate income are now realizing the opportunity to own a home of their own with small down-payment and low costs which is presented under the Insured Mortgage Plan."

"This interest is spreading rapidly throughout the State with the result that millions of dollars are being undertaken in many of the smaller towns. Local lending institutions lend the funds under the terms of the Housing Act, but in any community that is not the case, outside lending institutions are now prepared to make loans for new construction in any part of Michigan. Advice on this subject can be obtained from the Detroit Insuring Office, 1174 National Bank Building, Detroit."

## Dennis Murphy Is Dead At 83 Years

A familiar figure who used to be seen walking along Grand River avenue each morning will be seen no more. He is Dennis Murphy, 83 years old, of 21625 Grand River, who died last Saturday afternoon of old age. He leaves a widow, Ellen, and three children, Mrs. Mary O'Connor, who lived with him, and Mrs. Elizabeth Dewale of Roscommon.

Mr. Murphy had lived for three years in Farmington and previous to that time he had lived in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Detroit.

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