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## Urge Return Of Money For TB Seals

Anticipating the need for continued aggressive efforts against tuberculosis during the coming year, the Oakland County Tuberculosis Association is urging all Oakland County residents who have not yet made their tuberculosis Christmas seal returns to do so as soon as possible. Three million seals were made in this county on Thanksgiving day.

Emphasis was placed on the fact that Christmas seal funds are needed now more than ever before. Joseph C. Austin, chairman of the local sale of seals, pointed out that throughout the State the trend of tuberculosis deaths is upward.

"Here in Oakland county there were 67 deaths last year from tuberculosis," he said. "And for every tuberculosis death there are a number of living cases. The purpose of the campaign against the White Plague is to find these cases while there is still a chance to prevent further development."

"Protect Your Home Against Tuberculosis" is the theme of the 1938 tuberculosis Christmas seal campaign. Through making possible health education and case-finding programs, Christmas seal pennies provide modern protection for Oakland county homes and families.

Farmington residents who have not received tuberculosis Christmas seals through the mails will be given an opportunity, through the sale of seals, in the grade school, to take part in the Thanksgiving Day-Christmas campaign to raise funds for the fight against tuberculosis. R. C. Burns, superintendent of schools, announced that the supply of the 1938 tuberculosis Christmas seals may be obtained from any school child in the first to the eighth grade.

It was explained that the school children, as well as the parents, are urged to purchase the seals, which have not been distributed, and wish to buy them should contact the office of the superintendent of schools or any school child. Children in the school may purchase seals for themselves or for their parents.

Emphasis was placed on the fact that tuberculosis is the chief disease enemy of young people. Mr. Burns declared that since it is primarily for the protection of the younger generation that we should buy tuberculosis Christmas seals, it seems appropriate that they should take some part in their distribution.

"Protection of the home is the general theme of the 1938 Christmas seal," the superintendent said. "Christmas seal pennies raised locally help to provide children protection through health education and case finding, for our community."

Proceeds from the state-wide sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals will be used entirely for the efforts of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association to control tuberculosis in Michigan.

## Farmington Hardware Has Billy-Ruth Toys

A booklet containing illustrations of more than 100 toys will be distributed among school children in this area soon by Hattori's Farmington Hardware.

Eight years ago a Philadelphia man conceived the idea of gathering from each of the leading manufacturers of the country his best toys and assembling them under one selling plan. The line was called the Billy and Ruth Toys, the names of his children.

The variety represented in the book is tremendous both in price range and in the type of toys offered. Mr. Hattori says.

## NEED DISCARDED CLOTHING

Any wearable clothing being discarded, is of value to school children in this area who have not enough clothes for winter, according to R. J. Stewart, principal of the grade school. Such clothing may be brought to the principal's office.

Mrs. Don Wycoff and sister, Mrs. Raymond Gerk and mother, Mrs. A. Crim of Redford were Sunday guests at the Otis Jensen home, Detroit also Arthur Pulkerson, who was called on his aunt, Mrs. Otis Jensen, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Irving spent Saturday afternoon in Pontiac.

## Mr. Claus Will Visit Here; To Give Candy and Gifts

Santa Claus is coming to town? Mr. H. Blakelee is suspected of having a rapprochement with the gentleman from the North Pole.

Further activities along the Christmas front are being projected by the Exchangeettes. Floyd Nichols is the general of the Exchange Club's Goodwill Army. He reports that plans for Christmas baskets are under way.

The Exchange Club is also projecting a Christmas tree which will be placed in front of the Town Hall and decorated. These preparations in combination with the activities of local merchants has caused the Christmas spirit to be spread quite widely. Despite the profusion of holly and tinsel, Postmaster Leady confesses that so far this year not one letter has been received at the post office addressed to "Santa Claus, North Pole."

## Library Receives Basketball Team Quarterly Grant To Begin Season

The first quarterly payment of the State Aid Grant has been made to the Farmington Library by the State Board for Libraries. This quarterly payment amounts to \$89.15 and under the provisions of the law establishing state aid for libraries, the money can be used for salaries of personnel, purchase of books or equipment, extension of library service—in fact, any purpose except for the construction or remodeling of buildings, and the payment of interest or principal on debts.

Although State Aid Grants to libraries were advocated by the Constitution of 1935, the 1937 Legislature was the first to make an appropriation for this purpose. It set up an annual grant of \$500,000. The amount of the grant for this year has been reduced to \$375,000.00 to be distributed to libraries throughout the State which meet certain conditions, the most important of which is that the local community must appropriate for the support of the library, an amount equal to or greater than the amount granted by the State.

The administration of the State Aid Fund is under the direction of the State Board for Libraries, which is pointed last spring by Governor Frank Murphy. The members of the Board are Robert R. Coffey, Ann Arbor, Chairman; William J. Babine, Detroit, Vice-Chairman; Louis E. Rosenberg, Jackson; Miss Alice Vevia, Grand Rapids; and Ralph A. Uvelling, Detroit. The Board recently has opened an office in the City National Building, Lansing, where Mr. Leola D. Ryan, Chief of the Extension, State Aid and Traveling Libraries Division, is in active charge of the details of distribution of the fund.

More than two hundred libraries throughout Michigan are receiving State Aid Grants. Only a handful failed to make the local appropriation necessary to qualify, and it is expected that most of these libraries will profit by their experience and qualify next year.

The second quarterly payment will be made about Jan. 1, 1939. In addition, grants from the Equalization Fund will be distributed to libraries in those sections of the State where assessed valuations are low. These grants will not be large, but as indicated, they will need the money most.

Establishment Grants also have been paid recently by the State Board for Libraries to the new and branch counties. One of the duties imposed upon the Board by the law is the fostering of county libraries, and the granting of additional county grants to additional counties which qualify for Establishment grants.

## Masons Annual Election Will Be Held On Monday

The annual election will be held by the Masons Monday night at the Town Hall. Ten officers will be elected.

Charles N. Diamond is the present worshipful master. The installation will be held one week later on Dec. 13.

## DR. ADAMS TO PREACH

Dr. F. D. Adams of Oak Park, Ill., will preach next Wednesday night at the Universalist Church. There will be a regular church service.

## Complete Maps of City To Be Sold

Maps of the City of Farmington, almost a yard square and scaled 20 feet to the inch, showing the dimensions of all lots are now ready and may be purchased from City Clerk Harry Moore.

The map was made within the past year, so it is up to date. The exact dimensions are 24 by 16 inches. The price is two dollars each.

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## SCHULTE ISSUES THREE WARRANTS FOR DRIVERS

Warrants have been issued by Justice John J. Schulte, Jr. for the apprehension of three Detroit drivers who violated traffic laws in this area within the past three weeks.

Each of the three drivers was mailed a summons to come to court, but none of them appeared. James Gordon was given a ticket on Nov. 15 for driving without an operator's license. John Clayton failed to stop for Grand River while driving on Middle Belt and was given a ticket Nov. 23. Warren Johnston passed improperly while driving on the Grand River Oct. 23.

If these violators are found, they will be penalized extra for their failure to answer a summons, Justice Schulte says. It is possible that they will elude the officers serving the warrants. Schulte said, but it is not likely they will get away from the law, because when they try to renew their operator's licenses they will run into trouble. The State keeps a list of drivers who have been given tickets, and a list of those who have failed to pay for their violations.

More than 20 drivers within the past two years have appeared at Justice Schulte's office to pay off back fines in order to have their licenses renewed. Crime, however, petty, does not pay, Justice Schulte observed.

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## Served Community 20 Years



For more than 20 years the people of this community have been served by a woman who regarded her office as an opportunity to be of service to others. Every day she went beyond the official obligations of her job, making new friends and becoming more indispensable to her old ones.

Friday morning death came to "Middy" as she undoubtedly would have had it come—while she was on the job delivering her mail. Her car started coasting down the driveway at the Glen Eden Cemetery on the Eight Mile Road where she was delivering mail. She was in the back seat, and as she got out the car scraped a small tree and she was crushed between it and the side of the car.

During the World War, Burdette Middlewood died while in training for the army in this country. He left his wife, Ethel, with six children to bring up; three sons and three daughters. Mrs. Middlewood took a civil service examination for the job of rural mail carrier. It was an extraordinary thing for a woman to do, particularly in that day when women's suffrage was still being hotly debated.

She passed the test and then she had to learn to drive. From the time that courageous effort was made, Mrs. Middlewood drove more than 40 miles a day through all kinds of weather for more than 20 years. Each day she made more than 500 stops, many of them to go out of her way to convey messages or to deliver packages of letters which she knew were especially urgent.

Postmaster Norman Lee has said many times that she was more than an excellent mail carrier; she was a sort of good fairy to the folks along her route. He realizes the truth of this statement now more than ever, for he is confronting the virtually impossible task of "replacing" Middy. A substitute has been put on for over the holidays and a new carrier will be selected some time early next year.

Along with her job as mail carrier, Mrs. Middlewood brought up her children and played an important part in Farmington affairs. She was an officer in the Eastern Star and active in the Parent Teachers Association. Superintendent of Schools R. C. Burns recently told that it was through Middy that he heard of the position open here.

Her funeral Monday was compelling testimony to the number and the variety of her friends. There were many farmers, and there were businessmen and school officials. There were the women she had liked to associate with in town activities and there were the city officials. And there was the large family which meant so much to her.

Her three daughters are Mrs. Ada Bohlinger, Barbara and Esther. Her three sons are Howard, George and Homer. She was buried in the Oakwood Cemetery where her husband lies. Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Episcopal Church.

## Wherein Mrs. Farmington Goes on the Stage

The time is practically any morning and the place is the Farmington A&P store. Mrs. Farmington enters carrying a market basket and a list.

"Mr. Ferrier, it looks as if winter had hit your store, doesn't it?" "Mr. Ferrier—Yes, but it has been a long time coming."

Mrs. F.—"Well, let's see now." (unfolding list). "Here are some things I noticed in your ad in this week's Enterprise. I want two pounds of those mixed nuts; a couple of cans of that chile con carne; two cans of corned beef hash."

As Mrs. Farmington reads off the bargains she has noted down, Mr. Ferrier stoops and stretches as he takes them off the shelves and plunks them down on the counter in front of Mrs. F.

The curtain falls as Mrs. F. exits carrying her basket, now filled with bargains which she noticed in the Enterprise. She is smiling.

Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt, Mrs. Homer Elenford and Mrs. Ervin Plettenberg spent Tuesday in Detroit.

## Hope Fading For PWA School Project

Farmington's PWA school building is probably a loss cause, for it is believed there is not sufficient time left to begin construction on the building before the Jan. 1 deadline, even if the project were approved in Washington.

Some encouragement was expressed by Public Works Commissioner Emory O. Hattori who pointed out that the city had waited 30 days for the approval of the WPA sewer project and not until the moment did the approval come through. In this instance work was begun in a few hours.

It was necessary that word be received by Dec. 5, if the deadline were to be made, but no communication has been received either accepting or refusing the grant of \$36,813.

Everything possible was done to expedite the approval of the project, according to Superintendent of Schools R. C. Burns, who made trips to Lansing, Chicago and Washington to have the project checked on its legal, architectural and financial aspects.

The \$35,813 grant, which would have been supplemented by \$45,000 provided by a local bond issue, would have provided the school system with more space and the community with a gymnasium-auditorium with a seating capacity of 1,000.

Superintendent Burns cast one ray of hope on the situation when he said that if another public works program at all similar to the PWA is passed by Congress, the Farmington claim will be particularly eligible.

The project has been considered since early last spring. On Sept. 28, the voters of school district number five approved the bond issue and increased the millage necessary to the construction of the school. At a later election this millage was increased, and approved by a large margin of votes.

## Stanton's Action Is Withdrawn

Settlement has been reached in the suit for an accounting started recently by Norman C. Stanton against Leslie P. Ropes and Ray V. Feathers, doing business as the Farmington Manufacturing Company, and the action has been withdrawn.

After taking of testimony before George B. Murphy, Wayne County Circuit Court Commissioner, for two days, the claims of Stanton that he was a partner and had been "frozen out" by Ropes and Feathers were not substantiated.

There was evidence produced by Stanton of any acts on the part of Ropes and Feathers, which would give a desire on their part to exclude him from the business, the Court Commissioner found.

The defense produced evidence to show that after working for about two months during the year 1933 in the preliminary organization of the Farmington Manufacturing Company, Stanton voluntarily withdrew and did not return, and admittedly had made no claim that he was a member of the partnership until the year 1935. Following withdrawal of the suit, it was stated that Stanton has been paid for his services rendered as consultant, and has signed a stipulation that he was not connected with said company after November 1, 1933, and has no interest in the company since that date.

Stanton was represented by Arthur Pulkerson, who was called on his aunt, Mrs. Otis Jensen, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Irving spent Saturday afternoon in Pontiac.

## Farmington Dairy Offers Glass Shaker Free

The Farmington Dairy has a special offer this week for customers. With each can of a special chocolate syrup containing vitamins A, B, and D the purchaser receives free a glass shaker with an aluminum top.

It is announced by the dairy that the fifth store will open soon at Schoolcraft and Mansfield, in Detroit.