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Senior Play Cast Is Announced

Rehearsals have begun for this year's senior play, "Broken Dishes," a comedy in three acts dealing with married life. It will be presented March 2 and 3 in the Town Hall and is under the direction of Grady McKay, of the high school.

Only tentative casting has been done so far, Mr. McKay says. There are two or more candidates trying out for each of the major characters in the play. It is fortunate enough to have two capable sets of main characters, Mr. McKay plans to let one group act the first night and another the second night. He hopes this will be possible, for it will enable a larger number of students to participate.

There will not be duplication all through the cast but only in the four or five main characters. Most of these will be played by girls.

"Broken Dishes" was written by Martin Flanagan and enjoyed a good run on Broadway several years ago. Betty Davis played the feminine lead and Donald Meek was the male lead.

The play tells the story of the Dunpsted family, which for 30 years has been governed by Mr. Dunpsted's shrewish wife, Jenny. In and out of season she barks at him her disappointment that she married a weakling and a failure. She had loved as a girl. The husband decides to help his youngest daughter to get married to a girl's boy that she may escape from her mother's plans to have her married off to someone well-to-do with whom she is not in love.

Plot Sketched

The dotingly submissive husband washes the dishes while his wife takes their two elder daughters to the movies. While she is gone he is visited by Jenny's girlhood lover. The former lover turns out to be a crooked oil promoter, and the husband's plan to have his young race with who spent much of his life in jail. "It would break Jenny's heart to find that out," the husband says, in explaining why he made no effort to get the thousand dollars reward that would have been his had he turned informer on the hiding culprit. The beautiful young daughter marries the crook's boy and the play ends with an indication of future justice for the hen-pecked husband.

There are three girls in line for the role of the pretty young daughter. They are Lorraine Dwyer, Vivian Grosvenor, and Olga Campbell. The role they seek is the one Betty Davis played. The hen-pecked husband, the part played by Donald Meek on Broadway, is being sought by Dick Reid and Edzel Cook. It is possible they will both play it. Mr. McKay's plans for a double cast work out.

Two girls have been tentatively selected to play the mother, Betty they are Evelyn Miller and Arlene Rose.

Committees for the play are made up of seniors who volunteered, for the positions. The business manager of the play is Jeannette Adkins, who will have charge of the program. Jean Held is chairman of the properties, committee; Tom McArthur of the advertising committee; Bob Snyder of the scenery committee. The two technicians for the play are Bud Row and Tom Hogle.

Arrangements are now being made for the ticket sale.

Change Plans Slightly For New School Auditorium

At its meeting last Thursday night, the school board decided to have seats placed in the auditorium; the new school auditorium of the new school rather than bleachers. This will reduce the seating capacity slightly, but will make it much more comfortable for those who will witness plays and sporting events in the room.

The board heard reports on the progress of the construction work on the school, which will be on Thomas Street adjacent to the grade school. The laying of the concrete foundation is expected to be finished about the end of the week and the excavating has been completed. The heavy snowfall had scarcely any effect on the progress of the work.

With the construction of the new school advancing as rapidly as it has been, it will not be long before the new building will be ready for partial occupation.

Gridders Hear Wallie Webber

More than 50 athletes attended the annual gridiron banquet held Tuesday night under the sponsorship of the Exchange Club, and heard Wallie Webber, well known University of Michigan coach, give a talk illustrated with motion pictures.

Webber's pickin humor delighted the audience and his moves of the Pennsylvania and Minnesota games proved interesting as well as highly instructive.

Coach Phil Shoemaker read off the names of last season's gridirers who will receive letters. (See last week's Enterprise.) Tom Bacon, this year's captain, spoke a few words about the team's hopes for 1939.

Webber was introduced by Edgar Pierce. He spoke lightheartedly for a few minutes, and then provided a running comment on the clips.

The meeting which was held in the basement of the Exchange Club, 105 E. Main St., was the regular Wednesday noon meeting of the Exchange Club.

Besides the members of the Exchange Club, the football team and its coaches, the banquet was attended by several members of the Farmington High School football team and their coach, Marvin Middleton. Other guests were the members of the Farmington high school student council.

Court Collects More Than \$20 From Motorists

More than \$20 in fines was paid in the court of Justice John J. Schulte, Jr. last week. Two of the fines were for failing to stop before crossing Grand River.

Oliver Thompson of 2124 1/2 W. Farmington Township, failed to stop for the cut-off while driving on Gill Road Jan. 4. He was fined \$5.

William Frisch of route 1, Farmington, failed to stop for Grand River at Middlebelt Road on Jan. 7. He paid \$5 for this mistake.

Joseph Brosnan of Detroit passed on a hill on Grand River Jan. 5 and was fined \$5. Francis Fox of 2173 1/2 Albion, Farmington, drove against traffic on Grand River for a distance of eight blocks on Dec. 27. Last week he paid \$5 for this violation. George Stanton of route 1, Milford, on Jan. 5 drove 55 miles an hour through Farmington on Grand River. He paid \$5.

Doris Goodnow of 1000 Harbor charged her husband, Robert, with striking her with his fists on Jan. 8. He pleaded not guilty, but later changed it to guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$20. He was committed to the Oakland County Jail. Goodnow was living in Clarkston.

Claude Corbett of Farmington, who was found guilty last week of Justice Schulte of having the wrong license plates on a car he was driving, paid a fine of \$15 and \$25 in costs, and was not committed to the Oakland County Jail. The Enterprise reported that he went to jail. Justice Schulte sentenced him to jail, but when he arrived, in the custody of a State trooper, he paid his fine and costs, was released. Corbett says that he wanted to pay Justice Schulte's court but he was not permitted to.

It is with narrow-souled people as with narrow-necked bottles. The more they have in them the more noise they make in pouring it out. — Pope.

Jim Tully Coming On Town Hall Series

Jim Tully, noted author and leading Hollywood authority, comes to the Fisher Theatre next Wednesday (Jan. 25) at 11 a. m. to speak before the Detroit Town Hall. His subject will be "Behind the Scenes in Hollywood."

Tully's fame for writing 34 plays a grade has made him the most widely read writer on the movies, and repeatedly the highest paid. He has been assistant to Charlie Chaplin, a director in the movies, and on intimate terms with the actors and directors in the world's largest picture colony.

In his intensely dramatic life, Jim Tully had to fight against many odds. Raised in a "poor block," with no education, friends or money, he became farm laborer, link heater, tramp, circus roustabout, chain-maker and pugilist. Today his books and writings have raised him to the top rank of America's realistic writers. Among his widely popular books are "Emmett Law," "Bezzars of Life," "Farmington Circus Parade," and "Shanty Irish."

Board Drops Suit Against Masons

It was decided by the Township Board at its meeting Tuesday night to drop the Township's suit against the Masons concerning the ownership and occupation of the Town Hall, however, the suit now pending against the city will be heard Jan. 30 in the Circuit Court in Pontiac.

The resolution passed by the board reads: "That whereas under the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan, we are advised that the Masonic organization is entitled to hold their place in the so-called Town Hall, such being the case, to continue the suit against said organization further would be unreasonable and expensive; we, therefore, authorize our attorneys to discontinue the suit now pending against the Masonic organization and the City of Farmington, so far as the Masonic organization is concerned, and to drop the suit for a determination in court as to the remaining defendant, City of Farmington."

Walter Headlee was the only dissenter. The Masons have a 999 year lease for the second floor of the hall.

Efforts have been made to settle the disagreement out of court, but these have failed. One of the members of the board, Ernest Blanchard, said at the meeting that the decision was one of eight year's standing and that a settlement in court appeared to be the only method of ending it. The court's assignment clerk has not revealed who the judge will be.

New Hall Discussed

A letter from Glenn Gillespie, township legal adviser, concerning preliminary action for the building of a township hall was read at the meeting. According to his letter, it will be necessary to submit these questions to a committee to be formed by the board is authorized to take any action towards the building of a township hall. The three questions are: approval of the site, authority to issue bonds for the purpose to erect an increase of the 15 mill limitation.

The board prepared itself to ask the first question of the voters by approving of the appointment of a preliminary committee to select several proposed sites for the building. Chairman is Francis L. Haggard, others: Harry Christman, Joseph Graham, Stanley Drake, and Fred Meeker Sr.

Estimated cost to the township of the hall being proposed is \$13,000. Total cost is \$36,000, the difference being taken care of by the WPA. Application for the WPA grant is now in the region office in Chicago or in Washington. Plans submitted in this application were drawn up by Lyndon and Smith, the architects of the PWA school being built for Farmington school district number five.

Wina Wejkye T. Wed Clayton Stump Here

Our Lady of Sorrows Church will be the scene of a wedding Saturday morning, January 21, when Miss Wina Wejkye, daughter of the late Mrs. W. J. Wejkye, nee Gagnon, the bride of Clayton Stump, a Clarksville, Miss. Laura Wejkye will act as maid of honor, and Ralph Clayton will be best man.

Both the bride and groom attended school at Farmington public schools, and have many friends in this area.

A dinner and reception will be held at the bride's home Saturday afternoon, following which the couple will leave for a short honeymoon. They will return Wednesday, and will be at home to their friends at the Leo Wejkye home, where they will reside for the present.

Plans Told

What the hall will be like is a question most of the citizens agree on. It will have room for the township's fire apparatus and living quarters for the driver. There will be a hall suitable for holding a board meeting or a square dance; there will be separate rooms for the supervisor, treasurer, and clerk; and there will be an auditorium with a seating capacity of 100 and a stage.

Where the hall will be is a question that seemed to have as many different answers as there were citizens at the meeting Tuesday night. More than 40 attended.

Without any discussion, the board decided the 1 per cent penalty on township taxes paid after Jan. 10. It will not be exacted until the board gives further notice.

O To Be A Housewife With January Here!

A thirty male might lament at this time of year: "O to be a housewife, now that January's here; Then, if ever, come bargain days." (Of course to do this he could not only have to be a thirty, but have no respect for the sacred memory of two poets.)

The reason for such lamentation is that nowadays many merchants are offering great annual sales at prices at their annual sales.

This week is an annual occasion at the Farmington A & P store, for it is "Manager's Week." Manager Mark Ferrer urges all householders to visit the store, for practically everything has been marked down in price for the occasion. This includes canned goods, baked goods and household supplies like soap.

Brownie Movie, at the A & P store, has caught the spirit, and it too is throwing a sale.

As an additional incentive, Mr. Brownie gives tickets with each purchase, good for a dollar, and at 8 p. m. Saturday the holder of the lucky ticket receives a free tenderized, smoked ham.

Cook's dry goods store will have its annual sale from Jan. 20 to Jan. 27. At this sale much of the stock will be offered at one-quarter off. This includes ski suits, men's heavy overcoats, and various dry goods.

Money and time are the heaviest burdens of life, and the unhappiest of all mortals are those who have more of either than they know how to use. — Johnson.

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm. — Emerson.

Susan Coming Here Next Thursday

Susan will be introduced to Farmington at 8 p. m. next Thursday in the Town Hall. She is the wife of a young college professor and is contemplating divorce. The fact that she doesn't divorce him, doesn't prevent a number of farcical episodes from taking place.

"Introduce" Susan is the three act comedy being produced by the Epworth League in which this action play. Susan will be played by Mary Lou Worsfold, her husband by Jim Eversly and the play will be directed by Effie Segar, Mrs. Worsfold and Rev. Stuhls. It was written by Jay Tobias.

Mrs. Geraldine Hoffman is expected to return home Sunday from Sunny Brook Hospital, in Royal Oak, where she recently underwent an operation.

"Business Rotten" He Says Cheerily

"Business is rotten," cheerfully remarked one Farmington man who has an establishment in the business section on Grand River.

He wanted to say the conditions are so tough with us that our main warehouse in Pontiac has closed up two of its divisions. In the past, these have been used, but not now, fortunately.

"Not so many weeks ago we had a lot of customers, they were taking big orders, too. They haven't paid for them yet, but they will, they will. Of course things always drop off us after the busy holiday season, but this year the drop has been terrific. Why? We don't know, unless our practices have driven the trade away. We like to hope so."

The speaker was Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriente whose police booth on Grand River has set records in the past week for inactivity. And it's not just here, he says, for the Oakland County Jail has closed off two cell blocks which have been occupied regularly in the past few years.

The only incidents at all redolent of law were the discoveries last week of seven automobiles left in Walled Lake, Southfield, Farmington, Commerce and Novi townships.

The cars, all 1933 models, which had been stolen from Detroit, were stripped of their wheels, radios, and heaters, and then deserted. No fingerprints or other clues were obtained, DeVriente says.

He hopes that something for his business is around at least three corners.

FARMINGTON DRIVE PRAISED BY RED CROSS

Oakland County's chapter of the Red Cross met last week and commended Farmington, along with other communities, for having increased its membership over last year's. Mrs. Joseph DeVriente is the local chairman.

There are now 9,666 Red Cross members in the county, Dr. Harold A. Purdon, chapter chairman, reported. The meeting followed a subscription dinner held at Devon Gables. A sum of \$12,344.46 has been subscribed for the 1938 Roll of Honor, Farmington being one of the contributors in the work of globe townships. He also stressed the advantages of the various Red Cross services. Birmingham, 1132 members; Hazel Park, 113; Holly, 170; Farmington, 122; Independence, 120; Milford, 165; Southfield, 380; were given honorable mention as having secured over their quota of members. Berkley, Branchville, Farmington, Highland, Highland, Oxford, Pontiac township, Rose, Royal Oak, Springfield, Troy and West Bloomfield, either equalled or increased last year's membership.

Chairman W. Heath, former pastor of St. Ambrose Parish, Detroit, was guest of honor. Father Heath was greeted with enthusiasm by his Farmington friends. In his formal address he reminded the directors of their responsibility as Red Cross Directors to be prepared for any emergency which might arise.

Executive directors were in attendance representative Berkley, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington, Highland, Independence, Milford, Pontiac City, Royal Oak, Roseville, Springfield and West Bloomfield.

New directors elected at the meeting are: Mr. Marshall Smith—Waterford Township; Mrs. C. H. Evans—Ferndale; Mrs. G. H. Martin—Pontiac township; Mrs. Lydia Leonard—Pontiac township; Mrs. Harvey Harty—Berkley; Mrs. R. J. Waterbury—Birmingham.

Reports of each service for the past year were given and an annual Red Cross exhibit was displayed.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS

Members of the Progressive Bible Class of the M. E. Church, met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Norman Barrons on Oakwood Avenue. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Hazel Lynch; Vice-president, Mrs. Mahlon Bradley; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Elliot Taylor. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Fred Cook.

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 20, at the home of Mrs. E. O. Hatten on Shiloh Avenue, at 8 o'clock.

Revise Phone Tolls; Redford Calls 5c

CITY, TOWNSHIP BATTLE

City and Township confront each other in court on Jan. 30 and 31. On the 30th, the City is the defendant in a case being heard in the Circuit Court in Pontiac on the question: Who owns the Town Hall?

On the 31st, the City is bringing suit against the Township in the same court. The City contends that because of what they call a governmental error, which was repeated annually for six years, as much as \$1,253.07 in covert road taxes may have been paid by the City taxpayers while the city claimed should have been paid by the Township. The alleged error was discovered in December 1937.

Suburban toll rates are being cut by order of the State Public Utilities Commission so that within a few months it will be possible to call Redford, Livonia Township, or Southfield for only five cents.

At the present time telephone calls to Detroit are 20 cents, whether you are calling someone just south of the Eight Mile Road or in the City Hall. This will be changed by a system of zoning that will scale the cost to the distance called. Detroit has been divided into seven zones and there are 10 suburban exchanges.

In Dec. 1937 the Enterprise reported that the commission was working on a revision of the toll rates. On May 25 a meeting was held by the commission, and at this time the Enterprise announced that the revision would be by means of a new zoning system which would eliminate some of the present inequalities in telephone rates. All calls within the Farmington area will remain the same in cost, as will calls within the Detroit area. The zoning plan affects calls between Detroit and the 10 suburban zones and calls made between these zones. The suburban exchanges are: Farmington, Livonia, Birmingham, Southfield, Wyandotte, Trenton, Roseville, Centreline, Royal Oak and Wayne.

Howell Van Auker, chairman of the utilities commission, estimates the savings to telephone users as \$233,000 a year.

Order Accepted

The telephone company announced its acceptance of the order but officials declared it would be three to four months before the new rates could go into effect.

It will take at least 30 days to prepare complete tariff schedules, the company announced. In addition, there must be extensive installation of facilities, changes in operating methods, and training of personnel.

These are some of the things in order will effect:

1. Lower toll rates between the outlying sections of the Detroit Exchange, such as Redford, and suburban exchanges. The Detroit Exchange includes Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Dearborn, the Grosse Pointe Communities, Ecorse, River Rouge, Lincoln Park, Melvindale and Allen Park.
2. Lower toll rates between one suburban exchange and another suburban exchange. An example is a call made between Farmington and Birmingham.
3. Lower long distance rates to cities in a 40-mile radius from downtown Detroit, such as Ann Arbor. (Continued on Page 4)

President's Ball Next Week

Farmington will cooperate in the nation-wide effort to raise money next Saturday, Jan. 28, for the prevention and treatment of infantile paralysis. A President's Ball will be held in the high school gymnasium from 9 until 11 on this date. It is being sponsored by the Exchange Club.

Delos Hamlin is the chairman of this year's ball. Howard Otis is his assistant. Tickets may be bought for \$1.25 per couple from Messrs. Hamlin and Otis, or any of the other members of the Exchange Club.

The gymnasium will be decorated by several girls in the high school who were active in the decorating last year. Music for the dance will be provided by Al Strauss and his orchestra.

The President's Ball in Farmington is one of many held on the same date throughout the country, to aid crippled children, especially those afflicted with infantile paralysis. The money raised is because it is President Roosevelt's birthday.

Seventy per cent of the proceeds from the dance go to local funds and the remaining 30 per cent is turned over to the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation and other institutions specializing in research efforts to curb infantile paralysis.

WCTU TO MEET

The Women's chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet at 8:30 p. m. Tuesday at the home of Miss Helen Harsh on Wilmarth avenue. Mrs. Alice MacDonald will conduct the devotional exercises.

Table of Revised Tolls

	Birmingham	Center Line	Farmington	Highland	Livonia	Royal Oak	Trenton	Wayne	Wyandotte
Birmingham	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Center Line	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Farmington	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Highland	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Livonia	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Royal Oak	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Trenton	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Wayne	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Wyandotte	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Detroit—Zone 1	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Detroit—Zone 2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Detroit—Zone 3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Detroit—Zone 4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Detroit—Zone 5	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Detroit—Zone 6	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Detroit—Zone 7	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

This table shows the toll rates to be charges between specified points, under the new order, leaving the original rates out of consideration. Each figure represents a five-cent charge. The unit number will be found where the vertical and horizontal lines intersect.

Zone One includes Madison numbers, all Trilby numbers with 2 as the first numeral, all Columbia numbers, all Temple numbers with 1 or 2 as the first numeral; all Terrace numbers with 2 as the first numeral, and all Cadillac, Randolph, Cherry, Clifford and Fitzroy numbers.

Zone Two: Tuxedo numbers beginning with the numeral 2, and all Elmore, Arlington, Lenox, Murray, Drexel, Plaza, Ivanhoe, Olive and Niagara numbers.

Zone Three: Townsend numbers beginning with 5, 6, 7, 8 and all Hubbard and Slocum numbers.

Zone Four: Tenyson numbers beginning with 5, University numbers beginning with 1 and 2, Vermont numbers beginning with 5 and 6; and Hogarth, Davidson and Northlawn numbers.

Zone Five: The Redford numbers.

Zone 6: Vinewood 1 and 2 numbers, Oregon, Atlantic and Dearborn numbers.

Zone 7: Lafayette numbers and Tyler numbers beginning with 4, 5, 6 and 7.

It should be explained that where numerals are specified, the application is ONLY to five-digit telephone numbers. Where there are only four digits, the initial number is of no significance.