

# The Farmington Enterprise

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## P. T. A. Has Auspicious Beginning

Active organizers of Farmington's new Parent-Teacher Association chapter look forward optimistically to the effective working of a large and energetic group, following assembling of nearly 100 parents and teachers at the first meeting last Thursday evening. A nominating committee Tuesday evening prepared a list of nominations for officers of the new organization, for presentation to the second meeting of the chapter Thursday evening.

Officers will represent both parents and teachers, a definite effort being made to bring into a balance between the two factors. Officers will consist of president, mother vice-president, father vice-president, teacher vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and historian. The nominating committee consists of Edgar S. Pierce, chairman, Mrs. H. A. McIntyre, Mrs. Leo Gamache, Robert Gale, and Robert Stewart. It was named, from suggestions made from the floor by W. Allen Nelson, who presided at the first meeting.

Those attending the first meeting heard Wesley Thomas, representing the Michigan Education Association, speak on the school financing problem of the State, and tell of the necessity for appropriation of 45 million dollars for State school aid for next year, against the 37 million the Legislature reported ready to pass. Another speaker was Miss Jean McKay, of the Highland Park High School faculty. Toward the close of the meeting, reference was made to the question of whether teachers have a right to attend board of education meetings. Miss McKay vigorously upheld that right, declaring that "teachers are citizens, and certainly have that right, at least in America."

## MERCHANTS OPEN BASEBALL SEASON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The Farmington Merchants baseball team will inaugurate the baseball season Sunday at Warner Field when they clash with the Redford Union Mascot nine. Manager Nelson Outette of the local organization promises to bring a strong team and will endeavor to erase the defeat of last season administered by Farmington during the gala week baseball tournament.

## Hearing Monday On Zoning Ordinance

A public meeting will be held Monday evening for discussion of the proposed zoning ordinance. All citizens interested in the new ordinance are urged to attend the meeting so that all opinions may be heard before any final action is taken.

## Old Time Dance Club Elects New Officers

Harvey Houghton of Redford was elected president of the Old Time Dance Club for next year at a business meeting on last Friday evening. Arthur Lamb and Adolph Cramer were also elected two new officers.

## NEW MANAGER AT OAK PHARMACY

Edward L. Pecknappaugh, of Detroit, has taken over the management of the Oak Pharmacy and will run the store under the same name. Mr. Pecknappaugh formerly had been proprietor of a drug store on Puritan Ave. in Detroit, for ten years.

## Carl Lehmann Cited At U. Of M. Honor Convocation

Carl Lehmann, 23105 Farmington Road, Farmington, was one of eight hundred University of Michigan students selected for their distinguished scholarly work. They received public recognition at the sixteenth annual University of Michigan Honors Convocation at Ann Arbor on April 28. Carl received Senior Class honors in Engineering.

Carl, who is well known to Farmington residents, was a graduate of Farmington high school, in 1934. He is a student of electrical engineering at the University, and has always ranked high in scholarship since entering the school. Last year he won a \$100 scholarship as a result of his high standing in class-work.

Will Return This Summer Upon graduation in June, Carl plans to return for the summer session to take a postgraduate course in electrical engineering.

## Vote On Town Hall Monday

Property-owners of Farmington township will go to the polls Thursday, May 4, in a special election to vote on the building of a new township hall. Due to the high cost of building the new hall, as indicated by residents throughout the township, a heavy vote is expected.

Voters coming to the polls Thursday will be handed three ballots. Besides the question on construction issue they will also vote on a proposition providing that a sum of \$10,000 be borrowed and bonds issued for the purchase of the site for the building. The third measure will be a decision as to the actual site for the new hall.

At present the township meetings are held in the welfare building on Grand River avenue near Hancock Road. It is felt, however, that a larger building is needed for the transaction of township business. The location of the new hall, as proposed on the ballots, is on Orchard Lake Road, between Ten and Eleven Mile Roads, and would cost \$15,000.

If construction of the building is approved, and the \$10,000 appropriation measure passes, VPA has agreed to furnish an additional building fund of \$27,000.

A bare majority of the total votes cast will be sufficient to pass the measures dealing with the construction and the selection of a site. On the \$10,000 bond issue proposition, a two-thirds majority is necessary. The voting is open to only resident property-owners of Farmington Township.

## City To Finish Cleaning Up Thursday or Friday

Farmington's "Clean-up Days," originally set for Tuesday and Wednesday, have been extended to Thursday and possibly to Friday in order that men working on the city rubbish can finish the past three days picking up rubbish placed in the job either by Thursday evening or Friday morning.

## High School Grads Told To Get Numbers

At the graduation season approaches, high school students were advised recently to obtain social security account numbers before seeking employment this year in order that they may not have to wait for new workers should their social security numbers before taking up employment.

"It is much easier to get a number before applying for work, than it is to have to go to an office later and get a card. Men doing the job may not be able to get a card. Men doing the job may not be able to get a card. Men doing the job may not be able to get a card."

## ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. H. Read Webster announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret, to Noel A. Trlica, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Trlica of Flint. The wedding will take place early in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ffioot, daughter Jean, Mrs. Schroeder and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre were Pontiac callers Monday.

The Honor Convocation is an annual event on the University of Michigan campus, and the distinction of being honored at the service is reserved for those students who have maintained a position on the school Honor Roll. Since entering the University Carl's grades have been consistently high. His average of three A's and two B's has earned him a place on the coveted list every semester since he enrolled.

Ranked high at Farmington While at Farmington high school he was an able and industrious student, and ranked near the top in scholarship throughout the four years.

Carl's father, Christian Lehmann, was among those present at the Convocation exercises Friday afternoon. Mr. Lehmann motored to Ann Arbor to witness the ceremony of his son and the other high-ranking students.

## School Building Contracts Signed

Formal signing of the contracts for work on the new structure was completed this week according to Superintendent Robert Burns, and the contracts sent to the Chicago office of FWA for final approval.

Meanwhile, working under a conditional contract, the Norman A. Starr Co., general construction contractors, have nearly completed the excavation of the basement, and are almost ready to lay the forms for pouring the cement.

The Board of Education this week completed the sale of \$22,000 worth of bonds to Crouse and Co., Detroit. The bonds had been issued to provide for the construction of the new public school building. A few days will be required for the attorneys for the bonding company, Miller, Calkins, Faddock, and Stone, to inspect the transaction and give legal opinion on the purchase of the bonds, after which time the deal can be officially closed.

When finished, the school building will be a modern one-story and one-half story structure of light brown brick. It will have a frontage of 120 feet and a depth of 100 feet. It is to be located just west of the present school building.

The completion date has been tentatively set for September 1, in time for the opening of school just after Labor Day.

## Officer Warns Against Use of Air Rifles

Deputy Joseph DeVriendt has issued a warning against the use of air rifles in Farmington, and states that if boys are caught using them, the guns will be immediately confiscated.

DeVriendt stated that boys have been shooting out street lights on Power avenue from Shilwaukee to Grand River avenue, and that a special watch will be made in the vicinity in an effort to stop the misdeed. The use of air rifles within the city limits of Farmington is prohibited by law.

## Missionaries Speak Before Hope Chapel

The people of Hope Chapel, of Looney Corners, had the opportunity last week of hearing Rev. Earl Tostler and his wife, Rev. Effie Tostler, missionaries to the Middle East, who were speaking at the church. They were appointed to the work in Africa in 1925 and with the exception of a year's furlough at the end of each 3 years their time has been spent in the work there.

They talked of leper conditions and the great need of education to help the distressing life many women are obliged to live. They were also present with many gifts to take back to their home there, among them a set of dishes from Buedel church where a reception was held last Thursday.

The four members of the district joined together to wish them a safe voyage. Those who attended the reception from Hope Chapel were Mrs. Dalna, Mrs. Horie, Mrs. Stuen, Mrs. Nation, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, Rev. and Mrs. Lomas, and Mrs. Robert Fredericks.

A mechanical ice box was presented, also, the gift of friends. The morning service Mrs. Fredericks, assisted by Mrs. Walter Dixon, served dinner to the Tostlers and a large group of friends. Afternoon speakers were greeting those who were unable to attend church service.

## Graduation Exercises Planned

Plans for the Farmington high school Commencement and Baccalaureate services have been completed according to Superintendent Robert Burns.

The school term this year will be closed by the Commencement Day, and will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church, in Farmington. Reverend Gilbert A. Miles is to be the featured speaker for the occasion, and will be assisted by Reverend D. C. Stubbs, and Reverend Carl H. Schmitt.

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## RUBBER SPRINGS ON MOTOR CARS ARE PREDICTED

An automobile of the near future, with rubber springs, is a topic of interesting speculation among members of Farmington Exchange Club, as a result of a talk predicting that development and many others equally astonishing, at the club's meeting, Wednesday noon.

The speaker, Karl L. Landefeld, of Akron, Ohio, connected with the advertising department of The B. F. Goodrich Company, was a former member of the club, and for a long time, in which the new springs have stood up under driving tests for a year.

The new spring consists of two metal cylinders, one sliding inside the other, each with rubber coating. The springs are kneaded into the metal by the use of a special machine, and the resulting springs are said to be more durable than the present high speed of travel. Present steel springs "telegraph" the bumps and potholes of the road.

Mr. Landefeld recounted the history of the rubber industry, from its beginning, telling in interesting fashion how its greatest factor, vulcanizing, was discovered by accident; relating also, how the product received its name, "Prestige," which was the name of the tire which he discovered that by using it, the writing would not be obliterated, and hence named the material "rubber."

The speaker was the guest of Earl Vivier.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. McIntyre of New Hudson visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred DuCharme, Saturday.

## Farmington Merchants Aid In Developing Community

Improvement and civic development of Farmington as a city has taken on a new and greater importance this spring. New homes have been built, more have been planned, a new public school building is under construction, new business houses have been erected, and in general, the road is paved for the biggest year in Farmington's history.

Farmington merchants have played, and will continue to play, an important part in the development of the city. Almost every need of a growing community can be met by Farmington stores, and they are also well supplied to satisfy the wants of home-owners.

For instance, when a new home is built, one of the first things which must be considered is a telephone and household equipment. The Consumer's Power Co. is offering a new line of gas ranges which would attract the eye of any householder. They have all the latest improvements and are priced very low.

For New Screens The Farmington Lumber Co. has a sale on materials for screens, so if you are building a new house, or if your old screens aren't working as they should, stop in at the Lumber Co., and let them quote some prices on screening materials.

An event of importance to all women is the huge sale of women's clothing which Irene's Apparel Shoppe is holding. There's nothing like a new outfit of clothes to give you that peppy feeling of Spring. Irene is offering a large line of women's sweaters, jackets, dresses and hats, along with special bargains on Gordon's hosiery and foundation garments.

## Farmington Students Win Honors At Music Festival

Two students of Farmington public schools, Joyce Samuelson, sixth grade, and Robert Ham, eighth grade, won First Division honors at the fourth annual Michigan School Instrumental Music Festival Friday.

Both students were competing with musicians older and more experienced than themselves, but both were given high ratings by judges. They were the only representatives sent to the festival from the Farmington schools.

Both Students Praised Joyce, playing Debussy's "Araguana" on her clarinet drew a compliment from Judge Keith Skiff, who said "She gave a remarkable showing on such an advanced composition. She has true clarinet quality, good toning, and I believe, Robert's playing of 'Debutante'."

## Theater Topic Of Discussion

The question of whether or not the city of Farmington can support a movie theater has once again become the topic of speculation among Farmington business men.

At a meeting in Farmington held Friday evening, a score of members of the Business Men's Association discussed the feasibility of supporting a theater company in building a new movie house in Farmington.

In general it was agreed that such an enterprise would be highly beneficial to the community as a trade stimulant as well as in the minds of movie-minded residents. Instead of in other nearby towns where theaters are located.

No details of any proposal are ready for announcement, but a committee of the business men's group is ready to consider such proposals if any are forthcoming.

The matter of a theater in Farmington has been a topic of interest for a number of years. At various times during the past half dozen years, men representing theater interests in Detroit and elsewhere have appeared in Farmington and given more or less convincing arguments for the establishment of a theater.

However, the business men's summer was not in existence then as it is now, alert to the possibilities of new officers and membership ready to provide information and co-operation. New officers are: Bayard Tupper, president; James Lamy, vice-president; Howard Otis, secretary (re-elected), and Edgar S. Pierce, treasurer (re-elected). Directors are Howard Otis, Elmer Darling, Emory Haxton and Vic Blakeslee.

## "Sunshine Special" Planned For Summer

Underprivileged Farmington boys and girls again will have an opportunity to enjoy a day's outing at Edgewater Park this summer as in previous years. Through the interest of the Exchange Club, the children will be enabled to participate in the annual "Sunshine Special" held each year in the amusement park.

The club has the expense of taking to the park for the day the boys and girls who otherwise would not have an opportunity for a day's outing. Each child receives a number of free rides and amusements as well as the opportunity to join in various games and diversions at the park. Arrangements will be in charge of the same committee at the event last year, consisting of Earl Grosvenor, chairman, Howard Otis and Judge John J. Schulte.

## Rabies Situation Less Acute, Officer Reports

A slight let-up in the mad-dog situation in the Farmington area was reported by Deputy Joseph DeVriendt this week. The number of stray dogs in the community has been cut considerably, and dog owners are apparently taking greater precautions to keep their pets tied up.

The number of killing dogs found running loose will go on however, until authorities are sure that the danger of a general rabies epidemic is over.

## J-HOP DATE SET FOR FRIDAY, MAY 19

The annual J-Hop of the Farmington high school will be held Friday evening, May 19, at 8:30 p. m. at Botsford Tavern, it has been announced. Don Hoffman's orchestra will supply the music. The event will be on sale beginning Monday, May 8, and may be purchased at the high school from Keith Johnson.

## 25-YEAR CERTIFICATES

Certificates from nationally known insurance companies, certifying his representation of them for a consecutive period of 25 years, was presented by Edgar S. Pierce of Farmington, who recently completed that period of time in the insurance field.

by Clarke, on a baritone, was also praised by Judge Leonard Falcone. In the space on the score sheets reserved for comments, Judge Falcone wrote "plays very well for his age—a clear, warm, and flexible tone, and a fluent technique."

The two day festival, held Friday and Saturday, was given under the sponsorship of the Michigan State Band and Director's Association in connection with the University of Michigan School of Music Bands, orchestras, and soloists from schools all over the state were rated in divisions from one to five. A recommendation to First Division was the highest possible rating.

Joyce and Robert were accompanied to Ann Arbor by Alvin Leeman, of the Farmington School of Music.

## Town 'Makes' Detroit Papers

Farmington is the object of attention throughout this part of the State, particularly in educational circles, having "made" the pages of Detroit newspapers prominently last week-end, when extensive accounts were carried in the Friday and Saturday papers of the circulation of petitions urging the re-opening of High School Principal Max Thompson.

Reporters and photographers came thick and fast to Farmington. The Detroit News posed and featured a three-column photograph of a group of high school girls and boys on the "campus" discussing the matter. Accompanying the picture was a detailed article quoting members of the Board of Education.

The Detroit Free Press also carried an extensive article on the subject. Students have filed petitions, addressed to the Board of Education, with each of the Board members some time ago. Copies of a petition prepared for circulation among adults, but directed to only one Board member, Dr. R. R. Aschenbrenner, appeared last week, but had not been submitted to him Wednesday night.

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## U. S. SOON TO HAVE WORLD'S LARGEST LIBRARY

When the opening of the new \$10,000,000 Annex building about the first of July makes the United States Library of Congress rise from fourth place to that of the greatest national library in the world, much of the credit and responsibility for the existence of the appropriations for the extension and continuation of this worthy project of the Government will rest upon the shoulders of one of Michigan's own Congressmen.

Representative Louis C. Rabaut of the 14th Congressional District. Mr. Rabaut, who is chairman of the Legislative Establishment Appropriations Committee which provides the money for the library of Congress and its Annex as well as many other legislative agencies of the Government, has actively worked for the development of this great research institution throughout his career in the House of Representatives. Although he has been acclaimed by members of both parties in Congress as a leading foe of unneeded federal expenditures of the taxpayers' dollars, Rep. Rabaut constantly has sought to provide adequate appropriations for developing the National Library into the greatest repository of knowledge and art that the world has ever known.

Now, a concrete result from his effort stands on Capitol Hill in the form of the beautiful, ultra-modern, white marble Annex building, not yet open to the public but already being stocked with books and also already housing the mammoth card division and the United States Copyright Office.

When its doors are finally opened to readers, American scholars will find that they will have available for their use the largest collection of research material to be found anywhere in the world.

## Here, in one of the least publicized yet most used Government institutions, Uncle Sam's workers each year will meet all of the nation's demands for copying, printing, or literature, scientific and art material; supply more than 6,500 public libraries throughout the country with cards and classification services; continue the development of the famous "Union Catalogue" which attempts to list every item ever published and where it may be found for reference; and provide books, research, and information for the use of our Nation's legislators and the public in general. In addition, it keeps in order and available for ready reference, the five and half million items in the manuscript, map, music and fine arts sections, which form its huge collection.

## New Homes Increase In Farmington

The fact that Farmington is one of the fastest-growing communities in this section of the state has been proved more strongly in the past few weeks than ever before. The most solid proof of the city's rapid development is shown in the large number of new houses which are being built within the city limits.

At the present time there are seven new houses under construction. Since January, 1939, there have been a larger number of homes started than ever before in a corresponding period. In 1938 there was a marked increase of new homes over 1937, and city authorities believe that 1939 will be even better as far as building is concerned.

Most of the builders of new residences in Farmington are from Detroit or the surrounding metropolitan area, which indicates a definite westward expansion which, it is believed, will swell the population of Farmington in future years.

Included in the list of new homes under construction is one on Lot No. 39, on Maple avenue, another on lot No. 62, on Brookdale, and still another on lot No. 26, on Prospect avenue, all of which were begun in April.

Among homes on which building was started in March is one at 33150 Shilwaukee avenue, another at 22805 Lakeway avenue, and one on Lot 44, on Valleyview. A new home is also being built in the corner of Liberty and State avenues, and work is soon to begin on a house on Macomb avenue, near the Blakeslee residence.