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Opening Day Of School Announced

School will officially open in Farmington on Monday, September 11, the first Monday following Labor Day. This date was approved by members of Farmington Board of Education at their meeting Monday evening.

The board approved the selection of a new teacher, Miss Elizabeth Stoffer, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Miss Jeanne McVicar, first grade teacher. Miss McVicar has accepted a position in the East Lansing schools.

Miss Stoffer is a resident of Highland Park Junior College and is a graduate of the University of Michigan. While attending college she was active in musical societies and dramatic organizations. She has also served as camp counselor for young children in a summer camp for girls at Higgins Lake, Michigan.

Ever Resigns

At their Monday night meeting, board members were also notified of the resignation of Ben Ewert, teacher of social studies and assistant to Coach Paul Shoemaker. Mr. Ewert plans to go into the oil business in Alma, Michigan. The board is considering applications for the vacant position and will probably announce their selection next week.

According to Orville E. Dunckel, Superintendent, a Home Economics teacher will be added to the Farmington school. This is a new department at Farmington. A complete Home Economics system will be available to students as soon as the new auditorium-gymnasium building is completed, and equipment for cooking, sewing and other home arts will be housed in a special classroom.

Two other new additions to the Farmington school faculty, Martin Dammen and Marjorie Paxson, were announced some time ago. Miss Dammen will teach English and Miss Paxson kindergarten subjects.

FARMINGTON DAIRY MAN ELECTED TO CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The American Guernsey Cattle Club announces the election of W. A. Blume, of Farmington, to membership. Mr. Blume has a herd of registered Guernseys on his farm. The American Guernsey Cattle Club is a National organization of 25,000 breeders of pure bred Guernseys. It records the registration of pure bred Guernseys which trace to the Island of Guernsey, the original home of the breed, in the English Channel. It also supervises tests of production and through Golden Guernsey, Inc. supervises the marketing of Guernsey MILK.

Sorensen Cows Set Record

Three Guernsey cows owned by Charles E. Sorensen of Farmington, have just finished new official records for production which entitles them to entry in the Advanced Register of the American Guernsey Cattle Club. These animals include three year old Honoria, 1215.45 pounds of milk and 61.65 pounds of butter fat in class 2F, two and one-half year old Flora Dora of Elston Farm 1489.60 producing 1257.28 pounds of milk and 65.4 pounds of butter fat in class 2F, and two year old Cosmo La Nodine 1509.56 producing 1089.2 pounds of milk and 59.3 pounds of butter fat in class G.

Oakland County Jobless Given \$2,310.305

Harry A. McDonald, chairman of the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission, announced this week that since Jan. 1, Oakland County had been issued \$2,310.305 during the period ending July 29, the average partial benefit check amounted to \$22.16. For the one week period ending July 29, Oakland County received 7,762 checks in the amount of \$170,269.

McDonald said the 55 offices of the Michigan State Unemployment Service, a commission division, had filed 3,265 jobs during the week ending July 29. During the period the commission paid to 64,345 Michigan workers a total of \$80,520 in benefits for partial and total unemployment.

Letter Tells What Is Needed in Community

In response to a letter-writing contest sponsored among Exchange Club members shortly before the club held activities for the summer, several commendable letters answering the query "What Does Farmington Need?" were received. Prizes were offered for the best letters and the following one was among the winners:

What Does My Community Need?
To Mr. Victor Blakeslee
President Farmington Exchange Club
Farmington
Michigan

My dear President Blakeslee:
"What does our community need?" you ask.

Well sir, every citizen of an American community has a health.

Warrants Issued For Village Heads

As a result of Judge John J. Schulte's one-man grand jury findings, warrants for the arrest of two village heads were issued this week. Mark Tenny and Robert Allen, trustees, are charged in the warrants with mishandling of village funds.

The warrants were recommended by Charles L. Wilson, County prosecutor, on the strength of Judge Schulte's report that "a great loss of money was sustained by the taxpayers as a result of civil and criminal negligence."

Allen is alleged in the complaint to have been negligent in performance of his duties in that cemetery funds were not invested in a manner required by law. The second complaint charges Tenny be come possessed of \$16,000 from a predecessor in office and approved use of the funds for purposes not authorized by statute.

Judge Schulte's report charged that under the "absolute and dictatorial control of one party" the assets of the village were mismanaged. The Association dwindled from \$16,000 when Tenny took control, to \$9,432.35 in cash, and a questionable \$2,540 in securities.

Wilson said he petitioned for the grand jury investigation at the request of Holly citizens who protested to him against the management of village affairs.

Although other officials were cited for alleged negligence in a Judge Schulte's report, Wilson said, warrants would not be issued for them because, in his opinion, they were misled by Tenny and Allen. The warrants against Tenny and Allen were issued on complaint of Justin H. Strigoun, a Holly resident and taxpayer.

HARRY GERMAN'S TEAM TO PLAY AT LEGION CARNIVAL

As a special attraction at the Gala Days celebration sponsored by Groves-Walker post, American Legion, a three-day baseball tournament will be held. Several well-known teams from this section have been invited to attend, and lots of good baseball is assured for fans of the game.

The tourney will be held under the supervision of Hugh F. Brennan, manager of the Farmington Merchants. Brennan has announced that to date six teams have accepted invitations to play in the tournament, including the team captained by the famous pitcher of days gone by, Harry Gitcher.

German's Country Old Pitchers' team made up of men of middle age and past, have attracted wide attention in this section by taking on and beating several teams of younger players. German, at 67, can still pitch a fast ball when younger players can't hit it.

Other teams which will play during the Gala Days celebration are Northville, Detroit Commodores, Redford Macs, Berkeley Merchants, and Farmington Merchants. More squads may enter the tourney before September 2, the opening day.

Previous plans, stated Brennan, call for one game Saturday, and two on Sunday, Sept. 3, and Sept. 4, Monday, Labor Day, Sept. 4.

Meanwhile members of Groves-Walker post are going ahead with plans for the three-day carnival. As in past years there will be rides, concessions, booths, refreshments, and all the other accessories of a good time. The site of the celebration will be the corner of Maple avenue and Grand River Avenue.

thy, ambitious desire to see his town bettered. And that betterment frequently is of two natures. One is of specific, material need, the other is in principal, social or ethical needs.

To make a wish for the fulfillment of material needs of my city, I wish that Farmington had a better designed, small but adequate municipal building. Where various city offices could be integrated. Where space would be provided for various official and community meetings and where exhibits could be held, where adequate rest rooms for the visiting public and patrons of Farmington business places would be available. Where a library could be properly housed.

I further wish that a comprehensive program of city development could be carried out, particularly near the center of the city. It is desirable that have prospective citizens, as one did, refer to the shape of Farmington as a feather bed tied in the middle, bulging at both ends. Farmington at its center extends just one block north and one block south from the main corner. To build a residence, it is necessary to locate in either end of the "bulge."

My wish in the matter of the social happenings of Farmington is that "newcomers" to our fair city be made to feel at home quickly and sincerely. One lady who purchased a home in Farmington said to the taxpayers, "How long does one have to be a resident of Farmington before they are accepted by the native born and counted as an insider?" There is a need for an effort to dissolve the strains that are present. To make the upper crust, if there is one, see that after all the common denominator for each is just common class, even as you and I.

Why not once a year a community garden party or get together with the guests of honor the newcomers of the previous twelve months, with music, introductions, ice cream, etc. It could be made a gala affair and the dividends from such an investment would be immeasurable.

Mr. President, there are other wishes for Farmington, but I am wishing to presume on your time. I respectfully submit the outline presented in the preceding paragraphs.

"And the Gaed the gift 't'le us
To the messel's as others see us."

The illusion that times have passed were better than those that are is common to all people. Times are just what we make them. No amount of wishing for the past or dreaming of the future can change what we built today by our own faith and industry.

News items always welcome.

Expect Jump In Sale Of Licenses

With August 31 set as the final day for the purchase of last half year auto license plates, sales are expected to take a sharp increase in the Farmington office within the next week.

According to those in charge of the Farmington branch of the license department, sales of the last half year plates have been slow throughout the last four weeks. The licenses went on sale July 11.

Although all persons who can possibly do so are urged to get their last half plates early and avoid the rush, it has been found that the last two weeks before the final date are the busiest. Motorists are advised that by getting their plates early they can avoid the crowds of the last few days of the sale.

Full Year Plates

In order to clear up an uncertainty which has apparently bothered a good many persons who bought first half plates, license officials wish to make it clear that the plates which are bought now will cover plates which are being sold at half price. These are of the same color and design as the full year plates which went on sale the first of this year. They will be in the final half of the month.

The Farmington branch office of the Secretary of State, where the licenses are on sale, is located at the Blakeslee Motor Sales Co., on Grand River avenue.

GIRL IS INJURED WHEN CAR HITS TREE IN PARK

A car driven by Harold Repford, 3560 Mackinac Street, Detroit, smashed into a tree in the park on Grand River just west of Farmington road Sunday at 4:45 a. m., resulting in facial injuries to the 16-year-old daughter, Miss Helen Alberts, 29, of 15255 Jefferson Avenue, Detroit.

Repford reported to Deputy Officer Joseph DeVries that he was driving west on Grand River at the time of the accident and that a car coming from the opposite direction forced him over the curb.

Miss Alberts, whose injuries were described as "not serious" received local treatment and remained in Farmington until the next morning when she was removed to her home.

Ladies of Plymouth Church To Serve Meals at Fair

The Ladies of the Presbyterian Church of Plymouth will serve lunches and dinners again this year at the Northern Wayne County Fair, Aug. 16-17-18-19. In the dining room at the east end of the grandstand. Prices are reasonable and the food is good.

Stores Fall in Line To Help Fair-Bound Folks

Heigh ho, come to the Fair! That's what a great many folks from this section will do within the next few days. The Oakland County Fair has opened its gates at Milford this week, and next week the Northern Wayne County Fair will be in session.

With so many minds on the County Fair, there's a great deal of shopping to be done before the big day. The men of the section are keeping these important dates in mind, too, and have arranged to stock up on necessities.

You'll want to look your best when you pass through the front gate. Clothes purchased from Fred L. Cook Co. will go a long way towards helping you to put up a good appearance. Whether it's fancy, comfortable riding and you won't have to worry about car troubles en route or after you get there.

You can't realize how easy cooking can be until you have tried preparing your meals on an electric range. Just turn the switch, no fuss, no bother, when you use one of the big, new electric ranges, and all the other accessories of a good time. The site of the celebration will be the corner of Maple avenue and Grand River Avenue.

As a special traffic-stopper this week, the Farmington Hardware is offering a handy kitchen

New Superintendent



Orville E. Dunckel, new school superintendent, will take over his duties as head of the Farmington school system next month with the opening school. Mr. Dunckel has spent much time in Farmington this summer in preparation for the coming school year.

Before coming to Farmington, Dunckel was superintendent of schools at Manchester, Michigan, a position which he had held for 13 years. Mr. and Mrs. Dunckel's new home on Brookdale avenue is now under construction.

Merchants Face Two Tough Teams

The Farmington Merchants baseball team, still going strong in one of the best seasons in the history of the club, will face two tough opponents this week end. On Saturday at 2:30 p. m. they will meet the Belgian Americans, of the Detroit Federation, and on Sunday will play Carp Coal, a Class A Federation outfit.

Staging another of their famous nine-inning rallies, the Merchants nosed out Hodges-Dodges 7 to 6 Sunday afternoon. Going to bat in the final half of the ninth Farmington trailed 3 to 6. Lancaster, first up, grounded out to shortstop, waiting reached first on an error through shortstop, and Jones lifted into center field. Bastion hooked on a double scoring Watling, and Shafer singled. Lacey made first base on an error and Bastion and Shafer scored. Martin then drove out a hit scoring Lacey with the winning run.

Farmington's ace left-hander, Bill Watling, was on the mound and struck out 17. In the second inning he whiffed three straight, Farmington got 10 hits and Hodges-Dodges collected 11.

Manager Hugh F. Brennan this week received notice from national headquarters of the National Semi-Pro League that three Farmington players have been selected for the all-district team. Players were picked for this team on the basis of their performances in the district meet which was held in Farmington July 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Farmington players who were voted a berth on the team were Bill Watling, pitcher, James Martin, catcher, and Ed Shafer, third base. All three have been outstanding in their respective positions throughout the season.

A total of 16 players were selected for the all-district team. Only two teams besides Farmington, River Rouge and Jackson, were successful in placing three men.

Selections for the All-State team will be made within the next two weeks and manager Brennan feels confident that the list will include some Farmington players. Farmington went to the final in the state contest held in Grand Rapids where they were defeated by Mt. Pleasant. As Michigan champions Mt. Pleasant went to the Regional meet at Antigo, Wisconsin. They won this and qualified for the national meet at Wichita, Kansas.

Y. T. C. HOLDS ROAST

The Helen L. Hard chapter of Youth Temperance Council enjoyed a welter roast at Belle Isle, Wednesday, during the evening session of the members enjoyed swimming, while others walked through the park.

Leaflets illustrating the activities of Camp Tyrone, were distributed among members. Bryce Greenman has been selected as a delegate to Camp Tyrone, representing the local chapter.

David Sullivan, a new member, was introduced to the group at this meeting.

The place of the September meeting will be announced later.

City Commission To Meet Monday Night

The Farmington City Commission will meet Monday evening, August 14, in the Farmington State Bank building. Their regular meeting, scheduled for last Monday was held over a week. A Building Inspector and a Board of Appeals, both of which are required under the newly-effective Building and Zoning Ordinances, will be appointed. Three men are now seeking the inspector post.

Lee Re-appointed As Postmaster

Postmaster Norman Lee has been re-appointed as head of the Farmington post office for a term of four years, although official notification from the Postmaster General's Office in Washington is still forthcoming. Lee's name was listed in a recent Congressional Record along with several other Michigan postmasters who were appointed to terms by the President.

Lee has been postmaster here since 1934 when he was named acting postmaster succeeding Thomas H. McGee. In 1935 he was appointed for a four year term, which expires this year.

Recommendations for postmaster are made to the President by the Postmaster General, who makes careful checks on ability, initiative, and character before commending a man for the position. Local recommendation also counts in the Postmaster General's choice.

Welfare Office To Stay Open Until August 17

Oakland County welfare offices, scheduled to close Friday evening because of lack of funds, will be kept open until August 17 as the result of conferences which promise the possibility of staving off the financial troubles. Stacy Skelton, welfare administrator said Wednesday.

Skelton made his announcement after a conference with the Board of Supervisors' Ways and Means Committee, which is now preparing a report on relief to be presented to the board.

Review of the county's welfare situation has been under way before the Ways and Means Committee with Chairman James Lawson of Royal Oak presiding. The whole situation was placed before the board last Thursday and without discussion referred to the committee for preparation of policy and other details.

Weekly Swimming Parties Cancelled

Paul Shoemaker, high school coach and summer playground director has announced that the children's weekly swimming parties to Crystal Pool will be discontinued due to the number of cases of infantile paralysis in the Detroit area.

Oakland County Fair Open At Milford

Oakland County's fifty-ninth annual fair opened at Milford Wednesday. It will run for four days. Wednesday at the fairgrounds was devoted to placing final exhibits and setting everything in good shape, and on Thursday a full program was run off, including the first night show in front of the grandstand, and night fireworks.

RACHMANINOFF TO OPEN SEASON AT ANN ARBOR

Sergei Rachmaninoff, pianist, will give a concert in Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, October 24, when he will inaugurate the Sixteenth Annual Series of Choral Union Concerts. Other numbers to be heard include Fritz Kreisler, violinist, November 6; Jussi Björling, Norwegian tenor, November 10; The New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra, John Barbirolli, Conductor, November 27; Alexander Kipnis, Russian bass, December 7; Boston Symphony Orchestra, conductor, December 10, and on December 14, and after the Christmas holidays, Kirsten Flagstad, soprano, January 15; Robert Vroval, sensational Russian violinist, January 25; Barbirolli and Robertson, two pianists, February 14; and Arthur Rubinstein, pianist, March 6.

The University Musical Society announces that the Philadelphia Orchestra, Eugene Ormandy, Conductor, has been engaged for the Forty-Seventh Annual May Festival, of six concerts, May 8, 10, 12 and 11.

WPA Funds For Sewer Nearly Gone

Work on Farmington's new sewer line will probably be temporarily suspended within a week because of exhaustion of funds. Appropriation money provided by WPA is nearly gone, and until more money is allocated the completion of the project will be postponed.

An application to WPA for an appropriation to finish the sewer line was made last week, and although confidence has been expressed that the money will be provided, it is believed that it will be at least a month before the funds are received.

According to an estimate made by Emory O. Hutton, Commissioner of Streets and Roads, about \$12,000 more will be needed to complete the sewer. The original appropriation was \$24,000. This was supplemented later by a grant of \$18,000. The cost of details has been divided between the State Highway Department and the City of Farmington, with the Highway Department paying 60 per cent and the City 40 per cent. Labor has been provided through WPA funds.

About 50 WPA laborers have been employed on the project. The recent WPA slashes resulted in several men being laid off, however, and it is possible that more cuts will follow.

Workers still have about 1200 feet to go in order to complete the sewer. The line will begin at a point about 1000 feet west of Hill Road near Grand River, will run east along Grand River to Shilawassee avenue, thence east on Shilawassee to the branch of River Road. At present the line is being laid along Grand River near Oak Lawn cemetery.

MAURICE N. ROY DEAD AFTER THREE YEAR ILLNESS

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock in the Healey Funeral Parlor for Maurice Newton Roy, well-known farmer of Halsted Road. Mr. Roy died Saturday as a result of a kidney ailment from which he had been suffering three years.

Roy was born in Wyoming County, New York, in 1876, and had lived on his farm on Halsted Road for 45 years. He is survived by his widow, Flora Farwell Roy, and four children, Mrs. Hyacinth Welch, Pontiac; Mrs. Eleanor McAteer, Los Angeles, California; Maurice J. and Clinton W. Roy, both of Lake City, Michigan. He is also survived by four sisters and two brothers. They are Mrs. Eva Masters, Arthur C. Roy, Alice C. Roy, Mrs. Mary Thompson, and Nellie Roy. He was a member of the Hanbury, of Detroit, and Leon C. Roy, of Columbus, Ohio.

Rev. Leland Marion of Pontiac, officiated at the services. Burial was in Bell Branch cemetery.

SOCIAL SECURITY POSTERS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

Posters telling workers how to get a statement showing the status of their social security work records will appear shortly in every post office in the country, according to John F. Ballenger, manager of the Federal Social Security Board, office in Detroit.

"These posters ask workers how much money they have earned in employment covered by old age insurance. They point out that benefits paid under the old age insurance program depend on the wages credited on the individual old age insurance accounts of the various individuals."

"Our office has record cards which workers may send to the Social Security Board, to obtain information as to the amount of money now credited to the accounts of workers for the years 1937 and 1938. Information for the later years is now available for the first time."

"Workers who want to know the status of their social security work records should obtain copies of this poster and mail the same to our headquarters in Baltimore where the earnings of covered employees are posted. We advise all workers to take this step so they may be sure all the wages they have earned in such employment are posted to their credit."

"There is no charge for this service except a one cent stamp for mailing the cards which may be obtained from our office in the Federal Building in Detroit," Mr. Ballenger said.