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Plans for "Gala Day" Completed

Plans for the American Legion's "Gala Day" celebration have nearly been completed, and with the exception of a few minor details, all is in readiness for the opening day, Saturday, September 2.

The "Gala Day" carnival, sponsored by Groves-Walker post, will run three days, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, and entertainments have been planned for this year's carnival which Legionnaires claim, will even surpass the "Gala Day" events of past years.

There will be something for everyone, they promise. A midway, with games, booths, and varied entertainments will provide fun for folks of all ages. There will be planned entertainment presented by Tim Doolittle, and his well-known fun-makers.

Music Every Evening

Music will be furnished by the Farmington high school band, under the direction of Alvin Benner. The band will present three programs, one on each evening of the carnival, at 6:30 p. m. The Northville Drum and Bugle Corps will also be present to lend their musical assistance.

A regulation baseball tournament will be run off during "Gala Day" under the supervision of Hugh F. Brennan, manager of the Farmington Merchants baseball team. Six squads, Harry German's Country Old-Timers, Northville Merchants, Redford Mascots, Berkley Merchants, Detroit Commodores, and the Farmington Merchants, will battle it out throughout the three days for first place.

Horse-shoe Contest

Horse-shoe pitchers will have a chance to show their skill in the tournament which will be held at 10 a. m. Monday. At the same time a pet and doll parade, with a long list of prizes for winners, will be conducted on the grounds.

On Monday, the final and biggest day of the celebration, contests and races for everybody will be held. Everything from a Ladies' Slipper-Kicking contest to a pie-eating contest has been planned.

In the evening drawings will be held for a refrigerator and cash prizes, as well as prizes of merchandise donated by Farmington merchants.

Caches of Black Bass Believed Work of Bears

The admonition that "you can't take it with you" apparently falls on deaf ears of some species in the animal world.

Conservation Officer Arne Posio, accompanied by John Speck, of the Marquette district headquarters, were patrolling in the Bass lake area when they discovered a quantity of black bass cached in undergrowth quite a distance from the nearest stream. The officers suspected netters had carried the fish to the spot and abandoned them.

Investigation revealed other caches of dead bass at points along the stream. A trapper familiar with the area told the patrol officers he suspected bears had been catching the fish in such quantities that they could not all be eaten.

The bass were believed to have ascended the stream during flood conditions in June and had been trapped in small pools when the water abated. This made easy pickings for the bears. The officers counted 377 bass left by the bears.

Disorderly Conduct Charge Brings Fine

Carl Clawson, of Detroit, was fined $15.00 and $10.00 costs Tuesday by Judge John J. Schulte after he was found guilty of being disorderly in a store at Eight Mile Road and Redford Road.

Clawson was picked up by a police officer Monday and ordered to appear before Judge Schulte.

Band Begins Rehearsals For "Gala Day" Program

Rehearsals of the Farmington school band are underway in preparation for the three concerts which the band is scheduled to present during the American Legion "Gala Day" celebration.

The band will play three programs, one on each day of the celebration. The band is under the direction of Alvin Benner.

Benner has also announced that the band will participate in the Michigan State Fair, which opens September 1. Over 200 state bands have been invited to play during the ten days that the fair is in session.

High School Classroom Space To Be Enlarged

With the completion of the new gymnasium - auditorium of the Farmington high school, classroom conditions will be considerably improved in regard to crowded rooms.

The large room on the second floor of the high school building which used to be the gymnasium has been transformed into three large, sunny classrooms.

Two of these rooms will be used for the commercial department, typing and bookkeeping. In addition there will be a small room which will house the school's mimeographing department. The other large room will be used for a classroom.

Space for additional classrooms will also be provided by the shift of the manual training rooms to the new building. These rooms occupied the basement of the high school building, along with the typing and bookkeeping rooms.

Large Room Partitioned

Another change which will greet students this fall is the reduction in size of the large general classroom on the second floor of the high school. A partition has been put in at rear of the room, closing off an area about 10 by 25 feet in size. This new space will be utilized as an office by Superintendent Orville E. Dunckel.

The small room formerly used as superintendent's office will become an office for the superintendent's secretary and assistants.

The new building will house, besides the gymnasium and auditorium, the manual training rooms, the home economics department, a modern cafeteria, and teacher Grady McKay's Salesmanship classes.

Showers Downstairs

Directly under the concrete bleachers, in the front portion of the building, will be the boys' and girls' shower and locker rooms. The stage of the auditorium will be in the center of the south side directly opposite the bleachers.

Front entrances will be located at each end of the new building on the side facing the street.

Delays in shipments of materials will apparently make it impossible to have the building ready for occupancy by September 11, the opening day of school, ficials believe. However, all efforts will be made, it was assured, to complete the building within the shortest possible time.

August 31 Last Day for Licenses

Drivers have just one week left in which to purchase their last half-year license plates. Deadline has been placed at August 31. Sales at the Farmington branch office of the Secretary of State during the last week are expected to be quite heavy, and officials have asked that buyers purchase their plates as early in the week as possible to avoid confusion.

Sales of license plates have been slow since they went on sale July 11, and motorists are warned they will be liable to penalty unless they get their plates before August 31.

Officials wish to make it clear to buyers that they must bring the title to their car with them when they come to get the license. This is necessary under a ruling from the Secretary of State's office.

DIETRICH-SIELKY WEDDING RITES HELD TUESDAY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Dietrich on Grand River avenue, was the scene of the wedding of their son, William C. Dietrich, of Detroit, and Miss Rosemary Sielky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Sielky, of Detroit, last Tuesday.

Miss Sielky chose for her wedding, a gown of blue net, and she wore gardenias. The two sisters of the groom acted as her attendants, Miss Virginia Dietrich wearing a dusty rose dress, and Miss Viola Dietrich a two-toned blue dress. They both wore corsages of American beauty roses and lillies.

Stanley Zabik of Detroit, and William Garrett of Plymouth, assisted the groom.

The ceremony took place on the lawn of the Dietrich home, with Lloyd Gullen officiating, in the company of friends and relatives of both families.

Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich will make their home in Detroit.

News items are always welcome

DETROIT HODGES HERE SUNDAY TO PLAY MERCHANTS

The Farmington Merchants baseball nine will meet the Detroit Hodges in a game here next Sunday afternoon. The Hodges are a Class B Federation team, and a close game is predicted.

Irregularities in weather conditions caused the Merchants' game with Holly last Sunday, originally scheduled to be played there, to be shifted to Farmington. The change apparently confused several Farmington players, who failed to show up.

The Merchants were defeated 6 to 3 by Holly, although they outhit the invaders 10 to 6. Hurler Ralph Caudell turned in a good, though somewhat inconsistent performance. The Holly hitters touched him for several long bingles to enable them to score their runners, but much of the time could not touch his offerings.

Wise Shoppers Preparing Now for Fall Weather

With the approach of the end of summer, wise folks are laying plans for fall and winter. You can get ahead by looking ahead, and for things that they'll be needing when cold weather comes, these folks are shopping for right now.

Of course it will be some time yet before you have to worry about the furnace, but be sure that everything will be all right when you do want it. Have it checked and vacuum-cleaned by Dickerson's Hardware, and you'll know that it will be ready.

For Pleasant Driving

Driving in the fall is pleasant and enjoyable, and those folks who do their driving in a Mercury get twice as much enjoyment and satisfaction. You can see for yourself. Ask Olin Russell, Inc. for a demonstration ride.

There's always more cooking to be done in cooler weather. This household task will become a pleasure with one of Detroit Edison's new electric ranges. See them on display.

Right in line with the increased cooking is the jump in appetites and the resultant need for more and different types of food. Hamlin's is always in season with the best in meats, vegetables, fruits and canned goods.

Pay your bills with bank money orders, obtainable at Farmington State Bank. Bank money orders are safe, convenient, and low in cost.

Don't Miss This!

Housewives attention! If you do your own canning you won't want to miss those canners offered at Hatton's Farmington Hardware at special low prices this week!

The Fred L. Cook Co. has extended it's sale on percale goods for another week, so you still have time to take advantage of the unusual bargain. Also, make Cook's your headquarters for fall clothes.

You often hear the saying "you learn something new every day." Lots of people are learning every day of the new wonder gas ranges at Consumers Power Co. Just try your favorite recipe on this range and see the difference that cooking with gas makes.

Mark Ferrier, manager at A. and P. Food Store, announces that next week his store will feature a sale on Ann Page canned goods, so shoppers, take heed! You'll find solid values at A. and P.

This week the Redford Theater comes up with another ace-high double feature bill. Beginning Friday and running through Monday, they will show "Juarez" with Paul Muni and Bette Davis; also, "Susannah of the Mounties" starring Shirley Temple. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday next week, they offer "Sergeant Madden" with Wallace Beery, and "It Could Happen To You," with Gloria Stuart.

A Lot of Oil

It pays to buy in large quantities, and oil is no exception. For proof drive into Burnett Bros. Service Station. There you can buy a five gallon can of Sinclair Opaline Oil at a great savings. And the can, may be used for a great many purposes afterwards.

Two More New Teachers To Be Hired

Two more new teachers will be added to the faculty at Farmington high school and junior high, according to Orville E. Dunckel, superintendent.

Robert Hutton, replacing Ben Ewer who recently turned in his resignation, will teach history, and government. In addition he will serve as assistant coach to Paul Shoemaker.

Mr. Hutton received his A. B. degree at Findley College, Findley, Ohio, and his Master's degree from University of Michigan. At Michigan he majored in Social Studies and Physical Education.

Since graduating from University of Michigan he has taught in several schools. Last year he was instructor in the schools in Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Superintendent Dunckel also announces the signing of Miss Margaret Goodrich, who will teach in the junior high school. Miss Goodrich will replace Eldora McCaskill, seventh grade teacher last year. She will supervise the girls' recreational and gymnasium programs.

Miss Goodrich did undergraduate work at Central State Teachers College at Mt. Pleasant, Mich., and at Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti. She received her A. B. degree from University of Michigan, and plans to continue with graduate work there until next summer when she will receive her Master's degree.

KIWANIS CLUB TO ORGANIZE UNIT IN FARMINGTON

A unit of Kiwanis club will be officially organized in Farmington in a ceremony Thursday evening at the Salem Evangelical Church. New Farmington members will be installed by members of the Strathmoor Kiwanis club.

A dinner, tendered the Farmington group by the Strathmoor club, will be held at 7 o'clock at the church, followed by the organization procedures.

Club supplies will be furnished the new Farmington unit, and officers and directors will be elected immediately following the organization. A delegation of Pontiac Kiwanians will also be present.

Shoemaker To Call First Grid Practice Sept. 1.

All high school boys who wish to try out for the football team this fall are asked to meet for the first practice Friday, September 1, at the high school grounds.

Uniforms and equipment will be given out at the high school Thursday, August 31, at 9 a. m., according to Coach Paul Shoemaker.

The initial practice session on Friday will begin at 9 a. m. Coach Shoemaker intimated that he expects to have a strong backfield this coming season, but that graduation of several linesmen last spring, may weaken the line this fall.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Announcement was made this week, by Mrs. Nell Dunfee, of the marriage of her daughter, Audrae, to Donald Walters, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Walters, on Wednesday, August 16.

A reception for Mr. and Mrs. Walters will be held Sunday afternoon, at the Dunfee home, at 34901 Grand River avenue.

Municipal League To Open Meeting Sept. 13

Welfare, WPA, liquor control, municipal revenue sources, parking meters, intangibles taxation, the "scavenger" tax sale, and home rule are headline topics for the 41st annual meeting of the Michigan Municipal League, scheduled for September 13, 14 and 15 in Kalamazoo, it was announced today at the League headquarters in Ann Arbor by Herbert A. Olson, director.

Invitations to attend the conference have been sent to all city and village councils in the state. Between 300 and 400 officials are expected to register for the three-day meeting.

Principal convention speaker will be Walter J. Millard, field secretary of the National Municipal League, who will address the annual League banquet on Thursday evening, September 14. Wednesday's dinner speaker will be Earl Mallery, executive director of the American Municipal Association, national federation of 42 state leagues of municipalities.

Judge Favors One Basis For Two Types of Aid

Holding that both mothers' pension and aid to dependent children cases should be administered by one body, and be on the same basis regarding the amount of relief, Judge Arthur E. Moore, of Oakland County Probate Court, this week released a report on these activities.

The report covers the period from July 1, 1938 to July 1, 1939. The amount of funds paid out during this period of time was $139,419.00.

"As of the present date, 815 children are being assisted through the payment of Mothers' Pension. These children with their mothers constitute 227 families. In addition, there are on file, 103 applications which have not yet been accepted primarily because of the necessity of living within budget appropriations.

"The volume of work required by this office is best illustrated by the following figures; 1838 office interviews were made, 1416 home calls were made by the Mothers' Pension Officer in charge, in addition to 1342 phone calls.

"It is to be noted that the expense of pension cases is usually increased during the winter months and decreased during the summer months, depending upon the variance in need.

"The procedure whereby the mother and her children may be assisted by a Mothers' Pension is as follows: an application is made to this Court stating the eligibility of the family, namely: that the mother has been a county resident for one year, is poor and unable to properly care and provide for her children, is a widow or that the father is otherwise not supporting child, but that the mother is a proper guardian and that it is for the welfare of the child to remain in the mother's custody. In this connection it is interesting to note that of the 227 cases assisted, 182 were widowed, 26 deserted, 8 divorced, 5 whose husbands were in the Pontiac State Hospital, 3 in Veterans' Hospitals, 1 in the Oakland County Infirmary, 1 in Jackson Prison, and 1 in Arizona for Tuberculosis. A conference is had with the mother and also a call is made by the Mothers' Pension Officer to investigate the home conditions of the applicant which results in a written report being made by the Officer to the Court and thereupon a hearing is held either before the Probate Judge or Referee. The hearing results either in the granting or rejecting of the petition for pension.

"It has been the policy of this Court for some time in the past to see to it, as far as possible, that the home conditions of Mothers' Pension Cases are socially and morally proper and suitable for the child. This has in mind not only the physical well-being of the child through adequate food, clothing, etc., but also that the home conditions are not only morally uplifting but, so far as possible, inspirational to growing children. Investigation is had from time to time to ascertain these facts and in addition to determine whether or not the children are regularly in school, are acquiring proper home care and training, and are otherwise as near as possible, having the advantages of a normal American home.

"The report states that during the present year, 66 applications and petitions were filed, 44 Court hearings held, 41 new pensions were granted and 34 were discontinued.

"In view of the considerable amount of discussion which has taken place in the past concerning the feasibility of carrying on assistance under Mothers' Pension as against assistance under the Emergency Welfare Administration in the form of relief known as "Aid to Dependent Children," some considerable investigation has been had, computations have been made and comparisons have been prepared, concerning the two systems.

"It is the writer's judgment that normally there is no great financial difference between the administration of Mothers' Pension Cases and the Aid to Dependent Children

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Scouts To Plan For Coming Year

All Farmington Boy Scouts will hold a meeting Wednesday evening, August 30 at the Scout Cabin, for the purpose of mapping out a program of fall and winter activities. The meeting is called by Scoutmaster Lee Moates.

Election of patrol leaders and other officers will be a part of the meeting. During the summer the Scouts have eased up somewhat on their activities and this meeting is planned in order to outline the troop's plans for the coming season.

Scoutmaster Moates announces that boys 12 years of age or over who are not already members of Troop 45 and who would like to join the Scouts, are invited to attend this meeting.

Arrangements have been made between Troop 45 and Groves-Walker post, American Legion, whereby Farmington Scouts may sell tickets to the Legion's "Gala Day" celebration and earn money for next year's camping fund. For each ticket which the Scout sells, a certain sum of money is credited toward his camping fee.

RECEIVES FINE FOR IMPROPER OVERTAKING

Charged with improper overtaking and passing on Telegraph Road, Stephen Sund, 23, 23850 West Eight Mile Road, was fined $4.00 by Judge John J. Schulte, Friday afternoon.

James J. Ellman, 51, Highland Park, was fined $5 and $5 costs by Judge Schulte for failure to stop at a red light on Telegraph Road on August 15.

The same charges brought a fine against William H. Sturm, 42, of Birmingham. Sturm was up before Schulte Thursday afternoon.

Herman Kranter, 20, Plymouth, received a suspended sentence for reckless driving in the vicinity of Telegraph Road and Thirteen Mile Road, on July 30.

BURIAL SERVICES HELD FOR INFANT SON

Burial services were held Monday afternoon for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard I. Bond, Farmington. Mrs. Bond was the former Helen Steel, of Farmington.

Burial was in the North Farmington cemetery.

Clarenceville Schools To Open September 5

Clarenceville schools will open Tuesday, September 5, according to Superintendent M. J. Beiser. There will be only one change in the faculty. Miss Mary Ellen DeView will replace Miss Brandt as sixth grade teacher.

Miss DeView is a native of Lapeer. She has a Bachelor's degree from Nazareth College. She received her high school training in Flint schools, and has taught two years at Almont.

As in past years, the children from grades one to six, living north of Grand River and east of Inkster road will attend the Edgewood school, while all others will attend the Central school.

Buildings Renovated

School buildings have been completely renovated for the opening day. During the summer the heating system in the temporary building was changed from a hot air furnace into a steam heat. The temporary building will house the fifth and sixth grades at the Central school.

Last year's algebra and geometry text books will be changed and in their place will be a new and up-to-date text. The old history books will also be replaced by new social science texts.

At the suggestion of the Department of Public Instruction Shorthand I will not be taught this year. Next year it will be taught to the tenth graders only. This year the tenth-graders will have Shorthand II.

Student Government

The usual school activities will be carried throughout the school year, said Mr. Beiser. The only addition is a plan for more student participation in school government. All officers were elected last spring, so the organization would be ready for Fall. It is hoped, Mr. Beiser added, that the organization will teach the pupils to realize the importance of government in their later life as well as while they are in school.

Deadline for Tax Penalty Is August 31

One week remains for city residents to pay their taxes before a four per cent penalty is added, is the reminder of City Treasurer George C. Gildemeister. Beginning Friday, September 1, penalties will be added to all tax assessments.

Collections so far this year are considerably ahead of those of a similar period in 1938. At the close of business Wednesday evening, the city books showed that a total of $16,223.00 had been collected. This represents more than 75 per cent of the total to be collected. By August 31 last year only 66 per cent of the taxes had been collected.

July Collections High

Another indication of the promptness with which the taxes are being paid this year is the fact that of the total $16,223.00, $13,425.12 was paid in July, and only $2,798.88 was held over until August.

Collection officials are hoping for a high total collection percentage for this year. It is expected that the usual last week rush to pay before the penalty starts may boost the total collections to a higher point than has been reached in the last few years.

No July Penalty

Although a 2 per cent penalty was scheduled to be added after July 31 this year the penalty was waived and no additions will be made until after September 1.

City Tax Office Location Changed

Headquarters for the collection of city taxes has been moved to the home of Mrs. Fred Goers, 23816 Farmington Road, just north of the intersection of Farmington Road and Oakland avenue. In charge of collecting the taxes is Mrs. Avis Jamison, assistant to City Treasurer George C. Gildemeister.

The tax office was formerly located in the People's State Bank building.

Two Interesting Books Ordered For Library

Two interesting new books have been ordered for the Farmington library by Mrs. Florence Leach, librarian. They are "Windsor Tapestry," by Compton McKenzie, and "Days of Our Years," by Pierre Van Paassen.

"Windsor Tapestry" is not a gossip book about the Windsors, but a scholarly study of the international crisis, and all the events leading up to it.

"Days of Our Years" is one of the outstanding autobiographies of the year. This best-seller is the most satisfactory correspondent's story since the "Way of the Transgressor." A "must" book for every library.

P. T. A. Makes Plans For Coming Year's Program

At a meeting of the program committee of the Farmington P. T. A. held Monday night, plans were formulated for the regular meetings for the coming year, and it promises to be a year of much interest and enjoyment.

All parents who do not belong to the organization, and who are interested, are asked to contact W. Allen Nelson, who is chairman of the membership committee.

Forest Fire Department Ready For Emergency

With eight weeks of continuously high hazard in both northern and southern peninsulas of the state, the state's forest fire organization is standing at attention prepared for any emergency.

Extremely heavy rains will be necessary to make any change in the situation according to the department of conservation. Recent scattered showers have had no effect on the parched grasses and forests.

Director P. J. Hoffmaster complimented the thousands of campers and fishermen now in the north on the fact that care with camp fires, matches and lighted tobacco has resulted in relatively few fires despite the extreme hazard.

Approximately 40,000 acres of grass and forest land have been burned over so far this season. Twenty-five thousand acres of this total were burned in one large fire earlier this year.