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## Attendance Records of School Shown

Attendance figures for Farmington high school, released by Principal Max Thompson, reveal that attendance during the first semester of school was very good. There have been approximately 80 school days since classes opened last September and the per cent of attendance of the four high school grades is 93.6.

This is slightly lower than last year's mark of 94.3 but is higher than the 1937-38 percentage of 92.3.

One reason for the slight decrease, Mr. Thompson believes, is the cold weather. On one day, Friday, January 19, when the thermometer was at its lowest, there were 84 students absent. Most of these were unable to come because their parents were unable to get their cars started, or because it was too cold to walk. Average daily absences are between 20 and 30.

Tardiness records were about the same this semester as last year, Mr. Thompson reports. An average of about five students are tardy each day. Some days there are as many as 15 late students and other days none at all.

As a rule there is more tardiness among the higher grades than in the lower. While the ratio of tardiness tends to go up with the age level, it is pointed out that many of the high school students have longer distances to come while the majority of the younger children live comparatively close to the school.

This difference also affects the attendance, says Mr. Thompson. The grade with the highest attendance is usually the tenth, in which there are fewer than the average number of out-of-town students.

### SOUND MOVIES TO BE SHOWN AT KIWANIS MEETING

Talking pictures showing the daily life of the average business man, will be shown before the next meeting of the Kiwanis club, Wednesday evening at the Salem Evangelical church. The film, entitled "Goodby Mr. Graham", will be shown by M. J. Beiser, superintendent of Clarenceville schools.

Moving pictures of Key West brought a longing for the warm, sunny climes Wednesday evening as they were shown before the club members and guests. Mike Schoenholtz, guest of Howard Otis, who had charge of the program, showed the pictures.

Following this a "liar's contest" was held, with A. L. Ross walking off with first prize. Mr. Ross' tall one, in his own words, follows:

"As a young child, on the Kansas prairies, I used to ride ponies a lot. We used to train them and give prizes for the best ones. One day I was riding, through Indian country, when I saw an Indian following me. When I saw I was being chased I speeded up my pony and managed to stay ahead until I came to a ravine, 100 feet wide and 200 feet deep. I backed up my pony about 100 yards and attempted to jump the ravine. We didn't make it though, and began falling down through space. Just as we were about three feet from the ground I shouted 'Whoa!' The pony stopped in mid-air, I got off and escaped."

### Clinton McGee Calls On Farmington Friends

Farmington friends of Clinton McGee, Pontiac attorney, will be pleased to know that he is feeling better following a check-up at Ford Hospital in Detroit, where Mr. McGee went recently for examination.

Mr. McGee dropped in to renew acquaintance with Farmington people recently, in addition to visiting his brother, Thomas McGee.

### FARMINGTON MERCHANTS SPONSOR DANCE

The Farmington Athletic Association will give a basketball game and dance at the High School Gymnasium, Saturday evening, February 3. The game, played between the Farmington Merchants, who are all young men of Farmington, and the Berkley Merchants will begin at eight o'clock. The dance will start at nine o'clock, and besides dancing, there will be door prizes, and other entertainment.

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## *Sea Scout Ship Weighs Anchor With First Party*

Arrangements are nearing completion for the first Sea Scout Ship Party to be held in Farmington, Thursday, February 8th, 7:30 p. m., in the high school auditorium-gymnasium. The committee, composed of Charles B. Elkin, Dr. G. F. Weaver, Bayard Tupper, Orville E. Dunckel and E. F. Plettenberg, so far have made arrangements to have all-talking pictures to be shown, followed by a special demonstration, to be presented by the Pontiac Sea Scout Ship "Oneida," and approximately thirty of the ship's uniformed crew, of setting up a Land Ship, the boarding ship ceremony, and the new Safety Monitor Drill.

The Pontiac Sea Scout Ship Oneida visited the World's Fair for ten days last year and in competition with Sea Scout Ships and Boy Scout Troops throughout the country were highly complimented by national scout officials for their presentation of the new Safety Monitor Drill.

Following this demonstration, the Sea Scout Commodore for the Clinton Valley Council will make a few remarks as to Farmington's outlook for Sea Scouting.

Following this will be a dance for the Sea Scouts and their lady friends. The public is invited to join in the dance. This is the first of a series of social events which will be presented by the Farmington Sea Scout Ship each month, and all mothers and fathers and young men fifteen years of age and over, together with their lady friends, are invited to attend this first party. There will be no charge for admission. People are urged to be there early inasmuch as accommodations will be limited and the calibre of entertainment being new, a large crowd is expected.

## Team Prepares To Meet Milford

Milford high school looms as the next opponent for Farmington high school cage team. The Farmington team will make the trip to Milford Friday evening for their second game with that team. The Blue and White lost their first encounter 26 to 23.

Farmington is tied with Milford for second place in Southwestern Oakland County League standings. Each team has won four games and lost two. Keego Harbor, in the lead with six wins and no losses, is heavy favorite to cop the crown. Immediately following Farmington and Milford in the ratings is Holly with three wins and three losses.

On Friday, February 9 Farmington will play Holly here, and on this game may hinge the second-place winner. Should Farmington win over Milford and Holly they would hold the runner-up position undisputed. The other two teams in the league, Walled Lake and Clarkston, appear to be out of the running. Walled Lake has won one, lost five, and Clarkston has suffered six straight defeats.

The Blue and White nosed out Walled Lake 29 to 22 for their second triumph over that team Friday night. Coach Bob Huttons' boys, who appear to be picking up strength with each game, presented a well-balanced offensive. Though improved since their first game here early in December, Walled Lake was unable to keep the pace set by the Farmington team.

The Farmington juniors overpowered the Lake "B's" 26 to 20 to continue a surprising winning streak. It is reported that Jim Belcher, who has sparked most of the juniors' attacks, may join the Navy in the near future. This may be a blow to the team, since they have looked to Belcher for much of their scoring punch.

### LEGION AUXILIARY PLANS CARD PARTY

The American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor a card party, to be held at the Legion Hall, Saturday evening, at eight o'clock. All kinds of card games will be played. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET AT DETROIT ART MUSEUM

Members of the Farmington Woman's Club will hold their next meeting, Wednesday, February 7, at the Detroit Institute of Arts Museum, at two o'clock. Mrs. Marian Heath of the Educational Department of the Museum will speak on "Old Masterpieces," after which there will be a conducted gallery tour. Mrs. Beatrice Ritter is chairman of the committee in charge, and is assisted by Mrs. Edna Dobany and Mrs. Martha Warner. Anyone desiring transportation is asked to call Mrs. Georgian Bagnall.

At the regular meeting of the Club, held last Wednesday at the home of Miss Meriah Andrews, a speech of unusual interest to all citizens of the United States, entitled "Tax Facts," was given by Miss Leetha McGee, field secretary of the National Consumers Tax Commission. She said the National Consumers Tax Commission has been organized a year and a half and is the only group organized nationally for the study of taxation. Miss McGee stated that 150 leading industries in the United States reported a net income of $1,800,000,000 for the year 1937, and in the same period paid taxes of $1,600,000,000.

"Taxes", she added, "Federal, state and local, have increased 109% from 1932 to 1937."

Miss Andrews and Mrs. McCullough, who was program chairman, served a dainty tea following the program.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bell of Wixom spent all day Wednesday with Mrs. Bell's sister, Mrs. James B. Snyder.

## *Stores Continue Parade of Mid-Winter Bargains*

The mid-winter parade of bargains among the Farmington stores is at its peak form right now and shoppers who miss out on any of the sensational bargains offered may regret it later.

Especially in season is Dickerson Hardware's sale of Duo-Therm and Quaker oil heaters. Don't let cold weather come into your home—insure yourself of steady, dependable heat by using one of these outstanding stoves.

February 1 is a big date for the makers of Elgin watches and it's also a big date for those people who know values in watches. A big reduction in prices on Elgin watches goes into effect February 1, which means that you can buy these world famous time pieces for less now than ever before. See them at Von Burg's jewelry shop in Red Ford.

Latest reports from Detroit Edison Co. state that the electric tea kettles, which made such a hit around Christmas are still going fast. There's time for you to get yours.

There's no end to the variety of delicious meals which you can serve in the wintertime. If you're in doubt as to what to have for dinner, however, just stop in at Hamlin's Food Store and let them give you a few helpful suggestions. You'll find all your favorite things to eat there at attractive prices.

Winter is still with us but Fred L. Cook and Co. are already looking ahead to Spring. They are offering a Spring line of percale cloth, in many styles and designs, at customary low prices.

Hey, Mr. Motorist! If you have trouble starting your car on these frosty mornings don't curse, just drive to Burnett Bros. service station and ask for a Goodyear battery—the kind that you can depend on when the weather is cold.

Consumers Power Co. offers you the chance to take one of their new gas ranges home with you—at no cost—for a tryout. It's ten to one you'll want to keep it, but if you don't you can return it without obligation.

Don't let old man Winter catch you unprepared. Keep a binful of coal on hand and be sure it's Farmington Lumber and Coal Co. coal. Their fuel will save you money.

Movie-goers won't want to miss the big double feature this week end at the Redford Theater. They will show "Dust Be My Destiny" co-starring John Garfield and Priscilla Lane, and "Everything Happens at Night" with Sonja Henie, Ray Milland and Robert Cummings.

## Continue Work on City Sewer

Work on the Shiawassee-Grand River sewer line, which has been progressing throughout the winter, will take at least another month to complete, according to Emory O. Hatton, in charge of WPA work.

When finished the sewer will extend from the Rouge River branch on the east side of town along Shiawassee street to Grand River avenue and thence west along Grand River to the western city limits.

About 50 men are working on the project at the present time. There have been no layoffs or additions to the crew and it is expected there will be no changes before the job is finished. Work has not been hampered by the cold weather since the line is laid at a level of from 12 to 15 feet below the ground surface. At this level the earth does not freeze, and the digging is comparatively easy.

Work on the sewer was temporarily suspended last August when a supplementary allotment of $18,000 was exhausted. The city received an additional grant and work was resumed. The cost of materials 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.

### WHAT'S THIS? BASKETBALL IN RAINCOATS?

Unless something is done about the situation in the new high school gymnasium-auditorium, it may be necessary some night to call off a basketball game "because of rain." Ordinarily, this might sound like a lame excuse for calling a halt to an indoor sport as basketball but this is no ordinary situation. The new building is perfectly capable of making its own rainstorm.

For the benefit of doubting readers, here's the explanation, as offered by experts who were called in by puzzled school officials. Warm air, rising in the gymnasium strikes the huge glass sky-light which occupies a large part of the ceiling. The glass is cold and the warm air condenses and falls like rain on the floor below. Not only does this make things uncomfortable for basketball players, who are not dressed properly for rain, but it creates little puddles of water on the floor which are unpopular with the players.

Superintendent Orville E. Dunckel, after conferring with WPA experts in Chicago this week end, announces that he will experiment with a layer of glass, to be put in a couple of inches above the sky-light. This, it is hoped, will create a "dead air" space and keep the sky-light warm, thus preventing condensation.

If this fails it may be necessary to add raincoats as standard gym equipment.

### Death of Mrs. Richardson A Shock to Community

Her many friends were deeply shocked to learn of the death Tuesday of Mrs. Ada Richardson, a long-time resident of Farmington. Mrs. Richardson died at Pontiac General Hospital following an emergency operation. She was born February 22, 1877, in Walled Lake.

Mrs. Richardson was long an active citizen in the Farmington community. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and also of the Methodist Ladies' Aid. Her husband, the late William "Doc" Richardson, was for many years custodian at Farmington high school.

Mrs. Richardson is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mildred Watson, of Sylvan Lake Village, a son Raymond, of Pontiac, and another daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Lancaster, of Farmington. There are four grandchildren. A sister surviving is Mrs. Bernard Banfield, of Farmington.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at two o'clock from the Heeney Funeral Home. Rev. D. C. Stubbs will officiate. Burial is to be in Walled Lake cemetery.

### MASONS MEET SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

Farmington Lodge No. 151 of F. & A. M. holds regular meetings at 7:30 p. m. on the second Monday of the month. Worthy Master is E. F. Alexander. James L. Hogle is secretary.

## *Fred S. Lamb Completes 30 Years as Circuit Judge*

JUDGE FRED S. LAMB

Judge Fred S. Lamb, former resident of Farmington, and brother of Arthur Lamb, of Farmington, received tribute recently on completing 30 years as circuit judge in the 28th judicial circuit.

Many older Farmington residents will remember Mr. Lamb as a teacher in Farmington high school. As such he started the school's first graduating class. Some time later he moved to Cadillac, Michigan, where in 1909 he was appointed to the judgeship by the late Governor Fred M. Warner, father of Howard M. Warner, former mayor of Farmington.

Judge Lamb was presented with a large framed portrait of himself by members of the Wexford County Bar association. In his presentation speech to Judge Lamb, Cadillac City Attorney E. J. Millington, paid the following tribute:

"In 1909 your Honor became Judge of the 28th Judicial Circuit by appointment of the then governor of the state to fill an unexpired term. This office you have held continually since that appointment by virtue of successive elections, all of which, to the best of our recollection, you have been unopposed, so that you are now in the 31st year of your service. A number of the attorneys in this Circuit who were in active practice when you first ascended the bench are no longer with us. Some are still living and actively in practice. Others have entered into the practice of law since 1909, and, at the time of your appointment the youngest member of the bar had not yet achieved the distinction of being born.

**Have Been Many Changes**

"During these more than 30 years many more changes have been taking place than those which are incident to human life in all generations. Many changes in legislation, and in the rules and practice of the Court have taken place. Some kinds of litigation which have occupied a great share of the attention of the courts 30 years ago have now been practically superseded by such legislation as, for example, the Workman's Compensation Law.

"Adjustment to these changes has not always been easy, but in the midst of perplexity and doubt the members of this bar have been inspired and guided by the judiciary, the integrity and the impartiality with which you have addressed yourself to the manifold duties of your office.

"We have learned to respect the direct processes of your thoughts, your patience with irrelevances, and the impossibility of hiding poverty of argument beneath a mass of words.

"Every member of the bar has found, in you not only a judge learned in the law, but also a sympathetic and kindly friend and counsellor. We have felt that some concrete expression should be given to the respect and esteem for you which have increased and deepened through these years and that that expression should be conveyed in a way which will remind those who come after us of the distinguished service which you have rendered. We have felt that we can do this in no better way than to present to you for permanent display in this Court Room a portrait of yourself so that we, as we sit here, and those that come after us, may be reminded of the dignity, fidelity and scrupulous regard for justice which have characterized your career as the judge of this Circuit."

## Seniors To Give "Spring Fever"

The annual Senior play, an important event in the Farmington high school's calendar of events, will go into rehearsal next week, according to an announcement from Grady McKay, director.

Mr. McKay has selected as this year's play "Spring Fever," a comedy by Glenn Hughes. This play has been done by many high schools throughout the nation in the past few years and has always achieved popularity because of its fast-moving tempo and its witty dialogue.

Try-outs for parts in the production were held last week and most of the roles filled. Because of the examinations which were held this week, casting has not yet been completed, but Mr. McKay expects to fill the remaining roles the first part of next week.

**Scenery Under Construction**

Scenery and stage equipment for "Spring Fever" is being constructed by the Industrial Arts department under the direction of Charles Baker, instructor. The boys in this department have been working for the past two weeks on scenery for the play and expect to have most of this work done ahead of schedule.

Because he has never had occasion to experiment with the stage lighting system of the new auditorium, Mr. McKay is making use of a model stage set, constructed by students under his direction. The model corresponds in detail to the one which will be used for "Spring Fever" and is expected to prove valuable in working out stage lighting problems.

**Parts Assigned**

Parts in the play have been assigned to Tom Dwyer, Sam Prisk, Frank Barbour, June Keys, Lois Nelson, Phyllis Martin, Edna Martin, and Bill Brigham. Four roles yet remain to be filled. Date of the play has been set for Friday, March 8.

### BAKE SALE SATURDAY

The Bible Class of the M. E. church will hold a bake sale at Pauline's Market, Saturday, February 10. All sorts of good things will be offered for sale.

## *Dr. Tuck Named To Head New Hospital Association*

The appointment of Dr. Raymond G. Tuck, medical director of the Oakland County emergency Relief Administration for the past six years, and widely known authority on the costs of medical care, as medical director of the cooperative, non-profit Michigan Hospital Benefit Association was announced this week by Andrew Gump, President. Dr. Tuck is immediately assuming direction of the association's program for complete medical coverage established on sound actuarial practices. Details of this addition to the hospitalization and surgical benefits now available will be announced shortly.

In accepting the appointment Dr. Tuck stated, "The unusual growth of the Michigan Hospital Benefit Association definitely proves that the majority of the public and physicians want the fundamentals upon which the association was established. When a physician knows he will receive a stipulated fee, he will render more satisfactory service than when he is subject to pro-rated fees. The alternative to stipulated fees is the danger of "padding" to make up for pro-rated deficiencies.

"We believe that the fee charged any patient is a personal, private matter between physician and patient. We reimburse the public for all or part of that fee, and consistent with the original ideals of this cooperative, non-profit association will strive to continue to operate efficiently and economically.

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## 21 To Seek Township Offices

Every office in the Township primary election will be contested with the exception of Commissioner of Highways and member of the Board of Review, according to Harry McCracken, Township Clerk. Tuesday was the final day for the return of petitions.

Several close races are expected in the primaries. There are a total of 21 aspirants in the running, five more than last year. More Democrats are seeking office this year with eight on the ticket as compared with two last year.

Supervisor Arthur Coe is unopposed as Republican candidate for return to that office. On the Democratic ticket are William Killeen and Albert Ross. Opposing Mr. McCracken for clerk in the Republican party is Walter Headerle. Fred Wilkinson is the Democratic candidate for the clerk's position.

Mrs. Loretta Cox is seeking re-election to her position as treasurer on the Republican ticket. Charles Bardwell has filed as Democratic candidate for this office.

Three Republicans and one Democrat are candidates for the office of Justice of Peace. Ovila Godin, Ernest Blanchard and Harry Christmas are the Republican aspirants, while Gerald Banghart is the unopposed Democrat.

Joseph Graham is running for Commissioner of Highways on the Republican ticket. Don Button is the lone Democratic aspirant for the office of member of the Board of Review.

Running for Constable on the Republican ticket are William LaFarge, Lloyd Leaym, Grant Helfker, William Campbell, and Allen W. Vandervort. On the Democratic ticket for Constable are Leo Wedyke and Paul A. Pare.

The primary election will be held Monday, February 19. Polls will open at 7 a. m. and remain open until 8 p. m., according to Mr. McCracken. Registration for voters this year was just about average, said Mr. McCracken, with perhaps an increase of 75 or 80 new voters. There are an estimated 1400 to 1500 voters registered in the Township.

### EXCHANGE CLUB TO GET LESSON IN PUBLIC SPEAKING

Hints on public speaking, after-dinner speeches, and talking in general, will be the topic at the meeting of the Exchange Club Wednesday. Bill D. Cox, comic speaker, will give what is expected to be a hilarious set of instructions in the art of public speaking. Cox will be the guest of Mahlon Bradley, club president, who has charge of the meeting.

The Exchangeites thoroughly enjoyed the talk and moving pictures presented at their meeting Wednesday noon by Paul Gray, of Saline, Michigan. Mr. Gray is the director of the Saline Valley Co-operative Farm system, and the pictures dealt largely with the activities about the farms.

Bud Auten and Charles Trickey, high school seniors, were guests at the meeting. The club has invited two senior boys to be their guests each week. Next Wednesday Elmer Born and Robert Hinger will be guests.

On Friday, February 16, the club will attend, as a group, the basketball game between Farmington and Keego Harbor high schools.

### Funeral Held Sunday For Mrs. Emma Hammond

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:30 p. m. for Mrs. Emma Hammond, of Novi. Mrs. Hammond died Friday. She was born May 11, 1861.

Mrs. Hammond had been a resident of Novi for many years. She and her husband formerly ran a confectionery store in Novi. Mr. Hammond died 11 years ago. Surviving is one son, Conrad, of Plymouth; a sister, Mrs. Frank Rice, of Novi; and a brother, John Huffman, of Ray, Indiana.

Services were held from the Methodist church in Novi, with Rev. Douglas Parker, officiating. Burial was in Walled Lake cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith McClintic and the latter's mother, Mrs. Eugene Todd of Allen, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller. Mrs. McClintic is the twin sister of Mrs. Miller.