

# The Farmington Enterprise

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## Reduction in County Rate Seen

Members of the equalization committee of the Board of Supervisors are in session at the Court House today, this week, putting the finishing touches on the final report to be submitted Tuesday. Considerable field work has been done in the past few weeks by members of the committee who have visited every township and city in the county.

Removal from tax rolls of lands that went to the State as the result of failure to pay taxes, will make a difference in the calculations of some of the units but an attempt has been made to restore to the rolls all lands on which bids have been made at the receiver's sale.

Taking Pontiac City as a basis for the spread, the county tax allocation of 45 mills, Robert T. Moore, chairman of the Board of Auditors, estimated the average tax spread in the county for county purposes will be 3.55 mills. This would make the county tax slightly lower than a year ago.

## LOCAL TROOP SENDS MANY TO CAMP AGAWAM

Under the constant encouragement and assistance of Scoutmaster Lee Moats, Farmington's troop of Boy Scouts had one of the best representations of Scouts at any troop in the Clinton Valley Council at the Scout Camp at Agawam, located on Tommy's Lake near Lake Orion. A total of twelve boys attended camp and three of them passed their National Red Cross Junior Life Saving tests.

Several boys passed their second and first class tests, while the balance of the boys each passed one or more merit badges. The boys reported that the water was fine, the swimming splendid and the "eats were swell" and "lots of it." So successful was camping this year that the local troop has set as their year's project this fall "Every member at least one week in camp in 1941."

Those Scouts who attended camp for the first one week period were James Monkey, Bruce Lyle, Carol Light and Richard Stewart. For the second period, two weeks Henry Colebank, John Hunt, Howard Richards, Jr., Bill Kahrl, Charles Diamond and James Jay attended, and for the third week period Norman Stewart, Cerkle DeVriendt and John Hunt represented the Farmington Troop.

## LOSS OF JOSEPH P. GRAHAM FELT BY COMMUNITY

Farmington Township lost one of its well known and respected residents on Saturday afternoon, July 13, when Joseph P. Graham died from a heart attack while attending a cemetery "beef" at North Farmington.

Born October 10, 1869 in West Bloomfield, the son of James and Sarah Wilson Graham, he moved, when a young lad to Farmington Township and lived his entire life in this community.

On September 25, 1893, he married Ellen Graham, who survives him. Also surviving him are a daughter, Mrs. Mildred Irving and a son, Maurice, both of Farmington; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Miller of West Bloomfield, and Mrs. John Grace of Clareville; two brothers, Jay, of Farmington, and Charles of Walpole Lake.

Funeral services were held at the residence on Nine Mile Road on Wednesday, July 17, at 2:30 p. m. with Rev. Elmer Palmer officiating. Interment was at North Farmington cemetery.

The memory of this loving husband and father, this kind and obliging neighbor, will linger long in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

## NOTICE!

A meeting of the Board of Appeals, acting under the City Zoning Ordinance (C-18) will be held at 9:00 p. m., Wednesday, August 14th, 1940, at the City Hall, 32312 Grand River avenue for the purpose of acting on an application for the construction of a building on the subject N. 68th and E. 68th, Brookdale Subdivision at variance with the above ordinance.

Harry Moore, City Clerk

## Grand River Traffic Heavy As Thousands Seek Relief

One of the heaviest concentrations of week-end traffic ever to pass through Farmington occurred last Saturday and Sunday as sweltering residents sought relief from the heat. Beginning Friday evening and lasting until late Sunday evening, almost continual procession of cars jammed Grand River avenue making fast driving an impossibility.

It was estimated that the huge volume of automobiles carried nearly a million people to Oakland County lakes. The estimate was made by officials who toured the area.

## Start Book 9 in Scavenger Sale

The last of the tax-delinquent properties listed in Book Eight and those on the first twenty pages of Book Nine of the Oakland County Scavenger sale list will be offered for sale next week in Pontiac.

An analysis of sales the week of July 15 shows that 4,253 parcels were offered and 1,558 were sold. The assessed value of the parcels sold was \$213,045.00 and the amount of sales was \$46,126.25.

Next week's schedule: Monday, July 23—Beginning with land in Louisa Luthrup's California Bungalow Subdivision No. 5, on page 56, pages 57, 58, 59, 60 and through land in Lester Park Subdivision on page 61 of Book VIII.

Tuesday, July 30—Beginning with land in Lincoln-Campbell Subdivision on page 62, page 63, completing Book VIII and page 3, 4, and through Magnolia Subdivision No. 3 on page 5 of Book IX.

Wednesday, July 31—Beginning with land in Maloney Southfield Subdivision on page 5, pages 6, 7, 8, 9, and through land in Maple Road Subdivision on page 10 of Book IX.

Thursday, August 1—Beginning with land in Mapleview Subdivision on page 10, pages 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and through land in McGowan Subdivision on page 16 of Book IX.

Friday, August 2—Beginning with land in Meadowood Subdivision on page 17, pages 18, 19, and through land in Michigan City Subdivision on page 20 of Book IX.

County Citizens League Names Committee

A committee on "Candidates and Issues" has been appointed by the Board of Directors of the Oakland County Citizens League. This committee is to submit questionnaires to candidates for file, nominating petitions for various offices that must be voted on at the primary election.

A report of the findings of the committee and of the reported qualifications of the various candidates will be published and given wide distribution previous to September 10th.

## Stores Suggest How Their Patrons May Beat the Heat

In the midst of the heat wave "blitzkrieg" which has made the day uncomfortable for everybody during the past week folks are thinking about very little besides a shady spot near a lake, fanned cool breezes. But, if you are one of those unfortunate who must sit at home while the mercury rings the bell at the top of the thermometer don't be discouraged, because there is something you can do about it.

Suggestion number one for beating the heat comes from Detroit Edison Co. They suggest that the temperature of your home can be lowered 7 to 14 degrees by the installation of large fan blades—3 to 4 feet in diameter which are capable of producing a complete change of air every few minutes.

And speaking of changes perhaps a change of clothes in what you do to ward off the heat rays. Don't wear heavy clothing—go to Fred L. Cook's clothing store and make some selections from their large stock of summer wear. They have it in all styles and sizes so take the family with you.

For an evening of entertainment in a cool atmosphere visit the East Shore Tavern in Walpole Lake. You'll find there the dancing, fine liquors and dining. Everybody wants to see pictures taken for future enjoyment. The San Remo studios in Redford offer

county in what they described as a teen-age procession of automobiles and humanity which jammed the roadways for miles.

Another large congestion occurred on Woodward avenue late Sunday afternoon where the southbound traffic was jammed from Pontiac to the county line at Eight Mile Road.

Other county roads bore seemingly endless lines of creeping cars carrying full loads of sweltering occupants.

Survey Completed

Meanwhile the traffic survey conducted on Grand River avenue has been finished and certain results tabulated. While the majority of the figures have not yet been compiled, officials say that two more traffic counts have convinced them that many motorists who avoid Grand River in and near the downtown Detroit district return to it as they come through west.

A traffic count at the corner of Grand River and Schaefer Highway revealed that during a 24-hour period 52,590 cars passed the intersection, and that during a 24-hour period 20,429 cars passed the intersection of Grand River and McNichols Road.

It was announced that another survey will be started soon to determine why motorists use roundabout routes to avoid Grand River. Observers were stationed along Grand River on Thursday and Friday of this week with stop watches to check the delays caused by traffic congestion, stop lights, etc.

The surveys are being conducted by the State Highway Department to show the need for a limited-access motorway to relieve Grand River. The Department distributed 103,000 cards of which 20,000 or 20 per cent were returned. A return of only 5 per cent had been expected.

## Clyde Button Battery Commander With ROTC

Cadet Clyde Button, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Button, Farmington, acted as battery commander of Battery "B" of the ROTC Coast Artillery (Infantry) camp at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

ROTJ cadets from the University of Illinois and Michigan State College, under the command of Cadet Button, spent the day on the Fort Sheridan rifle range, where they fired 30 caliber rifles in an effort to qualify as "experts," "sharpshooters," or "marksmen" with the rifle. The cadets are now in their fifth week in the camp, where they studied all phases of combat, including marksmanship, the use of 50 caliber machine guns, 3-inch anti-aircraft guns, and billion candle power searchlights.

Cadet Button will be a senior at the Michigan State College this coming year, and will be an officer in the ROTC brigade there.

St. William's Church, Walpole Lake, will hold its second annual picnic Sunday, July 28, on the church grounds. The ladies of the Altar Society, under the direction of Mrs. Oliver DeHayes will serve dinner at one o'clock until all are served. Assisting Mrs. DeHayes are: Mrs. Ed. Chaplin, Mrs. Frank Miller, Mrs. Martin Lake, Mrs. Janssen, Mrs. Hewitt, Hazel Byrnes, Mrs. Meloche, Mrs. Paul Buss, Marge Keenan, Mrs. Victor Green, Mrs. Elliott Kruman, Betty Becker, Jean Lake, Mrs. Charles Ware, Mrs. Fred Zimmerman, Mrs. John Loring, Marian Muraw, Florence Vogler, Mrs. P. O. O'Reilly, Ruth Payne, Mrs. Rathwell, Mrs. LeFevre, Frances Murray, Mrs. James McCall, Dorothy Gaskill, Mary Colbertson, Agnes Keenan, Phyllis Lake, Mrs. Ed. Weber, and Mrs. Eva Kopetzki.

The men of the parish will furnish entertainment all afternoon and evening. The general chairman, Frank Murray is assisted by the following: R. J. Verduyn, Pat Chaplow, Jack Keenan, Paul Buss, John Burke, Ed Weber, Cecil Burck, Jurgen Taylor, Harold Zimmerman, James McCall, Mrs. Duffin, Ernest Taylor, A. Janos, Martin Lake, Ray Shaub, Ed Parant, Tom Duggan, John Loring, Frank Burlew, Mr. Burlew, J. Janowski, Victor Green and Oliver DeHayes.

At 9:30 p. m. \$200 will be given away. First winner will receive \$75, second \$50, and third \$25. If the winner of the first prize is present, he will receive \$50 extra.

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## Four Traffic Mishaps Occur Here

Four minor accidents which occurred near Farmington during the past week end resulted in injury to two persons and damage to several cars involved. A car driven by Neil McGillem, 9416 Meyers Road, Detroit, collided with a car driven by August D. Gough, 1340 West Vernor, Detroit, at the west end of Farmington cut-off on Sunday. According to Deputy Joe DeVriendt, who investigated the crash, Gough had stopped to look at a road sign at the intersection and in making a "U-turn" was struck by McGillem's car.

Evelyn Klammen, riding with McGillem was treated at Redford Reformatory Hospital for cuts and bruises.

The cars of James W. Mitchell, 2530 Street Keego Harbor, and Vincent Campbell, 4005 18th Street, Detroit, sideswiped on Orchard Lake Road south of 13 Mile Road. Neither driver was injured.

Ankle Injured

The car of John Franklin, of Silverwood, Michigan, was struck by a car driven by George S. Hamilton, 1700 Eleven Mile Road, Boring, on Sunday. Franklin, driving south on Tyck Road, failed to stop for the Nineteen Mile Road intersection, and collided with Hamilton's car. Charles Goulet, 2231 Hill Road, Farmington, a passenger in Franklin's car sustained a twisted ankle.

Two plate glass windows in the front of the Kroger store on Grand River avenue were smashed when a car driven by Lester Maxwell, 2943 National street, Detroit, jumped the curb and hit the store front. Maxwell claimed the steering apparatus on his car looked, causing him to hit a light pole and career over the sidewalk.

Another Car Stripped

DeVriendt also reported, recording a stripped car on Hawthorne avenue north of Shawneetown. The car had been stolen from Garden City. DeVriendt reiterated his warning to car owners to be on the alert against "car strippers" who advertise that cars be kept locked when not occupied, and that suspicious looking characters be reported to him at once. This is the fourth such case to occur within the past two weeks.

## ST. WILLIAM'S CHURCH PLANS ANNUAL PICNIC

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## Kiwanis Speaker



REV. CARL H. SCHULTZ

## Rev. C. Schultz to Address Club

Rev. Carl H. Schultz, of the Salem Evangelical church, will be the featured speaker at the meeting of the Kiwanis club Wednesday evening. Rev. Schultz's topic will be "What is For?"

Mrs. Lillian Monash, representing the Michigan National Youth Administration, gave a very interesting talk at the meeting last Wednesday evening, on "National Youth and What it is For."

An election was held to select delegates to represent the Farmington club at the State convention of Kiwanis, to be held September 5, 6 and 7 in Port Huron. A. L. Ross and Kenneth Loomis were named as delegates. It is expected that many other members will attend the convention unofficially.

It has been announced that next Wednesday's meeting will be a "Ladies' Night" meeting and all members are requested to bring their wives. It is also hinted that there will be something in the way of a surprise for those attending. The program is under the direction of A. L. Ross.

## COURT UPHOLDS DEED CLAIM TO FARMINGTON LAND

In an opinion signed Tuesday, Judge H. Russell Holland in Circuit Court dismissed a bill of complaint in a case brought by George Robertson, individually and as administrator of the estate of John D. Robertson, against Roy and Mrs. Anna May Robertson asked the court to cancel a deed to lands on Grand River avenue in Farmington, which were deeded to the Mays by John D. Robertson January 18, 1934. George Robertson and Mrs. Anna May Robertson and sister and John D. Robertson were their father. One of the conditions in the deed was that the elder Robertson were to have the use of the property as long as they lived. Mrs. Robertson died a year after the deed was given while Robertson lived five years. The administrator of the estate claimed there was a lack of consideration for the deed and fraud.

Judge Holland said he found no fraud and ample consideration. The Mays saved the property from the tax sale by paying the delinquent taxes and helped take care of the elder Robertsons as long as they lived.

## East Novi School Reunion Planned

The annual reunion of the East Novi School will be held on Saturday, August 3, 1940, at the home of Mrs. Emma Reid, 240 Fairbrook Road, Northfield, Mich. Lillian Angel is assistant hostess.

All former pupils and interested friends are cordially invited to be present. A pot luck dinner will be served at one o'clock. Bring table service and a card table, if convenient.

## SIX Year Old Boy Hurts Foot While at Play

Six year old Floyd Crandall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Crandall, 22801 Bristol, is in the hospital following an injury received when he stepped on an upturned shovel while playing in the yard with his sister, Tessie.

Two of the boy's toes were badly lacerated and doctors say one of them may have to be amputated. Floyd will remain in the hospital at least until the end of the week when it will be determined whether the amputation is necessary.

## INFANT SON DIES

Services were held Tuesday at Our Lady of Sorrows church for Jerry Ketchum, the six-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ketchum, 604 1/2 Kinross street, Detroit.

The Ketchums are former residents of Farmington. Services were held at 9:30 a. m. with Father Joseph Lemire officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

## "Donkey Ball" To Be Played Here Monday

Jack Byrnes' "Blitzkriegs" will meet Lefty Charlebois' "Bulls" in a "donkey ball" game Monday, July 23, at Our Lady of Sorrows grounds. Both teams will consist of local players and the game is scheduled to start at 8 p. m.

The rules of "donkey ball" provide that all players must be mounted on the stubborn little beasts, except the pitcher and catcher. When the batter gets a hit he hops on his steed and attempts to ride around the bases. There are no strike-outs or walks. Batters must ride to within one step of the ball before dismounting and must remount before throwing.

Explanation and account of the game will be broadcast over a loud speaker.

## Work Progresses on New Theater

Work on the interior of the new "Civic" theater building has been going ahead rapidly during the past few weeks and it is hoped to have the movie house open by Labor Day. Progress on the building has been interrupted several times since it was started early this year, once by a change in architectural plans and again by the necessity of digging a new and larger water well.

The theater will seat approximately 800 persons, it is announced, and will have a balcony seating 250 of the 800. On the second floor there will also be space for an office. The theater is to be air conditioned to provide the maximum of comfort for patrons, and the seats will be large and roomy with an extra amount of space between the rows.

## JEAN STORMS BECOMES BRIDE OF JOHN A. WELCH

At a very pretty ceremony Saturday afternoon at four o'clock, Miss Jean Ferguson Storms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Storms, became the bride of John Alan Welch, of Washington, D. C. and Mrs. John A. Welch, of Birmingham, Alabama. Rev. George Gulien of Detroit performed the ceremony in the living room of the Storms' home, before a background of palms and baskets of cut flowers.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a lovely dress of white net, with close fitting bodice, and very full skirt. She wore a small hat of white flowers and white tulle. Her bouquet was of white lilies, snapdragons and baby's breath, tied with white satin streamers.

Miss Helen Burrows, as maid of honor, wore a gown of aqua net, and carried the same lines as that of the bride. She wore a small floral hat of aqua and tulle, and her bouquet was of tulle, snapdragons, and baby's breath.

John A. Welch, of Birmingham, Alabama, was the bride's best man. Miss Helen Mitchell, of Duluth, Minnesota, played the wedding march.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Storms chose a dress of light blue chiffon, and wore a corsage of pink roses. Mrs. Welch wore powder blue, with a corsage of pink roses.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held. Miss Jean Shower and Miss Jean Atto of Detroit, assisted Miss Catherine Storms in serving the guests who were present from Chicago, Madison, and Birmingham, Alabama, Walpole, Illinois, Duluth, Minnesota, Detroit, Mich., and Farmington.

Mrs. and Mrs. Welch left on a motor trip through northern Michigan, and will return to Farmington before driving to their home in Washington, D. C.

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## MACCABEES TO HOLD Picnic On Sunday

The Maccabees of Farmington are holding their second annual picnic Sunday, July 28, at Groom's beach at Whitmore Lake. The picnic is given for the children and the public is cordially invited to attend. When you get to the beach, watch for the American and Maccabee flags.

## City Tax Collections Ahead of '39

Nearly a third of the city taxes have been collected in the first four weeks since the statement was sent out, according to figures issued from the office of City Treasurer George Gildemister, by Mrs. Alice Jamieson, assistant treasurer.

The tax roll this year amounted to \$2,172,660. To date a total of \$692,145 has been paid in by taxpayers. This represents a substantial increase over a similar period last year when collections on July 25, 1939, stood at \$415,334. Last year the collections shot ahead between July 25 and July 31 from \$415,334 to \$1,177,600.

Juneau said she expected a similar jump this year between July 25 and July 31.

Better Each Year

Collections of city taxes in Farmington have been getting better and better each year for the past several years, said Mrs. Alice Jamieson, and it is probable that the total percentage of taxes collected this year will exceed the record set in 1939. Last year a collection of 88 per cent was recorded, and in 1937 84 per cent of the roll was collected. This year officials believe the collection may reach 90 per cent.

For those who pay their taxes before July 24, for Mrs. Alice Jamieson, there is no penalty. Beginning August 1 until August 31 there will be added a penalty of two per cent. Those who wait until September 1 to pay their taxes will be assessed a penalty of four per cent.

The roll is slightly higher this year than in 1939. Last year a total of \$2,152,589 was spread.

## Services Held For Mrs. Alice McLean Wednesday

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock at the General Hospital Sunday, July 21. She was the wife of Lauree McLean and lived at 21102 Randall street. She leaves 10 children. She was born in England October 7, 1858.

Services were held at 2 p. m. on Wednesday from the Spencer J. Henney Funeral Home. Rev. Gildemister officiated and burial was in North Farmington cemetery.

## OAKLAND COUNTY FARMERS PICNIC SET FOR JULY 31

How is the American farmer going to feel the effect of the war abroad and what can he do about it?

Dean Ernest L. Anthony of the Agricultural Division of the Michigan State College will discuss the effects of war upon agriculture before members of the local groups of farm bureau farmers' clubs, milk local, members of the Agricultural Conservation Program and 4-H clubs at a farmer's picnic, scheduled for Wednesday, July 31 at the Davison Park. The event is sponsored by various farm organizations and farmers. Everyone interested is invited to bring the family and a basket lunch.

Other features of the picnic include a farm machinery exhibit which will be made by farm implement dealers throughout the county. The Clarkson band will give a concert at 12 o'clock. The sports program includes a softball competition between three teams made up of farmers. Harold Albertson of Oxford is in charge of the baseball tournament. Ralph Brown of Davison and Herbert Baynes of Clarkston are in charge of a sports program for children. Dr. George G. Beardsley of Oxford will assist with the machinery exhibit. Walter Cook, chairman of the County Soil Conservation Committee, has arranged for exhibits in milk cooling, educational material on the Soil Conservation Program and exhibits from the Michigan Milk Producers Association. James S. Mitchell of Holly is general chairman of the event.

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