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Red Cross Drive Nearly Completed

The Red Cross Roll Call drive in Farmington Township and the city of Farmington will be completed next week. Thus far the drive has met with excellent response, according to Mrs. W. W. Sloan, chairman. Farmington Township's quota has been set at \$10,000, and judging from the response note so far, members of the committee believe that the community will go considerably over that amount.

The Farmington Committee has made an appeal to every patriotic citizen that he may make his constructive desire to extend a helping hand. Emphasis is placed this fall upon the charter obligations of the Red Cross to provide service to the armed forces of the government and to participate in the national defense program, chapter officials said. Additions to armed forces will undoubtedly increase many times the tasks which chapters will be called upon to perform.

Activity High
Mrs. T. W. Jackson, chairman of the County Membership Roll Call, announces that unusual activity is being displayed in the various other townships of the county since the beginning of the membership canvass last week. At present, it is estimated that roll call membership will be used for domestic operations only in as much as individuals contributed last Spring to War Relief.

Those residents of Farmington and Farmington Township who have not been contacted by members of the committee are asked to give all aid possible for a cause which has greater responsibilities than ever before.

SENIORS INVITED TO ENTER BANK ESSAY CONTEST

The doors of 411 of Michigan's banks and trust companies will be thrown open to some 20,000 high school seniors, according to a joint statement issued by Samuel R. Park, President of the Michigan Bankers Association, and Dr. E. E. Elliott, Superintendent of Public Instruction. The statement was issued following a meeting of representatives of the Michigan Bankers Association in Elliott's office this week.

Dr. Elliott pointed out that the entire Michigan school program is based on a utilization of all community resources. A bank makes a community a better place in which to live.

Bankers have a growing awareness that barred windows and marble columns do not present an inviting appearance to the average citizen. According to Mr. Park, Michigan bankers are anxious that citizens of every community make use of at least some of the bank facilities. They offer a great variety of services.

The state-wide program of getting acquainted with the bank will meet next in "Conquer the Greenbacks" November 25 to 30. Future classes will visit their banks. Students visiting banks will be given cards which permit them to participate in writing a 150 word statement on the subject "Why I Would Choose Banking as My Life's Work." Local banks will offer prizes for the best statement on this subject. In addition to this, there will be three state prizes.

1. \$75 and a trip to Detroit, with box seats for a Tiger ball game.

This program, which is the opening phase of a long-range public relations program of the Michigan Bankers Association, will please its entire stress on the relationship and responsibility of banking to its own community and its ability to serve the community in its social and economic progress.

MARIE LEE WED TO CLARENCE ALDRICH

Miss Marie Lee of Hamilton, Ohio, was united in marriage to Clarence Aldrich, owner of Aldrich Nurseries at Grand River and Middle Belt roads, Wednesday, November 19. The wedding was performed by the Rev. Lyon of Novi.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich left Tuesday for Florida, where they will spend the winter, and a month's honeymoon on one of the southern islands.

MISS MARIE LEE OF HAMILTON, OHIO, WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO CLARENCE ALDRICH, OWNER OF ALDRICH NURSERIES AT GRAND RIVER AND MIDDLE BELT ROADS, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19. THE WEDDING WAS PERFORMED BY THE REV. LYON OF NOVI.

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Second Scavenger Sale To Start Next Week

Of interest to Farmington persons who are interested in bidding on tax delinquent property is the announcement that the re-offering sale of Oakland County state-owned lands unsold at the first scavenger sale will begin in the Masonic Temple building in Pontiac on Monday, November 25. The sale will begin at 9 o'clock in the forenoon and will continue from day to day until the sale is completed. It will be a public auction and owners will have no such preference or priority as they were given at the first public sale. It is estimated that approximately 50,000 parcels will be re-offered and that the sale will take several weeks to complete.

Each parcel to be re-offered has been appraised and will not be sold for less than the minimum

Water Mains Laid On Shiawassee

Workers have been laying water mains along Shiawassee river near Rouge creek where a new bridge is to be constructed. Actual work on the bridge will not be started until the water mains have been laid and improvements on Shiawassee both east and west of the creek have been completed.

The road is to be regraded and surfaced from Warner street to Power avenue, eliminating one of the roughest stretches of roadway in Farmington. This section has been closed to traffic at both ends, and may remain closed most of the winter.

A slight curve in Shiawassee just east of the creek will be eliminated making the approach to the bridge safer. The road will be straightened at the top of the hill west of the creek.

The bridge will be constructed of concrete and will be 42 feet wide, replacing the narrow one-way bridge which has long been a hazard to traffic. Cable guards, 200 feet long, will be installed along the approaches to the bridge.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Beverly Helmback of Detroit and Francis Davis of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Davis, at the rectory of Our Lady of Sorrows church, Saturday evening, November 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis will make their home in the apartments over the Oak Pharmacy.

Merchants Ready For Busy Holiday Shopping Season

The busiest season of the year for the Farmington stores and the men and women who run them is just ahead and judging by the signs of activity in the stores now, the Christmas rush won't find them unprepared. Armed with the slogan "Do Your Christmas shopping early," the store-owners are launching their "Yuletide" campaign immediately after Thanksgiving.

Not the least important item of the holiday season is the big Christmas meal. It's bound to take some time to prepare but the housewife who does her cooking on an electric range is going to save some time. Don't miss Detroit Edison's display of electric ranges. For a family of three the average cost is only 40 cents per week.

And now for something to serve for dinner. This is where Lakeside Products, Walsted Lake, comes in. Their hickory-smoked hams and bacon are different—and delicious!

Don't depend on a worn-out car in the winter time. It's so easy to arrange for a good used car at Curt Hall's Ford Sales and Service. See his list of guaranteed used cars in this week's issue. He has some real bargains.

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Postmaster Urges Early Mailing

Persons who plan to send Christmas parcels to friends or relatives any foreign country should send them without delay, in the warning issued by Postmaster Norman C. Lee. Packages intended for most foreign countries will arrive safely on time if mailed immediately, or within the next few days, but any further delay may cause the parcels to arrive late at their destination, Lee said.

The war has made shipping schedules uncertain and European-bound mail may be delayed after the ship has entered the harbor or even after the mail has been taken off the boat.

The volume of foreign-bound mail passing through the Farmington post office is somewhat heavier than the average for a community of this size, but this year it will be greatly decreased due to the fact that almost every European port has been closed by blockade. Ordinarily there are quite a number of Christmas parcels mailed to European countries, principally to Sweden, Norway, Germany and the Netherlands, but the war has shut off all these countries this year and it will be useless for relatives and friends to send parcels to any country immediately affected by the war.

A list of nations to which United States mail-service has been suspended follows:

Aden, Belgium, Bulgaria, Danzig, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Italian colonies, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mongolia, Netherlands, Norway, Palestine, Poland, Rumania, Sweden, Syria, Republic of Lebanon, Transjordan, Turkey, Russia, Vatican City and Yugoslavia.

SUPERINTENDENT ATTENDS MEETING IN ANN ARBOR

O. E. Duñek, superintendent of Farmington schools, was in Ann Arbor last Thursday consulting with former Farmington high school students, now freshmen at the University. Among the Farmington graduates attending the University is John T. Bacon, 33436 Shiawassee.

More than 150 principals and teachers from 36 high schools and four states attended the Conference. In addition, representatives from 15 other colleges and junior colleges were invited to interview transfer students at the University from their schools. Approximately 35 freshmen at the University were interviewed by their former principals or superintendents.

The consultation plan, which has been in operation for 13 years, is intended to bring about closer cooperation between high schools and the University, stated Registrar Ira M. Smith, sponsor of the plan.

High school teachers are enabled through these conferences to determine which educational systems and to become more familiar with university methods. University instructors are also aided in studying preparatory school methods and in the solution of the problems of freshmen.

Woman's Club Invited To Northville Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Farmington Woman's Club will be held with Mrs. Bertha Steele. The members are asked to dress in colonial style, or bring some new possession, to answer roll call. Mrs. Courtney of Detroit, of the Story Teller's League will be the speaker, and her subject, "Stories of Colonial Days."

On Friday, December the Farmington Woman's Club has been invited to attend the meeting of the Northville Woman's Club, to be held in the Presbyterian church at Northville.

W.C.T.U. Meets With Mrs. Charles Halsted

The regular meeting of the Farmington branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, will be held at two o'clock Tuesday, November 26, at the home of Mrs. Charles Halsted, on Halsted Road.

"The Great Battle" will appear at the Redford Theatre Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Of course it's John Barrymore, and the show is a real hit. The accompanying feature is "Dance, Girl, Dance," with Louis Hayward and Maureen O'Hara.

Apple Growers Seek to Replace Foreign Market

Just what effect the war in Europe is going to have on apple crops is being anxiously awaited by growers in this section and throughout Michigan.

The conflict overseas wiped out the normal export outlet for 10,000,000 bushels of apples, according to Truman Nold, manager of the National Apple Institute. This threat, and American growers with serious consequences unless that additional quantity could be worked into consumption at home. In Michigan, where an estimated 6,000,000 bushel crop ranks the state No. 6

Scouts Ask Aid In Paper Drive

In a letter to the parents of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Farmington, the Farmington Area Neighborhood Commissioner John W. Hunt has asked the cooperation of the parents in assisting the Scouts in their campaign to put the second floor of the Fire Hall in shape for meetings.

Mr. Hunt's letter follows:

TO PARENTS OF BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS

We need your help now. You have assisted us wonderfully in the past and we feel you will fail us in the future.

The members of the City of Farmington Commission, realizing the value of Scouting in its Community life, have granted the Boy and Girl Scout organizations the use of the second floor of the Fire Hall for the purpose of holding Boy and Girl Scout meetings. As there is no means of heating the hall, we are trying to secure enough funds to purchase a furnace in order that the children may be comfortable in a clean, dry and warm hall.

We are asking your cooperation in this campaign by assisting the boys and girls to gather newspapers and magazines from your neighborhood. Gathered papers and magazines will be sold and the proceeds will be used to purchase a furnace. We will shortly announce a schedule that will notify you when a Scout will be ready to receive them.

Don't fail your daughter or son. Encourage them to collect papers; help them to collect papers and then come to their meetings and watch your children in their work and play. That is why we need your assistance—to provide a warm place for your child to meet and do scouting under comfortable circumstances.

Yours for Scouting,
John W. Hunt,
Chairman, Boy & Girl Scout Building Committee.

EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS JUDGE GEORGE HARTTRICK

Judge George B. Harttrick, of the Circuit Court, Pontiac, was the featured speaker at the meeting of the Exchange Club Wednesday noon, held at the Methodist church. Judge Harttrick's talk was concerned with the workings of democracy and he stated that he believed that there is more real democracy today than ever before, because the national and state leaders are more concerned today with the welfare of the people. It behooves the people, Judge Harttrick said, to be very careful in their selection of legislators and in choosing what they support since the nation cannot take chances on issues which have not received the utmost consideration.

The program was under the direction of Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner. Next week's meeting will be handled by Paul A. Paré.

Farmington P.T.A. to Join County Council

At their meeting Tuesday night the Farmington Parent Teachers Association voted to affiliate themselves with the Oakland County Council of Parent Teachers. They also decided to hold a series of telephone bridge parties over a period of four weeks, starting now and lasting until December 20. Anyone wishing further information may call Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt or Mrs. Carl Goers.

The next meeting will be a Christmas party in which there will be a program, based after the radio show "Truth or Consequences." The program will be conducted by Lynn Rohrer. Everyone is invited to send in questions to be used and also stunts for conversation. These may be sent or phoned to Mrs. Albert Beala.

Evangelical Church Steeple Being Rebuilt

The steeple on the Salem Evangelical church is being rebuilt and will be slightly higher than before. The lower portion will be four-sided and the upper part will be octagonal. It will be 72 feet high topped with a cross.

The channel of the church is being enlarged to make room for the choir and the altar is to be re-erected. The church will be lighted indirectly and the whole interior of the building will be redecorated.

Three Die Following Auto Crash

Two men were killed Tuesday and one died Wednesday following an automobile crash which occurred at the corner of Orchard Lake and Ten Mile roads. The victims were William Killeen, 65, his son, Paul, 30, and John F. Thomas, deputy superintendent of schools in Detroit. The elder Killeen was a painter and decorator. His son operated a service station on Grand River avenue. They lived at 24479 Orchard Lake Road.

The accident occurred when a car driven by Edward R. Butler, Detroit, struck the Killeen automobile. Deputy Joseph DeVriendt said Butler had allegedly failed to observe a "stop" sign on entering Orchard Lake Road.

A passenger in Butler's car, Thomas, 42, suffered injuries of a skull fracture and cranial hemorrhages. Thomas is president of the Michigan Education association, which includes \$4,000 a year school teachers in its membership. He and Butler, board of education superintendent, were on their way to a conference in Lansing regarding school appropriations, friends said.

Butler instantly killed instantly when the cars collided. The other three men were taken to Redford Receiving Hospital where Paul later succumbed to injuries including fractures of the skull, nose, left hip and ribs. Thomas died at 2:10 a. m. Wednesday.

Butler is in a serious condition. While Butler was quoted by DeVriendt as saying he failed to see the "stop" sign, the deputy said no statement was taken from the man because of his condition.

The elder Killeen was a veteran of the Spanish-American War. His father, John Killeen of Portland, Michigan, was a G. I. veteran, survives him. Also surviving are the widow, Mrs. Anna Maria Killeen, and three sons, John, of Dearborn; and Edward and Earl, of Farmington.

A double service is to be held Friday afternoon at two o'clock from the Heeneey Funeral Home, and burial will be in North Farmington cemetery.

KIWANIS INVITES FARMERS TO ATTEND MEETING

A special "farmer's night" program was planned for Wednesday night by the Kiwanis Club. Guests invited were farmers living in the surrounding area and each member was asked to bring one guest.

The invited speaker was Robert Mackey, of Metamora. Mr. Mackey is an authority on practical farming and his talk was to include suggestions and advice to farmers on how to overcome their problems.

Ed Pierce was program chairman and had the assistance of George Nowlin in planning the activities.

The club plans to attend a charter night program to be given by the Holy Kiwanis Club in the near future. The Farmington club is sponsoring the new organization at Holly.

Mrs. Richard Middlewood Dies at Age of 84

Funeral services for Mrs. Richard Middlewood were held Tuesday afternoon at the Heeneey Funeral Home. Mrs. Middlewood, who was 84 years old, passed away suddenly Monday at her home. For years she was a very active worker in the Macabees. Last July she and her husband moved to West Point Park.

She leaves her husband; a daughter, Mrs. George Sheldrick, of Detroit, and seven grandchildren. Mrs. Ervin Bollinger, Esther, Barbara, Howard, George and Homer Middlewood, Edwin Sheldrick, and five great grandchildren.

Rev. Gilbert Miles officiated at the services. Burial was in Oakwood cemetery.

Mrs. Worsfold Entertains O.E.S. Officers

On Saturday evening, November 16, Mrs. Ida Worsfold entertained her O.E.S. officers and husbands in the dining room of the Masonic Temple. After an evening of cards, the guests found their places at a long table, beautifully decorated with a Thanksgiving color scheme, and enjoyed a delicious lunch.

Miniature gifts were presented to each officer by Mrs. Worsfold. The gifts ranged from a racoon, presented to her Worthy Patron, Lovell Ramsey, to a pink elephant given to Elaine Westfall, her associate confederates. As each gift was presented, Mrs. Worsfold was read, appropriate to both the gift and the officer, causing much merriment.

The party came to a close with the presentation of a birthday cake to Charles Dineen, whose birthday was the same day. All present reported it a most delightful evening.

Letters to the Editor are always welcomed by this newspaper.