

Board 8 Announces Draft Call

Draft questionnaires were in the mail this week for 75 men registered with Board No. 8. This board has jurisdiction over Farmington Township and the City of Farmington as well as a number of other townships and cities in this area of the County.

The questionnaires must be answered promptly, filled in by hand and returned within five days. It is requested by mail they must carry the signature of a notary public. Otherwise they may be signed by the chief clerk of the board.

Exchange Club To Hear Former Navy Commander

Members of the Exchange Club will hear a talk by Commander Smith, of the United States Navy, retired. The former Navy man now employed with the Stout Engineering Co. of Dearborn, will speak before the club's regular Wednesday noon luncheon meeting.

House Cleaning Time Is Here and Stores Will Help

This is just the right time of year to attend to that job of house-cleaning which you've been promising yourself you were going to do as soon as the holidays were over. These new gifts for the house which you got at Christmas won't look their best unless the rest of the house looks spick and span too.

Farmington Man's Case Before Circuit Court

The Oakland County Circuit Court this week received the case of Clarence Charters, of Farmington, who took an appeal to the Court from a conviction in the Court of Justice John J. Schulte last fall for creating a nuisance while operating an automobile. The case was submitted to Judge George B. Hartwick in Circuit Court Monday on a writ of certiorari. The court said he would look over the testimony in the lower court and then give a decision.

Report Shows Scouts' Stove Fund Drive Nearing Goal

The Farmington Boy and Girl Scout drive to obtain funds for a stove for their new meeting hall is rapidly approaching its goal, according to Scout Commissioner John W. Hunt. It is expected that by January 20 the Scouts will have sufficient money for the complete purchase of the stove.

To Offer Parcels In 7 Townships

The Oakland County office of the State Land Office Board's "scavenger" sale will offer tax-delinquent parcels in West Bloomfield, Southfield, Royal Oak, Lyon, Branch, and Commerce Townships throughout the next week, according to the weekly schedule released by the State Land Office. The sale is conducted in the Masonic Temple building, Pontiac.

Mrs. Belle Murray To Speak At P.T.A. Wednesday

Mrs. Belle Murray, eminent child psychologist, will entertain members and friends of the Farmington Parent Teachers' Association at their next meeting on Wednesday evening, January 22, at the High School Auditorium, at eight o'clock.

Board to Make Second Payment on Gymnasium

The Farmington Board of Education will soon make the second annual payment on the high school auditorium-gymnasium. It is announced. The payment will amount to \$10,000, or one cent of the total owed. After this payment it made forty percent of the total indebtedness will have been erased.

Carol White Entertains Women's Club

Miss Carol White, home counselor and commentator on decorating topics for the Pontiac Varnish Company, was the guest speaker at the Farmington Women's Club Wednesday afternoon.

Engagement Announced

The engagement of Miss Irma Reppicht to Robert Wilson Schulkins was announced at a formal dance at Hotel Statler, Detroit, Saturday evening. Both Miss Reppicht and Mr. Schulkins are Farmington High School graduates.

Farmington O.E.S. To Hold Special Meeting

Farmington Chapter No. 239, O.E.S. will hold a special meeting on Tuesday evening, January 21, at Masonic Hall. At this meeting, Marion Knight, Grand Master of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, O.E.S. will conduct a school of instruction. All officers and members are urged to be present at this meeting.

Henry W. Lee Dies Suddenly

The end of an era in Farmington was marked this week by the passing of Henry W. Lee, long-time resident of this city and of Farmington. Mr. Lee died suddenly Tuesday evening, apparently as a result of a heart attack. The business to which Mr. Lee devoted his lifetime was one which brought him in close contact with his fellow-men, particularly during the war years, the "machine age". He was a harness maker and as such, his services were in demand by nearly every resident of this area from the time that he first set up business on the property now occupied by the Farmington Hardware in 1889 until machine-made harness gradually replaced that which Mr. Lee made by hand.

Mr. Lee was born January 4, 1868, in White Lake Township, the son of George and Julia Lee. His parents, originally from New York State, moved from White Lake Township to a farm on Ten Mile Road in Farmington Township, when Henry was about ten years old. Henry entered the harness-making business at the age of 23. In 1898 he built a shop for his business on the corner of Grand River and Farmington Road on the site now occupied by the Oak Pharmacy. Here he remained for many years until 1922.

Three Sons Survive He was married in 1895 to Eva Murphy, of Southfield Township. Three sons were born to them: Eron, Farmington postmaster; Claude and Waters, all of whom live in Farmington. Mrs. Lee died in 1910 and in 1928 Mr. Lee remarried to Jessie Green of Farmington. The second Mrs. Lee died about two years ago.

Mr. Lee kept his trade alive by doing repair work. For several years he carried on this work in a trailer located on Farmington Road on Grand River. Services were held Thursday afternoon from the Heeneey funeral home, with Rev. Carl Schultz officiating. Burial was in Oakwood cemetery.

County's New Education Board Named This Week

Oakland County's new board of education set-up was completed this week at a meeting in Pontiac. Mrs. Florence Lee, secretary of the Farmington school board, attending the meeting.

Geraldine ZeBorrick Accepts New Position

Miss Geraldine A. ZeBorrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. ZeBorrick, who reside at Shady Nook, on Farmington Road, recently accepted a secretarial position at Washington, D. C. and is now associated with the United States Department of Agriculture, engaged in Migrant Farm Labor throughout the United States.

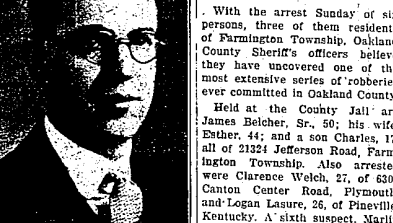
Re-elected Bank Director

Howard C. Knickerbocker, cashier of Farmington State Bank, was re-elected to the board of directors, as were all the other members of the board, at a meeting held Tuesday afternoon.

Rehearsals Begin For Kiwanis Musical Show

Immediately following the "Ladies' Night" meeting of the Kiwanis Club Wednesday evening, the Kiwanis members and their wives adjourned to the Town Hall where Arthur Cole of the John B. Rogers Producing Co. put the second annual Kiwanis minstrel into its first rehearsal.

Six Held In Theft Ring Arrests



With the arrest Sunday of six persons, three of them residents of Farmington Township, Oakland County Sheriff's officers believe they have uncovered one of the most extensive series of robberies ever committed in Oakland County.

Held at the County Jail are James Belcher, Sr., 50; his wife, Esther, 44; and a son Charles, 17, all of 2132 1/2 Jefferson Road, Farmington Township. Also arrested were Clarence Welch, 27, of 6307 North Canton Road, Plymouth, Mich.; Logan Lasure, 26, of Pleasant, Kentucky; a sixth suspect, Marin Belcher, 29, of Plymouth, is under arrest at Louisville, Kentucky.

Deputy Joseph DeVriendt, recently transferred from the deputy sheriff's booth at Farmington to the plain clothes division, after 12 years of service, and Deputy Donald Menzies were credited with the arrests. Deputy DeVriendt estimated that more than 3,000 articles valued at \$2,500 were recovered. Most of it was found in a trailer parked at the Jefferson street address. Included in the room full of merchandise are stacks of grocery staples, drugs, tobacco, shoes, ice skates, boots, blankets, household items, motor-driven tools, carpenter's tools, an outboard motor, a bee hive, rugs, coats, car and home radios.

Under Sheriff John C. Melroy, who directed the arrests, said the elder Belcher and his wife, who were arrested at their home Thursday, were arraigned later before Justice John J. Schulte, on a charge of receiving and concealing stolen property. They pleaded not guilty and are being held on failure to provide \$2,000 bond, awaiting trial January 24.

Welch was arrested Friday at his home, the undersheriff said. Charles Belcher was taken into custody Saturday as he arrived at his home from Louisville, while Lasure was apprehended as he came from Chicago by bus. Melroy said Welch, Lasure and the two younger Belchers will be arraigned this week on charges of breaking and entering. Lasure, he added, has served four years at a Frankfort, Kentucky, prison.

Melroy said his suspects have been in the observation for five months. Loot was recovered at the home of James Belcher, Sr. and at a housecar occupied by his son, Marin.

Although he has not compiled a complete list of robberies on which the suspects will be questioned, Melroy stated he believed the roster would include houses, automobiles, gas stations, drug stores, and grocery stores. He invited all their victims to call the post office months to call at the jail to identify their property, if possible.

Gordon Patterson of 21609 Middlebelt Road called at the jail Sunday to identify an outboard motor which he said was stolen from his home August 8.

Officers believe the group all of whom came originally from Pleasant, Kentucky have disposed of many stolen articles while on frequent trips to their former home.

Kreager-Halsted Wedding Is Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kreager of Farmington, announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen Irene, to Dr. Lee H. Halsted, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halsted of Halsted Road, on Wednesday, January 15, 1941, at the Methodist Church, the Rev. Delmore C. Stubbs officiating.

The bride's only attendant was her sister, Mrs. Vaughn R. Smith of Plymouth. The groom's attendant was his cousin, George Halsted, of Farmington. The reception was held at Rosemond Hills for the immediate family, following the ceremony. Dr. Halsted is in general practice in Farmington. He was graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1934 and received his internship at Grace Hospital and Delray General Hospital.

Family Night Tickets Given With Purchases Merchants Family Night tickets are available from nearly every store in Farmington. The tickets are given with each 50 cents worth of merchandise purchased and will admit the bearer to the Civic Theatre for ten cents on any Wednesday or Thursday.