



DARK IS MY DAWN

Ho hum—yawn—oh, ah—grunt—darn (I—sorry, boss—I know I'm late, but that blankety blank wet time, boss. Forgot to set my clock ahead. And that's the fate of many this week, who've had to go to work in the dark. An additional gripe is that street lights go off so early that the poor school kids can't find their way to school—not to mention, us poor working people. Of course, you can eat dinner by daylight now. It's rumored one father of school children won't set his clock ahead—and won't get up any earlier—daily. Tardy marks, for Johnny and Mary: Well, seems to be here to stay—like it or not—

THE GAY CHARMERS
... seem to have left town and the male population begins to look askance again except for a bit of fingering polka pushing about outside or a suspicion of lipstick in a lip crack. The "Womanish Wedding" is over. Cast members can see their picture at Cook's Store on Saturday. Prints may be ordered and are expected to be ready next week.

THIRTEEN
... The 13 persons who registered for blood donation during civilian defense registration may give part of their red corpuscles for the Red Cross by calling Dr. Aschenbrenner or Edgar Pierce's office for an appointment. Paul Schreiber, in charge of defense registration, has announced. The local defense committee cannot take advantage of those 13 persons' offer, unless they call for a definite appointment soon, he said.

WANT A BOND?
... There have been bank nights at theatres and there have been comic and dish, gifts at the local movie house. Therefore, keeping step with the times, the next appropriate gift would be a defense bond. The Civic Theatre will give away a \$25 bond Monday night, February 23. If the reception of the idea is good enough it may become a regular offer on all Monday nights.

BLUEPRINTS
... Twenty-one men are enrolled in a three-hour per night class in blueprint reading at the school on Mondays and Wednesdays. It is a defense class and most of the students are local defense workers, many of them foremen.

Films of Cesor Farms Shown

Members of the Farmington Kiwanis Club, took an imaginary trip Wednesday evening, through the Cesor Farms with George Nowlin, who is in charge of the famous farms, as guide.
Newlin showed color movie films that he had taken on the farms during the last season. They stressed the many labor saving and time saving machines now being used on the farms. The films also depicted the huge output ofilage necessary for the maintenance of their fine stock.
Additional films pictured the champion stock being raised on the Cesor Farms. They showed various scenes of the state stock shows of Illinois, Ohio and Michigan.
Howard Knickerbocker introduced the speaker.
Eighteen guests were present at the Wednesday evening meeting which was held at the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church. They were mainly from the Plymouth and South Lyon clubs.
Next week's meeting has been set aside as Ladies' Night according to Bayard Tupper and Howard Knickerbocker, who have charge of the program.
Wednesday evening, February 18 the Kiwanis Club will be host to all the young people who participated in the Minstrel Show, at a dance to be held for them at the Town Hall.

Judge Hartrick Will Address G.B.U. Meeting

Hon. George B. Hartrick will be guest of honor on Monday evening, February 16, at a meeting of the Greater Beneficial Union in Farmington. An American flag, the gift of William Driesner of Royal Oak, will be presented to the G.B.U. The meeting will be held at the Buffet, and will begin promptly at 8:30. There will be entertainment provided following the meeting, and refreshments will be served.
The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mayor Gildemeister Resigns

City Commission Appoints DeVriendt To Replace Kowalski as Police Chief



LEO F. GILDEMEISTER

Leo Gildemeister, mayor of the city of Farmington, resigned Thursday morning. The resignation, handed to City Clerk Harry Moore, will take effect immediately. Following is Gildemeister's letter:

Farmington City Commission
Farmington, Michigan
Gentlemen:

Due to the fact that my own business in time of war emergency requires all my time, I hereby tender my resignation as Mayor of the City of Farmington effective forthwith.

L. F. Gildemeister

Joe DeVriendt, former deputy sheriff for Farmington and at present with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, was named last night by the City Commission to fill the vacancy of Farmington Police Chief left with the resignation of Charles Kowalski.
Action was started on this matter when Mayor Gildemeister stated that he understood the special meeting held January 29, concerned itself only with the approving or rejecting of the recommendation made by Police Commissioner Hulet. Commissioner Oles, after restating his motion and pointing out that the motion included the hiring of a man by the commission, moved that the motion and amendment be reworded. Commissioner Nacker seconded the motion. In the discussion that followed Hulet amended the motion making a two thirds vote necessary and the Mayor vote on this matter. The amendment was, however, for lack of support. Vote was taken on the motion and passed by a 4 to 2 count. Hulet and Griffith being the two dissenting votes.
Commissioner Hamlin then moved that Joe DeVriendt be appointed Police Chief of the City of Farmington at a salary of \$2,100 a year to fill the unexpired term which will end July 1, 1942. Oles seconded the motion. Commissioner Hulet stated that his desire were to keep within the budget allowed him. He also stated that Ed Thayer, present Chief of Police could be hired at a salary of \$1,200. "Why" the Commission has a budget at all is more than I can understand," Hulet concluded. Following Hulet's objections the vote was taken and the motion passed with a 4 to 2 vote. Griffith and Hulet registered negative votes.
Hulet Resigns
After the vote was recorded Commissioner Hulet asked the resignation as Police Commissioner to take effect immediately. Mayor Gildemeister recognized Hulet and accepted his resignation.
Edgar Pierce appeared before the Commission and asked that his remarks be included in the record concerning the fine work the local fire department displayed in fighting the recent fire that burned their garage. He urged that the fire fighters be equipped more adequately.
Ernest Blanchard, township supervisor appeared before the city group to ask that a committee from the City Commission be appointed to meet with the Township Board concerning the cost of rental of the Town Hall. The Mayor appointed the financial committee to work with the Township on this matter.

Town Hall Rededication Proves Highly Successful

Many Residents Speak Briefly During Program

The rededication of the Farmington Town Hall on Saturday, sponsored by the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, proved to be an outstanding success. The hall was open to the public during the afternoon, for their inspection, and a program was given after noon and evening, with free refreshments provided for all those who visited the hall, and the new Township offices.

The hall as it is today presents a much different picture than it did a few short months ago. The hall is now an attractive, clean auditorium suitable for the many meetings, dances and parties that individual organizations will wish to hold during the coming months. An electric clock at the west end of the hall was provided by Ernest V. Blanchard, and Howard Ous furnished the mirror for the ladies powder room.
Entertainment Provided
At both the afternoon and evening entertainments, Mr. and Mrs. George Lovett and their three children gave some remarkable demonstrations of mental ability, as well as providing a good deal of music.
In the evening a number of short talks and greetings were given by City and Township residents. Rev. Carl Schultz opened the program at 8:15. Mr. A. Ross acted as Master of Ceremonies. Mayor Leo Gildemeister, Supervisor Ernest V. Blanchard, Harry McCracken, Frank Steele, John Thayer and Clinton W. Wilbur spoke briefly, many of the older men reminiscing of the days when the Town Hall was a new building.
Especially invited to the opening were C. W. Chamberlin, Frank Steele, Harry McCracken, Clinton Wilbur, John Thayer, Frank Bradley and M. B. Pierce, of Illness unable to attend because of illness.

FIRST AID CLASS IS ONE OF 72 NOW IN COUNTY

The Farmington class in first aid, sponsored by the American Red Cross as a civilian defense measure is one of 72 classes in 20 nearby communities at the present time, according to a recent announcement by Dr. E. B. Cudney, first aid chairman.
Public demand for first aid training has far exceeded facilities and the number of instructors. It was stated. County classes now are being conducted by 28 physicians and 27 instructors, many teaching two or three times each week. Dr. Cudney said today that classes are being organized for groups closely related to civilian defense projects such as air wardens, volunteer police and firemen.

Communities in which classes are underway and the number of classes in each are as follows: Burdick 3; West Bloomfield town 1; Springfield 4; Southfield 3; Oxford 2; Royal Oak 7; Orion 1; Springfield 1; Milford 2; Waterford 3; Rochester 3; Brandon 3; Holly 1; Farmington 1; Clawson 2; Berkley 1; Huntington Woods 1; Ferndale 2; Pleasant Ridge 3. The first aid committee assisting Dr. Cudney includes Mrs. C. T. Vandusen and Ralph Waterman of Birmingham; Mrs. Ferdina and Genshaber and Mrs. Charles Harvey of Fontaine and Mrs. E. M. Gladden of Southern Oakland County.

Don't Forget To Vote

Farmington Township residents are reminded that Monday, February 16, 1942, is Primary Election day. It is your privilege and duty to vote. Polls will be open from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. Precinct One votes at the Farmington Town Hall, and Precinct Two voters will cast their ballots at the welfare store on Grand River-avenue.

State Club Man Visits Here

Harry Fulkerson, state representative of Exchange Clubs for this district, was the speaker at this week's meeting of the local Exchange Club. He talked on activities of the organization stressing service to the community; Fulkerson also administered the induction pledge of service to Fred Menke, Jr., newest member of the Farmington club.
Six members from here are expected to attend the State Bowling Tournament at Marshall on Sunday, March 22. Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner reported that blood donors are registering very slowly, and that if a sufficient number do not register, the mobile unit collecting blood will not come to Farmington.

It was announced that the Redford Exchange Club will give its annual annual boxing tournament on February 23 at the Redford High School. Losers of the recent attendance contest in the local club are taking the winning members to the tournament.
It was voted to send postcards or letters regularly to all local men in army and navy service. Arnold Stoel was reinstated as an active member. He has been absent for some time because of his bus route which kept him busy during the noon hour.

Committee Says Show Is Success

Committee members from the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church are terming the "Woman-Leas Wedding" a great success following its last presentation on Tuesday evening.
The committee in charge was comprised of the Rev. Carl Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Fendt, Mrs. Fred Lenz, and Adolph Nacker. They wish to thank all who were in the cast, particularly those who were not members of the church, and those who helped in the box (Continued on Page Four)

MERCHANTS SPLIT FOUR GAMES DURING PAST WEEK

The Farmington Merchants Baseball team played four games this week, splitting two and losing the other two by one point each.
Last Thursday evening at the Farmington High School Gymnasium, the Merchants won over the Ford Plant, Plymouth 28 to 22. Catherine of Farmington was high point man with 19 plate to his credit. At the end of the first quarter Plymouth was leading by a 7 to 6 score, but the Farmington team gained in the second quarter, until the score at the half stood at 15 to 11, and Farmington was able to maintain its lead for the balance of the game.
In the second game of the evening Uht took Farmington 34 to 23. This was an exciting, evenly played game. At the end of the third quarter the score was tied at 23 points, but in the last quarter Uht was able to score 11 points while Farmington made but 10, thus giving Uht the game. Oidenburg of Farmington was high point man of the game with 13 points.
On Saturday, at Walled Lake, Farmington bowed to the team from U.A.W.-C.I.O. Local 594, by a score 20 to 29. Edward of the Local 62 team was high scorer, making 14 points. He was followed by Oidenburg and Meas of Farmington, making 10 and nine points respectively.
On Tuesday evening this week, at the Wayne High School Gymnasium, Farmington won a game from the Mitholland Drygoods team. The final score was 31 to 25, and Kraft of Farmington was high point man with 13 points.

Dr. Adams To Speak To Universalists

Dr. Frank D. Adams will speak at the Universalist Church on Thursday, February 19, at 8 p. m. His topic will be "Does The World Need This Church?"
Carl R. Hubbard and Jean L. Curtis are the young people who will speak their vows before the Rev. Carl Schultz. Mrs. Leo Gildemeister will sing "I Love You Truly," accompanied at the piano by Miss Ruth Bacon, who will also play the wedding march.
The wedding ring was presented to them by C. W. Chamberlin, Jeweler, and Springbrook Gardens are furnishing the bride with a principal a real start.

Mobile Unit To Be Here Friday

The mobile unit from Red Cross Blood Donor headquarters in Detroit will be in Farmington on Friday, February 20, at the Town Hall, and will work from 12:30 to 7:00 p. m.
Anyone wishing to give a blood donation may make an appointment at the offices of Dr. Aschenbrenner or Mr. Edgar Pierce. Appointments must be made in person.
150 registrations are necessary to bring the unit to a community. In every other Oakland County district volunteer donors have exceeded this number, and it is expected Farmington will be no exception.

LEGION AUXILIARY WILL SPONSOR ESSAY CONTEST

Students of Farmington High School will be entitled to participate in an Americanism Essay Contest, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, it was announced this week by Mrs. J. G. DeVriendt, who is contest chairman.
Any pupil in the High School is eligible to enter. The essays are to be on the subject "The Characteristics of a Good American," and are to be no more than 500 words in length.
The essays will be judged local, and there will be two sets of prizes awarded, one for the ninth and tenth grades, and another for the eleventh and twelfth grades. First prize will be \$300 in defense stamps, second prize \$200 in defense stamps, and third will receive \$100 in defense stamps.
The essays selected to be the best here will then be submitted to the State, and the winner in each state will receive a complete set of The World Book Encyclopedia in addition to this. The author of the essay judged to be the best of all the winning essays submitted by the various state departments will receive a cash award of \$100.00.
Further rules governing the contest will be published in the next issue of the Yearbook.

METHODIST CHURCH PLANS SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICES

The Christian season of Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Easter, will begin on Wednesday, February 18 to April 5 this year. Every Wednesday night of that period will be "family night" at the Farmington Methodist Church. The series of Wednesday night programs has been voted by the official board of the church and the minister, Howard C. Buechling, has the series planned and ready for announcement.
Every Wednesday there will be a pot luck supper at the church at 6:30 p. m. There will be a host and hostess for each table who will plan the menu, see that each table is filled, and introduce guests to one another. These arrangements are being supervised by the fellowship committee of the Women's Society of the Christian Service of the city of Farmington. Mrs. A. L. Ross is the chairman. The suppers are open to anybody and all are invited.
Following the supper each evening there will be group singing and special musical numbers. The music has been planned by Mrs. Evelyn Vetch, director of music of the church.
Speakers have been engaged to give short talks, at the tables, on the Lenten theme.
First speaker is Rev. Arthur Munsell, St. James Methodist Church, Detroit. For reservations call Mrs. A. L. Ross before Sunday evening.

Civic Theatre Will Be Scene of Wedding Friday



Everybody likes a wedding, and everybody loves a bride. Undoubtedly you have all seen many weddings, but perhaps you have never been to one just like the wedding you may go to on Friday evening, February 13, at 8:30 p. m. This wedding will take place on the stage of the Civic Theatre, and the merchants of Farmington are turning out en masse to give the principals a real start.

Registration Is February 16

Monday, February 16, 1942, is the day which has been set for the registration of men who have attained their twentieth birthday on or before December 31, 1941, and have not attained their forty-fifth birthday on February 16, 1942. The only men exempt from this registration are those in this age group who are already registered.
Men in Farmington City and Township are classified in Selective Service Local Board No. 8, Oakland County, which has eight other townships in its jurisdiction, besides Farmington. They are Novi, Lyon, Milford, Commerce, West Bloomfield, Highland, White Lake, and Waterford.
Men living in any of these nine townships required to register on Monday, February 16, may do so at any of the following places: Roosevelt School, Keego Harbor; Denison School, West Haven Street, west of Telegraph Road; Pontiac; Milford High School, Milford; Farmington High School, Farmington; and Walled Lake Consolidated School, Walled Lake.
Places of registration will be open from 7:00 a. m. until 9:00 p. m.
At Farmington Public Schools, classes have been dismissed for the days, and the High School teachers will assist with the registration. Special instruction will be given them on Sunday afternoon.

SERVICES HELD HERE FOR MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Thayer Funeral Home for Mrs. Eileen Thiriet and her two small daughters, Dorothy, three and Jean Ellen, eight months. Rev. Herbert B. Hudson of the Woodward Avenue Presbyterian Church officiated, and burial was at North Farmington Cemetery.
Mrs. Thiriet, took her life, and those of her children by carbon monoxide poisoning sometime late Saturday afternoon. Their bodies were discovered in the family car parked just off of Farmington Road north of Eleven Mile, on Sunday morning. It was learned from her family and friends that she had been dependent for some time.
The husband, Victor Thiriet, is employed at the Ford Motor Company, and the family lived at 222 Waverly avenue, Highland Park.

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