

MAY 19... was something of an anniversary. Many of us well recall May 19, 1934, the day the Farmington State Bank opened for business. It was Apple Blossom Day in Farmington. Today the Bank has assets of over \$2,000,000—a truly enviable record. Congratulations to the officers, directors and employees of The Farmington State Bank on their fine record, and service to the community.

DOG OWNERS... are again cautioned to keep Fido at home, if they treasure him at all. A guarantee goes into effect on June 1, and dogs running at large will be shot. A county-wide ban has been placed on dogs, for the menace is widespread throughout the County.

CONGRATULATIONS... to all the seniors, upon completion of their High School work. And our best wishes to all of them as they launch their careers. This year graduation is a good deal different than in former years for many of the boys will be leaving almost at once for military service, rather than preparing to enter colleges or universities, or taking apprentice training for some trade. Farmington has come to know and respect these young men, and wherever they go, they must rest assured that we at home are pulling for them—all the way. God speed and good luck.

TWO SMASH HITS... rated high in any motion picture reviewer's opinion are showing at the Civic Theatre this week on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The two are "The Commandos Strike At Dawn" and "The Palm Beach Story." They are both super in the field of entertainment.

A SPEEDY RECOVERY... to Sam Mekjian who had the misfortune to get caught in his new machine last Saturday. It seems strange not to see Sam and his wife about town—hope they'll be back with us soon.

CONSTABLES ADVISED TO FILE BONDS... All members of the Farmington Township Board were present at their regular meeting held Tuesday evening.

It was pointed out that only one of the elected Constables, James Fausini, had filed bond, in compliance with the requirements of the statute. Upon motion, the clerk was instructed to notify other elected constables that bonds must be filed by June 1, or the offices would be considered vacant.

The clerk was also instructed to obtain a bond for water commissioner William LaForge, inasmuch as he collects money and deposits for the Township Water Department.

Mr. Robertson appeared before the Board and asked that the Township take over the sewage system of Floral Park, the subdivision located at the corner of Orchard Lake and Nine Mile Roads. The matter was tabled.

Since no boy has yet been chosen to attend Wolverine Boys' State in East Lansing, representing Farmington Township, the Board decided to contact local school superintendents and have them suggest some boys.

Also under discussion was the handling of calls for the City and Township Fire Department. Since the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, who have been handling calls in the past, feel that they can no longer give this service the Township Board is cooperating with the City making other arrangements. Plans are now under way and will be announced at a later date.

Memorial Day Parade Is Being Planned... Plans for the Memorial Day parade, held each year under the direction of Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion, are almost completed. The time of the parade and further details of the program will be given next week. The committee in charge of the parade is Joseph DeVriendt, Norman Lee, Clarence Barber, Charles Willard and Charles Elkins.

Senior Class To Graduate Next Week

Dean Edmondson Will Give Address

Farmington High School seniors are busy this week, preparing for baccalaureate and graduation exercises and engaging in all the usual events and activities leading up to graduation.

Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday evening, May 23, at 8:00 o'clock, in the High School Auditorium. Rev. John Larkin of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, will deliver the baccalaureate address, with Rev. Howard Buchling, Rev. Fred B. Fisher and Rev. Carl Schultz' all taking part in the evening's services. Music will be furnished by the High School Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Ruth Bacon.

On Thursday evening, May 27, the High School auditorium will be the scene of commencement exercises. A very fine program has been arranged, with the high school band, under the direction of Byron Ormiston, playing the professional. Rev. Carl Schultz will give the invocation, to be followed by two numbers by the high school girls' sextette, accompanied by Miss Bacon. Following the salutatory address by Helen Morris, Mr. Ayres will present the speaker of the evening, J. B. Edmondson, Dean of the University of Michigan. Dean Edmondson's subject is "What Is Right with American Education."

A piano solo will be played by Edith Parker, a member of the graduating class, and the valedictory will be given by Doris Campbell.

Robert Hutton, sponsor of the class of 1943, will present the class, and graduates' diplomas will be awarded by Z. R. Aschenbrenner, M.D., president of the Board of Education.

Farm Committee Is Organized... In connection with the Federal Food Production Program, a committee has been set up for Farmington Township, to coordinate the work in securing Food Labor for the summer and during the harvest season.

The committee consists of E. V. Ayres, chairman; Frank Steele, Farm Advisor, and Franklin W. Ryan, in charge of Training and Replacement.

A list of boys and girls over 14 and men who desire farm work through the summer is on file. Farmers who desire help through the summer should call Farmington 73 or write to Franklin W. Ryan, Coordinator, Farmington Public Schools.

Men and women who wish farm work on a part time or full time basis through the summer should also get in touch with Mr. Ryan to leave their names at the High School or the City Hall.

The current rate of pay in Farmington Township, for road and experienced farm laborers seems to be about \$50.00 per month and board and room. This rate, however, varied with the kind of farm and the type of work involved.

STATE OFFICER SLATED TO SPEAK TO SPORTSMEN... Charles Fley, state commissioner of agriculture, and Fred Westerman, chief of the conservation department's fish division, will speak at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club meeting, Tuesday night, May 25, at Pontiac Elks Temple.

Garden Club Committee Urges Cooperation In Gardening

The Farmington Garden Club, through the Horticultural Committee, is most anxious to cooperate in every possible way with the State Victory Garden movement.

When food is so vital to our war effort, all of us, beginners and old-timers alike, are desperately trying to help with our gardens.

This war has brought back many old-time methods and practices. Why not bring back the practice of helping each other with our garden problems?

Our Victory Garden will give us a marvelous opportunity to cooperate with our friends and neighbors in the exchange of seeds and plants and our short-cuts and ideas.

Notes and clippings on garden topics, collected over a period of years, are available, and in addition, several members of the committee are commercial growers and will have practical working knowledge for the many new Victory gardeners of the community.

We have all felt the inadequacy of the short paragraph on the back of seed packets, invariably leaving us something to wonder about. So, if you are wondering

P.T.A. GROUP VOTES DONATION TO PLAY PROGRAM... The Parent-Teacher Association held their last meeting of the month on Tuesday evening, May 18.

It was voted to contribute \$10.00 to the D.C.D. summer recreation program. It is the hope of every member of the organization that this project will materialize.

The need for such a thing is great, in our own town.

The Girls' Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Ruth Bacon, sang several selections, greatly appreciated by the audience. Their good training and cooperation is manifested in every number.

Ice cream and cookies were served following the meeting.

GOSPEL HALL INVITES PUBLIC TO MEETINGS... A new work has been started in the religious field at 23875 Grand River Avenue, with the establishments of the Farmington Gospel Hall.

All are invited to attend the Sunday meetings with Breaking of Bread at 10:40 a.m., Sunday School at 11:30 a.m. and Gospel Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Prayer meeting is held Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

ASSIST AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL... A number of Farmington girls, members of the Senior Scouts, began a new project on Monday, May 18, at the Children's Hospital of Michigan.

These girls, realizing the great shortage of help in hospitals at the present time, have taken over such duties as feeding babies, helping in the kitchen, and entertaining the little patients at the hospital. They work an hour and a half each week day night, and on Saturdays they are able to give more time to the hospital.

The three girls in the above picture are Margaret Wolfe, Barbara Locker and Sally Gildemeister. The uniforms which the girls wear they made themselves.

Girls of the Troop who are working on this project, and the number of hours they had given, through May 4, are as follows: Virginia Erickson, 33; Carolyn Farmer, 19; Lois Goers, 18; Sally Gildemeister, 61; Marian Gustafson, 19; Marietta Lamb, 25; Barbara Locker, 75; Lorraine Miner, 31; Shirley Moore, 27; Nancy Smith, 19; Janet Robertson, 25; Grace Wilkinson, 4, and Margaret Wolfe, 55.

Mr. Frederick Hewitt is leader of this group of Senior Scouts.

HOME ON LEAVE

Whether to plant your sweet corn in short or long rows, or in hills, whether or not to cut off the runners on your strawberry plants, just how and when to prune the climbing roses, what to do for lost cut, or any other perplexing questions—the Garden Club would like to help you if they can, or refer you to someone who has definite information.

We should not forget our flowers and ornamental plants, nor would we like to see our friends and neighbors ignore the necessity of keeping their yards beautiful in spite of the war. We need this escape in these serious times.

A suggestion has been made to plant some perennials in rows, in your vegetable garden and let them grow to their heart's content. This fall you can divide and transplant them in your border.

Finally, we are all gardening for Victory—cooperation and helpfulness will bring us nearer our goal. Anyone with suggestions, or desiring help may call Mrs. Beatrice Ritter, chairman of the Horticultural Committee of the Farmington Garden Club, at Farmington 4873.

NEW STATEMENTS INTRODUCED BY CONSUMERS' POWER... Use of a new postal card type of monthly statement by Consumers' Power Company in the Farmington area began this week.

It was announced by R. H. Smith, local manager.

"Postal card statements are being used successfully by utility companies in many parts of the country," Mr. Smith said. "Their adoption seems particularly appropriate at the present time because of the savings in material and handling which they make possible. This will tend to offset a small part of the increases in taxes and many other items of expense which have occurred since the war began."

Experimental use of a postal card type bill began some months ago in some areas served by Consumers. The bill now has been revised to incorporate improvements suggested by customers and public officials.

"Our new bill," Mr. Smith said, "is simple, concise and clean cut. It is easy to read and handle, and the customers who have seen it have liked it very much."

Mrs. E. M. Tilley and son, Bob, are visiting another son who is in camp in California.

POPPY DAYS TO BE OBSERVED Here Friday And Saturday



BARTON SMITH

Radionian Barton Smith of the United States Navy is home on a thirty day leave, after spending two years in Panama. Barton is the son of all his friends, with his deep tan of the tropical sun. He says his trip home was quite exciting.

Barton's brother, Pfc Russell Smith, expects to join him here, from California, where Russell is serving.

Both boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith, former residents of Farmington, now living on Ann Arbor Trail.

Dessert Bridge Is A Success

Just what is it that insures a successful party? The spring garden party of the Farmington Garden Club, held last Monday at the Town Hall, was a big success in spite of the steady drip of the rain. Let's find out why.

First of all, the committee members of the Club busied themselves with planning all the many details that preclude such a party. With the exception of the good merchants of Farmington, they met with unstinted generosity, so a great deal of credit must certainly go to the following business people for the many beautiful door prizes that they contributed: The Bakery, Hamilton's Market, Hatten's Farmington Hardware, Eula Jean Flower Shop, Farmington State Bank, Irene's Dress Shop, Fred L. Cook & Co., Tress Beauty Shop, Smith-Bradley Drug Company, Mac's Five Cents a Dollar, Chris Theatre, Pauline's Market, Conroy's Market, Dickerson Hardware and The Precise Tool Company. Many Garden Club members also contributed gifts for door prizes.

An important factor of any successful party is the folks who attend, and in this respect the Club was again very fortunate. Over a hundred and fifty Club members and their friends assembled at the Town Hall and spent a most enjoyable afternoon, knowing that the proceeds were for charity.

First they were served an inviting dessert of ice cream, cake and coffee, and as the afternoon progressed, the prizes were drawn. Many were the delighted exclamations as a 25 pound bag of flour went to its lucky winner, and then a beautiful red and purple tucheta, and so on through a long, long list.

Summing it all up, it seems that this party had all the ingredients of success, so it was bound to be a happy affair. Thanks to the club members, to the business people of Farmington for their cooperation and to all the friendly people who attended. Such coordination is essentially the American Spirit.

The only regret is that it will be a whole year before there will be another Spring Bridge Party of the Farmington Garden Club.

RANCH BOYS ENTERTAIN FOR KIWANIS MEETING

Kiwanis Club members and their wives met at the Methodist Church Wednesday evening for a Ladies Night meeting. The delicious chicken dinner was greatly enjoyed by all.

James Layn was in charge of the program and had secured through the courtesy of the Ford Motor Company, the Ranch Boys' night meeting. The delicious chicken dinner was greatly enjoyed by all.

The group entertained with songs and variety numbers, including a number of requests.

BAD WEATHER DOES NOT HALT SCRAP COLLECTION

Salvage Chairman John W. Hunt announces that despite the weather, Scrap Collection Chairman Frank Steele is still carrying on the job of collecting scrap metal from the local farms.

For the balance of the month of May, trucks will call at the farms for farm scrap until it is all collected and taken to the Community Scrap Heap located in the Farmington Lumber and Coal Company yard. Mr. Steele asks the local farmers to bear with him for a few more days when it is hoped the weather will permit the final collection of scrap metal.

BAPTIST CHURCH WILL HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual Mother-and-Daughter Banquet of the First Baptist Church will take place in the social hall of the church on Friday evening, May 28, at 7:00 o'clock. The meal will be served by the men of the church, and a delightful program is being arranged by a committee of women in charge of entertainment. Speaker for the occasion will be Mrs. Dorothy Wilson of the Covenant Baptist Church in Detroit.

Mrs. Clara Bevel, Mrs. Stanley Smith, and Mrs. Orville Taggart are in charge of tickets. There is no charge for tickets, but reservations must be made in advance. Call or write Mrs. Orville Taggart, 21304 Colgate, telephone 1119.

Obituaries

Henry N. Dawson... Mr. Henry Nelson Dawson passed away at his home, 33313 Grand River, Friday, May 14, 1943.

Mr. Dawson was born March 8, 1883 in Ottumwa, Iowa. He followed the printing trade throughout his life. He had been employed at the Farmington Enterprise since August, 1941, coming here from Rockland, Michigan, where he was Printer-Manager of the County News-Review.

Mr. Dawson was married June 21, 1922 to Miss Elizabeth Marie Rumm and besides his wife is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Raymond A. Halme, a son, Pfc. Henry A. Dawson, a grandson, Raymond A. Halme, Jr., and two sisters: Mrs. J. C. Wright of Canon City, Colorado and Mrs. Jay Blitterich, Longmont, Colorado.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Heeneey Funeral Home, Rev. Fisher of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Evelyn Wixom... Funeral services for Mrs. Evelyn Wixom will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. from the Thayer Funeral Home. Mrs. Wixom passed away early Wednesday morning at her home, 27345 Eleven Mile Road. She had been in poor health for several months.

Mrs. Wixom was born December 14, 1879, the daughter of John B. and Tryphene Dellinger. She was married to Mr. Wixom December 23, 1903.

Surviving besides her husband, Mark Wixom, are two sons, Grant, living at home, and Wayne M. of Detroit.

Mr. Charles N. Zyman of Third Church of Christ, Scientist, Detroit, will officiate and burial will take place in the North Farmington Cemetery.

EXCHANGEITES HEAR TALK ON PRIORITIES

Farmington Exchangeites listened to a most interesting talk given by one of their members, E. O. Hutton, at Wednesday's luncheon meeting. Mr. Hutton's topic was "Government Priorities in the Hardware Business." Winner of the Pot of Gold of Defense Stamps was Earl Vivier.

Present War Heroes Will Be Honored By Wearing A Poppy

Poppies in tribute to America's battle dead of two wars will be worn in Farmington on Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22, Hattie DeVriendt, president of Unit 316 of the American Legion Auxiliary has announced.

The poppies this year will honor the men who have given their lives in the present conflict, as well as those who fell among the poppies of France and Belgium 25 years ago. The money contributed for the flowers will be used for the welfare of victims of both wars and their families.

The Groves-Walker Unit of the Auxiliary is making extensive preparations for the observance of Poppy Day here, under the leadership of Mrs. DeVriendt and Mrs. Florence Heeneey, Unit Poppy Chairman. The little red flowers of remembrance will be available to everyone in the city, offered by volunteer workers from the Auxiliary who will be on the streets both days of the sale. Mrs. Beatrice Carpenter and Mrs. Lulu Schaeper are leaders of the two groups who will sell the poppies.

The flowers, made of crepe paper in replica of the wild flowers poppy, have been ordered from Michigan Soldiers Home at Grand Rapids, and Veterans Facility Hospital at Camp Custer, where disabled veterans manufactured them. Poppy making has kept the hands of hundreds of these unfortunate men busy employed during the winter and spring, helping them pass the long hours and aiding in their rehabilitation.

More Americans than ever before are expected to wear poppies this year as a personal tribute to those who have been killed, and to aid the disabled, their families and the families of the dead.

Children of Farmington Public Schools and Our Lady of Sorrows School recently made posters in a Poppy Day contest. Winners, as announced last week, were Suzanne Labadie, Helen Howard and Avis Maki of the city school, and Lorraine Kelly, James Bowman and Charles Cronin of the Catholic School. Other students at Our Lady of Sorrows School who entered posters are Dolores Bagley, Vincent Melochio, Gerald Gorman, Eileen Logue, Donald Palmer, Lillian De Fraio, Robert Bowman, Shirley Melochio, Rita Strohmeier, Mary Jane Becker, Richard Boyce, Helen Beckley, Anne Brumman, Marjorie Burger, Sue De Napoli, Edna Fischer, Howard Lentner, Norman Bowman, Donald Regan, Peter Huben, Lila Moulie, Bernard Woodley, Eugene Belanger, Marie Hurler, Larry Cox, Margaret Galt, Patrick Brennan, Reynold Guise, Lillian Bremer, Paul McClellan and Ann McClellan. Pupils from Farmington Public Schools entering posters were Fern Smith, Dorothy Hendryx, Herbert Cohen, Dorothy Elmsland, Signe Lindahl, Helen Fournier, Donald Koban, Anna Marie Ruch, Bud Bradd and Pat Bradley.

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