

# The Farmington Enterprise

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## EVENT OF THE SEASON

Eastern Star Ball Tuesday Night Success in Every Way

In response to invitations issued some days ago by the ladies of the local chapter O. E. S., one of the largest and "happiest" crowds ever assembled at the Town Hall was in evidence last Tuesday evening, December 31st, to participate in their fifth annual ball.

The music rendered by Copenhaven's orchestra of Pontiac was delightful, and the program of every other number a square dance, giving the older people a chance to dance, made the evening a most pleasant and enjoyable one for all.

At the hour of midnight supper was served in the usual proficient manner of the ladies of the Eastern Star to over 150 couples, and the New Year was appropriately ushered into existence. Many guests were present from out of town, and everybody thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

The ladies in charge of the arrangements, as well as the order in general, are to be congratulated upon the success of the party.

### M. E. Sunday School

The local M. E. Sunday school Christmas exercises were held last Monday evening and the church was filled with a happy and appreciative audience.

The program was given by the pupils of the Fairview school, Miss Irene Habermehl, teacher, and was as follows:

Song—"Prayer for Our Boys."  
Prayer—Rev. Benson.  
Song—"Merry Christmas."  
Reading—Mrs. Thayer.  
Recitation—"Christmas Day," Mildred Reiller.  
Recitation—"Toys He Doesn't Like," Morris Rustling.  
Song—"Gandy Song," Marie Walling and Thelma Salow.  
Recitation—"A Christmas Wish," Georgia Shaller.  
Recitation—"A Christmas Quiz," Grace Bieri.  
Recitation—"Christmas Shopping," Thelma Salow.  
Dialogue—"Christmas Greeting," Three Children.  
Song—"Christmas Time."  
Recitation—"Before and After," Marie Walling.  
Play—"Trouble in Santa Claus Land."  
Recitation—"Santa Claus," Herbert Hart.  
Recitation—"Stitch in Time," Dorothy Hart.  
Song—"Happiest Christmas Day."  
Recitation—"All He Wants," Eva Heulberg.  
Recitation—"A Christmas Sleepy Head," John Shaller.  
Stocking Drill—"Eight Children."  
Recitation—"A Turkey's Lament," Clarence Hendry.  
Song—"When Santa Comes," Herbert and Dorothy Hart.  
Dialogue—"The Pine Tree," Four Children.  
Recitation—"Mothers Always Do," Dorothy Hart.  
Play—"Squire Perkins' Christmas."  
Duet—"Thelma Salow and Marie Walling."  
Song—"Hurray for the Christmas Tree."

Remarks by Rev. Benson.

The numbers were all good and elicited much applause from the audience, and were a credit to the teacher and her pupils.

Following the program the children were all given boxes of candy and nuts, and everyone went to their homes well pleased with their entertainment.

### Flat Milk Rate

The Warner Dairy company, Farmington, is paying \$4.01 for December milk regardless of test, f. o. b. at creamery, which includes the selling commission to the state association. This is about the highest flat price paid for milk in the United States. The Detroit price is \$3.83 for 3.5 test.—Detroit Courier.

The Priscilla club will meet with Mrs. Manley Newman the first Tuesday in the New Year, the same as was planned for the 17th of December, with a program and grab-bag, each lady bring some little article.

### Early Closing

Beginning next Monday, January 6th, the stores of Farmington will close at 7 p. m. until further notice.

### Farmington Merchants.

### Young Life Gone

Last Saturday the entire community was shocked upon hearing of the sudden death of Mrs. Earl Wolfe's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Phelps, of this village, after only a few days' illness. Mrs. Wolfe, whose maiden name was Lillian Lucile Phelps, was born on the Phelps farm north of town on July 5, 1894, and after spending her childhood there was united in marriage with Earl Wolfe, of Livonia, on September 23, 1911.

Mrs. Wolfe was the mother of four children, one of whom died about a year ago. Those surviving are Ernestine, Lucile and Richard. She is also survived by her husband, mother, father and grandmother, Mrs. A. H. Phelps, besides many warm friends in this village and vicinity, where she was well known and highly respected, having attended school in this village for a number of years.

Mrs. Wolfe was ill only a few days with influenza and pneumonia, and her early demise will be felt by a large circle of friends and neighbors.

The funeral was held at the late home in Livonia Tuesday noon, Rev. George Gulien, of Detroit, officiating, and the remains laid to rest in Grand Lawn cemetery.

### Dislocated Thumb

In a letter to the editor Rev. J. S. Priestley, of West Branch, formerly pastor of the M. E. church here, says that Mrs. Priestley had the misfortune to recently dislocate the thumb of her right hand, and although improving, was giving her much trouble.

They are also having a siege of the flu in West Branch, and all public gatherings are called off, including schools and churches. Mr. Priestley and family have so far escaped.

He also states that his little son, Kenneth's health has greatly improved up there and he has not had an attack of asthma since they went there, and that they believe the climate there will help him over his trouble.

They wish to be remembered to all friends here.

### Influenza Takes Young Man

In a letter from Kalamazoo to Mrs. Charles Leach, dated December 21st, Mrs. A. J. Loukes, who lives on the McDermott farm until recently, tells of the death of her eldest son, Claude, who died of influenza, followed by pneumonia, on December 7th, after only nine days' illness.

Mr. Loukes was instrumental in getting his mother to Kalamazoo, to be near him, and had only just succeeded in establishing her in a good home there when he was taken ill and died.

Besides his mother and several brothers and sisters, he leaves a wife and one child.

### Lived Here 60 Years

The remains of Mrs. Hannah H. Moore, who died at the home of her son, J. William Moore in Pontiac last Sunday, aged 88 years, were brought here and buried in the Quaker cemetery Tuesday noon.

Mrs. Moore came to Michigan when a young woman, and resided in this township for many years. Her husband died 26 years ago.

Surviving her are six children, J. William, George E., Lincoln, Charles W., of Pontiac, and Mrs. Sarah Turner, of Farmington.

### New Edison Manager

The Detroit Edison Co. have established an office in the McGee store in this village, with A. J. Dodds, as manager.

The territory formerly operated from Northville and Redford has been divided and Mr. Dodds will have Farmington, Novi, Wixom and Walled Lake and as far east as the county line under his supervision.

Mr. Dodds comes here from Belding and is apparently a young man of ability, and a hustler.

Woman's World and Enterprise both for \$1.75.

## "Thou Shalt Not Spend More Than Thou Earnest"

Extravagance and living beyond one's means are aimed at in the new commandment which Rupert Hughes gives us in the new serial from the pen of this well-known and popular writer that we have secured.

## The Thirteenth Commandment

is an unusually interesting story of modern life set on the fringe of New York high society, describing the struggles of a little group of people working out the problem of romance versus finance.

Once you start reading the story you will surely finish it, and having finished it you will be glad you started it.

### Be Sure to Read the Opening Installment!

### Local News

Mrs. Ed. Wood is very sick. O. E. S. special, for initiation, Wednesday evening, January 15.

Mrs. Frank Ayres, of Dundee, visited at the home of Thomas Lytle and wife Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bartlett and son Floyd spent Sunday with F. Mason and family at Highland Park.

Frazer Stemann has given up his Free Press route in this village, and Austin Habermehl has taken up the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Smith, of Lansing, visited at the home of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Palmé, Thorton Tuesday.

Albert Charlson, of Monroe, Louisiana, visited his brother, William and family Sunday. He is visiting his parents here.

J. J. Webster and wife, Reed Webster, with a baby ate goose dinner with Clarence Webber and wife in Detroit Christmas.

The Progressive Bible class met with P. E. Perkins Monday night; roll call will be answered with a New Year's resolution.

As Mrs. James Hogle's birthday comes on New Year's Day, they entertained the Hogle family at dinner, celebrating both occasions.

Robert and Donald Hopkins, who are attending school in Detroit, spent the Christmas holidays with their parents; Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hopkins.

Deward Robison and family, of Clare, are making their home with Arie Robison and family for the present. He is employed at the Northway Motor Works in Detroit.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick, of Redford, died Saturday of influenza, leaving six children, the youngest a baby two weeks' old. The same family all had diphtheria when it was prevalent there.

Fred Westfall returned from Canada Tuesday night on the last car. He awoke his wife from her peaceful slumbers with a loud "Happy New Year, I'm home," although he reports a fine time.

### FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Newsy Items Taken From Other Papers in and About the County.

Two Parma young ladies report that while out walking last Sunday, Dec. 22, they killed a small snake. That's going some for so late in the season.—Parma News.

If capital punishment were ever justified it would be in the case of the man or men who shot T. C. Houghton, cashier of the Redford bank, recently. We are getting altogether too many desperadoes in this country who think nothing of taking human life.—South Lyon Herald.

A writer in the Saturday Evening Post says that farmers have been benefitted more by their rise in prices than any other class. He gives figures to prove it but we know lots of farmers who will declare that it is but another proof of the fact that while figures don't lie, liars can figure.—Holly Advertiser.

A fellow giving his name as Frank Oneal and claiming to be a deaf mute, struck town Thursday and proceeded to put in the shacks until he was arrested on a charge of vagrancy. He had been in town but a short time but his paper showed that he had taken in about \$5.25 from our good people.—Brighton Argus.

Advertising the things that the people need is the greatest distributing agency in the world. Were it not for printer's ink half the homes owning essential modern appliances would not have them. Civilization has advanced as the desire of man for a better life was kindled; and nothing creates desire for the better things like advertising.—Oxford Leader.

Two of the six men taken after a revolver battle on John R. street late Tuesday night, in which Detective Robert Morris was wounded, have been identified as the slayers of Thomas C. Houghton, cashier of the Redford bank, who was shot to death by bandits last week. The identification was made by Albert and Eugene Vincent and Herbert Arend, who say they witnessed the flight of the bandits from the Redford bank, and are positive that these are the men whom they saw run out and jump into the waiting machine, after shooting the cashier.—Redford Record.

### POTASH ON POTATOES

Years ago when the country was still new, and long before the bugs, and the beetles, and the blights, and the scabs, and the scurfs, and the wet rots and the rot came in, the best potatoes here to destroy the crop, potatoes were fertilized with potash.

It was done unconsciously. As the settlers cleared the land, the great logs and the brush were burned, leaving on the soil a fine dressing of potash contained in wood ashes. Tradition says that the best potatoes were grown on new land treated in this way, and that never after were potatoes grown as so good quality, and as good eating as was this first crop.

We cannot use ashes now for practically all of our soils are old and infested with scab fungus. The lime in wood ashes increases the trouble from scab, but potatoes need potash just as much as they ever did. It adds to the quality just the same as it did two and three generations ago when some of our farms were just being cleared.

A single pound of potash in potato fertilizer makes about a bushel of potatoes. At the Maine state agricultural experiment station 8 1/2 test of potash in the fertilizer mixture (or 1/2 total application of 45 pounds of potash per acre) increased the yield by 43 bushels. At the New Jersey experiment station the same quantity of potash increased the acre yield by about 45 bushels. On the eastern shore of Virginia 3 per cent potash in the fertilizer made a 35-bushel increase in the crop, while 5 per cent added nearly 50 bushels to the total crop.

The potato crops for the past three years have been grown without applied potash. There has also been increasing evidence that the residues left in the soil by past fertilization have been pretty thoroughly drawn upon, and for this reason it is doubly fortunate that American inventiveness and ingenuity has developed sources of American potash, so that the potato crop may not lack this important plant food.

## INJUNCTION SUSTAINED

Judge Rockwell Denies Motion of D. U. R. in New Schedule of Fares

In an opinion handed down last week, Circuit Judge, Kleber P. Rockwell denied the motion by the Detroit United Railway to dissolve an injunction restraining raising the fares. Sometime ago, Prosecuting Attorney Gillette, on behalf of a number of townships in Oakland County, filed a bill in the Circuit Court to restrain the D. U. R. from putting into effect a new schedule, increasing fares from 25 to 50% over the present rates. Upon the filing of the bill, a temporary injunction was issued, and the injunction just handed down by Judge Rockwell indicates that the injunction will be kept in force until the case is heard.

Oakland county is practically the only county in the state where the Detroit United Railway have not increased the rate of fare. The case is an important one to the residents of the county, as the proposed increase in fare would mean that many residents who at the present time operate their business in Detroit, but maintain their homes in Oakland county, would be forced to move to Detroit. It is understood that the railway proposed to carry the suit to the highest court to test out the question of whether or not fares can be increased.

Two murderers arrested within twenty-four hours after the commission of the murder, was the record of Sheriff Cross and Under-Sheriff Mack Hunt last week. As a result of their efforts William Reed and Saint Helm, arrested at the county jail charged with first degree murder, and will be tried sometime the week of January 13th. These are the first cases of murder for several months, the last cases being the conviction of Allan Livingstone, for the murder of a young girl, and Frank Zaroski for the murder of an aged farmer in Troy township.

### From All Over.

Henry Ford has asked for a recount of the late senatorial ballot.

An Orion farmer recently lost his entire herd of swine by cholera.

First session of new state legislature and senate convened Wednesday noon.

The Milford school has adopted a Belgian baby for one year, and will finance its support for that time.

Red Cross membership in Oakland county is now 13,000, with several townships not yet reported.

There were reported for November in Michigan 5,690 deaths and 6,018 births. Influenza claimed 1,866 of the deaths, and pneumonia 912.

Officers have received notice to permit no autos to be driven after January 1st without 1918 licenses. No permits will be issued this year.

Having missed the South Lyon Herald from our desk two weeks ago, we were last week pleased with its reappearance. In explanation the editor stated that the whole force had been flu victims that week.

Petitions are being circulated for the renomination of A. L. Craft as county school commissioner. Mr. Craft has held the position for a number of years, and so far as we have heard has no opposition. He seems to have given universal satisfaction.

The regular annual meeting of the Oakland County Farm Bureau, which was announced to be held Friday, January 3, has been postponed and will not be held until Tuesday, January 7th, in the Bureau's office in the post office building at Pontiac. It is desired to have every one interested in the Farm Bureau and farm organization attend this meeting.

### CHURCH NOTES

#### Salem Evangelical

Rev. A. C. Stange will preach next Sunday morning at 10:45, eastern time, in the Clarenceville Evangelical church.

The Farmington Ladies Aid meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the parsonage.

#### Methodist Church

Morning 10:30 Evening 7:30  
Sunday School 11:45  
E. C. C. Benson, Pastor

Dr. E. J. Warren, district superintendent of the Detroit East District, will speak at the morning service next Sunday. In the evening a Gospel service will be held. You are cordially invited.

#### Let Us Forget

With the beginning of the year there are a number of Enterprise subscriptions that expire, and if yours is one of them, and you want the paper continued you must renew it—Government orders.

We have a good little magazine to go with the Enterprise at very little additional cost. The Enterprise and the Woman's World only \$1.75.

#### LIBERTY FUEL

The shortage of gasol ne, the gasless Sundays of last summer and the possibility of a future disappearance of the supply has put "American brains" to work in the search for a substitute.

It now develops that the national government, through numerous agencies has found a satisfactory product, and that the new fuel for combustion engines will soon be on the market as "Liberty fuel."

It is confidently stated that the new product will be a successful substitute for gasoline and its production will be unlimited.

#### Enterprise liners sell things.

LITTLE WANT ADS

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FOUND—Automobile tail light. Owner can have same by calling and paying for this notice. Enterprise!

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WANTED—Old and Crippled Horses; \$5 a head. Call or address A. W. Groat, Redford, Five Points.

FOR SALE—Large sheets of Blotting paper, also Bristol Board. Cards of all kinds, either printed or plain. Call at the Enterprise and see what we have.

BIRTH CARDS—We will print you a neat card announcing the birth of your baby, and furnish the envelopes for mailing. Cards and envelopes 25c for 50 cents. Enterprise office.

FOR SALE—Highbred Heifer; Dam and Grand Dam heavy producers of Quality Milk; also quantity of hard wood 4 foot length. Peter Hanes, Old Farmington road, near Junction, Route 1. 9p

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#### Taxes Due

Having received for collection the tax roll of Farmington Township, I will be at the Farmington State Savings Bank on Fridays and Saturdays, during banking hours, until January 10, 1918, to receive same.

R. H. Marsh, Township Treasurer.