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FOR SALE—Visiting cards—either printed or engraved. Best of work and prices right. Ask the Enterprise man.

FOR SALE—About 35 acres with 12 acres of apple orchard; 2 miles west of Farmington village. L. C. Harger, phone 66J2.

TO RENT OR BUY—A Farm between 50 and 100 acres, preferably in vicinity of Farmington or Northville. J. H. VanBonn, Redford, Mich.

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.

NOTICE—Oddfellow dues now payable at Henry Lee's store, during the absence of C. R. Ely.

FOR SALE—Complete outfit for making Maple Syrup. Evaporator, arch pans and sap buckets. L. C. Harger, phone 66J2.

FOR SALE—Two houses on Oakland Road. Inquire of F. W. Daines, phone 43W6, Farmington.

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FOR SALE—62 acres of land, 3 miles from Farmington, 1 mile from State road, 6 acres of orchard, good buildings, plenty of good water. R. W. Graham, Farmington, Mich. R. F. D. No. 3.

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FURNITURE repaired, re-furnished and upholstered. Come and see our large line of samples; also all kinds of woodwork. Repairing prices reasonable. R. B. Botsford, shop in rear of house.

FOR RENT—120 acres west side of Pontiac road, 1 mile north of Farmington, lying immediately south of the Sarniento farm. Fertile fields, some orchard, excellent pasture, with running water, natural spring at barn. Necessary repairs will be made to buildings and fences. If interested write G. B. Duffield, 186 West Canfield avenue, Detroit.

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 February 10, 1919, to receive same. After that date 4 per cent will be added.  
R. H. Marsh,  
Township Treasurer.

## A BUSINESS CHANGE

The Partnership of F. L. Cook & Co. Disposed—Grant Smith Retires

A deal which has been in sight for some time was put through this week, whereby the firm of F. L. Cook & Co., consisting of F. L. Cook, D. L. Dickerson and Grant Smith, was dissolved after an existence of about 10 years. Mr. Smith retiring and the property and stock being divided. Mr. Cook now has the west store and Mr. Dickerson, who has formed a partnership with Emory Hatton, will have the east store and the hardware stock. The new hardware firm will be known as the Farmington Hardware Co. Mr. Hatton, who was born and raised in this village, is known to everyone, and is a hustling young man who has innumerable friends in this vicinity. He was five years with the D. U. R. when he went to Detroit and entered the U. S. railway mail service, which position he has held for the past 10 years, returning between Port Huron and Chicago on the Grand Trunk for five years, and Detroit to Chicago on the M. C. for the past five years.

The new hardware firm will add a line of electrical goods and supplies to their already up-to-date stock, and expect and deserve a ready share of the business of this locality.

Mr. Cook, who is associated with Adolph Nacker in the grocery and dry goods line, will open the other store in the near future and gradually work into an up-to-date dry goods line, as conditions will permit. The present high prices of everything making it almost impossible to stock up heavy on any line, and especially to put in a new stock, but Messrs. Cook and Nacker tell us they will carry a good line and add to it as prices become stable until everything is complete.

The firm of Fred L. Cook & Co. was formed in 1905, when the stock was purchased of F. M. Warner, and consisted of F. L. Cook, Grant Smith and Fred Kerr. Later the hardware stock was purchased and Mr. Dickerson purchased the interest of Mr. Kerr, since which time until last fall the latter has been associated together in a general merchandising business. About two years ago the fine new store building was erected, but the war coming on made a change necessary and the dry goods and grocery business was disposed of. Later Messrs. Cook & Nacker reopened the grocery department, and gradually added a small line of furnishings and dry goods.

## Local News

H. C. Tayer and daughter Marion invited in their friends and neighbors Saturday evening to play progressive pedro, 41 being present. Mr. and Mrs. Lou Thayer, Mrs. Loola Thayer and Mr. Pagle attended from here. After playing ten games, they remained seated at the tables, where a fine luncheon was served. All enjoyed the evening, and left for their homes saying, "who'll be the next" to entertain.

The home of Grant Putnam came near burning down Wednesday evening, when in some unknown way a fire started in a closet on stairs. Two new overcoats, a rain coat and 30 rolls of wall paper were burned before the fire could be extinguished. They feel very fortunate in saving the house.

Mrs. N. J. Eisenlord entertained with a miscellaneous shower in honor of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Homer Eisenlord, Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. 18 of the former girl schoolmates of Mrs. Eisenlord being present. The afternoon was enjoyably spent with games and music, followed by luncheon. Mrs. Eisenlord received many remembrances of silver, linen and granite ware.

## PASSES AWAY AT HOSPITAL

William J. McCracken Had Lived in This Township Nearly 80 Years

William J. McCracken was born at Burlington, Vermont, on May 24, 1837, and came with his parents to Michigan when three years of age, living for a short time at Commerce, when they came to this township and settled on the farm four miles northwest of this village, where he spent his entire lifetime.

Three weeks ago Mr. McCracken underwent an operation at Harpe hospital, Detroit, and up to a few days before the end came, it was thought that he was gaining, but a change came and he passed away last Sunday evening, January 26, 1919, aged 81 years 8 months and 2 days.

In 1864 Mr. McCracken was united in marriage with Marjorie Norton, of Belmont, N. Y., and to them were born four children. Mrs. McCracken passing away two years ago last October. Surviving are Harry N. McCracken, living on the old homestead; Mrs. William T. Hewett, of Detroit; Arthur N. McCracken, of Wabash, Ind.; and Mrs. Arthur Green, of West Bloomfield, besides eight grandchildren and many warm friends.

Mr. McCracken was a man of retiring character, an industrious farmer, a good husband and kind father, loved and respected by all who knew him and will be greatly missed, not only by his family, but the whole community.

The funeral was held at the late home Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Brass, of Wixom, officiating, assisted by Rev. Duncan M. Ward, of Pontiac, and the remains laid to rest in West Farmington cemetery.

Those from away attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Hopcroft, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay, and sister, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Beckley, and niece, Ida Dale, Mr. Shoats and son, Mark Norton, and wife, of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Osgood, of Royal Oak.

A telegram received from the son, Arthur McCracken, of Wabash, stated that he was unable to attend the funeral, as he was just recovering from the flu, and that his daughter Margaret was very ill with the same disease.

## Flu Victims.

Mrs. Paul Schnepeter, Bert Cook's two boys, Stewart and Russell; Charles Rusling, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roediger, of North Farmington—Clyde, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Graham, Dayton, son of Thomas, Graham and wife, and Jay, Graham's family.

## From All Over.

Beulah E. Holmes, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Holmes, of Walled Lake, died Monday after an illness of only about 24 hours.

Oakland county convention of the O. E. S. will be held at Clarkson February 14th. On account of the influenza it was postponed from October 25th.

The mid-winter meeting of the State Horticultural society will be held in Farmville, February 11th and 12th. Very interesting program will be presented and a large attendance from all over the state will be on hand for the opening session.

Rev. F. Dodging, rector of St. Mary's Catholic church, Redford, for the past 20 years, died at Providence hospital, Detroit, last Friday of pneumonia. He was born in St. Johns, in 1866, and educated at Sandwich, Ont., and Baltimore, Md., coming to Redford 20 years ago from Illinois. He is survived by his mother, who is 86 years old, two brothers and one sister. The funeral was held at St. Mary's Tuesday morning.

Try our liner column. It pays to both read and advertise in it.

## PICKED UP IN ROAD

Mrs. Thomas Welfare Fell Exhausted Near Gravel Pit While Fleeing From Inmate Husband

Last week Thursday as William Flint, of Novi, was returning from Detroit he found at the gravel pit west of town in an exhausted condition. Mr. Flint picked her up and took her in his truck to the home of Henry Pagel, where she died shortly afterward of heart failure.

The story is told that Mrs. Welfare became frightened at the threatnings of her husband, who some two years ago was taken to the asylum as insane, where he was confined about six months, and released as "cured," and Mrs. Welfare had started for the Pagel home, with the above result.

Mrs. Welfare, whose maiden name was Sarah E. Lambert, 8, 1850, and was united in marriage with Thomas Welfare 49 years ago, on Jan. 1, 1870, of this village, being born to them.

Mrs. Welfare had lived in this township for the past 13 years, and was well known here and at Novi.

The funeral was held from the undertaking rooms of William Beeny Monday afternoon, Rev. E. C. C. Benson officiating, and burial made in Oakwood cemetery.

## FROM OUR EXCHANGES

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

Having April weather in January the pessimist naturally wants to know if we've got to have January weather in April.

The gravel roads are in good condition for travel, but the side roads are frightful. One truck that was compelled to make a detour off the main highway, having been four days coming from Detroit—Holly Adventurer.

Following identification by four residents of Redford, Joe Blazewitz, 24 years old of Hamtramck, and Norman Shable, 18 years old, were arraigned in justice court Thursday charged with the murder of Banker Thomas Houghton, Redford, on the night of December 14.—Detroit Courier.

An electric spark from the pumping engine set fire to the Dean Oil station in Howell Tuesday morning and in an instant the whole plant was a mass of flames. C. O. Newcomb was unloading a car of gasoline at the time. Men from the milk factory ran the car of gasoline out of the danger zone before it exploded. One of the big tanks blew up, however, and added its contents to the fire, which caused a damage something like \$2,000. The whole plant is a complete loss with the exception of one tank.—Brighton Argus.

## Club and Society Notes.

"The Amazing Interlude" is missing from the library, and is wanted.

The Priscilla club will meet with Mrs. Ed. Bulson next Tuesday afternoon.

The Patriotic Circle will meet with Mrs. Ralph Hogle this (Friday) afternoon, and tie off a comforter. Lunch will be served.

The Ladies Union of the Universalist church will meet next Thursday with Mrs. Sarah Chamberlain, and tie off a comforter. Every member is urged to be present.

Class No. 4 of the M. E. Sunday school, Mrs. Harrison Johnson, teacher, will meet next Tuesday evening with Miss Pauline Ficketts for their monthly business meeting. A name will be selected for the class.

I will get home. You see I am enlisted man, and they may hold me the full length of my enlistment, which is three years with the "colors," and four "reserve." I may get out sooner, as it was after war was declared when I enlisted, and they say those who enlisted after that were just in for the duration of the war. I could be held the full time. I guess, but believe me, I sure will try to get out.

Say, Dad, what chances are there to get a good job when I get back. Is there going to be lots of work around there? I sure would like to get a good job somewhere around town there. I have been in a lot of towns and as good as the "old berg." I want to get money enough to go to school again and take a mechanical course of some kind, which, with the experience I have had with men may mean a good job sometime.

What do you think about President Wilson's coming over here? He surely is causing "some excitement" among the "frogs" (Frenchmen), and Englishman. I have heard among the fellows here that there are three great men in American history—Washington, Lincoln and Wilson, so I think he stands "ace high" over here.

Hope you are all as well as I am. Say hello to everyone for me.

Your son,  
Norman.

Mr. and Mrs. Eisenlord received several letters in a bundle the first of the week, which came from Germany December 21st, 26th, 21st and January 1st, in which Howard says his part that he is well and has a good warm place to stay in a German home. They have three children, and the woman is (December 19th) getting things ready for Christmas. She worked until nearly midnight making cookies and cakes—I sure did make us think of you, where I'll be here in Germany. I will be glad when the time comes to start home.

December 21st—Am still across the Rhine. One of the boys of our battalion is staying with his uncle near his first place to get one's relatives.

December 26th—The people here treated us fine on Christmas; glad we were here instead of France. Had a good dinner with the company. The Y. M. C. A. "came across" with a box of chocolate, a can of Tuxedo and a package of cigarettes—it sure is hard for a soldier to believe that "they" gave anything away.

There is one thing more that most of us had that we didn't have last year and never expect to have another Christmas—"Cooties." The woman here knew I was on guard, and when I came home she had saved me a plate of cookies and apples. Am getting the papers regular, they certainly do come in good.

January 1st—Well, we are beginning the new year right with letters for home. We are still well and kicking. Nye began the new year as "kitchen police." Mail from "home" is the best thing a fellow gets over here. Remember me to your friends.

Howard G. Eisenlord,  
Co. A, 125th Inf. Amr. E. F. A. P. O. 734.

## Birthday Party

Little Miss Jean Clark entertained 14 of her little girl friends Thursday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock, in honor of her 6th birthday anniversary.

The home was beautifully decorated in pink and white, the favors being tiny pink baskets filled with white candy, and the menu consisted of sandwiches, chocolate, ice cream, and of course, the birthday cake with five candles.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bullen and daughter, of Detroit, gave party and guests of Miss Jean.

The occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by the little folks.

## THE BOYS IN GERMANY

Some Interesting Facts Concerning Our Overseas Boys, Who Are on German Soil

Gullesheim, Germany, December 26, 1918.

To the Editor and Citizens of Farmington:—  
We have at last crossed the Rhine, and are now settled in an old German town. We are located about thirty kilometers (about 19 miles) northeast of Coblenz, on a line established in the terms of the armistice. We have to stand a turn at guard every third day, and we are billeted in the homes of the German people who treat us much better than we expected.

We had a good Christmas, considering the circumstances; most of the people had Christmas trees, and we were treated as one of the family.

We started on our march from the Meuse river to the Rhine river on November 16th, and we rested seven days at a farm in Luxembourg, six kilometers from the border of Germany, where we spent our Thanksgiving day. It was at this place where Eisenlord, returning from the hospital, rejoined the company, and finding his cousin, Nye Humphrey, well known around Farmington.

We are the only ones left in the company of the old F. H. S. gang.

We again started on our march to the Rhine on Sunday, December 1st; crossed the boarder at Achnach into Germany at 8:30 a. m., and arrived at the city of Andanach on the Rhine December 10th, we left there on Friday, December 13th, and crossed the Rhine river at Angus at 10:55, and reached our destination, where we are now on the 14th, where we have established our outpost.

Carl Goers was wounded for the second time one afternoon by a machine gun bullet in the left shoulder during our campaign on the 20 days in the Argonne forest.

We had a letter from him a week later, from the hospital; the bullet did not lodge in his shoulder blade; it glanced out and he was getting along fine at the time he wrote.

Nothing has been heard of Norman since we left the Argonne forest front. He fell out on the march to the front, about 8 miles from the front, by what we are told by the boys who were marching alongside of him.

We thank you very much for the Enterprise, which we are always waiting for. We also wish to thank the people who remembered us with Christmas cards. Hope to see you all soon.

Sincerely yours,  
Corp. George Henry Miller,  
Pvt. Howard G. Eisenlord,  
Co. A, 125th U. S. Inf.,  
A. P. O. 734.

Corporal Norman Lee writes as follows, dated also December 26th, which was still at the hospital in France at the time of writing:

Dear Dad:—  
Well, Christmas is over, and I fared pretty well. The Red Cross gave each of us a couple of socks filled with candy, nuts, tobacco and other good things. The Chaplain and Red Cross girls came through the tents, dressed up as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, and gave them out. Then after that the nurse in the ward made some "real fudge"—the first I have had in France. This all happened Christmas eve, and yesterday we had a turkey dinner, also some cake, which is almost unheard of in France; then last night there was an entertainment by a bunch of fellows traveling around the country that want so bad, considering the place we are in.

How is everybody in the "old berg"? It has been a long time since I have heard anything from any of you, and I have been a little worried about the flu, but I understand you people over here had it worse than we did here. I haven't the least idea when

Dance at Farmington Hall tonight (Friday). Good music and good time. Everybody come.