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## BAPTIST SOCIETY ENJOYS BANQUET

Farmington Churches Well Represented in Speakers of the Evening

Last Saturday was a big day in the history of the Baptist church of Farmington. The picnic held in Turner's woods brought together a goodly number of people who greatly enjoyed the outing and the splendid dinner served under the trees. The afternoon program was also enjoyed and old and young had a merry time.

At seven o'clock Saturday night a banquet was served in the church and though the attendance was not large the fellowship and the welcome was warm and generous. The tables were handsomely arranged and June roses added their beauty and fragrance to the decorations. The bountiful feast was prepared by the good ladies of the church and was all that could have been desired. The following menu was served:

Pickles  
Beef Loaf  
Creamed Potatoes  
Cabbage Salad  
Bread and Butter  
Jelly  
Strawberries with Cream  
Assorted Cake  
Tea  
Coffee

E. P. Bates officiated as toastmaster and after all had been served, called the assemblage to order and announced the interesting and inspiring program.

Rev. H. H. Davis of Redford, offered the invocation and the closing prayer and benediction, and the others who took part and the themes to which they responded were as follows:

"The Church of Yesterday,"—Rev. J. Bollen, Salem, Evangelical Church.

"Why the Church of Today,"—Rev. A. B. Beresford, Universalist Church.

"The Church of Tomorrow,"—Rev. Sidney D. Eva, Methodist Church.

"The Church Triumphant,"—Rev. H. H. Ford, Baptist Church. Thus were all the churches of the village represented and each speaker brought a helpful and uplifting message and displayed a fine spirit of co-operation and unity of purpose. The presence of these four men of God at one common meeting place argues well for the future spiritual advancement and upbuilding of Farmington.

Freight Rates to be Reduced.

Representatives of all the railroads operating in the state last week notified the state public utilities commission that will file reduced schedules for intrastate traffic to meet the recent rate reductions ordered by the interstate commerce commission for interstate traffic. The cut will average about 10 per cent on all freight schedules.

The railroads were cited to appear by the commission to show cause why they should not reduce their rates proportionately with the interstate cuts. The voluntary action of the roads, in filing revised schedules, means that freight rates will drop, horizontally in all zones July 15.

The cut in rates by the roads will have no effect on the commission's decision in the recent state-wide freight rate hearings.

Races for the Fourth.

The committee, having the Fourth of July races in charge has arranged a good program for the afternoon and a good field of horses is promised. There will be three events—a 2:30 trot, 2:30 pace and a free-for-all trot or pace. A purse of \$100 has been hung up for each of the three events and we may expect to see some pretty lively stepping.

Horsemen are expected from a number of the surrounding towns and a number of the speeders now in training on the local track will be in the races.—Northville Record.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Leach and son of Pontiac, and Mrs. Mark Wixom visited Mrs. Charles Leach Sunday. Mrs. Leach who has been ill for some time is some better this week.

## Baccalaureate Address.

The first baccalaureate service to be held in the new Methodist church took place last Sunday evening when a large audience met consisting of the friends of the school and the combined congregations of the village. The beautiful new church was comfortably filled with people who came together to hear the annual message to the graduates and express their interest in the young people now completing their high school course. Special seats were reserved for the graduating class and were decorated with the class colors. Rev. A. B. Beresford, D. D. of the Universalist church, offered prayer. The scripture lesson was read by the Rev. Ford of the Baptist church.

The vocal choir of the Methodist church led the congregational singing. "Oh Father Hear Me" was pleasingly sung by Miss Ernestine Pierce, and Dr. Thad T. Smith of Detroit sang with his usual effectiveness. "The Lost Chord."

"Life's Pay Check" was the sermon topic of the preacher, who was the Rev. Sidney D. Eva of the Methodist church, taking for his text "Tell me, what shall thy wages be?" Genesis 22:15.

The speaker emphasized the necessity of young people in beginning their life work should learn the true estimate of values. True success lies in placing the emphasis on the right thing, not necessarily the popular or the profitable thing, but the right thing. To work alone for the pay check is costly; one's life, spirit and energies are worth more. To put a money value upon one's powers is to put the lowest value. The best pay check a man receives is not in his pay envelope, but in himself. The largest salary a man receives is the salary he pays himself as the result of his toils. If, in his labor he increases his skill, expands his experience and makes of himself a better stronger and more useful man he fulfills the highest purpose of toil. Character is power, skill is worth and mind is might.

Rev. Eva urged the young people to train their minds and souls in order to use the total forces of their lives. The world is calling for trained men and women, not always the technically trained, but the people of self control, moral quality and kind in the highest ideals of service and work. Society waits for good men who are ready to apply the ideals of character and the powers of soul to the problems and needs of mankind. God calls for strong men who have learned the lesson of values and place the building of the soul as a vital and necessary part of education.

## NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

### THE METHODIST PARISH.

—Farmington—  
10:30 "When My Ship Comes Home."

11:45 The Sunday school that is all Sunday school.

6:30 Epworth League annual meeting.

7:30 "The Peril of the Ordinary Man."

Sidney D. Eva, Pastor.

### —North Farmington—

2:00 Preaching service.

3:00 Sunday School.

### —Clarenceville—

10:30 Preaching service. Rev. W. W. Dale, preacher.

11:45 Sunday School.

7:30. Evening service.

### Universalist Church.

Sunday morning at 10:30, Worship and Sermon, Dr. Beresford's subject: "What is so rare as a day in June?" A summer sermon.

12:00 Sunday school and adult Bible class.

### First Baptist Church.

At 10:30 Sunday morning Dr. Ford's subject will be "Stephen, a Man of Power and Goodness." He was full of the Holy Ghost.

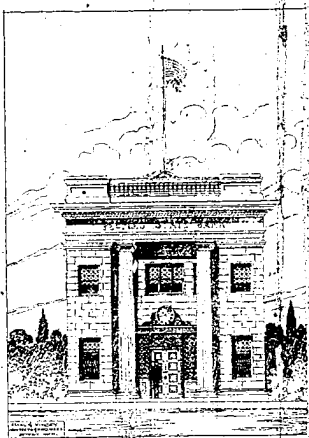
At 12 o'clock Sunday school.

At 6:30 B. Y. P. U. Topic: "Making America Christian."

Mrs. E. P. Bates, leader.

At 7:30 Dr. Ford will preach on the subject: "The Impossibility of Undoing What Has Been Done."

## PROPOSED NEW FRONT OF PEOPLES STATE BANK



The work of rebuilding the banking house of the Peoples State Bank of Farmington is well under way and we take pleasure in presenting a view of the building as it will appear when the alterations are complete. It speaks well for the community that this bank, which was only opened for business four years ago, should find it necessary to

## SEEKS SUPPORT OF FARMINGTON

The people of Farmington and vicinity will have the opportunity of voting for one of the 100 young women America will send to study devastated France. This young lady is no other than Miss Pauline Williams, who was sometime ago teacher of music at the Crippled Children's hospital. She is the only nominee in this great campaign on the enthusiasm and support that the out-lying towns will give her. She is meeting with enthusiastic response everywhere she announces her candidacy. The campaign is somewhat similar to a popularity contest, in which every 10 cents given for the purpose of rebuilding devastated France will serve as a vote for the contestant.

Many requests have been made for a complete account of the Good Will Delegation and its purpose as sponsored by the Detroit News.

The American Committee for devastated France late last winter announced that it would send to France this summer a delegation of approximately 100 business women.

Miss Ann Morgan, chairman of the executive committee, announced that the delegation would be made up of women engaged in some remunerative occupation and of women of standing on the type of girl to be included. Delegates were to be selected by popular vote in the leading cities of the country. Voting in the elections was to be on the basis of contributions to the work of the American Committee in France. Each 10 cents contributed allowed the person donating to cast one vote for a candidate from a list of nominees that should be published in the daily papers.

It was arranged that the nominee receiving the greatest number of votes in an election would receive an award of a trip to France with all expenses paid from a special fund, and it was also determined that a total of 100,000 votes must be cast in an election to entitle a city to send a delegate, for the secondary candidate an additional 80,000 votes are necessary and each 50,000 votes beyond the total of 180,000 would mean that one more delegate would be allowed to travel with the delegation. The delegation will leave for France July 22, just one week after the closing in Detroit.

Miss Williams will teach in one of the nearby public schools. It is fall and The Enterprise is glad to endorse her candidacy.

## THREE INJURED SUNDAY MORNING

On Sunday morning at 12:30 o'clock as Howard Keen, aged 24 of Warwick apartment, 2nd Ave., and Mildred Mills, Glen Court apartment and Stimpson place, Detroit, were returning from the Walled Lake dancing party, and were driving a coupe it is alleged that they ran into a truck bearing the Switzer road owned by George Chesbrough, which resulted in serious injury to the occupants of the coupe. Mr. Keen had both limbs fractured, and Mr. Mills a fractured skull, besides other injuries. She is in a serious condition with slight hopes of recovery. Mr. Chesbrough was taking a load of goods to the lake and was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Blum. Mrs. Blum was cut about the face with glass from the windshield but not seriously.

It is reported that the truck owner, who saw the coupe coming from the west, noticed its erratic course and stopped his truck, but the oncoming car struck the truck head on, knocking the engine from the frame and a mast totally demolishing the car. The injured parties are in a Detroit hospital.

## Ex-Service Men—Attention!

Former soldiers, sailors and marines will assemble at the Farmington Electric Shop in this village at eight o'clock Friday evening, June 23, 1922, for the purpose of organizing a local post of the American Legion.

## Chautauqua For Farmington.

Farmington is to have a Chautauqua this year, which means that the people of Farmington will have the privilege of enjoying five days of the very finest in music and lectures. A big program of organized play and storytelling will be conducted daily during the Chautauqua by experts. The date of the Chautauqua is fixed for the last week of August. The entire Chautauqua program will be given in large tents which will be centrally located.

## Peter A. Merrill

Peter A. Merrill passed away at the home of his son, George at Nichols Siding Monday, June 19th, at the age of 88 years. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with burial at North Farmington.

W. V. Corner, of New York, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Conner, his sister, Mrs. W. A. Nelson of Detroit, and he on Sunday to visit him.

## Westcott—Hill.

When it became known among the high school students on Monday that a wedding had occurred a few days before, and one of the high school teaching staff was a party concerned, the student body began a riotous demonstration of congratulation, and Mr. Harold Westcott, the newly wed was compelled to submit to an enthusiastic reception and face a fire of rice.

This interesting wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents at Flint on Saturday last. Miss Marian Hill, who is now Mrs. Harold Westcott, is herself a teacher, and will fill a position in Farmington schools beginning with the new school year.

After a term at summer school Mrs. and Mr. Westcott will make their home in Farmington. Since coming to Farmington at the beginning of the school year, Mr. Westcott has won the esteem and friendship not of the high school body alone but many people of the village who have become acquainted with him. As a leader in high school athletics he has won conspicuous success, and enjoys the confidence and friendship of the students of the school.

Mrs. Westcott has visited Farmington during the year and made many friends here. The people of Farmington extend to the newly weds heartiest congratulations.

## State Checks Cops Activity.

Greenfield township, which has been maintaining a motorcycle patrol on Grand River avenue to stop motor car drivers from traveling faster than 20 miles per hour through the township, must discontinue the plan, an opinion handed down by Attorney-General Merlin Wiley states. The township has been arresting and fining motorists who drove faster than 20 miles through the controlled territory. As a result of this practice the Detroit Automobile club took steps to ascertain the legality of the plan and Attorney-General Wiley's opinion followed.

Attorney Howard D. Brown, of the Detroit Automobile club legal department, consulted Colonel Roy C. Vandercook, commissioner of the state department of public safety. That official asked the attorney-general for a ruling.

Section 21, Act 368, public acts of 1921, amending section 21, act 302, public acts of 1915, was the basis for Attorney-General Wiley's opinion. This section states that a speed of 35 miles per hour is permissible outside of towns and villages. It states that in towns or villages, corporate or incorporated, the speed shall be 15 miles in business sections and 20 miles in residence sections. Township boards are given no authority under this act.

In his opinion the attorney-general said: "By this enactment the legislature has established a rule of conduct with regard to the operation of motor vehicles upon the highways of the state, which cannot be changed by the local authorities of townships situated wholly outside of the territorial limits of cities or villages. Any other conclusion would permit local township authorities, by local regulations, to nullify and render ineffective the general laws of the state governing motor vehicles."

Township authorities have been informed by the department of public safety that the work must be stopped. The area affected on Grand River lies between the Meyers and Town Line road.—Detroit Free Press.

## Five Persons Injured at Novi.

Five persons whose identity was not learned, but who are believed to be Detroiters, were seriously injured recently between Hudson and Novi when the motor car in which they were riding was ditched.

The injured persons were at once removed to Providence hospital, Detroit. The car, which was badly damaged, was taken to a place of safekeeping by Motorcycle Officer McKinley. He and Under-sheriff Frank Schram, who investigated, reached the scene after the passengers had been removed.—Pontiac Press.

## Y. M. C. A. CAMP IS NOW READY

Organized for Boys and Girls of Oakland County at Elizabeth Lake

The camp at Elizabeth Lake, called "Boyville" by the boys, and "Aidville" by the girls, is being ferreted into shape for the first section of camp which begins on June 26th. At this time 60 girls from the different towns will spend 12 days together.

Following this camp, the boys' camps will gather in three successive sections of ten days each. The first two of these sections will appeal particularly to the town boys and in the third the program of appeals especially to the farm boys. Walter Hindes, the general camp director, will be at the camp supervising the setting up of the camp. He reports that many improvements are planned and that this camp will be one of the finest in the county.

The back-to-nature idea of camping is emphasized here. The campers sleep in tents on canvas single cots arranged in double deck fashion. Mosquito netting is provided. The very best of pure food with a carefully balanced ration, which will promote health and energy in the campers, is furnished.

The camp is organized into tent groups with an older leader of a clean type in charge. The program is three-fold, including mental training, health education, and character development. Every boy is taught to swim, to participate in sports, to become more alert mentally, and the importance of good character in life.

Last year 100 campers thoroughly enjoyed this camp. Local boys are already planning to attend. Any boy interested should get in touch with the Y. M. C. A. Office, box 192, Pontiac.

This camp is open to every boy and girl in the county above 12 years of age.

It is hoped that more local boys will seize this opportunity. Messrs. Kimball and Lynd, the county secretaries, will be pleased to talk with any parent or by regarding this camp. The cost is very moderate. One dollar a day covers all expenses.

## Plans to Erect Road Signs.

Plans are now being completed by the Oakland County Road Commission with the Oakland Auto club for erection of a sufficient number of direction signs to cover all improved road intersections in the county, and enough reflex glass danger signs to make the county the most completely signed of any in the state, according to L. V. Belknap, Oakland County highway engineer.

Mr. Belknap states it is planned to erect 579 signs, most of which will be of the direction type. Poles for the signs have already been ordered, and bids have been received for building the signs. The commission intends to obtain bids for painting signs in the immediate future, and final decision as to their location will then be made.

At present it is the plan to have the direction signs at improved road intersections give the nearest towns in all directions, and the objective town or towns, at the end of the roads, in all directions, as well as the mileage of each from the signs.

The reflex glass danger signs, a few of which have already been erected, will be located at the most dangerous curves and turns in the county. They will consist of a square wooden sign painted with diagonal black and white stripes, and set with a good-sized square of red glass. The glass has many facets on its surface and can be seen for a long distance at night as soon as a motor car headlight is flashed upon it.

The road commission, Mr. Belknap announced today, will make its final decision in the matter within a week or so, and erection of the signs will then be commenced as soon as they are received from the manufacturers.