Community journalism chronicles Farmington

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edge, should report it to the editor. We will seek to make this paper a permanent journal of progress."

BLANK SPACE reserved for an advertisment by Fred Warner is explained away when Bloomer says Warner was too busy to make up the copy.

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The mind wanders. Was Warner, even then, out campaigning? His political efforts eventually took him to the governor's chair in Lansing

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He was the only Farmington resident ever to achieve such high political office. His large, white home still stands on Grand River, west of Farmington Road

Politics, indeed, was a topic of the day as revealed in another short article.

"The Farmington Democratic Club, headed by the Redford Band, attended the great Democratic meeting at Pontiac," it reads:

Obviously, objectivity wasn't what it could be in those days.

For those who wanted to spend time

in a more leisurely fashion, they could participate in a singing convention at Bell Branch being conducted by C. H. Smith. A concert would wrap up the event.

It also revealed that William Maiden sold his 109-acre farm in Southfield to Carl Rostow for \$4,000.

Although the world ran at a different pace, tragedy still was part of the scene.

Mrs. Anne Dewaters found the world situation to be untenable enough to put a .38-caliber revolver to her chest and pull the trigger. At press time, she was in critical condition.

W.R. Anderson broke his neck while pitching cornstalks. James Clark, "while maddened by

James Clark, "while maddened by drink," cut his mother's throat. It took two officers to arrest him.

At the beginning of the century, Walter Ricards took over as Enterprise editor. But the competition was stiff. He explains, in his own words:

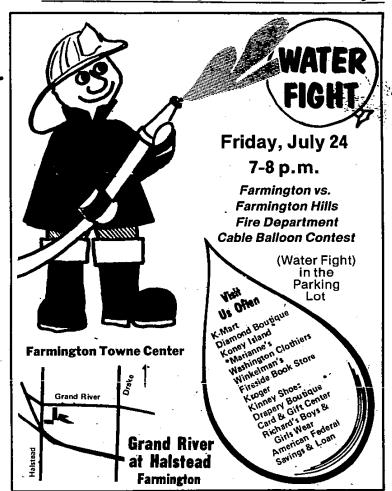
"It ended for me when I broke down from overwork and was so sick that I had to throw in the towel and call in my competitor to buy the Enterprise at his own price."

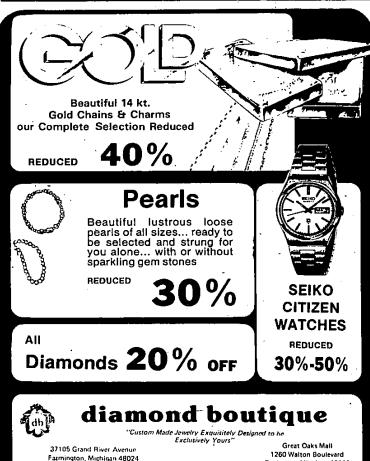
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