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EXCHANGE CLUB NOTES

There was a full attendance at the noonday luncheon of the Exchange club Tuesday. The entertainment committee made good its promise to liven up the meetings and as a result the new term starts out with a show of pep.

Rev. E. W. Palmer, pastor of the Baptist Church was the principal speaker, and gave a good talk on home influence in the rearing of pur boys and girls.

Mr. Brown, district superintendent of the Bell Telephone Co. was a guest at the meeting and told the members that the company was about ready to start work of improving the phone service here. New cables are to be strung and the exchange increased in capacity. Material for the work, he said, is now on the ground and workmen will be on the job next week. The improvements will cost about \$25,000. The work of putting new cables east of Farmington can not be undertaken until the company learns just what the state highway department intends to do in regard to widening Grand River road. No definite information has yet been given out by the state department in regard to proposed improvements in that section.

MICHIGAN HAS THE LARGEST RINK

James B. Haskins, Howard City publisher and member of the new state fair board, says the ice rinks at the state fair grounds are the largest artificial rinks in this country. On Sunday, January 10, the rinks accommodated 12,000 skaters, he says. After a day and night skating bee about ten tons of ice cut by skates is swept off the rink.

OAKLAND SELECTS NEW FARM AGENT

Oakland County Farm bureau has selected Harold Vaughn, Manistee county agricultural agent, to become county agent and he is expected to arrive here within the next few weeks.

Vaughn is a graduate of Michigan State College in 1920 and comes here highly recommended by the extension department of the state college and the farm bureau. He will be the first county agent since the retirement of C. B. Cook in 1923.

OAKLAND COUNTY PRESS CLUB MEETING

The January meeting of the Oakland County Weekly Press club was held at the Chamber of Commerce in Pontiac last Saturday. There was a full attendance. Many questions pertaining to interest of the members were discussed. The next meeting will be held at Ferndale, February 20.

P. O. QUARTERS WANTED

If you want Uncle Sam for a tenant there is now an opportunity for you. The lease on the present quarters occupied for post offices purposes has about expired and Roy LaForge, U. S. post office inspector gives notice that bids for suitable quarters for a term of five years are wanted, which will be opened February 15.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Vincent B. Evans entertained at a childrens party, Saturday afternoon, January 16, in honor of her son Kirk's eighth birthday anniversary.

Games and contests filled the happy hours and prizes were awarded the winners.

At five o'clock a delicious lunch was served to the following: Dorothy Judson, Betty Roos, William Fleming, James Tebbel, Milton Killom, Junior Evans, Alide Evans and Kirk Evans.

HATTIE L. WATERS

Funeral services of Mrs. Hattie L. Waters, who passed away Saturday evening at her home in Detroit, were held Tuesday from the home of her nephew, Judson Waters, in Detroit, with burial at Southfield. Deceased was born at Southfield where she lived until going to Detroit.

She leaves six nephews, two from Farmington, Frank and Henry Lee, a niece, Miss Mary Lee, and an only sister, Mrs. S. W. Fuller, also of Farmington.

OAKLAND COUNTY HAS 39,709 MOTOR VEHICLES

By Ed. A. Nowack

There are 35,605 pleasure cars, 4,012 commercial autos, 92 motorcycles, 486 licensed trailers and 83 automobile dealers in Oakland County according to the statewide automobile census released by Charles J. DeLand, secretary of state, for 1925. That county contributed a total of \$510,977 into the auto license and weight tax fund of which \$230,012 was returned to the county as its share of state award money due on the basis of a six million dollar apportionment.

Total 1925 DeLand's office says there are 39,709 motor vehicles. Ten months of the gas tax returned \$3,019,053. The corporation division earned \$6,529,235. In addition to handling almost 30 million last year DeLand's force in December took in over two millions in auto license fees for 1926.

John M. Haller, chief of the title division in Secretary of State DeLand's office says there were 217,822 used automobiles sold in Michigan last year. He is the boy who keeps complete check on all title provisions of the auto laws. His 1925 report shows 259,600 new titles issued, a few of them being for cars brought in from other states. It will be noticed that the sale of used cars exceeded the sale of new ones.

UNSATISFACTORY MAIL SERVICE

With the disruption of through service by the D. U. R. between Detroit and Farmington the post office here is playing a catch-as-catch-can game in its incoming and outgoing mails. Monday no mails were received or dispatched until late in the day when the bags were delivered by bus. The department has now made an arrangement for mail to and from Detroit via the Pere Marquette which is delivered at Northville and carried to and from that depot by the Orchard Lake-Wayne cars to Farmington. A mail is received here at 7 and 11 a. m. and 5 p. m., with three departures daily.

HENRY FORD ENTERTAINS FARMINGTONIANS

The Northville Dancing club, were invited guests of Henry Ford at his last Friday evening old time dancing party at Northville. Members from Farmington attending were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wilber, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Steele, Dr. and Mrs. E. F. Holcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dohany and father, Simon Johnson.

One novel feature of the evening was dancing for an hour after music played by Mr. Ford's old time dance orchestra, which was playing at an auto show in New York City, the music coming over the radio.

M. E. BIBLE CLASSES MEET TOGETHER

Between forty and fifty members of the Sunday Noon Club, and Progressive Bible Class of the Methodist Sunday School met at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Leonard on Monday and enjoyed a social evening together. The program, in charge of the Noon club, consisted of short talks by the various members of the class, several pleasing readings by Rev. Dunlavy and in closing Mr. Butterfield entertained the guests for an hour with his beautiful sketches.

A dainty lunch was served by the Progressives. This is one of the many good times that are being planned by both classes and it is hoped new husbands and wives will venture out to these meetings and be one of us on Sunday too. M. W. Empson, Sec.

Regular meeting of O. E. S. this Friday evening.

High School Spotlight

The staff for the High School paper is as follows:

Kathryn Murphy, editor and business manager.

Mildred Graham, grade reporter.

Howard Catherman, high school reporter.

Christene Olsen, jokes.

Walter Neilson, athletics.

The bank at the Farmington School is still progressing from pennies to dollars.

Kindergarten

Several children who were ill have returned: J. W. Matery, Eileen, Ralph and Junior; returned this week.

We have had a 100 per cent thrift room for two weeks. All of the children who have received their buttons have accounts.

A snow scene has been arranged in the sand table. Aprons are being made so we can work in clay.

Three Billy Goats was dramatized. Edwin was the Big Billy Goat, J. W. was the second Billy Goat and Lorna was the little Billy Goat and Betty was the troll.

First Grade

Evelyn Dusha is back at school again, after a long absence.

Our bank account for this week amounted to \$5.93.

We are enjoying poems about "Winter" for our nature study.

Second Grade

Snow was enjoyed by all the second grade. We made many pictures of boys and girls sliding down hill.

In hygiene we are trying to learn to breathe through our noses instead of through our mouths.

Third Grade

We have made a new board of snow men for our blackboard.

Wanda Taggart is mayor of our room this week and Evelyn Fitzpatrick and Milton Killom are policemen.

We expect to finish the story of "The Eskimo Twins" this week.

Fourth Grade

We are writing diaries in English class and each day we put in one important event.

In geography and arithmetic we are having reviews. Everyone enjoys the "Question Game" in geography class. Tuesday morning we heard a true story about the stone quarries in Marblehead, Ohio.

The fourth grade would like to thank Catherine Storms for the narcissus bulbs which she gave us. They have eight beautiful

blossoms and help to make our room very cheerful.

Fifth Grade

We are trying to live up to Cardinal Newman's motto that "It is almost a definition of a gentleman to say he is one who never inflicts pain."

In English class we are writing autobiographies. We also took up the study of biographies.

In hygiene class we are making a "Proper Food" poster.

Sixth Grade

In reading we have been studying the life of John Greenleaf Whittier and are now studying some of his poems.

We have started reviewing in most of our studies. Many of us wish we had made some more New Year's resolutions. All of us could have made some that would help us out wonderfully now.

Eighth Grade

The Junior club was well represented in Miss Wood's chorus which took part in the Senior play.

We know the meaning of the word "review." We are almost ready for our finals.

The Freshmen are busy reviewing their work and do not find time for anything else.

The Sophomores keep themselves so busy talking in English class that they can't find time to review for such a minor item as final exams.

The Juniors have postponed their sleighing party and many tears have been shed over it.

The Seniors are busy selling tickets for their Senior play. The people who are in the play are practicing very hard to learn their parts.

Athletics

Last Friday night was the big game for boys and girls teams. Northville journeyed over here in the afternoon with her second team. She defeated the Farmington boys second team to the tune of 14 to 2. Then in the evening she came back to try to take two more games. She was partly successful but not wholly. Thirty minutes before the girls game started the gymnasium was packed with both Northville and Farmington adherents. Cheerleaders Cedric Harger and "Stubby" Schoultz were on the job and the roof was in eminent danger at times.

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LOCAL POST PAYS ENDOWMENT QUOTA

The action of Groves-Walker Post American Legion in paying for its treasury Farmington's quota of the amount sought in the state for the American Legion Endowment Fund, was a generous one and reflects a fine and loyal spirit. In every other community in the state donations from citizens were solicited. In acknowledgment of the receipt of the amount, Department Adjutant Robert J. Byers writes Commander C. G. Hogle, as follows:

"This will acknowledge receipt of a \$200.00 check from the Groves-Walker Post No. 346 in payment to the American Legion Endowment Fund. Mr. Foley who turned the check over to me informs me that this \$200.00 is Farmington's quota and has been subscribed entirely out of post funds as this check has signified."

"Allow me to congratulate you and your post for the splendid way in which they have responded to this most worthy effort. With kindest regards to yourself and best wishes for a happy and successful New Year."

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

A special communication of Farmington Lodge No. 151, F. & A. M., will be held Monday evening, January 25, for work in the first degree.

By order of the W. M.

Try an Enterprise Litter.

FARMINGTON BENEFITTED BY LOAN ASSOCIATION

At a meeting of the Birmingham Building and Loan Association held at that village last week action was taken changing the name of the association to that of The Oakland County Savings Association.

The reason for the change in name is that the association is preparing to extend its building and loan business so as to cover Oakland County. The association has made rapid strides in the past year and has been a decided factor in boosting Birmingham. With a wider scope still greater development projects will be materially benefited.

Several Farmington business men have become identified as stockholders and recently Harley D. Warner, E. O. Hatton and Ed S. Pierce were chosen as members of its board of directors.

In branching out, Mr. Hooker, the secretary and manager, states that it will be the policy of the association to loan to home builders in Farmington and vicinity all monies accruing from investments in the concern by the citizens of this locality. It is believed by Farmington business men that the association will be of great benefit in financing home building here.

Building and loan associations have had a remarkable growth in the United States during the past ten years. There are now in the country eight and a half million members with funds of about four and a half billion dollars. These associations are under state supervision and examination. All funds placed with the associations must be loaned on first mortgages or improved, real estate or to improve real estate.

NEW D. U. R. AND COACH SERVICE

The new time table of the D. U. R. cars and buses which went into effect Sunday is causing some dissatisfaction so far as the car service is concerned. There are now but three through cars from Farmington to Detroit in the morning and with none in the afternoon. Two through cars leave Detroit in the afternoon for Farmington and Northville.

A half hour coach service is maintained, with through buses from Farmington to Detroit with the exception of the hours between 9:10 a. m. and 4:10 p. m., when the service is hourly. From Detroit to Farmington the buses run half hourly except between the hours of 10:40 to 2:40 when a hourly schedule is maintained. From 2:40 p. m. to 5:40 p. m. half hourly cars, then hourly until 10:40 with a coach out of Detroit for Farmington at 12 midnight.

Cars leave Farmington for Redford at 5:25 a. m. and every hour until 9:25 p. m., making connection with city cars. Leave Redford for Farmington at 6:05 a. m. and every hour until 10:05 p. m.

Through cars from Farmington to Detroit at 6:59, 8:25 and 10:25 a. m. Through from Detroit to Farmington and Northville at 3:25 and 4:50 p. m.

The service is not what Farmington and vicinity would like, but it is probably the best that the D. U. R. can at present give. The prospects for a paying trolley business on this division of the D. U. R. under present conditions is not a bright one according to statements of its officials.

Many Farmington citizens are thrown out of employment by the change. The loss to the city will be several good citizens and about \$5,000 a month.

OAKLAND WILL BE WELL REPRESENTED

All the members of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, members of the county board of auditors and the county clerk are included in the delegation picked by the supervisors to represent the county at the annual meeting of the state association of supervisors to be held in Lansing, February 2, 3 and 4.

The Senior play "A Poor Married Man" will be given again Saturday night at the Town Hall. Reserved seats on sale at Cook's.

Pay up your subscription.

SPLIT EVEN IN EARLY WEEK CONTESTS

The fast work and sensational floor play of the Detroit Stars in the first half of the contest proved to be the undoing of the Athletic Club quintet last Monday night when they were forced to bow to the visitors, 30 to 27.

Getting away to an early start the Detroiters were able to pile up a big lead in the first half which Farmington, despite the desperate eleventh hour rally, was unable to overcome.

Salow was high scorer for the locals with 4 field baskets, and one free throw, Banfield being a close second with three field baskets and two free throws. Taulbee, due to his speed and cleaner floor work, led the visitors, accounting for fourteen of their thirty points.

F. A. C.

	B	P	T
Ranous, if	3	0	6
Banfield, rf	3	2	8
Salow, c	4	9	9
Wixom, g	4	0	0
Staman, g	2	0	4
Walling, g	0	0	0

D. E. S.

	B	P	T
Gray, f	4	0	8
Taulbee, f	6	2	14
LeFevre, g	2	0	4
Sanders, g	1	0	2
Cuwett, g	0	0	0
Pedresch, g	0	0	0
Gordon, f	1	0	2
Jahns, g	0	0	0

On Tuesday night, the Independent team journeyed to Northville and for the second time this season took the Demolays into camp to the tune of 29 to 25.

At half time the Demolays laid 15 to 13, but the locals came back strong in the second period outplaying their opponents 16 to 10. Salow again was high scorer with 11 points to his credit, Ranous being second with 8.

Next Monday night, January 25, the Athletic Club takes on the Royal Motor Sales of Pontiac at the High School gym in what promises to be an exceptionally fast contest.

RIDING HOBBY HORSES AT STATE HOUSE

Apparently it is unbecome and not fact that are handed out by the various departments at Lansing with information is sought regarding distribution of the millions of dollars of tax monies being spent by the state for highway improvements.

James F. Powers, a staff correspondent of the Detroit Free Press recently attempted to get desired information. Instead he got a ride p. nine, governor's hobby horses, and came away without any additional knowledge as to what has been done with the money. Of his experience he says:

"There's a merry-go-round at Lansing. It is in the administration offices. It is a bewildering affair. You can revolve on it all day and get nowhere. And anybody seeking information as to the conduct of state affairs, particularly finances thereof, is given a free ride. We have had several trips. It is getting to be a lot of fun, although our knowledge of the use of monies is nearly as hazy as ever."

"The entertainment begins in whatever office the inquirer happens to visit first. Our route led from the highway commissioner's office to the administrative board business manager's office to the administrative board secretary's office to the accountant's office to the secretary's office again, and finally to the governor."

"If the governor's office we had a nice visit. In fact, several of them. And instead of the information concerning the spending by the governor of approximately \$23,000,000 in state highway funds during the last year, we got free tickets for another ride. Apparently they were getting weary of our presence, just as any box office would at an overly persistent seeker of gratuities."

The family of John Polacksky was shut in because of illness.