

# The Farmington Enterprise

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## SENIOR CLASS PLAY

### A FINE SUCCESS

That the members of the Senior class of the Farmington High School possess historic talent of no mean order was demonstrated in the production of their class play at the Town Hall on three nights of last week. The class had intended to give but two entertainments, but the demand for tickets was such as to make a third night showing necessary.

The play, "A Poor Married Man" in three acts is, as its title suggests, a comedy and a good one at that. Between acts specialties were given that alone were worth the price of admission. Miss Clara Tredway gave a very pleasing piano solo. John Diecio made a mark for himself as an accompanist and responded to several encores. The Seventh and Eighth grades furnished music that was appreciated.

In presenting the play the actors showed fine conception of their parts and a painstaking preparation resulted in a meritorious rendition.

The characters were portrayed as follows:

Professor John B. Wise—A Poor Married Man, Gerald Parker.  
 Doctor Matthew Graham—A Country Physician, Robert Cook.  
 Billy Blake—A popular college boy, Harold Turner.  
 Jupiter Jackson—A black trump, Helen Bachelor.  
 Mrs. Iona Ford—Some mother-in-law, Alpha Weston.  
 Zoie—Her charming daughter, Gladys Walker.  
 June Graham—A little freshman, Dorothy Davis.  
 Rosalind Wilson—A college reporter, Lillian Collins.

A goodly sum was netted which goes toward defraying expenses of the class' trip to Washington.

At the Wednesday evening performance Superintendent Leonard was presented by the class with a bouquet as a token of their appreciation of his work in coaching them at rehearsals.

## SKATING TOURNAMENT

### AT WALLED LAKE

The Exchange club of Walled Lake is making plans for a skating tournament to be held Saturday, February 13. The tournament will be held in the afternoon with several speed events and fancy skating contests. Fancy skaters will be furnished through the Michigan Skating Association which is sanctioning the meet.

A number of prominent skaters are expected to compete. There will also be several events open to the public. A program for the entire afternoon will be announced later.

## NOBLE SCHOOL NOTES

The zone meeting held at the school house Saturday was well attended, eighteen teachers being present. The morning was given over to a lesson and at noon a bountiful dinner was served to 100 guests. At 1:15 the meeting was called to order by the president of the circle, Mr. Hames. A short business meeting followed.

Mrs. Hubert, president of the P. T. A. gave a welcome to the guests. Miss Valade demonstrated a silent reading lesson, giving their per cent in September, their marking papers and giving the per cent now.

Mrs. Hames demonstrated sixth and seventh grade English lesson on story writing.

A talk by help teacher, Miss O'Connell of Zone 1, the Monday school being Zone 3. The meeting was adjourned and all felt that they had spent a very profitable day. A copy of the Co-operator was given each one present. These zone meetings are held every month and there are twelve zone meetings held in the schools of Oakland county on Saturdays.

The December meeting had to do with the teaching of language at the January meetings. Arithmetic is receiving special emphasis. Zone C percentage in attendance was 90 per cent.

Fred Durfee has sold his farm near Novi and held his auction sale Monday. The price received is reported around \$1100 an acre. Mr. Durfee has lived in this vicinity many years.

## EXCHANGE CLUB NOTES

The High School Glee club of ten male voices warbled sweetly a little cantata for the entertainment of the members of the Exchange club at its Tuesday noon luncheon. In order to give a dramatic effect to the cantata the members adjourned to the Community hall, the singers rendering their act from the stage.

The president was instructed to appoint a committee to wait on the officials of the Detroit City Railway and what can be done in the way of securing an extension of car service on Grand River to Farmington. It is believed that a satisfactory arrangement can be made.

Next week the club will hold a debate on the question of the adoption of a city charter.

## NATIONAL ANTI-CASUALTY CAMPAIGN

When the women of the nation, state by state, band together to fight a wrong or for an extension of their rights, they usually succeed. Just now the women of the nation are banding together to fight the ever-increasing toll of death and injury from automobile accidents. This means that organized women have determined that careless driving, or driving by drunken or irresponsible persons and careless walking must cease.

The first attack of this army of women who would defend their loved ones and themselves from death or maiming is one. The crusaders expect to bring home to every man and woman who drives a motor vehicle the seriousness of the matter and exact a pledge for safe driving.

The motorist, hurrying to get home or to work, or engaged in a race, fails to realize that he is his brother's keeper. "Safety or Sorrow," warns the motorist and impresses on him the heartache and economic loss that comes from the death of man, woman or child in auto crashes.

The man who walks often carelessly places himself in jeopardy by crossing streets at places where he should not and where the auto speed is higher. He steps from behind street cars directly into the path of a speeding motor. He permits his children to play in the streets. The women seek to save lives, and their campaign will be educational. They only ask that motorists and pedestrians alike shall exercise care.

## HORSE RACING

### AT STATE FAIR

That the Michigan State Fair will cater to the farmers of this state from now on is indicated by the announcement that harness horse racing will again be a feature. This statement was given out by Walter Palmer, newly appointed director of exhibits and entertainment, who is in Detroit recently for a short visit preliminary to opening February 1 on the fair grounds.

Further, Mr. Palmer stated that were no strings tied to him, that he had no friends to favor, or enemies to punish, and he was going to do all he could to make a Michigan Fair for Michigan people, a great industrial and agricultural exposition that will compare favorably with any in the United States.

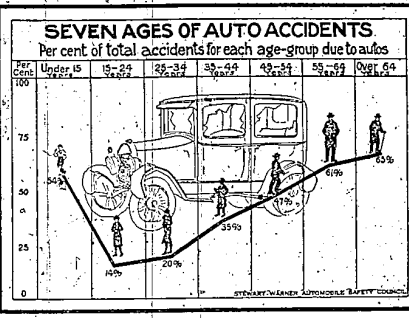
If that is the way he looks at his job we are for him and want to co-operate in every way we can. We feel that he has taken a proper step in the right direction by again putting harness horse races on the program, because there is no other sport that a farmer enjoys quite as much. Horse races are the main attraction of the county fair and will draw farmers to the Detroit exposition if conducted without gambling as Mr. Palmer has declared they will be.

The Business Farmer.

Mr. George P. Waller, a well known manufacturer of Pontiac, who has been connected with the Wilson Foundry and Machine Company, from its inception, and who has seen life from its varied angles, will speak in the Methodist Church Sunday evening on the subject, "Evolution, as a Manufacturer Sees It."

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## Shakespeare Up-to-Date Tells Motorists' Terrible Toll



SHAKESPEARE'S seven ages of mankind made no reference to the number who were cut off in their prime by automobiles. If he had suggested the Stewart-Warner Safety Council, it might have run something like this parody on his famous lines:

At first the infant,  
 Killed by a truck while in his nurse's arms,  
 And then the carefree schoolboy with his marbles,  
 Playing in the streets after his lessons  
 Are over, and then the lover,  
 Absent-minded, walking with a box of candy  
 Under his arm, to see his loved one,  
 Is struck by a taxi and hurled to the ground.  
 Next comes the early young blood,  
 Out for his evening's entertainment, whom  
 Sixty miles an hour lands forty years too soon  
 Upon a slab in some unfriendly morgue.  
 And then the banker, full of worldly pride and honors,  
 Jay-walks across the street between two mighty deals of finance,  
 And wakes to find Saint Peter quizzing him,  
 Next, the family man, with years upon him,  
 Confused and jostled in the crowd,  
 Mistaken, and dies amidst thanksgiving  
 That his last centime was paid up.  
 And last, hoary age, tottering and feeble,  
 Perhaps with crutch, for eye too dimmed with time,  
 An easy victim for some selfish motorist.  
 Sans care, sans thought, sans skill, sans everything-but speed.  
 The graph above shows that proportion of all accidents happening to each age group are automobile accidents. The toll is highest for the very young and very old. This situation is explained partly by the heedlessness of the young and the infirmity of old age. Moreover, these two groups are least involved in industrial accidents which makes their automobile casualties constitute a larger part of their total accidents.

## High School Spotlight

**Second Grade**  
 We tried spelling in our room for the first time this week and are happy with our results. For not only do we learn one word each day, but we use it in a sentence and learn to spell each word in the sentence.

Each one of us know how to write our full name and address. George Chamberlain is back with us after staying out three weeks on account of illness.

Joy Lee is our new boy. That makes thirty-two boys and girls in our room.

Miss Koterba.

**Third Grade**  
 This is the end of the semester and Russell's class have finished their readers.

For language we are learning winter poems, "The Icicle," and "The Snowman."

Winifred Tubball and Isabelle Yerks have been absent on account of sickness.

Miss Percy.

**Fourth Grade**  
 Miss Phillip had to leave school Tuesday on account of illness so Mrs. Leonard is taking her place.

Patricia Russell is absent on account of illness.

The third grade visited the Ross Bakery Tuesday, January 26, to observe the making and baking of bread.

Mrs. Leonard.

**Fifth Grade**  
 The fifth graders are reviewing and getting ready for examinations. They are very busy and also very happy.

Miss Tapio.

**Sixth Grade**  
 Examinations make up our chief form of entertainment this week. We have been reviewing for some time and hope for good results.

Verna Sanderson has left us. The family having moved to Detroit.

Themes have been written on different parts of our work covered in history this year and are being read in class. We have also had some good book reports given.

**GROUP MEETING**  
 Members and several guests of Group One of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church were pleasantly entertained at the home of their president, Mrs. E. Roos, Tuesday, January 26. There was a good attendance and the afternoon was spent sewing, after which the hostesses served a delightful luncheon. The next meeting will be with Mrs. L. F. Schroeder.

**SUNNY SOUTH HAS A CHILL**  
 H. E. Boice who is enjoying the climate at Palm Beach, Fla., states in a letter to E. W. Evans that the party had a wonderful trip to that state from Michigan. They found snow, however, as far south as Birmingham, Ala. At Jacksonville, Fla., it was so cool that fires in the grates were necessary to keep comfortable.

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## COUNTY BEEKEEPERS MEET SATURDAY

The annual meeting of the Oakland County Beekeepers Association is to be held in the Post Office building at Pontiac, Saturday, January 30. It is expected that several local beekeepers will be in attendance. The meeting is to include both forenoon and afternoon sessions and will be addressed by bee specialists from the Michigan State College. One of the features of the day will be the judging of honey and bee exhibits which are to be made by beekeepers of the county. A small premium list has been prepared and prizes will be given for the best five sections of comb honey, the best five pounds of honey, the best five pounds of beeswax and for the demonstration of the best kit of beekeeping tools. The purpose of the show which is to be held on the second floor of the Post Office building will be to demonstrate quality products of the beekeeper.

Another interesting feature of the program will be the showing of a motion picture film secured from the Government Apisary in Maryland which depicts some of the methods of keeping bees at work. A report of the work of Mr. Miller as bee inspector in this county will also be made as will also plans for continuing this work next summer. The County Association receives the services of an inspector in checking up bee diseases through the appropriation of the Board of Supervisors.

At this meeting will also occur the annual election of officers of the Association.

## LATCH STRING OUT

### FAIR FARMERS, WEEK

The latch strings of all doors at the Michigan State College will hang on the outside next week, when the college plays host to thousands of Michigan farmers and their families during the annual Farmers Week conferences.

An imposing list of brilliant speakers has been completed for the meetings of the week; conferences of more than thirty of the state's leading farm organizations are set; interesting and valuable exhibits on many phases of rural life are in place. In short, the stage is set for the 1926 edition of what is generally accepted as the largest and most important agricultural conference of the year in Michigan.

The crowds at Farmers' Week in recent years have averaged around 5,000, and those in charge of arrangements at M. S. C. predict at least as large an attendance this year. With the majority of visitors coming to East Lansing by automobile, weather and road conditions are expected to play an important part in the attendance figures. Railroads of the state are giving special rates for Farmers' Week visitors, however, and this too is counted on as an attendance factor.

"Bring the family with You" is the slogan being sent out from East Lansing. The women will make their headquarters at the beautiful new home Economics building, and will have complete programs of their own during the week.

The general plan for the week will leave the mornings open for association meetings and inspection of exhibits, with the afternoons devoted to the big general meetings in the college gymnasium. A score of the country's leading agricultural speakers are booked for addresses on these general programs.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Baptist Church will hold their regular meeting Thursday afternoon, February 4 at 2:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Ervillie Toggart, Grand River avenue.

To wish Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Giegler good luck and prosperity in their new home at Hartland, where they are moving in a few weeks, one hundred relatives, neighbors and friends gathered at their home Saturday evening for a farewell party. Mr. and Mrs. Giegler and family were commiserated and surprised and an enjoyable evening was spent playing games. A sumptuous hot lunch luncheon was served at the close.

**ANOTHER CHANGE IN TIME SCHEDULE**  
 Taking effect February 1, the new time table goes in effect on the D. U. R., which eliminates all through cars between Farmington except one into Detroit at 6:25 a. m., and one out of Detroit at 4:50 p. m.

Cars will leave Farmington for Redford at 5:25, 6:25 and 7:45 a. m., and every hour until 4:45 p. m., 5:15 p. m. and every hour until 8:15 p. m.

Cars leave Redford for Farmington at 6:00 a. m. and every hour to 5:00 p. m., 5:45 and hourly to 8:45 p. m.

Cars leave Farmington Junction for Orchard Lake at 5:35 a. m., 7:10 a. m., 4:50 p. m. and 6:20 p. m.

On Orchard Lake to Junction at 6:00 a. m., 7:50 a. m., 5:50 p. m., and 6:30 p. m.

## CHICK DISEASE TAKES HEAVY TOLL IN STATE

White diarrhea killed more than three million chicks in Michigan last year.

There is now a positive test to determine this disease, and J. A. Hannah, extension poultry specialist at Michigan State College, says the college tested more than 11,000 birds last year and is prepared this year to find three times that number.

The disease is not apparent in older fowls, but is sure death to young chicks which are infected when they emerge from the egg. The only means of eradication, therefore, says Mr. Hannah, is to test the older birds to prevent the flock from producing infected eggs.

Practical tests show that flocks which showed an 85 per cent infection three years ago, are now reduced to six per cent infection by yearly tests and elimination.

Any farmer wishing to test his flock may get full information by writing to the poultry department, Michigan State College, East Lansing.

## BLOSSOM SEELEY WILL HEADLINE AT TEMPLE

Blossom Seeley, famed as "the girl who glorifies syncopeation," headlines the bill at E. F. Keith's Temple Theatre starting Sunday matinee. Miss Seeley has a flair for putting over songs just like the star pitches a ball across the home plate. She offers a program of new song numbers assisted by Benny Fields, famous coffee shouter, Charles Bourne and Phil Ellis. Others billed: Eddy Brown, America's greatest concert violinist; Jimmy Saxon with Joan Frazza in "Slow Motion"; a roaring burlesque on film making; Claire Vincent in a playlet called "Etching From Life" with a fine cast in support; Nixon and Sans, a pair of highly colored white folks in "Assorted Chocolates"; Four Jansleys, world renowned risley experts; Foster and "Peggy" in their novelty, "Fala"; "Four Husband's Past"; a Hal Roach two reel comedy; and the weekly screen subjects.

## F. A. C. TO PLAY NATIONALS HERE

The Girls F. A. C. basketball team will play the Central M. E. Nationals on Monday, February 1 at 8:00, at the High School gym. The Nationals have won 93 consecutive games in four years and have the world champion servant, Miss Ann Lacy. The F. A. C. has won five out of six games, losing to the Nationals. This will be the best game of the season.

## BEWARE OF THIS

A Chicago concern is selling a radio scheme in Michigan, which involves several thousand keys to be given out to customers with each purchase, one of which is supposed to unlock the set for some lucky individual. Merchants are warned that scheme comes under the head of a lottery and they are liable to prosecution for using it. In some places merchants have paid an initial payment for the set and have heard no more from the supposed company. A mighty good thing, to steer clear of.

## Samuel Locke was brought home

Monday from Harper Hospital and is very much improved.