

## COMMITTEE FOR CITY-TOWNSHIP JOINT LIBRARY

Opinion Practically Unanimous For Co-operation In Work; Seek State Advice

That the city and township of Farmington should work together on the upbuilding of the community library is the consensus of opinion among members of the joint committee which met Thursday evening, December 15, to discuss preliminary steps. The committee was practically unanimous on the question of whether the library should be maintained jointly, or by the township and city separately.

Before taking steps to work out their plan, however, the committee decided to seek legal advice as to whether the township and city may co-operate in such a project, and how it could be done. It was voted to write the Attorney General, and also the State Library Department, for advice on the question.

Pending receipt of opinions on the problem of working together, the committee refrained from taking up the question of how extensive the work of rehabilitating the library should be. If the report from Lansing is favorable toward joint action, the committee will proceed at once, having adjourned to call of the chair.

## CHURCH IS FILED FOR FIRST SERMON OF NEW MINISTER

Rev. A. A. Schoen To Take Full Charge Of Evangelical Church February 1

Rev. A. A. Schoen preached his first sermon at the Salem Evangelical Church in Farmington last Sunday. The church was filled and Rev. Schoen's sermon was very well received.

Through an error, it was stated in last week's issue, in accordance with an article printed in a Manchester newspaper furnished the Enterprise, that Rev. Schoen had resigned his pastorate in Manchester because of ill health.

Rev. Schoen expects to move to Farmington on or about February 1, and will take full charge of the Evangelical Church pastorate at that time. He will, however, preach in Farmington again on Sunday, January 1. This Sunday Rev. J. H. Bollens will occupy the pulpit.

The church has recently purchased a large pipe organ, which will be installed, it is hoped, by the time Rev. Schoen takes active charge of the Farmington church. In order to accommodate the new organ, it will be necessary to enlarge the platform in the church.

## NEW FORD CAR "ARRIVES" IN FARMINGTON BUT IT JUST CAN'T STAND STILL

The new Ford car "arrived" in Farmington this week. While one of the new models was on display for two days the previous week, the real introduction of the new Ford to Farmington people came on Monday, when Olin Russell secured a Tudor Sedan which he is using for demonstration purposes. The car need not be passed on, but will remain in Farmington.

The new car doesn't stay in one place for long, however. Mr. Russell and his employees drove the car 200 miles within the first 24 hours after it came to Farmington. It is still "on the go," with a full load for every demonstration.

The "Shop Early" movement seems to have gained force, with many buyers beginning their quests earlier than in previous years.

## LEADS IN "Y" WORK



S. LESTER HARGER

## S. LESTER HARGER TAKES UP DUTIES AT MUSKEGON "Y"

Farmington Man Begins Work As Membership Secretary, Aiding Youths

One of Farmington's young men who is occupying a prominent position in affairs of other communities is S. L. Harger, who recently added to the staff of the Muskegon Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Harger was selected as Membership and Young Men's Secretary of the Muskegon organization, and has complete charge of this phase of the association's activities.

The Muskegon Y. M. C. A. recently completed and moved into a new building, in commemoration of which the Muskegon Chronicle published a special section devoted to the Y. M. C. A. and containing, among others, an article by Mr. Harger on "Solving A Young Man's Problems."

## MAN HURT WHILE REPAIRING TIRE; MAY NOT RECOVER

Orchard Lake Road Near Ten Mile Is Scene Of Serious Accident

The narrowness of Orchard Lake road resulted in another serious accident early Tuesday morning, when Bert E. Trader, Route 10, Redford, was struck and seriously injured while repairing a tire on his machine. The accident occurred half a mile north of Farmington Junction.

Trader is in Receiving Hospital, Detroit, suffering from fractures of both legs and one arm, numerous bruises and possible internal injuries. His recovery is doubtful.

The accident victim was struck by a car driven by Ray Bax, of Inkster. Trader, in a statement to Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes and Assistant Prosecutor Norman Orr, said he was pumping up a tire when the other car came out of the darkness upon him. He was dragged about 25 feet, and his car was found in a field 40 feet from where it had been parked on the edge of the pavement.

Bax said that Traeder was standing in back of the tail light on his car, and that he could not see Trader. He was released after making a statement.

## SCHOOLS CLOSE THURSDAY FOR CHRISTMAS VACATION; TO BE REOPENED JAN. 3

Farmington schools will close today for the Christmas holidays. Pupils will have a holiday of 11 days before returning to their desks.

## 1921 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS WILL PLAY ONCE MORE

Famous Squad Will Meet High School Team Tuesday Night In Gym

The champions of old will meet the championship aspirants of today, next Tuesday night on the basketball floor in Farmington's High School gymnasium. A rare treat is in store for everyone, for on that night the championship basketball team of 1921, probably the best Farmington ever had, will gather for another game.

The old-time squad that went through their regular season without losing a game, will meet the high school team of this year, in a contest that should be a real battle from start to the final whistle. Superintendent of Schools Archie Leonard is slated to referee.

The championship team of 1921 made a record which is one of Farmington's proudest athletic traditions. The squad triumphed over every opponent, and then went to Ann Arbor to compete in the state elimination tournament for the state championship.

Entered in Class B, Farmington won through to the final round.

Beaten By One Point

Facing St. Joseph, a team of stars from a large high school, Farmington battled all the way, and the final whistle left the score a tie. The two teams fought through a five-minute overtime period, with the score still tied. Another five-minute period, was called for, and St. Joseph managed to squeeze through with a victory by a single point. The contest is still remembered as one of the bitterest fought games ever played in the state tournaments held each year.

Members of the 1921 team, with their respective positions, are as follows:

- Donald Banfield ..... Forward
- Frazier Staman ..... Guard
- Armin Roth ..... Center
- Russell Catherman ..... Forward
- Harley Catherman ..... Guard
- Clinton Treadway ..... Guard
- Dallas Harger ..... Center
- Lester Harger ..... Forward

The game will be played for the benefit of the athletic association fund. A large attendance is urged and expected.

## FARMINGTON WILL HAVE A NEW RUG CLEANING PLANT

Part Of Building On Division Street Rented; To Open In Spring

Another new line of business is to be opened in Farmington early in the spring, it was learned Wednesday. A large rug-cleaning plant will, it is understood, occupy a portion of the building which was leased last fall to the Farmington Cleaners and Dyers, on Division street.

It is understood that the rug cleaning concern will operate here on a rather large scale. Four portable machines will be installed at once, in addition to other equipment. Complete facilities for cleaning and renovating rugs are to be provided.

With nothing in the way of a rug-cleaning service available in or near Farmington at the present time, the new concern is expected to be welcomed as an addition to the business of this section.

## GIRL SCOUTS TO SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS HERE ON SATURDAY EVENING

Christmas carols as of old will be heard in Farmington on Saturday evening. Girls scouts of Farmington will devote the hour between six and seven o'clock to going through the residential section and singing Christmas songs.

## ENGEL REBUILDING O-ACE-SEZ INN; WILL OPEN SOON

Dining Place At Junction To Be One Of Finest In This Section

What is expected to be one of the finest and most completely equipped dining halls in this part of the state is under construction for S. Engel, proprietor of the Original Old Style Southern Barbecue, at Farmington Junction.

The work, which comprises rebuilding of the structure hitherto known as "O-Ace-Sez Inn," is being carried forward as rapidly as possible, with completion expected early in January.

When finished, the building will provide complete facilities on two floors for dancing and dining. The entrance will be on Orchard Lake avenue. Fronting two sides of the building, and facing up Grand River avenue toward the business section of Farmington will be an electric sign 44 feet long. The building will be illuminated with flood-lights at night.

On the first floor there will be a dining room with spaces for at least 12 tables, with counter service and curb service provided for. There will be rest rooms for both men and women, on both first and second floors.

The upper floor will provide a large dining and dancing hall, in addition to private dining rooms. There will be free dancing at all hours, according to Mr. Engel and radio, orthophonic and piano music will be available.

Equipment of the building will be the most modern available for cooking, refrigeration, and service, and will include a large humidor for keeping tobacco goods fresh, as well as many other items of the latest in dining hall equipment. The date of formal opening will be announced shortly.

## BUSINESS MEN OF FARMINGTON GIVE SEASON'S GREETING

Expressions Of Good Will And Appreciation Numerous; Business Is Brisk

Farmington merchants have this year shown their good will and appreciation to their friends and patrons in generous measure. Practically every business-man in Farmington and vicinity joins in this issue of The Enterprise in expressing their thanks to those who have lent them support during 1927.

It is believed that in few cities and communities have business men been so united in their spirit of friendly greetings.

It has been noted, too, that Farmington merchants have this year enjoyed an excellent volume of Christmas business. Stores have been crowded every day this week, one Farmington merchant has already reported a great increase over last year's business. His experience is believed to be typical of all lines of business here. Stocks in most stores have been the most complete ever offered.

## GRAND RIVER WIDENING IN CITY GETS ENCOURAGEMENT FROM STATE

IF SANTA DON'T COME SATURDAY, GO TO THE POSTOFFICE ON MONDAY

The Christmas present that you don't get Saturday evening may be on its way, and you'll have a chance to get it Monday morning. Inquiry of Postmaster T. H. McGee resulted in the information that the postoffice in Farmington will be open during the morning hours Monday.

## FARMINGTON LOSES TO DEARBORN TEAM BY SINGLE POINT

Rough ames Ends 11 To 10. On Dearborn High School Floor

Farmington basketball team was defeated at Dearborn last Friday, 11 to 10. The game was exceedingly hard-fought throughout, the margin of difference never being more than two points.

Farmington's defeat was due partly to weakness in foul-shooting. Dearborn made four out of seven free throws, while Farmington made three out of six, each team making four field goals; Otis got two field goals and one foul; Catherman and Middlewood one field goal each; Starkey and E. Rozenboom each tossed in one foul.

The floor at Dearborn is quite large and that may have been the cause of the poor showing of the home aggregation.

The game was rather rough, getting out of the referee's hands at times. There will be no games during the Christmas vacation, the next contest being on January 6, when Farmington meets the Roosevelt high team of Ypsilanti at Ypsil. On January 13, the Northville team comes here for the first home league game.

The Lineup:  
Farmington Dearborn  
Otis ..... RF ..... Reynolds  
Catherman, C. L. F. .... McKay  
Middlewood ..... C. .... Engle  
Starkey ..... RG ..... McDonald  
G. Rozenboom LG ..... Daprich

## CELEBRATES 28th YEAR IN HIS SHOP WITHOUT VACATION

Bernard Meyers On Wednesday Observes Anniversary Of Locating In Farmington

Twenty-eight years in one place of business is the record of Bernard Meyers, who on Wednesday, December 21, celebrated the anniversary of his locating in Farmington.

Mr. Meyers came to Farmington in 1899, and went to work for Mr. Chamberlain as a barber. For nineteen years he worked for Mr. Chamberlain, and then purchased the shop having owned it since that time. In 28 years, Mr. Meyers has never taken a vacation and has had more than a half-day off only on one occasion, that being during the Labor Day holiday in 1926, when he went on a three-day trip to Chicago.

His second holiday in nearly 28 years came last March, when he went to the state convention of the Republican party at Grand Rapids.

Mr. Meyers' wife, Mrs. Phoebe Meyers is one of the original subscribers to the Farmington Enterprise, having taken the Enterprise since its establishment in 1888, according to Mr. Meyers. Each New Year's Day for years it has been Mr. Meyers' habit to greet the editor of the Enterprise and pay his subscription for another year, and he promises he'll not stop now.

## WANTED

At once, correspondent in North Farmington. Call Enterprise office, Phone 25-F2.

Committee Reports Gov. Green Favorable To Suggestion For Work Here

Awaits State's Advice On Width

Favorable action by the State on the proposal for widening Grand River avenue from Farmington Junction to the lumber yard in Farmington, is hoped for following a visit to Lansing Monday by a committee of Exchange Club members and members of the city commission.

The committee reported that Governor Fred W. Green, Secretary of State John Haggerty, and Auditor-General O. B. Fuller received cordially their suggestions for the extension of the Grand River widening program, which is expected to be finally approved in the near future. Members of the committee stated that despite the immense number and cost of the projects placed before the state road committee with requests for action, they believe that Farmington may realize its hopes.

The visit to Lansing followed a meeting of the Exchange Club committee and the city commission last Saturday afternoon. Also present at that meeting was Mr. French of Redford, who formerly was employed by the State in getting right-of-way land along important highways.

## Recommend 120 Feet

It was voted to recommend that the city commissioners employ Mr. French to interview property owners regarding dedication of land along Grand River between the Junction and the lumber yard. It was also voted that the committee work for a 120-foot right-of-way on that portion of the road, provided this meets with the approval of the state highway department.

The committee chosen to go to Lansing to obtain advice as to the width of road for which dedications should be sought consisted of Judge John J. Schulte, Commissioners Clarence Hickling and Olin Russell, Howard Warner, and Emory Hutton. The committee informed Governor Green that Farmington held a man in readiness to go to work on securing dedications, as soon as the most advisable width was determined. Governor Green, according to the committee, promised to take the matter up during the meeting of the State Highway Committee to be held that afternoon, and to communicate to Judge Schulte the width the State would advise for right-of-way.

## Suggest 40 Feet Now

The Farmington committee also presented to Governor Green suggestions as to the width of the pavement. This memorandum gave the suggested width of the concrete as 40 feet between Farmington Junction and the lumber yard, being two 20-foot strips of concrete, on either side of the car tracks. The present width of concrete west of the lumber yard was given as 50 feet and the west of Division street as 45 feet.

A letter addressed to Governor Green and endorsing the recommendations of the committee, was compiled and read at a meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday by Emory Hutton. The letter urged the widening and improving of Grand River avenue from Farmington Junction to Farmington road, and assured the Governor of the hearty support of the people of this section. The letter was signed by nearly all members present and was to be forwarded to Governor Green.

At the time of going to press, Judge Schulte had not yet received word from Governor Green as to the width of right-of-way the State would advise. An effort was being made to get into telephone communication with the state executive.

**Season's Greetings**

*May our greetings of the season, with those of other friends, help to bring to you a measure of happiness untold.*

The Farmington Enterprise