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Club Acts For Regulation Of Soliciting Here

Committee To Be Formed To Approve Appeals, Cards Furnished

As a means of assisting Farmington's Community Chest Fund, and also protecting Farmington merchants from unrestricted solicitation by groups and individuals outside the community, the Farmington Exchange Club has taken steps toward regulation of solicitation. All merchants in the community will have the opportunity to cooperate in the work.

Those who served on the community fund committee last year reported that the Farmington community fund suffered considerably because of the unscrupulously solicited from Detroit, had by early solicitation taken from the community much that might have remained for local aid.

The Exchange Club plan includes selection of a committee, including business-men both inside and out of the Club, to investigate and pass on the organizations and individuals who wish to solicit funds among the merchants. Each will be asked to give this committee full information about the cause for which the solicitation is made. If the committee finds the cause worthy one a card of approval will be issued.

Business and professional men who wish to cooperate in the idea will be furnished cards. These cards will be given to solicitors that in their solicitation, they are to present evidence of approval by the committee of business-men.

Cards for the office and place of business will be available the latter part of this week. The committee to pass on the solicitors has not yet been selected.

MUCH ACTIVITY IS PLANNED FOR NEXT MONTH BY LODGE

Farmington Masons Have Four Events Arranged, Including Election

With selection and installation of officers at the outstanding events, Farmington Masonic Lodge officers are planning one of the busiest months of activity in some time for the month of December.

On December 9 the annual election of officers will occur and two weeks later, the new officers will be installed at a public ceremony, with Past Grand Master F. Homer Newton as installing officer.

The Lodge calendar calls for meetings on each Monday night except the last in December. Next Monday evening, December 2, candidates will be given the Fellowship degree. Election of officers takes place December 9, and a special meeting with dinner and entertainment is planned for December 16, when the third degree will be conferred. The installation of officers on December 23 will culminate the year's work of the present officers, led by Ralph Auten, worshipful master.

An enjoyable feature of the meeting held Monday evening was the celebration of his sixtieth anniversary as a Mason by Elliott Sprague, who lives northwest of Farmington. Mr. Sprague who is 83 years old, was called upon for a short talk and gave a humorous account of early days here. He joined the Farmington Masonic Lodge 60 years ago this month.

Police Team Here
Farmington Lodge was honored Monday evening with one of the largest gatherings of visitors in recent years. Fifty members of other lodges were in attendance, among them 20 members of the Detroit police department. The Detroit police team conferred the third degree upon Chief of Police Lee Doyle in the evening, winning much praise for their proficiency in the work. Other candidates were Frank Walters and Walter J. Huwayen, the latter of whom received a gift from other fellow-employees in Detroit.

Rev. Frank D. Adams Author Of Magazine Article On Marriage Vows



REV. FRANK D. ADAMS

Cement Work On Bridge Finished

Pouring Of Last Cement Assures Handing Of Traffic Early Next Spring

Pouring of the last concrete on the new bridge over the River Rouge, on the south side of Grand River avenue in Farmington, was completed Tuesday, giving assurance that traffic on the new highway may pass over the bridge early in the Spring of 1930.

Filling-in of the approaches to the bridge will continue as long as weather conditions permit. It is believed that the filling can be carried on until January 1 at least.

Progress on the entire widening project has been rapid throughout the fall, and officials anticipate that paving of the new road can be accomplished well before the heavy traffic of the summer season arrives. Thirty men were at work Tuesday on the last of the concrete work. Protecting lumber must remain over the concrete until Friday of next week, December 7, when Gosier and Flynn, sub-contractors on the bridge, will withdraw their men for the winter.

Need More Earth
In order to obtain sufficient earth for the approach at the east end of the bridge, further cutting-back of the hill on the south side of Grand River has been found necessary. Although considerable earth has been obtained thus far more is required, than was at first expected. Next week the excavators will be moved to the west of the bridge and begin grading for the approach on that side.

A bridge, unusually pleasing design is promised when the lumber covering is removed. The bridge was designed by the State Highway Department. It will have no concrete railing, but the standard post-and-rail protection placed on State highways.

Fund Shortage Felt
The State's lack of funds has been a factor in the work on Grand River and is said to have prevented pouring of concrete on the Cut-Off this year. All is readiness for the laying of cement, but contractors have not proceeded with more work than is required, due to the delay in payments by the State.

FORMER FARMINGTON TEACHER CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Older residents of Farmington will be interested in a wedding anniversary celebration held at Coldwater this week. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey H. Wicand celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Wicand taught school in Farmington 50 years ago and is a veteran of the Civil War. He visited Farmington last summer as is his annual custom, on his trip to the ruins of his Civil War regiment at Pontiac.

Mrs. Boyle was a Thursday luncheon guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Kenyon of Clarenceville.

Rev. Frank Durward Adams, pastor of the Farmington Universalist Church as well as of the First Universalist Church of Detroit, is the author of a recent magazine article which has aroused much interest in various parts of the country. Rev. Adams' article is on "New Marriage Vows," and appeared in "Plain Talk," a monthly magazine.

Dr. Adams, who is regarded as one of the leading Universalist pastors in America, is the author of several volumes on religion, particularly with regard to the modern spirit.

Dr. Adams begins his article with an account of a wedding, in which a new form of ritual, differing considerably from the service in the Prayer Book, was used. In this service, the bride and groom alike took a vow to cleave unto the other—"so long as love shall keep you united." There were other differences between this service and the usual marriage ceremony, but the eight words quoted apparently were the chief cause of the "bedlam," which, Dr. Adams relates, broke out after the ceremony.

The arguments of those tending to the wedding, centering upon the omission of the words, "till death do us part," are related by Dr. Adams. The young people appeared to differ quite decidedly from the older guests, according to Dr. Adams, and evidently were thoroughly satisfied with the ceremony which one described as having "some sense to it, what I mean." The parents of the bride and groom seemed pleased. And, Dr. Adams, adds, "the bride's brother, the clergyman on the spot to use the same service without the change of a word at his forthcoming wedding."

"Occurred In East"
Dr. Adams writes that his account is not fiction, but that "this wedding actually took place the other day in one of our fashionable and quite respectable churches, in one of our centers of Eastern culture. It was not away out in the 'farther West.' Not even in the doubtful Middle West, New England, if you please."

"Disapprobation was written upon the faces of most of the older people," says Dr. Adams. One "gentle-faced matron appeared to approve of the service, however, according to Dr. Adams, arguing that "if they cease to love each other, they will very likely get a divorce. Why compel them to make a promise which they do not mean to fulfill?"

In commenting on the ceremony himself, Dr. Adams says in part: "The young couple to be married objected to the old-fashioned Prayer-Book marriage ceremony. It compelled most of these getting married nowadays to perjure themselves. They wanted something sincere, something which recognized our changing concepts of marriage and the fundamental basis upon which it rests."

"Here," Dr. Adams goes on, "is a sign of the times with a vengeance." Dr. Adams then comments on the new marriage vow with that of the version from the Book of Common Prayer and points out a number of differences in the concept and contents of the two services.

Dr. Adams says that there are in these two ceremonies "differences so fundamental that they change the whole conception of the nature, essence, and duration of the marriage. . . . It accepts the dictum long held by free and thoughtful minds that there is a real union only where love exists and abides. When love ceases marriage in any true spiritual sense has ceased to exist, and the way is left open for the honorable severing of the legal bond."

Dr. Adams concludes by saying that "The question must be faced, . . . the situation cannot be maintained in any gesture. Nor will mutterings and threats of dire discipline be likely to avail."

FIREMEN CALLED OUT
Farmington's fire department was called to the home of Arthur J. Babbitt in Southfield Township Sunday. The house was extinguished before the firemen arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Green and Mr. K. Blabes spent Sunday at Greenmap's.

New Orphanage Opens Year After Old One Burned

Orphans Occupy New Villa Marillac On Twelve-Mile Road; Cost Is \$1,000,000

One year to the day after Farmington's first siren shrieked through the early morning air the alarm of fire, at the old Villa Marillac, on Twelve Mile road, a new and beautiful refuge for orphans was opened Tuesday, across the street from the site of the old home.

Ten cottages, a two-story administration building and a chapel, playroom, infirmary, dining-rooms, and nursery rooms have replaced the old single structure that burned to the grounds on November 26, 1928. Located on 80 acres of rolling ground, with a stream running along the west side, the new home provides natural surroundings such as few children enjoy.

The children came to their new home Tuesday afternoon. After being taken to the chapel for prayer, they were shown the playrooms, with their complete equipment, and many playthings.

The official opening took place Tuesday morning. Rt. Rev. Michael J. Gallagher, blessed the rooms of the orphanage, in the presence of the family of Charles T. Fisher, donors of the orphanage, and other guests. Low mass and breakfast followed the ceremony.

The coming of the orphans to the home at 3 o'clock in the afternoon made it just one year and twelve hours after they had been driven from the old building. The fire occurred at 3 o'clock in the morning, and a child, a little boy, being burned to death, while 59 were saved by nurses. Most of them have been living in the Schloss estate at Dearborn.

OAKLAND MOTOR COMPANY NAMES LOCAL DEALERS

J. T. Alcock, Inc., Appointed To Handle Pontiac And Oakland Cars

The Oakland Motor Car Company today announces as a member of its rapidly growing sales organization the appointment of J. T. Alcock, Inc., as Oakland-Pontiac dealers here for the smart new Pontiac Big Six and its companion car, the colorful All-American by Oakland. Both lines of cars are displayed at the new showrooms at 33431 Grand River where the public is invited to inspect them.

The huge Oakland-Pontiac merchandising body with which the new dealers here are now identified has shown one of the most remarkable growths in the entire automotive industry. With 5,000 dealers throughout the United States, it is five times the size of the 1925 Oakland dealer organization.

The two lines of cars have consistently set new high monthly sales figures since they came on the market, an indication of the measure of public favor which they enjoy. This is seen in an endorsement of the company's policy in pioneering new and advanced chassis and body features now widely copied throughout the industry.

Complete sales and service facilities will be offered by J. T. Alcock, Inc., at their location on Grand River avenue, one block west of Farmington road. Oakland-Pontiac service is being handled there, the former Park Garage.

YOUNG PEOPLE TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT DEC. 4

All those interested in young people of Farmington are urged to be present at an entertainment to be given by them next Wednesday evening, December 4, in Methodist Community Hall. Good music, clever dancing and pretty costumes will feature the entertainment, under the direction of Miss Gladys Baker and Mr. Edward Eaton. An enjoyable evening is promised. Admission is free.

Mrs. C. Bickling and daughter, Christine, spent Tuesday in Detroit.

Farmington Hunter Gets 14-Point Deer

Among the deer brought back from the North by Farmington men during the past week is one shot by Dr. Z. E. Aschenbrenner. Dr. Aschenbrenner's was a "14-point" deer, regarded as a rare prize among hunters. Half a dozen other hunters from this section brought back deer, several weighing about 180 pounds. Some who were "sure shots" in other years, however, came back empty-handed.

Loot In School Robbery Is \$80

Intruders Get Large Sum At Rural School; Leave No Clues After Robbery

A robber or robbers who broke into the John Grace School Tuesday night obtained more than the usual collection of pennies yielded by school cash-boxes. A total of between \$80 and \$85 in cash was stolen.

The money belonged to pupils and teachers of the school. Most of it was in cash, and in envelopes. A check-up of the amounts recorded on the envelopes gave the total as over \$80.

Deputies William Tamm and Charles Rums, who investigated the robbery, said that no clues had been left.

Shooting Reported Here

Farmington deputy sheriffs were appealed to for aid Saturday night by a young man who later was held by Detroit police as a result of his story of bootlegging and hijacking activities. The young man had been shot by men whom he believed were "taking him for a ride."

Robert Sweet, 19, 14307 Braille, Detroit, was the shooting victim. When he approached the Farmington officer, blood was streaming from his shoulder, his face was bruised and one eye was blackened. He was taken to Receiving Hospital in Redford and later lodged in Wayne County jail. He said that he and another young man had been shot by an innkeeper on Telegraph road, when they escaped from the innkeeper and two companions, on the "ride." The innkeeper was later raised, and police reported finding whiskey.

Sweet asked that he be allowed to stay in jail until his enemies are all caught by police.

SENIOR DANCE TO OPEN NEW A. P. STORE NEXT WEEK

Farmington High School Seniors Arrange Event On December 4

A dance unique in its setting and arrangements is being planned for next Wednesday evening, December 4, in Farmington. The senior class of Farmington High School and the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., will combine in arranging a senior class dance and the opening of the company's new store in Farmington.

The large new store will provide ample space for the dancing, and the A. P. "Ramblers" will be brought to Farmington to furnish music, through the efforts of A. C. Stokes, manager of the Farmington store. According to Mr. Stokes, this is the first time in the history of the company that the company's orchestra has been permitted to play outside of the company's own events. The orchestra travels all over the country to furnish music for district gatherings and other company affairs.

"Tickets for the dance are in the hands of senior class and may be obtained from them. A large number of people from other towns is expected at the dance and opening."

The Evangelical Ladies' Aid Society will hold their annual Christmas bazaar December 4th. The same evening at 5:30 a chicken dinner will be served, the menu being as follows: Fried chicken, biscuits, gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, cabbage salad, olives, cranberries, rolls, coffee and apple pie at \$1 per plate; children under 12, 50 cents.

New System Of Tax Statements Begun This Year

Itemized Statements To Be Sent Out By Both Township And City

Taxpayers of both Farmington Township and City this year will receive a new form of tax statement. For the first time, all taxpayers will receive itemized statements, showing the amount for each item on the tax roll, before the taxes are paid.

Previously the tax notices were sent out in the form of cards or slips showing merely the total amount of tax to be paid. This year, however, the tax forms are made up in such manner that the taxpayer's statement is a copy of the receipt which he obtains on payment of the taxes.

Township Treasurer Elmer A. Empson has been at work for some time on the Township tax statements. City Treasurer Geo. Gildemeister is prepared to start his work the first of next week. Taxes are due December 10; and it is expected that the statements will all be prepared before that date.

The new system, while requiring more work on the part of the treasurers in making out the statements, will make it possible to handle the receipt of taxes laid out on the receipts will be made out at the same time as the statements.

The issuing of itemized statements is expected to lessen possibility of mistakes which might have occurred under the previous system. It will be useful also in these cases in which property owners wish to pay only part of their tax. Occasionally taxpayers for some reason, prefer not to pay certain assessments, usually for special improvements. Previously they learned the amount of these items only by communicating with the treasurer, or when paying taxes.

State and County taxes will be higher this year, due to raise in State rate and increase in valuations placed on Oakland County by the State Tax Commission early in the fall.

BIG GRID SCORE IS ROLLED UP BY NORTHWESTERN

Lee Cleaners Of Detroit Snowed Under By 52-6; Dance Is Planned

With every type of play working perfectly and bewildering the opposing team, Northwestern rolled up a 52-6 victory on Sunday, rolled up the largest score in their history. Fifty-two points were scored against the Lee Cleaners of Detroit, the visitors tallying six points on a pass that was dropped over a goal line, but which was called a touchdown by the referee.

Northwestern made eight touchdowns, and counted four points after touchdown. Rife and Capt. Robinson each made two touchdowns, and others were made by Wixom, Clare, Newcomb and Deas. Perfect interference made it easy for the Northwestern ball-carriers to score. The visitors were reported to have been defeated but not beaten, but were unable to offer much opposition to Northwestern's attack.

Following the game with West Lawn on Thanksgiving Day, one or two more games are planned by Northwestern and the season's close will be celebrated with a football dance on Wednesday evening, December 11, at Northwestern Hall, formerly Tri-Community Hall. Herb Unget and his orchestra have been engaged to furnish music.

TRUCK AND AUTO MEET; "CASUALTY" IS REPORTED

An automobile and a truck met head-on on Grand River avenue in Farmington near the bridge, west of Lakeway drive Wednesday morning. Nothing new, surely. Yet the report of the victims was unusual.

The "casualties" consisted of one chicken, dead. Whether it was killed in the collision or died of fright was not determined. Neither driver was hurt.

Mrs. W. W. Slocum entertained several friends at tea on Friday.