

# The Farmington Enterprise

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## Editorials

A New Kind Of Bandit

The slaying of Undersheriff Frank Greenan and Deputy Harvey Tedder last week has shocked the people of Oakland County sharply into a realization of something that we have been hearing for some time. Perhaps even this tragic event will not have all the effect that it should have, but what we cannot help but understand now is that law enforcement officers today are up against a new kind of criminal. He is a ruthless, desperate type of young desperado that compares favorably (or unfavorably) with Jesse James and the wildest cattle-rustlers of the old West.

Possibly the fierce bandits of Mexico and China are no worse, especially if we take into consideration the fact that the United States is supposed to have reached a higher plane of civilization and gentility than those backward countries. These new young savages of America, are just that, savages. They shoot men who have already been wounded, nor is Greenan by any means the first. In the Detroit News holdup several years ago, the fleeing gunmen fired shots into a wounded patrolman lying on the sidewalk at the building entrance. Those bandits, we may gladly say, are all either in prison for life or dead, and dead is the young barbarian who killed the Oakland County officers. Nor do very many people probably care, but right there is the rub, because among the people who don't care, or didn't while they were alive, are these same young men.

Time was when the police could count on the fear of death as a deterrent to crime. Not that the police had the authority to inflict death, but where there were crime and guns there was the possibility of some shooting going on. And that meant somebody might get killed, including any young man caught in a criminal act.

But the young bandits of the last few years do not seem to mind about that. To many of them life hasn't meant much, and death apparently means little. Most of them are out of work, and many of those probably wouldn't work if they could get jobs. When faced with choice between probable long imprisonment and death, many of them, and quite calmly it appears, choose death and blow out with their guns what brains they have.

How are the police to cope with that? In spite of all the other things that have been tried, fear of punishment still remains one of the chief if not the greatest deterrents to crime. If young guerrillas are afraid of nothing, how can they be kept from committing any kind of outrageous deed?

We haven't found the answer yet, but we will have to find it soon. In one encounter Oakland County lost one of the bravest and most capable officers it has ever had, and a faithful deputy. This one incident may bring us no nearer the solution, but it had one satisfying aspect. The young bandit did not live to have a long drawn-out trial which might be held only after months of delay, and be followed by appeals, during all of which he might have appeared to younger boys of the community as a glamorous hero.

### Forty-four Years

Forty-four years ago the people of the United States were electing a president, turning out a man who had been in office four years in favor of a new one. Or rather it was not the people that turned him out, but our peculiar electoral college system, for it was in 1888 that we had the strange circumstance of one candidate getting five and a half million popular votes to four and a half million for his rival, only to see the latter win by 233 electoral votes to 168. But the people reversed that decision four years later, and so doughty old Grover Cleveland, and one of the greatest of our presidents, became the first and only president thus far to come back and win a second term after being defeated for re-election following his first term.

But enough of election, for most of us became weary long ago of this age-long 1932 campaign. Forty-four years ago a printer's devil was sweeping out the office of The Farmington Enterprise. That perhaps is no great news—it certainly wouldn't be news today. But 44 years ago it was a matter to remark upon, for the Enterprise had just been born and was the focus of the town's interest. So even Fred Cook's sweeping-out of the new newspaper office was part of the general curiosity attending the town's newest industry.

A good deal of "water has gone over the dam" since that time, and many a wind has blown about the Enterprise since those days, as over all of Farmington. Farmington's first printer's devil is, happily, still with us in town as a friend and neighbor, though in a different capacity, and still has the run of the Enterprise shop when he wants it. Regrettably, Edgar R. Bloomer, who as a sentence in the "flag" at the head of this column indicates, founded the Enterprise as "a permanent journal of progress"—(and what newspaper ever had a finer watchword?)—has, regrettably, passed on. But glancing down the subscription list one finds the names of many who lent most welcome encouragement to Mr. Bloomer by "taking the paper" from the time he started it in 1888. Year in and year out they have continued to "take the paper," and while now and then in the early days there were undoubtedly some times when it became a real question as to whether they would continue to receive it, the troubles were weathered through. But while the subscribers came to be fairly sure that the paper was "coming out this week" all right, they had not the least certainty as to who the owner might be by the time it did come out, whether he would be the fellow who owned it last week or not. Some papers have experienced but one or two changes of ownership in half a century; the Enterprise has had that many within a year or two on

several different occasions. But that has sort of settled down too, in later years, and five or six years instead of that many months has come to be a not uncommon tenure, whether for better or for worse being a debatable question. Probably that matter isn't worth anyone's wasting his time debating it, but meanwhile the Enterprise hopes to find that the first forty-four years and not merely the first hundred, are the hardest.

### Farmer Organizing

There are many who believe that the only salvation for the farmer, or the one that holds by far the greatest promise, lies in organization, in co-operative action that will put farming in the same class as many industries—that of large-scale operations. Farming has been described as an individualistic sort of business, and farmers as the greatest individualists on earth.

Whether or not the slow progress of large-scale organizing among agriculturalists is due to the nature of farmers or of farming, it is certain that many co-operative efforts have not been in vain. The Michigan Milk Producers Association, which has recently perfected organization in this area, has, for instance, taken for its practical object the stabilization of the price of milk and absorption of the surplus. Its apparent success speaks highly for the practicality of the Association's aims and the ability of the men in charge, as well as the progressiveness of the dairy farmers of this part of Michigan.

### CHURCHES

**Our Lady of Sorrows Church**  
Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor

Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.  
Daily mass at 8:00.

**Baptist Church**  
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:10 Prayer Service.  
10:30 Morning worship. Sermon by the Pastor.  
11:45 Bible School with classes for all ages.  
6:30 Young Peoples Hour.  
7:30 Evangelistic service. The sermon theme will be "Let the Majority Rule." There will be special music.

Each night next week at 7:45 there will be preaching services, to which the public is invited to come.

**Methodist Church**  
Rev. P. C. Johnson, Minister

"Now That it is Over—What?" will be discussed at the morning service by the pastor of the church. In the evening he will preach on "Pippa's Song and Life." We cordially invite you all to attend.

Our Sunday School attendance is steadily gaining. You will enjoy this hour of Bible Study, song, and blackboard talk.

Young People's Club meets at 6:30 in the club room Sunday evening.

Prayer and Fellowship service every Wednesday evening at 7:30.

**West Point Park Presbyterian Church**  
Rev. Roy J. Miller, Minister

Sunday, November 13—National Missions Sunday, 10:30, Sunday School, 11:30, Morning worship; children, "Friends," adults, "Dreams."

Monday, November 14—10:30 a. m. Presbyterian Advance dinner, Presbyterian Church. "Meeting Present Day Problems." 8:30 p. m. Presbyterian Advance dinner, First Presbyterian Church, Northville. Doctors William P. Shriver and William C. Covert bring stirring messages.

**Evangelical Church**  
H. Niederhoffer, Pastor

10:15 a. m. Divine Service. Text: II. Thess. 2:1-14. Topic: "Prepare To Meet Thy Lord." Friend." Mrs. Edgar organist. A hearty welcome to all. Come and worship with us.

11:15 a. m. Sunday School. Mr. Erskine W. Evans, superintendent. Come and bring your children.

### Novi

Mr. and Mrs. Hadley called on Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Munro Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hansor are the parents of a baby girl born Monday morning. She has been named Lillian Marie and weighs six pounds.

White and Leet have men working on the guard rails and sodding at the Pere Marquette-US-16 grade separation.

The Women's Home Missionary Society is meeting at the home of Mrs. Clyde Johnson all day Thursday. There is to be a pot luck lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sheppard have returned to Detroit after an extended visit with Mrs. Nettie Leavenworth.

Rev. Thompson and family moved to Reading last Friday. He has accepted a new charge at Reading after being at the Novi Baptist Church for eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, who have been touring the west for four years, visited Mr. Brown's uncle the past week and have left for their home at Erie, Pennsylvania.

**Defoe as Press Agent**  
Defoe, author of "Robinson Crusoe," who died more than 200 years ago, had the press-agent spirit worthy of any modern, as witness the story of his being called in to boom the sales of a book titled "Consolations Against the Fears of Death." Defoe wrote up a story of a departed spirit coming back to earth to recommend out of her sure knowledge of the subject the truth and reality of the book—and the book sold.—Detroit News.

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### "How Do You Say It in English?"



Shanghai has been front page news of late, and Shanghai and San Francisco are brought close together in this picture of three little Chinese maids. For Isabel May Lee, in the center, is holding a telephone directory published in Chinese for the inhabitants of San Francisco's Chinatown, while May Jow and Mary Jow hold copies of the Shanghai telephone directory. Isabel is the granddaughter of Lo Kurn Shu, first manager of the San Francisco Chinatown central office, which was established in 1894 and is the only central office in this country where calls are handled almost entirely in a foreign language.

### WEST FARMINGTON

Mrs. Ervin Knapp

The West Farmington School gained three new pupils this week when Mr. and Mrs. Schimesky moved back into the district. Lily and Julian Schimesky attended this school three years ago and the pupils were glad to see them return.

Raymond See is out of school and confined to his bed with rheumatism in his hip.

The leaders of the East Walled Lake Extension Group will receive their lesson for the next group meeting Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Glen Buffmyer at Wined Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cox attended a birthday surprise at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rupert at Clarenceville in honor of Mr. Rupert's anniversary.

Mrs. William Kurtz and daughter Dorothy, spent Thursday in Plymouth.

The North Farmington Auxiliary will hold their November

meeting and chicken dinner at West Bloomfield Town Hall Tuesday, November 15. Dinner will be served at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Knapp and son William, and Mrs. Edith Grammer motored to Hartland to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Geigler and family.

Mrs. Mary Myas and daughter Beverly of West Branch visited her sister, Mrs. William Morris, over the week end.

Mrs. Roy Schroeder, who has been ill at her home, is improving.

Mrs. Henry Kleinsmidt, accompanied by her father-in-law, Adolph Kleinsmidt of Oskosh, Wisconsin, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Morris. Mrs. Kleinsmidt was Miss Ethel Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. John Landau, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith, Mrs. Carl Dyar, Mrs. Jesse Boyd and Mrs. Lucille Boyd called on Mrs. Roy Schroeder Sunday afternoon.

Send in your news items.

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