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## Warns Swimmers Creek Is Impure; City Water Good

Dr. Norton Says Statement From County Officials Shows Supply Is Clean

Farmington parents are warned by Dr. Norton, city health officer not to allow their children to swim in the creek or go wading there; that it is polluted by cess pools and drains flowing into it farther up stream.

At the same time, the city's drinking water was examined and proved to be perfectly pure. According to a report from the Oakland County Board of Health, the Farmington water tests very well, giving no indication of germs. Another sample has been sent in for testing.

The investigation was brought on by two cases of severe fevers among Farmington residents.

During the past two weeks an epidemic has been rumored because of the illness of Lloyd Halstead and Donald Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lee. Both have not been seized by fevers which could not be diagnosed, but neither has taken any turn for the worse. The water test removes all fear that an epidemic might be current.

## BADGERS RETAKE LEAD IN SOFTBALL BY NARROW MARGIN

Wildcats Lose Monday Game To Cubs; Wednesday Contest Decided By Single Run

The Badgers recaptured the lead in the Farmington softball league by defeating the last place Wolverines Wednesday night, the Wildcats losing to the Cubs, 11-9, in the Monday game.

The Wednesday game was a knock-down and drag-out tussle which was not settled until the last man was out in the seventh inning. The Badgers started things with four runs in the first inning, the Wolverines coming along with three in the same period. The Wolverines took the lead in the third but later lost it. In the last inning the Wolverines put a man on but the boys who followed couldn't put him across.

Howard Osamus hit a home run in the Monday game.

	R	H	E
Cubs	11	14	7
Wildcats	9	7	7
Wednesday June 14			
Badgers	8	13	5
Wolverines	7	8	5
Standings To Date			
Badgers	4	2	.667
Wildcats	3	2	.600
Cubs	3	3	.500
Wolverines	4	4	.500
Leading Hitters			
AB	H	Pct	
Dennis	19	11	.579
Osamus	21	11	.524
Thayer	15	7	.467
H. Maas	21	9	.429
Palmer	12	5	.417
Auten	21	8	.381

## Clarenceville Boy Is Dead After Accident

Richard Lewis Waack, 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Waack of Clarenceville, died June 10 as the result of an accident the previous week. He fell and hit his tongue; the flow of blood could not be stopped and complications set in.

The boy was born at Alpena January 6, 1931. He was the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Waack of Clarenceville and Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Stephens of Alpena.

## Annual Flower Show Will Be Held On This Friday

Friday, June 16, will be a big day for flower lovers of Farmington. Farmington Garden Club will hold its annual flower show at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, with all exhibits being set in place at 10 o'clock in the morning. Great interest in the show has been evidenced by flower growers, and the number of entries is expected to be larger than ever.

## Depression Brings Sportsmen Back To Oakland's 'Happy Fishing Ground'

Excellent trout fishing in Oakland county streams is reported by southern Michigan fishermen who have found that economic conditions prevent them from visiting their favorite places in the northern part of the state.

One sportsman reported to the state conservation commission that he caught 42 trout averaging 10 inches in length from one stream in the county. Other streams in the county also were productive of a number comparing favorably with this figure. The Oakland reports are indicative of the general comeback in trout fishing throughout the southern lower peninsula.

A few years ago practically every stream in southern Michigan had been drained of all trout. The streams were over-fished and trout had no opportunity to propagate and the thousands of fry planted by the state were taken when still undersized or were devoured by predators.

## Two Weddings Are Solemnized

Third Marriage Ceremony To Take Place On Saturday Morning At Highland Park

Two June weddings in which prominent Farmington people figured were held during the past week and another will be held on Saturday.

GILLIES-HABERMEHL  
C. Austin Habermehl of Farmington and Jessie Gillies of Detroit were married in Detroit on Tuesday. A reception was given at the bride's home. The best man was Cecil Habermehl and matron of honor Christiana Gillies. After a brief honeymoon in the north, the couple will return to Dearborn to live.

BAMBER-GIBSON  
Harley J. Gibson of Farmington and Ethel Bamber, at present a teacher in the Royal Oak High School, were married June 12 in South Haven, Michigan. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bamber of Howell and is well known to Farmington residents through her association with the discussion group meeting at the home of R. N. Crozman. Mr. Gibson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gibson of Farmington. After a honeymoon spent on the sand dunes of Lake Michigan, the couple are returning to their apartment in the Gibson home on Halsted Road.

COLLIAN-ALLEN  
Fred Allen, formerly of Farmington, is to be married Saturday, June 17, to Rosemond Colliam of Detroit.

## TWO INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT AT WEST POINT PARK

Cars Driven By Geo. Lewis And Detroit Doctor Collide At Intersection

Two persons were injured, one seriously, when cars driven by George Lewis, R. F. D. No. 2, Farmington, and Dr. E. A. Ranney of Detroit collided at the intersection of Farmington and Seven Mile roads in West Point Park, Tuesday.

Mrs. William L. McGiverin, Grosse Pointe Shores, sustained two broken ribs and possible internal injuries, but she was removed to Harper Hospital. She was riding in the Ranney automobile as was Miss Vera Apel of Detroit, who received minor bruises.

Mr. Lewis was making a U-turn and drove into the path of Dr. Ranney automobile. After striking the smaller car, Dr. Ranney drove into a sandbank at the side of the road.

Mrs. McGiverin, who is a prominent golfer and society woman, was taken to the Meadowbrook course at the time of the crash.

## President's Day Held By F W C

Pot Luck Lunch Served At Last Meeting Of Group To Be Called Until Fall

Thirty-two members attended the annual celebration of President's Day held Wednesday by Farmington Woman's Club. The members drove to Cass Benton park and returned to hold a pot-luck luncheon on the Town Lawn near the Log Cabin.

Mrs. Carl Harrison gave several readings during the program which followed, including "Day Is Done" by Longfellow, "Home" by Edgar A. Guest, "Anyone Will Do" by Dair, and "After a Visit" by Dunbar. She also gave a biographical sketch of the poets.

The year books, containing the club program for 1933-34, were distributed and the club adjourned until October.

Mrs. Roy Brown, Mrs. Nola Switzer, and Mrs. Robert Bering were in charge of arrangements for the President's Day meeting.

## OAKLAND COUNTY PIONEER IS DEAD AT NINETY-THREE

Mrs. Ira L. Power Succumbed At Home Of Granddaughter In Grass Lake

N. H. Power and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lamb from Farmington attended the funeral of Mrs. Ira L. Power of Pontiac Tuesday, June 13. Mrs. Power, a pioneer in Oakland County, died at her home in West Point Park, Michigan, where she was a resident of her grand-daughter, Mrs. Earl Severance of Grass Lake, Saturday, at the age of 93. Mrs. Lamb is her niece.

She was a member of the Walled Lake Methodist church. Burial was in North Farmington cemetery.

## Mrs. Martha Campbell Dies At McGregor Home

Mrs. Martha Campbell of McGregor, Mich., mother of Willard Campbell, Farmington Township, died suddenly at her home near McGregor. She was 78 years old.

The body was taken from Detroit and interment, Mr. W., where burial will take place.

Mrs. Campbell has eleven sons and daughters who survive her. Most of them are residents of Michigan.

## Don V. Button Is Given State College Degree

Don Virgil Button of Farmington was among the 609 graduates who received degrees at the Michigan State College, seventh commencement, Monday, in the demonstration hall, East Lansing, June 12.

He was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture.

The Sugar Bowl baseball team defeated Parkers 10-4 and the Baptist Church team 5-2 during the past week. Leo Doyle is in charge of the management of the team.

## Leading Stores Hold Mid-Month Sales This Week

Prices Take Dive As Merchants Start Third Major Drive Against Depression

Old Man Depression will suffer another stiff uppercut on Friday and Saturday of this week with the return of the Mid-Month Bargain Days.

For the third consecutive month, leading merchants of Farmington are setting aside two days on which the residents of the area are to receive rare treats in the form of retail prices no higher than the wholesale costs of the articles to the merchants.

Firms participating in the Bargain days are: Nelson Sisters, Home Bakery and Confectionery Store, Farmington; Hardware Co., Old Russell Ford Service, Otis Grace Motor Sales, Chamberlain Jeweler, Schweim's Beer Garden, Chamberlain Service Station, Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., Checketts Motor Sales, the Kroger Store, Fred L. Cook and Co., Delos Hamilton, Red and White Store, Farmington Cleaners, Farmington Drug Co., Farmington Mills, Farmington Motor Sales, and the Farmington Enterprise.

As was done last month, prospective buyers were informed of the bargains offered through the medium of handbills distributed with milk checks to the farmers by the Farmington Dairy and Warner Dairy. Copies were also left at homes in Farmington city. For those who failed to secure one of the handbills, the list of bargains is printed on page six of this issue.

## SURVEY REVEALS FARMINGTON TAX RATE IS AVERAGE

\$15 Per Thousand Ratio Is Normal For Year, Canvass Of 932 Towns Discloses

Farmington's tax rate is approximately that of the average Michigan town, according to figures revealed in a recent survey. A study of the rate in 932 towns reveals an average of about \$15 per thousand, the Farmington rate.

The towns achieving low rates did so by any number of processes. The reductions were the results of sharply curtailed expenditures, reduced governmental service or surplus funds laid by in more prosperous times. Some applied all three methods. Farmington would be able to rely upon a surplus were it not that the city's money is in closed banks.

Only eight towns in the entire state were in the "taxless" class. This classification includes all towns which did not levy village taxes in 1932. The residents of these communities were, however, obliged to pay local township, county and state taxes.

The survey revealed that Michigan towns which were served by private utility companies had a lower average tax rate than the towns having municipal light plants.

## Washington Club Returns From Island Lake Camp

Twenty-two members of Farmington high school's Washington club returned Saturday night from a week's outing at Island Lake near Chelsea, Michigan.

The students played Robinson Crusoe, being the only occupants of the island, and lived in typical outdoors style. The time was taken up with boating, fishing, swimming, candy-making, conning and stunts in the evening. The students shared all responsibilities, doing the camp work in shifts.

Mrs. Ralph Auten and Mrs. John Wagner were chaperones. The members of the Washington club earned their trip by work done through the year. Citizens interested in the project donated magazine subscriptions and old papers. Also helped in other ways.

FLAG DAY OBSERVED  
Flag Day was fittingly celebrated in Farmington, Wednesday, June 14, by the raising of the American Legion's flag in front of the stores in the business section.

## Is Re-Elected Arthur Lamb



ARTHUR LAMB

## 2 Schools Have Annual Election

LeRoy Currin Is New Director At Nichols; West Farmington Chooses Button

Only two school districts in the Farmington area, aside from Farmington No. 5, held annual meetings Monday of this week. All other schools will hold their elections in July.

Electors of Nichols School No. 2 chose LeRoy Currin, moderator during the current year, to replace Amasa Grace as director. Mr. Grace, who has moved away and was therefore unable to remain in office, returned in order to attend the meeting and make a final report on his term in office.

Other officers elected were Stanley Drake as treasurer for another term and John Graham, moderator. No other candidates were nominated. The meeting adjourned after voting that only the \$60 required by the state be paid to Farmington high school as tuition for pupils from the district.

Jay Button was unanimously re-elected director of West Farmington District No. 4 at the meeting of electors Monday night. And \$60 was set as the rate to be paid for high school tuition. Floyd Howard continues in office as treasurer of the district and Starr Graham continues as moderator.

## 20 CLARENCEVILLE GRADUATES GO TO FAIR AT CHICAGO

Excursion Financed By Earnings Of Class During Past Year; Teachers In Party

A party of 28 persons from Clarenceville, including the 20 members of the graduating class of the Clarenceville schools and their teachers returned Wednesday from a trip to the Century of Progress exposition at Chicago. The party left Clarenceville on Sunday. The group travelled to Chicago in five private cars. They stayed at the Lincoln-Bellmont Y. M. C. A. while in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert DeLuie, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Middlest and Mr. Lawski accompanied the graduates. The group reported that the limited time prevented them from seeing more than one 100th of the exhibition. They saw three exhibitions, covering 87 miles. The trip was financed through money earned by the members of the class during the past year.

Reta Clifford delivered the salutatory and Fred Bailey the valedictory addresses at the commencement exercises last Friday.

Donald Stalabower read the class play and Hedwig Berger the class prophecy. Rev. O. J. Lyon gave the invocation and benediction.

## 32 Percent Cut Made In 1933-34 School Tax

A thirty-two percent reduction in school taxes for the coming year for the residents of Farmington district No. 5 will be in effect as a result of cuts in the assessed valuation and the tax rate. The rate has been reduced from \$10 per thousand to \$6.50 with an additional \$2.00 for estimated debt service. On each former valuation of \$1,000, the present assessment is on the basis of \$600.

## AschenBrenner Is New Member Of School Board

Arthur Lamb Re-Elected At Annual School Meeting; Budget Is Set At \$25,700

Arthur Lamb was re-elected and Dr. Z. R. AschenBrenner was named to succeed A. L. Ross on the Farmington District No. 5 board of education at the annual school meeting Monday night.

The meeting was called to order by President Ross with 40 persons present. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Florence Lee, secretary. Mrs. Lee followed with a condensed financial statement. It was announced that students from points outside the district would be required to pay one semester's tuition in advance next year because of the large amount of tuition money now outstanding.

The budget for the coming year was set at \$25,700, the tax rate to be about the same as last year. Mrs. Lee told the audience that only one school in Oakland county was in a financial condition to be open for the full nine months next year. She thought it possible, however, that the state would lend assistance to the schools.

President Ross then called for nominations for the expired term of Treasurer Lamb. Nathan Power, Farmington city clerk, nominated Mr. Lamb for re-election. Mr. Power, in a brief address, praised the present board, saying that he believed the past year the "most trying" in the 103-year history of the district. Mayor Howard Warner then moved that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Lamb. The motion carried.

Floyd Nichols placed the name of Dr. AschenBrenner in nomination for the other post held by Mr. Ross. Miss Helen Hard nominated Lloyd Gillen. Dr. AschenBrenner received 28 votes to 10 cast for Mr. Gillen.

President Ross asked the people of the district to give the new board a 100 percent backing in view of the exigencies of the times and the particular difficulties, therefore, confronting the body. The members of the new board for the coming year will be Mrs. Florence Lee, Howard M. Warner, Spencer J. Heeny, Arthur Lamb, and Dr. Z. R. AschenBrenner.

## DIRIGIBLE PASSES NEAR FARMINGTON ON MICHIGAN TRIP

U. S. S. Macon Is Clearly Visible To Residents Of This Area; Seen Earlier At Ann Arbor

The U. S. S. Macon, giant Navy dirigible, passed a few miles south of Farmington Wednesday on its return flight to its base at Akron, Ohio. The Macon was seen by a number of residents of the Farmington area. During the recent trip, the Macon stopped at the Century of Progress exposition in Chicago. She passed over Detroit on her way to the Exposition and was sighted Monday night over Ann Arbor. Before returning to Akron, the dirigible visited Wisconsin and northern Michigan, coming down the eastern Michigan boundary on Wednesday.

The Macon is the sister-ship of the ill-fated Akron and is the only large American dirigible afloat today. The ship passed close enough to Farmington to be clearly visible from the city. The time of passage was about noon.

Miss Betty Bouman of Orchard Lake was a guest of Lucille Brydon for a few days.

## Mid-Month Bargains

An unusual opportunity to save is offered to residents of Farmington and vicinity in the repetition this week of the Mid-Month Bargain Days.

Friday and Saturday  
Special Offers by 17 Farmington Firms

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