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Ball Goes 'round, Oh-- F. H. S. Wins

"The ball rolls around and around—oh-wo-oh-oh-wo-oh—and it drops out there—below, below." And thus the game is won.

Walled Lake's undefeated champion basketball team comes to Farmington Friday night, but however expert may be their display of court prowess, Farmington fans will never see a more thrilling finish to any contest than that witnessed last Friday night, when, with Farmington leading by a single basket, the final whistle blew while the ball, tossed by a Clarkston player, was rolling around the rim of the basket. It rolled "around and around" the rim after the whistle had blown, and while ten players and the scores of spectators watched, breathless, it behaved just like the music in the song—rolled out, not in. Had it slipped down into the hoop, the score would have been tied, and an overtime period resulted.

That in itself would have been thrill enough, but coupled with what had transpired only a quarter of a minute before, it left the crowd limp with excitement. For, with only 15 seconds to go and the score at 19 all, Donnie Lee had tossed a "long tom" from far down the floor, and the ball sailed through the ring without touching it. Scarcely was this over before the final futile shot, "around and around," ended the battle.

Come From Behind

Still more, it was only in the last four minutes before the end that Farmington had tied the count, after being behind all the way. Clarkston then went into the lead, 19 to 18, and Farmington again tied it up, before Lee's long shot and the "around and around" act rendered the decision.

Although Lee's shot was the most spectacular, Turner was the star of the game and high scorer, with nine points. Clarkston held a great advantage in height, its players averaging six feet tall.

Farmington's reserves defeated the Clarkston second team, 16 to 9.

An overflow crowd is expected for the game Friday evening at 7:15.

Walled Lake has won all its games to date. In three of the four contests they were hard pressed for victory, but their superior playing was rewarded in the end in each game.

The Clarkston game summaries:

Farmington:	G	F	P	T
Turner, f	4	1	0	9
Lee, f	2	0	1	4
Hamilton, c	0	1	3	1
Himmelspach, g	1	1	2	3
Davis, g	1	2	1	4
Totals	8	5	7	21
Clarkston:				
Parker, f	5	0	1	10
Soulby, f	0	1	2	1
Moulter, c	1	4	2	6
Irish, c	0	0	0	0
Yost, g	1	0	1	2
Mann, g	0	0	3	0
Russell, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	7	6	9	19

Second Team	G	F	P	T
Farmington:				
Slocum, f	0	0	1	0
Miller, f	1	2	0	4
Hogle, f	0	0	0	0
Grace, f	0	0	0	0
Wilson, c	1	0	0	2
Maas, c	0	0	0	0
Banfield, g	3	0	2	6
Collins, g	2	0	2	4
Dickerson, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	2	5	16
Clarkston:				
Adams, f	2	2	0	6
McIntyre, f	0	0	2	0
Perry, f	0	0	1	0
Clark, c	0	0	0	0
Boyne, g	0	1	1	1
Addis, g	0	0	0	0
Spencer, g	1	0	2	2
Totals	3	3	6	9

Mrs. Nancy L. Gilbert Buried at Plainfield

Funeral services for Mrs. Nancy L. Gilbert were held Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock from Heeney's Funeral Home in Farmington. Rev. John Adams, pastor at Mason, Mich., read the services. Burial was at Plainfield. Mrs. Gilbert died Friday morning at 6:30 from a heart attack. Her sudden death was a great shock to the community.

Mrs. Gilbert was born about two miles from Plainfield, and was 59 years old. She leaves her husband, L. B. Gilbert, two sons Lucian B. Jr. of West Point Park, Charles Gilbert, one daughter, Mrs. Doris Shomin of Detroit, one sister, Mrs. Florence Jacobs, of Panama, one brother, Frank M. Jacobs, of Grand Rapids, and four grandchildren.

Report to Stockholders Shows Progress Made by Bank in Year

Evidencing both the return of better times and the exceptional achievements of Farmington's banking institution within the past year, a report sent out to the stockholders of Farmington State Bank this week shows in complete detail and easily understood figures the remarkable growth of the new bank, which has far exceeded expectations.

The complete report, printed herewith, is of sufficient interest to justify thorough reading, but four major points in the statement may be pointed out as significant. One is the sharp increase of undivided profits from $1,623.34 a year ago to $6,188.30. Another is the substantial amount of net earnings for the year, $5,807.94. These items leave out of account a profit which could be realized immediately if the bank wanted to sell its bonds, since the bonds held are worth over $6,000 more than they are carried at on the books. Still another point of interest, not shown in the report below, is that the bank's stock has increased substantially in book value, so that today the stock is worth $16.42 per share as compared with $14.60 a year ago, a gain of $1.82 a share. The par value of the stock is $10.

The report, prepared by Cashier Howard C. Knickerbocker, is as follows:

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF
THE FARMINGTON STATE BANK

We are again pleased to present to you herewith a copy of our financial statement as at close of business December 31, 1935, report of earnings for the year and analysis of the statement, as follows:

Total loans and discounts amount to $42,863.87 of which $23,985.22 are secured by collateral. Of the so-called unsecured portion a total of $6,272.92 represent loans made under title I of the National Housing Act, for modernization or improvement of real property, which loans are insured up to 20 per cent by the Federal Housing Administration. Up to date we have made in excess of $20,000.00 of such loans, some of which have been paid in full and others, secured by mortgages, are carried in our mortgage account. Of our total loans the sum of $12,659.90 are eligible for rediscount with the Federal Reserve Bank.

Real estate mortgage loans amount to $33,536.35. This form of investment shows an increase of $27,775.56 during the year.

Investments in bonds and securities show an increase of $92,416.66 or a total of $373,560.61 and are segregated as follows:

United States Treasury bonds maturing on or before December 31, 1949	$ 25,266.00
United States Treasury bonds maturing after December 31, 1949	5,105.66
United States Treasury notes	95,488.56
Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation bonds—guaranteed by United States Treasury	6,010.58
Home Owners' Loan Corporation bonds—guaranteed by United States Treasury	32,157.78
Total United States Government bonds direct and fully guaranteed	$164,028.58
Federal Land Bank bonds	$ 5,284.53
Obligations of states, counties, political subdivisions and municipalities in the United States	51,499.62
Bonds issued by railroad companies	44,443.22
Bonds issued by public utility operating companies	74,061.51
Bonds issued by other domestic corporations	$10,621.73
Obligations of foreign provincial, state and municipal governments—Canada	15,399.56
Other foreign securities—Canada	8,221.86
Total bonds and securities	$373,560.61

These bonds are all readily saleable and at this time are worth on the market more than $6,000.00 in excess of our carrying value.

Cash on hand, due from Federal Reserve and Reserve City Banks amounts to $104,585.64.

"Other assets" of $445.15 represents prepaid expenses and are written down systematically each month.

Common stock and surplus remain the same and $25,000.00 of our capital is still owned by the Federal Government in the form of 3½ per cent preferred stock.

Undivided profits as of this date amount to $6,188.30. Following is a report of earnings for the year 1935:

INCOME:		
Interest and discount on loans		$ 2,735.77
Interest and dividends on investments		9,654.50
Interest from bank deposits		120.00
Exchange and collection charges		895.54
Profit on Securities Sold		2,394.34
Other earnings		2,203.33
Total		$ 18,003.48
EXPENSES:		
Salaries and wages	$ 4,228.46	
Interest paid on time deposits	2,619.32	
Taxes	340.76	
Other expenses	5,007.00	
Total		$ 12,195.54
Net earnings for year		$ 5,807.94
Disposition of earnings:		
Undivided profits as of December 31, 1934		1,623.34
Net earnings for 1935 as above		5,807.94
Total		$ 7,431.28
Less: Dividends paid on preferred stock	$ 1,142.98	
Depreciation, furniture and fixtures	100.00	
Total		1,242.98
Undivided profits as of December 31, 1935		$ 6,188.30

The item "other liabilities" $2,733.64 represents interest collected but as yet unearned and will be credited to earnings only when actually earned.

Total resources increased during the year in the amount of $149,122.30 which, we believe, is a very satisfactory growth.

Under the new Federal Banking Act we have qualified as members of the permanent Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation under which deposits of every firm and individual are insured by that corporation up to $5,000.00 each. We continue to be members of the Federal Reserve System and operate under the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act.

An idea of the volume of business handled by this bank may be had from the fact that during the month of December, 1935—25 business days—checks handled, drawn on us and other banks, amounted to 8119 items totalling in excess of $723,000.00.

We enter 1936 with a feeling of confidence, that we are in an excellent financial position and that business will continue an upward trend during the year. We express appreciation to all our stockholders and customers for their confidence and cooperation and for their part in making a success of this institution. We will endeavor to continue to give you every service consistent with safe and solvent banking.

Respectfully submitted,
HOWARD C. KNICKERBOCKER, Cashier

HOWARD M. WARNER
Z. R. ASCHENBRENNER, M. D.
FLOYD H. NICHOLS
EMORY O. HATTON
BRUCE S. DICKIE,
Directors.

Children's Play Being Planned

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist Church are sponsoring a Mother Goose pageant to be given in the Community Hall on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday, February 3rd and 4th, at 8 o'clock.

About 80 children, all of this community, from kindergarten to high school age, will participate.

Among the many characters will be "Mother Goose," portrayed by Miss Billie Power; "Miss Bright," by Miss Effie Seger; "Tiny," by Jean Power; "Roland," by Donald Davis and "Old King Cole" by Howard Legg. Mistress Mary, Old Mother Hubbard, Bo Peep, Miss Muffet, Curly Locks, Simple Simon, Jack and Jill, the Crooked Man and all the other Mother Goose characters will be on hand, too, and a grand time they will have together.

The play is called Mother Goose Island and is in two scenes. The first takes place in a school yard and the second one on Mother Goose Island. The play includes many lovely songs and dances and some novel stunts done by a group of boys. Dance numbers will be given between the scenes. Everything has been done to make this an enjoyable visit with Mother Goose and it is hoped all the community will come out and give her a royal welcome.

The play is being directed by Miss Dorothy Mitchell of Duluth, Minn., who has had extensive experience in dramatics and radio work with children's programs and has directed many similar presentations. She will be assisted by the following committees from the Ladies Aid:

Committees

General Chairman—Mrs. George Checketts.

Publicity—Mrs. Henry West, Mrs. Wm. Eckler, Mrs. John Dalrymple.

Press—Mrs. A. C. Worsfold.

Property—Mrs. Kahrl, Mrs. Norman Barrons.

Ticket—Mrs. Arthur Lamb, Mrs. Wm. Eckler.

Pianist for the play will be Mrs. Sayers Harger.

FARMINGTON YOUNG MAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE

With icy roads and sleet-covered windshields contributing heavily to accidents in this vicinity, Farmington residents have been fortunate to escape without serious injuries, following the accident which took one life on New Year's Day on Grand River.

A Lansing truck driver, however, lost his life on the highway between Farmington and Novi, when he fell asleep and his truck hit a tree Saturday morning. Lewis Maas 24, of Farmington, had a narrow escape when his car collided with another Farmington-owned vehicle on Grand River at the corner of Wixom road. Maas was cut about the head.

The latter accident occurred just at daybreak Saturday morning. Maas was driving to his work, for the Detroit Edison Co. He approached the corner of Grand River and Wixom road behind a truck owned by Warner Dairy Co., and driven by Irvin Martin. Maas was unable to see the truck because of sleet on his windshield, until too late to avoid a collision. He saved himself by swerving his car sidewise to the right, so that it hit the rear end of the truck a glancing blow, rather than head-on. Although the windshield of the car struck the back of the truck almost directly in front of where he was sitting, and the shatter-proof glass was broken out of the frame, head cuts were the driver's only injuries. Had Maas struck the truck head on, it is believed the top of his car would have been torn off and he might have been decapitated. The truck was not damaged.

A report that a hanlaway truck carrying four new automobiles had turned over Saturday morning on the McGee Hill caused some excitement, but it developed that the driver was more alarmed than his cargo was hurt. Before he reached the top of the sharp incline, his vehicle got out of control and slid back down the hill, but did not overturn, and the new cars were not damaged.

Trinity Shrine Will Hold a Ceremonial

Trinity Shrine No. 44 will have a pot luck dinner and ceremonial Thursday evening, January 30, in the Masonic Temple at Northville. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m., with ceremonial at eight o'clock.

Officers of various Shrines in Michigan and Ontario will be entertained.

Liars Flourish Everywhere, but One Man Dares To Tell The Truth

What is the worth of truth? Or has it lost all value in a changing world? Is falsehood to reign triumphant?—what with a national liars' club formed and gaining great renown each January with announcement of the champion liar of the year and his prize-winning bit of deceit. One refects that no club has ever been founded to promote the telling of the strict and absolute truth, with accolades to the leader and best.

Thus, it seems that Burlington, Wis., is to be famous chiefly because it is the headquarters of the American liars' organization, and even in Farmington, hundreds of miles away, the influence of this "movement" has been felt. For did not the Exchange Club recently hold a liars' fete, a prize for the winner? True, the Farmington Club did present a shocking variation by offering also a prize for the leading teller of truth, but somehow or other truth seemed to hold a minor place, and the falsehoods dominated. The winner of the prize for lying was even lied about, because the lie he told was declared to be his own, and that he said, was a lie too, because he meant to make it perfectly clear that it wasn't his lie, because he hardly considered himself capable of making up so fantastic a story.

"Lies, Lies—All Lies"

"Vanity, all is vanity," exclaimed the philosopher, and so a wise man now might declare, "Lies, lies, all is lies." But here is a noble narrative of truth springing from our own soil of Farmington. It is the saga of one man of stark, uncompromising truth, one who deserves to go down in history as a last, lone defender of the ramparts of veracity, a modern Savonarola crying in the wilderness. It is the tale of a man who told the truth, and what happened as a result of his exceptional deed. And the best thing about it all is that the story is a true one—every single word of it. This newspaper has it on the word of a man whose veracity is irreproachable, and so it must be true.

It seems that some time ago a Farmington business man had made a pretty good sale to a farmer, and for his goods and services, had a sizeable bit of money coming to him. In the course of time he mailed bills, then after getting no response, sent personal representation, and later made call after call himself. But to no avail. He could not collect. The debtor had nothing to offer except some potatoes, and finally in despair, the business man sent one of his men out to bring in a load of potatoes to apply on the debt.

Fine Potatoes

The potatoes were duly hauled in to town, and no finer tubers had been seen in many a day than that load of large, clear-skinned, handsome fellows that made one hungry to look at them. But alas! every one was hollow as a barrel. Each potato had a hole almost as large as itself.

What to do? Well, after long and prayerful consideration, it was decided that nothing could be done except take the truckload of potatoes down to the market and dispose of them as best could be done. Down to the market the potatoes went, in charge of the hero of this tale. It is a great misfortune that it cannot be recorded for history's sake what his real name is, but it just cannot be, and so in this narrative we must refer to him as Mr. Jones. A good man he was and is, albeit hearty and a bit gruff of voice. Perhaps it was of him that the poet spoke when he proclaimed that "beneath that gruff, forbidding mien, there beat an honest, kindly heart."

Down to the Eastern Market went Mr. Jones with the truckload of potatoes, and selected there a likely spot. Then, after placing some potatoes in a few baskets in front of the truck for display, he took up his stand there. He was in good time, and well-located, the world should indeed have looked bright, of course, that confiden-

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President's Ball Planned by Club

Under the sponsorship of the Farmington Exchange club, a President's Ball in honor of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt will be held on Friday, January 31, at Botsford Tavern as part of the nationwide movement to raise funds to fight the spread of infantile paralysis and to provide proper care for persons already afflicted with the malady.

The Ball will start at 8:30 and dancing will continue until 12:30. Modern and old-time dance music will be provided. Tickets are $1.25 per couple. Reservations may be secured by calling Howard Otis, committee member in charge of tickets.

Committee Members

Members of the Exchange club in charge of the arrangements are Howard M. Warner, Howard Otis, Curtis Hall, Spencer Heeney and Hyman Levinson.

Although the President's birthday is Thursday, January 30, and most of the Balls throughout the state and nation will be held on that evening, it was decided by the committee in charge that Friday would be more convenient for Farmington residents.

A percentage of the net proceeds will be retained for use locally and the remainder will be sent to Henry L. Doherty, national committee chairman at Washington.

NEW TELEPHONE RATES TO BENEFIT FARMINGTON PEOPLE

People of the Farmington area also will benefit from the week-end long distance rates, which went into effect January 15, according to R. E. Crowe, manager of the Farmington branch of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

Long distance station-to-station telephone call rates have been extended to all day Sunday, and are now the same as they have been after 7 o'clock each night in the past. Reduced rates every night and Sunday on person-to-person calls have also been established. This discount affects most cost calls between points on which the former station-to-station day rate was more than 35 cents.

As an instance of the savings made possible under the new schedule Manager Crowe says that the day person-to-person rate from Farmington to Grand Rapids heretofore has been $1.05 at all times. Now the same call can be made nights and Sundays for 65 cents, a saving of 40 cents.

The week-end discount period on both types of long distance calls will extend from 7 o'clock Saturday nights until 4:30 o'clock Monday mornings.

Officers Re-Elected By M. E. Sunday School

At the annual meeting of the Sunday School Board of the Methodist Sunday School, the following officers were re-elected: Sayers Harger, superintendent; George Checketts, assistant superintendent; Mrs. Ida Worsfold, secretary; Mrs. George Checketts, treasurer; Miss Ernestine Pierce, chorister; Mrs. Eleanor Talbot, missionary superintendent; Mrs. Doris Van Volkenberg, superintendent of the home department; Mrs. Iva Hatton, superintendent of the cradle roll department; Ernestine Pierce, supply secretary; Mary Louise Worsfold, assistant supply secretary; Lois Baker, assistant pianist, Effie Seger was elected pianist.

Murray Moore of Lapeer and Marguerite Moore from Lansing spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moore.

Floyd Nichols On Detroit Bank Board

Floyd H. Nichols of Farmington, is a new director of United Savings Bank of Detroit, having been elected at the annual meeting of stockholders of the bank recently. William W. Slocum of Farmington continues as president of the bank. Mr. Nichols succeeds Henry W. Standart, resigned.

The institution was one of the Detroit banks which withstood the depression and bank holiday, remaining open when larger banks closed. It is a savings bank only.

McCRACKEN BROTHERS ATTEND BANQUET

Donald and Harold McCracken of Farmington attended a banquet sponsored by their college fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon, at Jackson last Saturday. The speaker of the evening was Mr. Elliott, superintendent of Public Instruction.

Harold and Donald during their years at Albion College each served as president of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

ARMY MAN SPEAKS

Members of Farmington Exchange club heard a talk Wednesday noon somewhat out of the usual order of luncheon club addresses. The guest speaker was Major John S. Switzer of the United States Army. Mr. Switzer, who is stationed in Detroit, was the guest of Howard Warner.

Outlook For City Hall Plan Bright

Prospects for realization of the proposal to acquire the Peoples State Bank building as a new Farmington City Hall appear highly favorable, following the first meeting of the commission-citizens' committee with the bank receiver, John N. Daley, Tuesday afternoon. So favorable did the indications appear that with little preliminary discussion, the conferees almost immediately went into discussion of factors that might help toward practical working out of the idea within the near future.

A number of points were developed, some hitherto not brought forward, which may play important parts in the success of the plan. All of the factors definitely pointed to the one result—that carrying through the proposal would provide considerable benefit to the city, the bank depositors, and individuals who may have interests in connection with the bank receivership.

A larger number and amount of claims than had previously appeared as possible aids to the plan, appeared in discussion. A preliminary survey of the tax situation will be further developed along this line. Some study has been made of the delinquent tax situation, it being the idea that property owners owing delinquent taxes to the city, and having deposits in the bank, might have them applied to the debts, thus aiding both the city and the taxpayer. Following the conference, it was decided to carry the study beyond the 1933 and 1934 taxes which are the only ones covered thus far, and check on the 1932 and 1931 levies.

The matter of the price of the building was a point of little discussion, it appearing that the estimate of value placed upon it by a recent appraisal, $15,288.25, seemed to the conferees as providing a fair basis for consideration of the proposition.

Aid to Depositors

By the plan, not only would the city obtain a municipal building of which it could be proud, it is pointed out, but depositors would benefit greatly and the liquidation be hastened. The city itself has a large deposit, which counts heavily in each distribution of dividends, and by elimination of this and other claims which might be brought in, considerably more would be left for disbursement among the depositors.

The committee, appointed by Mayor Warner to confer with Mr. Daley, consists of Commissioners Gildemeister and Hatton, Clinton Wilber and Floyd H. Nichols. Mr. Gildemeister is chairman.

ANDERSON PUT ON PROBATION FOR SHOOTING

For attempting to take the law into his own hands and restrain boys celebrating on Hallowe'en night last fall, resulting in his shooting one of them, Mark Anderson of Clarenceville will be on probation for three years and must pay all of the doctor bills necessitated by his act. He was sentenced Monday by Circuit Judge George B. Hartrick at Pontiac, after having pleaded guilty to a charge of felonious assault with intent to do bodily harm.

The victim, James Bouse, 17 years old, probably will not suffer permanent ill effects from the assault, although 150 pieces of shot entered his right side, chest and thigh. He was in the hospital two weeks.

The shooting occurred after a number of boys had annoyed Anderson with pranks several times prior to Hallowe'en night. That evening he lay in wait for them with a double-barrel shotgun. The lad approached and Anderson opened a window and quickly fired.

Anderson is a truck driver, 30 years old. His home is at 20736 Sedalia avenue, Southfield community. Bouse lives in Redford.

Topic Announced For Women's Club

"Crusaders in Chemistry" will be the topic to interest members of Farmington Women's club at their next meeting Wednesday, February 5. The meeting will be in charge of Mrs. Fred R. Bagnall, and will be at the home of Mrs. Viola Gildemeister.

At the meeting Wednesday afternoon, Principal Robert Burns spoke in highly entertaining fashion on "Strange Places I Have Visited," highlights of his trip around the world in 1923-24. The meeting was at the Burns residence.