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## Ground Broken For Model Home

It is universally agreed among expert economists that the only reliable indication of returning prosperity is the increasing activity, which is gradually approaching normal, in the construction business.

To date most of the building has been confined to the larger communities. However, Farmington officially took its place on the roll of progressive cities Thursday morning when ground was broken for the building of a deluxe model home on Brookdale Drive on Farmington's east side.

After being conspicuously absent for some time, the commencement of construction work for Farmington is looked upon as somewhat of a milestone in the city's history and a strong indication of what the future holds in store. Long looked upon as an ideal community by virtue of its naturally beautiful location and its proximity to Detroit, Farmington presents itself as a desirable residential section for the prospective home owner.

Built by E. F. Light, Sr., the model home is being constructed by Ernest F. Light, Sr., of Farmington, who has been a builder since 1919 and who is well known in this section of the state for his progressive spirit. Moore and Higginbotham, Inc., of Detroit, are the architects.

Prospective home owners would do well to watch construction of the home throughout its various stages. It will be one of the most recent improvements in home building.

Among the outstanding features will be installation of the latest air conditioning system which will completely change the air in the house six times an hour. The layout of the rooms is in line with the new vogue of having the exposure of the main living rooms on the back yard and gardens rather than on the front or street side of the house.

The house is being constructed on an acre and a half lot and, when finished, will afford a view of the main living rooms of a branch of the Rouge river. It is expected that the home will be finished around August.

The architects' drawing of the home is shown in the Ernest F. Light, Sr., advertisement on page four.

## WOMAN'S CLUB GIVES EUGENE FIELD PROGRAM

Department of Poetry Day was held by the Farmington Woman's club Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Fred L. Cook of Wilmarth avenue with Mrs. Norman Lee presiding.

The program included a report by Miss Meriah Andrews of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Oakland County Federation of Women's clubs held recently in Birmingham and a report of the district meeting of the State Federation of Women's clubs held at Ann Arbor Wednesday and Thursday.

The poetry part of the program was sung and verse of Eugene Field. John Dalrymple delivered a short sketch of the life of Eugene Field, followed by a reading, "Dear Sister to Our Children," a tribute to Mary Field French. He then recited humorous verses from the "Tribune Primer," including "The Verse of the Very Best of Resolutions of Them Plum Puddings and Them Pies," "Our Two Opinions," "Good-bye—Good Bless You," "The Two Coffins," "Gettysburg."

At the conclusion of Mr. Dalrymple's recitations, Lynn Robar sang "The Norse Lullaby," Edward Eaton sang "The Singing in God's Acre," accompanied by Ernest Ham on the violin and Charles Wanta on the piano. Ralph Wanta sang "Coquetry."

Quartet songs of Edward Eaton, Ralph Eaton, Lynn Robar and Mr. Scott rendered "Wynken, Blynken and Nod," and as a closing number sang "Little Boy Blue." It was announced at the meeting that the next gathering of the club will be April 29 when Mrs. Edward F. Patterson, state treasurer of the Federation of Women's clubs will be the guest speaker. It is not known what her subject will be.

## Model Home Builder



ERNEST F. LIGHT, SR.

## Missing Boy Found on Farm

William Longfellow, Jr., of 20317 Glen avenue, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Longfellow, returned to his home Saturday after being missing for twenty-three days during which his parents and Farmington, county and state police kept up a frantic search.

He returned in answer to a plea sent out by his parents that he return home or communicate with them at once. It was revealed that he had been working on a farm near Cadillac, Michigan.

It was first believed by police that the boy had run away from home intentionally, which was the case, as he was staying away at a farm. However, his continued absence with no reports of any having seen him and with no word coming to the parents directly from the boy, it was decided that some mishap had befallen him. The search centered in the section west of Farmington since it was believed that on March 18, the day he disappeared, he was attempting to hitch hike on Grand River towards Farmington.

## HIGH SCHOOL TEAM OPENS BASEBALL SEASON FRIDAY

Seriously handicapped by lack of sufficient practice because of wet weather, the Farmington high school baseball team will open the 1938 season against Brighton at Brighton Friday afternoon.

According to Coach Harold Kammerer, the team that will take the field for the first game of the season will be made up of veterans or at least players who were carried on the squad last year. The only exceptions are third base and the catcher's post. No likely prospects to hold down the third base position have shown up in practice as yet.

Behind the bat will be a freshman, who, it is expected, will develop into a good catcher, but who, at the present, is seriously lacking in experience.

Attempt to cancel the game until later in the season to allow more time to get players in shape failed when it was learned that the Brighton schedule is completely filled and if the game was played Friday it would have to be permanently cancelled.

Hamilton Quits School A valuable player was lost to the team when veteran Harvey Hamilton quit school. It was the plan of the coaching staff to use Hamilton at third base. Although he will definitely not play in the first games of the season, there is a possibility that he may return to school at a later date.

Prospects of another championship season like that of last year are heightened by the fact that with exception of third base and catcher, all the positions will be developed by veterans who either played with the Farmington team last year or who came from other schools where they were varsity material.

If a third baseman can be developed to work with Norm Hunt at first base, Don Lee at second and Bob Davis at short stop, Coach Kammerer's worries concerning the infield will be over.

The outfield looks strong. With the Farmington in left field, Tony Himmelsbach in center field and Harry Linklater in right field. Judging from pre-season practice, most of the pitching burden will fall on Bill Mitchell and Ray Clark, who played with Clarenceville last year, Warren Werschlin, high school freshman, is looked upon as the best catcher out for the team and will probably turn out to be a good player. At the

## Farmers To Get Soil Benefits

Immediate survey of all farms in Farmington Township as part of a county-wide soil conservation program, is reported by Harry McCracken who, with Lester Houghton of Troy and Verne Spencer of Wilcox, served with K. D. Bailey, Oakland County Agricultural Agent, on a committee to draw up the program.

Township committeemen who will make the survey in this section are L. V. Yerkes of Farmington Township, Fred Durfee of Novi Township and George Rockwell of West Bloomfield Township.

In the survey the committeemen will explain to all the farmers in the township the basis upon which the plan will be operated and the benefits to be received by joining the movement.

Conservation Program The plan is to get as many farmers as possible to enter into a soil conservation program whereby they will plant 15 per cent of their land, that was used in 1935 for soil depleting crops, in soil conservation crops.

The plan is under the Federal government and is similar to the conservation plans in operation in other sections of the state and country.

It is explained by the committee that such crops as corn, wheat, oats, etc., are listed as soil depleting crops and in the soil conservation list are included alfalfa, sweet clover, soy beans, and other legumes.

The forms to be drawn up by the farmers are called "work sheets." All those wishing to join the movement will be required to fill in the full information called for concerning their 1935 crop, with individual listings of the various crops, the acreage planted for each one and the yield. From the work sheets will be determined the percentage of the total crop which was planted in soil depleting crops. Of this total, 15 per cent will be taken and that will be the acreage the individual will have to plant in soil conservation crops to participate in the benefits to be paid.

What will be paid per acre and when the benefits will be received by the farmers are not definitely established as yet. However, a Federal government agent in charge of the Oakland county movement at the present time, it is added that the farmer may of course plant more than 15 per cent of his acreage in soil conservation crops but the federal government will not pay him for anything over that figure.

Since the plan has been under consideration and from the time the actual work of preparing the movement begun, numerous requests have been made by farmers wanting more detailed information concerning the plan. At that time those who were actively engaged in the preparation did not know themselves exactly how the benefit movement would operate.

However, since all the plans have now been finished, any of the committeemen, organizers, or K. D. Bailey will be glad to explain the details of the plan to farmers.

## Use of Gilnet Costs Fishermen \$113.70

The use of a gilnet to take fish in Long Lake, Branch county, was Fred Thindall, 37, and William Tarr, 49, a total of \$113.70, their net, rowboat and oars. C. G. Cole, conservation officer, caught them in the act of running the net and placed them under arrest on their return to shore. Each pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$50 and costs of \$6.55.

Three Try For Third Bob Collins, Stan DeYoung, and Bernard Lockwood are battling for the third base post with none showing up to high school varsity catch.

The probable starting lineup for the Friday game at Brighton will be: Norm Hunt, 1b. Don Lee, 2b. Bob Davis, ss. Bob Collins, Stan DeYoung, or Bernard Lockwood, 3b. Bob Werschlin, if.

Tony Himmelsbach, cf. Harry Linklater, rf. Bill Mitchell, p.

Warren Werschlin, c. Coach Kammerer also expects to use in the game, Russ Gary, outfielder; Bill Schulkin, outfielder; and Howard Taylor, first base. The game starts at 3:30 sharp.

## Exchange Club Members Travel 'Round the World in 80 Minutes

Members of the Farmington Exchange club now hold the distinction of bettering not only Jules Verne's record of circling the world in 80 days but also the recent amazing feat of Wiley Post in flying around the globe in a week.

They didn't require 80 days nor 8 days nor eight hours but made the complete circuit in something like 80 minutes at their luncheon Wednesday afternoon with able Robert Burns, Farmington high school principal, as their guide, pilot and commentator.

## Examination Set For Max Todd

Max Todd of Plymouth Justice of the Peace, Jr., Wednesday afternoon on a charge of negligent homicide to which he pled not guilty. His bail was set at \$1,000 and the examination set for Friday, April 21. He was released when he furnished his bail.

Todd was the driver of the car which struck and fatally injured seventy-five year old James Taylor of Novi on Thursday, April 2. Mr. Taylor died of his injuries Sunday following the accident at Sessions hospital, Northville. He suffered a broken hip and a fractured skull in addition to a severe shock.

According to reports, Mr. Taylor was walking north on the Valled Lake-Nowi road and had stepped onto the pavement to allow a truck to pass and at the same time he stepped into the road, the automobile driven by Todd struck him and he was killed.

Rushed to Hospital Todd immediately rushed him to Sessions hospital. Following his death four days later, Todd was brought in on the negligent homicide charge.

Taylor was a pioneer resident of Novi and was well known in this vicinity. Todd is also well known in Farmington and Northville where he is employed with an automobile agency.

Todd may be bound over to the Circuit Court for trial.

## LARGE CROWD EXPECTED AT SENIOR PROM

Members of the Senior Class of Farmington high school will be hosts and hostesses to their parents and friends Friday evening at the final and most glamorous social event of the school year when the annual Senior Prom will be held at the Glen Oaks Country club on Thirteen Mile and Orchard Lake roads.

The dance will begin at nine o'clock and the festivities will continue until one. Patrons and patronesses will be the parents of the seniors and members of the high school faculty and their families.

Musical will be furnished by the Sigma Delta orchestra. Punch will be served.

As in the past, the highlight of the evening will be the grand march which will be led by Guy Smith, president of the class of 1938, and his guest, Miss Virginia Grisbela.

Judging from the advance sale of tickets it will be one of the largest school dances held in recent years.

## IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE ON ATHLETIC FIELD

Plans by the Farmington Public schools to improve the Athletic field, located on the corner of the high school just under way this week when city workmen began work which is expected to be finished by Saturday.

The first step has been to level the baseball and football fields by raking and dragging. Following the surfacing, some 500 pounds of fertilizer was applied and then about 200 pounds of grass seed.

The operations will be completed with the setting out of approximately 30 rods of fencing around the field and along the road and east end.

With the completion of the work it is planned that the high school baseball games will be played there this season and admission will be charged. The top of the fence will be strung with barb wire and an entrance gate built in.

The ground improvement will supply the long felt need of the high school athletes for a better athletic field. With only a minimum amount of work and expense, it is believed the high school field should easily be one of the most attractive in the district, since the natural setting is ideal.

The party traveled from the United States to Europe, through Asia and the Far East and back again without so much as a case of seasickness. Fully enjoyed were all the novel experiences of the traveler without the inconvenience of custom inspections, the discomforts of strange beds and foods or the expenditure necessitated on such a journey.

Mr. Burns told of the unusual places he visited. He described places of historical importance with which his audience was familiar but had never seen. He spoke of the differences in dress, customs, living conditions and reactions of the inhabitants of the various foreign countries and of the variations in different localities of the same countries.

Several humorous and often embarrassing situations he encountered were related. The leisurely manner in which the speaker made the trip and the slower observations of the differences in the habits and customs, living conditions and reactions of the inhabitants of the various foreign countries and of the variations in different localities of the same countries.

His speech was supplemented with a display of souvenirs, and curios collected throughout his travels. Particularly interesting was the time he devoted to telling of China and Japan.

No definite program was announced for the next meeting of the club.

## COUNTY DEMOCRATS TO PICK DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Chairman Draper Allen of the Oakland County Democratic Committee has issued a call for the County Convention of the Democratic Party, to be held in the auditorium of the high school in Pontiac, Saturday, April 23, at 10 a. m.

The purpose of the Convention is for the election of the delegates to the state convention at Grand Rapids, May 21.

Chairman Allen states that according to the constitution he has received from the state central committee in Lansing, only those delegates elected in the primaries of September 11, 1934, will be entitled to seats in the convention and not those elected November 1934.

Notices have been sent to those delegates, advising them of the convention. The chairman further states that all Democrats and the friends of the party are invited to attend sessions of the convention as guests.

## Farm Implement Concern To Make Rural Survey

Announcement is made by the Everett-Taylor Co. of Bedford that it is dividing its hardware and farm implement business and from now on each will be operated upon an individual basis.

C. S. Everett is taking over the farm implement business and will soon make a survey among the farmers in this section to determine how completely the average farm is equipped. He will also give demonstrations of the operations of the McCormick-Deering farm tools and machinery.

## West Farmington P. T. A. Elects Officers

Officers for the coming year were elected at a meeting of the West Farmington Parent-Teachers' association Monday evening with an attendance of 25. Officers elected were, president, Mrs. Doris (Kobman) vice president, Mrs. Mildred Johnson and treasurer, William Morris.

The guest speaker of the evening was K. D. Bailey, Oakland County Agricultural Agent, who spoke on the activities of 4-H clubs and their importance with regards to worthy home membership.

It is planned to give a minstrel show Friday evening, April 24, at 8 o'clock at the West Farmington school. The public is cordially invited as the proceeds will be used to buy supplies for the school.

## Supervisor



ARTHUR COE

## Officers Will Begin New Terms

Farmington Township officials, elected at the annual township election April 6, will officially take office at the regular monthly meeting of the Township Board next Tuesday evening at the township welfare room on Grand River.

Seven officers will begin their terms. Arthur J. Coe will be starting his seventh term as township supervisor and will hold office for one year. Willard Campbell begins his eleventh term as township clerk. He has served the township in the capacity of clerk ever since the City of Farmington was incorporated in 1926. He will hold office for one year.

Township treasurer Loretta Cox will start her fifth term at the Tuesday meeting. Ernest Blanchard, who was re-elected at the April election, will start a new term but will only serve on the township board until July 4, at which time he will go off the board for two years. In July he will be replaced by Ward Eagle. Carl Goers begins his second successive term. He has, however, held the office of high school commissioner before.

In addition to the official taking of offices by those just elected it is expected that the township auditors will present the annual township financial report to the board at the Tuesday meeting.

Annual Report Due The new auditors, appointed last year, have been working on the report, which is due at the next meeting, for some time.

Three establishments in the township have applied to the township board for re-issuance of new beer licenses for the coming year. All the applications were accepted. Also all the applicants had licenses during the past year. No applications were made by new establishments or individuals. Those granted licenses were Homer Kitchen of Twelve Mile and Orchard Lake roads, James Pansz for the barbeque stand at the west end of the Cut-off and Jack Crowley for his cafe at the east end of the Cut-off.

Several other establishments which sell beer and which had licenses last year have not made application to the board as yet but are expected to within a short time.

Residents Attend Club Meeting at Ann Arbor

Miss Meriah Andrews, as an official delegate of the Farmington Woman's club, and Mrs. John Dalrymple, as a visiting member, attended the district meeting of the State Federation of Women's clubs held in Ann Arbor Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

This district includes nine counties of which Oakland is one. Mrs. Florence Heberling, a resident member of the Farmington Woman's club in former years, is now president of the Southeastern District of the Federation of Women's clubs in Michigan. Her home is now at Jackson.

## O. E. S. HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Farmington chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was held at the Farmington Town Hall Tuesday evening.

Mrs. and Mrs. Lawrence Link of Dayton visited Mrs. Link's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McCarty, on Easter Sunday.

Miss Jean Gulien is spending the week end at the Gullen home at Brantford, Ontario.

## High Court Rules Tax Sale Invalid

There will be no state tax sale in Oakland County on May 5. The opinion of the three Oakland county circuit judges, Frank L. Doty, George B. Hartwick and H. Russell Holland, that the sale planned by State Auditor General John J. O'Hara for May 5 was invalid on the ground that property owners whose lands were to be sold were not given due notice, was upheld by the State Supreme Court in a decision handed down Wednesday.

Preparations for state-wide tax sales in May were immediately halted by Auditor General O'Hara when informed of the decision. The decision applied to all delinquent tax liens, delinquencies of which the state had planned to sell May 5. The opinion was written by Justice Henry M. Butzel and concurred in by the seven other justices.

What will be done with the land now tax delinquent, as up to the legislature. The court held that the statute under which the 1933 tax delinquent lands were to be offered for sale deprives owners on the notice that their property is to be sold.

The decision of the court that the sale was invalid was based upon the repeal of provisions of sections of the general laws requiring the publication of a list of the lands delinquent for taxes. The court held that merely giving notice that there would be a sale did not constitute personal service on the property owners in person in the lands and does not describe the lands to be sold to the property owners.

It is agreed among high state officials that the opinion of the Supreme Court wiped out all possibility of a tax sale in May.

## FRANK LAHAYE DIES FOLLOWING SHORT ILLNESS

Following an illness of only a few hours, Frank LaHaye of 26508 Farmington Drive died at Henry Ford hospital in Detroit Thursday. He was 34 years of age. He was born in New Haven Conn., and had been a resident of Michigan for eight years.

Funeral services were held Monday from the Spencer J. Heene funeral home in Farmington. Rev. Miles of the Farmington Baptist church and Rev. Elmer Palmer, formerly of the Farmington Baptist church, officiated at the service. Interment was at Grand Lawn cemetery.

The decedent is survived by his wife, Margaret Palmer LaHaye, who is a sister of Rev. Elmer Palmer, formerly of Farmington, and three children, Tim, Peggy and Dick, who is only seven weeks old.

## FISHERMEN WARNED OF INCREASING FIRE HAZARDS

"Be careful with fire." This time-worn warning and reminder will be echoed throughout Northern Michigan again this spring as tens of thousands of fishermen appear in the woods Saturday, April 25, to open the trout fishing season.

Conservation authorities here know from past experience that the opening of trout-fishing season enormously increases the hazards of woods fires, particularly if dry weather has prevailed for any length of time. After months of confinement to the cities, many sportsmen will have forgotten their woods habits and are likely to drop lighted matches and burning tobacco unthinkingly wherever they convene. These may cause fires and destroy game cover and even timber and frequently have.

Fishermen are asked again to be careful with fire in the woods. A recent dry period in northern Michigan has produced the first forest-fire scare of the year, but a light snow relieved conditions. Several fires, originating mostly in dry grass, were reported.

Local fire wardens, and tower-men are being ordered on duty as soon as warrantable hazard conditions develop locally.

## LEGION AUXILIARY TO HOLD CARD PARTY

A card party will be held by the American Legion Auxiliary after the adjournment of the Michigan state convention at the Legion Hall, Saturday at the Legion Hall. Pedro and bridge will be played. Following the card games a luncheon will be served.