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Expect 400 Students This Year

Classroom doors will swing open at Farmington high school and grade school at 8:30 Monday morning to officially open the new school term. The day will be given over to general activities, assignments to sections, and selection of text books. The regular class schedule will not start until Tuesday morning.

Registration figures so far indicate an enrollment this year of at least 400, said Principal Max Thompson. Last year the enrollment was 370. For each of the past several years, said Thompson, there has been an increase of 30 and 40 students.

Bus For Kindergarten
There has been a change in the school bus schedule to provide transportation for kindergarten children from school to home at the noon hour. In previous years this transportation has not been provided. It was decided that a bus for these children was needed because of the traffic hazards which they faced while walking home.

Two hours this year will be from 8:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. After a full hour for lunch, classes will be resumed at 12:30 and will run until 3:45 p. m. An exception will be made in the case of seniors who will end their classes at 3:03 p. m., providing their scholastic standings are maintained.

The newly created Home Economics department will do their official work in the old commerce rooms until their quarters in the new building are finished.

Journalism and public speaking classes will be run on a full-time five day schedule, said Thompson.

Classes Meet Oct. 2

Classes will meet Monday, October 2, for organization. They will elect their officers and also members to serve on the Student Council. The Council is headed by Keith Johnson, who was elected at the end of the school term last spring. Upon completion of the election in the new building, a three-shift eating schedule will go into effect. It is also planned to have recreation periods during the noon hour under supervision of Coach Paul Shoemaker.

BAND FINISHES SUCCESSFUL SUMMER SEASON

With two concerts at the Michigan State Fair, Sunday afternoon, the Farmington high school band has rung down the curtain on a very successful summer season. Through the cooperation of the city and the school board, the band presented six concerts that were filled with interesting and varied entertainment.

The band also took an active part in the American Legion Gala Day celebration, playing three evening concerts and a parade. "Music taught in the public school today," declared Alvin Benner, Farmington band director, "is no longer entertainment but the fact that it is one of the best means of gaining self-discipline has placed it in the highest position as a training field for better citizenship and a stamp of a progressive community."

The students attending the Farmington Public Schools will be interested to know that free instruction is being offered on all band and orchestra instruments," continued Benner. "I am anxious to discuss any and study of these instruments. I have reserved a period from 4:15 to 6:00 each afternoon for meetings with interested students and parents."

Exchange Club Hears Lecture On Old Mexico

A fascinating insight into ancient temples and dwellings in old Mexico was presented to members of the Exchange Club at their noon meeting Wednesday. Guest speaker at the program was Mr. G. Avery, well-known travel writer, who spends his "at home" hours in Detroit.

Avery showed color slides of scenes taken in Mexico and embellished his lecture with interesting facts about ancient civilization in remote sections of Mexico. The program was arranged by Bayard Tupper, club president.

Next Thursday the Farmington club will be guests of the Redford Exchange unit. An excellent program is reported to be in store for the Farmington guests.

Death of Jeffries Recalls Farmington's Biggest Show



JUDGE EDWARD J. JEFFRIES

Two Killed in Auto Crash

Two men were killed Tuesday morning when they lost control of their car on Grand River Avenue near 12 Mile Road. The men were Fakhr M. S. Shaikh and Fand Mufarri, both of Arabian nationality.

According to Deputy Officer Joseph DeVriendt, who investigated the accident, the wheels of the car apparently slipped off the outside edge of the pavement and in trying to regain the road, Shaikh, who was driving, swerved back and skidded across the pavement into a head-on collision with a large truck coming from the opposite direction. The pavement, said DeVriendt, was wet and slippery.

Shaikh was killed instantly and Mufarri died half an hour later in Redford Receiving hospital. The driver of the truck was not injured. The accident occurred at about 11 a. m.

Mufarri was visiting in this country as a lecturer. He was a student at the University of Iraq, Shaikh, who was his traveling companion, had lived in this country about a year and a half. He was a student at Columbia University and lived in New York City.

Two Men Injured
In another accident Wednesday, Frank O'Neill, 5417 Elmhurst St., Detroit, received serious injuries when the car in which he was riding left the road on Ten Mile Road near Beck Ave. The driver of the car, Leroy Anderson, 12529 Shirley was less seriously injured. According to Officer DeVriendt, the men were driving at a high rate of speed when the car skidded into the ditch. The car turned over eight times and rolled over 300 feet before coming to a stop. O'Neill was taken to Redford Receiving hospital with a fractured skull and severe scalp lacerations.

Mrs. Fanny Holloway, mother of Roy Holloway, of Shiloh, Ave., will return Saturday from a visit in New York state, with friends and relatives.

Farmington Man Describes War Conditions in England

(Editor's Note: A graphic picture of conditions in England just prior to the recent declaration of war is given in the following article by Alfred G. Jones, 20714 Hugo Ave., Farmington, Mr. Jones and his bride, the former Rita Clifford, of Farmington, arrived on their honeymoon, in London on May 30, and left a few days before England declared war on Germany.)

When Adolf Hitler massed his troops along the borders of Czechoslovakia last September and threatened to start a war, Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain of England flew to Berchtesgaden and Munich in an attempt to stave off a European conflict.

Along with Premier Chamberlain of France, Chamberlain succeeded in mollifying the Fuehrer by giving him part of the little Czech com-

As Detroit is mourning the sudden passing Tuesday of Recorder's Court Judge Edward J. Jeffries, many Farmington residents have been reminded by his death of the "big night" he and three other prominent men—but mostly Judge Jeffries—gave to all this part of Oakland County in Farmington Town Hall on a spring evening eight years ago.

While the affair may not have justified description as the "great show on earth," it certainly was one of the biggest shows Farmington ever had, and it was Judge Jeffries more than anyone else, who made it so. His name survives in the fact that he clung to window sills and would have been "hanging on the rafters," had there been any rafters in the Town Hall to hang on to. And his name having brought Judge Jeffries "fetched them," the central figure, a dramatic personality in a presentation that would have done credit to many a dramatic star. One thinks of W. C. Fields.

It was a warm time that spring in Michigan, in 1931, and most of the warmth centered around the issue of capital punishment. Pushed through the legislature after time, capital punishment bills had been vetoed by successive governors. Support for it was powerful, including the then Governor Wilbur M. Bruce. But this time it was not before the Legislature and the Governor for decision, but before the people.

Debate Is Planned

Opponents of capital punishment were seeking to hold rallies in

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Kiwanis Club Holds First "Ladies Night"

The first "Ladies Night" sponsored by the Farmington Kiwanis club was held Wednesday evening at the Salem Evangelical church. The program was attended by 28 members of the Strathmore club. There were 55 members and guests from Farmington present.

Featured speaker of the evening was Judge Joseph A. Morynhan, of the Detroit Circuit Court. Judge Morynhan gave a highly appreciated talk on the performance of the Kiwanis club in building up the community. He was introduced by Edward Hayes, vice-president of the Kiwanis club.

Plans are going forward for the "Charter Night" program to be held Wednesday, October 4 at Glen Oaks Country Club. A committee has been appointed to handle arrangements for the program, which will include a dinner and a dance. The committee is composed of A. L. Ross, chairman, Walter Deane, James Lays, Al Darling and Leo Gildemeister.

At their meeting next Wednesday evening members will discuss a program of public activities. Plans are being "forward" by members and a public affairs committee will choose one to be carried out by the club. Chairman of the public affairs committee is Bayard Tupper.

The number may not be accurate now, but estimates on January 1 of this year credited Michigan farmers with ownership of 923,000 dairy cows. Herds with 11 or more cows numbered 10,730.

try, while Benito Mussolini nodded his approval. And what back to his mouth-tail-note he chucked to himself over his easy "victory." Mussolini returned to Rome, stuck by his chin and his chest, and exulted in his pride in his bosom buddy, Hitler. Daladier went home to Paris and kept quiet.

But Chamberlain returned to London, told Parliament what a madman Hitler really is, and launched a national defense program designed to make England impregnable.

When Hitler massed his troops along the borders of Poland a couple of weeks ago and threatened to wage war unless he were given Danzig and the Corridor, Chamberlain did not fly across the English Channel to pacify the German dictator. On the contrary, he told Hitler that if Poland were

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Warner Takes State Post Sept. 20

Howard M. Warner, for the past six years mayor of Farmington, next Wednesday will assume one of the most important positions in Michigan state government, that of Commissioner of Corporations and Securities. Appointed Monday by Governor Dickinson, Mr. Warner at Tuesday evening's City Commission meeting submitted his resignation as mayor.

Although he had not received the certificate making his appointment official, Mr. Warner resigned at once in order that he and

Old Friend Names Old Friend's Son

No one received with greater satisfaction news of the appointment of Howard Warner to Michigan Corporation and Securities Commission than Farmington Township Clerk Harry N. McCracken. It meant that the son of one of his oldest and closest friends had been selected by a man who has also been his friend for more than 35 years—Governor Dickinson. As the late Gov. Fred M. Warner had been one of Mr. McCracken's intimates, so also is Gov. Dickinson, who told a visitor to his office from this area recently, that he's "waiting for Harry McCracken to come up and call on me and have a good old-fashioned chat."

His successor might attend together Monday a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors to be held at Pontiac, Monday, whereby he could assist Mayor Gildemeister in becoming familiar with the Supervisors work now rather than in October, when the most important session of the year begins for the County governing body.

The new Commissioner will hold one of the most responsible positions in the State, his department being one of the most important, with supervision over all corporations and securities matters and also matters affecting real estate. The position is particularly one in which personal integrity and high character is emphasized.

County Honor

Mr. Warner is the first Oakland County man to be appointed to one of the major State offices in a generation. His selection gives Oakland County two prominent positions in Lansing, Murray D. Van Wagoner, State Highway Commissioner, having gone to Lansing from the office of Oakland County Drain Commissioner.

Mr. Warner will succeed Commissioner Carl Olson, whose term expires Sept. 20. In considering the successor for Mr. Olson, who has made an enviable record in the office, Gov. Dickinson indicated that the standing and reputation of the appointee must be of the highest. Announcing the appointment, the Governor made a characteristic comment: "Warner is one of the finest men I know, and he is the best man I know of for the job. I have known him since he was in knee pants and I have been satisfied with the way your home was heated last winter, you not install a Link-Belt Stoker? These modern, efficient stokers may be seen at Dickerson's Hardware. Dickerson's will be glad to discuss your heating problems with you and point out the advantages of these stokers."

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Fall Styles at Cook's
The problem of winter clothing will also be coming up in your home within a short time now. A large line of fall styles, as well as school clothes for the children, are being featured now at Fred L. Cook and Co. store. Be smart and get your clothes at Cook's and you'll look smart.

Freshness is the byword at Hamlin's Food Market. Hamlin guarantees freshness on all their fruits, vegetables, and meats. For tasty foods at economic prices, it's Hamlin's every time.

Mothers, if you've often wished that your child could play a musical instrument, you'll be interested to know that the Catherine Gault studios, on Oakland avenue, have opened classes in piano. Special attention is given to beginners.

New Kind of Milk
Doctors tell us that there is no more healthful food than milk, but new line of milk has been introduced. It's called "homogenized milk" and it's been on sale for

Retiring Mayor - - and Successor



Lee Sees Rise in Rural Population

That Farmington's rural area is gaining in population is the contention of Norman C. Lee, Farmington postmaster. There has been a steady climb in the number of rural mail boxes in the area since January 1, Lee reports.

"At the present time we have 1825 rural boxes," said Lee. "This is the third largest number of any post office in Oakland County. Only Pontiac and Royal Oak have as many boxes. We have 3300 and Royal Oak 1855."

"A lot of new people have moved into this section during the summer. We've had \$5 new boxes since the first of January."

"This is unusual, too, because the rural population all over the country has been decreasing during the past few years instead of increasing. I guess most of the new residents are people who have moved out from the metropolitan districts."

Lee said that there were probably even more than \$5 new families, since two or more families often use one mail box.

Zenl ceases to be a virtue when it is mislabeled and deprives others of their natural rights.

Merchants Preparing for Fall, Winter Seasons

In preparation for the coming fall and winter season Farmington merchants are closing out their summer stocks and filling their stores with cool weather merchandise. Although the last touches of summer haven't quite departed, it isn't too early for home-owners to start planning for the fall season.

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Farmington's mayor for six and a half years, Howard M. Warner (left), is succeeded by Mayor Leo Gildemeister, a member of the City Commission since the municipality was incorporated.

New Board To Meet Monday

The newly created Board of Appeals, appointed under provisions contained in the Farmington Zoning and Building Codes by the City Commission at its meeting Monday evening, will hold an organization meeting next Monday evening in the Farmington State Bank building.

The Board is made up of five members, two appointed for three year terms, two for two years, and one for one year. Members appointed were Paul R. Schreiber and Bayard Tupper, for three years; Frederick Bagnall and Harold Oldenburg, for two years; and Delos Hamlin, for one year. After the first appointments have expired all subsequent terms will be for three years.

To Elect a Chairman
At their meeting Monday evening, members will elect a chairman to head the board, and a secretary. All meetings of the Board of Appeals are open to the public.

Primary duty of the Board is to hear objections which residents, or builders may have against provisions of the Building or Zoning Codes and to make decisions. It will also act as an advisory body to the Building Inspector.

He is survived by his wife, Dora; two sons, Floyd and Arthur; a granddaughter, Judith; three brothers, George, Stephen, and Fred; and five sisters, Mrs. John Phelps, Mrs. Clyde Putnam, Mrs. Della Farmer, Mrs. Henry Stillwell, and Mrs. Sherman Water.

P. T. A. To Meet Tuesday Evening

The first meeting of the Farmington Parent-Teachers Association, for the current year, will be held Tuesday evening at eight o'clock in the High School Auditorium. Everyone interested is urged to attend, and meet the new superintendent, teachers and members of the school board. This meeting will be very informal with light refreshments served at the close of the evening.

Ample notice of change of address should be given when morning. Notice should be given before changing if possible.

Headquarters for the famous Goodyear and Dunlop tires in Farmington is Burnett Bros. Service Station. A change to either of these brands of tires will assure of perfect safety while riding.

Housewives who are canning pineapples at the sale on Mayon fruit and other canned supplies at A. and P. Food Store this week.

A complete new service in linoleum and rug laying has been opened by Charles E. Collins, 3539 Shiloh Avenue. For a labor estimate on your job call Farmington 232-J.

New Cleaning Agency
The Green Cleaners and Dyers, of Ann Arbor, have opened a branch agency in Farmington, with headquarters at Comstock's Barber Shop. "Red" McNamara, manager, suggests that for clothes that are cleaner you give the new company a try.

Topping the entertainment department this week is the outstanding double feature program at the Redford Theater. From Friday through Monday, the Redford offers "Daughters Courageous" with Priscilla, Rosemary, and Lola Lane, and Gale Page, together with "The Return of the Cisco Kid" starring Warner Baxter as the "Kid."

Gildemeister Becomes New Mayor

Leo F. Gildemeister will act as Mayor of Farmington for the remainder of the present term. He was appointed by the City Commission Monday night to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mayor Howard M. Warner.

Members of the Commission received Warner's resignation at the meeting Monday evening. In explaining reasons for his resignation, Warner stated that he had accepted a State position and felt that he would be unable to devote the necessary time to the job of mayor.

"I will probably be out of town a good deal of the time," said Warner, "and I feel that someone ought to have the job who can give it time to it."

Unanimous favor was given Gildemeister as successor to Warner. Gildemeister has been a member of the City Commission since the institution of city government in Farmington in 1928. He was mayor pro tem for two terms during this period, and has been holding this position during past two years.

Emory Hutton, another veteran member of the Commission, was named mayor pro tem succeeding Gildemeister. Duty of the mayor pro tem is to act in official capacity in the absence of the mayor.

Warner's resignation and the "moving up" of two of the members of the commission leaves a vacancy in the Commission to be filled. No action was taken to fill this vacancy Monday evening, but it is expected that another Commissioner will be named at the next regular meeting of the body to be held Monday, October 2.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD TUESDAY FOR NOVI MAN

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock from the S. J. Henry Funeral Home for Albert C. Hicks, 70, of Novi. Mr. Hicks was born October 8, 1869 in Northville Township.

Rev. O. C. Lyons, of Novi, officiated at the services. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Cemetery, Walled Lake. Mr. Hicks died Sunday in Novi.

He is survived by his wife, Dora; two sons, Floyd and Arthur; a granddaughter, Judith; three brothers, George, Stephen, and Fred; and five sisters, Mrs. John Phelps, Mrs. Clyde Putnam, Mrs. Della Farmer, Mrs. Henry Stillwell, and Mrs. Sherman Water.

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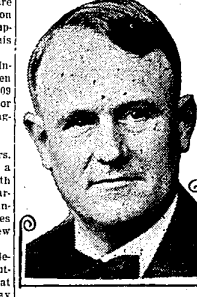
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