

## School of Religion To Open Monday

The Farmington Methodist church will take part in the fifth annual School of Religion, which gets under way with a rally meeting Monday in the Plymouth Presbyterian church, where all the classes will be held this year.

Rev. Delmore C. Stubbs, pastor of the Farmington church will teach a course on "Building and Administering a Total Youth Program."

"Some of the questions for consideration in this course," says Rev. Stubbs, "are what goals to have in mind to determine them, what steps to take in building a youth program, what leaders to have and what their functions should be, what materials to use and what records to keep."

Church groups from Plymouth, Newberg, Novi, Rosedale Gardens, Salem, Dixboro, Garden City, New Hudson, Northville, and South Lyon, will participate in the School. The Rev. Stanford S. Cleveland, pastor of Plymouth, is dean of the school. Mrs. Mildred Barnes is the registrar. Class will meet six Monday evenings, October 2 through November 6.

**Full Experience.** Feature of the rally meeting Monday evening will be a supper. This is to be followed by an informal hour during which each church represented will tell of an outstanding experience during the past year. Faculty introductions and explanation of courses will be made.

Miss Nellie Beatrice Huger, president of the Detroit Guild of Church Musicians of the Detroit Council of Churches, will be one of the leaders in the course. "The Use of Music in Christian Education," Miss Allison Smith of the department of sacred music, Detroit Guild of Church Musicians, will be the co-leader in this instruction.

Courses will also be taught by Rev. Howard R. Chapman, pastor of the Northville Baptist church; Miss Lottie Livingston, of Northville, and Miss Della Green, children's director of the Michigan Baptist convention.

## PLANS COMPLETE FOR CHARTER NIGHT PROGRAM

Kiwanis notables from throughout Michigan and out-of-state points will gather at Glen Oaks country club Wednesday evening for the Farmington Club's Charter Night program. An impressive program has been planned by Farmington members for the occasion. Between 350 and 400 guests are expected to attend.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m., followed by the presentation ceremonies, short talks by guest speakers, and entertainment. A dance will follow the program.

The Farmington club was organized September 6 with 28 members. Since that time the membership has grown to 36 and President Himmelspach has set a goal of 40 members which he hopes will be reached by Wednesday evening.

The Charter Night program: Opening ceremony, Star Spangled Banner, Donald J. Karle, Invocation, Father John J. Larkin, Toastmaster, Robert Kay, Lieutenant Governor.

Group Singing, led by Frank Stalger, International Song leader.

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## SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM TO OPEN SEASON FRIDAY

The Farmington high school football eleven will open its 1939 grid season with a night game at First Rock Friday night.

Coach Paul Shoemaker, and assistant Bob Hutton are optimistic about their team's chances this fall. The backfield is made up entirely of lettermen from last year's squad. The strength of the line is still in doubt since most of the linemen are newcomers.

The remainder of the Farmington schedule:

- Oct. 6—at Brighton
- Oct. 13—Northville at Farmington
- Oct. 20—at Keego Harbor
- Oct. 27—at Holly
- Nov. 3—at Walled Lake
- Nov. 10—Milford at Farmington

News items always welcome. Merchants' Wise, Advertiser

## Lee Urges Observance of "National Letter Week"

With the proclamation of the week of October 1 to 7 as National Letter-Writing Week, Postmaster Norman C. Lee joins in writing to long neglected letter.

At this time the discount of several countries has created a turmoil throughout the entire world. Peace and happiness is the objective of most people in this country and preservation of neutrality in our own land is paramount in their minds. Much can be accomplished to allay this feeling of discontent by writing a letter. The following article, "The Phantom Letter," written by David Manley, depicts the importance of letter-writing, and the happiness which your letter can bring, declares Postmaster Lee.

"I am the letter you MEANT to write. "But you were too busy, or you were too tired, or you excused yourself by claiming you 'didn't know what to say.' "So I was never written.

"And because I never was written there is a question in the mind of one of your friends, or a pleasant bond with some one has been broken; or there is loneliness in the heart of one who thinks of you. "It was such an easy thing to have done—that letter which should have been written. But you let the time pass, and somewhere a friend, or a family, or even an acquaintance, is the poorer.

"The word that would have brought cheer to the sick one was not written; the gracious thank you for a favor done or a gift exchanged was never mailed; the happy ones who wished to know that you shared their happiness; and the unhappy ones who so craved a word of sympathy are wondering at your silence.

"I am just a phantom letter. The Real Letter. "I am the letter you DID write. "Joyfully, cheerily, I sped on my way, expecting for the warm welcome I knew awaited me wherever my destination.

"I went into the eager hands of a mother or a father, and I watched old eyes grow bright as my message of love and remembrance was read and re-read. "I went to the absent friend of yours and brought to him or her tidings of the sick one who so craved a word of sympathy and in your name rejoiced in their delight. I went to the bereaved and your sincere words brought them a comforting ease.

"To a birthday I added the joy of your good wishes; I rechecked a shut-in with your newsy chat; to a young person on the threshold of a career I brought your words of courage.

"Wherever I went I spread the warmth of your personality, and I brought back to you an overflowing wealth of friendship and affection; your name was loved and remembered."

## Officer McKinley Here In DeVriendt's Absence

Deputy Officer E. J. McKinley of New Hudson is substituting for Officer Joseph DeVriendt, while the latter is on vacation. DeVriendt, on his vacation Wednesday to Chicago where he attended the American Legion convention. He also plans a week's stay in Grand Rapids with friends and relatives.

McKinley will be back on duty here Wednesday, October 4.

## Report Theft of Two Bicycles In Past Week

Deputy Officer E. J. McKinley reports the recent theft of two bicycles in Farmington. A 1937 Buick sedan was stolen last week by Charles Kugel, 2112 Randall street, was stolen last Thursday from in front of Our Lady of Sorrows parochial school. It was a girl's bicycle, blue trimmed in white.

A bicycle was also taken Sunday from in front of the Baptist church. It belonged to Leo Bedson, 23285 Miller Ave. It was ivory in color carrying license No. 1638.

O. E. S. HOLDS REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 3

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmington Woman's Christian Temperance Union, held at the home of Mrs. William McCullough Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. Delmore Stubbs led a beautiful and impressive devotion and service. Children of the Hollywood Loyalty Temperance Legion, under the able leadership of Mrs. LeDeux showed excellent results of their training. The annual meeting followed.

Reports showed many objectives attained, and a gain in the year's membership of from twenty-five to thirty-eight. The officers were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year. Those so chosen are: Mrs. Elsie McCullough, president; Miss Helen L. Hard, vice-president; Mrs. Ruth Irwin, recording secretary; and Miss Zalda Steele, treasurer.

## To Open Bids On School Bus Service

The Clarenceville school board will open bids for their new bus transportation service at their meeting Thursday, October 5. The bus service, for school children in the Clarenceville schools, will remain on the same schedule as last year.

Enrollment in the Clarenceville school this year reached 670, the highest mark in the history of the school this year reached 670, the highest mark in the history of the school this year reached 670, the highest mark in the history of the school this year reached 670.

"A lot of new families have moved into this district during the past year," said Mr. Belser, "and this undoubtedly accounts for the sharp upturn. We expect more new families before the end of the year."

Biggest department increase noted in the school this fall in Typing classes, with 27 typewriters available. This department has been divided into three divisions.

According to Superintendent Belser students are showing more interest in courses of general study this year than in previous years. The junior business and general mathematics are more popular with students this fall than academic courses such as geometry and algebra.

## County Firemen Plan Fire Prevention Drive

The Oakland County Firemen's Association is an organization of the firemen of Oakland County and the immediate neighboring departments for an educational and social purpose. Each meeting takes up some phase of fire fighting or fire prevention and well qualified speakers are secured to give talks and lead the discussion on these subjects. This Association is now developing a fire prevention program, not alone for "Fire Prevention Week" in October, but for year round observance. The cooperation of everyone is earnestly desired in this program and, without a doubt, its observance will materially reduce the losses by fire in this neighborhood.

Miss Olive Grimwade and Miss Burdick, of Grace Hospital, Detroit, were Saturday evening guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grimwade.

## Farmington Stores Offer Quality Plus Economy

Farmington residents who are planning their fall and winter shopping are reminded that it is not necessary to go outside of the city to obtain merchandise of the highest quality. Farmington merchants this fall are perfectly equipped to give service which cannot be excelled anywhere.

When you patronize your local merchant you can be sure that you are getting value for your money. An example of quality and value is the new Speed Queen washing machines featured at Hatton's Farmington Hardware. Watch your "blue Monday" washing troubles fade away when you use one of these easy-to-handle washers.

A Health-Builder Is there an invalid or a convalescent in your home? If there is, you can send him on the road to recovery with Farmington Dairy's "homogenized" milk. It's tasty and more digestible.

The Farmington Cleaners' advertisement in last week's issue, which read "two-piece suits," should have been "three-piece suits," according to the management. You'll like the fresh, clean quality which your clothes have when they come back from Farmington Cleaners.

The new electric plug-in tea-kettles at Detroit Edison Co. have proven very popular since they were placed on the market. Have you gotten yours yet?

Hunters, attention! The hunting season will soon be open and you'll want proper clothing for that trip. Select it from Fred L. Cook's large stock of hunting apparel.

A Real Silver Buy There's no gift appreciated quite so much as good silverware. You

## Educators Will Help Keep Peace and Neutrality

Any course which might lead this nation into war will be strongly opposed by the Michigan Educational Association, is the declaration of Farmington Superintendent of Schools, Orville E. Dunkel, who returned Saturday from the three day convention of Michigan School Superintendents at Traverse City.

"The Convention unanimously adopted a resolution to preserve peace and neutrality in this country," said Dunkel. "The teaching profession was encouraged to assume responsibility and to exert leadership for education on this subject toward the end that this nation shall maintain its ideals of peace, neutrality, openmindedness, tolerance and democracy."

A discussion of school finance legislation was given by A. J. Phillips, executive secretary of M. E. A. Senator George P. McCallum, of this district, emphasized the importance of better collection of taxes under existing laws.

Senator McCallum advocated a central agency for the collection of state taxes and stated that with more efficient collection sufficient revenue would be available for all state purposes, including schools, welfare, and crippled children care," said Dunkel.

Dr. Eugene B. Elliott, state superintendent of public instruction, discussed aims of state department with respect to the educational progress of the state.

The session closed Saturday morning with a panel discussion under the leadership of Superintendent Chester Miller, of Saginaw, who presented a talk on the curricular problems confronting the secondary schools of the state. "We want on record," stated Dunkel, "as protesting the use of primary school interest fund for any purpose other than that for which it was set up in the state constitution."

Fred W. Frostic, of Wyandotte, was elected president of the Association replacing George Malcolm, Sault Ste. Marie.

## Will Present Charter

Nelso S. Knudsen, Kiwanis District Governor, will present the charter to the newly formed Farmington Kiwanis club, at their Charter Night program, to be held Wednesday, October 4, at Glen Oaks country club.

## New Business May Be Started Here

A new business may soon take its place in Farmington's downtown section, according to a rumor which is circulating about town. It is reported that the new enterprise will occupy the building which, until this week, housed the A. and P. Food Store.

A. and P. vacated the building Wednesday following a discussion with the owner over an increase in rent. Company officials declared however, that as soon as they can locate another building in which to move, the store will be reopened.

## COUNTY RED CROSS TO HELP WAR VICTIMS

The Volunteer Service Committee of the Oakland County Chapter of the American Red Cross is increasing its Production Service in order to provide relief for War victims in Europe, according to Mrs. H. H. Robinson and Mrs. F. S. Strong, Jr., Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Volunteer Service.

At a meeting held recently at the Birmingham Community House, Mrs. O. W. Kay of Pleasant Ridge, County Chairman of Production, discussed immediate plans for knitting and the making of hospital and refugee garments. All work except knitting will be done in workrooms which will be established throughout the county.

The entire production program in Oakland County is in keeping with the policy of the American National Red Cross which in response to a request from the international Red Cross which is immediately sending assistance to Poland. It is expected that France and England through the International Red Cross will outline their needs within the near future. It is expected that needs in the war-stricken areas will be great. The American National Red Cross has already set up an emergency fund of \$10,000 to assist the Polish Red Cross, in immediate medical problems.

Mrs. Helen Dohany Ely is in Detroit Osteopathic Hospital, following a major operation performed on Monday.

Joyce Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hull, had the misfortune of falling Tuesday evening, breaking her arm in two places. Mrs. Pearl and Ethel Gibson will entertain the Universalist Missionary Society Saturday afternoon at their home.

## Bank To Add More Space For Patrons

Additional space for the convenience of customers will be provided at the Farmington State Bank by the addition of an extra room. Representatives of the O. B. McClincock Co., of Minneapolis, have been working through the past week, enlarging the waiting room for safety-vault depositors, and installing the burglar alarm system for the protection of the new space.

This latest improvement will give the bank interior an uniform heavy frame woodwork surrounding three sides.

In addition to providing a larger room for vault depositors, there will be a new office room, to be occupied by Howard C. Katerbocker, bank cashier.

City Clerk Harry Moore's quarters will be converted into a waiting room for customers and Moore's office moved to the space just left off his present office.

A year ago last August the bank underwent a complete remodeling, making it completely fire-proof. All material above the counter level was removed and a continuous run of heavy bullet-proof steel and heavy laminated bullet resistant glass was installed.

Three sides were thus improved with a waiting room for customers left open on one corner. With the continuation of the Bandit Resisting-Enclosure this space will now be made to conform with the rest of the interior. The north side of the interior will remain open.

## SCHOOL BUILDING Nears Completion

What amounts to the "finishing touches" are now being put on the new school auditorium-gymnasium and school officials hope to be able to move into the new quarters by the third or fourth week in October.

The classrooms, home economics department and the industrial art room will probably be completed before the gymnasium itself, and these departments will probably be occupied some time before the gym and auditorium are ready for use.

"We expect the building to be materially finished by the first of November," said Superintendent Orville Dunkel. "We'll probably move some of the classes over there before that time, however. At present the workmen are plastering, laying tile in the shower rooms, and completing work on the large skylight."

A meeting of the school board will be held Tuesday evening for the purpose of opening bids on equipment for the new building. The equipment must be delivered by October 15. Superintendent Dunkel hopes to receive some of it before that time.

## TEACHER'S OATH FORMS AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL

Superintendent Orville E. Dunkel has a supply of teacher's oath forms from the Superintendent of Public Instruction at Lansing, and has announced that all teachers in this area, regardless of where they are teaching, may procure them at his office and fill them out. Teachers not employed at the present time but who expect to be at any time in the future should also file the oath.

According to Act 54 of the Public Acts of 1937, no person holding a Michigan teacher's certificate are required to file an oath of allegiance, properly notarized, in the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction between December 29 and December 27, 1939, in order to protect the validity of the certificate.

The act applies to teachers in public and parochial schools, as well as to all persons now holding certificates.

After the oath is filed, Dr. Eugene B. Elliott, Superintendent of Public Instruction, will send the certificate holder a card certifying the fact that the oath has been filed. Proper forms for filing the oath, which need not be filed only once, may also be secured from County Commissioner E. J. Lederle and from Superintendent of Public Instruction Elliott at Lansing.

## Girls' Gym Class To Begin Activities

A girl's gym class, under the direction of Miss Margaret Goodrich, will start getting under way at Farmington high school.

Activities to be taken up include volleyball ball, indoor baseball, basketball, mass games, rhythm tests and posture tests. A first and second basketball team will be organized, with girls picked for each team according to their ability.

The girls selected dark blue shorts, white sport shirts, white water socks and white gym shoes. They elected the following officers: President, Sonia Murray; vice president, Virginia Dulley; secretary, Patricia Gale; and treasurer, Jane Leach.