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## Birthday Ball Plans Progress

Arrangements are being made for the annual President's Ball to be held January 23, 1940 at the new gymnasium of the Farmington High School. Frank Steele has been selected General Chairman and he has appointed the following committee to act with him: Leo Gilmester, Mayor, City of Farmington; Mahlon Bradley, President of the Exchange Club; Joseph Himmelmach, President of Kiwanis Club and also George Knickerbocker, Mrs. Norman Lee, and Paul Paré.

For the past couple of years these parties have not been a financial success. Last year the money coming in on the evening of the Ball cut down the attendance. But with the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools kindly consenting to donate the new gymnasium free of charge, it is expected that some profit will be made and that Farmington will be able to send a reasonable check to Headquarters.

The committee has promised good music and there will be both modern and old time dancing. Tickets are to be \$1.00 per couple and with the space available in the new gymnasium it is expected that a large attendance will be had. The proceeds from the ball are divided between the National Headquarters and local needs. The larger portion of the net proceeds remain in this locality for charitable purposes here. The fund going to Headquarters is paid by the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation for the cure of infantile paralysis. Tickets may be obtained at the Smith-Bradley Drug Store, Farmington; Dr. Fred L. Cook and Conway and Hamilton's markets and by contacting any member of the Exchange or Kiwanis clubs.

## KIWANIANS AND FARMERS HEAR RURAL DISCUSSION

Plans for the Kiwanis meeting Wednesday have not been completed. Arrangements for the evening have been made and a lion trainer with two trained lions appear on the program but this fell through when one of the lions died. Howard Otis will be in charge of the program.

Farm subjects and rural problems were the topic of the evening at the club's meeting Wednesday. George Newlin, manager of the Sorenson farms, was in charge and gave a talk on "The Farm and Business Farming." Newlin and Ed Wright, of Saginaw, gave a demonstration on the "Scientific Way of Breeding Stock." There were 35 members present and 25 guests, most of whom were farmers from the nearby area.

Victor Blakeslee gave a report on the progress which has been made toward the minstrel show which the club is planning. No date has been set for the show but arrangements indicate it will be presented in the near future.

Stanley Coon was initiated as a new member of the club. He received his instructions from President Joseph Himmelmach, and according to the custom of the club gave a short life history of himself.

Sheriff Walter Coon was absent and his place was taken by Walter Durham, who was kept busy collecting fines for infractions of club rules. After the meeting a directors' meeting was held.

## Raymond Dwyer Named New Teller at Bank

Raymond Dwyer, formerly a teller in the Citizens State Bank, Clare, Michigan, has accepted a position as teller in the Farmington State Bank, according to Howard C. Knickerbocker, cashier. Mr. Dwyer plans to move to Farmington in the near future. He took over his new duties Monday. The increased volume of business which the bank has handled during the past year has made it necessary to have a large force of tellers on the existing staff. Mr. Knickerbocker, making it necessary to hire another teller. Mr. Dwyer is married, has no children.

## EVANGELICAL CHURCH PLANS BANQUET

The annual Father and Son Banquet of the Salem Evangelical church will be held Tuesday evening, February 6, at 6:30 p. m. in the church dining room. The speaker for the evening will be Dr. Erickson of Redford. Details will be announced later.

## Credit Union Group Shows Big Gain During Past Year

A number of residents of the Farmington area who are members of the South Oakland Farmers' branch unit of the Michigan Credit Union, were present at a meeting at which officers for 1940 were named.

Mrs. Ethel B. Gibson, 25235 Haled Road, will act as treasurer-manager for the coming year. J. C. Burton, Haggerty Highway; Thomas Cairns, Farmington Road; and Fraser Hults, Farmington, were named to the Credit Committee. Kenneth Wilson, Farmington Road, will serve on the Supervisory Committee.

President of the Board of Directors is J. B. DeConck, Walled Lake. Other directors are Frank Sallett, Walled Lake, vice-president; William Ramsey, Jr., Walled Lake.

## Work Started on New Building

The work of remodeling the future quarters for Farmington's new theater was begun this week. The new movie house, to be controlled by Associate Theaters, Inc., will occupy the building which formerly housed the A. and P. Food Store, on Grand River avenue.

Workers were beginning the job of tearing out the roof of the present structure. Following this, the rear end will be removed. Ultimately the entire building will be replaced by a new modern building, 22 feet longer to the rear than the present quarters. A contract was let for the digging of a well in the rear of the premises, to supply water for the theater's air conditioning system.

Walls R. Periera, Detroit architect, will design the building, according to Lloyd S. Gullen, Farmington real estate dealer, who has assisted in preliminary negotiations for the theater. Periera is well known in architectural circles, having been the designer of several of the Leow chain of theaters in New York and Chicago.

## Senior Class Dance to Be Held Saturday in Gym

The Senior Class of Farmington High School will hold a dance Saturday evening, January 20, from eight to twelve in the gymnasium. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Music will be furnished by Clemons Orchestra, of Lansing. This orchestra has played for dances at Saginaw and various country clubs in the Capital district, and should provide excellent music. The dance will be used to finance the senior year books. The Seniors will not solicit advertising from merchants as in past years, but will depend on proceeds from this dance to pay for the books. Tickets may be secured from members of the class.

## Merchants Offer Helpful Hints on How to Stay Healthy

The months of January and February are two of the unhealthiest months of the year and additional caution is necessary during these months to avoid sickness. One precaution which will help make the home more healthy is the use of a good grade of coal. Inferior coal produces too much smoke, and burns unevenly. For best results use coal from Farmington Lumber and Coal Co.

Another way to stay healthy is to wear the proper kinds of clothes. You need plenty of warm clothing in this cold weather, and this is what Fred L. Cook Co. is offering. They have a large stock of winter clothes. You'll appreciate the reduced prices, too.

What do you look for in a car? Style, beauty, dependability, comfort? You'll find all these and more in the new cars at Keego Harbor Sales and Service in Keego Harbor. They are sure of finding plenty of healthy children and young people who have a wide range from which to pick, all at attractive low prices.

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## Two Escape Injury In Crash Here

A car driven by Duwayne Kent Fowlerville, collided with a vehicle driven by Irene Agar, 20856 Poinciana, Saturday night, causing considerable damage to both cars. Both occupants escaped injury. The automobiles were traveling the same direction when the collision occurred, on Grand River avenue just west of Lakeway. Deputy Joseph DeVriendt investigated.

High wind was declared by Deputy DeVriendt to be the cause of a collision Sunday evening, when an automobile driven by William Holbrook, Indian avenue, crashed into a car driven by Delbert L. Caldwell, Route 2, Walled Lake. DeVriendt said the force of the wind apparently caused Holbrook to lose control of his car. The collision occurred on Orchard Lake Road near Shawassaw.

The force of Sunday's wind also caused a traffic tie-up on Eight Mile Road west of Farmington when it blew down a large elm tree. The tree blocked the highway for some time until removed.

Busy Week in Court

The past week was a busy one in Justice John J. Schultz's traffic court, with 16 persons appearing. The following persons were brought before the court:

Joseph C. Beh, Jr., 25 of Birmingham, received a \$5 fine for reckless driving on Telegraph Road near Nine Mile Road. Frederick Richman, 15, of Walled Lake, ran a red light at Northwestern Highway and Eight Mile Road. He paid a fine of \$5.

Failure to stop for a red light at Grand River and Eight Mile Road brought a suspended sentence for Frank R. Hale, 35, of 27150 Orchard Lake Road.

Victor Pulk, 19, of Huntington, West Virginia, was charged with running a red light, speeding, and reckless driving. Driving a truck loaded with 20,000 pounds, he was stopped by officers on Telegraph Road near Northwestern Highway. He failed to appear in court and forfeited a bond of \$25.

Fined For Speeding

Stopped on Telegraph Road while speeding, Bert W. Oxley, 34, of Flint, was assessed costs of \$3 as a result of a collision with Frank Lachajewski, Detroit. The collision occurred on Grand River near Rockwell. Haynes made restitution to Lachajewski for damages to the latter's car.

Leon Gardner, 19, of Birmingham, was given a suspended sentence for speeding at a rate of 50 miles per hour within the city limits of Farmington. Walter G. Kwasechinski, 20, of 4198 Maybush, Grand Rapids, also received a suspended sentence for operating a trailer with defective brakes.

Drives Without License

Driving without an operator's license brought a suspended sentence against Robert Silver, 18, of Farmington. He was stopped on Grand River avenue, John R. Evans, 17, of Royal Oak, ran a red light at Northwestern Highway and Ten Mile Road and was given a suspended sentence for driving at 15, of Birmingham, paid \$25 costs as a penalty for driving without an operator's license.

Charged with pulling out onto a through highway, and causing an accident, Walter Baird, 21, of Detroit, was ordered to pay costs of \$3.35. His car was struck by an automobile driven by Madlyn Snook, Detroit. Baird made restitution to Snook for damages to her car.

Luke Bradley, 23, of Detroit, charged with traveling at 61 miles per hour in a 55 mile zone, paid a fine of \$5. He was stopped on Eight Mile Road near Myers. Donald W. Henry, 24, of Flint, paid costs of \$3.35 for driving with improper headlights.

Donald A. Noble, 45, of Detroit, improperly overtook and passed another car on a bluff, and as a result of 50 miles per hour in a 55 mile zone. He was assessed a fine of \$5. Noble was stopped by officers on Grand River avenue in Novi. Frank Davis, 46, of Ferndale, ran the red light at the Eight Mile-Lakeway intersection and was fined \$5 and \$35 costs.

PAST MATRONS CLUB MEETS THURSDAY

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## Work of Gathering 1940 Census Gets Under Way

Work is progressing on the 1940 census which is divided into two parts, Business and Manufacturing Census, and Population and Agriculture Census.

A representative from the census bureau visited all stores and business establishments in Farmington this week, leaving questionnaires to be filled in. This information was being gathered for the Business and Manufacturing Census. Later another census-taker will visit each home in the city to get information for the Population Census. Farmers will come under a different set of questionnaires.

The Business and Manufacturing Census started January 2, 1940, and will require about four months to complete the work. The field work in the 37th District will be covered by seven Enumerators who were selected after competitive examination held by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census in Detroit, during the latter part of December, 1939.

The Population and Agriculture Census will start all over the country on April 22nd, 1940, and the number of Enumerators required for the 17th District for this work will total about 250.

These Reports are required by Act of Congress. This Act also makes it unlawful for the Bureau to disclose any facts, including names or identities, from the Census reports. Only sworn Census employees will see the statements. Data collected will be used solely for preparing statistical information concerning the Nation's population, resources and business activities. The census reports cannot be used for purposes of taxation, regulation, or investigation, and are not given to any departments by the Government except the Bureau of Census.

Club Urges City To Buy Building

A plan whereby the city would buy the building now occupied by the People's State Bank, for use as a city hall, was presented to the City Commission Monday in a letter from the Kiwanis Club. The letter follows:

"The Kiwanis Club of the City of Farmington, an organization which has been founded for the purpose of promoting and adopting higher social, business and professional standards in the Community."

"At the last Board of Directors meeting of the Kiwanis Club, the following resolution was adopted which we are submitting to you for your approval:

"That for the best interests of the people of Farmington, the City Commission make every possible effort to purchase the Peoples State Bank Building to be used as a City Hall."

"This building is ideally located and adequately equipped to house all the City offices, including Police Department, City Clerk, City Treasurer, Public Library, and Jail. In addition to these offices, and other equipment essential to the city, this building contains the building practically self-supporting to the City, aside from the initial cost. This building contains all the necessary vaults and safes and is a most desirable investment of which would cost at least several thousand dollars if it were necessary to have it installed in another building."

"If the above proposition is approved by the City Commission, the Kiwanis Club will cooperate to the fullest extent with a Committee appointed by you."

Yours very truly,  
Joseph Himmelmach, Pres.

The Commission took no action on the letter, but moved to acknowledge it and to place it on file.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA HOLD INITIATION

Our Lady of Sorrows Circle, No. 617, Daughters of Isabella held class initiation of 36 candidates at Huck's Redford Inn on Sunday. The ceremony was held in the presence of Mrs. Star Long, state regent. Mrs. Louis LaCourse, state secretary and Mrs. Annes Zeller, national organizer.

Degrees were put on in impressive style by Wyanet degree team. A banquet was held at 6 o'clock, following which the master speaker was Rev. J. J. O'Mara, Secretary of Charities for the Archdiocese. Other short talks were given by Rev. J. J. Larkin, Chaplain for the circle, and by Assistant Master and Mrs. Eva LeFevre in charge of the program. Several numbers were rendered by the Choral club of Sacred Heart Circle, Detroit, under the direction of Mrs. Marie Stass.

A special feature of the evening was the three-year old violinist, Katherine Anne Kleckham, accompanied by Gertrude Marie Kleckham. Mrs. Helen Martin was general chairman of the affair.

Regents and daughters from three Detroit circles from Dearborn and Wyandotte were represented.

## Feb. 19 Set For Township Election

Registration for the Farmington Township spring primary election will be accepted by Township Clerk Harry McCracken in his office at 35726 12 Mile Road. Mr. McCracken will be at his office every day except Sunday and legal holidays from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Election day this year will be February 19, about two weeks earlier than last year. This boost in dates, was made necessary under new state law.

As yet no petitions for office have been filed. Mr. McCracken reported. Persons seeking office will have until Tuesday, January 30, in which to get their petitions signed and filed into the clerk's office. The following Township offices will be filled in the April election following the primaries: Supervisor, Township Clerk, Township Treasurer, Highway commissioner, Justice of the Peace, Member of the Board of Review and four constables.

Must Circulate Petitions

Persons seeking any of these offices must circulate a petition and obtain a certain number of signatures of qualified voters of the Township. The necessary number is one per cent of the votes cast at the last election for the secretary of state candidate in that party in which the candidate is running.

The Township Board at their meeting Tuesday evening named the same election boards for this year as last, with one new exception. Charles Hite will serve on the board from Precinct Two. The following persons were named to the boards: Precinct One, Ward Eagle, Will Morris, Jack Butten, Esie Seely, Betty McIntyre, Precinct Two, Frank Himmelmach, Isabelle Melke, Louise Brown, Harry Shafer, and Charles Hise.

P. T. A. TO SPONSOR CARD PARTY IN NEW AUDITORIUM

The Farmington Parent Teachers' Association will sponsor a progressive card party on Thursday, January 25, at eight o'clock in the new building. The general chairman is Mrs. Joe DeVriendt, who will be assisted on ticket sales by Mrs. Carl Giers and Mrs. Ed Faulkner. Mrs. Edwin Famm and Mrs. Charles Elkins are in charge of refreshments and Mrs. Earl Redding will have charge of the tables. Bridge, pedro, pinocle, euchre and cribbage will be played. After their regular meeting on Tuesday evening, held in the high school assembly, about 100 members and friends were in attendance. After the business meeting, Paul Paré, Jr. made a presentation of a large plaque in memory of "Doc" Richardson, to the school in behalf of the classes of '37 and '38.

Robert Stewart and Max Thompson outlined to the group several projects which would be carried on by the association. Among these were pictures for school rooms, a plan for the new building, construction of concrete tennis courts, construction of a larger skating rink, purchase of a large building for the new building, taking over the management of the cafeteria, and supply hot lunches to school children, and supply gym shoes for use of needy children who cannot otherwise afford themselves of the use of the gymnasium.

A committee will be appointed to select which one of these plans will be carried out.

Howard Otis showed the film, "Land of the Free."

The following people were appointed room representatives: Mrs. Delos Samlin, kindergarten; Mrs. Eddie Alexander, first grade; Mrs. Earl Whitman, second grade; Mrs. Ed Faulkner, third grade; Mrs. Carl Hinhorn, fourth grade; Mrs. John Warner, fifth grade; Mrs. Richard Erickson, sixth grade; Mrs. James Firth, seventh grade; and Mrs. Marie Pettibone, eighth grade.

EXCHANGE CLUB ENJOYS TALK ON BILL OF RIGHTS

Dr. Joseph W. Norton will be in charge of next week's Exchange Club meeting. There has been no announcement as to what part of program there will be as yet, but plans are expected to be completed shortly.

Rev. Owen Knox, of Detroit, was the speaker at the Exchange meeting Wednesday night, and gave a talk which proved highly interesting to the clubmen. Rev. Knox is the active chairman of the Civil Rights Federation. He is minister of Bethlehem Methodist church in Detroit, and is a vivid war veteran.

The Bill of Rights, and the dangers which face the people of the United States should they be deprived of any of these rights, was the theme of Rev. Knox's talk. He cited the dangers from "pressure groups," and other individual groups, who seek to abrogate the Bill of Rights. He warned that if the United States should enter the war, the Bill of Rights would be ignored, "just as in the last war."

W. C. T. U. MEETS TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The regular meeting of the Farmington Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held Tuesday, January 23, at the home of Mrs. Ruth Miles, on Warner avenue.

O. E. S. PLANS CARD PARTY

Farmington Chapter No. 239 O. E. S. will hold a card party on Tuesday evening, January 23, at the home of Mrs. Marie Pettibone. The public is cordially invited.

Fire Damages Garage on Charles Halsted Farm

A fire in the garage in the rear of the Charles Halsted property, 28825 Haled Road, caused damage Saturday night to the extent of \$50. It was believed that faulty wiring caused the fire. A neighbor saw the flames, and called the fire department. The fire was extinguished before it spread to cause further damage.