

# The Farmington Enterprise

## Telephone Co. To Add New Area Here

The Michigan Bell Telephone Company will file a petition, October 22, with the Public Service Commission requesting permission to add approximately eight square miles of territory to the Farmington base rate telephone area.

MacLachlan, manager for the company in this area, has announced that the territory proposed to be added is south 4 1/2 miles east of Farmington and extends to the Detroit zone boundary.

He also said the proposed extension would result in a total savings of about \$1,350 for present subscribers in the affected territory.

Under the present plan, the line mileage charges would be eliminated for 68 present urban line subscribers. Rural line service in the area would be discontinued, but the 377 rural line customers in the territory would be enabled to subscribe to the long line urban business service or a party line urban residence service at no increase in rates.

## FRED W. READY MARRIES DETROIT GIRL

Miss Frances Buckdahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Buckdahl of Detroit, became the bride of Fred W. Ready, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Ready of Grand River avenue, Saturday evening at the Iroquois Avenue Christ Evangelical Lutheran church. Rev. H. E. Olson, pastor, read the ceremony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a long white tulle gown, embellished with vertical shirring on the bodice and on the long sleeves. The full skirt extended into a long train edged with rows of fine plaiting. Her veil hung from a small headpiece of orange blossoms and tiny pearls, which she wore very low on her forehead. Her flowers were white roses and white baby chrysanthemums.

Mrs. Edward Pomranz, the bride's sister, was matron of honor. Her gown was made of light blue water spot tulle with net, and she wore a headpiece of tiny velvet bows with blue net. She carried a bouquet of pink roses.

Mrs. Virginia Buckdahl and Miss Betty Ready, the bridesmaids, wore dresses fashioned along the same lines of pink water spot tulle and net, with similar headpieces in blue. They carried pink roses.

Edward Pomranz was best man and ushers were Myron Conn and William Kent, both of Farmington. Following a reception in the church lounge, Mr. and Mrs. Ready left for a short trip through the East. They will be at home in the Alamo Apartments, Detroit, after November 1.

Farmington guests at the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Max Hultet, Mrs. Martha Warner, Mr. William Stoum, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Coon and Miss Gertrude Duhe.

**NOMINATIONS TO BE MADE FOR KIWANIS ELECTION**

Nominations for Kiwanis Club officials will close before the club at its meeting, Wednesday evening, October 10. The election will be held Wednesday evening, November 6.

Frank B. Boynton was the guest speaker at the meeting Wednesday. His talk on "Why on Monday Have Girls" was highly enjoyed by the 41 members and guests present.

Mrs. Boynton, a director of the Baker-Stimons Co. of Detroit, has been in the investment business many years. In addition to his connection with the Baker-Stimons Co., he is also a director of several other investment corporations. He has conducted courses in investment at Wayne University.

Plans were discussed for the Kiwanis theatre party to be held at the Civic Theatre on election night, November 5.

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## School Inaugurates New Type of Class Election

Students of Farmington high school, when they reach legal voting age, will be better prepared to cast their ballots, as a result of a plan which will be given its first test Monday at the school.

Monday is election day at Farmington high school, and the election will be run as nearly like a national election as possible. Candidates for the various school positions, including class officers and places on the Student Council, have already turned in their petitions and are engaged in last minute campaigns.

Voting booths, similar to those used by the young voters' fathers and mothers, will be set up in the gymnasium, and at an arranged time on Monday, each student will go to the gym, be given a ballot with the names of his class officers, and will step into the voting booth to ponder awhile, it is hoped before making his selections.

Before becoming qualified to have his name on a ballot, each aspirant was required to turn in a petition signed by 25 per cent of his class. This ordinarily meant about 25 signatures for each candidate.

Although a school election of this type is new to the students, they went at it wholeheartedly, and the results that were expected were exceeded. Three in the Senior class will be contested.

Ed Barrows, retiring Student Council president, will head the election board, assisted by a committee to be named before Monday. The list of candidates follows:

**Freshman Class**  
President, Peggy Dwyer, John Gamble, Mary Jane Smith, vice president, Betty Davis, Clifford Streling; secretary, Betty Aschenbrenner, Calvin Mason; treasurer, Marjorie White, Kenneth Way, Roberta Beckwith, Barbara Hagar.

**Student Council:** Oscar Aulon, Robert Beckwith, Mary Jo Cole, John Gamble, John Hunt, Joe Caulfield, Peggy Dwyer, Audrey Lathrup and Burke Johnson.

**Sophomore Class**  
President, Bill Burrier, Susan Sloum, Peggy Aschler; vice president, Shirley Rocone, Doug Bell, Alfred Wallbank; secretary-treasurer, Betty Lee Quinlin, Ilene Morris; Student Council, Christine Hickling, Russell Grammar, James Maloney, Ernie Mitchell and Mary Sackell.

**Junior Class**  
President, Barton Smith, Robert Gulien, Chuck Sullivan; vice president, Therese Gamache, Bill Campbell, Dorothy Fox; secretary-treasurer, Annie Wells, Marjorie Collins; Student Council, Bill Carpenter, Bob Irwin; Judy Oates, Margaret Hargard, Jack Samuelson, Clifford Panke and Mary Oshanski.

**Senior Class**  
President, George Brykskisi, Charles Larson; vice president, Bob Carlson; secretary, Paulette Gamble; treasurer, Margaret Leach; Student Council, Milton Allen, Don Hatcher, Dorothy Baldwin, Dean Davidson, and Nora Fletcher.

On Thursday afternoon the separate divisions will meet to hear lectures by Clyde Mills, director of the Institute for Propaganda Analysis, New York City; William H. Kilpatrick, eminent professor of education, Teachers' College, Columbia University; Max V. W. Fisher, state superintendent of education, Teachers' College, Buffalo; and D. J. Heathcote, Kalamazoo, fifth vice-president, Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers.

On Friday afternoon Channing Pollock will present a talk entitled "Wake Up, America."

## Schools To Close For MEA Meeting

Schools in Farmington will be closed Thursday and Friday, October 17 and 18 to allow teachers to attend the annual convention of the Michigan Educational Association, Lynn Rohrer, commerce instructor at Farmington high school has been named chairman of the commercial meeting.

A number of well-known speakers have been scheduled for appearances in lectures. Channing Pollock, lecturer and playwright, beginning at 9:45 a. m. In the auditorium of Cass Technical high school, a general program has been planned for Thursday, Eugene H. Elliott, state superintendent of public instruction, will discuss "Making a Profession of Teaching."

The rapid growth of Farmington and the surrounding area in the past several years has been equaled by the development of the street and business in the community. No longer is it necessary for residents of this community to make long trips into the metropolitan area to do their shopping. They are desiring to save the expense and discomfort of driving long distances by patronizing Farmington merchants.

**Rapid Community Growth Proves Aid to Shoppers**

The latest addition to Farmington's business section is the Civic Theatre. Located within walking or short driving distance of their homes, the Civic offers three entertainment nights with three complete changes of shows each week.

A group of fine pictures are lined up for the coming week's billing at the Civic. On Friday and Saturday the drama "Till We Meet Again" starring Merle Oberon and George Brent, next week "The Girl Who Sings" starring Gene Autry will be shown. Scheduled for Sunday and Monday are "Lillian Russell" with an all-star cast including Alice Faye, Henry Fonda, and Don Ameche. "The Boy Who Came From The Future" with the Dead End Kids and the Little Tough Guys. Then moving in for three days, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday are "Gold Rush Maniac" featuring Ann Rutherford, and "Signatures of New York" with Jackie Cooper.

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**EVANGELICAL BAZAAR DATE CHANGED**

The date of the annual Salem Evangelical bazaar and dinner has been changed from November 5, and will now be at home on November 12. Announcement will be made about the bazaar and dinner at a later date.

## Men 21 to 35 To Register Wednesday

On Wednesday, October 16, all men between the ages of 21 and 35, living in Farmington Township and the City of Farmington will register under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940. Those living in Farmington Township will appear at the regular Township polling places, namely the welfare office at 2373 Grand River and the Town Hall, Grand River.

Registration place for City eligibles is the City Hall. Under instructions sent out by the U. S. Government, the registration places will remain open from 7 a. m. until 5 p. m. City registration will be handled by City Clerk Harry Moore, aided by Justice John J. Schulte, Mrs. Anna Brown and Mrs. Avis Jamieson.

Will Answer 11 Questions  
Registrants will be given a card to read over. This card contains questions to be answered, including name, address, country of citizenship, birthplace, name of some person who will always know the registrant's address, employer's name and place of employment. After familiarizing himself with the questions, the registrant will hand the card back to be filled out by the clerk. A smaller, pocket-size card, containing the same information, will also be filled out by the registrant.

The registrar also will list on the reverse side of the registration card the registrant's race, approximate height, approximate weight and complexion.

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Moore said it has been estimated that individual registrations will average about 15 minutes.

Men of draft age who do not live in Farmington Township but who are here on Wednesday, October 16, should register here. Registration of eligible Township men will be handled by Township Clerk Harry McCracken, and a board to be named by him.

Copies of a booklet, "The Township Registration," signed by President Roosevelt, have been sent to both Moore and McCracken, and will be posted in conspicuous places.

A school of instruction for registrants will be held in Pontiac Saturday morning at 9 a. m. and will be attended by members of the City and Township registration boards.

**DETROIT DOCTOR TO BE NEXT EXCHANGE GUEST**

Arrangements are being made to secure Dr. J. D. Sheets, of Detroit, to be the Exchange Club, at its meeting Wednesday. The program is to be under the direction of Dr. Joseph W. Norton.

Otis Cook, secretary of the Michigan State Pharmaceutical Association, presented a highly interesting talk at the club's meeting Wednesday noon. Mr. Cook's talk dealt with "Pharmacy of Today" and showed the important part which the neighborhood druggist plays in the daily life of the community.

Mr. Cook also touched upon the Fair Trade Laws and how they affect the pharmacist. The program was under the direction of Maxwell Smith.

**DR. E. C. KEYES TO SPEAK IN FARMINGTON**

An open meeting and rally, sponsored by the Republicans of this district, is being held Thursday evening, October 24. Though a definite meeting place has not been set as yet, and the program has not been completed, plans are being going forward, and a most entertaining evening is promised. Keep this date open and plan to attend.

Of great interest to everyone in this area are two speakers for the meeting in Farmington. Dr. Eugene C. Keyes, Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and Congressman George A. Dondero. This will probably be the only Oakland County appearance of Dr. Keyes and everyone should avail themselves of the opportunity to hear him.

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## Williamston Hunting Co-op Formed by Group of Farmers

A group of farmers in Farmington Township has organized the first Williamston hunting cooperative in Oakland County, for the benefit of hunters and for the protection of their lands.

All farmers cooperating live within an area bounded by Orchard Lake Road on the east, Farmington Road on the west, 10 Mile on the south and 11 Mile on the north, comprising approximately 800 acres. Russell Whitom is president of the group and Frazier Street is secretary.

Under the plan, hunter security is a ticket from any farmer belonging to the organization, permitting him to hunt on any land in the area covered by the plan.

The hunters' car, parked in the farmer's yard when the ticket is obtained, is the farmer's security against the vandalism of a few hunters who have in earlier seasons damaged farm fences, buildings and livestock.

Plans Grow Rapidly  
Signs for posting cooperative units and permit tags which farmers issue to hunters using the areas are furnished by the Michigan Department of Conservation. Organized a few years ago to control trespass in heavily hunted areas of southern Michigan, Williamston plant cooperatives have grown by leaps and bounds. Last year those cooperating with the conservation department numbered 110, controlling half a million acres of farmland in 24 counties.

By controlling overhunted areas near large population centers, the cooperatives have served to protect the supply of game and in some localities to increase it, as cooperative members become interested in up-to-date game management practices.

**Namesake City Sends Invitation**

An invitation to attend a tercentenary celebration in Farmington was received this week by Mayor Leo F. Gildemeister, but wait a minute—that's Farmington, Connecticut, not Farmington, Michigan. The city fathers of the Connecticut Farmington, in planning the observance of their 300th birthday, sent invitations to all Farmingtons throughout the United States, and apparently there is one in almost every state.

Mayor Leo F. Gildemeister will be unable to attend, but Farmington, Michigan, is planning the following resolution, a copy of which will be sent to the Connecticut city:

**RESOLVED THAT**, the City of Farmington, Michigan expresses its warmest appreciation and thanks to the Town of Farmington, Connecticut, for the cordial invitation to the First Selectman and Mayor of the City of Farmington, Michigan to attend the Tercentenary Celebration of the Town of Farmington, Connecticut, on Sunday, October 13, 1940.

**RESOLVED THAT**, the City of Farmington, Michigan regrets the inability of its Mayor to accept the kind invitation of the Town of Farmington, Connecticut.

**RESOLVED THAT**, the City of Farmington, Michigan, whose founders are honored citizens of Connecticut and New York and who celebrated its centenary in 1924, de-lights to do you honor and to wish you peace, plenty, prosperity and the perpetuation of the principles of Democracy in this Blessed America.

Done in the City of Farmington, Michigan This Ninth Day of October, A. D. 1940.

**Validity of Cemetery Titles is Made Clear**

Because of an erroneous impression which may have resulted in an article appearing in last week's Enterprise concerning titles of lot owners in the Oakland Hills Memorial association cemetery, the following is made clear: That interests of lot owners are completely protected as the result of a transfer of the title of the property last week.

The Oakland Hills Memorial association succeeds the Grand Oakland Memorial Park, Inc. Within the past two years the Oakland County Prosecutor's office conducted an investigation of the affairs of the Grand Oakland Memorial Park, Inc. At that time holders of certificates were advised to be patient and give the present management of the cemetery some of its difficulties.

Services were held from the Farmington Baptist church Monday at 4 p. m. Rev. Gilbert A. Miles and Rev. Edward Palmer, of Detroit, officiated. Burial was in Grandview cemetery.

**George Rice, 62, Dies At Home on Saturday**

George M. Rice, 62, passed away early Saturday, October 5, at his home at 2315 State street. He had been a resident of Farmington for the past three years. He was born in Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada, October 20, 1877.

Services were held from the Farmington Baptist church Monday at 4 p. m. Rev. Gilbert A. Miles and Rev. Edward Palmer, of Detroit, officiated. Burial was in Grandview cemetery.

Mr. Rice is survived by his wife, Ella, two daughters, Mrs. Earl Wilson and Mrs. Matthew Bert Heath and three sons, George, Emerson, and Harold.

**Charles Barnhart Dies Here at Age of 81**

Charles B. Barnhart, 81, of 22425 Orchard Lake Road, died at his home Thursday, October 3.

Mr. Barnhart was born in Northville, September 17, 1859. He leaves his widow, Sarah. Services were held at the Farmington Baptist church Monday, with Rev. D. C. Stubbs in charge. Burial was in Grandview cemetery.

**Civic Theatre Bowlers Win Two From Green's**

The Civic Theatre bowling team won two games out of three from the Paul Green team in the Men's Monday Night League. In other games Oak Park took three straight from Hogan's and Marston and won two out of three from Ramsey's Tavern.

The Men's Monday Night League bowls weekly in Walled Lake.

## Township Not to Repay Road Taxes

The Michigan Supreme Court this week decided that Farmington Township will not have to repay to the City of Farmington sums wrongfully assessed against the city for highway purposes. The controversy, brought by the city against the township, was first heard by Judge Frank L. Doty in Circuit Court, Judge Doty decided the township should repay the city. The township appealed.

The higher court now modifies the findings of the lower court so the township will not have to repay to the city the highway taxes already paid but the decree restrains the county treasurer and the auditor generally from selling at a tax sale any property located within the city where there has been a failure to pay the alleged assessments for highway taxes. No costs were taxed. Tax-delinquent parcels in the city were withheld from the tax sale this year pending the outcome of the suit.

In 1928 when Farmington Village became incorporated as a city, an agreement was made with the township whereby the city assumed 27 per cent of the outstanding obligations of the township including highway taxes. Although the highway taxes for improvements in the township should no longer have been levied against the city property the practice of assessing the highway taxes on continued and city officials spread the tax and raised to protest.

The city finally discovered that it was paying taxes in the township which should not have been assessed and brought suit to recover such sums.

Judge Doty found the city taxpayers were innocent victims of their own actions and those of their city officials and the board of supervisors. The highest court finds it "was an honest, intentional mistake on the part of all persons concerned with no evidence of fraud. It maintains it would not be equitable to require all the taxpayers of the township to submit to new assessments in order to repay the taxpayers of the city."

**KIWANIS CLUB TO SPONSOR ELECTION FROLIC**

An evening of fun and festivity is in store for residents of Farmington and the big frolic that the Farmington Kiwanis Club is sponsoring on Tuesday evening, November 5, at the Civic Theatre, November 5, of course, is the date foremost in the minds of all well-wishers citizens of "Election Day" and on that evening Kiwanis members are inviting everyone to come to the Civic Theatre and join in the fun. Election results will be announced just as songs they can be recorded and in addition there will be an extra picture and other talent will be furnished to add to the festivity. Everyone is cordially invited to come and bring their friends. The entertainment will start at eleven o'clock.

Besides availing yourself of the opportunity for a most enjoyable evening, you will be aiding a worthy cause, too, for proceeds will be used to assist the coffers of the fund for underprivileged children. The committee in charge is headed by Edgar Pierce, as chairman, with Vic Blakeslee in charge of publicity, Dick Taylor as program chairman and Jimmie Lays and Walter Durham in charge of tickets.

**Services Held Wednesday For George E. Grimme**

Services for George Eugene Grimme were held Wednesday, October 9, from the Heeter Funeral Home, Grimme, who was 29 years old, died Sunday as the result of injuries received in a fall.

The young man is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Grimme, 2250 Ladbroke avenue. He was employed as a tracer in the offices of his father, an architect. He was born in Chicago, May 12, 1911.

Rev. Howard Bushing, of Ann Arbor, had charge of the services. Burial was in North Farmington cemetery.

**Farmington P.T.A. Meets Tuesday Night**

The Farmington P.T.A. are opening the fall season with their first meeting on Tuesday evening, October 15 at eight o'clock at the High School Auditorium Gymnasium. Troop #45 of the Boy Scouts are giving the opening ceremony. Several talks on interesting courses in the school will be given. Miss Genevieve Johnson is talking on "Home-making," Grady McKay will talk of "Disturbed Education," Miss Marian Dammon on "The Guidance Program" and Robert Stewart has "Elementary Education" for his subject. All members are urged to attend this first meeting.

**NORTH FARMINGTON AUXILIARY TO MEET**

The North Farmington Auxiliary will hold a business meeting at the West Bloomfield Town Hall on Tuesday, October 15. Dinner will be served at noon. All members are urged to be present, and plans for the chicken dinner in November will be completed.

**WEST FARMINGTON P.T.A. MEETS AT SCHOOL HOUSE**

The West Farmington P.T.A. will hold a business meeting at the eight o'clock at the West Farmington school. All members and interested citizens are cordially invited.