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District Will Have Election

New Addition Badly Needed

According to figures released by M. J. Beiser, superintendent of schools, the enrollment at Farmington is now 1,120 pupils. The school is approximately 100 students more than attended the schools last year. Of this number over 400 are attending classes in the upper six grades.

Grades nine and ten show a 50 per cent increase in enrollment and grades 11 and 12 have both increased. Elementary grades show a slight increase, too, but not as great as in the higher grades.

The school is taxed to the limit to care for this number of pupils and the need for a school addition is greater than ever. An election at the request of the Federal Government, will be held on October 11, for the purpose of authorizing the school district to issue bonds in the amount of \$25,000, to provide the district with the money to build a new school at 2010 Middleboro Road.

Under this plan, the district would furnish \$25,000, and the balance of the proposition, the total cost of which is estimated at \$45,000, would be borne by the State Government. In bonding the district, taxation would be raised not more than five mills per year, for a period of five years.

Election of the district are urged to register and vote in this election, which is extremely important to the future of the schools. The last day for registration is September 30, and Mrs. Helen B. Hartenstein, secretary, will receive registrations on that day from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Between noon and the last registration day, Mrs. Margaret, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 11 a.m.

MASONIC TEMPLE WILL BEGIN FALL SEASON

The Masonic Temple Auditorium will begin its fall season, Monday evening, October 9th, with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo returning for its annual engagement at the popular playhouse. During this, the eleventh edition of the last day for registration, the Ballet Russe will present an entirely new repertoire of George Balanchine's three new works, "Dance Concerto," "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" and "Ballet Imperial." The new Ballets, besides being choreographed by Balanchine, all have costumes and costumes by Eugene Berman. Music for "Dance Concerto," the opening ballet, is Igor Stravinsky's "Dances Concertantes," written in 1942. "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," the second ballet, is set to Richard Strauss' incidental music to the famous Moliere farce. This Ballet will be entirely new, having a form completely different from the one presented in 1932 by Balanchine for the "Ballet Russe." "Ballet Imperial," which will be the third and final Ballet, Wednesday evening October 11th, is a story built around the tradition of the Russian Ballet and the Maryinsky theatre danced in the suite of Tchaikovsky's Second Piano Concerto in G Major, with decor by Doboulsky.

Alexandra Danilova and Frederic Franklin again head the list of dancers, with Mr. Franklin this year assuming the duties of Maître de ballet. Turek Lazaroff, recently discharged from the Army, returns to the Ballet Russe this season as dancer and assistant to regisseur general Jean Yavinisky.

THE CITY HALL... seems a shade deserted this week, with Clerk Harry Moore on vacation and Police Chief Joe De-Vrienti in Chicago attending the American Legion Convention.

HORSES... seem to have become the usual thing in Farmington these days, as you hear of more and more residents who have just acquired ownership of a horse. At this time, when the next American Legion Gals Days and Horse Show comes around we'll have to take to the country in order to find a large enough space to stage it.

CAREFREE... but not careless, is whistling Willie—and the rest of you school kids could well take a lesson—obey all traffic regulations when you are

Pierson School PTA Meets Next Thursday

The first meeting of the Pierson P.T.A. will be held at the school on Thursday evening, September 23, at eight o'clock.

Mr. Johnson, new superintendent of the Livonia Township Consolidated School and Miss Graven, supervisor, will be present and everyone is urged to attend.

STILL LACK RIGHT ADDRESSES FOR OVERSEAS

The Blue Star Mothers of America are still requesting correct mailing overseas addresses, in order to complete sending of Christmas boxes. These boxes must be mailed just as soon as possible, so please see that Mrs. Sarah Hopkins, telephone 0138, gets the correct address for your son or daughter.

At the regular meeting of the Blue Star Mothers this week, the ladies packed boxes for overseas. Novel Club members were guests, and a lunch was served.

The Blue Star Mothers are making plans for a Tag Day to be held in Farmington on October 13 and 14. Members of the group will sell tags on the streets, and proceeds of the sale will go into their fund for service men.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP WILL SPONSOR MUSICAL EVENING

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Charleville Methodist Church will sponsor a Musical Evening at the church on Friday, September 22, at 8:15 p.m. The public is invited. An offering will be received which will go to the fund being raised by this group, for the purchase of a new communion table for the church.

Artists appearing in the concert are Miss Wilma Hod, organist of the Wesley Methodist Church, and Mr. Virgil Reinhardt, director of music at the Livonia Baptist Church. The first of the program will be piano duets. Miss Mari Owen, marimba soloist, will play, and Miss Marilyn Johns will play a group of readings. The trumpet trio of the church will play. This trio consists of Albert Bolitho, Fred Grese and Kenneth Shuffett. The mixed sextette of the church, Marilyn Johns, Bernice Joyce, Barbara Stever, Jean Grace, Arthur Hocking and Albert Bolitho, will also sing. Albert Bolitho and Fred Grese will play piano solos and there will be some other interesting numbers.

NOVI SCHOOLS TO START AT 9:15 A.M.

Novi Public Schools opened Monday morning with a considerably larger enrollment than they have had in former years, according to Clifford Lutes, superintendent of schools.

Complete enrollment figures are not yet available for the entire school, but 115 boys and girls are entered in the lower eight grades. In order to conform with the bus schedule, it has been deemed advisable to open school at 9:15 in the morning. Students will have a brief lunch hour, and the afternoon session will end at 4:00 p.m. This change was made in order to provide better bus service for children attending the school.

MICHIGAN COAST GUARDSMEN IN FRANCE



Pictured aboard a Coast Guard cutter, LST, the Michigan Coast Guardsmen saw action during the initial assault on Normandy, and since have been shuttling reinforcements to Allied armies in France. Front row (left to right) are Waldo Lantz, gunner's mate, chief of day; Ed Christmas, chief motor man;

Large Crowd Opens PTA Year

A very enthusiastic crowd greeted the old and new teachers as they were introduced at the first meeting of the Farmington Parent Teachers Association, held Tuesday evening, September 19, at 8:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria. In spite of the intense heat, the attendance was unusually large and it was very satisfying to note the interest of the parents in the program. After Mr. Ayres introduced the teachers, Mr. Bates gave a report on the summer recreational program, praising the fine work done by Mrs. Leo J. Gidens. Mr. Richard Taylor, Mrs. Carl Nordway and Miss Audrey Lathrup. It was highly commendable of these ladies to contribute so much of their time unselfishly to make the summer program such a success. At the time planning by Mrs. Bates and Mr. Bates surely produced marvelous results. Based on this experience, a recreational program for next summer is practically assured.

Next month's program, sponsored by the tenth grade parents of Farmington High School, will be of vital interest to both parents and students. The subject will be "Synthetic Rubber." It will be illustrated by moving pictures, and actual samples of the ingredients for the production of the rubber will be on display.

During the talk, in conjunction with the pictures, Richard Wheeler, in charge of the program, will make synthetic rubber for the benefit of the audience. Refreshments will be served, as usual, at the end of the program. Mrs. Warren Joy was appointed chairman of the membership committee.

CESOR FARM CONSIGNS TO BEEF SALE

Cesor Farms will lend its prestige to the Lapeer Beef Sale this year by consigning an Angus bull and heifer. The sixth annual sale, scheduled for October 6, has long been recognized as one of the leading influences in this section of the state in encouraging the breeding of better beef cattle.

Thirty-five purebred and dual-purpose animals, selected from a consignment of over 60, will be offered this year. A banquet which annually attracts 600 breeders from throughout the state will be held the evening before the sale at the Lapeer State Home.

Auctioneer Allen Haskin of Ionia will start the bidding at 1:00 p.m. at Anzrook Park. Approximately three-fourths of the animals are heifers. A catalog may be secured by writing H. C. Lott, Lapeer.

Rummage Festival At The Noble School

There will be a Rummage Festival on Saturday noon, September 23, at the Noble School. This affair is sponsored by the P.T.A. of District Six.

GARDEN CENSUS TO BE CONDUCTED THIS MONTH

"Did you grow a garden this year?" If so, come to the door and asks this question, that will be an interrogator working on Michigan's 1944 Garden Census. Volunteers will be making a spot check of Oakland County's cities and towns during the latter part of September for the Michigan Office of Civilian Defense, with Victory Garden Chairmen in charge of the survey locally.

At each home visited, questions will be asked which will cover your past, present and future gardening activities; what you grew, when or stored this year, and where your garden is located. Answers are checked on a separate card for each home, but these cards will carry no name or address. All answers will be anonymous. There is no compulsion to cooperate in this survey.

The purpose of this census in Michigan is to find out how successful the 1944 Victory garden program has been. This information will be of assistance to federal agencies in estimating supplies of food on hand in Michigan, and in planning the 1945 program.

Installation Is Next Monday

There will be a special meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Monday evening, September 25, with installation of officers and dinner at Rosemond Hills. Officializing at the installation will be Mrs. Hattie DeVrienti, District President, and Mrs. Ada Goers, District Secretary. All members are asked to meet at the Legion Home at 6:30 p.m.

Officers to be installed are Mrs. Lulu Schaepper, president; Mrs. Clara Dickinson, first vice-president; Mrs. Katie Carrier, second vice-president; Mrs. Colebank, secretary; Mrs. Beatrice Carpenter, treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Mrs. Alice Bacon, chairman, and Mrs. Olive DuCharme, sergeant-at-arms.

At the last meeting of the Auxiliary on September 11 at the Legion Home, Mrs. Katie Carrier, Gold Star Chairman, was honored, assisted by Mrs. Hattie DeVrienti. The ladies served a lovely luncheon, with the motif in gold and white, in honor of the Gold Star Mothers.

CROWDS INCREASE AT NORTHVILLE RACE TRACKS

The policy at Northville Downs seems to be the breaking of records. Last week new marks were established in attendance figures and the daily double payoffs, and there is every indication that this week will see the makings of even more records.

Last Saturday night's program of eight races attracted 6,341 paying fans who packed the stands and lined the rail from beginning to end as many as ten deep. The former record was slightly more than 5,000, and was established a week ago Saturday. The management is expecting to lift the mark to at least 7,500 this coming Saturday.

Even week day crowds are larger than expected. Several times the total paid admissions have passed the 3,000 mark while not once during the past week did the total fall below 2,000. Of course large crowds mean larger mutuels as was indicated Saturday night when more than \$6,000 passed through the mutuel windows to set a new record in this field.

Last Wednesday night the daily double record of \$106.20 was posted but this lasted only 24 hours when the following night the lucky historical hit of the winning combination in the first two races were paid \$191.40 for each \$2 ticket. The daily double for last Saturday night when those 6,341 fans turned out for the races paid \$32.70.

Racing will continue during the week with more records expected. The track management has added ten new mutuel windows and the congestion of former days around the betting booths has been eliminated.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown visited Mr. Brown's brother, Mr. Eugene Brown and family on their way home to Florida.

School Opening Sees Very Good Attendance

MILKWEED PODS ARE RIPE FOR COLLECTION

Boy Scouts, 4-H Club Members, Girl Scouts, Girl Reserves, Junior Red Cross members, hunters and farmers in this community are asked by E. V. Ayres to begin milkweed pod collection. Pods are now ripe, according to Karl D. Bailey, County Agricultural Agent, and will be purchased by Farmington Mills, acting for the government. Milkweed pods taken where your garden is located, in the place of kapok in making life jackets.

Pods are paid for at the rate of 20c per air dried bag, and should be delivered to Farmington Mills when thoroughly dry. Bags for collecting are free and are available to those calling at the Mills.

Obituaries

John O. Root

John O. Root, 72, passed away Sunday morning, September 17, at his home in Harrison, Michigan, following a short illness. He had survived the greater part of his life in Novi Township, employed as a farmer and carpenter, and had lived for the past ten years in Harrison.

Mr. Root was born April 23, 1872, at Salem, Michigan, the son of Mortimer and Sarah Root. He was survived by three sons, John Oscar, and Walter, all of Walpole Lake, one brother, Eugene Root of Novi, and two sisters, Mrs. Eugene Farr of Oakdale, California, and Mrs. Hanna Darling of New York. He also leaves two grandsons and one granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock from the Thayer Funeral Home, with the Rev. McRae of Northville officiating. Burial took place in the Southfield cemetery.

Ellis Randall

Ellis Randall, who was a resident of Southfield Township, passed away Friday, September 15, at Pontiac General Hospital. He was born November 25, 1864, in West Bloomfield Township.

Surviving Mr. Randall are his wife, Ada, a daughter, Mrs. Frank Dickie of Sylvan Village, two sons, Elton at home, and Alfred of Walpole Lake, four grandchildren and a brother, William, of Pontiac.

Funeral services were held from the Spencer J. Heene Funeral Home Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m., with burial at North Farmington Cemetery. Rev. A. Stanger officiated at services, and at the grave the Farmington Masonic Lodge was in charge of services.

Adolph Mass

Adolph Mass, 1517 Lenore, Detroit, passed away September 16, at Pontiac General Hospital. Surviving Mr. Mass are his wife, Bertha, a son, William, one sister, Mrs. Minnie Cading and one brother, Julius, of Detroit.

Funeral services were held from the Heene Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, and burial took place at Grand Lawn Cemetery.

DORRIS FARRELL MARRIED IN DETROIT

A wedding of interest to many Farmington people took place in Detroit at Chapel of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, last Saturday evening, September 16, at six o'clock. Miss Dorris May Farrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrell of Greening Boulevard, became the bride of Rollo Wayne Boring.

Immediately following the wedding, a reception for family and friends was held at the Wardell. The young couple will make their home in Detroit.

Revival Meetings Continue This Week

Special revival meetings at the Farmington Gospel Assembly, 23608 Warner, will continue, with Rev. James Davis of Redford as speaker. Meetings will be held every evening except Monday and Tuesday. Everyone is welcome to join us in Christian fellowship.

Larger Number Is More Easily Taken Care Of

School opened Monday, September 18, in the Farmington Public Schools, with a very good attendance. A full schedule was carried out from the very first day.

Although the total enrollment is slightly higher than last year, it is a little easier to handle the number, inasmuch as the shifting of one high school teaching position to the elementary school has taken care of some of the crowding in these grades.

The enrollment, as of Tuesday night, by grades, was as follows: Kindergarten, 52, morning and afternoon sessions; First grade, 64; Second grade, 44; Third grade, 62; Fourth grade, 41; Fifth grade, 34; Sixth grade, 40 and the Seventh and eighth grades, which are divided into two sections each, have a total enrollment of 141.

In the high school, the ninth grade has a surprise enrollment of 140. The tenth grade, 110; Eleventh grade, 88 and Twelfth grade, 78, completes the enrollment for the entire school. Total enrollment is 893.

BOND CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Bond School Club held their first meeting Monday, September 18. A business meeting was held, and the new teachers were introduced to the parents and club members.

New officers, to serve through the current school year are Dorothy Ragnhart, president; Rose Mulligan, vice-president; Elizabeth Allen, secretary; Martha Packard, treasurer. The Bond School Club is held every third Monday of the month.

After the meeting, refreshments were served by the committee. Chairman for refreshments is Mrs. Jenson, and her assistant is Mrs. J. Smith.

MACCABEES INVITE FRIENDS TO WEINER ROAST

Members and friends of Liberty Tent Five, Maccabees No. 1027, of Farmington, are cordially invited to a weiner roast at the home of William Stump on Lincoln Road, near Eight Mile. The roast will be held Saturday evening, September 23. Anyone wishing further information may contact Mrs. Callan at Farmington 1367.

A regular meeting of the HIVE will be held Thursday evening, September 25, at 8:00 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria. All members are requested to attend.

WCTU Members Meet At Plymouth Home

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmington Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held at the home of Mrs. Arthur Williams, Gye Road, Plymouth, at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon, September 26.

Devotions will be led by Rev. Walsh of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. George Carter, daughter of the hostess, and other guests from Windsor, will furnish special music.

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