

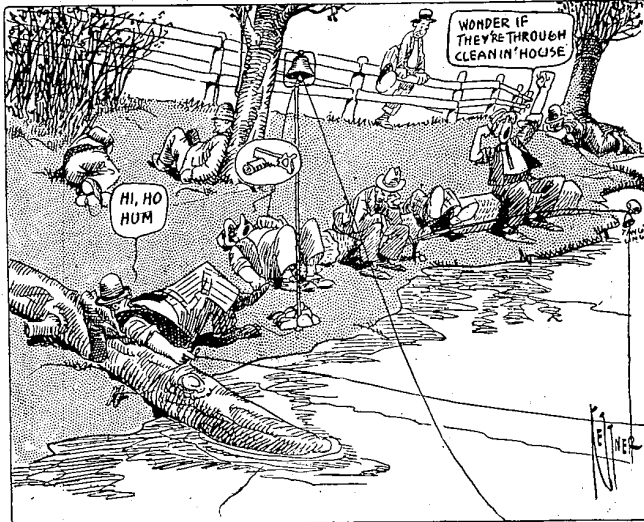
# The Farmington Enterprise

VOL. XXX, No. 28.

FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1916.

\$1.00 A YEAR.

## SPRING FEVER CAMP



(Copyright.)

## FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Naway Items Taken From Other Papers Over the County and Surrounding Territory

J. M. Greer has recently set out a peach orchard of 100 trees on his farm at Four Towns.

The Milford Ladies' Literary club have planted trees and flowers on the old foundry site in that village, which will be converted into a park.

About 65 business men go from Pontiac to Flint next Monday in a special car to help Flint's Board of Commerce in their membership campaign.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sessions, of Northville, was run down by an auto last Friday morning, but luckily was not seriously injured.

A. L. Niqua has bought back the Hutchins tonorial shop in this village and has resumed management of the same. Mr. Hutchins will return to Redford, where he died a few hours later in the hospital.

C. L. Mittedorf, a Waterford farmer aged 68 years, who came from Germany when 17 years old, died at his home on the shores of Elizabeth lake Tuesday from the effects of a stroke of paralysis.

Married only two weeks, William Mercer, a brakeman 24 years old, was terribly crushed between cars on the P. M. railroad at Plymouth last Friday morning. He was taken to Detroit, where he died a few hours later in the hospital.

The big tractor on the Yallop farm was started Tuesday by two experts from Lansing and seemed to be doing an exceptionally fine job of plowing. It was no trouble for it to pull the four plows attached and turn the ground over at a rapid rate.—South Lyon Herald.

Now that the rag business is picking up (no pun intended) to such a degree, official warnings are being set out by the weights and measures officials that the rag peddlers, weighing instruments are not reliable. "Weigh your rags, papers, old rubbers, etc. yourselves," is the advice.—Northville Record.

If you need Wall Paper, go to Cook & Co.

Fine new home for sale by Fred M. Warner.

## MOTHER'S DAY PROCLAMATION

Governor Ferris Asks for the Observance of Next Sunday, May 14th.

During the last fifty years the American home has undergone little less than a revolution. Science and invention have wrought marvelous changes in our economic and industrial conditions. Some of these changes have a tendency to destroy the unite of home interests. Time and distance have been annihilated. Home permanence has in a large measure been destroyed. The responsibilities of the mother have been increased. She finds it impossible to keep her flock together; she finds her task of inspiring and directing her children more and more difficult. She must, therefore, do her greatest work when her children are "little tots," when they are most responsive to the tenderest and wisest suggestions. American mothers recognize this necessity, and are making holy sacrifices to this end. The mothers of every country are more important than armies and munitions of war. The mothers are the source of civilization. To our mothers we owe our patriotism, our religion, our holiest aspirations. It is especially fitting in the year nineteen sixteen that we pay tribute to the Mothers of America. Let the boys and girls and the "grown ups," who are away from home on Mother's Day, write a letter of gratitude to Mother. Let those who are home meet Mother with a smile, a kiss and a handful of flowers. Recite to her the prayer she taught you at the bedside.

Therefore, I Woodbridge N. Ferris, ask that the people of Michigan set apart the second Sunday in May (the 14th) as Mothers' Day. In obedience to a Resolution by the United States Congress, I ask the people of Michigan to display on this day the United States flag on all government and public buildings, at their homes, or other suitable places, "as a public expression of their love and reverence for the Mothers of our country." As far as possible let parents in their homes and both young and old in public meetings discuss the theme of Mother with that enthusiasm and sincerity which characterizes all loyal Americans.

## School Notes

Sixth grade examination in history Wednesday afternoon.

One new enrollment in intermediate room this week—Phyllis Rizer.

One new enrollment in grammar room this week—Thelma Harris.

The sixth grade are enjoying reading the "King Arthur" stories.

Primary room pupils have been drawing tulips and daffodils this week.

Three pupils have left the primary room this week—Allen Voss, Carl Voss and Sylvester Snyder.

Three pupils have left the intermediate room this week, Lucile Snyder, Aileen and Kenneth Voss.

Miss Knox is reading "Bunny and Grizzly" of the Bunby Cotton Tail books. The pupils are enjoying the story very much.

The eighth grade examination is being held Thursday and Friday. The following from here are taking it: Heman Nichols, Harold Wood, Joseph Crawford, Oliver Prindle, Jack Boyle, Russell Catherman, Avery Reading, Theron Pauline, Marguerite Moore, Mildred Prindle, Julia Eisenold, Clara Shear, Ruth Prindle and Millie Biser. About fifteen from the surrounding schools are writing here.

Cook & Co. are showing their new line of Straw and Cloth Hats.

Even a little miss may make a big hit when she grows up.

Don't borrow trouble; almost anyone will gladly give it to you.

A man usually has to change cars several times on the road to success.

According to Billy Sunday, "Every devil that hell can spare is in Baltimore." So, why should we worry?

Pontiac will vote at a special election June 12th on three important questions to the city—the appropriation of \$35,000 for the purchase of Elk park; the granting of a franchise for the operation of an electric railway in the city for a term of 30 years, and the appropriation of \$1,000 for the Oakland County Centennial celebration—to be used in advertising, etc.

"Case" car—the car where extra cylinders are not necessary.

Two good lots for sale on Oakland Road. F. L. Cook & Co. Fresh fish every Friday at the Maas Meat Market. Trout, white fish and perch.

## HELD THEIR OPEN MEETING

Ladies' Literary Club Put on Good Program at Town Hall Wednesday.

The Open Meeting of the Ladies' Literary club, held at the Town Hall on Wednesday afternoon, was all the committee in charge could wish for. So delighted were members of the club with the public gathering that it was decided an annual affair of this nature would not be a bad idea.

The first paper on the program "Early History of Farmington," was assigned to Mrs. Florence Moore, whose forced absence on account of sickness was a cause of much regret.

"Men and Women who have made Farmington Famous," by Mrs. Martha Hutton, was a bit of eloquence well rendered, in a good combination of prose and poetry. Mrs. Hutton arranged this subject to better suit the need, and expressed it that perhaps it was Farmington who had made men and women famous. After a brief summary she reviewed the fact that Farmington men and women are out in the busy world filling honorable positions in nearly every walk of life.

Mrs. Ernestine Pierce followed with "Suggested Improvements for Farmington," a paper which was filled with old thoughts and new thoughts. If but one-half of her brilliant plans might be executed, all of which are easily possible, a marked improvement would be the result. One very cheerful thought expressed in this paper was that our town might erect sign posts at either end of its busiest thoroughfare with these words: "Please" and "Thank you" painted thereon, for the benefit of the careless and fast drivers. We could not hope to stop them all, but it might reach a few who are so possessed to drive at breakneck speed on our highway.

Perhaps the most helpful thought expressed was one brought about in the discussion of the above paper, wherein everyone was advised to burn all of their old tin cans in cook stove or furnace. They are readily destroyed and keep the flues clean and make a "nice warm fire" while they last, was suggested by the club member who ventured the suggestion. Let us all give it a good fair trial anyway.

The address by Rev. G. E. Gulen, of Detroit, was the drawing card for the afternoon. I can not express the appeal he always makes to his people; I say "his people," because Mr. Gulen will always remain a part of Farmington. Suffice it to say that whatever he could say would be just the proper thing, having endeared himself so deeply in the hearts of his former parishioners. His was not an address or lecture, only a few remarks spoken from the fullness of his heart, touching upon incidents connected with his everyday life, and his plans which stretch away into the future.

The program was concluded, after short but interesting extemporaneous remarks by Nathan Power and Palmer Sherman, and one sweet song by Mesdames Cook and Pauline.

Meeting was then adjourned until May 23rd, to meet with Mrs. Anna Cook, for the annual President's Day, which is a banquet and festive occasion to mark the close of the year's work.

MARY JOHNSON, Secretary.

When you want hostery, step into Cook & Co.'s and ask for the "Black Cat."

## Debts and Who Pay Them?

A New Jersey dealer in coal and lumber recently startled his village and country neighbors and customers by a bold use of printer's ink. In the local weekly, on the first page, in large type, he made known the amount of indebtedness which his firm was carrying in an effort to meet the trading demands of customers and at the same time not ruffle their feelings or challenge their ethics of trade. Accompanying the quite explicit statistics of debt was a statements intimating that the dealer thought he was not getting quite the "square deal" from people who were presuming on his lincency and who were assuming that he had unlimited credit and social good will.

As soon as the issue of honor and fair play became a community one the bills began to be paid. When A realized B and C and D, and indeed M, not to mention T, had all agreed with him in presuming that X, the dealer, could and would "carry the account a while longer without inconvenience", why A saw what he, in combination with others, had really been doing. If he did not pay immediately, he at least named a time when he would pay. He admitted his carelessness and thoughtlessness and his indifference to the rights of the middleman. He conceded the power of the press to do what dunning letters had done. In short, he learned a lesson, as did his neighbors. And so, while the \$67,633 debt account diminished, the community good will account grew. Town life was toned up by clear cut handling of one phase of trade ethics. It became an issue of when as well as how debts should be incurred and paid.

As to which set of residents in this New Jersey town was more interested in the incident, those who owed for their coal and lumber or those who did not, we will not speculate, lacking knowledge. But this can be said without much likelihood of contradiction, that the group that habitually pays its bills promptly was not sorry to have the issue arise in just the form it has come up. The honest thrifty considerate, cash-paying, debt-disliking consumer too often pays his own bills and, indirectly, those of his negligent neighbor as well. He pays for what he gets and also for what the man gets whose accounts finally have to be "charged off."

The extent to which this unfair condition of affairs exists in rural and suburban communities of the country is not always realized by the urban dweller and merchant. The city man does more merchandizing on a cash basis. The city merchant can be more independent and rigorous in collections because not so restricted in range of prospective customers as the village and town merchant. It is for the smaller communities, then, that this Metuchen, N. J., experiment will prove most instructive. It shows that the suasion of candor, journalistically mediated, is a first-rate debt-collecting method.

Have you tried those liners.

Buy your Flower Pots of Cook & Co.

When in need of Dip, Disinfectant or Fly Chaser, see Daniel Starkey. The Rawleigh Man, Novi, Mich. Get a bottle of my Colic and Bloat Remedy before you need it.

"Case" Service—Service guaranteed for one year on "Case" cars. That is, anyone buying a "Case" Car is to have the privilege of bringing it in One Day each month for one year, and have it looked over, greased and adjusted—kept in order, at H. W. Lee & Sons.

## CHURCH NOTES

Salem Evangelical

Rev. A. C. Stange will preach in the Clarenceville German church next Sunday morning at 10:30 central standard time.

Methodist Church

Sunday morning Worship at 10:30. Evening service at 7:30. Sunday school at 11:30. "Sowing and Reaping" and "The Whip of Conscience" are the subjects next Sunday.

Call on H. W. Lee & Sons for demonstration of "Case" car.

See F. L. Cook & Co. for two of the best building lots in town.

When in need of an Oil Stove, try the "Blind Flame," sold by Cook & Co.

Dr. R. E. Watson, of Redford, located next to the moving picture theater with a full equipment for dentistry, and is in his Farmington office every Friday from 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

If you are contemplating buying a Ford you had better get your orders in at once, as the company is greatly behind in their orders at the present time. See Carl Ely at the Park Garage.

## LITTLE WANT ADS

FOR SALE—Late Carman Seed Potatoes. L. F. Salow. 28tf

FOR SALE—Yellow Dent. Seed Corn. F. W. Parsons. 28p

FOR SALE—Yellow Dent 1914 Seed Corn. H. C. Thayer, phone 2312 25tf

STATION—To Thomas Gibson, best in Oakland Co., Farmington, for the season. 27-28p

For Sale—A new modern six or eight room house is offered by Fred M. Warner at a reasonable price and on easy terms.

FOR SALE—Two Top Buggies, one nearly new; also Single Harness and a Cream Separator. J. B. Dilling, phone 3813. 28tf

FOR SALE—Visiting Cards, either printed or engraved. Satisfaction guaranteed. Inquire at the Enterprise office.

If you want to buy consult us. If you want to sell list it with us. Smith & Kahn, 701 Free Press Bld., Detroit, Mich. 1tp

FOR SALE—A 15-horse Port Huron Engine, Buffalo Pitts Separator, Tank and Pump. Will sell cheap if taken at once. Milton W. Grace, Redford. 28-31p

FOR SALE—At the office of the Park Garage, next Monday, a stock of Geraniums and other spring bedding plants. Mrs. Clarence Bickling.

JOHN WEDOW—Auctioneer. All kinds of sales made, farm property a specialty. Address Walpole Lake, Route 2. Farmington phone 4w2. Walpole Lake phone 58x, tl, rs, tl. 14 tf

STATIONERY—We want to print that next lot of stationery for you. Good work and reasonable price. Try us.

AUCTIONEER—J. B. Phelps. Sales of all kinds solicited—21 years' experience. Satisfaction guaranteed. Bell phone 4513. Farmington. No sale too large or none too small. Dates made at the Enterprise office. 1f

BIRTH CARDS—We have in stock a quantity of Birth Cards, at 50 cents for 25 cards and envelopes. They are neat and just the thing to send your friends on arrival of the stock at your home.