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## THREE CLEANUP DAYS DESIGNATED BY COMMISSION

November 1, 2 and 3 Are Named For Fall Removal Of Rubbish

Farmington is to have one more opportunity to "clean up" before the winter sets in. Three "Clean-Up" days were designated by the City Commission at its meeting Monday night.

The dates that have been set are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, November 1, 2 and 3. On these dates residents are asked to set out along the sides of roadways all rubbish and other unwanted material, which will be collected by the city.

City officials urge all residents to co-operate to the fullest extent in the "Clean-Up" Days, activity, in order that the city may present its best appearance throughout the winter months. In the spring another clean-up period will undoubtedly be designated, but the governing body feels that one clean-up period a year is hardly sufficient.

The Commission on Monday also took steps to exercise a more rigid supervision over appearance and safety along walks and streets in the city. At the suggestion of Commissioner Clarence Bicking, an ordinance is to be drawn up to regulate and control the erection and maintenance of signs over sidewalks, streets, and the ground next to curbs.

Bids were received for the painting and tightening of stays on the water storage tank. The Commission was advised however that it is too near freezing weather to risk painting the tank this fall, so it was decided to delay the matter until next spring.

## FORTUNE WAITED IN TREES—FAITH ONLY WAS LACKING

Friends "Couldn't See It," So Nursery Man Missed Big Chance

Not all the great opportunities for making money are in the real estate field. Most people would be inclined to laugh if they were told that a tree nursery business held a prospect of soaring values and fortunes grown "like Jack's beanstalk."

Yet Clarence Aldrich, proprietor of the big Aldrich Nurseries on Grand River avenue below Farmington, once had such an opportunity. And if his acquaintances and friends had only possessed Mr. Aldrich's faith, or strong confidence in his judgment—but they didn't, much to his regret.

Fifteen years ago, in 1912, Mr. Aldrich tried to borrow money to import 1,000 Koster's Blue Spruce Trees. The trees at that time were priced at about \$1.25 for the 12 to 18-inch size. So Mr. Aldrich needed about \$1,250. His friends "couldn't see it." Why invest in trees that might never multiply in value, especially when they were beginning to hear stories about big profits made in real estate, the new "infant industry" of America. Mr. Aldrich told his friends they were making a big mistake, but they shook their heads. And Mr. Aldrich didn't get his trees.

One Sold For \$250  
Last week a Koster's tree, imported at a price of \$5 the year Mr. Aldrich wanted to buy them, was sold for \$250. Mr. Aldrich believes in real estate—he owns a considerable portion of it himself on Grand River—but he doubts if even real estate pays better than 5,000 per cent in 15 years, and he can't help thinking about the Koster trees. The \$1,250 he tried to borrow fifteen years ago would have grown to \$62,000 today if—

Shakespeare said: "men might find 'tongues in trees'." Now Mr. Aldrich proves that there might also have been found fortunes there—if one had faith.



BURTON P. DAUGHERTY

## COUNTY CLERK IS VERSATILE—NOW A MEMBER OF BAR

Burton P. Daugherty Adds Law To Wide Range Of Knowledge

Being clerk of a large and fast growing county like Oakland is more than the mere matter of keeping a few records. It calls for a varied experience and knowledge, so Burton P. Daugherty, Oakland County clerk, has fortified himself with learning that will make it necessary for him to call for aid on many problems.

Law is the latest field that he has invaded in order that he may not be handicapped having to ask for legal advice. Mr. Daugherty does not intend to practice at this time, but expects to use his training to good advantage.

Mr. Daugherty was admitted to the practice of law recently. Before becoming county clerk, he was postmaster at Holly for nearly three years, resigning to run for the clerkship. Rural problems also come within Mr. Daugherty's experience, for he was engaged in farming prior to holding the postmastership at Holly.

Mr. Daugherty was born in Avery, O., and educated at Holy. He attended Michigan State College, and in 1917 entered the U. S. Navy, serving more than two years during the war. He was appointed postmaster at Holly in 1922, and became county clerk on January 1, 1925.

## FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL IN STATE DEBATING LEAGUE

First Debate In Championship Series Scheduled For November 18

Farmington high school has become a member of the Michigan High School Debating League this year and will compete for the interscholastic Debate Championship of the state.

The first step in the forensic race for state honors will be taken on November 18th when the local high school debating team coached by Miss Iva E. Hawkins, of the high school faculty will meet one of the neighboring schools in a debate on the subject: "Resolved, That the Direct Primary System of Nominating Candidates for Public Office in the United States Should Be Abolished."

Four debates of the Preliminary Series in which high schools qualify for the Elimination Series of debates will culminate in the Eleventh Annual State Championship Debate to be held at Ann Arbor in Hill auditorium on Friday, April 27th.

The two schools participating in this final debate will each receive a trophy cup and each of the six debaters will receive a gold watch.

Every high school that qualifies for the Elimination Series will be presented with the University of Michigan Wall Plaque Trophy a mahogany shield eighteen inches high.

It is expected that the membership for the year will surpass last year's record of 235 high schools.

## COUNTY'S SHARE OF STATE TAXES OVER A MILLION

Townships And Cities Must Raise More, But Rate May Be Less

Oakland County's share of the state tax this year exceeds a million dollars for the first time. With rises in valuations all over the county, both assessments and taxes to be collected reach a new high mark.

Practically every township and city will be called upon to raise a larger total of taxes than in 1926, but this does not necessarily mean that the rate will be higher. According to Arthur Lamb, Farmington City Assessor, the rate per thousand may even be lower than it was a year ago. The City of Farmington's share of the state tax this year is \$9,813.13, as compared with \$6,862.23 a year ago. In Farmington township, the increase is about the same percentage, the figures being \$18,013.58 for 1926, and \$26,495.49 for this year. The increase conforms closely to that for the whole county. Novi township's share of the state tax this year is \$13,738.37.

Last year the entire county's share of the state tax was \$674,355.78, as compared with \$1,004,972.12 for the present year.

Royal Oak High  
Royal Oak township has the largest assessment, with Bloomfield second. The report was filed embodying these figures was made to the Board of Supervisors by the committee on ways and means, composed of Supervisors Isaac Bond, Frank J. Malcolm, John C. Salmer, R. W. Clark, Peter Brewer, James E. Lawson and Andrew Seeley.

The tabulation for the amount each township and city is to raise is as follows:

Addison	\$ 4,906.58
Avon	31,074.94
Bloomfield	98,131.21
Brandon	7,114.50
Commerce	10,630.90
Farmington	26,495.49
Groveland	3,598.10
Highland	6,869.19
Holly	11,448.64
Independence	8,776.22
Lyon	9,158.92
Millford	8,995.41
Novi	13,738.37
Oakland	6,133.25
Orion	15,046.74
Oxford	15,046.74
Pontiac Twp.	39,252.50
Farmington City	9,813.12
Pontiac City	232,244.03
Royal Oak City	12,850.93
Rose	4,252.34
Royal Oak	116,122.01
Southfield	40,857.93
Springfield	5,070.68
Troy	46,448.81
Waterford	22,827.28
West Bloomfield	41,705.74
White Lake	8,831.80
Ferndale	47,430.16

## FIRST 'STAG DAY' AT MAPLE RIDGE CLUB A SUCCESS

Arthur Lamb And Theron Pauline Of Farmington Among Winners

"Stag Day" held at the Maple Ridge Country Club last Saturday was a great success, over 100 taking part. Low score for the day went to Glen Smiley of Detroit and low score for three short holes was won by Arthur Lamb of Farmington.

Numerous other prizes were given, John Lapham and Theron Pauline of Farmington being among the winners.

At the same time, cups for the club championship were awarded. Club championship was won by Mr. Taylor of Detroit; championships of first and second flights were won by Dewey Hawthorn of Redford and Arthur Lamb of Farmington.

To close the day a fine chicken dinner was served.

## OFFICIALS INSPECT THE NEW FIREPROOF VAULT IN CITY HALL

Members of the city officials on Monday night inspected the new vault which has been built on the first floor of the city hall by men under the direction of Superintendent of Public Works, George Grant.

The new vault will be used for storing the city records and important papers. It is of concrete and brick and is fire-proof. Only part of the space will be required at present, with room for addition of shelving later on.

## ROOSEVELT HIGH OF YPSI DEFEATS FARMINGTON 6-0

Changes In Lineup Rumored For Game With Wayne Here Friday

Farmington high school's football team was defeated by the Roosevelt high team of Ypsilanti last Friday 6 to 0. The home team was considerably outweighted in both the line and backfield, but managed to keep the score low.

Roosevelt's score came in the third quarter. Otis punted from his ten yard line and House of Ypsi brought the ball back to the two yard line, where he was thrown out of bounds. Then the Ypsi line opened a hole large enough "to drive a truck through" and House romped over for the touchdown. He missed his dropkick for goal, however.

The game was mediocre. Midfield got off one good punt or some forty yards, but due to poor blocking in many attempts, he was rushed by the Ypsi men and punted straight up in the air. Once the strong wind blew the ball back about ten yards before it was grounded.

Ends Weak  
The Farmington ends, for the most part, were slow in getting down on punts, usually allowing the Ypsi safety man to return the ball ten, fifteen or twenty yards. Several times the men were waiting for him to catch the ball. The line was also weak frequently, allowing several men to get through and hurry the game.

Only one injury marred the game, Button getting a wicked gash under the left eye when one of the Ypsi men walked over his face with his cleats. He is sporting a beautiful "shiner" this week.

Tackle Wayne  
Tomorrow the local team plays Wayne at the home field. There are rumors of changes in the Farmington lineup. Not in personnel but in the positions of the present players.

Lineup of last Friday's game:  
Farmington Ypsi  
Rozenboom E. L. Whitman  
Batterson L. T. C Budd  
Holmes R. G. Grier  
Harzer C. Atwell  
McCully R. G. Shaefer  
Hull M. R. T. Heimerdinger  
Middlewood C. R. E. Viard  
Zatherman Q. House  
Rozenboom G. L. H. Mott  
Measell R. H. Stump  
Otis H. F. Hornberger

Substitutions:  
Starkey for Holmes; Langbecker for Starkey; Starkey for Button; Turner for Middlewood; Middlewood for Turner; Holmes for Langbecker; C. Drake for G. Rozenboom; Spike for Hornberger.

## 'LADIES' NIGHT' OF THE EXCHANGE CLUB TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 1

The Farmington Exchange Club's annual "Ladies' Night" has been postponed from next Thursday, October 27, until Tuesday, November 1, in order that members of the club who will attend the Isaac Walton League meeting at Pontiac on the former date may not miss the "Ladies' Night" event.

Rev. James McGee, of Flint, who was to speak on October 27, has assented to the change of date and will be present to speak on the evening of November 1.

## DETROIT STREET RAILWAY HEADS TO CONSIDER CAR SERVICE PROPOSAL

LAYING OF CONCRETE ON NORTH SIDE OF GRAND RIVER BEGUN

So rapidly has work gone forward on the widening of Grand River westward from the car crossing at Hemlock Stop, that laying of concrete was begun on Tuesday. A stretch of cement on the north side of the road was put down, and the remainder will probably be completed within a week.

Grading on the south side of the road is about done and preparation of the road-bed for concrete should be finished soon. There seems now no doubt that the half-mile extension will be completed and the concrete ready for use before the first snowfall.

## SIMMS DENIES HE WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS GARAGE

Women Friend Phones To Offer Condolences—Gets Shock

"Dead men tell no tales, but men who are believed to be dead sometimes answer telephones. You would hardly expect it to happen in a town the size of Farmington, where nearly everybody knows nearly everybody else.

So when one phones the home of friends to offer condolences to the supposed "widow" on the "death" of her husband, and the supposed "deceased" answers the telephone ring, it comes with something of a shock. In wartime, with thousands of "Smiths" and "Joneses" in the ranks, it was bound to occur—but in Farmington in peace time—

Origin Mysterious  
How the story started, no one seems to know. It was traced through a devious course by sleuths in search of the truth, but the trail has ended abruptly in silence.

Few business places and homes in Farmington were not visited on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning by Dame Rumor, bearing the report that Otto H. Simms, of Lakeway drive, "had been found dead in his car." No details were available. "Dead in his car" was all that anybody knew, until a woman friend of Mrs. Simms, according to reports, called the Simms home in haste on Wednesday morning. Then Mr. Simms told her the glad truth—that it was, as Mark Twain said of a similar report about him, "greatly exaggerated."

He "Won't Tell"  
Persistent investigation reveals that the last business man to whom the report was traced, was told the story on Tuesday by a woman whose identity he steadfastly refuses to disclose. There the mystery began, and there it ends.

NOVI DISTRICT VOTES ON SITE FOR NEW SCHOOL  
Proposed Location Expected To Be Approved By Voters Of District

Citizens of the Novi School district are to vote on Friday, October 29, on the new proposed site of the new school building. The site is located on the Hunter farm, about 700 feet from the main corner of Novi village, on the Eleven-Mile road. It is on the north side of the road, and the cost is set at \$7,500.

Those favoring the site expect it to be approved by a considerable majority of the voters, because of its convenience, accessibility and the fact that it is located close to all main highways, yet far enough from the roads to afford safety for the children. Another factor adduced in favor of the site is that it is served by a county sewer (the Holcomb Drain) already completed and

D. S. R. Commission To Discuss Service To Farmington On November 3

Seventy Gather At Exchange Club

Great encouragement for the movement to secure a renewal of street car service to Farmington was afforded the community, Wednesday, when Del A. Smith, manager of the Detroit Department of Street Railways, informed members of the Exchange Club and their guests that the Detroit Commission will go over the situation and consider it in two weeks, on November 2.

Mr. Smith was unable to be present to speak to a gathering of about seventy Exchange club members and other business men Wednesday noon, but sent a statement indicating his intention to give the matter through consideration. Mr. Smith intended to come to Farmington until half an hour before the meeting, but was called away just before he was to start. Several members of the department were present, however.

To Rally Again  
Anticipating Mr. Smith's appearance here at the meeting of November 3, the Exchange Club has issued an invitation to all who attended the meeting Wednesday and all others interested, to come to the meeting on that date to greet Mr. Smith and impress him with the earnestness of trolley service again.

Petitions for the service are still in circulation. Large numbers of citizens have signed the petitions, but there are many whose signatures have not yet been secured. All those who have not signed are urged to do so within the next ten days. Petitions are available at practically every business place in Farmington.

At the meeting Wednesday, the Farmington Exchange Club unanimously passed a resolution pledging "friendly and enthusiastic support" to the extension of car service. A resolution of similar import was passed Monday night by the City Commission. President Bates of the Redford Exchange Club, who was present and spoke at Wednesday's meeting, pledged the hearty support of the Redford Club to the movement.

## MRS. MARIA BOND DIES AFTER FIVE MONTHS' ILLNESS

Mother Of Supervisor Isaac Bond Passes Away At Daughter's Home

Mrs. Maria Bond, mother of Supervisor Isaac Bond of Farmington Township, passed away Sunday, October 16, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter French, of North Farmington, following an illness of five months.

Maria Otray was born in Chicago, Ill., September 9, 1854. She came to Michigan with her parents at the age of 14 years. In 1874 she was united in marriage to John Stephen Bond, who died five years ago.

Mrs. Bond was a member of Farmington Chapter No. 279, O. E. S. She is survived by three children, Isaac Bond and Mrs. Myrtle French of Farmington and Fred M. Bond of South Bend, Wash., ten grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The funeral was held at the home of her son, Isaac Bond, Wednesday, October 19 at 2:30 o'clock. Interment in North Farmington Cemetery.

In answer to the questions as to the cost of grading which would be required on the Hunter farm site, it is stated that enough money has been offered by individual taxpayers and residents to cover the cost of the grading work.