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MANY FAVOR SALE OF TOWN HALL

It is evident from the tenor of expressions made at a joint meeting of representatives of the township and city and Masonic Lodge at the council chamber Wednesday evening, that there is a strong sentiment, especially in the township, favoring the selling of the Town Hall property in this city and dividing the proceeds according to established interests.

The meeting was well attended, many citizens of the city and township being present, most of whom expressed opinions. The meeting was presided over by Harry McCracken, a township resident and N. H. Power of the city acted as clerk.

The question of selling the property and dividing the proceeds was brought to an issue by a decision of the attorney general to the effect that the arrangements hereto entered into between the city and township for the joint use of the building for meetings and elections could not be carried out, as township elections and meetings of township could not be legally held outside of the township, notwithstanding the fact that the present hall is most centrally and conveniently located for the purposes.

That the Masons have an undetermined interest in the present building is conceded, having by vote of the township been granted the privilege of constructing a second floor to the original building at a considerable cost, which right has been recognized for many years.

Many of the influential residents of the township are anxious to build a new town hall and advocate the selling of the property and using the township share of the proceeds for that purpose. There are those who think it unadvisable to sell at this time as it is believed that a much better price can be realized for the property a few years hence. According to agreement between the city and township the township owns a 77-100 interest and the city a 23-100 interest.

For the purpose of getting at the legal status of the matter a committee consisting of Isaac Bond, Wells D. Butterfield, N. H. Power, J. J. Schulte Jr. representing respectively the township, city, Masonic Lodge and Farmington Exchange Club, was chosen to lay the matter before the attorney general at Lansing for a legal opinion.

BUILDERS PARK SUB. NOW RE-PLATTED.

F. D. Fleming has about completed arrangements for vacating Builders Park subdivision at the southern limits of Farmington and re-plattting it in connection with a contiguous subdivision owned by Louis Tarabusi, the total of which will comprise 250 acres.

At a meeting of lot owners in Builders Park held at Mr. Fleming's office Tuesday evening, where the necessity and advantages of the re-plattting were fully set forth and explained, unanimous consent to the change was given.

The new plat conforms to all latest state and county requirements, is laid out with wide winding drives and the restrictions are ample and fair.

Application to the circuit court for an order vacating the old plat will be made immediately when the property will again be placed on the market.

A short time ago Mr. Tarabusi inaugurated a selling campaign of lots in his connecting subdivision and many sales are reported.

ICE RINK NOW PROVIDED

The ice rink which had for some time been under process of construction at the school grounds was completed for service last week and it has become a popular place for the boys and girls who have been longing for a good skate.

With the heavy fall of snow cleared away a fine ice surface was revealed with occasional floodings and freezings it is being kept in excellent shape. The move now is for a larger rink next year.

F. A. C. WINS SEVEN STRAIGHT GAMES

The F. A. C. added two more games to its winning list, and this makes nine games won out of ten played this year.

Last Saturday night the Charlotte Club which plays in the Industrial League in Detroit lost to F. A. C. by a score of 27 to 17.

Tuesday night, January 18 the Grennan Cakes, one of the top leaders in the General Motors League, lost to F. A. C. by the score of 26 to 10.

Saturday night, January 22 F. A. C. plays Fordson, last year's Class B champions of Detroit. This team won 35 games and lost 4. They won games over class AA teams.

This year they are playing Recreation Class A and are tied for first place, so a hard and fast game is looked for this Saturday night.

ROAD HOGS AND SMART ALECKS BEWARE

Automobile drivers convicted of even the slightest misdemeanor will lose their driver's license for a period ranging from ten days to a year under a proposed law submitted to the legislature this week. The bill would make it compulsory for the trial court to take this action.

SNOW QUICKLY REMOVED

The minimum amount of inconvenience is being experienced in Farmington from the heaviest fall of snow in several years. This condition is due to the prompt and energetic action of the public works department in cleaning the walks and pavements. Supt. Grant had a big force of men on the job at an early hour and did good work.

Church Notes

Farmington Methodist Church
Rev. Edward F. Dunlavy, Pastor
10:30—Worship and sermon.
Anthem by the choir.
Solo, selected.

Sermon by the pastor, theme, "First Things First."
11:50—Sunday School.
6:30—Epworth League.
7:30—Evening service.
Anthem by the choir.
Duet.

Sermon by the pastor, "The House by the Side of the Road."
A cordial welcome is extended by this church.

Evangelical Church

Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor
10:15—Services, German.
11:45—Sunday School.
Wednesday, January 26—Y. P. L. Social.

Order of services for 1927—
First, third and fifth Sundays, English. Second and fourth Sundays, German.

First Baptist Church

Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor
10:30—Morning worship, Junior sermon, "The Heart Door."
Adult sermon, "The Chairless House in the Wilderness."
11:45—Sunday School.

We have classes for all. Let us remember to bring the food for the Baptist Children's Home.
6:30—B. Y. P. U. for young people.

7:30—Gospel service. This week we will have the last sermon on the parables of Jesus. "The Drag Net."
Come apart and worship with us.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville

(At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor
9:30—Sunday School.
10:30—English service.
Thursday, 8 p. m.—Bible class.

Clarenceville Community Church

Rev. A. H. Wallis, Pastor
10:30—Worship.
7:30—Musical service.
11:45—Sunday School.

Next Sunday evening Miss Gladys Wood will render selections on the guitar. Come and hear her and enjoy with us this service. The choir will also render special music under the direction of Mr. Jones.

MEN'S CLUB DISCUSSES CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

The Sunday Noon Men's Club, which under the able leadership of Prof. Leonard, meets at the Methodist Church immediately after the morning service is growing in interest.

The discussions following the opening talks by the leader, on timely vital questions of general interest are lively, frank and forceful and are very generally participated in by the members. Modernist, Fundamentalist, Stand pater and Radical express their views in a delightful free and unreserved spirit, but no amount of difference of opinion disturbs the comradery of the members. On the contrary, a remarkably friendly spirit of good fellowship prevails.

At the last meeting, as a side light of the main topic, the question of capital punishment, was discussed by strong advocates for and against. Later an entire evening will be devoted to a debate on this timely subject.

NORTH FARMINGTON CEMETERY AUXILIARY

The North Farmington Cemetery Auxiliary held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Marie Walters Tuesday afternoon. It was a successful and interesting meeting, about sixty being present.

The February meeting will be held at West Bloomfield Community Hall with Mesdames Homer Wolcott, Mary Phelps, Ada Randall and Clara Simpson as hostesses.

B. Y. P. U.

Tuesday night, January 24, the young people of the Baptist Church rode out into the country some five miles to spend a social evening with their president and his good wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Howard.

On reaching the home refreshments were served and a good time enjoyed by all.

The ride was made in a sleigh provided through the kindness of Orville Taggart.

SLEIGHRIDE PARTY AND BOX SOCIAL

The Young People of the Evangelical Church will give a sleighride party on Wednesday, January 26 at 7:30 p. m., starting from the church. After the joyride they will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sallow where a box social will take place. Ladies are requested to bring boxes.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP ORGANIZED

Miss Emily Butterfield, a member of the Girl Scout Council was instrumental in organizing a Girl Scout troop in Farmington, Tuesday evening.

The new troop, under the leadership of Miss Lydia Tapio, eighth grade teacher, will hold their meetings once a week. Miss Ruth Kimball of Pontiac, director, attended the meeting.

PARENT TEACHERS ASSN.

The Parent Teachers Association will have a meeting at the Farmington High School, January 27 at 8:00 p. m. This will be a very important meeting therefore everyone should be present. You can not afford to miss the program. The Farmington public schools will be discussed.

Fathers are also urged to be present. Speakers, Supt. A. G. Leonard and an outside speaker.

Reading.
Solo, Miss Reed and Miss Lockwood.
Violin solo, Miss Thornton.
Refreshments at the lunch room.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Friends and neighbors to the number of seventy-five surprised Mrs. Herman Trapp at her home January 17, the occasion being her fifty-fifth birthday anniversary. Cards were the diversion and a luncheon was served in conclusion.

Out of town guests were William Dembeck of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. William Liverance and family of Northville.

EXCHANGE CLUB NOTES

At the Tuesday noonday luncheon of the Exchange club, Howard Warner gracefully turned the office of president of the club over to his successor, Clarence Bicking who will wield the gavel for the next six months.

The new president notified the entertainment committee, A. G. Leonard and Wells D. Butterfield that as far as he was concerned they had a life tenure on the job. Ralph C. Auten was made sheriff and Dr. Weaver musical director.

N. H. Power brought up the matter of the town hall property situation and requested that a committee be appointed to work with a committee representing the city, township and Masonic lodge. J. J. Schulte Jr. and H. A. Warner were appointed as such committee.

The entertainment committee provided an enjoyable entertainment in the Hawaiian Players who rendered several very fine guitar selections.

HEALTH CENTER TO BE ESTABLISHED HERE

The Oakland County Health Department which has recently been organized is planning to establish a number of Baby and Mother Health Centers in the different townships throughout Oakland county.

The object of the Health Center is to promote better health of the expectant mother, the infant and the preschool child, chiefly through health education. No treatment will be given and all who need treatment will be referred to their family physician.

One of these Centers will be established in Farmington and will be conducted in Farmington State Savings Bank building. A regular hour for Health Center will be Wednesday from 1:30 to 4 p. m. The services of the Health Center will be free to all residents of Farmington township.

Farmington Enterprise:

I am pleased to welcome the newly organized Oakland County Department of Health and to ask for its representatives, the co-operation of the city and township of Farmington.

The free health centers which are to be formed through the county, will start as Mother and Baby Clinics held by the nurse only. Miss Blanchard comes to the work with a fine background of training and experience. She will be able to give practical suggestions for which mothers hesitate to go to their doctor and which most doctors don't want to bother with.

The clinics are for all mothers and babies—what one can afford to pay has no point in them. The nurse is apt to find conditions which need a doctor's care and she will urge it. If the expense of this is prohibitive, she will be able to make arrangements.

The place will be the room under the Farmington State Savings Bank which has been generously contributed by the Bank as an expression of approval of the health work. Watch for announcements. Let the first clinic be a real success, then all will be.

Ada M. Safford, R. N.

PROGRESSIVE BIBLE CLASS

The members and friends of the Progressive Bible Class met at the pleasant home of Mrs. Martha Warner on Monday, the seventeenth for their regular monthly business and social meeting. Roll call was responded to by new year greetings, good wishes and resolutions.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent and dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

With this the best meeting of the new year we are greeting our members new and old with a Happy New Year.

The next meeting will be a George Washington Birthday party to be held at the home of Mrs. Frank Macomber on February 21. May the good you have scattered in '26

So very far and wide Return to you in '27
Many times multiplied.

M. Winifred Empson, Sec.

Some people mistake kindness for stupidity.

AN AUTO HIKE TO THE SOUTHWEST

Fred Thornton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thornton of Farmington, who in company with William and Lester Dawsett of South Lyon, has just completed an auto trip from Farmington south through Washington and the southern states to Texas, where the party is located, writes of the interesting experiences and observations enroute:

La Feria, Texas, Jan. 10, 1927. The Farmington Enterprise, Farmington, Mich.

Dear Friends:

"I am sending you a little write-up on our trip. We left Detroit on November 23 and came through Monroe, Mich., Toledo, Akron and Youngstown, O. We saw a great many steel mills at Youngstown, and also at Pittsburg through which city we passed. From there we went east on the Lincoln highway over the Allegheny mountains. There are seven peaks in all, the highest one being 2,500 feet above sea level. We drove through Gettysburg battlefield which is located on the highfield."

"We left Gettysburg in the afternoon and drove to Philadelphia where we camped. The next day we spent at the Sesqui-centennial exposition. There was a great deal to see there, things from all over the world were shown. From Philadelphia we drove through Baltimore to Washington, D. C. We were all through the Capitol building, visiting the various departments. The Supreme Court of the U. S. was in session while we were there.

"The Capitol building covering three and a half acres is 751 feet long, 350 feet wide and 254 feet high. We walked from the base of the monument to the top of the dome, which is a total of nearly 400 steps.

"We went through the White House and also up to the top of the Washington monument which is 555 feet high with the observation landing at a height of 500 feet.

"We left here on November 28 and came through Richmond, Petersburg and Charleston. We went through the museum at Charleston which is the oldest one in the United States.

"From Charleston we went down through Savannah, which is a beautiful city with hundreds of palm trees on all of its main streets.

"We went on down to Brunswick, Ga., where we worked two weeks. While there we drove over to St. Simons Island. We drove along the ocean beach about two miles. The tide was going out so we drove on the sand within ten feet of the water. The sand is almost as hard as cement when the tide is out. When the tide is out you can drive on the beach for fifteen miles.

"We decided we wanted to go to Texas so we left Brunswick on December 18 and passed through Georgia to Columbus and on across through Montgomery, Ala., which state seems to have the most negroes of any state we were in. From there we went on to Jackson and Vicksburg, Miss. We crossed the Mississippi river at Vicksburg on a ferry. While we were in Vicksburg, which is built on a hill, we went through the National Cemetery and the National Park.

"We spent Christmas with A. M. Thornton of Monroe, La., which visit we enjoyed very much. We left Monroe, La., on December 25 at 2:30 and went south through Alexandria and Lake Charles, La. We crossed the Sabine river on a ferry into Orange, Texas, from there we went to Beaumont and Houston. The latter is the most beautiful city I have ever seen. From Houston we passed through Victoria. Near there we found some of the worst roads we ever saw. On one stretch we drove between four and five hours to go a total of eighteen miles.

"From Victoria we went to Beeville and Corpus Christie at this place we drove about six miles along the bay which is a part of the Gulf of Mexico. From there we went through Palfurias to Edinburg, a distance of sixty-five miles with only one little town between them. We saw thousands of acres of sage bush and cactus through there. On each side of Houston we saw quite a few oil

DRIVER CONVICTED IN DEATH OF GIRL

Lloyd Schlessinger, 20-year-old bond clerk in the offices of Joel Stockard & Co., Detroit, was found guilty of negligent homicide by a circuit court jury, at Pontiac Tuesday, but later released under probation for two years.

Schlessinger was convicted of having driven a car that on the night of June 17, on Grand River road in Novi township, collided with another and caused the death of Miss Mabel Terrell, 17-year-old Detroit girl. The case was started Monday afternoon and went to the jury Tuesday at 11:30 o'clock. The youth is a graduate of a Detroit high school and lives with his mother at 20521 West Grand boulevard, Detroit.

Schlessinger admitted, as did Rossman J. Coates, Detroit, companion of Schlessinger, that before the ride started they had taken several drinks in Detroit. It was while they were driving to Island Lake for a fraternity party that their car collided with a machine driven by Harry Hewitt, 20 years old, of 20521 Cameron avenue, Detroit, in which Miss Terrell and several others were riding.

Direct cause of the accident, the boys claimed, was the blinding lights of Hewitt's car, which caused Schlessinger to swerve his machine after leaving the pavement, striking Hewitt's automobile head-on.

ANOTHER CHICKEN HAUL

Chicken thieves visited the farm of Rudolph Witt, four and one-half miles west of Stevens Corners last Friday night and carried away 65 Plymouth Rock and 20 White Rock chickens. The work was done so quietly that no one was aroused.

The children fed the chickens in the morning, but did not notice the absence of a large part of the flock. The discovery was not made until late in the day. No clue to the theft has yet been found by the officers.

Wells, also quite a number of cattle ranches. Some of these ranches had a good many India Branna cattle mixed with the other cattle. From Edinburg we went to La Feria where we landed December 28. We are in the lower Rio Grande valley, it is about 30 miles wide and 80 miles long. It is a fine place with all kinds of citrus fruit and most every kind of vegetable growing here. They shipped out twenty-eight cars of vegetables and five cars of fruit in two days and are shipping out a good many cars of vegetables every day. We are thirty miles from Brownsville, Tex., the most southern city in the United States. We drove over to Matamoros, Mexico, the other day. It is some place about a hundred years behind the United States.

"We are sure enjoying ourselves and the warm weather here. It was 74 in the shade yesterday at 10 o'clock. It seems like July instead of January."

"We picked some grapefruit yesterday, planted some potatoes the day before. We had fresh ripe tomatoes for supper last night."

"There is one big drawback to this place to a laboring man, and that is the fact that Mexican money is only worth half as much as ours, so they work for about a half as much as they otherwise would. The conditions are hard for an American to get work at fair pay."

"All of the land around here is irrigated and produces some very fine crops of nearly all kinds of vegetables. All the water used on the land here is pumped out of the Rio Grande river to a height of eighteen feet and then runs by gravity about fifteen miles where it is pumped, or as they call it lifted, another eighteen feet when it runs through open ditches another fifteen miles. There is a flat rate charge of \$4 an acre for an additional charge of \$1.50 per acre for each watering so it really costs quite a bit for water. The Mexican people around here live in old shacks or sheds, a good bit poorer than we use for cattle at home."

Fred Thornton.

Sell it through an Enterprise Liner.