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## TOWNSHIP USE OF HALL PROHIBITED

### Law Does Not Permit of Use by Township Attorney Schulte Holds

At a meeting of the Farmington township board held Tuesday night a letter from the attorney general was read which failed to clear up the legal situation regarding the joint use of the town hall by the Township of Farmington and City of Farmington. The letter simply called attention to Act No. 150 of the public Acts of 1923. The question as to whether the town hall could be jointly used for all township and city purposes was left unanswered.

Attorney J. J. Schulte Jr. was then asked to give an opinion and the following are his findings:

To the Hon. Mayor and Commission of the City of Farmington, and the Township Board of the Township of Farmington:

With reference to the City and Township using the Township Hall for joint and election purposes.

Act No. 150 of the Public Acts of 1923 to which the Attorney General referred in his letter of February 11, 1927 in my opinion does not cover the situation at all. The enabling clause or title reads as follows:

"AN ACT to authorize and empower counties and cities or villages and townships, to jointly acquire, construct, erect and maintain public buildings for the purpose of housing the city and county or village and township officers within the same building."

It is well settled point of law that no legislative act can be different than the limitation expressed in the title.

It can be seen that the legislature had in mind empowering counties and cities or villages and townships to construct, maintain, etc., not cities and townships as is the case of the City of Farmington and the Township of Farmington.

Furthermore, if this was not the case and the legislature intended that a city and a township might combine then we must look to the remainder for the authority and for which purpose the act was passed.

The title again goes on to state that the purpose is for the housing of the various municipal officers within the same building.

In my opinion the word "housing officers" is not broad enough to include within its terms the holding of elections or allowing the township officers to conduct their meeting for the purpose of passing laws governing the township.

The act itself has no repealing clause and if the legislature intended that it should repeal other laws covering the same subject matter they would have said so.

If it was the intention of the legislature to broaden the scope of this act to include the purpose of allowing the township to conduct the aforementioned meetings and elections then I would say that the act would be unconstitutional for the reason that it has no repealing clause.

We must of necessity then look to the general laws covering townships which states that the officials shall meet in the township in which they are elected. This last clause of the general law which reads shall is mandatory and not permissive.

Under the general election laws as amended the law is also very specific as to where the elections shall be held and states very emphatically that election shall be held in the township, see Chapter 2, Paragraph 116, Section 13, Chapter 6, paragraph 133 and Section 1, provide when not divided each organized township shall be an election precinct. Section 6 of the same chapter provides that no alteration, change or rearrangement of an election precinct shall be made within sixty days preceding the date of any election in such township. From this it would appear that even if Act No. 150 of the Public Acts of 1923 applied the coming election could not be

## WINDSOR POSTMASTER TAKEN BY DEATH

Mrs. J. J. Schulte Jr. was called to Windsor, Ontario, Tuesday night by the serious illness of her brother, James J. Hebert of that city, where she arrived just a few minutes before his death.

Mr. Hebert was 37 years of age. He saw service overseas in the World War with the Canadian army. At the time of his death he was postmaster at Windsor.

## Church Notes

Farmington Methodist Church  
Rev. Edward F. Dunlavy, Pastor  
10:30—Worship and sermon.  
Anthem by the choir "God be Merciful" by M. L. McPhail.  
Duet, "Whispering Hopes."  
Sermon by the pastor on the subject "Is God Against Us?"  
11:50—Sunday School.  
6:30—Epworth League.  
7:30—Evening service.

At 8:00, "Come Ye Disciples" by McPhail.  
Trio.  
The Rev. L. J. Hooper will be the speaker of the evening. A cordial welcome is extended to all our services.

Evangelical Church  
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor  
Sunday, February 20—English services, 10:45.  
Sunday School, 11:45.  
Tuesday, February 22—Father and Son banquet, 7:00.  
Wednesday, February 23—Y. P. L. Social, 8:00.  
Friday, February 25—Choir rehearsal, 8:00.

First Baptist Church  
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor  
10:30—Morning worship with junior and senior sermons. Adult message, "The Rules of the Race."  
11:45—Sunday School. We have classes for all.  
6:30—E. Y. P. U. for young people.  
7:30—All high school night. We will have as our special guest at this service the students of our high school. A worthwhile program is being arranged. There will be special vocal and instrumental music. The pastor will speak on "The Vision of the Soul."

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville (at Switzer Road)  
Rev. Paul Grauber, Pastor  
10:30—Sunday School.  
9:30—German service.  
Thursday, 8 p. m.—Bible class.  
Special meeting on Sunday evening at 7:30. All members are requested to attend this meeting.

Clarenceville Community Church  
Rev. A. H. Wallis, Pastor  
Livonia Center Community Church  
Rev. Helen R. Phelps, Pastor

held in the Town Hall. Section 1 of Chapter 5, Act No. 351 Public Acts provides and re-enacts the general law that the elections must be held in the township. I could go on quoting authority but I believe the foregoing to cover the point and to be sufficient.

I am also quoting the syllabus of a case decided by the Supreme Court on this question of elections the cause of which occurred in Pontiac.

A legislative act, authorizing the annual meeting of the township of Pontiac to be held within the City of Pontiac would not authorize the polls for said township for a general election to be held in the city—People vs. Knight, 13 Mich. 424.

The Constitution of the State of Michigan under Article 7, paragraph 1, states that no one can vote except in the township or ward where he resides. See People vs. Budgett, 13 Mich. page 17; People vs. Maynard, 15 Mich. page 463; Allor vs. Wayne County Auditor, 43 Mich. page 76.

Again referring to Act No. 150 of the Public Acts of 1923 my opinion is that this act was solely passed to allow the officials to be housed in the one building for ministerial acts only and for no other purpose.

John J. Schulte Jr.

## BAPTIST F. & S. BANQUET MONDAY

Rev. H. H. Savage Principal Speaker With Worth While Program

The Baptist Church will hold its annual Father and Son banquet at the church Monday evening, February 21 at 6:30.

The committee is arranging a worth while program and is very fortunate in securing Rev. H. H. Savage, the radio pastor of Pontiac as the principal speaker. He will have a message for men and women. Those desiring to be present are asked to call Mrs. A. C. McDonald, phone 72 or Mrs. Orville Taggart, phone 35-F4 and make your reservations.

The cost of the banquet will be covered by a free will offering to be taken at the tables.

## KIND OF JUSTICE THAT CURBS CRIME

For the theft of 23 chickens valued at \$45, a Detroit man and woman today were sentenced to state's prison for terms or from two to fifteen years. Edgar Brooks was given from four to fifteen years at Jackson and Miss Mary Dupree from two to fifteen years in Detroit house of correction.

The woman admitted in court today that she had been out on probation from a Wayne county court, for shoplifting when she was arrested here with Brooks in the act of stealing a bag of chickens.

Judge F. L. Covert announced that he was going to make an example of every chicken thief that came before him for sentenced in an effort to curb the widespread depredation upon Oakland county farm flocks—Pontiac Press.

## CLARENCEVILLE ATHLETIC CLUB

Now folks let's go. We are just in our infancy, but watch us grow. This club was founded by Art Hallman whom we elected for our president at a meeting held Sunday, February 13. Meetings will be held in the future every other Tuesday at 8 p. m.

Officers elected were: A. J. Hallman, president; Harvey Kidd Jr., secretary; Paul Brown, treasurer; F. R. Campbell Jr., business manager; Walter Vogel, bowling captain.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, February 22 at 8 p. m. to which all are welcome. We will give a public dance in the near future, also a pedro party, announcements of which will be made later. We are now forming a baseball team and will accept all challenges.

Now, young fellows will you be at our next meeting at Hallman's place. For particulars address Harvey Kidd Jr., secretary.

## FATALY INJURED IN SUNDAY AUTO CRASH

Clarence Stuck, 45 years old, 1030 Chalmers avenue, Detroit, was fatally injured and his wife Sarah is in a serious condition in Receiving Hospital at Detroit as the result of an auto accident on Grand River road, three miles north of Farmington Sunday, when the auto in which she was riding skidded and crashed into a tree. They were brought to Dr. Aschenbrenner's office here where it was found that Mr. Stuck had received a fractured skull and Mrs. Stuck had both legs broken with other injuries. They were both taken to the hospital where Mr. Stuck died Monday from his injuries without recovering consciousness.

## THE BIG GAME

Friday night at 7:30 o'clock the Farmington High School Girls' basketball team begins the big game of the season. The worthy opponent is none other than the long standing rival, Northville.

Do you wonder that Farmington and Northville are the only undefeated teams in the girls' league? Comparative scores give Northville a bit of an edge. Can the girls depend upon you for the support to overcome that edge? They have the fight but they need your pep and spirit behind them.

## EXCHANGE CLUB NOTES

With the change of luncheon day from Tuesday to Wednesday increased attendance has resulted. Wednesday noon every chair about the tables and an occupant and the attendance was an encouraging one.

Edgar S. Pierce, cashier of the Farmington Savings Bank was the principal speaker and gave an interesting talk on the Federal Reserve banking system, telling of causes which led to its creation and its purposes. Foremost among which is that of furnishing means for giving elasticity to our national currency.

## SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

A special communication of Farmington Lodge, No. 131 F. & A. M. will be held Monday evening, February 21 for work in the first degree.

James Hogle, Sec'y.

## BIBLE CLASS MEETING

The Progressive Bible Class will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Macomber on Monday, February 21 at 2:30 p. m. for their regular monthly meeting. This will be a Washington Birthday party. Roll call will be responded to by quotations in keeping with the day.

M. Winifred Empson, Sec.

## HOME AND FAMILY LIFE

No subject of more vital interest has been discussed in the Sunday Noon Club than the topic for last Sunday.

Mr. Leonard's experience as school superintendent and consequent intimate knowledge of the family status and the influence of the home on the conduct and character of the child, gave his earnest and forceful talk a note of authority which was felt by the members, who listened with the closest interest and attention.

Mr. Leonard lamented the increasing tendency to shift the responsibility of the home to the institution, namely, to the church and the school, deploring the fact that the kindergarten even now, in some places, is not the first touch of the child with institutional training, and that the pre-kindergarten period of school life is now looked upon as increasingly desirable. The next step, logically, is the school nursery, which, indeed, in a small way, already exists.

In many instances, however, he thought, though deploring the tendency of the home to side-step responsibility, that trained institutional teachers were necessitated for the training of the child, because of irresponsible and neglectful parents; but that, nevertheless, good home training was infinitely better than even good institutional training. He noted, incidentally, some remarkable instances of fine home training in Farmington. He thought that, while the present industrial system precluded the return entirely to the former more ideal home conditions, that parents should endeavor to preserve as much as possible the old conditions.

The subject of divorce was also discussed. The beneficial effect of Christian ideals and training, it was stated, was evidenced by the fact that the percentage of unhappy marriages, as shown by the number of divorces, was much less among those connected with churches, than among the people at large.

## LINCOLN BANQUET

A FINE AFFAIR  
Farmington Republicans who attended the Lincoln banquet at Pontiac last Thursday evening are proud in their praise of excellence of the program. There were no dull moments during the two hours of after dinner talks and entertainment. Those from here were H. M. Warner, E. S. Pierce, James Thayer, Bernard Banfield, N. H. Power, Ben Myers, F. L. Cook, J. J. Schulte Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilson.

Light eating and deep breathing lead to quick and clear thinking.

An easy loser takes from the winner two-thirds of the joy of victory.

## LIKE BANCO'S GHOST NEW FORD BOBS UP

As Usual It's a Hot Tip From Close To Headquarters Once More

Rumors, coming to a head Tuesday, says the Detroit Free Press, indicate that there is going to be a new Ford product, a medium priced automobile, sort of big brother to the Lincoln or big brother to the little rattle that has been heard around the world for these last two decades, carrying the name of Ford and Detroit to the far corners of the earth.

The United Press was informed Tuesday by the laboratorians at the Ford works that the "medium-priced" car was being developed there. This, following on the heels of an interview from New York along the same lines, seemed to indicate that the new car was ready for production. Some say the name of the new car is to be the Edison.

Henry Ford, according to the New York story, went even so far as to indicate worry over what might happen to his competitors in case the news got out that he was going to make a car in the \$1,000 class.

For many months there have been rumors that Henry Ford intended to put out a car in the middle-priced field. Only in the last two years has Ford had actual price competition in the cheap car field. Prior to that the smallest of small cars made by competitors ran several hundred dollars higher than the Ford car prices, so that it could hardly have been called competition. However, with the cutting of prices in the competing field, the improvement of appearance and body design in other small cars, the tide swept away from Ford, even some of his most prosperous dealers turning to other lines.

**BIRTHS**  
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Schweizer, Thursday morning, February 17.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bell are rejoicing over the arrival of a son, Ronald, at their home, Monday, February 14.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Simmons a son, Tuesday, February 14.  
A son, Stewart Everett, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pagel, at Pinehurst Hospital, Saturday, February 12.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD**  
The monthly business and social meeting of the Sunday School Board of the M. E. S. S. will meet Wednesday evening, February 23, 7:45 o'clock at the church.

The program will be in the nature of a workers institute. The first chapter of "How to Teach Religion" George Herbert Betts, will be presented and discussed. All teachers, officers and friends interested in the religion of the child are urged to be present.

**A LITTLE CLODOPPER**  
The Young Folks Class of the Clarenceville M. E. Church will present the playlet, "A Little Clodhopper" at the Tri-Township Community Hall on Friday evening, March 11 at 8:15.

The following is the cast of characters:  
Septimus Green—A young book agent full of fresh Ernest Wallis  
Ocey Gump—A pep country product by Heck, Earl Wilkerson  
Georgia Chiggerson—An innocent little lamb from the city  
Maurice Wilcox  
Mrs. Chiggerson-Boggs—His dotting mamma with a smooth scheme  
Elsie Reading  
Mrs. Julietta Bean—A Splitterville boarding house keeper  
Juanita Alverson  
Charman Carter—Who thinks she is a vampire Juanita Winters  
Jud—A little clodhopper from the poor house  
Gladys Baker

**A PLEASANT MEETING**  
The North Farmington Cemetery Auxiliary held a very pleasant meeting at the Blomquist Town Hall Tuesday of this week. There was a good attendance and about \$50 added to their treasury.

## TWO DAYS TO MARRY

The senior play, "Two Days to Marry," which will be presented next week Wednesday and Thursday evening at the Town Hall, is a comedy of the best class and check full of comical situations, provocative of laughter. Much time has been spent in rehearsals and the class is confident that a fine interpretation will be given.

The following is the cast of characters in order of appearance:  
Simon P. Chase—As Black as His Race  
Marion Brock  
James J. Dare—A Wifeless Heir  
Mildred Adams  
Ruford B. Sawyer—A Timid Lawyer  
Frederick Sheill  
Emily Jane Pink—Blacker Than Ink  
Florence Baxter  
Sadie L. Poise—A Widow By Choice  
Neatha Sheets  
Imogene McShane A Sweet Young Thing  
Carla Rife  
Walter M. Blair—A Millionaire  
Allen Kilton

Time of Playing—About two and one-half hours.  
Place—Somewhere in a New York apartment house.  
Time—The Present.  
Extras—Between Acts—  
Readings—Miss Iva Hawkins  
Vocal Solos—Fercy Pauline  
Be sure and get your reserved seats at Cook's.

The play will only be given two nights—Don't miss this opportunity to see some real home talent.

## TWO YEAR TERMS FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICES

A proposal that beginning at the April election in 1929 supervisors be elected for two year terms, is embodied in the constitutional amendment introduced by Sen. Vincent A. Martin of Fruitport.

## INFALLIBLE SIGN OF AN EARLY SPRING

The only infallible sign of an early spring has been observed. Harry McCracken reports that a flock of wild-geese passed over Farmington Wednesday morning flying in a northeasterly direction.

**PARENT-TEACHER ASSN.**  
The regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held Thursday, February 24 at the gymnasium of the High School at 3:00 p. m.

Topic for the day: "The Proper Use of Authority." Mrs. Lindbloom, Mr. Leonard.  
Song by six second grade pupils.  
Piavo duet, Jean and Catherine Storms.  
Reading, Helen Fink.  
Cornet solo, Robert Jubb.  
Short business meeting.  
Miss Kotetba.

**GRAND RIVER AVENUE CAR BARN NEEDED**  
Del A. Smith, acting general manager of the D. S. R. announced Tuesday that a portion of the site of the Jefferson car house, on Jefferson avenue at St. Jean avenue, is to be sold and the money used for purchasing another site east of Grand River avenue.

Because there is now no car house on the Grand River end of the Jefferson-Grand River line, cars scheduled to leave Reelford in the early morning must pull out of the Jefferson house and travel across the city to start their trip.

**FARMINGTON WOMAN IS GRANTED A DIVORCE**  
Mrs. Almeda Wilbur of Farmington township charged Ray Wilbur with acts of extreme cruelty and with non-support in the divorce suit in which she was given a decree Monday in Judge F. L. Covert's court. Her former name was Almeda Luderbaugh and she was married to Wilbur October 25, 1917, and lived with him until March 5, 1924. Because she is in poor health the court allowed Mrs. Wilbur alimony of \$3 a week until the further order of the court. She was also allowed an attorney fee of \$35. E. L. Phillips represented the wife.—Pontiac Press.

It is a consolation to realize, that others have troubles just as perplexing and maddening as our own.