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CITY OFFICER TO GET LESS MONEY AFTER MARCH 10

City Commission Votes To Pay Police Officer \$140 Monthly; Job Open To All

The police situation in Farmington was clarified to some extent within the past few days, the City Commission having adopted a recommendation fixing a salary for the City police officer after March 10. It is lower than that paid to Officer Herman Kreager at present.

Reports of the appointment of a new county officer in Southfield Township, James Kirchoff, is not regarded as having any bearing on the possibility of Farmington getting a third deputy for this section, to afford 24-hour service.

The report of the police committee included a recommendation that the salary of the police officer after March 10 should be \$140 per month. It also included that after six months, the City Commission might increase the salary at intervals to a maximum of \$170 per month.

Officer Kreager is now paid \$175 per month. His present shift is at night, and his duties have also included some day work.

Commissioners Russell and Hogle declined to vote on the motion to adopt the committee's report. Commissioner Hogle declared it his opinion that "if the city officer is to be a 'night watchman,' he should be so designated.

It is understood that the position is open to anyone.

The general opinion seems to be that with a third deputy in Farmington, hoped for soon, there would be less work than Officer Kreager has been called upon to do in the past.

OPERETTA TO BE GIVEN BY GLEE CLUB MARCH 15

Entertainment Planned To Raise Funds For New Piano For The School

The Farmington Glee Clubs are presenting an operetta, "The Ghost of Lollipop Bay" at Farmington Town Hall, Thursday, March 15, at 8:15.

On Wednesday afternoon there will be a matinee given for school children. The proceeds are to be used toward a new piano for the school.

As a special feature between the acts the following are planned:

1. The Wooden Soldiers Dance, and The Highland Fling by the Kindergarten, First and Second Grades.
2. Piano solo, Roberta Russell.
3. Dance, Lois Murphy.

Miss Jimena Steel, principal of the school; Esther Seelye Mary, a leading spirit among the students; June Johnson Midge; Kathryn Banfield Molly; Winifred Seelye Mary's Chums

Dinah, a colored maid; Dorothy Talbot Prof. Alvin Flint, principal Boys' School; Francis Drake Dick, a leader among the boys

Howard Catherman Harry; John Lapham Tom; Dick's Pals; Marcus Adam Johnson (negro); Ivan Cox

Chorus—Boys and Girls. Pianist—Barbara Moon. Director—Miss Lulu Lockwood.

OLD FARM HOUSE ON "ANGLING ROAD NEAR BASE LINE IS RAIDED"

The Old Waack farm house on the "Angling Road," south of the Base Line road, was raided Monday night. Quantities of moonshine, whiskey and beer were said to have been found. The place was dark, the interior was wrecked and a slot machine taken.

New Insurance and Bond Firm of "Schulte and Karle" Is Announced



John J. Schulte Jr. and Joseph A. Karle have associated themselves under the firm name of "Schulte and Karle," and have opened an office in the Peoples State Bank Building, where they will specialize in the sale of real estate, fire, life, sick and accident, annuit, compensation and indemnity insurance, commercial, surety official and commercial bonds, mortgage loans, title insurance, and abstracts.

Mr. Karle, who has been a resident of this community for the past eight months, having purchased the home of A. Flips, will be the active head of the new concern. He is a specialist in the above business, having had twenty years of experience in the City of Detroit, in all of the lines enumerated.

DRAIN PETITION HAS 100 SIGNERS

Shortage Of Active Workers Handicaps Movement; Property-Owners Favorable

Work on securing of signatures to the petition for the Farmington Drain moved forward rapidly during the past week, but the total of 200 names was not reached. Whether the petition will be filed with the present signatures, or efforts be continued, does not appear to be settled.

F. DeVere Fleming, who has been circulating one copy of the petition, reported a total of 65 names, Thursday morning, while nearly 40 have been secured by Harley D. Warner, circulating another copy. The matter was again brought up at the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday, and additional signatures secured.

Commissioner Clarence Bicking, chairman of the sewer-committee of the City Commission, reported on the progress of the petitions Monday night.

The petition must be filed shortly, and the County Drain Commissioner is eager to have it accomplished. There seems to be no objection by property-owners who are reported willing and eager to sign, but the chief problem seems to be the absence of active solicitation, aside from that by the those mentioned. There has been some other engaging someone to do the work, but nothing definite has been done.

MRS. MIDDLEWOOD HEAD OF BETTER HOMES' WORK HERE

West Point Park Resident Is Appointed Chairman Of Committee

Mrs. E. A. Middlewood of West Point Park was appointed by Secretary Hoover as chairman of a committee to conduct a Better Homes campaign in this section. Better Homes in America is an organization which each year sponsors a national educational campaign for Better Homes. A man or woman who is active in civic affairs is appointed in each community to serve as chairman of the Better Homes Committee for that place. This chairman then selects a committee of representative men and women to conduct the campaign. These campaigns vary according to the size and conditions of the community, and include programs of lectures, demonstrations, and contests. Wherever possible a house is planned and built, according to best recognized standards of building and architecture, to show how a well designed, well constructed house can be brought within the reach of families of modest means. The house is furnished attractively and comfortably, but at a cost in keeping with the cost of the house and the income and needs of a family that might occupy it. The house is opened to the public during Better Homes Week, and hostesses are on hand to explain the features of the house and its furnishings and give other information.

The discussion class on "Practical Religion" will be held the first two weeks by Mr. Donald Bennett of Pontiac. The last two weeks it will be led by Mr. E. L. Phillis also of Pontiac. The boys' and girls' group will be led this week by Miss Woolfit. Rev. Dunlavy says: "The membership and friends of the Methodist Church of Farmington are expected to set aside these nights and each night during Holy Week and keep them for as desired. We covet it to God, to the Church, the community, and to ourselves."

TOWNSHIP CAUCUS SATURDAY; BATTLE FOR TREASURER

Elmer Emppson And Mark Bachelor, Run For Road Commissioner

Two contests promise to make interesting the Farmington Township Caucus, to be held Saturday evening, the Board of Supervisors, highway treasurer and highway commissioner are those for which battles have developed. Township officials are expecting one of the largest, if not the biggest, crowds in the history of the township, at the caucus. Interest in general township affairs is keen, in addition to the attention aroused by the contests for offices.

Seizing the office of treasurer are Elmer Emppson of the southwest section of the township, and Mark Bachelor, of the North Farmington section. Mr. Emppson's candidacy was announced some time ago, but the entry of Mr. Bachelor into the race was made only recently. Both men are popular throughout the township.

The other office for which there is competition is that of highway commissioner, Clyde Seelye, present commissioner, is being opposed for re-election by Joseph Graham, who has been highway overseer for the southwest quarter of the township. It is expected that there will be an interesting contest for this office.

No definite opposition to the re-election of Supervisor Isaac Bond has appeared, nor to the re-election of Township Clerk Willard Campbell.

Two justices of the peace must be elected, to fill vacancies left by the resignations of the present Assistant Prosecutor Charles L. Wilson and Charles Perry. One is for the four-year term, and the other for an unexpired term of one year. A member of the Board of Review is also to be chosen. Three highway overseers, are considered as likely to be re-elected, Charles Gravin, Clayton Goers, and Frank Cox. In the southwest quarter overseers must be chosen to succeed Mr. Graham, and Louis Fendt has been mentioned. The caucus will begin at 7:30 p. m.

FARMINGTON MAN, A 'LAYMAN' WRITES ON LENTEN SEASON

First Of A Series Of Articles On The Church Printed In This Issue

A "layman" of Farmington begins with this issue a series of articles in the Enterprise on the Lenten Season and the Church. His first discussion of the general topic is printed herewith.

THE CHURCH AS VIEWED FROM THE STANDPOINT OF A CITIZEN AND LAYMAN

ARTICLE I
We are in the season of Lent. For nearly two thousand years, in commemoration of Christ's 40 days of fasting and prayer in the wilderness, various branches of the Christian Church throughout the world, especially the Roman Catholic, the Eastern Orthodox, the Anglican and Lutheran churches have annually observed this period of Christian abstinence by fasting, by foregoing customary pleasures, by private devotions and by more frequent attendance at religious services have endeavored to intensify their religious life.

In recent years, throughout the United States and especially in Detroit, other denominational churches have come to realize the benefits derived from periodically turning the thoughts from secular to religious, from material to spiritual things.

In Detroit, this intensive period of religious life is being observed by people of all denominations, Catholic and Protestant, to attend the union meetings held in the downtown churches and theatres; business during the three hour services on Good Friday being almost wholly suspended.

Something of the same spirit which is permeating the religious life of Farmington. Nevertheless, in spite of the foregoing indications of a quickening of religious interest, there is a prevalent and widespread feeling that all is not well with (Continued on Page Seven)

City Preparing Agreement On Malcolmson Frontage

Property Owner Reduces Demands and Commission Votes For Drawing Of Paper After Suggestion Is Made To Table Letter

What is regarded as a highly important and perhaps decisive step in the Grand River widening movement was taken Monday evening by the Farmington City Commission, when that body voted to have the Corporation Counsel draw up an agreement between the City and W. G. Malcolmson looking toward the donation of Mr. Malcolmson's frontage for the widening. The action followed a reduction of demands by Mr. Malcolmson, and makes possible a definite statement to the State Highway Committee regarding donation of his property.

'LEAP YEAR BABIES' NOT SCARCE IN THIS SECTION—HERE ARE 21

This section should stand well up in the rivalry for Leap Year babies. Inquiry brought a report from Dr. R. Aschen Brenner, of Farmington, of two births on this year's extra day.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Forsythe of Tuck road are the parents of LeRoy, born at 9 p. m. on February 29th, and named LeRoy, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Welch, Walled Lake are proud of little Mildred Helen, who arrived at 3:30 in the morning of the same day.

FARMINGTON MAN HURT IN CRASH

Triple Collision Wrecks Three Cars; Driver Said To Have Been Drinking

Ralph Lepley of the Farmington Motor Sales, was cut about the left wrist and narrowly escaped serious injuries Saturday afternoon when the automobile in which he was driving was engaged in a triple collision on Grand River avenue near Tuck road, east of Farmington. All three cars were badly damaged.

Lepley was driving westward on Grand River, a car owned by his employers, and was following another machine. An automobile driven east by A. T. Ludington, 13144 Pinehurst avenue, Detroit, sideswiped the car in front of Lepley's machine and then struck the auto driven by Lepley.

Ludington, according to police reports, was said by Howard Donnelly, 8804 Quincy avenue, Detroit, who was driving the third car, and by Lepley, R. E. Beckley of Farmington Motor Sales, and W. Henderson of Farmington, to have had liquor on his breath.

Donnelly, police say, declared he would come to Farmington to prosecute Ludington, but failed to do so.

ATHLETIC FIELD LEASE IS READ TO CITY COMMISSION

Agreement Permits City To Re-Possess Lands If Needed For Water-Works

A copy of the proposed lease of city-owned land in Waterworks Park to be given to the School District by the City, for an athletic field, was formally presented to the City Commission Monday night by Corporation Counsel John J. Schulte.

An important provision of the lease is that "before any permanent structure is to be erected upon the premises that the plans and specifications must be submitted to the lessor (City) for approval. Another is that should the City find it necessary to extend its storage and pump-house facilities, or locate additional wells, the City may take whatever land from the tract is required for these purposes.

The lease is for 20 years, and may be terminated by mutual consent. Some members of the Commission expressed the opinion that provision should be made for beautifying the property, planting trees and shrubbery, etc., and some such provision may be required by the City.

Members of the Commission appeared generally agreed that the destruction of the property would be erected, and for this reason directed the attorney to add to the word "fence" provision requiring city approval of any permanent structure. Members of the Board of Education are now studying the lease.

DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED THE READING OF A LETTER TO THE CITY RESULTED IN A PRACTICALLY UNANIMOUS OPINION AS TO WHAT WOULD BE A FAIR ARRANGEMENT TO BOTH THE CITY AND MR. MALCOLMSON. IT INCLUDES AMONG OTHER THINGS, A PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY THE STATE TO MR. MALCOLMSON OF \$3,500, WHICH AMOUNTS TO ABOUT \$3.00 PER FOOT FOR THAT PART OF HIS PROPERTY WHICH THE STATE WOULD REQUIRE. THIS IS CONSIDERED A LOW PRICE.

The offer of the City to pass Mr. Malcolmson's requests, resulted in a letter from F. DeVere Fleming, representing Mr. Malcolmson, which begins: "Mr. Malcolmson will donate the land for a 120-foot right-of-way and permit the State to change the course of the creek as outlined. If Mr. Fink can legally prevent moving of the creek, then he will arrange so that the creek can be turned back at Grand River on his property. The grade level of Grand River must be brought to approximately the level of the concrete for the full 120-foot width."

The report to Mr. Malcolmson that the City favored changes suggested by him in layout of streets and other details, resulted in his withdrawing of demands on these points. Other items which the Commission approved previously to regard as reasonable were not changed.

For a time at the Commission's meeting, it appeared that the matter would be laid on the table, and the movement for widening thus indefinitely hampered to a serious degree. Twice motions were made to refer to the Corporation Counsel for an agreement, but discussion was extensive and there was not vote upon them. Commissioner Clarence Bicking stated that he had recently discussed the matter with the Oakland County representative of the State Highway Department, and that the latter had expressed an opinion that the movement for widening in Farmington is not favored by the Department, and would not succeed, but that work for a new pavement on the present right-of-way might be successful. The motion to table the matter followed, but did not come to a vote. The motion authorizing the drawing of an agreement by the Corporation Counsel was made and passed shortly after. Commissioner Bicking declined to vote. All the other commissioners voted for the motion.

Corporation Counsel John J. Schulte is at work on the tentative agreement. The action of the Commission Monday night did not bind the City in any way. A special meeting of the Commission is to be called as soon as the agreement is completed. It is expected that those in charge of the movement will endeavor to place a final report in the hands of the State Highway Committee shortly after the Malcolmson matter is settled.

MISS STARKEY IS WED TO DETROITER IN HOME CEREMONY

Daughter Of Mr. And Mrs. Daniel H. Starkey Marries Howard Linn Of Detroit

The wedding of Miss Pearl Starkey of Farmington to Mr. Howard Linn of Detroit, took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Starkey, on Brookdale drive, on February 29. Rev. Elmer Palmer of the Farmington Baptist Church performed the ceremony.

Only members of the immediate families were present. The reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Linn, the latter a graduate of the Woman's Hospital, will make their home in Detroit, and will be at home to friends after October 1.

Mrs. Linn will continue her work for the present.