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School District No. 1 Is Joined To Bond School

Merger Completed At Meeting Of Farmington, W. Bloomfield Town Boards

Merging of two school districts of Farmington Township was effected on Monday night of this week, when final approval was given for Farmington District No. 1, known as the Coleman School, to be set in with the Bond School District.

The amalgamation was completed at a joint meeting of the Township Boards of Farmington and West Bloomfield, the members of both Boards voting unanimously to endorse the union. Their action followed a passage of the proposal at the annual meeting of the School District, No. 1.

The enrollment in the School District No. 1 is not large, and it is understood that the school building has been condemned, as a result of which the district faced the necessity of providing a new school. Sentiment appeared more favorable toward uniting with the Bond School than toward construction of a new schoolhouse, although only 13 votes were cast in the balloting. Nine voted in favor of the union and four against it.

The joint meeting of West Bloomfield and Farmington Township Boards was presided over by the Bond School. Those attending the joint meeting were: Bruce Leggett, supervisor, Mrs. Laura Harger, clerk, and Fred Sauer and C. N. Barbour, justices of West Bloomfield; Isaac Bond, supervisor, Willard Campbell, clerk, and Harry McCracken and Charles Heise, justices of Farmington.

The meeting marked the last for Charles Heise as a member of the Farmington Board. He will be replaced by Ward Eagle on July 1.

ONLY TWO OF 152 GRADS OFF BEATEN PATH, LEONARD SAYS

Record Of Farmington Schools In Last Seven Years Is Reported

That "of 152 graduates of Farmington High School within the last seven years, only a possible two are off the beaten track" is the record reported by Supt. of Schools Archie G. Leonard at the annual banquet of the Farmington Alumni Association last Friday night. In that time also, Supt. Leonard declared, "no student has been ordered from an athletic contest for deliberate breaking of the rules."

These statements of Farmington's high standing among schools were made by Supt. Leonard in the course of his address, "Seven years."

That the grades of students in college can be expected to follow closely those made in high school was also revealed by Supt. Leonard, who said that careful checking-up indicated this to be the case in nearly every instance.

"Seven years ago," said Supt. Leonard, "when I came to Farmington, I found a communication from my predecessor, stating that he and the Board of Education were of the opinion that Farmington Schools were not at the time able to provide students with the proper scholastic background for college." At that time, only one of our teachers had a college degree. Now we can recommend any student of Farmington High School to any college in 21 states with confidence that he or she will be accepted."

Praises P. T. A. Supt. Leonard spoke of the splendid work of the Parent-Teacher Association, formed a few years ago, and of the inauguration of trips to Washington for seniors. Between 60 and 75 students of Farmington High School have taken trips to Washington within the last four or five years," said Supt. Leonard. "It has been attacked by some people. It should be remembered, however, that it is the business of the Board of Education not to save money, but to buy an educational program. It is a wise investment to send 60 to 75 students to the Nation's capital, there to live (Continued on Page Five)

County Road Commissioner Lytle, Formerly of Farmington, Seriously Ill



THOMAS LYTLE

Fireworks May Be Used In City

Mayor Issues Proclamation Permitting Use Of Explosives On Fourth

Permission to shoot fireworks within the City of Farmington on the Fourth of July is granted by proclamation of Mayor Wells D. Butterfield, published in this issue of the Farmington Enterprise. The proclamation contains a proviso, however, that the use of fireworks must comply with the State law.

The governing officials are of the belief that a much better situation would result if permission were given to use fireworks in accordance with the State law, than to have the City ordinance violated and the State law disregarded at the same time. It is felt that the State law provides safeguards to people and property if carefully observed.

The ordinance governing fireworks passed by the City Commission last year, while prohibiting the use of explosives in the City, empowers the Mayor to make exception in the case of fireworks on the Fourth of July.

SUMMER OPEN AIR SERVICES START SUNDAY EVENING

Rev. Elmer Palmer To Again Be In Charge Of Worship; Choir Will Sing

The Sunday night open air services which have been a summer feature in Farmington for the past two years will be started for this season on Sunday evening, July 1, on the grounds beside the Town Hall. Rev. Elmer Palmer of the Farmington Baptist Church will inaugurate the outdoor worship, which will again be in charge.

The outdoor services last year proved popular and drew a large attendance. The open air worship takes the place of the regular Sunday evening service in the church during July and August, the indoor services being resumed in September.

The general public is invited to attend the open air services. There will be special numbers by the choir, which will also lead in song service. In case of inclement weather, the services will be held in the Town Hall.

FATHER OF LOCAL RESIDENT EXPIRES HERE SUDDENLY

S. J. Wats, Visiting Daughter, Mrs. A. C. MacDonald, Taken By Death

Samuel John Wats of Detroit, father of Mrs. J. C. MacDonald of Farmington, died suddenly Wednesday while visiting at the home of his daughter. He was 65. Funeral services will be held Friday at Windsor. Interment will be at Thamesville, Ont.

He was a native of Thamesville, Ont., and had been engaged in business in Canada and the United States. At one time he was manager of a firm in Port Huron. During the last three years he has lived with a son, David L. Wats of Detroit. His mother, Mrs. John Wats of Los Angeles; two sisters, of Los Angeles; a daughter at Farmington; and three sons, Alex of Bronson, Mich.; David L. and Daniel M. of Detroit, all survive Mr. Wats.

Grave fears are entertained for the recovery of Oakland County Road Commissioner Thomas Lytle, of Pontiac, formerly of Farmington, who has been ill for some time. Commissioner Lytle's condition became alarming within the past few days.

The former Farmington resident has not been well for a number of months, particularly since the latter part of April, when he last attended an affair at Farmington. It was the annual Past Masters' night at Farmington Master's Lodge, of which he is a member. He was not well at that time, and left rather early for his home. Since then he has not been much in public. Although not an officer of the lodge, Mr. Lytle has always shown keen interest in its work, and did not consider the effort of attendance at Past Masters' night too much for him.

Mr. Lytle is being cared for by Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner of Farmington. Recently it is understood, his condition has indicated uraemic poisoning, adding to the seriousness of the case.

Mr. Lytle left Farmington to reside in Pontiac about a dozen years ago. He has been a member of the Oakland County Road Commission for some time.

LAST RITES HELD FOR THEO. HODGES; BURIAL IN PONTIAC

Large Gathering At Funeral Services Wednesday Afternoon In Methodist Church

Funeral services Wednesday afternoon for the late Theodore Hodges, one of Farmington's most popular young business men, at Methodist Church were largely attended. Mr. Hodges died Sunday morning in the Oakland County Tuberculosis Sanitarium, after an illness of six months.

Mr. Hodges, who would have been 30 years old Saturday, was formerly in charge of the Farmington office of the Detroit Edison Company. He was taken ill on December 29, and was confined to bed until his death. About six weeks ago, he was removed to the County Sanitarium.

Mr. Hodges was born at Tilbury, Ontario. Before coming to Farmington, he was employed at the Redford Edison office, and has been in Farmington four years. Rev. Edward P. Dunlay of Farmington Methodist Church officiated at the services. Burial took place in Oak Hill Cemetery, Pontiac.

Mr. Hodges leaves his wife, Mrs. Frances Peterson Hodges, and two children, Jack and Helen Maxine; his mother, Mrs. Mary Hodges; two sisters, Miss Pearl Hodges, Detroit, and Mrs. Clifford Turnbull, Northville, and three brothers, Burton, Pontiac; Russell, Spokane, Wash., and Clarence, Port Alma, Ont.

WEST POINT PARK AVENGES DEFEAT BY LAKE ORION

Tables Turned In Game Sunday At Orion Grounds; Jayska Hits Home Run

West Point Park's fast-traveling baseball team won revenge over Lake Orion on Sunday, defeating that team on its home grounds 7 to 5, in an interesting contest. West Point Park, which has developed a winning streak, played one of the best games it has shown this season, one error being the only bar to a perfect day in the field.

At bat the team showed well. John Jayska, catcher, being the star with a home run, a double, and a single in four times at bat. Gomers pitched a steady game. The victory on Sunday pushed West Point Park nearer the top of the league, and ranks it among the almost certain leaders this season. On Sunday, the Pontiac team will be West Point Park's opponents, at Keego Harbor, and the following Sunday, July 8, will come probably the biggest home game of the season, that with DeHo-Co at West Point Park. DeHo-Co are the league champions of last year, and defeated West Point Park last month on the DeHo-Co grounds.

Alumni Move To Strengthen Fund For Scholarship

Constitution And By-Laws Providing For Board Of Trustees Adopted

Steps toward the strengthening of the Farmington alumni organization, particularly with the purpose of placing the alumni scholarship fund on a firmer foundation, were taken by the Farmington High School Alumni Association at its meeting and annual banquet Friday evening in the Methodist Church dining room. The Association adopted a constitution and by-laws which will aid in giving the scholarship fund project a permanent character. About 150 old and young graduates attended the banquet.

The constitution and by-laws provide for a board of trustees, to administer the scholarship fund. A report on the work already done, by Frank N. Steele, revealed that one Farmington high school graduate has already been helped through on college. A total of \$802 was subscribed, and \$250 was borrowed by Association members, who underwrote the loan in order to complete the year for the alumni being aided. It is anticipated that within a few years the fund will be self-sustaining.

The constitution and by-laws, drawn up by Emory Hatton, provide that a member of the Board of Education and the superintendent of Schools shall be trustees, three members of the Alumni Association holding the remaining positions. The trustees will "receive all applications, pass upon the same, and authorize the making of all loans." Any graduate of Farmington High School may make an application for a loan at any time. Loans are not to exceed \$500 in any one year, or \$2,000 in all.

Protection for the scholarship fund is assured by provisions that the student may be required to take out a life insurance policy in favor of the Association, and (Continued on Page Five)

RESIDENTS ASSIST WOMAN SUFFERING MENTAL TROUBLE

Farmington People Respond To Appeal Of Victim's Sister; Man Held

A woman who apparently became mentally unbalanced in Farmington Monday, was aided by residents and police officers, the latter on Tuesday arresting a Highland Park man and taking him to the County Jail. Deputy Sheriffs Clayton Stokes and Lee Doyle were called by Mrs. Hinman Nichols, 342 West Grand River, who told them that a woman, who appeared unbalanced, was on the porch at the home of Mrs. F. M. Warner, 383 West Grand River. Mrs. Nichols had called at the request of a Mrs. Riegler, who said she was the woman's sister.

The police found Mrs. Ella Rivers, of Highland Park, and took her to Pontiac, Mrs. Riegler and Mrs. Nichols accompanying them to care for Mrs. Rivers. Later Paul E. Sidus of Highland Park made statements accusing a Morris A. Bunnell, of the Corinth Hotel, Detroit, in connection with Mrs. Rivers' mental condition.

Bunnell was arrested in Highland Park and on Tuesday taken to the County Jail at Pontiac.

116 Cars Pass By As One Waits To Cross

One hundred and sixteen automobiles travelling along Grand River avenue, passed Gates Corcoran, west of Farmington, Sunday afternoon, before a car headed north could get across Grand River avenue. The count was made by Elmer Empson, Farmington Township treasurer, who was one of those that made "the long wait." Traffic all along Grand River Sunday was reported to be exceptional, with exceptional congestion in late afternoon and evening.

Bond Heads County Equalization Of Tax

Occupying a prominent place in the present session of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors is Supervisor Isaac Bond, of Farmington. Supervisor Bond is chairman of the important equalization committee, which is at present working on a new equalization of valuations.

Lamb Is Chosen Exchange Head

Business Men's Club Presents Supt. A. G. Leonard With Beautiful Watch

At the meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon, Arthur Lamb was elected president of the organization to succeed Dr. C. F. Weaver, whose term expired Wednesday. John J. Schulte was elected first vice-president.

As an expression of the esteem of the club, Supt. of Schools Archie G. Leonard was presented with a handsome wrist watch, the gift of the members. The presentation was made by Hinman Nichols, who described Supt. Leonard as the club's "most valuable member." Supt. Leonard responded with an expression of his appreciation, and good will toward the club.

The club decided upon a change in its policy of last year, when meetings were discontinued during July and August. Meetings will be held regularly each week throughout the summer, on Wednesday noons in the Methodist Church. Next week, however, the meeting will be held on Thursday noon, because of Fourth of July falling on Wednesday.

The other officers elected Wednesday were: Edger Pierce, second vice-president; Elmer Palmer, secretary; Hinman Nichols, treasurer; Earl Vivier, Edward P. Dunlay, Leo Gildemeister, board of control for one year; George K. Checketts, board of control for six months.

CATHOLIC CHURCH OPEN AIR BAZAAR STARTS SATURDAY

Chicken Dinner, Boxing Bouts, Dancing And Entertainment Among Features

An open air bazaar for the benefit of Our Lady of Sorrows parish opens on Saturday, June 30th at 3 o'clock in the afternoon in the grove on Powers road. It will continue through Sunday, July 1st and Wednesday, July 4th. The features are numerous. The booths will present a variety of useful household goods and utensils, and many fine varieties of lawn and garden furniture. The children are not forgotten in the enchanting fish-bowl.

On Sunday a chicken dinner will be served from 12 noon to 5 p. m. It is hoped that this will afford a means of strengthening the bond of friendship already so happy and pleasant between all classes and creeds of Farmington. On July 4th, the young men will be especially attracted by several lively semi-professional boxing bouts. The fighters are well known in Detroit and vicinity. Permission has been secured for this feature from the State Boxing Commission.

A dancing pavilion has been erected on the grounds to give the young people of both sexes enjoyable evenings in innocent pleasure. A symphony orchestra of five pieces has been engaged. Everybody in Farmington will be heartily welcome, and the fervent wish of the committees in charge is that everybody will be thoroughly at home and satisfied wanting to come back for a repetition of the events.

George H. Riddle spent several days in Chicago.

Farmington Drain To Require Year For Completion

Officials Of Commissioner's Office To Be In Farmington Monday Evening

That the \$900,000 Farmington Drain probably cannot be completed before the middle of next summer, in the opinion of officials of the County Drain Commission, was revealed Thursday morning by N. W. Straight of the Commissioner's office.

The County officials, however, intend to push the work as rapidly as possible, and will be in Farmington Monday night to attend the City Commission meeting and, obtain permits to cross the streets with the big drain.

Condemnation proceedings against the property of a few owners who have not signed releases are expected to be started in the near future, according to Mr. Straight. He stated that as soon as releases are obtained from the State Highway Department and the City of Farmington, papers will be filed for the right to cross private property. The State is involved because the Drain will cross Grand River avenue.

The consent of the City is expected to be obtained Monday evening, and Mr. Straight said that the State Highway Department's permission would involve no delay. The Probate Court will be asked to appoint three commissioners, who will visit the location of the drain and hear the objections of property-owners who have not released their property. The commissioners will decide the problems, and it is expected that their work will be finished within 30 days. Bids will then be asked and construction started as soon as possible.

Will Finish Portion Because Of The Size Of The Project, Mr. Straight Said, It Would Probably Be Impossible To Finish All This Fall. However, Those Parts Of The City Most Seriously In Need Of Relief Will Be Afforded Drainage This Year. This Will Include The Proposed Laing Drain, Which Provided The First Impetus Toward The Larger Project.

Assessment At Large Mr. Straight was asked how the assessment for the Drain would be made, and replied that most of the City will be assessed through a small portion which will not benefit from the system will not be included. In general, however, all property within the drainage district will be assessed for the cost of the sewer.

Mr. Straight said that the delay caused by the necessity for condemnation proceedings could not have been avoided even had the objecting property-owners signed, because some of the owners of some pieces are unknown, and legal process is required before their land can be crossed.

WIDOW OF FORMER ENTERPRISE OWNER DIES; BURIAL HERE

Mrs. Alexander Smith's Body Is Brought To Farmington For Interment At Oakwood

Interment was made Monday morning at Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington, of the body of Mrs. Alexander Smith, widow of a former owner of the Farmington Enterprise.

Mrs. Smith died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gladys Smith Seaward, at Jackson. There were no services at the Farmington Cemetery, where the body of Mr. Smith also is buried.

Alexander Smith, who owned and edited the Enterprise a quarter of a century ago, later became a State official. His death came suddenly in February, 1909, while he was in the Capitol building at Lansing. Mr. Smith was a close friend of the late Governor Fred M. Warner, and was by him appointed to the estate in which he held at the time of his death.

A birthday party in honor of Mrs. William Irish of Farmington was given Saturday at the Fox and Hounds Inn at Bloomfield Center, by Mrs. Irish's daughter, Miss Mildred Adams. Friends from Detroit and Pontiac attended.