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Township Hopes For Settlement Of Hall Problem

Lack Of Facilities For Meetings And Official Business Pointed Out; Committee May Meet

With a number of months elapsed since the active effort to settle the Town Hall ownership difficulty was in progress, residents and officials of the Township are becoming more and more anxious about the ultimate decision of the problem. Throughout the Township there is discussion as to just what can be expected in the way of a settlement.

No meeting of the joint committee, consisting of three committees, representing respectively the Township, City, and Farmington Masonic Lodge, has been held recently, the representatives having been unable to agree on some plan for settlement. However, Floyd Nichols, chairman of the joint committee, said Thursday that he is quite willing to call another meeting of the committees.

The Township appears particularly desirous of a settlement because it had no centrally-located place to hold gatherings, and no adequate offices for Township officials and their records.

The joint committee was able to make but little headway last spring, different theories being held as to the method of approaching a settlement, as well as on details of the settlement itself.

FORD'S STATEMENT DOESN'T PERTURB LOCAL BANKERS

Farmington Bank Officials Believe Manufacturer Is Being Misinterpreted

Farmington bankers were not dismayed over the statement made to have been made a few days ago by Henry Ford, advising youth to spend, rather than save, and that "no successful boy ever saved any money."

Cashiers of both Farmington banks expressed the opinion that Mr. Ford's statement was probably being misinterpreted by great numbers of people. John Fitzpatrick, cashier of the Peoples State Bank, says:

"I hardly believe that Henry Ford meant his statement as it is being interpreted. When he said that 'no successful boy ever saved any money,' I am sure that he meant by that, that every young man should spend to improve." If for instance, he learns of a book which will help him to advance in the work he is doing, he should buy that book, without hesitating about the expense.

"Mr. Ford pointed out Edison as an example, which proves, I think, the correctness of my interpretation. Edison spent whatever money he earned to improve himself, until he had more than he could spend."

"It is necessary to remember, too, that only by saving can anyone have the money to spend on self-improvement. I am sure that Henry Ford is far too broad a man to encourage youth to spend recklessly for automobiles or anything else that catches their fancy."

Seven Checks of \$1,000 Each, Mother's Dowery, is Father's Gift to Children

A very interesting and wholly unique Pre-Christmas party took place last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baker, three and a half miles northwest of Farmington.

The entire family, children, grandchildren, numbering 22 had been invited and were present. Dr. H. Addis Leeson was the only guest outside the immediate family. After a pleasant evening with games and refreshments, the father played the part of Santa Claus in a most surprising and thrilling manner.

He held in his hand a formal legal document more than a third of a century old, which proved to be the legal bequest of \$1850 from Allen Butler of Inkster to his daughter, Miss Jennie Baker. This was the dowry which this young woman had brought to Mr. Baker at the time of their marriage. This wife, the mother of eight children, seven of whom were living and present at this gathering, died in 1916.

Through the years the father had felt that this dowry should go to the children and he stated that his circumstances had now become such that he was able to turn it over to them. But that instead of the original sum it had now increased by the process of semi-annual compound interest to \$7,000. Seven checks for \$1,000 each were then distributed to the surprised sons and daughters, as follows:

Alfred Baker, Inkster, Mich.
Richard Baker, 605 Hilledale drive, Royal Oak, Mich.
Mrs. Ernest M. Follakowski, 537 Nona avenue, Dearborn, Mich.
Mrs. Edna M. Cone, Wayne, Mich.
Edward Baker, Jr., Farmington, Mich.
Lamar Baker, Farmington, Mich.
Reberta Baker, 537 Nona avenue, Dearborn, Mich.

FUNERAL SERVICE IS HELD FOR THE LATE W. H. BURLEY

Resident Of Farmington For 20 Years Taken By Death Saturday

Funeral services were held Tuesday for William H. Burley, 56 years old, Farmington resident, who died Saturday at the Oakland County Infirmary at Pontiac. Mr. Burley was a retired farmer. He moved to Farmington 20 years ago, in 1908. He was married in 1865 to Laura Amelia Halsted, twelve children being born to them. Seven are still living in various parts of the country. The mother died September 10, 1891.

DON'T FORGET THE MASQUERADE DANCE AT WEST PARK COMMUNITY HALL, FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 5TH.

'Big Parade' For The Red, White And Blue

Farmington had a "Big Parade" of its own Wednesday night, when the Exchange Club luncheon, an appeal was made for 25 old style, clear-glass electric light bulbs, to be colored for the Community Christmas tree, and to be exchanged for new-type bulbs by the Detroit Edison Company.

With a few minutes the "parade" had begun, and over 50 bulbs had been brought by Mrs. How Olin Russell, Howard Warner, Harrison Johnson, Arthur Lamb, Dr. G. F. Weaver, and John Clark. Mr. Russell held the record with 32.

Thomas Street May Have First Paving Petition

Resident Promises To Make Attempt For Signatures On Shortest Street In City

Thomas street, Farmington's shortest thoroughfare, may win the honor of being the first street to be paved in Farmington. It appears certain, at least, that the first petitions for paving to be circulated in the City will be drawn up for that street.

After a discussion lasting three-quarters of an hour, most of which consisted of debate as to the cause of the present road condition, the Commission Monday night voted to authorize an expenditure of \$30 for signs to improve the street for the present. It appeared to be generally agreed that any considerable expenditure upon the street, aside from paving, could be a waste of money, and that paving alone would solve the problem.

Following the discussion, Al J. Laing, property-owner on the street, said that he would like to see the petition for paving and attempt to have it signed before January 1. Owners of fifty per cent of the property, according to valuations, fronting on the street must sign the petition before action can be taken by the Commission, according to the interpretation of the Charter by Commissioners.

DRUNKEN DRIVER RUNS PAST RED LIGHT, HITS CAR

Automobile Driven By Fred Maas Struck At Farmington Junction Corner

Fred Maas, of Farmington, "believes in signs," but another man didn't. The latter drove his machine on Farmington last Saturday evening to one driven by the Farmington man last Saturday evening, at Farmington Junction, and the two cars struck.

Maas was driving east on Grand River and halted for the light at Orchard Lake road, which is now under construction in the opposite direction was Raymond Boon of Wayne. Boon drove past the signal and into Maas' auto, and was arrested for driving while drunk.

Two Boys 'Don't Believe in Santa Claus' Anyway--So They Start South

Two thirteen-year old Detroit boys, of well-to-do families, who believe in cowboys, but not in Santa Claus, used Farmington as the jumping-off point Tuesday in their trip to Texas to "go on a ranch" and become cowpunchers. But they found that Farmington was also the end of their journey, and now the boys are at their homes—and perhaps there won't be any Santa Claus for them—this Christmas anyway.

First 'Goodfellow' Fund In Farmington Being Collected

American Legion And Exchange Club Join In Work For Community's Needy; Program Of Community Singing Planned Saturday

With over \$300 collected by Thursday morning, Farmington's first "Goodfellow Fund" instituted within the past week by Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, and the Farmington Exchange Club, was well on its way to success. The intense effort of the past few days will have as its climax a community Christmas program Saturday evening at the lighted tree in the Town Hall Park, with the handing out of Christmas sacks to the children, and distribution Monday of Christmas baskets to needy families of Farmington City and Township.

Special Invitation Is Given To Township

A special invitation to residents of Farmington Township, and all the communities near Farmington, to participate in the community Christmas program, is extended by the committee in charge. It is emphasized that the spirit is one for all the community.

Stands Mute On Bad Check Charge

Leslie Barnett, Former Employee Of Miss Jessie Power Arraigned For Forgery

Arraigned Thursday morning before Justice of the Peace John J. Schulte of Farmington on a charge of forgery, Leslie Barnett of North Farmington, refused to plead and was held for examination in \$1,000 bond with two sureties. He failed to supply the bond and was remanded to the County Jail.

Barnett, for nine years an employee of Miss Jessie Power, was arrested Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Lee Doyle on a warrant issued by Judge Schulte. The check on which the charge is based was cashed by John S. Ketchel of Pontiac, and was for \$64.50. It is alleged that Barnett signed the name of his former employer to a check for \$65, issued to himself, and cashed at the Ketchel Meat Market on December 6. The check was protested by the Peoples State Bank of Farmington. Ketchel, upon receiving the check, is said to have come to Farmington on December 15 and upon getting in touch with Barnett, was given another check for \$76.50, on which Jessie Powers name appeared.

MISS KNIGHT MOVES

Farmington loses one of its distinguished residents this week in the moving away of Miss Frances Knight, who with her parents, left their home in Farmington to take up residence south of Redford. Miss Knight is in charge of Methodist juvenile aid work of the State, and has moved to her new office at the new home for Methodist children near the Five-Mile road.

Farmington Men Are Named As Directors

E. O. Hatten, Carl G. Hogle, Leo Gildemeister, G. Gale Collins, and George Stuckey are named as directors of the new Clear Lake Development Company, formation of which was announced last week, to develop a new memorial park on Stuckey's farm on Eight Mile road, west of Farmington road. Other Farmington men are also interested in the company.