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Possible Airport Site Is Located By Committee

Aircraft Corporation Men Asked To Submit Details Of Their Program

Having located a possible site for a community airport the Farmington City Commission's airport committee is awaiting a detailed statement from the Aircraft Corporation of America, which is interested in locating here, as to its plans and manufacturing program. Representatives of the corporation have made several visits to Farmington and vicinity in the past week.

The site viewed favorably by the City Commissioners is a tract of 100 acres located on the 12-Mile road west of the North Farmington road. It is understood that the owner has offered to sell for \$30,000.

At a conference held in the Peoples State Bank Tuesday afternoon, the Commissioners, John Lathrup, Attorney A. L. Moore of Pontiac, and the aircraft company's representatives discussed the latter's plans for building a plant in or near Farmington.

Mr. Lathrup reassured his will be to help bring the factory to this section, and Mr. Moore emphasized that the desire is for establishment for a community airport, which would be available to all, and which could be used by other manufacturers, who might want to locate on land adjoining the landing field.

The corporation's representatives flew out to the field east of Dye's Inn on Grand River Sunday afternoon, and later took Mr. Lathrup up in the plane. The Farmington Commissioners paid a visit to the company's factory in Detroit Monday afternoon but it had been closed before they arrived. Three directors having come to Farmington to interview the Commissioners.

THREE ARE UNHURT AS CAR OVERTURNS UPON CAR TRACKS

Roadster Badly Damaged In Collision With Truck On Grand River

Three occupants of a small roadster, all residents of Farmington, escaped serious injury and possibly death last Friday evening when their machine collided with a truck and overturned upon the car tracks on Grand River avenue, a short distance west of Farmington Junction. The car was badly damaged. William Edwards, 547 Oakland road, was driving the car, owned by Norman Spaller, west on Grand River avenue. With him (Continued on page five)

WEST POINT PARK WINS FIRST; PLAYS CLARKSTON SUNDAY

Home Team Runs Over Visitors By 23 To 6 Score In Initial Contest

Displaying remarkable hitting power that delighted their followers, West Point Park's baseball team on Sunday opened the Inter-County League season by romping to an easy victory over the Pontiac Supply Company team, 23 to 6. Meanwhile Johnson, who had a bad first inning, pitched an excellent game, allowing the visitors but one run in their last eight times at bat.

Singles, doubles, triples, and one home run were combined for a total of 22 safe hits. The home run was made by Knoche; lanky and hard-hitting left fielder, who celebrated opening of his second season with West Point Park with some characteristic slugging. The home team scored in every inning, but the eighth.

In the field the team looked unusually good for a first game, giving Johnson well-nigh perfect support. On two occasions double plays pulled the home pitcher out of tight places.

Clarkston, a new team in the league and reputed to have a fan club, will visit West Point Park next Sunday. Carl Goers is slated to start his first game in the box. The game will start at 3 o'clock.

West Farmington Proud Of Girl's Perfect Score In Music Contest



EUGENIA REGENTIK—Detroit News Photo

4 Cottages Burn At Walled Lake

Less Totals \$20,000; Three Of Summer Homes Owned By Detroit Firemen

Owners of two of four cottages on the west shore of Walled Lake which were destroyed by fire early Monday morning, with losses totalling \$20,000, are already planning to re-build on the sites of their summer homes. The origin of the fire is still undetermined.

The four cottages are in the same row in "The Grove," as these owned by E. F. Holcomb, Dr. James A. Miller and Fred Pauline of Farmington.

Three of the four owners of the burned cottages are Detroit firemen. Their places were considered among the best on the lake shore, an offer of \$100 for one of them having been refused last summer. All of the cottages were insured.

The fire started at 2:30 a. m. Monday, in the cottage owned by Robert Dierker. It was first seen by Mrs. Fred Reynolds. There is no telephone in the Reynolds home and Mrs. Reynolds had to dress and run over to the home of F. J. Schmidt and awaken the Schmidt family before an alarm could be sent in.

By the time the firemen arrived the four cottages were nearly destroyed, but the volunteers saved the garages in the rear of two of the cottages, and also others nearby.

Mr. Dierker is understood to have been at the cottage Sunday afternoon, but for year-round use he had had no fire burning.

The other three cottages are owned by Fred Nesbit, James Handy, and J. F. Edwin, all of Detroit. Nesbit's cottage, which was furnished for year-round use, was valued at \$8,000. Mr. Nesbit having been the owner to refuse \$10,000 for the house and land last year. The other three were valued at \$4,000 each.

Ticket Sale Begun By Farmington Players For 'The Family Upstairs'

Tickets have been placed on sale by the Farmington Players for their next offering "The Family Upstairs," which will be presented at the Farmington Town Hall next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, May 21 and 22. The tickets are being sold at the F. L. Gook and Co. store.

Improvement and painting of the settings is expected to add much to the effectiveness of the presentation. Robert Cook and William Pauline, Jr. have worked on preparation of the stage effects.

The presentation on two nights is the result of the great demand for tickets at the last play, which was "sold out." Early reservations are urged by those in charge.

The appearance of Jean Gullen and John Lapham, and Norman Barrons, Jr. in the cast as youthful members of the New York East Side "family," has created much added interest in the play.

Ever since examinations began, boys and girls have chewed the ends of their pencils and wished they "could just remember that"—which they had known perfectly well just the night before. And in desperation they've guessed—and hoped for the best.

But not Eugenia Regentik of West Farmington School. As Henry Ford said of Lindbergh, so might it be said of Eugenia when it comes to music: "She knows that she knows what she knows."

Out of 250 boys and girls of Oakland County's 4th Clubs assembled at Lake Orion last Saturday, Eugenia was the one who in the music-memory contest recognized every piece played, and remembered the author's name and spelled them all correctly. She won the prize.

Eugenia's paper was letter-perfect. It had to be in order to win. For Audrey Julian of Poppleton school knows her music, too, and she knew it well enough to name every piece and the author. But her part of the contest she missed, thereby losing a tie for first honors. Some 20 pieces were played.

In dress-making, too, Eugenia has talents, for she was first in her school in second year work, and was style-champion, winning also a place in the County contest. Another West Farmington girl who is versatile is Alice Anfield, leader in first-year style-show work, and also health champion of the school.

The boys and girls spent the entire day at Lake Orion, participating in a program arranged by County leaders.

SANITARY CODE TO BE ENFORCED, CITY HEALTH HEAD SAYS

Uniform Application Of Ordinance Begins June 1, Says Dr. James Miller

The City of Farmington's sanitary ordinance which goes into effect on June 1 will be uniformly enforced, in order to protect the health of all residents, according to a statement made Thursday morning by Dr. James A. Miller, City Health Officer.

"Enforcement of the ordinance wherever conditions require improvement is absolutely necessary," declared Dr. Miller. "In some instances the situation demands just this sort of correction."

"There has been some talk against the ordinance, I understand," on the part of property-owners who claim that their tenants will be put to hardship if improvements are made and rent necessarily increased. However, I have talked to a number of tenants, and all have said they would be glad to pay the higher rent in order to get modern plumbing.

"We do not want to inconvenience anybody, but there is only one course we can take, and that is to require everyone to observe the regulations. That will be our policy."

School Faculty For The Coming Year Announced

Six New Teachers On Roster Of Farmington Schools For 1929-30

Completion of the faculty of Farmington Public Schools for the coming year is announced by Supt. Ralph B. Baker, six new teachers being on the list. Appointment of five of the six new members was approved by the Board of Education at its meeting last Thursday evening. The teaching staff for next year will be as follows, the new teachers being indicated by asterisks:

Maxwell Shadley is the new athletics coach, to succeed Fernando Brethour, who will coach at Ionia next year. Mr. Brethour will have charge of a large athletic program, and will have four assistant coaches under him, devoting practically all his time to athletic work.

Ralph B. Baker, superintendent; A. R. Crawford, principal; Lois McKellar, English; Edward C. Eaton, algebra, civics, economics; Emma Hyde, domestic science; Lynn Rohrer, commercial; Freda Chettle, Latin and history.

Helen Webster, English and French; Maxwell Shadley, science, coaching; Evelyn Edwards, clerk and librarian.

Lulu Loomis, music and art; Curtis Hall, eighth grade; Eldora Ruberg, seventh grade; Kenneth Bisbee, sixth grade; Lucille Halsted, fifth grade; Evelyn VanDyne, fourth grade; Mrs. Fred Green, third grade; Josephine Roe, second grade; Marie Murphy, first grade; Joan Wondergem, kindergarten; Winifred Thomas, opportunity room; Rosetta Barbour, school nurse.

ASSAULT CHARGE FOLLOWS TILT ON ORCHARD LAKE RD.

Complaint Alleges Driver Would Not Let Him Pass, Then Hit Him In Face

A complaint and a warrant were issued Thursday morning by Municipal Judge John V. Schulte, of Farmington on assault and battery charges of James H. Johnson, North Farmington, against Clyde Leet, also of North Farmington.

Johnson, who signed a criminal complaint against Leet, told police that Tuesday morning, while driving northward along Orchard Lake road, he tried to pass Leet's car, but that Leet sped up his machine to prevent Johnson's passing. Finally, Johnson related, he managed to pass Leet, near the 15-Mile road. "He continued on to the corner of the 14-Mile road, and stepped into a store there."

According to Johnson, a few minutes after he entered the store Leet came in and accused Johnson of "trying to ditch" him. An argument ensued, Johnson says, which culminated in Leet striking him in the face, causing a cut which required three stitches. Dr. E. F. Holcomb treating the injury. Johnson declares he was wearing glasses when struck.

Held For Assault
Alvin Papo, operator of a store at Grand River and Eight-Mile road, Clarenceville, pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault and battery on him which was arraigned Monday. Papo was arrested last week end.

BULLETIN

Three young men who are believed to have intended holding up a bank in Brighton were captured in Farmington Thursday afternoon by Deputies Doyle and Tamm, who had received a telephone call to halt the men from Deputy Marek at New Hudson.

The officers ran the car into the curb opposite the lumber yard. Two guns were said to have been found in the machine. The men were arrested and taken to Pontiac.

Land-Owner Has No Objection To Fill-In

That he has no objection to filling in of the steep bank on the north side of Shiawassee street near Warner street, providing no unsightly or unsanitary material is used, is the statement of Clinton McGee, owner of the land, in a letter received by City Clerk N. H. Power.

The opinion is expressed that if the filling-in is started at the bottom, the foundation created would eventually stop the eating-in of the bank.

Thug Worked In Restaurant Here

Holdup Man Was Chef In Farmington Before Lathrup Robbery

One of the two men who held up and robbed John Lathrup of Farmington on April 2, and who was arrested Saturday with eleven other youths in Detroit, alleged holdup men, had worked for some time in a Farmington Junction restaurant, possibly with a view to robbing his employer, it was revealed after the arrests last weekend. Mr. Lathrup picked both of the men who robbed him from a lineup of the twelve.

The alleged holdup man, Allen Roberts, alias "Scotty," 28 years old, was working as a chef at the Junction restaurant when he came to know of Mr. Lathrup, the latter said this week. "I picked him up in Farmington, while on my way to Pontiac one day," said Mr. Lathrup. "He rode down Grand River avenue with me to the Junction. On the way he said he was working at the Junction, and wanted to go into business for himself. I told him we had several oil stations and might have an opening for him. He got off at the Junction, and I went on to Pontiac."

The next meeting between Mr. Lathrup and Mr. Roberts was at Meadowbrook Inn, and it was a bit unpleasant for Mr. Lathrup, who was robbed of \$100 after being hit with a blackjack.

Mr. Lathrup had another inning Saturday evening, however, when he was called to Canfield Station by Detroit police and asked to view the 12 youths under arrest. He went into a darkened room and looked at the men lined up. He picked out Roberts at one end and Harry L. Keaton, 19, at the other. Then they were brought before him in daylight and he identified them again. "They didn't look at me—didn't want to I guess," said Mr. Lathrup.

Roberts is said to have confessed that he is wanted in England for wife-desertion, and to have served a prison term there, while Keaton, is reported to have been paroled in December from Ionia, where he was serving time for stealing an automobile.

Farmington Resident

Marks 85th Birthday

Mrs. Sarah Keith, mother of Alex Keith of Grand River avenue east, celebrated her 85th birthday Tuesday, receiving the congratulatory of many friends. Mrs. Keith is very active and goes shopping almost daily.

Mrs. Keith was born in Scotland. Her husband is dead and she has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Keith for the past 19 years.

Former Farmington Undertaker, Noted For Culinary Art, Is Dead

Word has been received here of the death of Augustus Neundorf at his home in Santa Monica, Calif.

He came to Farmington from his father's home at Garbora when a boy and entered the employ of Sergius P. Lyon, who conducted an undertaking business about where Fred Goers now lives.

At the death of Mr. Lyon in 1878 or soon after, Mr. Neundorf engaged in the undertaking business for himself and for many years occupied the premises now owned by Mr. Heenev.

A score of years ago or more he sold out and went to California where he had since resided.

Older residents of Farmington and vicinity will remember him at his business. He was somewhat effeminate in his appearance, a bachelor by choice, a splendid cook and an accomplished housekeeper whose home was a model of neatness and efficiency.

His love of flowers was a passion with him, and many a sick home in this vicinity was made lighter and more cheerful because of the flowers that "Guss" Neundorf sent to the afflicted.

"Kind acts never die."—Scribe.

State Surveys New Route For Part Of Cut-Off

Portion West of Farmington Road Would Run Farther North, Avoid Smith Property

While a committee of Farmington officials and citizens are preparing to go before the State Highway Committee Monday to urge widening of Grand River to Farmington this year, a staff of half dozen State engineers is at work surveying a possible new route for part of the "cut-off" road south of Grand River.

The survey is being made from Farmington road west to Grand River at the C. F. Smith property, and if adopted, would bring the "cut-off" back to Grand River considerably farther east than was at first planned. The men are at work under the direction of A. M. Comb, chief engineer of the State Highway Department's branch at the office at Pontiac.

The survey is the result of a recent offer by John Lathrup, made to State officials, to dedicate a 204-foot right-of-way through for the highway, much of the property along the route being owned by him. It also follows the route of a 20-foot drain for which surveys have been made. W. W. Lavers of the State Highway Department office at Plymouth, obtained plans of the Lathrup property last week.

"Misses Smith Property"
The proposed route is viewed as likely to be chosen because of long-standing objections by C. F. Smith to the building of a road through his property, as would be necessary were the original "cut-off" route followed.

The new route, reports on which are to be in Lansing, it is understood, by the first of next week, takes a northerly course from Farmington road, following low ground all the way to the Lathrup orchard, and through that orchard to Grand River, taking a sharp corner of the Smith property at that point. It is understood that Mr. Smith would be willing to donate that property should the route be approved for a highway.

Following the field surveys, the engineers are to make reports on the topography and other features of the land involved.

Still Opposes Road
An attorney for Mr. Smith was in Farmington Wednesday and declared that Mr. Smith has not altered in any degree his vigorous opposition, and is ready to fight at any attempt to cut through his acreage with a State highway. "Mr. Smith came out here for comfort and quiet when Grand River was a mud-road," he said. "Now they want to build a highway through his land and force upon him just what he wanted to avoid."

BAPTIST BUILDING FUND IS GIVEN GOOD START

A total of \$1,284 has been received for the Farmington Baptist Church building fund, it is announced by Rev. Elmer W. Palmer. With May 15 set as the date for payment of pledges, the amount proved very gratifying to the church leaders.

It is hoped to have \$3,000 on hand by June 1, plans being to have ground broken shortly after that. The building will be ready in September under present plans.

Frank R. Bowcott of Detroit visited in Farmington Wednesday.