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Hughes-Lathrup Jury Verdict 'No Cause Of Action'

Jury Finds For Defendant In \$10,000 Slander Suit Between Farmington Men

A suit between two Farmington men in Circuit Court at Pontiac was decided during the past week when a jury brought in a verdict of "no cause for action," the case of Ben C. Hughes, Detroit attorney, residing at "Morning-side," west of Farmington, and John Lathrup, wealthy retired farmer and realtor, who also lives west of the City.

Mr. Hughes' suit was for \$10,000, alleging slander. Mr. Hughes charged that Mr. Lathrup had called him a "shyster" and had been instrumental in having Mr. Hughes discharged as counsel for Joseph Shoemaker, Farmington Township, about a year ago.

The date of the supposed conversation during which Mr. Lathrup was alleged to have called Mr. Hughes a "shyster" was fixed as in May, 1929. Mr. Hughes offered a cancelled check which Mr. Lathrup had given him to discharge Mr. Hughes as Mr. Shoemaker's counsel.

Judge Glenn C. Gillespie submitted the case to the jury under act 217, Public Acts of 1915, under which he might enter judgment notwithstanding the verdict.

The suits of Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker against Mr. Lathrup were dismissed before the Hughes-Lathrup trial was heard in motion of Andrew L. Moore, attorney for the defendant. Mr. Hughes appeared in his own behalf and for the Shoemakers.

BAPTIST CHURCH HOLDS ITS ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTION

Officers Chosen To Head Various Departments; Reports Show Growth, Progress

Farmington Baptist Church held its annual meeting Wednesday evening, electing officers and receiving reports of various departments. Growth and progress were reported by each division, the congregation being in a good financial condition, considering the heavy financial burden entailed in building the new Sunday School structure during the past year.

Ray Howard and A. C. MacDonald were re-elected deacons, and Frank McGregory and James Smith trustees. Mrs. R. Shingee was re-elected a deaconess and Mrs. C. C. Kellogg was chosen as a new deaconess. James Smith was again named music director.

Mrs. Elmer Weston, who has been treasurer, was named to a new office, that of financial secretary. Cecil Kellogg was elected treasurer. Mrs. J. Sim, benevolent treasurer, Fred Wilkinson, building fund treasurer, and Ray Howard, Clerk, were all re-elected.

Leon Bury was again chosen Sunday School superintendent, with a new assistant, Russell Banks. Nevin Sturman was elected new adult superintendent, and Frank LaHaye his assistant. Mrs. E. W. Palmer was named to continue as head of the primary department, with Mrs. Shingee assuming the post of assistant. Mrs. Sidney Christmas is the new secretary.

Mrs. Bury was elected new cradle roll superintendent. Marjorie Cain was re-elected general secretary of the Bible School, with Russell Banks as the new treasurer.

Reports showed an increase in membership during the past year of 35, 25 by baptism and 10 by letter. This brings the church membership to 146.

Poles For New Street Signs Are In Place

Poles on which the new City of Farmington street signs will be placed have been set throughout the town, with the exception of those on Grand River avenue. The signs are expected from the manufacturers within a short time, some time having been required because of the baking and enameling process.

The signs along Grand River will not be erected until after the new paving is completed.

Man Who Had Farmington Water Shipped To Him Six Years Is Dead

Many people have paid tribute to Farmington's fine water. A number of Detroiters passing through the town stop on every trip to drink from the fountain at Grand River and Farmington road. They praise the water to their friends and new "customers" come.

But none have paid a compliment quite so high as William Thomas who had Farmington water shipped to him over a hundred miles away for six years. Mr. Thomas attributed much healthfulness to the Farmington

Service Is Held For C. Oldenberg

Resident Of Farmington For 64 Years Buried In Oakwood Cemetery

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for Charles T. Oldenberg, for 64 years a resident of Farmington, who died at the home of his son, Harold, on Sunday, Mr. Oldenberg had been ill about ten days.

Mr. Oldenberg was born in Germany, and came to the United States with his parents when about two years old. He had lived in Farmington since he was 17 years of age. His wife, Julia Mason Oldenberg, died in 1902.

Surviving are a daughter, Miss Winnifred Oldenberg of Farmington; two sons, William, Detroit, and Harold, Farmington; a sister, Mrs. Louise Bauer, Detroit; two grandsons, Charles and Donald, sons of Harold Oldenberg.

PLAN BOULEVARD LIGHTS ON GRAND RIVER TO REDFOUR

Poles Being Set For Improved Lighting From Six-Mile Road Down

Boulevard lights are to be installed on Grand River avenue in Detroit from Schoolcraft avenue westward from Schoolcraft to the Six-Mile road. Poles are being dug, poles have been delivered, and it is expected that connection of the new lighting system will be made place within the near future.

For years Grand River avenue in the outlying section of Detroit has been one of the most poorly lighted streets in the City, with only one string of lights to illumine the by-way. This has resulted in dangerous driving conditions at night.

The new and more powerful lamps, nearer the street surface, will be set close together and will, it is expected, transform Grand River into one of the best lighted thoroughfares in Detroit.

Benefit Fund For "Gus" Meissner Totals 63

A total of \$63 has been raised as a result of the benefit dance given recently on behalf of August Meissner, Farmington High School boy who was injured in football practice last fall. It was reported this week by Mayor Arthur Lamb.

The money will be used to pay for X-ray treatments in the hope the boy's regaining use of one leg which has not responded to treatment as rapidly as the other.

Play Ball! To Sound At Opener Friday

"Play Ball!" will be heard once more on the Farmington High School baseball grounds as the High School team begins its first league game of the season on the home grounds. Mayor Arthur Lamb is scheduled to pitch the first ball, and Supt. Ralph Baker has agreed to try to catch it.

The game will start at 4 o'clock, on the grounds east side the school buildings. Wayne will be the opposing team.

Schools Borrow To Aid Township Money Problem

Township Prevented From Borrowing, Districts To Obtain Funds On Loans

A partial solution of Farmington Township's temporary financial problem, caused by the large return of taxes in recent years, has apparently been found, in that school districts of the Township will borrow money to obtain the amounts which would ordinarily come to them at this time from the Township. The Township will issue warrants payable next year, and will pay the interest which the school districts must pay for use of the money.

The Township has run behind in late years, due to the large amounts of unpaid taxes, but the situation suddenly became serious when it developed recently, that the Township Board has no authority to borrow money for general expenses. In previous years this has been done, and it was intended this year to borrow \$45,000. A year ago \$40,000 was borrowed for operating expenses.

However, it was found recently that the Township Board's authority to borrow extends only to the road repair fund. The Board may borrow to the extent of three-fourths of the amount levied for road repair work, which in the case of the Township this year would be \$15,000, or only about one-third of the amount the Township needs. The road repair fund levy is \$20,000.

Banks Cannot Aid The Farmington banks, which have provided the loans in the past, stood ready to loan the money again this year, but when it developed that the Township Board had no authority to borrow, that which they might have prevented repayment, they were prevented from making the loans, nor could any other bank loan the money.

The only possibility of the Township Board obtaining money, it is understood rests in their authority to borrow an amount not exceeding \$1,000 for general expenses in case of failure of the Township voters to vote money for general expenses at the annual Township business meeting. This amount would be of little help to the Township at present.

Have Larger Powers Supervisor Arthur P. Goe and Members of the Township Board, After Much Discussion, Finally Developed the Plan of Asking the School Districts to Borrow. School Districts Would Have Authority to Borrowing Powers than Township Boards, and Practically All of the Boards of Districts Located in the Township have agreed, it is understood. This will solve the problem at least temporarily, it is expected, since the most urgent need of the Township financially is for money with which to pay the school districts their share of Township taxes. Several of the districts need the money badly to complete the school year.

TOWNSHIP CENSUS TAKER IS GIVEN 10-DAY EXTENSION

Tabulation Finished In More Thickly Populated Portion Of The Township

A ten-day extension for completion of his work has been granted to Herbert Lindstrom, census-taker for Farmington Township, it was announced this week. The size of the territory and the large amount of work necessitated more time.

Clarenceville and other thickly settled areas of the Township have been enumerated, but much remains to be done in the other parts. Farmers particularly are urged to cooperate with the census-taker to the utmost in order that the work may be speedily completed and the population announced.

In many cases residents of the Township have been away from home when the census-taker called. Slips were left to be filled out and mailed to Mr. Lindstrom. It is asked that these be mailed promptly, or another call will be necessary.

Mr. H. H. Parker of Clarenceville is ill.

Call For Bids On Sewer To Follow Approval Of Project

Vote Of 152 To 21 Authorizes City Commission To Proceed With Sale Of Bonds, Request For Bids; Bond Bids Date Is May 22

The voters of the City of Farmington having approved the \$55,000 bond issue for extending and improving the sewer system at the special election Monday, the City Commission is prepared to go ahead with the necessary procedure for construction of the system.

Bids will be called for and the bonds will be advertised for sale. No difficulty is expected in marketing the bonds at a favorable rate, as City Clerk Nathan H. Power has already received fifteen inquiries regarding the bonds.

School Emptied In 3 Minutes In Drill

A fire-drill was held in Farmington Schools Thursday with Fire Chief Bernard Banfield and Chief of Police Lee Doyle in attendance. They reported the pupils of both buildings did well, all being out in less than three minutes.

The children in the lower grades were even faster in getting out than the older pupils. Fire-drills every week or every two weeks may be recommended by the fire chief.

Seek Air Glider Field Near Here

Detroit Club Asks Use Of Hill; Lathrup Reported Interested

A request that may lead to establishment of an air glider flight location in the vicinity of Farmington, and which would probably center much attention on the community, was received this week and is occupying the attention of interested citizens.

The communication, from the ABC Glider Club of Detroit, asking for "a suitable hangar and flight location," from which the gliders might take off, was read at the meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon. Accessibility to a main road, such as Grand River, is an important consideration.

It was reported Thursday that John Lathrup, who has shown much interest in possibilities of developing some aviation project in the vicinity of Farmington, had heard of the glider club's request and was much interested in it.

Anyone having land which might be suitable for the glider club's purpose, and which would be willing to allow the club to use, is asked to communicate with the Exchange Club, E. W. Palmer, secretary, or with the Enterprise.

The letter requesting a site is as follows: April 26th, 1930, Farmington Board of Commerce, Farmington, Michigan.

We are looking for a suitable hangar and flight location for our Glider Club. If you have any public spirited property owners, as I know you must have, who would be willing to allow us to use one of their hills, I am sure Farmington would benefit a great deal from the advertising received.

We need a field accessible to some main road, with a gradual slope, having no fences or other obstructions at the base of the hill. If you have such a location available we will gladly send our Technical Committee to view same.

Thanking you in advance for any suggestions you may have, we remain Yours very truly, ABC Glider Club No. 25, Melvin P. Lanphar, Pres.

Runaway Car Crashes Into Garage Building

A door in the former Oakland, Pontiac garage at Farmington and State street was smashed Sunday when a driverless motor car ran down the Farmington road grade and crashed into the building.

The occupants of the car had stopped at the corner of Grand River and Farmington roads to buy refreshments, the driver leaving the car parked facing south on Farmington road. It started down the grade and stopped only after it had travelled the short block to the garage. The owner agreed to pay for the damage done.

Vote On Sewer Bond Issue

Yes 152
No 21
Total 173

WEST POINT PARK TEAM JOINS DOWN RIVER LEAGUE

Opening Game Of Season To Be On West Point Grounds May 11

West Point Park's baseball team, which last year won the Inter-County League championship, has joined the Down-River League, an organization comprising seven other fast teams. It was announced this week by Harry Wolfe.

The opening game of the league season will be played Sunday, May 11, at the West Point Park grounds, with West Dearborn as the opposing team. The Down-River League is composed of teams from River Rouge, Lincoln Park, Dearborn, West Dearborn, Ecorse, Pennsylvania, Railroad, D. T. and I. Railroad and West Point Park.

A band and other features are planned for the opening game. West Point Park will have this year strong pitchers, Carl Goers, Shields and Johnson.

Farmington Men Hear C. F. Kettering Address

Among three hundred bankers of Detroit and lower Michigan who attended the sixty-fifth semi-annual meeting of the Detroit Bankers' Club at the Book-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, last Thursday evening were several residents of Farmington. They heard C. F. Kettering, vice-president of the charge of research for General Motors Corporation, outline his views of the present and forecast something for the future.

Those attending from Farmington were Howard M. Warner, Edgar S. Pierce, Floyd Nichols and Hinman Nichols.