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City Sewer Bonds Bring High Price; Six Concerns Bid

Unusually High Premiums Offered For Farmington Issue; Guardian Highest

With six companies of the first rank bidding high for the issue, bonds for the new City of Farmington sewer construction to be undertaken this summer were sold Monday evening at a special meeting of the City Commission. The successful bidder was the Guardian Detroit Company, which offered an interest rate of four and three-quarters per cent and a premium to the City of \$26. This premium comes to the City in cash as soon as the bonds are approved.

The offer brought bids from firms as far distant as Chicago. Four and three-quarters per cent and the remaining one is a Toledo, O., company. All named the same interest rate, but the premiums offered ranged from \$88.50 up to the highest figure.

The offers made by the bonding companies were regarded as exceptional. George H. Ruhling, engineer, who has been connected with projects of a number of municipalities in recent years, said the bids were the best in his memory.

"Farmington may feel highly complimented," said Mr. Ruhling. "The bonding companies certainly must think a lot of the town and its financial condition. I cannot recall such high prices offered, or any time when there have been six bids anywhere. We consider it good when a city or village gets two or three offers, and some of them cannot get any. I have been connected with nine municipal bond issues in recent months, and for six of them no bids at all were received."

The Guardian Detroit Company also offered an alternate proposal, quoting 4 1/2 per cent for the first part of the bond period, and 4 1/4 per cent for the latter part with a premium of \$11. It was decided that incidental expenses likely to develop in connection with the sewer construction would provide an opportunity to use the premium to good advantage this year, and the other offer was accepted.

PREPARATION IS BEGUN FOR ANNUAL HONOR BANQUET

Committees Of P. T. A. Selected; Over 50 Students To Be Honored June 12

Arrangements are being made for the annual honor banquet to outstanding students of Farmington High School under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher Association. The banquet will be held Thursday evening, June 12, in the Methodist Church dining-room.

Between 50 and 55 students are eligible to attend the banquet this year, according to a statement by Principal A. R. Crawford. The list will be announced next week. Athletes will be included, as well as those who lead in scholastic work.

Committees for the banquet were appointed at the P. T. A. meeting last Thursday evening by President Elmer V. Palmer. Mrs. Lee Hill was named chairman, others being Mrs. Durham, A. R. Crawford and Miss A. Mackellar. Tickets may be obtained from:

Mrs. E. A. Fink and Mrs. Ben Starns are joint chairmen of the Kitchens committee and will select their assistants, and Mrs. Lee Pangel is chairman of the dining-room committee.

It is urged that parents and others interested themselves in the event in order that a large attendance may be assured and the event carried through in a firm financial basis.

NORTH FARMINGTON MAN IS ROBBED OF 177.00

John C. Brunk, whose home is at 29220 Greening boulevard, Oakland Orchard, was robbed of \$177 at his gasoline station on Seven Mile road north of Farmington. A feature of the robbery was that Brunk said two men entered his sleeping quarters above the filling station at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning and took the money.

'Could Scrap All Motor Laws If We Learned Courtesy' -- Safety Director



H. O. ROUNDS

Urges One School Board For County

Elimination Of District Boundaries, Local Boards, Declared "Next Forward Step"

Elimination of school district boundaries and shelling up of a single board of education for the entire county was urged as "the next big forward-reaching movement in education" by Archie C. Leonard, deputy county commissioner of schools, before the Farmington Parent-Teacher Association last Thursday evening in the high school auditorium.

Equalization of educational opportunity and the school tax burden, economy and greater efficiency were described as advantages results of the proposed change.

"Popular education is the most economical means by which a democracy may discipline its citizens," said Mr. Leonard. "It is cheaper to build schools than prisons or insane asylums. Does it not follow that democracy should provide every citizen equal opportunity for education, through an equal distribution of the tax burden?"

Great Variation

Mr. Leonard showed a chart of the property in Oakland County assessable for school purposes. In one district in Pontiac Township he said, there is \$3,000 worth of assessable property back of every child for school purposes, while in Southfield District No. 7 there is \$195,000, in Southfield District No. 11 \$119,000, but in Southfield District No. 9, only \$3,000 to \$4,000. "It makes some difference which side of the road you live on," said Mr. Leonard. "Yet we call this democracy!"

In a nine-year period, said the speaker, the average of school tax rates had varied from \$1.50 on \$10,000 valuation in Bloomfield District No. 5, to \$37.60 per \$1,000 in Southfield District No. 9. (Continued on page four)

WEST POINT LOSES TO RIVER ROUGE AFTER EARLY LEAD

Visitors Pile Up Runs After Goers Leaves Box; Highland Park Next

After being ahead 7 to 1 in the early stages of the game, West Point Park baseball team bowed to River Rouge Sunday after a change of pitchers. The score was 19 to 8.

Carl Goers started his first game of the season for West Point Park and held the River Rouge team to a single run in four innings. Meanwhile, West Point Park had piled up seven runs.

After the fourth inning, however, Goers was replaced by John Son, who was able to get but one run. River Rouge man out of the box was supplanted by Shields, River Rouge, having scored almost at will in the meantime. Shields finished the game for West Point Park. River Rouge used two pitchers, Howard and Corbin, in the first two innings. The game was the holding of Leonard Milross, West Point Park's fast new shortstop. Next Sunday afternoon, Highland Park comes to West Point Park. A radio set will be given away at the game.

"Obedience of the law will prevent accidents," was the message brought forcefully to members of the Farmington Exchange Club and the Boy Scout troop Wednesday noon by H. O. Rounds, director of safety of the Detroit Automobile Club. "Fourteen hundred and forty people were killed in Michigan in 1929," said Mr. Rounds. Of these, 45 were children. In Oakland County, which was next to Wayne in killings, 79 lost their lives, and of these, 33 were children.

Mr. Rounds placed blame upon the shoulders of pedestrians as well as drivers. He said that two-thirds of those killed were pedestrians who do not protect themselves and the "if you were wonderful if we could even get them to obey the traffic signals at the corners."

The five causes of traffic killings, in order of their importance were told by Rounds. First is heading the right-way down the other fellow. Second is failure to give a signal when stopping, turning, or drawing up to or leaving the curb. "Depending on a mechanical signal is not enough. In any case you must give an intelligible signal, and stop-lights often do not work," said Mr. Rounds. The third is cutting in ahead.

"Lack of Courtesy" The first three, Mr. Rounds said, could be included under one heading—"lack of courtesy." "If we ever learn what courtesy means in connection with the operation of a motor car, he declared, "We can scrap all our laws—we won't need them. Men who will rise instantly when a woman comes into the room and give her a seat, when they meet her in a motor car at the corner, instead of letting her pass, will step on the gas. And the women are just as bad."

"The fourth cause of motor deaths is exceeding the speed limit," said Mr. Rounds. "There is no speed limit in the country roads in Michigan now, but in cities there is a limit, 20 miles an hour in the residence section and 15 miles in the business section."

"Not An Accident" "When a man takes an automobile out on the road and puts it up to 50, 60 or 70 miles an hour, and in a little while it climbs a telegraph pole—we call it an accident, but that isn't an accident—that's suicide."

"All accidents occur in emergencies," continued Mr. Rounds. "And whatever the law, if you are going fast enough so that you are not in time to stop in an accident, you are exceeding the speed limit. You know, Webster's dictionary defines a 'dumb-bell' as a stick that has a block on each end, but our trouble is with sticks that have a block on just one end."

Driving while drunk is the fifth in rounds of motor car deaths, Mr. Rounds stated, and the hardest for police to combat.

"Should Be Taught" That safety be taught in public schools as part of the educational program, rather than as a brief separate work, was the plea of Mr. Rounds. "Of what use is it to educate children if we can't teach them to protect themselves?"

Eighty per cent of the people would obey the law, the speaker said. "If they only knew what it was. Yet a copy may be obtained from the Detroit office of State's (Continued on page five)

Nine Mile To Be Paved; Objections Only 20 Per Cent

County Road Commission Expected To Proceed With Project Next Week

While no decision has yet been made by the Oakland County Road Commission on the paving of the Nine Mile road from Southfield road to Grand River following the hearing of objections last week, it is expected that the objections filed will not be regarded as sufficient to stop the project, and that bids will be called for early next week.

It is said that the property owners of which made objection, does not amount to more than 20 per cent of the area in the assessment district, and it is pointed out that their objections were only to paving "at the present time."

Practically all of the objectors, it is said, are located in the vicinity of Telegraph road, the paving of which will give them a paved road outlet at State expense. It is reported a review of the objections indicates that aside from these, the objectors do not hold more than two per cent of the property in the assessment area.

Three Sections The fact that the seven-mile stretch may be regarded as divided into three sections, partly by natural divisions, is said to account for most of the objection. These sections consist of two miles at the east end in which there is said to be insistent demand for the pavement, three miles in the center in the vicinity of Telegraph road, and the two miles at the west end, in which the sentiment is in favor of the road.

There are three rather costly bridges to be constructed and "fills" to be made in the center section, and it is believed that some of the objection lies in an effort to avoid this construction. There was no opposition to paving the two miles at the east end.

It is contended, however, that the Nine Mile road is certain to be paved some time, and that if the east two miles only were to be paved now, the cost of the three bridges would be thrown on the remaining five miles, whereas it would be more fair for the entire stretch to share this unusual expense.

Might Save Portion It is possible that the paving this year might not exceed the laying of concrete on the east two miles, which would give that area a paved outlet and serve to postpone a large part of the expense.

The Road Commission will hold the matter open until Monday, according to Commissioner Isaac Bond. Unless further and more serious objections appear, it is expected that bids on this and half a dozen other roads in the County will be called for.

PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS WOMEN TO BE ORGANIZED

Farmington Business Women Will Form Club At Dinner Meeting Monday

An organization of business and professional women of Farmington and vicinity is to be formed at a meeting next Monday evening, June 2.

At the meeting, which will be held at Rossmore Hill, the work of organizing will be carried out, with Miss Mary Blumfield of Royal Oak, State president of the Michigan Federation of Business and Professional Women, in attendance. Miss Blumfield will be the speaker of the evening.

Officers will be elected and by-laws adopted by the new group. Invitations have been sent to Farmington women inviting them to participate in the organization.

Miss Emily Butterfield is the moving spirit in organization of the Farmington Club, being also president of a similar organization in Detroit. She is in fact the originator of the idea of clubs of this kind for women, and a national organization has been built up.

John Lathrun and Albert Sulkowski spent Thursday in Salem.

Farmington Boy In Record-Setting Run

Although beaten by a foot at the tape, Phil McCully of Farmington High School forced the winner to break the record in the 120-yard low hurdles at the State track meet from Grand River schools last Saturday afternoon at Lansing. Thomas of Constantine High won the event in 14 and 4-5 seconds, three-fifths of a second under the record.

The place gave Farmington three points, its only score. Jack Jyleen was entered in the javelin throw.

Three Held For Novi Oil Theft

Fourth Man Is Sought; Shortage In Year Totals 163 Gallons

Three men have been taken into custody and a fourth is being sought in the theft of a large quantity of oil and shortage of an unknown amount of gasoline from the tanks of the Farming and Novi Oil and Gasoline Corporation at Novi during the past year. All are residents of this part of the County, and about 23 years old.

Ted Bryant, Wixom, married, Ace Hauteberge, single and Edward French, married, Oakland, are the three who were arrested. Kenneth Atkinson, married, of Detroit, is still being hunted. Bryant is a former employe of the company.

It is said that an inventory on May 14 showed a shortage of 163 gallons of oil, the last previous inventory having been taken a year previous. It is charged almost about two weeks ago, on May 14 last, at night, Bryant and French were caught taking seven gallons of gasoline from the tanks. Bryant and French are said to have implicated the other two. Warrants for all were issued on charges of grand larceny.

The three were taken into custody Monday by Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt. Bryant has been free on his own recognizance and Hauteberge on \$500 bond, but French has been in jail in default of \$500 bail.

Mark C. Wixom of Farmington is manager of the oil company, formerly the Western Oil and Gas Company.

FOUR FIRES IN 30 HOURS SET RECORD FOR DEPARTMENT

Four Calls Received Within 30 Hours; Home And Barn Destroyed

Four fires within the 30-hour period from early Friday afternoon to Saturday evening set a record for Farmington volunteer fire department in recent years. A house and barn were burned to the ground and another house was damaged. At the fourth fire there was little loss.

The department was called about 2 o'clock Friday afternoon when fire was discovered in Starr Graham's barn in West Farmington. The barn, which contained a quantity of hay, was a total loss. The department saved out-buildings nearby.

Friday night flames were seen at a house on Colgate avenue, in the Stecker-Ball subdivision. No one was in the house at the time. The house was saved, the inside of the front room being damaged.

Saturday morning about 1:30 a. m., the home of George Hesburn on Waldron avenue, Harcourtville, near Farmington road, was destroyed. Fire started from a chimney. The Hesburns, who have a large family, managed to save a large portion of their clothing and furniture.

The department was called Saturday evening to a house owned by Clarence Utley on East Oakland road. The flames were put out without difficulty, only a small part of the roof having been burned.

Miss Helen Sealey, who has been teaching in the Jones District near Holly, closed her school last week and has returned home for the summer vacation.

100-Ft. Right Of Way Goes Only To Lumber Yard

City Commission Committee Named To Seek Dedications As Fas As Ford Garage

The 100-foot right-of-way on Grand River avenue in Farmington obtained by the State Highway Department extends only as far west as the Farmington Lumber and Coal Co. yard and not into the business section at the Ford garage. It was learned by the City Commission at its meeting Monday night.

As a result of this information the Commission voted to authorize a committee to attempt to obtain dedications of property which would make the right-of-way at least 84 feet wide as far west as the Ford garage. The committee, consisting of Commissioners Amos Otis, Carl Goers and Carl Hogle, is expected to interview the owners of property in the section named this week. A report is expected at the Commission meeting next Monday night.

P. E. Bradt, right-of-way representative and C. A. Cowgill, engineer of the State Highway Department, attended the meeting and advised the Commission that the State had planned the 100-foot right-of-way only to the lumber yard, leaving the remainder at its present width, 66 feet. The pavement width is to be the same throughout 50 feet.

No Appropriation The representatives said that the State would like to have the right-of-way along the remainder of the stretch 100 feet wide, but that no appropriation had been made for acquiring frontage west of the lumber yard. It was suggested that an additional 10 feet on each side would be highly desirable, if not absolutely necessary, in order to allow for some space between the sidewalks and the curbs.

On the present 66-foot basis, it was explained, there would be a space of only two feet between sidewalk and curbs, 45 feet being taken up by pavement, six by car tracks, and five on each side by sidewalks. One foot on each side must also be deducted because of the fact that sidewalks are usually set a foot outside the property line.

Would Not Disturb It was explained that acquiring an 84-foot or 100-foot right-of-way, if such could be obtained from the property-owners, would not mean that the houses would be moved back or anything disturbed at present, but that if the section were built up in the future, new construction would be located on the 100-foot right-of-way basis.

It was stated that if the City Commission could obtain dedications of frontage for the 100-foot right-of-way, the State would probably be willing to stand the expense of putting in new sidewalks.

Plans do not call for laying of new pavement in the business section, it was stated, but only for laying of seven feet of additional concrete on each side of the present strips between the lumber yard and the Ford garage. The space between the car tracks will be filled with crushed stone and tar. New steel trolley-rails may be laid.

GLADYS BAKER TO BE MARRIED TO DENVER, COL. MAN

Marriage Of Farmington Young Woman To Be On June 15 At M. E. Church

A June wedding of interest will be that of Miss Gladys Winifred Baker, of Farmington, to Stanford Delane Boucher of Denver, Colo., which will be solemnized Sunday, June 15, at 2:30 p. m., at the Farmington Methodist Church, at the close of the baccalaureate sermon. Dr. Leeson will perform the ceremony.

Following a reception at the bride's home, the couple will leave for a visit to Chicago.

Oswald Husted and Carl E. Husted of Detroit, came out to accompany their mother, Mrs. Louise Husted, at the mother and son banquet last Friday evening.