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Sewer Plans Are Given Approval By State Head

Bureau Of Engineering Of Health Department Puts O. K. On City System

Plans for extension of the Farmington sewer system have been approved by the Bureau of Engineering of the State Department of Health, according to information received Monday night by the City Commission from Edward D. Rich, director of the Bureau.

The City is ready for the charter amendment vote on July 21, which is to clear up inconsistencies between the State law and the City Charter. No difficulty is anticipated in passage of the amendment, in view of the overwhelming endorsement of the sewer project by the people some time ago.

The question has been asked as to whether the proposed amendment does not give the City Commission too much power. In this connection it is pointed out that the amendment does not give the Commission any unusual authority, but only the same as that conferred by the Home Rule Act of the State, which has been in force for some time.

It is emphasized also that the amendment does not give the Commission power to spend ten per cent of the assessed valuation in one year, which would be \$263,000. It permits the Commission to create indebtedness of not over two per cent, or \$52,000, in one year, and expressly prohibits contracting indebtedness at any time which will make the City's total debt over ten per cent of the assessed valuation.

Thus if the City Commission contracted for every dollar of indebtedness possible under the amendment each year, it would reach the limit of ten per cent even disregarding the debt standing at the beginning of the period.

Suggests Minor Change

In his letter notifying the City of approval of the sewer plans, Mr. Rich suggested a minor change which would not interfere with the plans, being merely a change in the grade at one point. The letter stated that the approval thereon would not affect the question of discharging the sewer into the River Rouge, or pollution of the stream.

In a letter which the Commission received and filed Monday night, E. A. Fink of Grand River avenue, protested against the sewer emptying into the stream. Mr. Fink said that although he believed the sewer system is much needed, it should not discharge into the stream, and that he was opposed to it even though a change has been made in the plans so that the Grand River section will not terminate anywhere on his land. He stated that he has protested previously, and suggests a disposal plant to receive the sewage.

Farmington Man Made Assistant Professor

St. Clair A. Switzer of Farmington is serving as special instructor and psychological advisor at Camp Indjanela for Boys on Lake Mendota, at Madison, Wis. Mr. Switzer, who has spent the past year at Miami University, Oxford, O., will return there next fall, having been advanced from instructor to assistant professor of psychology.

Mr. Switzer is preparing a laboratory manual in psychology, to be published within the coming year. He has already won an enviable reputation as a scholar in his field.

Mr. Switzer will spend some time in Farmington this summer, coming to take charge of the business of Stanley Smith Farmington druggist, while the latter is on an Alaskan tour.

Farmington Couple Made Happy On Golden Wedding Anniversary

To few married couples comes the distinction and happiness of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. Such a joyful event however came to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Edwards of Shiawassee street, Farmington last week, on Friday, July 4, and Farmington citizens and business men conspired to make the day a notable one.

While Mr. and Mrs. Edwards were planning a quiet day at home together, their friends and fellow-townspople were engaged

in some plans of their own. These culminated in a visit to the couple Friday morning by Nathan H. Power and A. L. Ross.

Mr. Power told Mr. and Mrs. Edwards of the esteem in which they are held by Farmington people, and on behalf of the community presented them with a purse of over \$50. Mr. Ross then brought forth a beautiful "fiftieth anniversary wedding cake." It was frosted white, and further decorated with gold frosting, including, on the top, the words "50 years."

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards did not recover from their surprise and bewilderment for some time. For days Mr. Edwards, going back and forth to the postoffice, had passed the cake in the window of the Farmington Bakery, never dreaming that it was for him.

It all started more than a year ago. A few days before the fourth of July, Mr. Edwards remarked to Rev. Elmer Palmer that the fourth would mark the forty-ninth anniversary of his marriage. It occurred to Mr. Palmer at once that July 4 of this year would be the couple's golden wedding anniversary, and he "tucked it away in his memory" for future use.

About a month ago, Mr. Palmer brought before the Farmington Exchange Club the idea of surprising Mr. and Mrs. Edwards on their anniversary with a gift from the community. The Club endorsed it heartily and N. H. Power and Thomas McGee were appointed a committee to carry out the suggestion. Business and professional men of the town gladly made contributions, and arrangements were made for baking of the cake. All was carried out with secrecy in order that Mr. and Mrs. Edwards might not hear, and the surprise lose its effect.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards wish to express their appreciation to the community for bringing them happiness on their anniversary.

New Type Traffic Lights Approved

Signals Mounted On Posts Commanded By Officials And Motorists

During a week of operation, Farmington's new traffic signals at Grand River and Farmington road have received much commendation from officials and motorists.

The new signals present a pleasing appearance and are visible for a much greater distance than the old overhead-type light. They are mounted on poles which carry street signs of the New York City type, with the name of the street in large letters, and that of the cross-street in smaller lettering above.

The wiring is not completed, there being a relay yet to be installed. When this is connected up, the change from "red" will be directly to "green," without the amber light showing. The warning light will continue to show, of course, before the green gives way to the red.

Through an arrangement made by County Road Commissioner Isaac Bond and Police Commissioner Emory Hutton, the two new signals cost the city only \$30. Commissioner Bond arranged to have the County take the signal at \$100, the list price of the two post-type signals being \$198.

FUNERAL TO BE HELD FRIDAY FOR CARL RIENAS, 70

Former Resident Of Farmington To Be Buried In West Farmington

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon for Carl Rienas, 70 years old, who died Tuesday at Deaconess Hospital, Detroit. Services will be held at 2 o'clock at his late home in Plymouth, and at 3 o'clock in Salem Evangelical church, Farmington. Burial will be in West Farmington Cemetery.

Mr. Rienas, who left Farmington about ten years ago, had been ill about a year. He was in the hospital seven weeks. He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Minnie Rienas, two daughters, Mrs. Emma Kurz and Mrs. Clara Woodard of Farmington, and two sons, Edward and Charles of Plymouth, besides three grandchildren.

Mr. Rienas, before moving to Plymouth, had resided west of Farmington. Rev. A. A. Schoen will officiate at the funeral services.

Hold Demonstrations Of Electrochef Range

Demonstrations of the new Electrochef range put on the market by the Detroit Edison Company are being held in Farmington. Demonstrations will be held Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon, from 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock, at the Methodist Church auditorium.

Women of the community are extended a cordial invitation to attend the demonstrations.

Valuations Of City, Township And County Set

Equalization Committee of Board of Supervisors Makes Its Report

Recommended valuations of Farmington Township and City, as well as of the rest of Oakland County, were reported to the County Board of Supervisors Thursday morning by the equalization committee, for consideration by the Board. Adoption of the report is to be considered Friday morning by the supervisors.

Valuations of Farmington City and Township, as set by Assessor James L. Hogie and Supervisor Arthur P. Coe. were adopted by the committee without change. Farmington Township's valuation is set at \$8,242,987, and the City's at \$2,633,039.

The County's total valuation is set at \$381,411,021, by the committee, as compared with \$376,692,984 a year ago, an increase of a little less than five million dollars.

The City of Pontiac has the largest valuation, \$130,038,274. This is a reduction of about \$205,000 as compared with the 1929 valuation, but apparently this did not satisfy Pontiac's City Assessor, Charles H. Harmon, a member of the equalization committee, and Mr. Harmon submitted an alternate report which would, if accepted, reduce Pontiac's valuation over ten million dollars more. Assessor Harmon's own valuation of the City of Pontiac was exactly \$26,000,000 less than that put upon it by the committee of supervisors.

B. J. Wardlow of Highland Township is chairman of the equalization committee, of which Mayor Arthur Lamb of Farmington is a member.

LAST RITES ARE HELD HERE FOR WILL BOTSFORD

Former Resident Buried In Oakwood Cemetery; Dies At Detroit Home

Died at his home in Detroit July 5 Charles W. Botsford, aged 72 years. He was born in a house that stood a few rods north of the McGee Hill on his father's farm. Lemuel Botsford, his grandfather, was one of the early pioneers of Farmington.

He was the son of Orville Botsford and Sophia Gage. He received his education in the Farmington schools.

"Will" Botsford as he was called by his many friends, at an early age became actively interested in the social and political affairs of the town. In politics, he was a Democrat and a sincere believer in the principles and Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson. When he resided in Farmington that organization, then as now, was in a decided minority but owing to his aggressive leadership they often elected their men in the annual township elections. At Pontiac he was well known and held in high esteem by the leaders of his party in that city and the County.

Until 1885 he engaged in Farmington mail service and to the railway mail service and to the branch of the Government service gave 83 of the best years of his life. It was in this work that he barely escaped with his life. In a wreck at East Paris Mich., the mail car which he was in was crushed in a head-on collision. (Continued on page eight)

PLAN ANNUAL REUNION

The annual Conroy family reunion and pot luck picnic will be held this year on July 20, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Conroy, Farmington.

Lively Meetings Forecast In Four School Districts

Record Attendance Expected In Farmington; Interesting Meeting Anticipated In Clarenceville; Four Candidates For Two Places In Pierson

Electors of school districts throughout this area are preparing for the annual meetings next Monday evening, with discussion indicating four lively sessions in as many districts.

Chicken Thieves Put In Their Appearance

Chicken thieves have made their annual appearance in this vicinity. Forty chickens were reported stolen from the farm of Elmer Empson of Nine-Mile road west, Farmington Township, and 50 from F. J. Chapman, of South Lyon road, in Novi Township. Owners of poultry are warned to take all possible precautions.

Drunken Driver Smashes 3 Cars

Detroit Gets 75 Days In County Jail After Causing Wrecks; Four In Auto

A sentence of 75 days in the County Jail at Pontiac, without an option of a fine, was meted out to Clarence Yerkes, 2010 Sturtevant, Detroit, by Judge Harry Harpster of Pontiac on Thursday morning, after Yerkes had smashed three machines, including his own, on Grand River avenue. The charge was drunken driving.

Yerkes was driving east below Farmington Junction Wednesday night. His machine sidwiped two others and the left front wheel of Yerkes' car was broken, but he still tried to go on. He was captured by Deputy Sheriffs William Tamm and Joseph DeVriendt.

Two women and another man were in the car with Yerkes. The party was said to have been at Walled Lake.

The other drivers whose cars were badly damaged were Ray Fuson and William Hier of Detroit. Both were driving light machines.

THIEVES CAUGHT TAKING WINDOWS, DOORS, FROM HOME

Two Men Get 30 Days Each; Ripped Loot From House North Of Farmington

A brazen attempt to carry off doors and windows from a house on a heavily-travelled road was frustrated when officers caught the two men involved. The men, James Sweeney of North Farmington and George Gibson of Detroit, pleaded guilty and were sentenced to 30 days each in the County Jail by Judge John J. Schulte of Farmington.

The two had ripped doors and windows from the house owned by Joseph Serrill on North Farmington road, near Nichols' Corners. They were seen and Deputy Sheriff William Tamm and Joseph DeVriendt called. They arrived just as Sweeney and Gibson were about to drive away with their plunder.

Gibson told Judge Schulte that he is building a home at New Hudson and has it completed and nearly paid for.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

The North Farmington Cemetery Auxiliary will hold their next meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Graham July 15. Supper will be served. Everyone is invited.

Mrs. Grace Anglim and friend were in Detroit, Monday.

Voters of Farmington, Clarenceville, Pierson and Farmington Township No. 6 Districts are each to choose two new trustees for their boards of education. Already four candidates have been nominated for the two vacant places in Pierson School District, which uses the petition system of nominating, and the Australian ballot, keeping the polls open two hours.

An attendance reaching close to 200 at Farmington high school auditorium next Monday evening would not cause surprise. The meeting will be called at eight o'clock by Mrs. Blanche Ross, president of the Board of Education. Election will be held to fill the expiring terms of Trustees Arthur Lamb and Frank T. Macomber. Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Florence Lee, and Lloyd Gullen remain as members of the Board. Clarenceville Elects

Reports indicate that the meeting at Clarenceville will not be a merely routine affair. The terms of Fred Lahr, secretary, and Setaur Uujan, treasurer, expire. President Walter Hedrick, H. Sauva, and Elmer DeHany continue as members of the Board.

Battle At Pierson
In Pierson School District the terms of Albert Nacker and Earl Wolfe expire. Petitions have been circulated and filed for the nomination of four men for the two vacancies.

The candidates named are Albert Nacker, John Harlan, Harry Wolfe and Frank Smith. Fifty signatures were required to each petition, the petitions having been filed more than 15 days, in accordance with requirements. The polls will be open from 8 until 10 o'clock.

The question of abandoning the two upper grades of the school, on which a special election was held some months ago, is not expected to be brought up at the annual meeting.

Jesse Ziegler, Elmer Garchow, and Emerson Ault continue as members of the Pierson School district board.

District 6 Elects Two

The terms of Charles Erwin, president and F. R. Wilkinson, director of the Farmington District No. 6 Board of Education expire and election will be held to fill these places. While no particular issues are expected to be put before the voters, meetings in this district always bring out a lively discussion and free expression of opinion, and this year's gathering is anticipated Monday night. William McCullough, treasurer. Mrs. May Schoenberger and Mrs. Helen MacGregor continue as members of the Board.

Angling Road, Coleman Schools Plan Reunion

Old teachers, schoolmates and friends of the Angling Road and Coleman Schools will jointly celebrate another annual reunion on July 19th with a boat trip to Put-In-Bay.

The boat leaves foot of First street, Detroit, at 9:00 a. m., arriving at Detroit 8 p. m. Round trip \$1.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone interested in either school. A big time is in store for all that should not be missed.

Mrs. Frank Holmes entertained her sister and friend of Lansing over the week end.