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Expect Decision On School Fund Suit Monday Eve

Trustees Arrange For Legal Advice; New Plan To Raise Money Suggested

Whether any of the school districts to which Farmington Township owes money for taxes are to sue the Township for the funds will probably be decided next Monday evening, when the trustees of the various boards will again meet to work on the problem. At their meeting last Monday night, the trustees voted to engage counsel for advice on the matter.

Discussion has made it apparent that not all of the districts will start suit in any event, inasmuch as some of them have only small amounts due. On the other hand, two districts are handicapped to the extent of \$14,000 and over \$10,000 respectively, and face serious difficulties in carrying on school work.

Meanwhile, still another plan was suggested this week for raising the money due. The idea offered was that with \$40,000 due the districts, two men in each of the ten districts should offer their personal credit for bank loans to the extent of \$2,000 each, thus raising the \$40,000, without placing upon any of them any of the responsibility for more than \$2,000. Under the plan, the money would be raised and paid back by the Township in the next three years.

An effort will be made to bring about the consummation of this plan before the meeting Monday night.

Make Recommendation
At the meeting on Monday evening, the committee headed by Charles Erwin of District 6, reported that after consideration of various ideas, they could find no solution other than suing on the treasurer's bond. The committee recommended that the Boards "secure legal counsel as to the advisability of instituting mandamus proceedings." The committee's report was accepted by vote of 12 to 7.

During discussion, it was brought out that both the Department of Public Instruction and the Attorney-General's office had advised that the Districts' remedy lay in mandamus proceedings.

It was pointed out that before the Districts could sue, it would be necessary for each board to pass a proper resolution, and it was for this purpose that it was decided to engage counsel. Selection of counsel was left in the hands of the committee, consisting of Mr. Erwin, Elmer Doherty, Lloyd Gulien, Ernest Blanchard and Ward Eagle. It was voted that each District share in counsel fees according to the amount due it from the Township.

The meeting Monday evening will be held in Farmington High School auditorium at 8 o'clock.

BUSINESS WOMEN CLUBS' NATIONAL LEADER COMING

Farmington Group To Entertain Federation Head Next Monday Evening

The Business and Professional Women's Club of Farmington will hold their regular meeting on Monday evening, September 15 at the home of Miss Winifred Oldenburg, Mrs. Thomas assisting. Miss Marion McClellan, president of the National Federation will be a guest. It is very desirable that all members be present as affiliation with the State and National Boards will be completed at this time.

On Saturday evening several of the members will attend a banquet at the Board of Commerce at Pontiac, honoring the members of the State Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley J. Morrison of Mt. Pleasant were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Crawford.

Resumes Teaching



St. Clair Switzer left Farmington Wednesday for Oxford, O., where he will resume his teaching duties at Miami University, as assistant professor of psychology.

Driver Hits Tree On 13-Mile, Dies

Detroit Dentist Dies Soon After Reaching Pontiac Hospital; Car Wrecked

Dr. F. L. Giffin, 42 years old, prominent Detroit dentist, was fatally injured Thursday morning at Thirteen Mile road and Northwestern Highway when his automobile crashed into a tree after striking a construction line railway track.

Dr. Giffin died at Pontiac City Hospital at 9:15 a. m. two hours after the crash. He had been driving eastward alone when the accident occurred.

Charles Gravelin, who lives near the scene of the accident, heard the crash and notified Deputy William Tamm. Dr. Giffin was taken to Pontiac in the ambulance of Spencer Heenev. His skull was fractured and he was injured internally.

Dr. Giffin's car was wrecked so badly that it was necessary to dismantle parts before it could be taken away. The victim lived at 63 Farrand avenue, Detroit.

TO PLAY FIRST GAME OF 'GRUDGE' SERIES ON SUNDAY

West Point Park And De-Ho-Co Baseball Teams Will Renew Old Feud

An old feud that has continued for several years on the baseball diamond will be resumed Sunday afternoon when the first of a three-game series will be played by West Point Park and Detroit House of Correction. The two teams, bitter rivals in other years, have not clashed thus far this season.

The game will be played on West Point Park's grounds, and Manager Harry Wolfe of the entire West Point Park team are planning for one of the big days in recent years at the Seven Mile road diamond. Whenever these teams meet a hard struggle results and a large crowd is assured to watch them do battle.

De-Ho-Co will bring to West Point Park its full strength and its usual big following. The game will get under way at 3 o'clock.

John Harlan Jr., left Monday evening for Boonville, Mo., where he will attend the Kemper Military School.

Resume Inquest Into Death Of Girl Saturday

Several Witnesses To Be Called To Testify In Cut-Off Fatality

The remainder of the inquiry into the first fatality on the Grand River Cut-off is expected to be completed Saturday when the inquest will be resumed in Judge John J. Schulte's court in Farmington city building. The inquest was begun two weeks ago, and adjourned until September 13 when it was found impossible to complete the questioning, regarding the death of Mary Essex.

A number of witnesses remain to be called. Among those who have been subpoenaed and have not yet testified are Henry Smith, living west of Farmington, whose car has been placed in testimony, in the vicinity of the accident on the morning when it occurred, and who was held for questioning. C. F. Smith, millionaire grocer and father of Henry Smith, has also been subpoenaed.

Others who will testify are Joseph Himmelspach, Farmington business-man; Ed. Grimmer, of Farmington Township, who reached the scene of the accident shortly after it occurred and was one of the first on the spot; Dr. Paul Klebba, assistant coroner of Detroit, and James Essex, brother of the dead girl.

At the first taking of testimony two weeks ago, several well-known Detroit lawyers were present representing the girls in the accident and Henry W. Smith. They are expected to return to Farmington Saturday for the continuation of the inquest. They are Daniel H. Cronin, representing Evelyn Barter, who was injured in the accident; Carl Weideman, attorney for Dorothy Anderson, who drove the car; Joseph T. Schiappacasse, representing the Essex family, and Alrick Baxter, attorney for Henry W. Smith.

YOUTH DIES OF INJURIES AFTER AUTO ACCIDENT

Funeral Services Held For Walter Shear, 17, Resident Of Ten-Mile Road

Funeral services were held on Thursday at 1:30 o'clock for Walter Shear at the home on Ten-Mile road. Walter, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shear, died Monday morning following an automobile accident Sunday on Lahser road. Surviving besides the father and mother are three sisters, Mrs. Clara Pagel of Farmington, Mrs. Ester Billet of Jackson and Doris at the home. Burial took place at the Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Street Car Is Badly Damaged By Truck

The motorman of a Farmington-Detroit street-car, escaped death or serious injury Tuesday morning when the car and a long cement truck and trailer collided at Grand River and Eight Mile road.

The car was east-bound, and the truck was crossing from the north to the south side. The entire front of the car was demolished. The motorman was thrown back into the car by the impact, and then forward again toward the vestibule, but was not seriously hurt. The truck was not extensively damaged.

Send in your news items.

Farmington Flower Show Declared 'Better Than State Fair Exhibit'

The statement by a friendly critic that "the Farmington Flower Show Tuesday surpassed the exhibit at the State Fair a week ago" rewarded each individual who contributed to its success.

The spacious reaches of the Methodist Community Hall and the artistic arrangement of the exhibits with a generous supply of easy chairs made the room a charming place in which to linger.

Despite a season of extreme dry weather, residents of Farmington City and Township produced from their gardens over 200 distinct displays which were divided in 20 classes besides the classes for fruits and vegetables. The dahlia display was the largest, with 24 entries, ranging

Truck Falls 100 Feet; Driver Safe

Concrete-Hauler Drops Over Shawassee Street Bluff When Earth Gives Way

Almost certain death was missed by a moment by Clarence Smith, a truck driver employed on the Grand River widening job Saturday morning when he jumped from his truck just before it tumbled down the cliff north of Shiawassee street. The truck turned over several times and came to rest upside down, over 100 feet down the bluff.

Smith had driven the five-ton truck, loaded with concrete chunks cut from the old Grand River pavement, to the dumping spot at Shiawassee and Warner streets. He backed up to the edge of the bluff. Other trucks had previously been two feet closer to the edge, without damage, but the earth beneath Smith's truck started to give way. Earl Colbeck, who was guiding the trucks as they backed toward the edge, shouted to Smith to jump. He did so, and just in time.

Smith had just started to operate the lift on the truck, and it went down with its full load. The load fell out part way down. The heavy vehicle did not stop until it reached the flat land below, where it lay with wheels in the air. The cab where Smith had been was crushed down to the driver's seat.

Smith is said to have been the most careful driver of the group which has been unloading the concrete at the bluff.

Nearly 800 loads, have been dropped over the cliff in the past few days.

FORMER NOVI AND FARMINGTON MAN DIES AT OWOSSO

J. Hiram White Survived By Wife And Two Children; Was 82

Died September 5 at his home in Owosso, Mich., J. Hiram White, aged 82 years. He was born in Novi, Mich., and moved to Farmington with his parents when he was two years old. The family owned and occupied the residence on Shiawassee street, now the home of Charles Talbot. Mr. A. White, his father, was a township official of Farmington for many years. The deceased left Farmington about the year 1879.

He had many friends among the young people of this vicinity. At Owosso he was an active and efficient member of the M. E. church of that city and his death is deplored by that organization.

He is survived by his wife and two children, a son and daughter, also a sister, Mrs. Eugene Edwards of Farmington.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

The North Farmington Cemetery Auxiliary meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coe, of North Farmington, September 16th. Supper will be served. Everyone is invited.

Winners Aided By Farmington In Primary Vote

Wheeler Only Candidate Carrying Farmington Who Does Not Win His Contest

Farmington voted strongly for the winners in Tuesday's primary election, however much the voters may have been surprised at some of the contest results. In every case but one, the candidate who carried Farmington was elected.

Wilbur M. Brucker, nominee for the governorship, was given a substantial margin by the combined City and Township votes, carrying Farmington City nearly 4 to 1. The total vote was: Brucker, 454; Groesbeck, 281; Jeffries, 108. The vote by precincts was:

City	Township, Precinct 1	Precinct 2
Brucker	249	71
Groesbeck	68	123
Jeffries	21	45
Township, Precinct 1		
Brucker	134	
Groesbeck	90	
Jeffries	42	

Senator James Couzens was given a vote of exactly 5 to 1 over Chase S. Osborn, his total for the Township and City being 675, as compared with 135 for his opponent.

A result that occasioned surprise in Farmington, as it did throughout the State, was the defeat of Congressman Grant M. Hudson by Seymour H. Person. Person carried the Farmington community by a large margin, polling 411 votes to 258 for Hudson, while Cook received 49 and Moross 27.

Smith Beats Orr

The closest contest in this section was that between Prosecutor Norman C. Orr and Clarence L. Smith. Two years ago Orr carried the City and Township by a big majority, but this year Smith turned the tables and polled 410 votes in the City and Township, to 401 for Orr, a difference of nine votes. Farmington City gave Smith 217 votes as against 116 for Orr. Smith also carried Precinct No. 1 of the Township, by 12 votes, 135 to 123. In the second precinct, however, Orr picked up 80 votes, getting 150 to 70 for Smith.

Wheeler Far Ahead

Another turning of the tables occurred in the contest for sheriff. Two years ago Sheriff Schram carried this section by a vote of three to one over William A. Wheeler, but this year the latter defeated Schram in Farmington by a vote of nearly two to one. The total vote was: Wheeler, 452; Schram, 250; Pack, 127; Simmons, 16. The vote by precincts was:

City	Township, Precinct 1
Wheeler	188
Schram	93
Pack	55
Simmons	3
Township, Precinct 1	
Wheeler	122
Schram	82
Pack	50
Simmons	9

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Human Skull And Bones Are Dug Up

A gruesome find was made on the R. T. Cudmore farm on Twelve-Mile road near Farmington Tuesday, when men hauling dirt at the farm came upon the head and some bones of a human being. The skull was about two feet under the surface, in a spot about 50 feet from the mail-box at the farm.

The teeth remain in the skull, but the lower bones of the body were not found. The occupants at the Cudmore farm have the bones and skull in their possession, and will be glad to give them to anyone who desires to have them.