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## Farmington Area To Receive Share In Expenditures

### Detroit Edison Company Plans To Spend \$50,000 In This Vicinity

The Detroit Edison Company expects to spend between \$6 and \$7 million dollars during the year 1932. In the Company's Grand River and Livingston Districts more than \$50,000 will probably be required for construction work in 1932. These districts comprise the territory along Grand River Avenue from Orangeville to Williamson and include Farmington, Plymouth, Northville, South Lyon, Brighton, Milford, Howell, Fowlerville and Webberville.

A large part of the expenditures in the Grand River and Livingston Districts will be made for extending lines to new customers including services to transformers and meters. Edison service has proven quite popular with farmers in this district and a considerable portion of the 1932 requirements to extend service to new customers will be used for farm line extensions. The Company expects to build about 200 miles of farm lines throughout its whole territory during the coming year. In addition to the line extensions to serve new customers a certain amount of rebuilding and rerouting of old lines is always necessary and such work will proceed as required.

Of the \$7 millions more than \$2 1/2 millions will be required for the operation and maintenance of the Company's power plants, substations, lines and other Company property, while from \$8 or 9 millions will probably be required for new construction work.

The largest single item of expense is to cover the payroll of the Company's 7,500 operating and construction employees. The next largest expenditure will be for taxes which are expected to increase in rate, as usual. The Company expects to have to pay about 12 cents in taxes for every dollar of gross revenue received in 1932.

The cost of fuel is another important operating expense. It is estimated that all the Company's steam-electric and heating plants will burn about 1,400,000 tons of coal during the year. A recent ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission grants the railroads an increase in freight rates amounting to \$3.00 per car of coal, which averages about six cents per ton increase over the present rate.

Plans for new construction work are tentative and are subject to revision during the year. Some of the projects may be expanded or reduced and others may be omitted or added during the year.

New demands for Edison service come from new users of electricity and from the increased consumption of electricity by those who are already Detroit Edison customers. These demands must be anticipated in advance and arrangements made to meet them wherever they occur in the area of 4,400 square miles served by the Company.

### Connors Creek Power Plant

The largest item in the 1932 construction budget is for the completion of the Connors Creek Switch House at the Power Plant on Lycaete Avenue, opposite the head of Belle Isle. This new switch house will replace the present switching equipment in the plant which has become obsolete. This project is the first.

### MARRIED NEW YEARS DAY

Georgia Low, 17, and Clarence Poole, 24, both of Detroit, were married in the law offices of Schulte & Paré New Years day, by Judge John J. Schulte.

### FIRE CALLS.

City fire calls, month of October 2, November 9, December 1. Township fire calls, month of October 4, November 1, December 0. Livonia Township, month of December 2.

N. H. POWER, City Clerk.

## One Hundredth Anniversary Of Don Button Home Observed Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Don Button kept "open house" New Years day, the occasion marking the one hundredth anniversary of their home and farm in the Button family.

New Years day, 1832, Don's grandparents were married and came there to live in a log house that had been previously built. The farm has since been owned and occupied by three generations of Button's. Under the management of the present owner, Don Button, it has become one of the largest and most productive fruit farms in Southern Oakland County.

Four sons assist in caring for

harvesting and marketing the large apple crop.

Those seated about the long family table were: Mr. and Mrs. Don Button, Mrs. Ada Button, the mother, three sons, Virgil, Paul and Bobbie, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele, Miss Mina Stewart, Miss Zaida Steele and Mrs. Moberg.

Among the many callers of the afternoon and evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Thad Smith and two children, W. J. Smith and Ney Smith of Detroit, brothers of Mrs. Button, Miss Murray of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wilber.

## Second Good-Will Banquet Planned

### Prof. L. C. Gardner, Absent At Last Banquet, To Set Date

Another event in development of closer relationships between Farmington business and professional men and the fruit-growers of this area is being planned for the near future by Farmington Exchange Club. The Club took a meeting Wednesday, in suggestion of Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner, toward arranging for an evening gathering at which an outstanding speaker on horticulture will deliver an address.

While the banquet given by the Club last fall for fruit-growers and their wives was a conspicuous success, a large number had looked forward to hearing Prof. L. C. Gardner of Michigan State College who was unable to be present. Prof. Gardner is widely known not only as an authority on horticulture, but also as a highly informative and entertaining speaker, and the coming event is to be planned for a date on which there will be the absolute assurance of his coming. The Club decided to ask Prof. Gardner to set his own date, in order to avoid a conflict of engagements, which caused the substitution last fall.

The date will be announced as soon as word is received from Prof. Gardner. All of the fruit-growers in this area will be invited, and any others interested.

Dates for taking charge of the program for the next six months were drawn by club members. The fortunate member to secure the first program, next Wednesday, was Edgar S. Pierce.

President N. H. Power appointed Dr. G. F. Weaver as speaker for the ensuing term. All standing committees are continued.

## Brother Of Mrs. Laura Aldrich Dies In Ohio

Joseph E. Trubes of Dayton, Ohio, a brother of Mrs. Laura Aldrich, died Tuesday morning at the Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton. Mrs. Aldrich received word Monday night of the serious condition of her brother and she left for Dayton Tuesday morning. Mr. Aldrich could not accompany her due to illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Aldrich and son Edwin died today Thursday to attend the funeral.

## Two Brothers Arraigned On Charge Of Larceny

Andrew Feit, 33, and Joseph Feit, 26, brothers of Novi were arraigned Monday in Farmington Justice Court before Judge John J. Schulte on a charge of stealing a Whippet sedan belonging to Mrs. Elizabeth Feit, their mother. Complaint was made by Anthony Feit, their father.

When arraigned the two young men pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny. Judge Schulte, placed them on three months probation, ordered them to return the automobile and restrained them from returning to their parents' home.

It will be noted in all of the hot campaigns in Great Britain, no party, not even the socialists, advocated cutting down the British navy.

## State Narcotic Lecturer Heard

### Dr. Harvey A. Waite Addresses Woman's Club; Tells Of Drug Evils

Approximately 50 Farmington women heard Dr. Harvey A. Waite, State lecturer of the Narcotic Education Association, Inc., give an illustrated lecture at the Methodist Community Hall Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Waite appeared under the auspices of the Farmington Woman's Club.

Dr. Waite, in his lecture, described the farm maintained by the Association near Capac, Michigan, where drug addicts are taken, 30 at a time, and efforts made to cure them of the drug habit. He said that it ordinarily took sixty months to cure an addict. Six addicts are treated at the Capac farm annually, Dr. Waite said.

Dr. Waite told of the movement sponsored by the Narcotic Association to provide a similar farm for women addicts. Only meagre amounts of money have been secured for this purpose. He said that for 40 more men being fitted up.

The methods of smuggling drugs into this country were explained by Dr. Waite and the conditions in which he had found addicts in many of the cities were vividly described by the lecturer. A large exhibition of opium lamps, pipes, needles and all the rest of the paraphernalia typical of underworld addicts, was shown by Dr. Waite.

In describing the Narcotic Association Dr. Waite said that it had a membership of 17,000; was seven years old and that 300 women's clubs in the State were co-operating with it.

## Wife and Five Children Jail To Save Offender

A wife and five children dependent on him for support failed to save Joseph Sperkowski, Novi Township resident, from being sent to jail for six months in Circuit Court Monday afternoon. He pleaded guilty to driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor and admitted it was the second time he had been in court for that offense in four months. The first time he was released on probation in the justice court at Farmington. Judge Covert told him he had no sympathy for him because the first lesson apparently did not teach him anything.

## Small Number Of Fire Calls Made In Quarter

The quarter just closed saw the smallest number of fire calls turned in for a corresponding quarter in several years, according to City Clerk N. H. Power. The City and Township and Livonia Township called upon the fire department only seven times during the months of October, November and December.

October saw the department called twice on City calls and once in the Township. The only call in November came from the Township while in December the City had one and Livonia Township two.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Menko and son spent the week end at Plymouth as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dreywour.

## City Wages Cut To Keep Within Income For Year

### Commission Reduces Salaries To Maintain City's High Financial Standing

Downward revision of salaries of municipal employees, to keep the City in the excellent financial condition which has made it conspicuous among municipalities of this area in recent years, has been acted upon by the Farmington City Commission. The reductions will effect saving of \$1,400 a year, and are expected to be an important factor in aiding the City to complete the present fiscal year without borrowing. The City has not borrowed to meet expenses in four years.

Following brief discussion of the financial status of the City at the regular meeting Monday night, Mayor Lamb prepared a recommendation for reduction in expenses and called the Commissioners into special session Thursday. The recommendation was given unanimous approval.

The City's financial condition is of the best, and the revision of salaries was not because of any present financial embarrassment, but with the view of reducing expenses before trouble develops rather than after, as most governing units have done. At the meeting Monday night, Commissioner Emory Hatton pointed out that economies would be necessary to avoid borrowing. The commissioners appeared receptive to the suggestion of economy, and Mayor Lamb asked for ideas on the subject. Some possible economies were discussed briefly.

Mayor Lamb, in connection with his letter of recommendation to the Commission Thursday pointed out that the buying power of the dollar has greatly increased and that the reductions are not so drastic as have taken place elsewhere. His letter of recommendation is as follows:

"Having had a good opportunity to study financial affairs of the State and County in the past few years, I feel it our duty, as controlling body of our city, to propose by some of our mistakes that of waiting too long to further curtail expenses. Farmington City is in fine financial condition, and by careful consideration by the Commission can be kept so."

"I feel that, in the present economic conditions, the salaries paid in the Police and City Engineering Departments are too high in proportion to the other classes of labor. I, therefore, recommend that the salary of Police Chief be \$125.00 per month with two days off per month. Night Man, \$100.00 per month; two nights off per month; City Engineer, \$125.00 per month; one day off per month; Assistant, \$100.00 per month; house, rent, water and lights, with one day off per month, same to go into effect February 1, 1932. The time off may be taken individually or collectively as desired.

"This will mean a saving to the City of \$1400.00 per year. The City will expect the same co-operation and efficiency as in the past. Any one affected by the above cutting is notified city clerk by January 25.

City Clerk please mail a copy to each one affected."

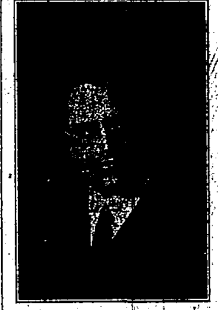
ARTHUR LAMB, Mayor  
Adopted by City Commission,  
January 7, 1932.

## City Commission To Meet Once A Month

Members of the City Commission voted Monday night to discontinue the practice of meeting twice a month to such time as Civic affairs warrant. The Commission has been meeting regularly bi-monthly since 1926.

Until recently the amount of business made it necessary for it to meet twice monthly. The regular meeting will be held the first Monday night of each month.

## Will Address Club Women



REV. SIDNEY D. EVA

## County Clubs To Meet January 15

### Rev. Sidney D. Eva Of Mt. Clemens To Speak At Federation Meeting

The Farmington Woman's Club will be hosts to the Oakland County Federation of Women's Clubs at the mid-year meeting to be held at the First Methodist church of Farmington, Friday of next week, January 15.

The business session will take place at 10 a. m. followed by a luncheon at 12:30. The afternoon session will consist of special music and a talk on "Through Tennyson Land," by the Reverend Sidney D. Eva of Mt. Clemens.

This is the outstanding meeting of the year and every member of an affiliated club is invited to attend. Reservations for the luncheon must be made by Tuesday, January 12, with Mrs. Harrison Johnson, Farmington, phone 128. Mrs. Johnson is on the board of directors. Mrs. O. W. Dawson of Ferndale is president.

Any friends of Mr. Eva, whether or not members of an affiliated club, will be welcome at the afternoon session.

## TRADE AT HOME IDEA ADVOCATED IN ADVERTISEMENT

### Recent Advertisement Of Farmington Mills Gives Excellent Reasons For Policy

An advertisement of the Farmington Mills which appeared in the Enterprise last week caused much favorable comment upon its excellent exposition of the trade at home idea. In a very few words Leo Glendonmaster, proprietor of the Farmington Mills, stated a number of reasons why trading at home is best for all concerned.

The advertisement also called attention to the fact that the Farmington Mills has served the community for 37 years.

The Farmington Mills is continuing the trade at home idea in its advertisement this week.

The advertisement was so effective in presenting the trade at home idea that it is herewith reproduced in full.

"37 Years Of Service to this community by a concern that has constantly strived during this long term of years to produce good products at fair prices—to buy all we could of local producers—to employ all we could of local labor—to pay accounts and taxes promptly—to help and encourage all local enterprises and institutions—to build up the community in general for the mutual benefit of all.

Yours For A Better 1932  
FARMINGTON MILLS"

## Howard McCracken Loses Four Cows—Smoke House

Misfortune never seems to come singly, at least it didn't to Howard McCracken this week when four cows in his herd died and his smoke house was partially destroyed by fire.

Mr. McCracken did not know Thursday whether the remainder of his herd would be alright or not. It is thought by veterinarians that the cows died of "shipping fever."

## Delinquent Tax Moneys Returned To City, Township

### More Than \$9,000 Returned By County; School's Share Is Large

Return of more than nine thousand dollars in delinquent tax moneys from the County Treasurer to Farmington City and Township this week has temporarily relieved the financial situation in several school districts. Several schools, confronted with the possibility of closing through lack of funds, will now be able to carry on through the winter.

Farmington Township is to receive a total of \$6,900.82 in returns for the quarter ending September 30. According to Mark D. Bachelor, treasurer, only \$2,149.56 was received but he expects to have the additional \$767.26 soon so that the distribution of the funds among the several school districts will not have to be reapportioned. Farmington City received \$2,885.91.

### Schools Receive Money

The entire amount of Township money returned will be received by the school districts. District No. 6 gained the most by the tax return, receiving \$2,962.99, more than a third of the total return. District No. 5 profited to the extent of \$2,389.86 by receiving \$272.34 from the Township return and \$1,862.52 from the City. No. 6 fractional also received a large share in the Township return, being given \$2,377.53.

### Distribution Made

The distribution among the several school districts from the Township return is as follows:

No. 1, fractional	\$ 51.70
No. 2	131.22
No. 3 fractional	95.22
No. 4	45.08
No. 5	527.34
No. 5 fractional	2,377.59
No. 6	2,962.99
No. 6 fractional	709.58

Total \$6,900.82

Farmington's City return has a more varied distribution than the Township's. Although City Treasurer L. C. Flager received in cash only \$2,885.91, \$1,058.75 was deducted from the amount used as a basis for distribution among the various interests. Of this amount \$16.86 was the 1931 re-assessed tax charged back by the Auditor-General and \$339.89 had already been paid on account, August 21, 1931.

The principal interests to share besides the school were the City, receiving \$1,285.37, State Highway-at-large, \$137.24, and City drain re-assessed, \$161.35.

### Quarterly Statement

The statement of the quarterly settlement as received by Mark D. Bachelor for the period ending September 30, 1931, is as follows:

City tax	\$1,285.37
Interest on City taxes	48.87
School tax	1,924.41
Interest on School tax	4.11
Re-assessed Township tax	90.69
State Highway-City-at-large tax	187.24
City drain re-assessed	161.35
Cover Road tax	18.69
Penalty	12.35

Total \$3,586.68

May 1931 sale of 1923 tax 67.37

Redemption of State bids ending June 30, 1931 98.71

Total due City by County \$3,742.66

1931 re-assessed tax charged back by Auditor-General 716.85

Paid on account, Aug. 21, 1931 339.89

To be deducted 1,056.75

Check received from County Treasurer \$2,885.91

## Several Books Still Missing At Library

Miss Mary Kennedy, librarian, expressed pleasure with the response shown by patrons of the library in returning books last week. The following books are also desired at the library: "Silver Silencers" Bailey, absent since November 23; "Hide In The Dark" Hart, "Lure of the Mask" McGrath, "Gray Cloak" Terms Of Conduct, O'Brien, and others that are past due.