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Garden Club To Be Organized By Flower-Lovers

Meeting Called For April 20 To Form a Year-round Organization

A Farmington Garden Club, as an outgrowth of the annual flower shows which have been held for the past three years, is being planned by residents interested in flowers and gardens.

For three successive years Farmington has had an interesting flower show but the local flower lovers feel that to get the most out of their gardens, more co-operation throughout the year is necessary. A Garden Club that can be federated with the State and national organization is regarded as a logical outcome. It is believed a club of this kind in the community should prove interesting to the membership—who is there among us who have not the time of a garden, whether we are commercial growers, a home gardener, or those who have only time to see the beauties of nature?

For the purpose of organizing a Garden Club an open meeting has been called for Wednesday afternoon, April 20, at 2 o'clock at the American Legion Home.

All interested in this project are asked to attend this meeting, lend assistance, and become charter members. The president and other members of the Strathmoor Garden Club have offered assistance to help in the organization and their president Mrs. R. B. Weeks, will be chairman for the afternoon. A social hour and program are planned.

DISPOSAL PLANT BILL IS OF MUCH INTEREST TO CITY

Legislative Measures Would Delay State Requirement For Sewage Disposal

A measure of much interest to Farmington was introduced in the Legislature at Lansing this week when a resolution was offered in the House of Representatives with the purpose of placing a moratorium on the power which the State Stream Control Commission possesses under statute to compel municipalities to construct disposal plants.

Under the present laws, the Commission can order cities to construct sewage disposal plants in order to stop pollution of streams, and to correct similar conditions. Actual enforcement of this provision has been somewhat difficult, however, and cities which have resisted such orders have been able to drag the cases in the courts for years though at considerable expense to both the cities and the State.

A representative of the Stream Control Commission, after an inspection in Farmington a little less than two years ago recommended a disposal system, but there has been no attempt to force quick action by the city. City officials have complied with the suggestion that plans be drawn, but have carried the matter no farther.

The resolution introduced by Rep. Duncan J. McColl of Port Huron, urged Gov. Brucker to broaden his special session program to permit consideration of the question. It was referred to committee. The resolution declares that disposal plant construction is not an "urgent need" and would add a serious tax burden to the cities.

SALARY REPORT INCORRECT

In the account of the annual Farmington Township business meeting in last week's Enterprise, it was reported that the salary of Highway Commissioner Clayton Goers was given as 76 cents an hour. This figure was incorrect. Mr. Goers is paid 72 cents an hour for his work in directing maintenance of the Township roads.

To Speak To Masons



L. C. LING

Lodge To Honor Former Leaders

Plan Past Masters' Night Monday; O. E. S. To Install Officers April 26

Masons of Farmington will gather next Monday evening, April 18, in the lodge rooms for what is expected to be one of the most enjoyable events of the year, the annual Past Masters' Night. Dr. L. C. Ling, past master of Acacia Lodge, Detroit, and at present oriental guide of Moslem Temple, Detroit, will speak at a program following dinner.

The festivities are to begin at 6:30 p. m. when dinner will be served. The Farmington High School band will furnish music. Following the program, which will be brief, degrees will be conferred, with the immediate past master, Joseph Himmelspach, in the worshipful-master's chair, and other former masters occupying the remaining offices.

The third degree will be conferred on two candidates

O. E. S. To Install

Installation of officers will be held Tuesday April 26th, by Farmington Chapter No. 239, O. E. S. The following officers, elected Tuesday evening, will be installed by the Past Masters club:

Worthy matron, Mae West; Worthy patron, Arthur Coe; Associate matron, Gertrude Webster; Associate patron, Ralph Auten; secretary, Ada Bond; treasurer, Lillian Zwanhen; conductress, Allie Coe; associate conductress, Georgia Walters; alternate delegates to Grand Chapter are Mary Johnson, Kate Banfield and Ben Storms. Others will be elected by the Worthy Matron.

Members of the Masonic Order and their families and members of the O. E. S. and their families are invited. Refreshments will be served.

DELEGATES NAMED

Arthur Lamb and Isaac Bond of Farmington were named as delegates to the Republican State Convention at the county convention in Pontiac Wednesday. The State meeting is to be held at

Township Might Adopt 'Pingree Potato Patches'

Town Board Considers Arranging For Gardens To Raise Food For Poor

"Potato patches for the poor," the famous relief plan developed more than 30 years ago by Mayor Hazen S. Pingree of Detroit, before he became Governor, may be inaugurated next summer by Farmington Township as a means of providing food for indigent families. Male members of those families would work in the vegetable patches, if the plan is adopted, raising at least part of their own food for the next winter. The Township would provide the ground, renting one or more suitable places.

The Township Board, which discussed the idea at its last meeting has not gone into the matter thoroughly enough to enter upon the plan, and there are a number of factors yet to be considered. Supervisor Coe, who suggested the "potato patches," was authorized, however, to investigate the possibilities and seek a suitable location.

Mr. Coe pointed out that unless the Board of Supervisors alters a plan agreed on last year, each township will take over its own poor relief system on January 1 next. Farmington township's financial condition, as that of many others, is such that this will be a severe strain on the township treasury. The "potato patch" is one method by which Supervisor Coe hopes to look ahead and ward off difficulties, to as great an extent as possible.

'Buy From Farmers'

Clerk Willard Campbell brought up one practical aspect of the proposal, and that is the effect of the Township vegetable patches on the farmers of the township. He took the stand that "all we would grow will mean just that more on the market to take away the sales of the farmer," and that the Township should buy from its farmers what is needed for the indigents. On the other hand, it was argued, while the farmer may sell to the Township from his own farm what is needed for indigents, he would have to pay that much more in taxes, but if the Township provides a place for raising of vegetables for indigents, it would reduce Township expenditures with consequently less taxes for the farmer to pay.

The Board members agreed that the argument on either side provided a knotty problem, and let it rest with the authorization for Mr. Coe to look up some ground. Any land-owners in the Township who have land which would be suitable for the purpose, and available at low rental, are asked to communicate with Mr. Coe. Between 20 and 40 acres are wanted.

It was revealed at the meeting that the Oakland County Poor Commission will furnish seed to those who wish to grow vegetables.

Grand Rapids April 27. Alternates named were John J. Schulte, Ernest Blanchard, Harry N. McCracken, and Hyman Levinson.

Poor List Grows, County Near Its Greatest Crisis

Addition Of 6,700 To Welfare In March, With Tax Money Drop, Causes Alarm

Oakland County is facing the gravest crisis in its history within the next two or three months, with constantly growing welfare lists straining to a decreased income and accompanied by an ever-increasing tax delinquency. The expected drop-off in the number of indigents, which usually occurs

Farmington Men In

Leading County Posts

Farmington now possesses the unusual distinction of having two of its citizens in the outstanding positions in county affairs of the coming months. They are Arthur Lamb on Tuesday elected chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, and Harry N. McCracken, foreman of the Grand Jury which is to inquire into the conduct of public business.

The Grand Jury headed by Mr. McCracken is to convene as soon as Judge Frank L. Dixon completes his one-man grand jury investigation of county banks. The Board of Supervisors will undertake the work of its April session next Tuesday.

In the spring of the year with re-awakening industrial activity, has this year failed to materialize; and unless some unexpected factor intervenes, the early summer may system in a schism predicament.

The facts of the County's welfare work situation were revealed to a gathering of publishers of newspapers of the County by C. B. Wilson, of the Poor Commission, at a gathering Saturday afternoon. One of the chief purposes of the meeting, Mr. Wilson stated, was to bring what to people throughout the County the seriousness of the situation and a need for each local community and each citizen awakening to the problem and helping in the search for a possible solution.

In March, a month usually of great distress in poor relief, the Poor Commission added to its rolls 1,077 families, a total of over 6,700 persons. Mr. Wilson said, bringing the total receiving aid to 21,562. In February 513 families had been added in the two months 1,125 families had been eliminated, totalling 4,800 people, but the new names put on the list in March alone more than offset this.

To add to the difficulties, the problem no longer remains one of providing merely food and some fuel. Families drained of every resource by extended unemployment are being evicted from their homes, and the demand for rent has been added to that of food. The County authorities have never attempted to pay such items as gas, electricity and rents. If the evictions continue and the necessity for providing shelter grows, it will add another serious aspect to the problem, Mr. Wilson said.

Although the aim of the present Poor Commission has been "not to keep them too happy," in order not to foster idleness among indigents, Mr. Wilson said that "it is impossible for the Poor Commission to consider further economies in rations. We are giving just enough to sustain life without detriment to health."

It is calculated that tax delinquency will reach 62 per cent in the County this year as compared with 50 per cent last year. The Commission had hoped to be able to get through on its budget of \$700,000, and might have done so, Mr. Wilson said, if the welfare rolls had not taken the unexpected turn upward.

Before the depression, the County had on its welfare list about 400 families. The visiting newspapermen were taken through the Commission's large provision distributing warehouses where operations are conducted on a huge scale.

Heads County Supervisors



MAYOR ARTHUR LAMB

New Chairman To Pick Committees

Farmington City Mayor, Choice Of Oakland County Board For Chairman

Committees of the new Oakland County Board of Supervisors will be named Tuesday morning by Mayor Lamb of Farmington, who was elected chairman of the board at its organization meeting in Pontiac Tuesday. Mayor Lamb is now at work selecting the chairman and other members of the leading committees that will function during the coming year.

One of the important committee chairmanships to be filled is that vacated by Mr. Lamb himself, of chairman of the equalization committee. He had held this post during the past year. As in all legislative bodies, the make-up of the committees is a dominating and sometimes controlling factor in the work undertaken by the board, and the selections to be made are being awaited with more than usual interest this year. Expressions by supervisors indicate that Mr. Lamb will enjoy the full cooperation of the board in instituting the program for the April session Tuesday.

Only Nomination

Mr. Lamb has been vice-chairman of the board for the past year and a half. The retiring chairman, Bruce Leggatt, presented Mr. Lamb's name, and there were no other nominations.

Two other Farmington men have held the chairmanship of the board of supervisors, James L. Hogle and John Power. Mr. Hogle was chairman when the board approved the unprecedented million-dollar bond issue for county roads, the first of that extent.

Clarence K. Phillips, Independence Township supervisor, was elected chairman pro tem, having been nominated by Joseph A. Long, Commerce Township.

Mayor Lamb made a few remarks on assuming the chairmanship, as follows: "I thank you for this honor. I shall be square with everyone and shall work for the best interests (Continued on page four)

To Stop Running Of School Buses Outside District

\$9,000 In Tuition Unpaid, Farmington Board Forced To Halt Service

School bus service will no longer be furnished for pupils of Farmington High School living outside the school district, those whose districts have not paid the public tuition fees. It has been decided by the Farmington Board of Education. Bus service will not be resumed when the spring vacation ends with the opening of school next Monday morning.

Fifty-five pupils of the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades will be affected. They come from half a dozen nearby districts. The Farmington Board reluctantly arrived at the decision that it cannot continue to provide transportation service, after a thorough consideration of the circumstances. There is now \$9,000 in tuition money due the Farmington district from the districts in which the 55 or more pupils live. The heavy expense of operating buses has become so great a factor under present conditions as to make continued operation without tuition payment almost impossible.

Efforts of the Farmington Board to collect tuition have thus far been of little avail, the nearby districts being in even more straitened circumstances. The Farmington Board appreciates the plight of the other districts, and the members expressed themselves as being glad to have the outside pupils continue in the school. They expressed the hope that most of the students would be able to find some means of transportation, or their school district boards devise some means for them.

Beginning Monday morning, operation of the large school bus will be confined to the limits of the Farmington district, and the smaller bus will not be operated at all.

Tuition fees in Farmington are \$90 a year, one of the lowest rates of any school in this section. The outside districts are required to pay \$60 by law, the remainder is by vote of the people.

A considerable proportion of the high school enrollment is affected by the decision, the outside pupils comprising approximately 25 per cent. It is felt that nearly all of these will be able to find ways to get to school. It is only in the last few years that bus service has been established, and it has been gradually extended farther and farther.

The Farmington Board members emphasized that they do not wish to handicap the outside students in their education in any way, the pupils are most welcome and are urged to attend their classes, although the Farmington body feels it can no longer carry the financial burden of transportation without seriously endangering its own school program.

Farmington Girl, Spelling Finalist Last Year, Again School Champion

The household of Mr. and Mrs. W. Allen Nelson of Warner Those in charge of the spelling bee announced the Farmington girl's name as among the 15 who were all to be awarded the same silver medals emblematic of second place.

Everyone had been tremendously excited at the time, even the judges having lost their bearings, and eleven-year old Elsenas, of course, no less upset than the rest, with the blaring of bands and the noise and turmoil. But Elsenas, so excited she couldn't remember exactly what happened, was certain of one thing. That was, that the word she had failed on was not "piscyung," and that she not among the 16 standing at the time that fateful word was given. She was positive that she had gone down a few minutes before, but she

The confusion that reigned at the climax of that breath-taking contest was continued, in Elsenas's case, for weeks, even months. (Continued on page four)

Opportunity Calls To You

Opportunity calls to you—in this week's issue of the Enterprise. It beckons, through the advertising columns, to timely and money-saving offerings of wide variety—wider than you would be likely to guess. Among the many messages you should read are the following from folks whom you know and can depend upon—always.

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