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Bandits Hold Up Lunch Room On The 12-Mile Road

Two Armed Hold-Up Men Rob William Brooks Tuesday Night

Two unidentified bandits, both armed with revolvers, entered the "Cozy Corner" lunch room at the corner of 12-Mile and Orchard Lake Roads at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday night, held up William Brooks and his wife, the proprietors, and escaped with \$15 in cash.

The two men entered the restaurant with drawn revolvers. One of them covered the hold-up man with the other went to the cash register and withdrew the money. They then backed through the door and drove away.

DR. GRACE THANKS THREE FOR PART IN HIS RECEPTION

Letter To Nathan Power Is Typical Of Other Notes Received

Busy as he may be, and although weeks have passed since his visit to Farmington, Sergius P. Grace has not permitted himself to omit sending me a note of thanks to a number of Farmington citizens who participated in the dinner and program in his honor on June 21. Recently he sent to Mrs. Martha Lamb, Mayor Arthur Lamb, and Nathan H. Power eloquent letters of appreciation for their parts in the event.

To Mrs. Warner, Dr. Grace extended thanks for hundreds of roses from her garden, used to decorate the giant telephone and the dining-tables. To Mayor Lamb he expressed gratitude for the Mayor's fitting "home" address, and he also asked the Mayor to thank Frank Steele and others for their participation. Dr. Grace's letter to N. H. Power is typical of the others and expresses the affection that Dr. Grace feels for his home community. It reads as follows:

463 West Street
New York, N. Y.
July 6, 1932

My dear Nate:
It was indeed very, very kind of you to take part in the "homecoming" ceremonies of the smallest boy who left dear old Farmington village sometime like forty-five years ago. I appreciate very much your historical comments, particularly those referring to the pioneer Grace family of which my illustrious great-grandfather. (Continued on page five)

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT TO BE SPEAKER SUNDAY

But It's Neither Hoover or Roosevelt—It's William Z. Foster, Communist

Farmington and vicinity are going to have in their midst Sunday a presidential candidate, but it is not regarded as likely that as much excitement will develop about it as might be the case if the candidate were a different one. Neither President Hoover nor Gov. Roosevelt will be the candidate in this section of course but William Z. Foster, seeking the presidency on the Communist ticket, will speak at the Workers' Camp on Twelve Mile Road near Halstead Road.

Apparently it is hoped that some of the farmers in the area will be attracted because it is advertised that Mr. Foster will explain "why we have a depression, why many farmers are losing their property, and how it is possible to overcome it."

Grand Jury's Action Causes Arrest Of Five

Five arrests have been made and four more are awaited as the result of indictments by Oakland County's grand jury of 17 men and two women, of which Harry N. McCracken of Farmington was foreman, which completed its work last Friday night.

The grand jury returned nine indictments, the most serious charge being against N. W. Strait, former county drain engineer, on a charge of falsely obtaining the signature of former Drain Commissioner Arthur Spencer to two checks for a total of about \$74,000 for a contractor.

Firemen To Hold Annual Field Day

Farmington, Northville, Plymouth, Wayne Join To Give Outing

A Four square Firemen's Field Day, in which Farmington, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne will join, will be held Friday, July 29, at Northville Fair grounds, starting at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon and continuing throughout the day.

A program of wide variety will be offered and firemen of the four cities are confident that the Field Day will be the biggest of the summer and one of the biggest ever held in this section.

Boxing bouts, tug of war, a track meet, baseball games, water battles, bicycle races, a pony race, and a quilt pitching contest are only a few of the events planned for the entertainment of the many persons expected to attend. Admission to the event is 25 cents.

Forty rounds of boxing have been scheduled with the main attraction a bout between Don McLeod, of Northville, and Eddie Kopy, of Detroit. This contest has attracted much attention as it is a return bout between the two boys who are both in the 137 pound class.

There will be two soft ball games during the program, one between Farmington and Northville and the other between Wayne and Plymouth. There will be tug of war between the above named towns and the two winners will then meet for the supremacy of the district.

A mammoth water battle staged between Wayne and Northville on one side, and Farmington and Plymouth on the other will also be one of the featured attractions. There will be six men on a side, three of them coming from each town.

Everyone is urged to come and spend the day at the fair grounds. Tickets are already being sold. Children under 10 years of age will be admitted free of charge.

FORMER RESIDENT, NINETY-ONE YEARS OLD, PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Gill Lived In Farmington Greater Part Of Life

One of the oldest residents of Farmington, Mrs. Marie Gill, died in Detroit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Walker, on June 30. She was 91 years old.

Mrs. Gill lived in Farmington for more than 50 years. She became a widow early in life and always led long and faithfully to raise her family. She was the owner of the old Quaker Church, one of the most historical buildings in the neighborhood, located next to the Quaker Cemetery, on Gill Road.

This is a tribute to Mrs. Marie Gill, who died at the home of her daughter, in Detroit, on June 30. She was 91 years old.

(Mrs.) Mac McGee Roberts

Township, City Share Of Taxes Same As In 1932

County Equalization Report Gives Farmington Units Same Portion To Pay

Farmington Township will be assessed the same proportion of State and County taxes as last year, if the report of the Equalization Committee of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, submitted Tuesday to the Board, is adopted. Approval is considered almost certain, in view of the unanimous signing of the report by the committee.

The drastic cuts in valuations made by Farmington Township officials were not permitted to stand, as had been expected, because of the extent of the slashing. However, the Township valuation for 1932 is about the same as that of last year, so much as that of other units, so the effect of the efforts of local assessing officers was not lost.

When Supervisor Arthur Coe advised the Board of Review completed their work, the real estate valuation was set at \$5,947,380, to which the County committee added \$176,100.25, so that the Farmington valuation cut would not be greater than that accorded other communities. The personal property valuation was permitted to remain at \$258,651, which gives the Township a total of \$6,382,131.25. The valuation set by the State was \$8,621,213.

Farmington Township's percentage of the entire County tax is \$2,320,775.

City Gets Cut

Farmington City obtained a generous cut in valuation, following the running-up of the total by the State last year into high figures. The valuation placed on the city property by local officers was \$2,112,785 for real estate. The County Equalization committee granted a reduction of \$722,981.50, bringing the real estate total down to \$1,389,793.50, which is the personal valuation of \$280,059, will give Farmington a total valuation of \$1,670,782.50. The big cut in real estate assessment total enables the Farmington percentage of the entire County tax to be brought down to the same percentage as last year, 607550.

The entire equalization committee appointed by Mayor Lamb, chairman and headed by Supervisor Charles Hamilton of Novi, signed the report. This is the first time in six years that the full committee comprising supervisors from all sections, has approved the report.

RE-REGISTRATION IN TOWNSHIP IS REPORTED LIGHT

Voters Are Urged To Register At Once To Avoid Pinal Rush

Although re-registration for the September primary has been under way for the past two and one-half months, only about 100 persons, or about one-tenth of the total number expected to register in Farmington Township, have taken advantage of the opportunity to register early.

It is estimated by Willard Campbell, Township Clerk, that at least 700 more voters are expected to register before the final date, which is August 18. Township officials fear that the last minute rush will be almost impossible to handle.

As a new system of permanent registration is being inaugurated, there is a great deal of clerical work involved in the signing up of the voters.

A card index will be used to keep record of all the persons voting and re-registration will be unnecessary in future years providing that the voter goes to the polls regularly. If two consecutive years are missed, a person's name will be dropped from the list and re-registration will be necessary before that person may vote again.

Supervisors Plan Picnic

The Oakland County Board of Supervisors, under the chairmanship of Arthur Lamb, is planning a picnic. Arrangements as to time and place have not as yet been completed.

Mr. Lamb appointed Supervisors Hamilton, Leggett, and Higgins to make the plans for the affair.

Flays Township Boards, People In Stolen Homes

Farmington Township Woman Assails Neighbors Who "Steal Homes, Food, Won't Work"

Violently attacking Farmington Township officials, her neighbors whom she termed as thieves who "stole the material for their homes" and now "steal the food on which they live," and the community newspaper, Mrs. William H. McCullough of Farmington Township let loose a verbal barrage at the Township Board meeting Tuesday night. The attack dwelt on 15 points, comprising questions which she wished to ask of the Board. Most of them the members answered.

Mrs. McCullough was accompanied by about 20 men and women, who, however, participated to any extent in the attack.

Mrs. McCullough branded people who live in small subdivisions and those on the welfare list as "squatters and thieves," who have not only stolen the material with which their homes have been constructed, but who are "stealing the food by which they live." Many of them, she declared, could work if they wished to do so, but they prefer to "live by stealing and on the money furnished by the taxpayers whom they 'bleed as much as possible'."

The speaker further stated that many of them live on land which has reverted to the State for non-payment of taxes, that they therefore pay no taxes and should be deprived of their right to vote.

In Public Eye

Mrs. McCullough recently drew attention at the annual meeting of School District No. 10, Farmington Township, when she sponsored a resolution to have the annual budget placed at half the amount set by the school board. Her resolution was defeated. Some two weeks ago she was in the public eye through a dispute with her neighbor, Fred Wilkinson, over the diversion of a watercourse, running through both properties.

The speech made by Mrs. McCullough Tuesday night was read from a paper prepared by her. It was read later by Frank Gilbreth, reporter for the Enterprise, for a copy of her speech in full and exactly as given. Mrs. McCullough refused to give an interview to the reporter.

"I have no use for Hyman Levinson. I have no use for the Farmington Enterprise, and if you're connected with the Farmington Enterprise, I have no use for you," she had been "misquoted" on a previous occasion by the newspaper. The reporter pointed out that furnishing a copy of her speech would be the best certain way of preventing any possibility of being misquoted on this particular occasion, but the suggestion was again turned down.

The gathering crowded the home of Willard Campbell, Township clerk, where the meeting was held. The session was about half over when the delegation arrived. The first intimation Township board members had of the approaching visit was when Justice Ward Eagle, who was resuming a seat on the Board that evening, came in, somewhat after the meeting started, and informed his fellow-officials that a big crowd was waiting at the Oddfellows Hall. Mr. Eagle said that both he and the crowd had believed that the meetings were being held in the Oddfellows Hall.

Mrs. McCullough, reading from a copy of the Township auditors annual report, which she had with her, made an attack on the Farmington Enterprise, demanding to know what the total of a little over \$400 paid to the Enterprise during the year was paid for. Supervisor Coe explained that the money was expended for necessary publication of official notices, such as registration, election, and the like, and for printed matter.

At the Board because they levied "five times as much taxes" as their budget actually required, Mrs. McCullough urged that the Board try to get along on a small levy, if possible and depend to a great extent on revenue coming in from unpaid taxes. Township Clerk Willard Campbell (Continued on page five)

Resumes Board Position



After an absence of two years, Ward Eagle, Justice of the Peace for Farmington Township, is again serving on the Township Board, replacing Ernest Blanchard, whose term expired last month.

Constables To Be Traffic Officers

Officers Are To Receive One Dollar Per Year For Their Services

Farmington Township constables are now traffic officers as a result of the action taken at the meeting of the Township Board Tuesday night. The two men who now hold these positions are William Gregor and William LaForge. The motion was made by Willis Roberts that the constables be lected by the people who had posted bonds, be made traffic officers at the salary of one dollar per year. Mr. Roberts explained that the constables would get a recompense from the County for each arrest that they made and would be paid for the distance that they were forced to travel in making the arrests.

The motion was passed, everyone with the exception of Ward Eagle favoring it. Mr. Eagle, the new member of the Board, said that although the township would pay these men one dollar a year, "little expenses often grow into big expense." He also objected to having the public "preyed upon" so that the constables could make money from the arrests.

TOWNSHIP MAY USE DELINQUENT TAXES FOR POOR RELIEF

May Use Twenty Five Per Cent Of General Fund Delinquent Taxes

The first step toward putting aside a definite sum of money for poor relief in Farmington Township may be taken at the next meeting of the Township Board following a suggestion Tuesday night that 25 per cent of all delinquent taxes collected, that would ordinarily go into the general fund, be used for this purpose.

As the Township, instead of the County, will have to take care of its poor after January 1, 1933, it was deemed necessary by members of the Board that certain steps be taken in advance to meet a situation which it is believed will be difficult to handle.

Action on the proposal was postponed until the next meeting when it is hoped more definite data on the amount of delinquent taxes likely to be received will be available. The general sentiment of the Board members was that 25 per cent might not be enough to allow for poor relief.

It was decided that the salary of members of the Board should remain at four dollars per meeting in spite of the fact that there is but one meeting a month now being held instead of two.

Spaller-Foster Are Married Saturday

Percy William Spaller, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Spaller, of Farmington, was married to Miss Elma Foster, of Redford, on Saturday afternoon at the Calvary M. E. Church of Redford, Harry Otis, of Farmington, was the best man.

At the present time the couple are at Round Lake, where they will spend two weeks. At the end of that time they will return and live at 22635 Brookdale Avenue, in Farmington.

No Covert Road Tax This Year, Supervisor Plan

Program Recommended By Board Would Eliminate Special Highway Levies

"No Covert Road Tax in 1932" is the aim of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, sought to be achieved by a plan which was approved Thursday by the Board and sent to the Oakland County Road Commission and the County's civil counsel for their opinions.

The proposal is a substitute for the plan of refunding the Covert Road indebtedness of the County over a 20-year period. The refunding plan appears to be definitely rejected for the present at least, having been vigorously opposed at a public hearing in Pontiac Wednesday. It was objected to because it would so greatly increase the total to be paid by the people of the County for the highways, due to extending the interest paying period over many more years.

The Supervisors' plan is embodied in two resolutions passed Thursday. The first resolution recommends that interest only on the Covert bonds be paid for two years. There is already money on hand sufficient to pay the interest for this year, according to Mayor Lamb, chairman of the Board, and thus no mill tax would have to be levied. Next year, it is planned, the money received from the State could be used for the interest payment.

The resolution further proposes that the 1930 and 1931 Covert taxes be spread over a period of 10 years. The only payment thus remaining, which those assessed would have to meet would be the 1929 Covert taxes, and regarding these, the County officials can do nothing.

The second resolution, embodying the results of the first, provides that no Covert Road tax be spread in 1932.

In view of the approval by the Supervisors, the plan is certain to go through unless the Road Commission or the Civil Counsel find difficulties with it which cannot be overcome.

ROYAL OAK MAN IS INJURED IN WRECK ON 10-MILE ROAD

Peter Jennings Collides With Car Being Driven By Notice

Peter Jennings, 35, of Royal Oak, was seriously hurt at 8 o'clock Monday night, when the car which he was driving collided with an automobile driven by Kate McCleak, of Detroit, at the intersection of 10-Mile and Orchard Lake Roads.

Miss McCleak, who was learning to drive, was accompanied by her brother, John. Neither of them were injured although their car was turned over on its side, and badly damaged.

Jennings, driving a Durant, was traveling north on Orchard Lake Road and Miss McCleak driving a Willis Knight, was going west on 10-Mile. Jennings hit the other car almost broadside. At first he was thought to be uninjured but was later taken to the Royal Oak Hospital where it was discovered that he was suffering from three broken ribs and a possible fractured skull.

He had been campaigning in Farmington Township for Mayor McKeanigh, of Flint, who is a candidate for Governor of the State.

"Young Politicians" Are Doing Their Part

With the Democratic Convention over in Chicago and the nomination of Roosevelt for President, campaigning in Farmington has started. Several of Farmington's young politicians have already started canvassing the town with banners.

Several boys of West Oakland Avenue between the ages of 6 and 10, have mounted on a little wagon, a banner painted with red large letters "Roosevelt for President." They marched down the Avenue and up the side street using a washbuck for a drum following with an army with their dog as a mascot bringing up the rear. Whether Roosevelt will be elected or not is a matter of time, but the boys feel satisfied that they have done their part.