

Benefit Dance Is Planned For Needy Children

Farmington Township Officials Back Plans For Affair To Furnish Clothing

Scores of children in Farmington Township are going to school without proper and adequate clothing and shoes, and are facing even greater hardship this winter, but this dismal prospect for them will be averted if plans already under way are successful. Farmington Township officials are uniting to promote a huge benefit affair to raise money to supply clothes for these unfortunate children and assure them of warmth in the cold days to come.

The event will be held in the near future in Oddfellows' Hall, Eight Mile and Grand River Road, and organizing committees are already ready under way. Numerous organizations and individuals will contribute their time and service to the cause.

The situation was laid before the Township Board Tuesday night by Justice Willis T. Roberts, who said it had been brought to his attention by the Township traffic officers. Mr. Roberts said the officers, assisting children in crossing the streets on their way to school, had noticed the sorry condition of the clothes many were wearing, and had asked him for help in a desire to do something to aid the children.

It was decided to proceed at once with plans for the dance and Mr. Roberts was asked to act as chairman. He chose Willard Campbell as secretary, Ward Eagle as treasurer, and William Gregor as assistant chairman. Supervisor Coe was asked to take charge of arranging for music at the dance.

The affair will not be an ordinary one by any means. In addition to dancing, there will be much entertainment as the committee can pack into the evening. A wrestling match or two, perhaps some boxing, entertainment by radio stars and others, are among the features it is hoped to provide attractions. Mr. Roberts indicated that he is already assured of a good start toward the entertainment part of the program from public-spirited people in Detroit.

Every agency of the community is to be enlisted to aid in the work, said Mr. Roberts. This includes officials of Farmington Township and City, Oakland and Wayne Counties, and Detroit, and the police of all the places mentioned.

A "one-week drive" will be part of the money-raising program. During a specified week, Mr. Roberts said, the township traffic officers issuing tickets to violators will mark them all for appearance the following Monday. On that day all money collected will be turned into the needy children's clothing fund, of the officers and Mr. Roberts contributing all of their fees.

The Oddfellows' Lodge of Clarenceville will donate the use of the hall, so that practically every cent taken in will be clear profit to be used for the children's clothing. Tickets for the dance will be sold at a low price to make it possible for as many to contribute who can spare even "a little change" for the cause. A widespread and active ticket-selling committee is to be organized.

During the discussion of the matter, Supervisor Coe brought out that a movement of this kind is one of real need, since, he said, "it is almost necessary for the children to miss a few days of school before they can get clothing now from the County." The officials at Pontiac, faced with a great demand not only for food and clothing but for other necessities of life for thousands of families, are unable to supply the requirements.

Parent-Teachers To Elect New Officers

A special meeting of the Parent Teachers Association will be held on Monday evening, September 26, at 4 o'clock. The meeting is held for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year.

The regular meeting will be held Thursday, September 29. A reception for teachers will be held at the regular meeting. The Parent Teacher Association meetings are held at the School House.

Death Parts Couple A Few Days After 65th Wedding Anniversary

Only three days after the celebration of their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary, Captain and Mrs. Thomas Kerr of Farmington were separated by the death of Mrs. Kerr. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. D. L. Jackson, 32620 Grand River, with burial in Newburg.

Mrs. Kerr who had been ill for about two years, died Saturday. She was 89 years of age. Due to the illness of Mrs. Kerr there was no celebration on their wedding anniversary, Wednesday of last week. Captain Kerr, an old sailor, celebrated his ninety-third birthday August 2, in a quiet way and without ceremony.

Mrs. Kerr had lived in this country all of her life except the first six months. She was born in

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Automatic Outfit Working Perfectly After Delays In Installation, Adjustment

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Operation of the pump was perfected late last week after some difficulties had made adjustments necessary because of a mechanical condition. The pump mostly provides the supply of about 150,000 gallons now being used daily, in a pumping-period of between five and six hours.

Nearly a week's delay was caused by inability to obtain a piece of piping needed to connect the pump with the city's system. Supply companies were unable to furnish a cast-iron "Y" of proper dimensions and the piece had to be made in Chicago. The first casting proved imperfect and it was necessary to wait until another could be cast and shipped.

Although this type of pump installed has reached a high degree of perfection, as often in such cases city officials finally overcome troubles with the pump by using a home-made device adapted to the pump. The Farmington system, with its 200-foot "head," caused the water to surge back into the pump after being lifted, which shut off the power and caused the pump to castust. The valve taken from gasoline lamp at the hardware store was finally attached and eliminated the difficulty.

While the pump turns on automatically at 8:00 p. m., an ever increasing amount of water has been partially emptied, it can also be turned on by hand when there has been unusual usage of water, as in case of a large fire. City officials keep close watch on the pressure. Superintendent of public works William Maas and his assistant, Harvey Blough, each have pressure gauges on faucets at their homes, and should the pressure here the supply is low, they have merely to go to the waterworks and turn on the pump by hand.

Ordinarily the pump operates five and one-half hours, from 9:00 p. m. to 2:30 a. m. when the tank is filled. The new system will save the City more than half the former pumping cost.

FUNERAL SERVICE HELD AT DETROIT FOR EDW. BAUER

Former Farmington Business Man Buried At Forest Lawn, Was Victim of Stroke

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Mr. Bauer was driving home with Mrs. Bauer after having spent Saturday evening with Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Boice of Farmington. While driving in Detroit he felt the attack coming on and was able only to draw his car to the curb. Mrs. Bauer obtained police aid, and Mr. Bauer was taken home by officers, on a stretcher. He soon lost consciousness, which he did not regain.

Mr. Bauer was 49 years old. Sunday night he came to Farmington, associated with William F. Goers' agency. Later he took his own agency, selling various makes of cars. He was well-liked and highly respected among business men and citizens generally.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Pearl Begg Bauer, and a sister, Mrs. George Scott of Pleasant Ridge. In recent months Mr. and Mrs. Bauer have been residing at 5562 Second Blvd., Detroit; where the services were held. A large number of Farmington residents attended the rites.

FILING BANK CLAIMS

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Officers Unable To Do Night Patrolling

Farmington Township's new traffic officers desire the public to know that they are unable to undertake to patrol highways of the township day and night, as some residents appear to believe is part of their duties.

The constables report that they receive many calls which they are unable to answer. In some instances from residents bothered by chicken-thieves.

The officers state that they wish to be helpful in every possible way but that their attention is concentrated on traffic control and since they are on duty all night, they cannot also handle night work.

Enrollment Is Above Last Year

Students Attending Farmington Schools Number 566, Despite Dropping Of Kindergarten

Enrollment of 46 new pupils in Farmington Public Schools during the past week sent the total up to the new figure of 566 for twelve grades. The total now is exactly the same number as were enrolled at the close of the first month of school a year ago, but actually represents an increase, since there were 19 in the kindergarten last year, and there is no enrollment last year, exclusive of kindergarten, was 547.

There is an increase of 10 pupils in the high school, with 224 in the four higher grades, as compared with 214 a year ago. The new students coming in added to the teaching problem by a measurable degree, since the classes are already exceptionally large and above the number permitted by rules of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Detailed enrollment figures for various classes are as follows:

Grade	Present Enrollment	Close of 1st Mo. '31-32
1	42	56
2	54	32
3	42	32
4	33	47
5	43	37
6	43	38
7	42	46
8	42	36
9	39	58
10	69	49
11	56	62
12	66	45
Kindergarten (1911)	19	19
566	566	

DE MOLAY LODGE TO INSTALL NEW OFFICERS OCT. 6

Election Is Held By Fellowship Chapter; Ceremony To Be Public

The DeMolay at Northville held election of officers on the fifteenth of September. Harvey Segnitz, Marvin Tribble, Frank Beckwith, George Todd and Almond Gates were elected to fill the respective offices of Master, Senior, Junior Councilors, Treasurer and Scribe.

With these enthusiastic leaders the Chapter will soon advance into its new fiscal year upon the public installation of officers at the Northville Masonic Hall October 6 at 8:00 P. M. Local Past Master Councillors will put on the work with Winfield Baugus as installing officer. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The present term built up by the officers under Steve Horvath is now out to some degree through the following fellows going to college:

William Henry, William Kirkpatrick, Clifford Smith and Mason Potter are studying at M. S. C. in East Lansing. James Stimpson, Steve Horvath and Lester Daly are studying at M. S. N. C. in Ypsilanti while Charles Carrington is also at College. Bruce Miller is at Houghton attending the Michigan College of Mines and Technology. Bruce is the third member of Fellowship Chapter to attend Houghton, Morris Woodworth and George Grimme preceding him.

Mrs. Martha Schroeder was a business caller in Pontiac Tuesday.

Township Joins With Others To End Drain Taxes

Farmington Board Votes To Cooperate In Questioning Of Projects

Farmington Township will join with other townships, Oakland County, and assessed taxpayers in questioning the validity of drains built in recent years under the supervision of the county drain commissioner, the object being to establish the invalidity of the projects and relieve property-owners of paying taxes any further for those drains.

The movement includes a large portion of the County. It had its inception some time ago after the now-famous Southfield Drain case was decided, with the ruling that the county drain commissioner had no right to build other than open drains. Officials and property owners throughout the southern part of the County, where numerous "drains" that are actually sewers have been built, are uniting in their petitions to have the drain projects declared illegal.

Two Drains

Two drains are involved in Farmington Township, the Clarenceville and Hazel drains. Both have been built for some years and are in the southeast corner of the Township. Supervisor Coe estimates that there remains to be paid several thousands of dollars on each drain. In addition, drain taxes of many property-owners are delinquent. If, as is believed certain, the drain-building is declared illegal, it is expected that such a verdict would relieve the property-owners of all present and future assessments, and wipe out the tax delinquencies on those assessments. The township would be relieved of its township-large assessments and the county of its similar levies.

Farmington and Southfield townships would join in the action on these two drains, as they lie in two townships. Wherever several townships are traversed by drains it is planned to join them in suits. In each case one taxpayer will have to be a party to the suit to obtain the relief for individual taxpayers.

Supervisor Coe said he believes it is unlikely that an attempt will be made to get back taxes already paid on the drains. If such a plea were made and granted by the court, reimbursement would have to come from the County, which now has a large number of financial problems as to current expenses. It is feared that in case of such a request the difficulty the County would obviously have in making such payments might influence the decision adversely and jeopardize the case for relief from present and delinquent levies. This is viewed as the more important because it would be made to get back taxes already paid on the drains.

An amicable settlement has been reached in the Southfield drain case, with contractors and bondholders sharing in the losses. In the cases to be started, the bondholders would stand the losses to result if the appeals for relief are granted.

The Township Board Tuesday night voted unanimously to join in the suits.

HAS CLUB YEAR BOOKS

Attention of Members of Farmington Woman's Club is called to the fact that year-books of the Club are in the hands of Mrs. Arthur Crawford, and may be obtained from her. A charge of 15 cents is made for the books.

Ample Notice When Moving Is Requested

Subscribers of the Enterprise are asked to take as special care to give ample notice of change of address. The new postal laws enacted by the last session of Congress impose a charge upon newspapers for notices which are sent by the post-office, advising that subscribers have moved. Numbers of such notices accumulating mount to a sizeable expense.

Care taken to give as much notice as possible, at least a week or two before moving, will be appreciated, and will give the subscriber more assurance of receiving all copies of the paper.