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M. E. Celebration Plans For Next Week Completed

Banquet To Celebrate Liquidation Of Mortgage On Church

Farmington Methodist Episcopal Church will celebrate its mortgage liquidation with a triumphal home-coming banquet on Friday evening, March 24, 6:30 o'clock. The present minister, Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson will act as chairman. Invocation will be offered by the District Superintendent, Rev. J. A. Halmhuber of Ypsilanti. The Triumphal March will set the theme for the evening. Miss C. Ernestine Pierce, who was director of the choir at the time the church was dedicated, will sing; also the present director Edward Eaton.

It is expected that the former ministers will be present: Rev. Sidney D. Eva, Rev. Edward Dunlavy and H. Addis Leeson. They will bring greetings. A number of honored guests who have co-operated in building and assisting in the final liquidation of the church debt will be present. They will be introduced during the program.

The closing greeting will be brought by Rev. J. A. Halmhuber. The capacity of the dining room is limited, so those desiring to be present are requested to secure their reservations early.

The following menu has been prepared for the banquet: fruit cocktail, stewed chicken, mashed potatoes, rutabagas, cabbage salad, pickled, rolls, ice cream, cake and coffee.

MORT RYAN SHOW TO REVIVE SPIRIT OF MINSTREL DAYS

Our Lady Of Sorrows Church Will Present Detroit Troupe Tuesday, March 28

The performance of the Mort Ryan's Detroit Minstrel Troupe sponsored by Our Lady of Sorrows church has been postponed from March 21 to Tuesday, March 28.

The minstrel show, one of the authentic "old time" variety, will be given at 8:15 p. m. in Farmington Town Hall. The program will go to the benefit of the church.

Mort Ryan and his troupe have gained an enviable reputation in this section of the state, presenting entertainment much above the usual run of modern "minstrel shows." The troupe will present a number of expert entertainers, including some old-fashioned "jiggers," and the new and expected to approximate the minstrel shows that were so popular at the end of the last century.

Tickets may be purchased at the Fred L. Cook and Co. store. Admission for adults will be 35 cents, and for children, 20 cents.

Showroom Enlarged By Olin Russell, Inc.

Olin Russell, Inc., Farmington Ford Dealers, have enlarged their showroom for the display of Ford motor cars. Office space has been rearranged so that a large additional space is now available for exhibiting cars. Two of the new 112-inch wheelbase Ford automobiles can now be placed on display directly in front of the showroom window, where room was available for only one before. The showroom will be repainted and will afford appropriate surroundings for the new and beautiful Ford models.

Red And Green Light On Again At Junction

The red and green lights of the signal lamp located at Grand River and Farmington Junction have been turned on again after being off for several days. The light is now in full operation. The signal has been the subject of many appeals to authorities, to have it turned off, because it obstructs traffic on Grand River and is regarded as useless. For a few days the amber lights only were displayed. The reason for turning the alternate red and green signals on again has not been disclosed.

Mrs. William Sloum and daughter, Susan, were in Detroit Wednesday morning.

C. Aldrich, Who Started Home With 35 Cents, Tells Of Florida Exodus

Back home again through circumstances which none foresaw and which he never dreamed would bring him back to Michigan ahead of his schedule, Clarence Aldrich, Farmington nurseryman, still had borrowed 1,700 miles with 35 cents in his pocket.

Mr. Aldrich, arrived home Sunday night, has a graphic story to tell of the effect of the nationwide bank holiday on Florida and its visitors. While other communities have stood bewildered at the swift-moving current of events, Florida has seen a large portion of its population pack up and leave hurriedly for home in the midst of its busiest season, says Mr. Aldrich. Women, unaccompanied, also the present director Edward Eaton.

Small City Bank Outlasts Giants

Farmington Man Heads One Of Two In Detroit O. K.'d By U. S.

In a small five-story building almost hidden away in Detroit's great downtown forest of towering structures, a modest banking-house has become overnight a veritable "little giant" in financial affairs of the City of Detroit. After two colossal banking institutions toppled and brought tumbling down for a time at least the financial structure of the entire State, this little bank with less than one-fifth of the deposits of Detroit has been one of two to survive and win approval of the Federal Government, for re-opening of its doors.

Farmington has reason for pride in the fact that the little bank which, with Detroit Savings Bank, has provided what immediate salvation Detroit has had in its financial situation, is headed by a Farmington man, William W. Sloum. The United Savings Bank of which he is president is termed a small one because its deposits of 11-million dollars are small compared with those of the closed First National with over 400 millions, the Detroit total being over 500 million. The United is only one-third as large as the other Detroit bank which opened at the same time Tuesday morning, under license from Washington, Detroit Savings Bank, which has 35 million in deposits.

Thus overnight this bank, whose lobby seems crowded when 25 people are there, came into the spotlight. It was not an overnight victory, however, but the end of a long, long fight—a struggle that has gone on unceasingly for long weary months that have stretched into years. Knowing full well that their bank was sound and strong, the officers yet had to fight the steadily growing current of opposition that, from the largest institutions, and had to endure a steady "pounding" of constant withdrawals that many depositors made not out of choice but for the necessities of life.

Tuesday Bright Through the long period of trouble most of the depositors of this big-city bank that was small enough to maintain personal contacts, have "kept the faith" in their bank. Their confidence was multiplied a thousand fold Tuesday as the bank opened again for business. New depositors, erstwhile hoarders, with no reason for (Continued on page five)

Method Speaker

District Superintendent J. A. Halmhuber of Detroit, will attend and participate in the triumphal banquet planned by Farmington Methodist Church for Friday evening of next week to celebrate liquidation of the church mortgage.

City Not Within 15-Mill Tax Law; Binds Township

Supreme Court Rules City Exempt Because of Charter; Schools, Townships Bound

Farmington City is not bound by the 15 mill tax limitation made effective in Michigan by adoption of an amendment to the Constitution last November, because of a provision in its charter, it is determined by a ruling of the Michigan Supreme Court this week. But Farmington Township and all school districts are bound by the 15 mill law. The ruling, handed down Tuesday, holds that the limitation does not apply to home rule cities, of which Farmington is one.

The Supreme Court ruling is that cities with charter provisions for higher tax rates than 15 mills are not affected. Farmington's charter, like those of most other cities, contains such provision.

Former Publisher Missing in 'Quake' A former publisher of the Farmington Enterprise may have suffered serious injury or death in the Southern California earthquake last week, it is feared. John Price, who formerly owned the Enterprise, has been a resident of Long Beach, and has not been heard from since the quake.

which allows up to 2 per cent, or 20 mills. This is the percentage provided in Pontiac's City's charter and the charters of many other cities. "The electors of such cities still have the power to fix the limits within which they may be subjected to taxation for local purposes. The right to exercise this power of self government was not changed by the constitutional amendment," the court decided.

The court construed the 15 mill amendment as meaning "the limitation may be increased when provided for by present or future charters of municipal corporations."

"Unfortunately the amendment was couched in language so ambiguous that able counsel was unable to agree," the opinion read. "Under the constitutional provisions the home rule act placed in the hands of the electors of cities chartered thereunder, increased powers of local government. Surely it would be a strange governmental operation wholly inconsistent with ordinary methods, if not entirely without precedent, to summarily suspend the charters of such cities."

Local Ruling The amendment applies to all taxing districts except those wherein by local action a higher percentage of taxation is expressly authorized.

Thus Farmington Township and all school districts are included in the limitation. The court ruled that in the final adjustment of its city budget the city will be entitled to only such part of the 15 mill law as is allocated to it by statute, the balance of the funds needed for its city government must come from the excess levy allowed charter cities. The Supreme Court ruled that the local laws of a city government possess state hold and school taxes being held within the 15 mill limit, according to the court.

The opinion was written by Justice of the North and was concurred in unanimously. 2 Per Cent Limit Farmington's city charter provides for the levying of two per cent of the assessed value of real estate, while under the state amendment assessing officers would be limited to one and a half per cent for all purposes, including state, county, school, city and special taxes.

Section 5 of Chapter 8 of the city charter reads: "The aggregate amount which the Commission may raise by general tax on the taxable real and personal property of the city, for the purpose of defraying the general expenses and liabilities of the corporation, shall not exceed in any one year two per cent of the assessed value of all real and

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Routed From Bed As Home Burns

Second Blaze Within Few Months Destroys House On Old Sallow Farm

The second fire within a few months proved a destructive one at the farmhouse on the old Sallow Farm, on the north side of Grand River just west of the intersection of Ten Mile Road. Farmington firemen were unable to prevent the house from burning to the ground early Wednesday morning.

Children in the house, who had been asleep, were routed from their beds when a passing motorist saw smoke rising from the roof. The adults and passersby carried out most of the furniture and clothing.

When Farmington firemen arrived the fire had spread over much of the house in addition to the roof, and it was impossible to save the building. The house was occupied by the McCree brothers, one of whom has a family, the other being a bachelor. The former has been out of work for months.

The fire which started last fall was subdued by the firemen, who were called before the blaze had gained a start. In both cases the fire had its origin in the chimney.

Blaze Attracts Crowd A large crowd was attracted to a fire in Southfield Community Wednesday evening, when a two apartment structure burned to the ground. The building contained upstairs and downstairs apartments, a woman occupying each place of the furniture of both apartments except a bed-spring and a gas stove was removed, the clothing of the women also being saved.

Eight dogs, however, were suffocated. Three were grown bulldogs and five puppies. In the rush to save apparel and furniture the dogs were overlooked until too late.

The house is reported to have been owned by Wormer and Moore real estate firm. It was located at Emmet and Poinciana avenues.

Chevrolet Standard Six Is Much Admired

Introduction of the new Chevrolet Standard Six by Farmington Motor Sales last Saturday attracted a large gathering of people throughout the day and evening. The Standard Six, priced considerably below the market, which is proving one of the most popular Chevrolet cars ever introduced, affords fine transportation at extremely low cost.

R. E. Beckley, proprietor of Farmington Motor Sales, expressed himself as much pleased with the reception of the new car and the number it attracted to the showroom. The enthusiasm for the Standard Six, because of its size, comfort and beauty still continues. Mr. Beckley says, and he anticipates a large and constantly increasing sale of the larger model car.

personal property in the city, according to the assessment roll last confirmed prior to the beginning of such fiscal year."

Contests Appear For Mayor And City Commission

Arthur Lamb And Howard Warner To Be Opponents; 6 For Commission

Farmington City will have its liveliest election in years on April 3, it is indicated, with contests appearing during the past week for mayor, for places on the Commission, and addition of a third candidate for clerk.

Arthur Lamb will be opposed by Howard M. Warner for mayor, petitions for Mr. Warner having been filed Thursday. Mr. Lamb's petitions for re-election were filed two weeks ago.

Town Hall Election Passes State Senate

The bill in the Legislature which would permit Farmington Township to hold its April election in Farmington Town Hall was reported Thursday to have been passed by the Senate following its quick passage through the House. It is anticipated that the bill will have Gov. Comstock's signature in ample time to allow holding of the election in the Hall. With two-thirds vote and the Governor's approval the bill has immediate effect.

Children had been filed only for Commissioners Leo Gildemeister and Emory Hatton. On Saturday a petition was filed for Joseph Himmelpach. Still there appeared no contest until early this week, when petitions appeared in circulation for Harold Oldenberg, George K. Checketts, and Commissioner Carl Goers. Commissioner Goers, however, has been thus far his oft-repeated refusals to be a candidate for re-election.

Three In For Clerk A third candidate heightened interest in the contest for clerk, Lawrence R. Taylor coming out for that office. Other candidates are Clerk N. H. Power and Mrs. Mary Johnson.

Neither L. C. Thayer nor James L. Hogie has opposition thus far for re-election as treasurer and assessor respectively, and it is considered highly unlikely that other candidates will appear for either office.

Justice of the peace John J. Schulte, whose petitions have been prepared, will be opposed for the office by Lloyd S. Gullen; whose petitions have been filed. Petitions have been filed for W. Allen Nelson for justice, to fill vacancy.

Four For Constable The four candidates for constable, with two places to be filled, remain as last week. The candidates are Fred Schaeper and Ed Thayer. The two places on the board of review still seek aspirants. The incumbents are Joseph A. Karle and Harrison Johnson, the latter of whom has declared that he will not be a candidate for re-election.

The period for filing of petitions concludes next Thursday afternoon, March 23, at five o'clock. All petitions must be in the hands of City Clerk Power by that time.

CORRECTION

Two errors were contained in last week's account of the Farmington Township Republican and Democratic primaries.

Clerk William Campbell received 405 votes instead of 205 in Precinct 1, and 207 from the second precinct, for a total of 612 votes; instead of 412. The total votes previously announced, if taken with stray votes cast for other candidates, would have exceeded the total number Republican votes, 568.

In the Democratic race for the nomination for supervisor, Wm. G. Gillen received 20 votes in the first precinct, not 2. He therefore polled a total of 63, instead of 45.

The standings of the candidates were not affected by these errors, and remain as previously announced.