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William Taylor Is New School Head At Walled Lake

Okamus Man Is Successor To Harry Nesman Will Take Post Soon

William H. Taylor, school superintendent at Okamus, Michigan, has been appointed to succeed Harry Nesman as superintendent of schools at Walled Lake. The appointment was made by the Walled Lake school board last week. Mr. Taylor has served as school superintendent at Okamus for six years. He also acted in the capacity of agricultural instructor there. The school is of the consolidated or rural agricultural type and the attendance ranged between 450 and 500 students. All twelve grades were taught. The new superintendent is a graduate of Michigan State College and received his master's degree at University of Michigan. He served as school superintendent at Honor, Michigan, before he came to Okamus. The principal of the high school at Okamus, under Mr. Taylor was Eddie Soper who formerly taught at Walled Lake. Mr. Soper also coached the athletic teams. He may be appointed as successor to Mr. Taylor at Okamus. Percy Williams, secretary of the board at Okamus, expressed regret at the departure of Mr. Taylor.

NESMAN IS MARRIED

Harry Nesman, who recently resigned as superintendent of schools at Walled Lake to take a position in the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was married on Saturday, July 22, at New Buffalo, Michigan, to Miss Hazel Ross, who served as a teacher at Walled Lake for the past five years. The bride resigned her position at Walled Lake last week. Her home originally, was at Lowell. The Nesmans will take up their residence in Lansing.

from that community. He said that the whole district there appreciated the excellent work Mr. Taylor had done in the Okamus school. He has asked for his release from his duties there on August 14 so that he may come to Walled Lake immediately to take up his new duties. He is attending the convocations of M. E. A. at Ann Arbor. On Monday night he will come to a meeting of the Walled Lake school board to discuss plans for the vacancy year. The Walled Lake post was caused by the resignation, July 1, of Mr. Nesman who held it for six years. He left immediately for Lansing to take position in the office of the State superintendent of Public Instruction to which he had been appointed by the new state superintendent, Dr. Paul Voelker. When Mr. Taylor comes to Walled Lake he will occupy the house recently vacated by Edward Coe.

The selection of Mr. Taylor as superintendent was made from a group of more than 50 applicants.

Penalty And Interest Now Off 1932 Taxes

1932 taxes are now payable at the office of County Treasurer Charles A. Sparks at Pontiac with no penalty or interest attached. The treasurer received orders from Governor Comstock Wednesday to cease assessing the interest and penalty. The legislature, at its final session last week, passed a bill extending the tax deadline to November 1. No provision was made, however, for the refunding of money paid in penalty and interest after July 1, the original deadline. Only about \$600 was collected in this way in Oakland, however, and the money has been set aside by the county treasurer in the event that the legislature should later order this money refunded.

District Legation Meeting To Be Held In Farmington

The annual 17th district joint meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held Friday, July 28, in Farmington. A supper will be served at the Evangelical church at 6:30 and an entertainment will follow. Later in the evening the meetings of the two organizations will be held. All members are invited.

City's Employers Will Participate In Nira Drive; Schulte Urges Support

Farmington will give a 100 percent response to President Roosevelt's call to arms in the national war against the depression. Immediately upon the conclusion of the president's radio address to the nation on Monday night urging the employers of the country to sign the code agreements initiated under the National Industrial Recovery Act, many Farmington employers indicated that they would enlist under the Nira banner, either agreeing to the codes drawn up by their particular groups or to the general temporary code which will go into effect, August 31. Out of a large number of interviews on the subject, not one stated that he would refuse to sign the code agreements. The new blanks are expected in the mail within the next few days and the persons who sign them will receive the N. R. A. eagle stickers to place in the display windows of their business establishments. Justice John J. Schulte, president of the Farmington Exchange Club, which acts in the capacity of a Chamber of Commerce for the city, said he was glad to be wholeheartedly in the president's program. In a statement issued on Thursday, Justice Schulte said: "As president of the Farmington Exchange Club, I urge all of the merchants in the city to join wholeheartedly in the National Recovery drive inaugurated Monday with the address of President Roosevelt. If your particular merchandising group has formulated a code, I cannot urge too strongly that it be adopted to the letter. If not, I recommend the adoption of the principles embodied in the general code. We have struggled along for four years under the system to which we have been accustomed and have accomplished nothing in the way of overcoming the burden of hard times. It is high time to try something new and, even though the cost which the adoption of the code will entail may bear hard upon us for a time, the fruits of our action may bring us returns far in excess of the cost. We cannot fail in our efforts when we see such supreme courage vested in the higher office in the land as our president has shown. He has done his part it is now imperative upon us to do ours. The success of the recovery program depends upon the action of every employer. I hope to see every business establishment in Farmington displaying the N. R. A. eagle in its window. Mayor Warner and several members of the commission expressed the hope that the Farmington business men will fall into line on the recovery program. The popularity of the president and his program in the city was indicated in the reception given the radio address on Monday night. A large crowd was gathered around every radio set in the business section.

Property Value Is Set At \$1,447,156

Equalization Committee Report \$467,471 Below Assessed Valuation

A report of the equalization committee of the County Board of Supervisors during the past week set the value of property in Farmington city at \$1,447,156. This represents a reduction of \$464,471 from the assessed valuation.

A controversy has developed over the proposed valuations introduced by the committee and it is probable that they will not finally be adopted as reported. The situation is so muddled that the whole matter will be referred to the State Tax Commission for settlement. Charges of unfair "boosting" of valuations in certain of the cities have been made. The totalized figure for the entire county is \$217,403,515 as compared with the assessed valuation of \$218,282,206. The real estate valuation for the county is \$18,628. The personal property valuation is \$19,574,669. If the recommendations of the committee are followed the general valuation for the county will be \$217,403,515 as compared with the figure of \$218,282,206 set by the board of review. Mayor Howard Warner has represented Farmington City at the meeting of the board. Arthur E. Coe has represented Farmington township.

CHARLES DAMON TAKEN BY DEATH MONDAY NIGHT

Lived In Farmington Township For Past 10 Years; Burial In New York

Charles H. Damon, a resident of Farmington township for the past ten years, died suddenly Monday night after a heart attack. Mr. Damon had been in poor health for several years. General services were held Thursday at the residence on Edward Road, Rev. Floyd Johnson, former pastor of the Farmington Methodist church officiating. Burial will be in Perry Center, New York. Mr. Damon was born on May 23, 1868 in Hallock, Illinois. He later moved to New York state and attended the Commercial Business College at Buffalo. He was married to Mrs. Damon on November 2, 1892. He engaged in business as a carpenter and millwright, living in Perry Center before coming to Farmington. He raised chickens and garden produce at his home on Edward Street. Mr. Damon is survived by the widow; three daughters, Mrs. Annabelle Hume of Silver Springs, Mrs. Alice Willard and Mrs. Ruth Young of Detroit, and one son, Charles J. Damon. Spencer Heenev is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Farmington Gets Ford Tool Shop

Small Industry Will Locate In City During Coming Week; To Do General Work

A small industry will locate in Farmington during the coming week. The rear section of the Checketts garage at the intersection of Farmington road and State street will be converted into the manufacture of parts for the Ford Motor Company. Three Detroit men will operate the shop which will be used for general machine work. The corporation is known as Feather, Stanton, and Robs. If the business of the plant comes up to the amount expected, it is believed that four or five men will be employed within a few weeks.

The operation of the Farmington plant is part of a new general plan of the Ford Motor Company in the machining of parts. In the past, the work has been done by the Ford company. Recently, however, the company has decided to let this work out to small concerns in various cities. Similar plants are already in operation in Plymouth, Northville and other communities in the Detroit area.

Parts will be sent to the Farmington shop by the Ford company. The machine work will be done and the finished parts sent back to Ford's. It is emphasized by the proprietors that the shop will also be open to the general public. The shop and that persons in the Farmington area who have machine work to be done may bring it to the shop. The three men who are running the establishment are all former Ford employees, two of them having worked for Ford for 17 years and the other for 20 years. If the business is sufficiently profitable the plant may eventually hire as many as 15 to 20 persons. Negotiations were first made for the rental of the old bowling alley building on the corner of State and it was found that the floor there was not suitable to the plans of the group. Mr. Checketts will continue to operate his sales agency in the front part of the building.

Sliced Bread Is Now On Sale At Ross Bakery

Farmington Bakery installed a bread-slicing machine during the past week for the automatic slicing of bread. The new device will enable Farmington residents to obtain this popular product of the Ross establishment ready to serve at their tables.

City Tax Discount Is Effective To Aug. 1st

Farmington city taxes are payable with the two percent discount up until August 1st, according to City Treasurer L. C. Thayer. After August 1st, the full amount of the tax will be assessed.

'Farmington First' Township Slogan In Work Appeal

Earle Asks Persons In Township Who Need Laborers To Pick Farmington Man

H. W. Earle, director of the township welfare relief, Thursday issued a statement calling upon the residents of Farmington township to employ only township residents in any work which they may have to offer. The step was taken in retaliation for the campaign being waged at the present time by the city of Detroit to persuade Detroit firms to hire only Detroit residents. Applicants for work at the Detroit factories are required to show cards which indicate their being Detroit men. These cards have been furnished through a registration of the unemployed in police booths in various parts of the city. Under this system, residents of Farmington, since it is not within the city limits of Detroit, are barred from obtaining employment in the city. Township officials have pointed out the injustice of this method, holding that the residents of the township spend a large portion of their incomes in Detroit. Outside of everyday necessities, such as food, a majority of the articles purchased by these persons come from the downtown stores. This is particularly true of clothing.

Farmington township started its own jobless registration Monday, so that the Farmington residents may have first choice for jobs in the township. The registration is conducted in a manner similar to that of Detroit. 50 persons have been listed during this week. 37 of these registered on the first day. The registration will continue indefinitely although some persons were under the impression that Monday would be the only day on which the listing would take place. The persons listed in the registration come from all walks of life, from laborers to druggists. Both the laboring class and the white collar group are included. In the latter group were several public accountants. A large portion of the men preferred to list themselves as laborers, even though skilled in some trade, since they believed such a classification would enable them to obtain more work.

A decrease of four families was noted in the township welfare rolls for the week. This is about the average decline as seen during the past month. The township has endeavored to keep all the men on some kind of work. A large number are employed at the present time in the gardens and cutting weeds along the road. Joseph Graham, township highway commissioner, has had some of the men out during the week building a culvert.

It is emphasized by the township officials that the present jobless registration is not connected with the welfare. Persons listed are not placing themselves in the position of applying for welfare aid. All unemployed Farmington township residents are urged to register as soon as possible.

Spark Starts Roof Fire At AschenBrenner Home

A roof fire at the home of Dr. A. AschenBrenner resulted in damage estimated between \$300 and \$400 Wednesday afternoon. The blaze was started by sparks from the incinerator. A hole was burned in the roof and the fire spread in the attic where also damaged. The fire would probably have done much more damage had not the Farmington fire department arrived on the scene early. When the department reached the house the fire was spreading rapidly across the roof. Water and chemicals were used to extinguish the flames. The blaze was the second to which the department has been called this month.

CORRECTION

In the annual school statement of District No. 6 Farmington published in the Enterprise last week, Mrs. Minnie Wilkinson was credited with a salary of \$736.95. This figure was the amount which should have been credited to Dorothy T. Rice, who was omitted. Mrs. Wilkinson's salary was \$785.00. The balance on July 1, 1933, in the primary fund was \$654.16 instead of \$544.16 as printed.

\$12,748 Construction Program Adopted By City Commission

Engineer Will Make Survey Of Projects; Sewer, Road And Sidewalk Work Included; Must Be Approved By Federal Government

The city commission Thursday night approved a \$12,748 construction program for Farmington. Mayor Howard Warner was authorized to engage the services of an engineer for the purpose of making an estimate of cost on the various projects included in the program. When this estimate is completed the city will present the program for Federal approval. Under the Federal public works plan, the government will furnish 90 percent of the money entailed in the construction and will loan the other 70 percent at a low rate of interest and payable over a long period of time.

'Enterprise Day' At Edgewater Saturday

Readers of The Enterprise will be Farmington Enterprise day at Edgewater Park. If you clip the coupon to the Edgewater Park advertisement in this issue, you will be entitled to free rides on the Caterpillar and Lindy Plane and half-price admission to all other rides. A ten-cent reduction on the ballroom admission price is also offered. The offer holds good for Saturday only.

Eisenlord Winner In Legion Contest

Other Candidates For Offices Were Unopposed; Doyle Is New Commander

Home Eisenlord was elected junior vice-commander of the Groves-Walker Post No. 346 of the American Legion in the only contest at the annual election held last Thursday. The other candidates for the position were William Carpenter and Executive Weaver. The other officers elected for the coming year without opposition were: Lee Doyle, commander; Alfred Smith, senior vice-commander; Charles Elkins, adjutant; Fred Maas, finance officer; G. Waters Lee, sergeant-at-arms; William Carpenter, chaplain; and Joseph Romanak, historian. Joseph DeVriendt and Alfred Smith were elected to the board of trustees and Norman C. Lee and Carl A. Goers were named to the executive committee.

The retiring commander is Mr. Lee. Mr. Doyle served as senior vice-commander during the past year and Mr. Smith as junior vice-commander. Installation of the new officers will take place after Gala Day.

LEGION TEAM IS BEATEN TWICE IN LEAGUE CONTESTS

Second Half-Season's Closes This Week; Play Home Game On Saturday

Farmington took another double trimming in the Legion baseball circuit over the week end, dropping a game to Pontiac on Saturday, 15-13, and another to Northville on Sunday to the tune of 17-10. Both games were played on the home diamond. Lawrence Way, who showed some promise of being a real pitcher at the beginning of the first half-season, was slugged out of the box in both contests. He was relieved by Esch in the Saturday game and by Mitchell in the Sunday slugfest. Neither Pontiac or Northville had much to write postcards home about in the way of pitchers but either their bats were off or they were wrapped up in them or the Farmington moundmen were a little easier to look at. Besides having pitchers who couldn't pitch, Coach Carl Goers pointed out that the players who couldn't play. Ed Waddell, Frank Hamilton, and Bill Owen were laid on the storage table with injuries. Two other boys didn't show up for other reasons.

The second half-season winds up on the coming week end. Farmington will meet Hazel Park on the school grounds lot on Saturday and will take on Plymouth in the final inter-latter city Sunday. The windup game will be played at Riverside Park at one o'clock instead of the usual starting time of three.

If the Farmington aggregation should have been credited to a mathematical chance of tying for the title. But, in the light of last week's performances, the chance remains just mathematical. Try an Enterprise Limer.

GRAND RIVER OMITTED

The proposed widening and rebuilding of Grand River avenue from Farmington road west to the Cut-off was not included in a list of projects approved by the state highway department, released Thursday. The office of Michigan highway commissioner, Dr. Van Wagener, said that three Oakland county projects were included in the list but none in the Farmington area.

The idea behind the Federal plan is to give men immediate employment. It is probable that the work will be begun before winter.

- The projects which the commission approved were as follows:
 1. Sewer Construction.
 1. 18-inch sewer line from Grand River at Park Garage to State Street to Farmington Road to Orchard Street. Estimated cost, \$3,300.
 2. Connection between Oakland and Wilmarth, \$225.
 3. Two catch basins and manhole on Wilmarth, \$243.
 4. Two catch basins at Farmington Road and Oakland, \$1,800.
 5. Sewer line, State Street from Liberty to Oakland, \$500.
 6. Sewer line, Cass Avenue from Grand River to Macomb, \$940.

- The estimated sewer work estimated at \$5,348.
 - II Street and bridge construction.
 1. Widening of bridge at foot of McGee hill by 10 feet, construction of retaining wall and 30-inch concrete gutter, \$1,600.
 2. Widening of bridge on Powers avenue by 10 feet, \$750.
 3. Widening of bridge on Shawnee by 10 feet and construction of 30 by 160 inch concrete gutter, \$900.
 4. Replacing of culvert on 10 Mile road between Powers and Farmington road, \$250.
 5. Rebuilding of culvert on Nine Mile Road, \$1,300.
 6. Grading, filling and graveling of Farmington Road to 10-Mile road, \$1,510.

Total estimated cost of road and bridge work, \$5,360. III Sidewalk construction.

1. Extension of sidewalk on Grand River, \$1,320.
2. Sidewalk repairs, \$720.

Total estimated cost of sidewalk work, \$2,040. Grand total of construction work, \$12,748. The estimates on the various projects are those made by Street and Sewer Commissioner Emory Hatton and may be changed by the engineer when he makes an examination of the projects. Members of the commission turned "thumbs down" on proposals for an interceptor line and sewage treatment plant. Ordinance Commissioner Harold Oldenburg and Sidewalk Commissioner Leo Gliedemeister were instructed to draft an ordinance which would permit the city to undertake the sidewalk construction and repair. Under the present ordinance, the property owners are required to stand the cost of sidewalk work. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Caius Gordon and Mark Green of Pontiac were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Green of Farmington Road on Thursday.