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Premature City Bonds To Be Called

Continued effort on the part of the City Commission to save money for the taxpayers and, at the same time, meet the City's outstanding obligations is evidenced by the fact that the Commission, at its meeting Monday evening decided to request that holders of City of Farmington general obligation bonds numbers two, three, four and five voluntarily present their bonds for payment. The bonds mentioned do not mature until October, 1934. If they are presented by the bondholders upon request of the City's request it will mean a considerable saving in interest payments. Should the bondholders refuse to present the bonds of their own accord, the City will legally call for them and set a date at which interest payment will stop.

Numbered according to the length of time they have been outstanding, the bonds were paid off in the order of the lowest number. Number one has already been presented and paid.

Issued Last Year
City of Farmington general obligation bonds are those issued by the City last year as a result of the bond refunding program in an effort to place the City on a financially sound basis. The refunding bonds include what were formerly water and sewer bonds.

OPERA UNDER THE STARS TO PRESENT FRIML PRODUCTION

The Opera Under the Stars summer season of outdoor musical comedy and operetta will enter its third week Monday night, August 27, with the presentation of "The Firefly," a Friml's fascinating musical romance "The Firefly," on the outdoor stage at Navin Field. The current production is the sterling "Vagabond King" and it closes on Sunday night, August 29. "Firefly" brings to Detroit, for her first appearance in this series of shows, the petite and charming Miss Marvengia. Miss Marvengia, famed for her glowing vocal talents, has appeared in many great Broadway successes and her fame is known across the country. She will appear as the mischievous Nina in this romance story in locale in New York and Bermuda.

The story of the "Firefly" is about an East Side, New York street singer who, through peculiar circumstances is thrust into the company of a wealthy yacht party, which, as the story opens, is about to start on a cruise from New York to Bermuda. The little singer has assumed the name of "Firefly" and while in the disguise she is befriended by an old German choir-master.

Through his influence she is given employment as a page in the Bermuda home of a wealthy young man of the yacht party. Another set of circumstances she is suspected of being a pickpocket. Unable to convince those who have befriended her of her innocence, she is about to be banished to the authorities when the old choir-master again comes to her rescue by proclaiming to be responsible for her. However, she has discovered her infatuation for the young man of the party, who is at the time betrothed to an heiress.

Four years later, having become under the tutelage of the old choir-master, a grand piano player, she meets an old man under most dramatic circumstances at a reception given him in honor of his approaching marriage. The story then revolves itself in a fast and surprising climax.

Feuds Averted When Business Man Refuses To Choose Beauty Queen

In order to avoid feuds that would undoubtedly put to shame the oft sung Kentucky battles that last through generations and sometimes eliminate most of the members of the rival families, a beauty queen was chosen by the business man who represented this action and compete for the honor of being queen of the Romeo Peach Festival which opens Saturday, August 31.

A member of the Festival Committee telephoned a Farmington business man from Pontiac early Wednesday morning and asked that he select or have chosen by Judge or by popular vote one of Farmington's "pride beauties" to represent the City at the Festival.

Since all selections have to be made by Tuesday evening, the observing business man states that it would be virtually impossible to choose a Miss Farmington in such a short time, "because," he says, "there are so many young girls in this vicinity attractive enough to be considered that it would take a group of capable judges weeks to reach a decision on the matter." Business men and city officials in Pontiac and other cities and towns in Oakland County are being asked by the Festival Committee to sponsor local contests, or personally select representatives to compete at Romeo.

Legion Plans Event for Boys

Featured in this year's Three Day Gala Homecoming Celebration sponsored by Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion, Saturday, August 31 through Labor Day, September 2, will be a boys' bicycle race.

In former Gala Day celebrations the young people have always taken prominent parts, either in the various athletic contests or in such activities as the pet parade. This year's attraction, however, is expected to be even more successful than those of recent years.

Will Be Held Friday Day
The boys' bicycle race will be one of the events in a three day program. The elimination race will be held Saturday morning, August 31. The winners will have the opportunity to compete in the final race.

Commission Defers Work On Sidewalks

Property owners still have the opportunity to take advantage of the City Commission's resolution to the effect that the City will pay part of the costs of repairs made on private sidewalks, according to a decision made at the regular meeting of the commissioners held Monday night.

Leo Gildemeister, commissioner of sidewalks, reports a lack of initiative on the part of property owners to take advantage of the method as to repair sidewalks on a fifty-fifty basis. The commission decided at its July meeting to shoulder the costs for repairs on all City sidewalks and to pay half all City sidewalks and private walks. However, not enough requests were made to make it practical for contracts to be let for the full amount of work that is to be done.

Pointing out the danger of broken walks to pedestrians and the possibility of someone injuring himself and suing the City, the Commission postponed action on its next meeting with the hope that more requests will be forthcoming from property owners to have their walks repaired on the present basis of 50-50. Otherwise, the city will develop some other method so that the walks will surely be repaired.

Warehouse Being Built at Winery

Within the next few weeks, the LaSalle winery on Grand River avenue will open its new tax paid warehouse, now being constructed on the east side of the main building.

The addition is designed to provide storage space for products, ready for distribution, for which government taxes are paid. Mr. Mayfield, manager in charge, estimates the capacity of the new building at 20,000 twelve quart cases.

New Crushing Room Planned
Plans are being made for a new crushing room on the west side of the winery. Work will begin on this project as soon as the warehouse is completed.

Old Elm Tree Affords Natural Contrast to Man-Made Changes

How long the elm tree in front of the Brown residence, 32804 Grand River avenue, has withstood the ravages of wind, snow, sleet, rain and lightning is a matter which only a tree surgeon or a botanist can determine.

Certain individuals who have tried to compute the age from one of the limbs have given up in despair when they found that the annual rings did not permit them to count over 100, indicating the tree as being closer to 200 years than to any other age.

Mr. Brown, formerly Anna Conroy whose father came into possession of the property on which the tree stands 74 years ago, recalls her father's telling about the many legends which he attended as a boy beneath the tree, which at the time seemed full grown. Since then the elm has increased its size to 13 feet in circumference and five feet in diameter until now it is recognized as one of the largest and one of the oldest trees in this part of the state.

Fair to Sponsor Farmington Day

Farmington Day will again be a featured attraction at the Northville Wayne County Fair, August 25.

For many years it has been the custom of the management of the Northville Wayne County Fair to devote one day to the entertainment of the people from each of the counties of the vicinity. The fair will begin Wednesday, August 21 and will extend through Saturday August 24, with Thursday designated and Plymouth Day and Friday as Farmington Day.

Many concessions and free events will offer the entertainment to those who attend the celebration. Plans this year indicate the fair will surpass its predecessors.

Stockholders Offer To Buy Bank Assets

Granted a 14 day stay by Judge (Clara C. Gillespie at Oakland County Circuit Court, depositors of the Peoples Bank of Walled Lake, Incorporated, who protested at a hearing Thursday against sale of all remaining assets of the bank to a group of stockholders for \$25,000, have until next Thursday to either make a larger offer or take an appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court.

The action taken by the depositors, the sale of the assets, approved by Judge Gillespie at the hearing, will become effective following the 14 day stay and payment of the \$25,000. It will be made within 30 days after the 14 days have expired.

Local Men Interested
The group of buyers includes James L. Hoch of Farmington, Fred D. Diehl of North Farmington and Glenn Buffmyer, Ira S. Carnes, Albert R. Richardson, Herbert G. Roach, M. G. Post and Carrie M. Post all of Walled Lake.

CLARENCEVILLE RESIDENT DIES AFTER STROKE

Henry L. Wilkerson, 60, Neagunville, Clarenceville, died Monday as a result of a stroke which he suffered July 25.

Mr. Wilkerson came to Clarenceville 16 years ago. He suffered a stroke in the winter of 1934 before his fatal illness.

Surviving Mr. Wilkerson are his wife, Eliza, five sons: John, Earl, Norman, Cyril and Robert; two daughters: Mrs. Gertrude Baker and Mrs. Lillian Wilcox, and seven grandchildren.

TREATHS TO SHUT OFF WATER BRINGS SPEEDY PAYMENTS

Threats to discontinue service in an effective method of collecting past due water bills as illustrated by the fact that only a little over \$300 remains to be collected from 255 accounts totaling \$1550 in delinquent accounts.

During the past weeks the City of Farmington water department sent letters to delinquents stating that the water service would be discontinued if some adjustment was not made within a reasonable length of time.

The results have proved the value of the notices. Old accounts on which nothing had been paid, in some cases as far back as a year, have been settled in full or in part with surprising promptness. If no arrangements are made with the water department, notices will be sent for back as unpaid accounts will be discontinued.

PANIC AVERTED WHEN ERRANT MOUSE INVADES MEETING OF COMMISSION

If the City Commission had been composed of women, whose fear of mice is always a good subject for a comedy or a cartoon, there is no telling what the result of the Commission's meeting would have been when a three inch mouse ventured from its lair into the meeting room in the Farmington State Bank to see what it could find in the way of opportunities for broadening its experience.

Discussion of the City's problem ceased when the presence of the errant mouse was known to those attending the meeting. Everyone pretended to be primarily interested in the mouse's attempt to find an outlet so that he could get away from it as quickly as possible.

While the mouse confined its activities to the walls, the commissioners showed no real concern, but when its scurrying brought it into the center of the room, the situation took on the aspect of every man for himself.

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"In Old Virginia" Will Be Read at Evening Service

An especially delightful program is in store for those who attend the evening services at the Bellevue Island Auditorium, Sunday evening, August 11th, at 7:00. Mrs. Lillian D. Smith of Calvary M. E. Church, Flint, is bringing her dramatic reading, entitled "In Old Virginia." In this one-woman drama Mrs. Smith takes several parts, wearing the beautiful costumes of the Civil War Period. The presentation is accompanied by the singing of songs of this period.

Miss Frances Brown entertained twelve friends at dinner Tuesday evening, in honor of her birthday anniversary. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bond, Robert Cook, Miss Mildred Adams, Francis Drake, Mrs. Josephine and Mrs. Owen Paulino and Miss Marie Walling.