

The Farmington Enterprise

Annual Audit Shows Gain In Finances

That Farmington township is in a considerably more advantageous financial position than it was last year at this time was clearly shown at the regular monthly meeting of the town board Tuesday when the annual financial report was submitted by the township auditor.

The audit was for the year covering from April 1, 1935 through March 31, 1936. The auditor's report was accepted by the board members. The auditor, C. O. Murphy and Angell of Detroit retained as township auditors for the coming year.

Increase in the percentage of taxes collected and the added revenue coming in from delinquent taxes being paid on the Ten Year Plan are instrumental in bringing about the improved condition of the township.

Received Complaint

A complaint was received by the board from a delegation representing residents living north of Grand River on Waldron, Hancock, Hamilton, Adams avenues and the vicinity lodged against the Union Equipment Co., located at the corner of Grand River and Waldron avenues.

Their complaint stated that the company, dealers in contractors' equipment, made unwarranted use of Waldron avenue and the public alley on the north of the building for other than transportation purposes.

Instances were cited by members of the delegation claiming that the road has often been completely blocked for hours by large pieces of machinery necessitating a long detour or driving through the fields for residents to get back to their homes.

Fire Hazard

It was also brought out by the spokesman that, in view of the fact that Hancock is the most convenient outlet to Grand River on Waldron, the condition of the road being blocked for long periods of time constituted a serious fire menace since a fire truck would have difficulty getting to a home which was dependent upon the Waldron entrance from Grand River.

The complaint was accepted by the town board and it was passed instructing Clayton Goers, highway commissioner, to interview the manager of the company and explain the situation, with regards to the people's stand, to him if the interview does not produce the desired result, the board indicated that it would take legal steps to protect not only the rights of the people but the rights of the company.

Water Problem

The problem of supplying residents of Clarenceville with water was brought up at the meeting and taken under consideration by the board.

Help was asked of the board in working out a solution to the water problem which confronts property owners and residents on Pearl street. It was explained by a spokesman representing the Pearl street residents that considerable trouble if not hardship was experienced trying to supply that section with water last summer.

Residents have been spending money for some time in efforts to locate water but well digging operations to date have all been unsuccessful. After continued failure to bring in a well, residents privately subscribed \$300 toward piping in water from the city of Detroit main.

A plan was drawn up whereby the project would be submitted by the township to the WPA. The town board tentatively agreed that if the project was accepted by the WPA it would receive \$500 that collected by the residents making a total of \$800 which would be approximately 80 per cent of the cost of materials for the piping. The other 20 per cent of the cost of materials and the labor would be furnished by the WPA. The project was not accepted however and the subscribers have approached the board for a solution to the problem.

Licenses Approved

Approval was given by the board to five beer license applications. They were to Jack Crowley at the east end of the Cut-off, James Fanzini at the west end of the Cut-off, Alice Newman of the Corner of the Twelve Mile and Orchard Lake roads, William White Grand River west of the west end of the Cut-off, May Goerner on Grand River and Eight Mile roads.

Mrs. Loretta Cox Gains Honor in Administration of Public Duties



MRS. LORETTA E. COX

With reelection of Mrs. Loretta E. Cox as Farmington Township Treasurer for the fourth consecutive time, attention is brought to the enviable record she has made in the service of the people.

Mrs. Cox, besides being the only woman in Farmington Township who has ever held a major office, has held the treasurer's post a longer continuous period than any of her predecessors. Former treasurers have held office for two years, retired and then been re-elected. They were however, until Mrs. Cox's first term, limited by state law to only two successive terms. An act of Legislature, repealing this law, has allowed Mrs. Cox to qualify for reelection and the confidence of the voters in recognition of her efficient administration of the duties of the office. She was returned to post for five years.

Wayne Youths Hurt at Cut-off

Two Wayne youths are in Redford Receiving Hospital in temporary serious conditions as the result of an accident at the east end of the Farmington Cut-off at 9:30 Sunday evening.

The boys are Casimir Kolomycki, 18, driver of the car, and Clifford Knight, 18, a passenger. Both boys are of Route 2, Wayne. Besides severe lacerations about the head and neck, Kolomycki has a possible skull fracture. Knight has a possible skull fracture, severe lacerations and a broken leg.

Another passenger in Kolomycki's car, Arthur Mills, 15, also of Wayne, was taken to Redford Receiving but was released following first aid treatments for minor cuts and bruises.

Driver Unhurt

Four persons were riding in the second automobile involved in the accident. John LeWand, 20, of 2097 Dayton avenue, Detroit, the driver was unhurt. However, Frank Bak, a hitchhiker of East Chicago, Ind., who had been picked up by LeWand, was severely cut. He was confined to the hospital for treatment and until the extent of his injuries could be determined. He was released early Tuesday morning.

The other two passengers with LeWand, Mary Strachan, 13, of 3951 Orangelan avenue, Detroit, and Grace Thompson, 14, of 10368 Violetlaw avenue, Detroit, who were sleeping in the rear seat of the car at the time of the accident, were badly shaken up.

According to Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt of Farmington, who investigated the accident and checked the injured motorist, Kolomycki, driving west on Grand River, came across the intersection in the permanent "green" lane leading into Farmington. When he arrived at what would approximate the center of the intersection, it is reported that he suddenly turned left to take the Cut-off around Farmington and drove directly across the lane of eastbound traffic and into the path of LeWand's car.

LeWand stated that he thought Kolomycki's car was going to continue on Grand River towards Farmington and when it swerved over into the Cut-off lane that he tried to swerve back to Grand River. When he was struck by the other car he was thrown into the air and landed on the pavement. He was injured and taken to Redford Receiving Hospital where he was held for treatment. He was released Tuesday morning.

ELECTION OF BEN HUGHES AS OFFICER OF LAWYER'S CLUB RECALLS FAMOUS \$50 BET

Ben C. Hughes, formerly of Farmington, was elected vice-president of the Democratic Lawyers Club at a recent meeting at the Fort Shelby Hotel in Detroit.

Mr. Hughes is an active Democrat and well known in this section. He was a candidate for Congress in 1928. He carried the Democratic ticket last spring and maintains a law office on Grand River and West Grand Boulevard.

Mr. Hughes will best be remembered for his spectacular bet on the presidential election of 1928 while he was a resident of Farmington.

One morning, shortly before election day, Mr. Byron Pierce, retired Farmington business man and agent Republican, having been Farmington postmaster under Republican administrations for some 30 years, advertised in the Enterprise that he would bet \$100 or any part of it with anyone willing to cover that Herbert Hoover would defeat Al Smith for the presidency in the election of 1928.

Mr. Hughes, an enthrilled Democrat, promptly accepted that he would bet \$50 with Mr. Pierce on the condition that the winner turn the money over to a Farmington church for charity work. Mr. Hughes stipulated the money was

Coe, Warner On Committees

Included in the list of new committeemen to serve on the Oakland County Board of Supervisors is Arthur P. Coe, supervisor of Farmington Township who was appointed chairman of the County Roads Committee and a member of the Special Building Committee. Last year Mr. Coe was a member of the Equalization Committee.

Howard M. Warner, mayor of the City of Farmington, was appointed to the Appropriations Committee and the Special Court House Committee. Mr. Warner served on the same committees last year and was chairman of the Appropriations body.

Frank D. Clark, Novi Township Supervisor, will serve on the Special Court House Committee and the Township Expense Committee. Elmer W. Haack, Supervisor of Southfield Township, was appointed chairman of the Equalization Committee.

had no chance to stop. The two cars struck virtually head-on and both were badly damaged.

No Charges Made

To date no charges have been placed on the driver of the car which is being held. However, when his condition improves he will be asked to make a statement.

The intersection at which the accident occurred is considered one of the most dangerous in this section of the state and caused the state highway department considerable worry trying to find an adequate traffic signal arrangement until the present one was installed. The accident Sunday night was the latest of a series of accidents which has occurred there in some time.

Drinking Water Not Contaminated

A report was received by the city clerk Wednesday from Edward D. Rich, director of the Michigan Department of Health, Bureau of Laboratories, that the samples of the water from the drinking water recently submitted showed "no evidence of contamination."

to go to a charity, to be selected by the winner of the wager.

The publisher of the Enterprise was agreed upon as the party responsible for the payment of the bet by the loser and the subsequent endowment to the proper church.

The result of the election is history. Mr. Hoover won and Mr. Hughes lost. Bright and early the morning following the election, Mr. Hughes walked into the Enterprise office and smilingly laid down five neat stacks of ten-dollar bills which were immediately turned over to Mr. Pierce who in turn deposited them with the Rev. Adair Leason, then pastor of the M. E. Church.

After winning the fifty dollars, Mr. Pierce invited the Enterprise publisher and his wife, as a celebration, to dinner at a hotel in Plymouth, on a Sunday afternoon, but when the club was presented with the check he left it in his wallet home. The host's concern was dissipated however when Mr. Pierce discovered he had some seven dollars in dimes, quarters and pennies in his vest pocket. It might be added here that Mr. Hughes moved away from Farmington before the Democratic landslide of 1928 and consequently had no chance for revenge.

The City Commission of the City of Farmington has named Tuesday, May 5, and Wednesday, May 6, as Annual Clean-Up Days. Will residents having cans, rubbish or other waste material, kindly place the same where it will be accessible to the city truck men who will pick it up on the days named.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

N. H. POWER,
City Clerk

Outbreak of Rabies Bring Quarantine

Affecting all Farmington dog owners is the quarantine, which will last for six months, ordered Monday by Sheriff Spencer C. Howarth of Oakland County.

Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt and City dogcatcher Fred Schuette were required to destroy any dog running at large and the owner will be subject to a fine of not less than ten dollars or more than \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months.

The quarantine was ordered because of a serious outbreak of rabies in Huron Gardens and Royal Oak. There have been no cases of rabies reported in Farmington recently, although some time ago it was necessary for Dr. J. W. Norton, Farmington city health officer, to place a quarantine on the city in an attempt to curb the rabies menace.

Sheriff Howarth was authorized to place the quarantine in effect by James F. Thompson, State commissioner of agriculture.

The quarantine states that all dogs must be securely chained or otherwise confined on the premises. Deputy DeVriendt is empowered to issue a permit for a dog to run at large if the owner can show a certificate proving the dog has been vaccinated against rabies within the last six months.

FIREMEN ANSWER FOUR ALARMS DURING WEEK

The Farmington fire department was called out four times this week, twice to answer grass fire alarms, once for a burning building and the other for a truck which had caught fire.

Wednesday morning fire destroyed one side of the roof of the old Farmington general store on Farmington road and 14 Mile road. The store, formerly operated by Bert Cox, has only been used for living quarters the past few years. The fire is reported as starting from a defective chimney.

A truck caught fire on Seven Mile road west of Farmington road. The truck, which had been burned and a defective manifold allowed flame to reach the carburetor. The flames were extinguished by the department with chemicals. The entire cab, motor under the hood and front tires were burning.

GRAND MARCH FEATURE OF SENIOR PROM

What was termed "the best Senior Prom in their memory" by Robert Burns, high school principal, and several other residents, guests and members of the faculty, was held Friday evening by the Farmington high school class of 1936 at the Glen Oaks Country club.

It is estimated that 150 couples were present. The club was decorated in the school colors. Music was furnished by the Sigma Delta orchestra and was exceptionally good.

The dance opened with the grand march and nearly all those present participated. Punch was served during the intermissions. Patrons were Mrs. and Mrs. John Dalrymple, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kannerer, Mr. and Mrs. Sponsenburgh, Mrs. Mrs. Vandenberg, and Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt and Miss Budde and Mr. Weaver.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH PLANS CIRCUS

Plans are under way for a circus to be given by the members of Our Lady of Sorrows Church at the school on Saturday, May 30, and Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, June 1, 2, and 3. Roger Guerin is in charge of arrangements.

GERMAN BENEFICIAL UNION WILL HOLD DANCE SATURDAY

The German Beneficial Union will hold a dance at Our Lady of Sorrows school on Grand River and Orchard Lake road Saturday evening, April 25. Old time and modern dancing will begin at nine o'clock.

What started out to be a business trip, developed into a vacation for F. C. Wellington, Sr., of Farmington, which he failed to take into consideration the various religious customs of people in different localities.

Having business to transact in Hamilton, Ontario, on Good Friday, Mr. Wellington left Farmington Thursday evening planning to go to the Hamilton Friday morning call on his customers until 12 noon, and then finish his work after three o'clock.

The Name Novi was "Conceived in Sorrow and Disappointment"

(Editor's Note—Recently The Enterprise published a story based upon correspondence between V. M. Vukimirovic, Royal Consulate General of Yugoslavia, and Orren S. Hulet, one of Novi's oldest residents, concerning the origin of the name "Novi.")

The Royal Consulate, because of the existence of an ancient Yugoslavian town named Novi, is anxious to determine whether or not an old folks-tale related in his country, claiming that Novi was named by a young French army deserter in tribute to the birthplace of his Mohammedan wife, is true.

Upon investigation, he found so many conflicting stories of how the town was named, that he wrote to Mr. Hulet, as an old resident, for authentic information.

As a result of the story, the following letter was received at the Enterprise office:

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Chevrolet Agency Has New Name

Announcement is made this week of the change of name of Farmington's Chevrolet agency, at 33215 Grand River from Geo. F. Coon, Inc., to the Blakeslee Motor Sales.

The business will continue to be operated by V. R. "Vic" Blakeslee and the same service, as given in the past, will prevail.

Mr. Blakeslee opened the agency as manager early in 1933 and has since built it through efficient operation, to a successful business.

EXCHANGITES HEAR TALKS ON JUVENILE CRIME

"The cost of maintenance of a penal institution as compared with the money spent for education and sport, the juvenile is playing in crime was the subject of two talks at the regular Wednesday luncheon meeting of the Farmington Exchange club.

The speakers were Judge Dan A. Duffery of the Oakland County Probate Court and George Tenny, director of the Oakland County Juvenile Home. Both have had years of experience with crime with reference to juvenile cases.

They also were based on actual personal experiences and proved especially interesting in light of the increasing number of crimes perpetrated by young boys.

In the interest of education, Mr. Tenny cited an example of a boy from Farmington who he called "Jim." He stated how the boy was admitted to the Juvenile Home eight years ago when he was 14 years old. Upon leaving the institution he came out at the United States Navy. Two 1/2 a year the boy, at the age of 21, is returning to the Home as director of Athletics.

Judge McGaffey, in addition to bringing out the district important points stated in his talk that 30 per cent of the inmates of Jackson prison had not gone past the sixth grade in school. He also added that crime cost the staggering total of \$9 million dollars a day.

MEETING WILL BE HELD AT NOVI TOWN HALL

A meeting will be held at the Novi Town Hall at 8 p. m. on Saturday, April 25, at which Boone R. Gover will explain the Township plan. Gover has also challenged the sponsors of "Share the Wealth" plans to a debate on this evening.

F. C. WELLINGTON, Sr., STARTS ON BUSINESS TRIP, COMES BACK FROM SHORT VACATION

In order to speed up his business trip, hired a taxicab by the hour.

At his first stop he found the place of business closed. At the second the same thing happened and so on until he had made no less than eight such stops.

This strange state of affairs prompted Mr. Wellington to make inquiries through which he found that it is a Canadian custom to close business places all day Good Friday instead of the usual three days.

So Mr. Wellington paid off the cab driver and boarded a return train for Farmington a poorer but wiser man.

75 Boys To Take Part in Scout Night

With last minute preparations in the process of completion, only the support of parents and residents of Farmington leaves any speculation as to the successful outcome of the Farmington District Scout Night which will be held Friday evening, May 1, at 7:30 in the community hall of the M. E. Church.

The program planned is of a most interesting nature and will completely cover a variety of phases of scouting and scout training. Each of the divisions of youth chosen to be displayed will not only be explained to the audience but will be enacted by the various scout troops of the district.

It is expected that approximately 75 scouts representing five of the six scout troops in this district will take part, in some capacity or another, in the activities. With members of the Farmington M. E. Church troops, Baptist Church, Bond School, Walled Lake and Clarenceville troops definitely appearing, the only district group's attendance which is doubtful is that of the Children's hospital.

Seeking Permission

Attempts are being made to get permission from the hospital director to have the crippled boy scouts transported to the M. E. Church so they may take part in the program. Despite their physical handicaps, it is reported that in certain branches of scouting requiring little exertion, such as knot tying, members of a hospital troop far outshine members of the other troops of the district.

Although every effort is being made to have the handicapped boys present it is doubtful whether they will be able to attend. However, a sincere invitation has been extended to them to take part in the program through their scout master, Mr. Samuelson.

Farmington Wins First Game 16-0

A determined group of Farmington High School boys donned baseball uniforms Friday afternoon at Brighton to play their first league game of the current season and after seven hectic innings completely removed any doubt they, their coach or rosters might have had as to their ability as ball players.

They also served what might well be called "conclusive" notice to other teams in the league that just because they lost a few first players from last year's championship squad was no reason to believe they would not be right up in the front rank at the end of this season.

Since the condition of the Farmington athletic field and inclement weather had paired up to keep the squad from practicing, except in a few scattered instances, skepticism was felt as to their ability to cope with the veteran Brighton club which had been practicing for some weeks.

Complete Double Play

The uncertainty continued through the first two innings during which neither team scored. In the third however the Farmington team abandoned its conservative play and scored three runs. In the same inning with the Brighton team at bat Farmington executed one of the rarities of baseball, a triple play.

Bill Mitchell, Farmington pitcher, hit the first Brighton batter with a pitched ball. The next man up singles to left field and both runners advanced base when Bob Werscheln baddy to second base for an error, the first and only one charged against the Farmington team.

With a man on second and third base at the end of the next Brighton play to bat hit a line drive to short stop. Davis caught the ball just off the ground for the out but players on both teams thought he had only trapped it. His throw to Lee at second doubled one runner but Lee, believing the ball had touched the ground, threw to first while the man on third ran home. Hunt however, playing first base, did not believe that the ball had touched the ground and threw to first before the runner could get back to complete the triple play.

This was the only Brighton threat and when it was "nipped in the bud" by the triple play, the entire team seemed to collapse. While holding their opponents scoreless, the Farmington boys went on to score three more runs in the fifth, five in the sixth and five in the seventh. The final score was 16 to 0.

Only Four Hits

Bill Mitchell pitched a fine game allowing only four hits and no walks. Farmington collected 12 hits and made one error while the Brighton team collected only four hits.

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All arrangements, originally being directed by Arthur Power, director of the program, have been taken over by Joseph Himmelspach, district chairman, pending the appointment of Mr. Power's successor. Mr. Power resigned his post because his business didn't allow him sufficient free time to devote to the organization.

In urging all parents and residents of Farmington to support this movement, Mr. Himmelspach mentions the interesting fact that in a recent survey conducted throughout the State of Michigan, it was disclosed that there is not, nor has there ever been a first class Scout confined to a prison in any state. Mr. Himmelspach tells of the survey and the value of scouting in building character and honesty among the younger citizens of the country.

Power Resigns

All proceeds will be turned over to the county office for scout maintenance. Scout upkeep includes the purchase of new badges, operation of a scout summer camp and numerous other small items of expense.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gulien were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Finer at the opening baseball game at Detroit on Friday.

Dolly Westphal of Detroit attended the Senior Prom here Friday, and was the week-end guest of her aunt, Miss Elizabeth Schaefer.

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