

# The Farmington Enterprise

## New Water Mains To Be Built Soon

Construction will be undertaken in the spring on connecting water mains on Nine Mile Road between Power and Brookdale avenues and on Grand River from Maple avenue to the residence of Nathan Eisenford.

In an effort to improve the dead ends of water mains at these locations, the city commission at its meeting Monday night voted to purchase the materials needed for the project. The approximate cost is estimated at \$954.

Because of the anticipated advance in the cost of supplies for such work, Commissioner E. O. Hatton urged that the purchase be made before prices are increased. It is expected that between \$100 and \$200 will be saved the city by taking action at this time.

Planned for several years, the project was approved by federal officials but construction was not begun by the state WPA. Four-inch water mains are to be laid a distance of 1200 feet on Nine Mile Road to connect the two dead ends on Power and Brookdale avenues. The second water main will be extended from the Eisenford residence to the connection on Maple avenue.

## CAGE TEAM TO MEET KEEGO HARBOR FRIDAY

Farmington High's basketball team plays host to the green and white of Keego Harbor on Friday night and will be out to duplicate, if possible, their earlier victory over the same team. The previous game, played at Keego Harbor, was marked by the best brand of basketball shown by the Farmington team during the season thus far. Their play in this game lagged toward the end of the game and they barely eked out a narrow victory. On the small home court, the Farmington team will be at a disadvantage against the tall Keego Harbor team.

Both teams are tied in the league standing, having been defeated twice and another defeat for either team will end any lingering hopes for the championship.

Last Friday the blue and white team struck their early season stride again for the first time in season, winning by a 45 to 21 score over Brighton. The latter team, paced by their star forward and captain, Bidwell, put up a real fight in the first half, this period ending 20 to 18 for Farmington. During this time the Farmington team's play was listless and lippy. Bidwell scored 12 points and Hoop-er first half. However, after talking it over, the Farmington team began clicking. Their defense as well as offense improved, as is shown by the fact that they scored 25 points while holding Brighton to only three in the last half. Bidwell was held scoreless during this time.

The second team test by a close 15 to 10 score to the Brighton second team.

The league standing at present is as follows:

W	L	Pct.
Walled Lake	5	1 .833
Farmington	4	2 .667
Keego Harbor	4	2 .667
Milford	4	2 .667
Clarkston	1	5 .167
Brighton	0	6 .000

Miss Edith Smith has resumed her duties at the Detroit Business Institute, the Joy Road branch.

## Judge Schulte Finds R. C. Burns "Guilty"

Principal Robert C. Burns will receive his "sentence" when he is taken to the Exchange Club luncheon, following his conviction on charges of "bringing humiliation to the members of the Exchange Club" for participating in the doankey basketball game with the high school faculty.

"Charges" were brought against Mr. Burns at the club's luncheon meeting on Wednesday. William Leath represented the complainant, Arthur Power. The defendant was represented by Paul A. Pare. Judge John J. Schulte found the defendant guilty and announced that sentence would be passed the following Wednesday.

## Says Public Is Greatest Aid In Solving Postal Crimes

The co-operation of the public is the most-prized ally of postal investigators in uncovering frauds and misuse of the mails, according to Dale Peterson, postal inspector from Detroit who spoke at the Wednesday luncheon meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club. "The information from the general public are of far greater value to inspectors than the use of elaborate devices such as lie detectors," Mr. Peterson said. "Crimes are not solved so much by tricky and clever investigation as they are by the aid of the public."

## \$534 Raised For Flood Victims

Whole-hearted response to the appeal of the Red Cross for aid for flood sufferers has brought the total amount of money for the Farmington chapter to \$534, over four times the quota set for Farmington, according to Mrs. John J. Schulte, head of the Red Cross chapter. Farmington's quota was \$125.

From the penates of children to the large donations of organizations in the Farmington area, the donations came, swelling the total far above the amount asked of Farmington residents. Among the larger donations were the following:

- American Legion \$30.
- Legion Auxiliary \$25.
- Farmington Mfg. Co. \$25.
- LaSalle Wines and Champagnes, Incorporated \$25.
- Universalist church \$15.
- Students of Farmington Grade School \$18.30.
- Clarencerville school \$17.00.
- Farmington school teachers \$21.

That Farmington area residents were anxious to do their part to relieve those made homeless by the flooded Ohio is shown by the fact that no one who was asked to contribute refused aid.

"We have not been asked for clothing as the needs have been satisfactorily taken care of by the communities in the area adjacent to the flooded district," Mrs. Schulte said. "If there is a need for clothing soon, we will make an announcement to that effect. Money is needed at present."

## Found Guilty On Grand Larceny Charge

Kiell Orlando, 666 Brynastor street, Detroit, was ordered to pay \$125 costs to Frank Smith of 11614 Wyoming street, Detroit, after pleading guilty to charges of grand larceny. He was arrested by Constable Marie Pettibone.

Orlando was charged with stealing a wallet containing \$125 from Frank Smith on July 4, 1931. The theft took place when Smith got out of the bus in Chicago both ways, riding at a filling station in Farmington.

Orlando was placed on 90-day probation.

are usually perpetrated by educationists often occupying positions of public trust and respected by their associates. The shrewd gangster, with an organized mob, is the type that attempts a mail robbery, and a person with a real or fancied grievance is usually the kind that is discovered as the sender of infernal machine through the mail.

Mr. Peterson told his listeners of many of the postal crimes in which he had a part in solving. The famous "Farley Underperford" stamps issued in June 1924 were the basis for a clever forgery by a dentist. Highly valued by stamp collectors, the dentist forged some of the stamps and sold them under an alias for high prices. He was discovered and pleaded guilty.

"A thief within the post service usually destroys the letters which he steals," Mr. Peterson said. "However, we caught one employe simply because the incinerator into which he had thrown the stolen letters, failed to work. The letters were found unharmed and the thief was caught."

Questionable advertising occupies the attention of postal investigators much of the time. At present, they are 400 cases of such advertising under investigation by the department.

Lotteries and sweepstakes contests are also the basis for many fraudulent schemes. Many are different kinds of legal lotteries, Mr. Peterson said. In all these cases, several kinds of investigations made by postal investigators. Some are minor offenses but some reach proportions amounting to thousands of dollars, Mr. Peterson said.

## rites Held For MOTHER OF STANLEY SMITH

Final rites were held Wednesday afternoon in Vassar for Mrs. Agnes E. Learn, mother of Stanley F. Smith, both formerly of Farmington.

Mrs. Learn died on Monday at the home of her son, Howard Smith, who is engaged in business in Vassar. His brother, Stanley, was owner of the Farmington Drug company until he sold it to the Smith-Bradley Drug company in the spring of 1936. With his mother, he moved from their home on Broadway avenue to Vassar in the early fall. Mrs. Learn was born in Farmington for 15 years. Her death followed an illness of a year and a half.

Born in Chatham, Ontario, on April 23, 1861, she moved to Vassar 25 years ago. She leaves to mourn her passing her son, Stanley and Howard, by a former marriage; two brothers, Harry French of Dresden, Ontario, and Lester French of Cleveland, O.

## Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Sydney Nash

Funeral rites for Mrs. Sydney (Gertrude) Nash, 51, were held at the Heeneey Funeral home on Wednesday at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Nash, a native of England, lived on Eleven Mile Road, Novi. Her husband, two daughters and four sons survive her.

## Exchange Club To Tour Correction Farm

The Farmington Exchange Club will make a tour of the Detroit House of Correction farm on Sunday, Feb. 7, according to Arthur Power, chairman of the program committee. A "surprise" is being held in store for those who make the trip, he says. The members of the club and their guests will leave immediately following the luncheon.

## Soil Conservation Head



Harry McCracken is chairman of the Farmington Township and Southfield Township division of the 1937 Oakland County agricultural conservation association, according to an announcement made by Karl D. Balley, county agricultural agent.

Mark Witom is vice-chairman, Fred W. Dureff is chairman of the Novi Township group, V. M. Spencer of Wilson is vice-chairman, James Ervin of Farmington is a member, and Charles E. Holmes of Novi is an alternate.

The county meeting of all of the community committees will be held on Monday, February 8, at the Board of Commerce in Pontiac at 9:30 a. m. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the county Board of directors and to give instructions on establishing bases for farms in each township.

## LAST SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. G. R. SWITZER

Funeral services for Mrs. Electa Chilton Switzer, wife of Dr. G. R. Switzer, were held at the Heeneey Funeral home at 2:30 on Thursday afternoon. Rev. Gilbert Miles, officiating.

Mrs. Switzer's death at her home on Tuesday afternoon followed a long illness. She was born in Plymouth in 1862 and was a resident of Farmington for more than 50 years. She married Dr. G. R. Switzer in 1919.

## 130 Attend Redford Fair Group Dinner

The ringing of the old hand drum bell that was in use at Botsford Tavern in Y. Olden Days was used once more on Friday evening when the secretary of Y. Olden Days Redford Fair Group used this novel method of assembling the 130 guests who were enjoying a social time visiting or at cards, and to tell these guests a turkey dinner was awaiting them in the dining room.

William S. Hart, president, Detroit, then introduced Mayor Howard Warner as toastmaster. He in turn called on members of the group for remarks and reminiscences. Miss Edna Sylvester of Detroit, gave several vocal selections. Among the others at the speakers' table were Mrs. Howard Warner, Elmer Dohany, vice-president, Mrs. Elmer Dohany, secretary, Clyde Miller, Redford, treasurer, and Mrs. E. J. Miller, Redford.

Mrs. Ina Condon who was the "Sarah Burnham" of the evening. The evening was spent dancing in the ballroom. Ford's Mountaineers provided the music.

Among the out of town guests were Rev. and Mrs. McWilliams of Redford, and the following from Detroit, Mr. W. W. Sutton, Mrs. Stabler, G. Oliver Erick, Jr. and Mrs. G. Oliver Erick, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Bedford, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Archie E. Joselyn, Elmer Wentworth, Miss Mack, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Porath, and Mr. and Mrs. George Clunck.

## Mrs. Ely Starts Suit Against City To Cancel 1928 Tax

Suit to invalidate the 1928 assessment on the Ely farm was filed against the City of Farmington by Mrs. Addie M. Ely Thursday in Circuit Court in Pontiac. The suit charges that the roll was not legally prepared and certified, and that the valuation of \$407,005 was far in excess of cash value. Cancellation of the entire tax of \$16,691 is asked.

City of Farmington has no power to cancel the assessment and tax on the Ely farm, according to a written opinion given the city commission Monday night by municipal attorneys John J. Schulte and Paul A. Pare.

Seeking to determine whether or not the city possessed the legal power to cancel its portion of the 1928 taxes of \$6,000 on the Ely farm located between Power ave-

## Birthday Ball Is Successful

That the Farmington township city Birthday Ball for the President was highly successful is shown in the report made this week by Paul A. Pare, general chairman of the dance. The net proceeds of the dance totalled \$50.50, which is turned over to those fighting the disease of infantile paralysis.

General receipts totalled \$120.50 and expenditures amounted to \$70.00. Expressing appreciation for the generous response of those in the Farmington area, Mr. Pare writes as follows:

I would like to express the appreciation of the President of the United States, the National Committee of the Birthday Ball for the President, and my own appreciation and thanks to the many people who attended the Birthday Ball for the President on January 23, 1937, such a success. Each and every person who attended contributed his and her share to a most worthy cause.

## Vic Blakeslee Finds Flood Havoc Great

Reporting that it will probably take at least two years to restore the electrical facilities alone in the city of Cincinnati, Vic Blakeslee returned this week from a trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, to inspect the electrical facilities in the vicinity of Covington and Cincinnati.

A picture of how a great city is crippled by the encroaching waters of the river is graphically illustrated by the sight of the many tall buildings of Cincinnati standing almost completely dark in the night sky. A very small amount of electric power is available, most of the places using light being forced to utilize kerosene lamps, Mr. Blakeslee says.

Mrs. William Irish to ENTERTAIN GARDEN CLUB Mrs. William Irish will entertain the Farmington Garden Club at their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 2. Mrs. Karl Ritter will have charge of the program.

and Orchard Lake Road, and Shilohvasee and Ten Mile Roads, the commission will be requested of representatives of the Carl Ely estate to the municipal attorneys before undertaking any plan for settling the long-standing tax controversy.

By cancellation of the levy the property consisting of 123 acres would again be made saleable, representatives of the estate said. It was proposed to subdivide the land into parcels of one acre or more, through the sale of which the back taxes from 1920 to the present could be paid.

In municipal, county, and state taxes there is approximately \$27,000 outstanding on the property. More than half of this amount is the 1928 levy, of which \$10,000 is County and State taxes and \$6,000 city tax.

## School Board Considers New Gym

Architect's plans for a proposed gymnasium-auditorium addition to the Farmington school will be presented to the school board for consideration at its next meeting on Thursday night, February 11.

The plan, according to Arthur Lamb, will call for the erection of a structure not to exceed a cost of \$35,000. The size of the playing floor is placed at 45 feet by 90 feet, which is the regulation size. In addition to the athletic floor, a stage on the east side of the building is included in the proposal. In the semicircular end of the auditorium, the plans will include rooms for domestic science and manual training classes, a community dining hall, and a shower and locker rooms for girls and boys.

It is thought that the proposed building might be constructed on the site of the present tennis courts south of the school building. Necessary to the adoption of the proposal for a school and community gymnasium-auditorium is the approval by the electorate of Farmington school district, No. 5, for a special bond issue to cover the expenses of the new structure. The bonded indebtedness of the school district at present is \$50,000 which is considered very low when compared with the assessed valuation of approximately \$1,500,000 of the district.

Exponents of the plan to build the new structure point out that in addition to providing enlarged athletic facilities, the auditorium would become the center for various activities of the community, such as band concerts, dramatics, a recreation center, and a meeting place for large gatherings.

The addition of a new gymnasium-auditorium would also relieve the congestion in the high school building by the converting of the present gymnasium into "info" classrooms, school authorities point out. Because of the increased enrollment in the school this year, it has become necessary to utilize the school library as a classroom.

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## Sorenson Cow Makes New Official Record

A new record, exceeding the average of the Guernsey breed for her age and class has just been completed by a three and one-half year old cow, Beauvillade Mary Lass No. 362,287, of Farmington, Michigan tested and owned by C. E. Sorenson. Her official record supervised by the Michigan State College and announced by the American Guernsey Association in Club 1164-0 pounds of milk and 527.9 pounds of butter fat in class D.

Thirty-five feet on the north and south sides of the River avenue were of Farmington Road will become "No Parking" territories, following the approval given Monday night by the city commission for the use of the space as a bus depot. Signs will be erected by the bus company to reserve the space.