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REHEARSING one of the many fine musical numbers to be heard by those attending the JC minstrel show this Friday and Saturday are "Roscoe" and "Willie." Roscoe is the leading lady in the show and "Willie" her amorous boy friend. In real life they are Rosemary Fitzpatrick and Bob Miller, both of Farmington. They are but a small part of the 63-member cast and chorus taking part in this, the twelfth annual JC minstrel show.

Council Hopes Some Paving Possible in '59

In view of the great amount of paving needed in the next few years, councilmen Monday night decided to study the only two possibilities which now exist for paving this summer. One is a petition to build concrete paving on Hawthorne from Grand River north to Shawwassee with an insufficient percentage of district voters. The other program would complete Moore's street from the Farmington Shopping Plaza north.

ON HAWTHORNE 18 out of 21 property owners have signed, excepting the property on the east side of the street. Without the Mather property it isn't possible to get the 65 per cent of property frontage needed under the ordinance.

It was stated at the council meeting that because Shawwassee was now paved with extra-thick concrete by Mother Trucking Co. and the city does not want to share the cost of Hawthorne paving.

THE COUNCIL can, however, decide to pave streets under a petition, although the city prefers petitions for a special assessment district. Mr. Scherffius said he was asked to present estimates as to how much it is costing the city to maintain this stretch of Hawthorne and the city and share would be on the pavement. The council will consider this at the next meeting, April 6.

ON MOONEY street half the roadway was paved when the shopping plaza was built, but there still remains the east half north of the plaza, and all the street there north to Shawwassee.

The drainage structures for the entire length are already installed and the city is carrying that load to be later spread on the project which will finish in May.

Occurrence of the plaza, which has never been completed, as had at least been implied earlier. Councilmen are under the impression that this link between Grand River and Shawwassee. The city manager was asked to contact abutting property owners in paving plans, and report at the next council meeting.

Jaycee Minstrel Show To Feature 28 Acts

Final rehearsals have been completed for the twelfth annual Farmington Jaycee "Fine N' Dandy" Minstrel Show to be presented this Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21, at the Farmington Junior High gymnasium on Thomas Street.

A total of 28 acts are included according to Bill Conroy, show director.

The show will be divided into three principal scenes with the first taking place in the early evening in Main Street in Sloss Park, Tennessee as citizens gathered following the funeral of the recently deceased mayor.

The curtain will open at 8:15 from a medley of songs by the 42 voice mixed Jaycee choir. This year's interactor is Don Kobman who portrays Sinner Dan. The show will feature a variety of acts including a musical comedy, a play, and a variety of songs.

Scene two takes place at a political rally in which candidates Amos and Willie present their virtues (musically) to the voters of Sloss Park.

Scene three takes place at the 51st Annual "The Tansong and the Wagoning Jambooree, typical Southland Jambooree.

While a number of tickets will be available at the door of the show, advance tickets are urged to obtain them in advance.

The curtain will open at 8:15 from a medley of songs by the Phil Thomas Jewellers.

9 Try to Beat 3 Councilmen

In the city election April 6, nine candidates will try to unseat the three incumbent councilmen who are asking reelection.

There were no surprises when filing closed last Thursday afternoon, as all 12 candidates had announced earlier.

ALTHOUGH there are the usual large number of candidates, there do not appear to be any hot issues which have come to the surface yet, because of the many new residents in the city, most candidates are content to try to reach as many voters as possible before election day.

Incumbents seeking reelection are: Tom Barber, 23187 Hawthorne; V. O. Bates, 3311 Glenview; Howard Thayer, 33014 Glenview.

THE NINE new candidates include: Robert J. Boiss, 32745 Cloverdale; Charles F. Bridges, Jr., 22629 Power; Linwood Chambers, 22910 Farmington Road; Samuel Graham, 22612 Brookdale; Charles A. (Jack) Habermehl, 33428 Adams; Allen Nelson, 23708 Warner; Dean Payne, 22772 Mayfield; Hugo Peterson, 33320 State; Howard Thayer, 33014 Grand River.

Last week in the listing the name of Jack Habermehl was accidentally left out, although he has announced several weeks earlier.

Of Its Call \$16,000 City's 1956 Bonds

More of the city's first special assessment bonds for paving issued in 1956, will be called and paid, the council decided Monday.

The issue was for \$69,000, of which \$53,000 had been paid earlier, leaving \$16,000. Now there is enough in the debt retirement fund to call \$16,000 remaining bond obligations for that program.

Aids in Saving Knifed Officer

A local man was one of three credited by hospital authorities with saving the life of a badly wounded Detroit policeman last Saturday.

Cries for help by Patrolman John Garner of the Kenal Peninsula council decided Monday by Robert Hall of 21049 Colchester, Farmington, William Tar of Redford Township and Delbert Richtig of Dearborn.

Garner who has been slashed severely as he tried to arrest a knife-wielding convict, was rushed to Receiving Hospital by the three men.

Jerry Billings, arresting later, admitted to the knifing.

Ex-Grinder Jaye Now Has an "End"

The fourth son was born March 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jaye, 2870 Lorick Drive, and the father, an ex-footbal star, has been taking some good natured joshing.

The common comment has been "now he has a backfield where's your line?"

So Floyd has worked up a pat answer. It goes like this: "Let's say we had a center, a guard, a tackle, and now we have an end."

Mr. Jaye was a former star at the University of Michigan and a professional player with the Detroit Lions. He is now with Ford Motor Co. The baby, Thomas Michael, was born at Florence Critchfield Hospital in Detroit.

Cville School Routes Remain

The Citizens Committee on Transportation reported at the March 12 meeting of the Clarenceville board of education, and recommended that the present system of bus use be continued.

The study which took several months, was presented by Ray Chaiken and Stanley Irish. It was felt that the savings which might result in distance pupils walk or possible reduction in equipment would not be appreciable.

The board voted to send the committee a letter of appreciation and commendation for its work.

TEACHER salaries were changed by the board. The new schedule calls for a 3 per cent increase of \$20 a year over the present schedule, and for a master's degree an additional \$59. This makes a difference of \$20 between the two degrees. The maximums were also increased \$250 above the present salary schedule.

The administration is asking the board to approve a survey and promote publicly about adult education, and present a plan to the board later.

Grant Park Use

A request from Farmington Baseball Club for use as a summer of the city park or Little League baseball was granted by the city council Monday.

In making for normal use, the city manager, Jim Cavanaugh, said the organization has done a wonderful job.

Here's What 59ers Face As They Settle Alaska

By DEE ELLIS

A great many Michigan residents are getting a lot of romantic hog-wash about Alaska, as the town's 59ers head north in the spring. Should any of the residents of the Farmington area be intrigued by the stories, they would be foolishly to say the least, fully before making such a move.

We know a Michigan family which moved to the Kenal Peninsula last year. The 59ers are head-on, some 15 years ago. From many letters and pictures we feel we know a good deal about life in the north. Our friends live on Alexander Creek.

THEY HAVE said they look on the 59ers with a kind of horrified pity. They think of the children going on this trip, and say that not only are they being misled, but they are being misled in a way that is hard to believe.

Here are other things they tell about this section of the state. A condition of things they have learned in a hard way is that the north is a struggle there. For them it has paid off fairly well. The family is well known and is prospering and able to have a recent trip back to Michigan.

THESE PEOPLE are going to have good roads most of the way. But the highway is going northward in western Canada and eastern Alaska, they are going to run into temperate climates of 45 to 60 degrees in the spring here, to up there it will be winter until perhaps the first of May.

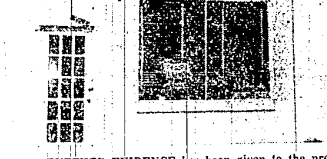
They will be traveling on paved roads when they get down toward the Kenal Peninsula. They will find gas stations at intervals along the highway. They always available, hot dog stands every few miles.

THEY WILL leave Anchorage heading south. For the first hundred miles or so they will go through tundra. There are few guard rails on these dirt roads.

South of the passes the roads turn westward toward the west shore of the Kenal Peninsula. Most of this westbound road is moose reserve, burned over and dead, wherever there is room, it is the Kenal Peninsula.

TEN MILES this side of Kenal is the town of Highway Junction, and south, maybe 150 miles to Homer, which is as far south as any road goes. Below this is Ketchikan Bay, which is a hospital treatment.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION
VOTE STRAIGHT REPUBLICAN



FURTHER EVIDENCE has been given to the previous prediction that the April 6 township election will be a heated political battle. Both the Republican and Democratic Headquarters has been opened at the Rainbow Park Motel on the south side of Grand River between the Bertine-Matigh and Ford Agency and Guffin's. A short distance to the west and just inside the city limits of Farmington, the Republicans have established their campaign headquarters. They have taken over the vacant building next to Miller's Grill on the north side of Grand River.

Governor to Be Here Tuesday

Governor C. Mennen Williams will be in Farmington on Tuesday, March 24. It was disclosed this week.

His primary purpose will be to introduce candidates for the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan and State of Governors of Wayne State University, local Democratic Club officials said.

An afternoon tea, sponsored by the Farmington Democratic Club, will be held in the Farmington Village and Friendship Room at Orchard Lake from 3:30 p.m.

Following the tea, the Governor and his wife will serve a spaghetti supper from 5 to 8 p.m.

Three Nearby Stores Robbed

Three business establishments on the north side of Grand River, a short distance to the east, was also broken into and robbed sometime Monday night or early Tuesday morning.

Both Blackett's Inc. at 29300 Grand River and Blackett's Food Service adjacent to it were entered. Reported stolen were a check writing machine, typewriter, adding machine and stenographic machine.

The Tiny Market at 28734 Grand River, a short distance to the east, was also broken into and robbed. Taken were six cartons of cigarettes, six or seven boxes of cigars and some cheap costume jewelry.

Robson into and robbed the previous night was Eddie Herman's Pure Oil service station at Middlebelt and Northwestern Highway. Proprietor reported that \$168.88 in cash and credit slips was taken.

City Dislikes School Plan to Stop Permits

City councilmen feel the school district is unwise to stop taking out building permits from the city government without admitting it is not under their control.

They asked City Manager Earl Scherffius Monday to let the school board to a letter to the school board.

LAST WEEK school officials decided to stop taking out the permits as a means of saving money. An attorney general's opinion said they didn't have either in the city or township.

The problems may be somewhat academic, since the school district is not permitted to build in the city. It will soon build a service building, and later an elementary school south of the expressway.

EXCEPTIONS by the city's building departments are instances against contractors' mistakes, councilmen suggested, as well as poor planning by the architect. The last building permit the school took out in the city cost \$200.

Should the school go ahead with its plan to bypass city and city inspections, city officials want it plainly understood by citizens that they have no responsibility if things go wrong.

AT THE 10 MILE school the architect said a two-inch water main was large enough, and he said CITY DISLIKES

Car Stalls on Road; Two Hurt in Crash

Two juffed minor injuries early last Wednesday morning in a somewhat freakish accident on Northwestern Highway at Incher Road.

A car being driven by George D. Shanahan of 6181 Eastmore Birmingham, stalled out on Northwestern Highway and he was crossing it on Incher. Jean McInch of Brownstown, proceeding on Northwestern, did not see it until too late and crashed into it.

She suffered bruises about the knees and an elbow and Shanahan minor cuts about the head and arms and both required hospital treatment.

Shop in Friendly Farmington

The Farmington School Board will give another in its continuing series of talks on school operations and problems before the Cloverdale elementary school PTA on Tuesday, March 24, at 8 p.m. All residents of the community are invited.

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DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS
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New Township Center Proposed On 10 Acres Near Kendallwood

A recommendation that the township acquire a 10-acre site south of Kendallwood for a building program will be made next week to the township board by the township planning board.

The site is about square and located on the southwest corner of the 12 Mile and Power Road intersection. It's now owned by Thompson-Troy Co.

A BUILDING which would immediately house at least two or three trucks will be proposed. This would give vastly better fire protection to the most heavily used portion of the township, and eventually house the township offices. As other fire stations were created around the township, the original fire station might be eliminated and the township police headquarters moved to that site.

THE SITE is about as near the center of the township, and population center, as possible. It is not so readily accessible or in good shape, also doesn't go all the way through.

The proposal was made to the planning board at its meeting last Thursday by Charles D. Hannan, Farmington architect who is a board member. Other members immediately saw many advantages and after discussion voted unanimously to support the plan.

A free site offered recently for a fire station in that area would be too small for any expansion.

The group suggested that that several community groups might join in a fund drive for a community building which would serve anyone. Suggested were the Farmington Area Community House Ass'n and the Little Theatre group.

The initial fire protection, the township and north corners of the township at first, and these would still require the stations proposed in the township fire studies. They could be built later as these areas build up more.

To Have Carlisle Library Shelf

A shelf honoring the late Ruth Carlisle and her home at the Farmington Public Library in the near future, library officials disclosed this week.

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Delay Business Sign Removal

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Now the city council has discovered the sign provisions in the ordinance are not in effect for all situations, and are unfair in some ways never intended.

DATE OF enforcing these provisions was therefore extended Monday to a year later, June 1, 1960. Meantime the city will try to correct the improper provisions and, as soon as possible, notify present offenders that the changes must be made by the new date.

Both the zoning board of appeals and the city planning board had suggested revision. It is believed there are about 25 signs downtown which are now in violation and will be after the new date.

A request for a sign on the roof of the new Bradley Rexall drug brought out some questions in the ordinance. The proposed sign would be in violation of the letter of the ordinance, but councilmen admitted it would not violate the spirit of the ordinance.

Survey Reveals 62% of CHS Pupils Want Community College

Approximately 62 per cent of the students enrolled in grades 10 through 12 at Clarenceville High School indicated in a recent survey that they would seriously consider attending a community college if one were located in this area.

The survey was conducted as a part of the preliminary planning being done by a committee studying the possible need for an interest in a community college in northwest Wayne County.

THE COMMITTEE represents six school districts - Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford Union and South Redford. The proposed community college survey has now been completed in each of the six districts.

It was determined by the committee that a real need and desire for a community college study have been outlined for the proposed community college.

1. The Voucher Program: Permits to courses offered at four year colleges and universities. Regular college course credits earned would be transferable to any other accredited college or university.

2. The Technical Program: One, two or three years courses allied with business, arts and sciences would be offered in this program.

3. The Vocational Program: Courses designed to be allied with highly skilled jobs, would be offered in this program.

In addition to the 62 per cent who indicated possible college plans at Clarenceville High, over 72 per cent of 355 returned survey blanks made known their intentions to take some kind of additional schooling following graduation from high school.

Sewer Bond Bids to Be Taken April 20

Satisfactory bids are received April 20 for the bonds for Farmington interceptor sewer. It's entirely possible that actual construction work on the big sewer will start a couple of weeks thereafter.

Last week the state's Municipal Finance Commission approved the bond issue for \$5,766,000. It also approved one for \$3,810,000 for the Evergreen sewer which will serve Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Lathrup Village, Troy, Southfield, Westland, Ypsilanti, Eastland, Board and Pontiac townships.

TODAY the Department of Public Works, of which Delos Hamlin is chairman, was expected to officially set April 20 as the date for receiving the bids.

Contracts for the Farmington interceptor sewer main trunk line are all awarded, subject to final approval of the state of the bonds. Most of the area to be served is in Farmington township, but also includes portions of Southfield and West Bloomfield townships.

THERE ARE about 14 contractors on the list and the Evergreen project, and R. J. Alexander, deputy director of the Dept. of Public Works, says he thinks they will be at work within two or three weeks after final signing of the contracts.

Actual construction is also expected to touch off general building in the north portion of Farmington township which will be served by the sewer, and start consideration by subdivision or other areas to which they should consider connecting up.

SEVERAL areas appear to be seriously interested, according to Superintendent of Public Works Clarenceville Civic Ass'n is thinking of requesting service for Section 36, the square mile bounded by Inker, Middlebelt and 8 and 9 Mile.

Others he says are interested include Old Farm Colony and Stannan Acres subdivisions, and there are several other subdivisions in the vicinity necessary.

Franklin Knolls subdivision is already set up, and residents have paid for the first year's assessments.

Schools, Twp. Still Have Same Money Problem

How to obtain sufficient funds to meet the needs of the schools during the coming fiscal year is still a problem for both the Township Board and School Board in Farmington.

Proposed budgets prepared by both governing bodies exceed anticipated revenues.

ALTHOUGH no real solution was found, members of both governing bodies agreed to continue each other's problems as a result of their discussion at a joint meeting last Friday.

The difficulty results primarily from the 15-mill tax limitation established by State legislation in 1933. The revenue it yields cannot be spread thin enough to meet the continuing increases in operating expenses of the county, townships and school districts combined.

MOST SCHOOL districts, including Farmington, found it necessary to get voters' approval for special operating millage increases some time ago.

School officials feel that townships and the county should do the same rather than continually argue that voters will not approve proposed tax increases by them as readily as they will those made by school systems.

Go North in Mayor's Swap

This year Farmington City Mayor Robert Lindbergh will travel to the small, rural community of Farwell for the Sixth Annual Mayors Day, May 18.

Farwell, having a population of 694, is located a short distance west and slightly north of Kalkaska in central Michigan.

Wood Creek Farms Village President Alger Barkus, who will be guest of officials in Kalkaska about ten miles east of Traverse City. Latest figures place Kalkaska's population at 2,250.

Officials of these two northern Michigan communities will be here further north.

Drawing for the annual exchange were made last week. Michigan Week activities will start May 17 and continue through May 23.

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