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FARMINGTON ASSESSED VALUATION EXCEEDS \$10,000,000

As a result of the State Tax Commission's visit to Oakland county an eighty million dollar raise is made in its assessed valuation, every assessing district being given an increase. The amount of the boost for Farmington township lacks but a few dollars of being an even five million. The valuation given by the supervisors' committee is \$5,832,426, the tax commissioner increased this to \$10,874,391. Farmington township is one of the eight assessment districts in the county whose valuation is expressed in eight figures.

The valuation fixed by the supervisors' committee required the raising in Farmington township of 2.70% of total tax against the county, while the new valuation raises the per cent to 3.63, which is the largest proportionate raise in the county.

Every township in the county is given a boost.

DR. KIEFER TO TALK ON DIPHTHERIA PREVENTIVE

Dr. Guy Kiefer, of Detroit, a well-known specialist, will address a meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association at the High School auditorium, next Monday night.

The doctor will explain the advantages of the toxine and antitoxin treatment for the prevention and cure of diphtheria. All parents and others interested in the schools are urged to attend and learn directly from one who knows just what this treatment means. There seems to be much misunderstanding in regard to the matter. It is believed that when the treatment is fully explained much prejudice which is founded on a lack of knowledge will be removed.

Farmington physicians and school officers who have given the matter close study, state that parents owe it to their children and their neighbors' children to get fully informed before condemning the treatment as dangerous.

All should attend the Monday night meeting.

If toxin-antitoxin could be administered to every child at the age of six months, diphtheria would disappear from our public health records in five years, is the statement of Dr. R. M. Olin, State Commissioner of Health.

"Protection of the preschool child is especially important," said Dr. Olin, in discussing the state-wide diphtheria protection campaign. "Of the 3,791 deaths from diphtheria in Michigan within the last five years, 80 per cent have been of children under five years of age."

Very young children are a great deal more susceptible to diphtheria than are adults. Because of the high mortality rate among this group, special emphasis is being placed upon them in the plans for local diphtheria protection clinics. Parents are urged to have every child six months of age and older receive the three toxin-antitoxin treatments.

In view of the serious diphtheria situation in Michigan, parents are urged to co-operate with local and state health authorities in the campaign for protection.

"Every community, as well as every parent, should see that the children, especially the younger children, are safeguarded with toxin-antitoxin."

CLUB DINNER

Mrs. Viola Soper entertained Tuesday at dinner the members of the Larkin Club. Those present were, Mesdames Roy, Metzger, Mossell, Koss, Hill, Hoffman, Grubner, Kahri, Bentley, Willard, Damon and Miss Cotterell.

A SIMON-PURE

AMERICAN TOWN Deputy Sheriff Claude Wilson who recently returned from his first vacation in three years, visiting western Michigan and in about Chicago, says that he found many fine and progressive towns in those sections, but for a town whose citizenry measures nearest 100 per cent American, give me Farmington.

STRAIGHTENING OUT A MISUNDERSTANDING

A misunderstanding between the county board of auditors and the Children's Hospital of Michigan, located in Detroit and Farmington, was partially cleared before the Board of Supervisors this morning, says the Pontiac Press of Monday.

Mrs. E. S. Leonard of the hospital board appeared before the supervisors, asking for the county's annual appropriation for the hospital and she made it known that the county board of auditors has been holding up part of last year's appropriation of \$2,000 because there was a difference of opinion over whether the hospital should be obliged to take one child case.

William M. Brewer of the board of auditors admitted there had been a dispute over this case and asked that the appropriation committee hear the story before any appropriation is recommended for this year. Mrs. Leonard said she preferred to have the matter brought before the whole board. Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock was fixed as the day when both sides presented their views of the controversy.

Mrs. Leonard told the board to day that it would have cost \$5,105 to take care of the crippled children from Oakland County who were cared for in the Children's Hospital the year ending October 1 and this amount was figured on a per day cost of only \$1.50. The actual cost of caring for a child, she said, was \$3.62 a day, but that the hospital is able to take the children at less because it receives help from the Detroit community fund and receives many donations.

Oakland County has been making an annual appropriation to the hospital for four years, having donated \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500 and \$2,000, respectively, in the last four years. Mrs. Leonard asks that a larger sum be given this year in view of the relief being given Oakland County children.

F. W. C.

Mrs. Elmer Dobany was hostess on Wednesday afternoon to a large attendance of the Farmington Woman's Club.

With Miss Boynton as a most capable leader and the assistance of different members, the major portion of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" was presented to the club. Miss Safford, the school nurse, was present and announced a lecture by Dr. Kiefer of Detroit on "Prevention and Cure of Diphtheria" to be given Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at the High School auditorium. All were urged to attend.

Announcement is again made of an all-day meeting of the Oakland County Federation at Oxford, next Thursday, October 29. The usual business proceedings will occupy the morning session. A bounteous 75c luncheon will be served at noon at the M. E. Church, where the meeting is also held. In the afternoon our own Miss Butterfield will be the chief speaker. All are urged to follow this will be the Round Table discussion on library management.

All planning to attend will please confer with the president. Miss Esther Boynton will be the club's next hostess on Wednesday, November 4th.

(Mary Johnson, Sec. Pro tem.)

DEATH OF FORMER CLARENCEVILLE RESIDENT

Fred H. Johnson, 19 Clark street, Pontiac, Mich., husband of Minna, nee Spaller, passed away October 17 at the age of 66 years and 17 days. His silent form was buried at Clarenceville Tuesday, Oct. 20, Rev. J. Bollens officiating.

Mr. Johnson leaves one child, Mrs. May Cox, five grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Lena Walter at Middlesex, N. Y.

Being reared in Clarenceville, the deceased is well known in Farmington and vicinity.

Clyde Adams is enlarging his house on Grand River avenue and is making other improvements.

High School Spotlight

Seniors

Much sympathy is extended to our active classmate, Maurice Graham.

The seniors are enjoying the orchard work which they are doing to help the farmers through senior agency.

Sophomores

The Sophomores are studying harder in geometry as Miss Porter warned them she would give them zero for the day if they did not have their theorems.

Juniors

The negative side won in the history debate.

Freshmen

The Freshmen were somewhat confused in their classes last Friday as we were excused early for football game.

Eighth Grade

We made portfolios last Thursday and Friday. We had a hard struggle to make the monograms, but with Miss Wood's help we were finally successful.

We set last Friday aside to write letters to Mrs. Rye of Monroe, formerly Miss Frank, the seventh grade teacher of last year. This was an English class project. Margaret Greene.

Can We Help Care for Our School?

Can you think of anyone in our school system who is busier than our friend, the janitor? Why should he need to spend valuable time picking up papers we carelessly drop? I'm sure we, as students, are neglectful about this, therefore I hope this article will benefit those who may, perhaps, read it.

The first point we are going to touch is the care of school property such as the desks, chairs and tables. They do not require pictures to be drawn on their surfaces, so why waste pencils trying to be an artist on wood when paper would be so much better.

There is positive no argument in favor of the person who wastes his time and pencil lead drawing pretty, sometimes funny, pictures on property which rightfully belongs to the school.

Now about that waste paper! Papers that have been thrown around the school grounds do not help to make our place more attractive, by any means. People, who pass by are very apt to judge the kind of school we have, of the appearance of the grounds about the school.

What should be done with the waste paper about the rooms? It is a very great temptation to most of us to take a shot at the basket. If it goes in—all right. If it falls on the floor it's all right. Nothing makes a room look more uninviting than bits of paper here and there.

The school we attend is our school, so it isn't just the right thing to mistreat it. Therefore, let's all join together and start a campaign against untidy grounds and rooms.

Geraldine Sherlock.

What It Means to Have Good Health

Every human being should be up in arms against the common foe of mankind, the disease germ.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. FRED ESCHÉ

Mrs. Emma Esche, the wife of Mr. Fred Esche was called away from her husband and two children on Wednesday, October 21, at the age of 41 years.

The funeral service will take place Saturday, October 24 at 2:00 o'clock from the Evangelical Church and interment will be made at the Clarenceville cemetery.

HARTZ-HAMLIN

DeLoris Hamlin, real estate salesman of Farmington and Miss Mildred E. Hartz, our kindergarten teacher, were united in holy marriage on the 16th of October in the presence of Mr. Kenneth Loomis and Miss Marion Stenger at the Evangelical Church, Rev. J. Bollens, officiating.

ACKMUR GAMBLING DEN. RAIDED SUNDAY MORNING

Early Sunday morning Joe Murphy's place, known as the Club Ackmur, at Gd. River and Seven Mile roads, five miles below Farmington, was raided by fifteen state troopers under the leadership of Capt. Ira H. Marmon and Lieut. Alonzo Gillette and J. C. Cleghorn.

The police reported seizing a roulette wheel worth \$5,000, a small quantity of liquor, and the club register, which is said to contain the names of a number of well known Detroit business men and politicians. They also confiscated fifty pairs of dice, fifty decks of cards, and other gambling paraphernalia.

Investigators have been watching the place for two weeks, Capt. Marmon said, and they saw liquor served at the tables in the dining rooms and secured a search warrant Saturday from Joseph Smith, justice of the peace at Riverview.

The gambling room, located on the second floor of the building, was deserted when the troopers entered the place. Two young couples, well dressed, were drinking in the lounging room adjoining it. The door of the gambling room was locked, but it was opened by the lookout when he saw the "big iron key," a 20-pound sledge hammer the troopers brought with them to break down barred doors.

The roulette wheel was in a large room furnished with soft plush carpets. Between 300 and 400 playing chips for bets of from \$1 to \$500 were found, and on the banker's table were found chips from nearly every bank in Detroit, and its suburbs. Attendants, at the club told Capt. Marmon that all play in the place was by check, and money was seldom used. They also said three rifles, three automatic shotguns and pistols seized by the police in this room were for protection against hickers.

The Ackmur Club, with its pleasant, artistic decorations and appointments, is much different from the other resorts operated by Murphy which the police have uncovered during the last few years. The "club" catered to the elite, and had an exclusive registry of about 500 members. Only members and friends for whom they vouched could participate in the gambling "privileges" of the club.

The police raid evidently was but a temporary embarrassment to Joe as his place has been a place of glory with electrical illumination every evening since.

HOME-COMING CELEBRATION AT ALBION COLLEGE

Dr. Clarence C. Little, new president of the University of Michigan, will be the headline speaker at the two-day homecoming celebration at Albion College the first week-end in November. Just five days after his own inauguration in Hill auditorium on the Ann Arbor campus, Dr. Little will come to give the homecoming address Saturday night, November 7.

Alma College furnishes the football opposition to the Purple and Goldarsity on Alumni field in the afternoon, the game being in a unique series of athletic contests. Three years ago Albion went up to Alma and brought back the Michigan Inter-collegiate Athletic association gridiron championship. The next year Alma trekked to Albion to win the championship, and last year Albion defeated Alma in order to take the second place in the M. I. A. A.

Included in the program arranged by Thomas Irwin Stark, of Royal Oak, Mich., general chairman of the Homecoming, are the big alumni and student pep meeting chapel, presided over by J. R. Moore, '08, of Detroit, lieutenant colonel in charge of the 339th Detroit infantry; the frosh bonfire; and on Saturday morning the annual hobo parade, followed by the dedication of the Stanley Kresge stadium, Albion's \$175,000 gift from S. S. Kresge, its chain store king, in honor of his son, a graduate of the class of 1923, and a football and diamond star on Methodist teams.

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MAY LOSE EXPRESS SERVICE

With the Pere Marquette Ry. making whistling posts out of its station at villages in this vicinity Farmington is likely to lose the poor excuse for an express service that it now has. Notice has been received here that the office at Novi may be closed and express matter directed to Farmington in that event will be sent to Northville.

At a discussion of the question at the noonday luncheon of the Exchange Club Tuesday, it was found that there is a strong sentiment favoring an express service here handled by the D. U. R. in connection with the American Railway Express. If this can not be secured the express company will be requested to maintain a service at Novi for the accommodation of Farmington.

DEATH OF BENJAMIN WILCOX

Oscar Benjamin Wilcox, died at Detroit October 19, 1925, at the age of 71 years, 4 months and 7 days. The funeral service was held from Heene's chapel, Farmington Thursday morning, conducted by Rev. Sidney D. Eva, pastor of Cass Avenue M. E. Church, Detroit, until recently pastor of the Methodist Church here.

Oscar Benjamin Wilcox was the eldest son of Harriet and James Wilcox. He was born in Olive township, Clinton county, Mich., June 12, 1854. As a young man he moved to Farmington township where he met and married Elizabeth Beaman of Akron, N. Y. on December 11, 1885. To this union three children were born, Bertha May deceased, Hazel Belle and Ray Forrest. The deceased had been a member of this community for the past twenty-eight years until his removal to Detroit in December, 1924.

He was a man who will be remembered by his friends for his loyalty to them and his honesty and steadfastness to all. In his illness he was patient and forbearing.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mahlon Gerrow of Detroit, a son Ray Forrest of Detroit, a sister, Mrs. Bertha Wilcox of Merle Beach, and a brother, Charles Wilcox of Detroit.

MRS. WILBER ARRIVES IN FLORIDA

The following letter of interest to the many friends of Mrs. Wilber in Farmington, was received this week at the Enterprise office:

October 17, 1925

Farmington Enterprise: I left Plymouth about 11 a. m. Tuesday and arrived in Sebring Thursday night at 7 o'clock, two hours late. It is a standing joke that Florida trains are always late. Some time early Wednesday morning it began to rain and kept it up more or less for twenty-four hours. From Jacksonville down it was very hot, and the heat continues, today's thermometer registering 96 at 1:00 p. m.

A lovely breeze makes the heat more bearable. Please send my paper to Avon Park as we expect to move there this coming week.

Yours, Mrs. M. R. Wilber, Sebring, Fla.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class of the M. E. Sunday School met Monday evening with Mrs. Harrison Johnson at her home on Division street for their regular monthly meeting. About twenty-five were present. A short musical program was followed by a splendid talk by Supt. A. C. Leonard. Refreshments were served at the close.

NOBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS ENTERTAINED

Miss Ida Steele, assisted by Miss Mildred Adams, was hostess to twenty-five teachers of the Noble School, Detroit, at her home on Grand River avenue, Monday evening. A tramp through picturesque spots north of the village was followed by a wiener roast.

The guests then enjoyed an evening of entertainment consisting of music, readings, dancing and games. The Misses Steele and Adams are also members of the Noble School faculty.