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Proposal For A New Fire Hall Is Before City

Structure On Division Street To House New Truck Considered

The suggestion that Farmington erect a new fire hall to accommodate the fire truck ordered last week by the city, and also police cells and an office for the City Clerk, was made at the City Commission meeting Monday evening. Commissioner Leo Gildemeister, appointed to investigate the matter, reported that he had obtained suggestions on a building that might be erected on the city's property on Division street.

A one-story structure about 26 x 40 feet, of hollow tile construction with a pressed-brick front, was discussed. The building would accommodate a second fire-truck, should the township and city wish to co-operate and room for two engines be required. Full basement and furnace would be included, and the building set back about 2 feet to permit an approach for the fire truck. The cost was estimated at from \$5,200 to \$5,500. No action was taken on the building.

Tank Painting Brings Row
Painting of the city water-tank last week developed a difficulty between the contractor and city officials. Superintendent of Public Works George Grnat reported that the contractor had not scaped, brushed and painted the tank as he agreed to do. The oddity of the situation was revealed when Mr. Grnat said that the contractor probably lost money on what he did, in that he expended \$325 in labor and material, but that as a result of slighting the work, the city did not get \$325 in value.

It was not decided whether to hold up payment, and Commissioner Gildemeister was appointed to confer with the auditing committee and Mr. Grnat, and report Monday night, when bills are to come up.

The Commission directed Acting Chief Clayton Stokes to strictly enforce the sanitary ordinance No. 1, and order cleaning up of all unsanitary places in the city. Rubbish piles particularly were criticized.

That about \$50,000 will probably be added to the city valuation this year was indicated at the meeting. The total last year was slightly over \$30,000. The annual budget will be considered at the meeting Monday night.

ALBION STUDENTS FROM FARMINGTON ACHIEVE HONORS

Cedric Harger Wins Bronze Key For Work With College - Glee Club

Several students from Farmington at Albion College were honored recently by presentation of keys in recognition of superior work in the Albion high school. Victor Peck, of Birmingham, who will be graduated on June 5, was presented by President John L. Seaton with a gold key in recognition for three years' work in the club. Cedric Harger, a freshman, received a bronze key for his first year's efforts.

Donald McCracken, another Farmington freshman, was recently initiated into Tau Kappa Epsilon, national Greek letter fraternity.

First Fishing Party Of Season Goes Friday

Trout in the vicinity of Lake City, Mich., will find it wise to be careful beginning Friday morning. At that time Farmington's first trout-fishing party of the season will start on a three-day hunt for game that lurks in streams.

The party will consist of John Fitzpatrick, who will be returning to the scene of his former home, Emory Hutton, Deputy Clayton Stokes, Judge John J. Schulte, Clarence Bickling, and probably one other member. They plan to return Monday morning.

WINS HIGH DEGREE



Rev. George Cullen, pastor of the West Point Park Community Church, was recently awarded the degree of Juris Doctor by the Detroit College of Law. Rev. Cullen has for some time held the degree of Bachelor of Law.

In the interest of the May Day Child Health Day movement, Rev. Cullen will preach on Sunday morning a sermon on "The Heart Of A Child."

Pick Committees On Honor Dinner

Preparations Being Made For Banquet To Supt. Archie G. Leonard

Committees on preparations for the testimonial dinner being planned in honor of Supt. of Schools Archie G. Leonard were selected early this week and work is going forward for the affair. The date, as previously announced, is to be May 18.

General Chairman, Rufus J. Crossman, selected chairmen of four committees and these chairmen in turn chose assistants on their various committees. The personnel of the four committees is as follows: Banquet Committee, A. L. Ross, chairman, Mrs. William Irish, Harry McCracken; Program, F. L. Cook, chairman, Emil Rogers, Leo Gildemeister; Lloyd S. Gullen; Arrangements, Charles Pettibone, chairman, Don Button, A. R. Crawford; Tickets and Publicity, F. De Vere Fleming, Elmer Palmer, H. Levinson.

PUBLIC INVITED TO PARLIAMENTARY DRILL ON MAY 9th

Pontiac Women To Give Study In Rules Or Order At F. W. C. Meeting

On Thursday, April 26, the Farmington Woman's Club visited the Detroit Museum of Art where, under the guidance of Mrs. Harger, the members of the staff of this splendid institution viewed and enjoyed many noteworthy masterpieces.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, May 9, at Community Hall, M. E. Church at 2:30. The program committee, Mrs. Chamberlin, Mrs. Osma, and Miss Meriah Andrews, have arranged to have Mrs. Crowell and fourteen members of her class in Parliamentary Law, all Pontiac women, give a model parliamentary drill.

Mrs. Crowell is an authority on this subject and the meeting promises to be an event of some importance that the club wish to extend the opportunity to members. Therefore any Farmington women interested in knowing more of the orderly conducting of business is invited to be present.

—Helen L. Hard, Cor. Sec'y.

Rumors Of Sales On Grand River Set Town Agog

Henderson, Holcomb And Nelson Properties Are Reported Sold

A flood of rumors concerning supposed sales of Grand River avenue frontage in Farmington during the past week created widespread discussion and interest. The reports were "all over town," but so far as is known, an offer for one piece of frontage was the only real activity.

Reports had the Park Garage, owned by W. D. Henderson, and the adjacent property on the west, owned by the Nelson Sisters, sold to C. F. Smith. According to the stories, a store building was to be erected on the property for a grocery store and perhaps others.

Mr. Henderson and the Misses Nelson stated that they have not been approached by anyone with a view to transfer of the property, and had no knowledge of the source of the reports.

A second rumor was that Dr. E. F. Holcomb had been approached by the Kunsky theatre interests, who were said to be interested in obtaining the Holcomb corner on Grand River property for a theatre. Dr. Holcomb also said that he had not been asked to sell by anyone.

The only owner of Grand River frontage known to have been approached is Henry Pauline, who owns 20 feet on the south side of the street, between the police booth and the Auto Shop. Mr. Pauline said that a stranger came to him early in the week and made an attractive cash offer for the property. He also mentioned the Holcomb frontage, Mr. Pauline said, and referred to what was apparently a chart of frontage on the avenue. He appeared unusually familiar with Grand River property and its owners, according to Mr. Pauline.

A sale of acreage on Grand River road about three miles west of Farmington, followed by a resale shortly afterward at double the price, was reported, but has been reported by Pat Gaffney who owned 20 acres on the north side of the road, is said to have sold it to Detroit parties for \$900 per acre, and the latter are understood to have resold it for a short time at \$1,800 per acre, the transactions having taken place in recent weeks.

FARMINGTON RUNS OVER NORTHVILLE IN OPENING GAME

Rosenboom Holds Visitors To Two Hits And Strikes Out Twelve

In the opening game of the season, last Friday, the high school baseball team lived up to its pre-season promise and swamped Northville, 15 to 2. The game was featured by heavy-hitting, good pitching and heady base-running.

Farmington's attack opened in the first inning after Rosenboom had struck out the first three Northville men, when Otis scored the first run on a walk, a stolen base and an error followed by a sacrifice fly.

In the second inning Northville was set down on two strikeouts and a fly ball. Northville's pitcher was out of the game. Farmington scored seven runs, cinching the game.

Rosenboom pitched exceptionally well, striking out twelve men and allowing but two hits and one outfield error. Middlewood and Otis starred at bat, each getting a home run while Cox gathered three hits and a walk on four trips to the plate. Nielsen made a triple and Catherine made a double for the remainder of the extra base hits, while Catherine made three hits in as many times at bat.

On Friday the boys go to Ypsilanti for one of the hardest games on the schedule. On Thursday, May 10, they play their last home league game against Dearborn.

The lineup: McCully, rf.; E. Rosenboom, ss.; Middlewood, lb.; Cox, cf.; Catherine, 3b.; Turner, lf.; Nielsen, c.; G. Rosenboom, p.

Thomas and Edgar Johnson of Detroit were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman T. Barrows, Monday.

Thirty Masons Initiated Before 1900 Given Aprons By Farmington Lodge

One of the most interesting events in the history of Farmington Masonic Lodge No. 151 took place last Monday evening, when lambskin aprons were presented by the lodge to 30 members who were initiated before 1900, but had never received the aprons which have been given all initiates since last year.

The occasion was the annual Past Masters' Night, and was marked by an attendance of more than 100 Masons. Fourteen of the men to whom aprons were given were present to receive them. Visitors from Pontiac, Detroit, Redford and Columbus, O., were in attendance.

The aprons were presented at dinner which preceded the lodge meeting with Past Masters conducting the ceremonies. Rev. Elmer Palmer delivered an address on the significance of the apron in Masonry.

Another presentation was that made to Past Master Will Way, who was given a Past Master's jewel by the lodge. N. H. Power made the presentation speech, lauding the devotion of Mr. Way to lodge activities.

Rev. Edward Dunlavy gave some interesting readings, and the Evangelical Church Glee Club quartet, consisting of George Gildemeister, Himmelsbach, Andrew Sallow and Leo Gildemeister, and accompanied by Mrs. George Gildemeister, offered several numbers that were well received. A. L. Ross acted as toastmaster for the program following the banquet.

The lodge members initiated before 1900, to whom aprons were presented at the meeting were: Isaac Bond, Fred L. Cook, Carl Hutton, James H. Hogle, Albert W. Holbrook, Detroit, Frank L. Lee, Thomas Lytle, Pontiac.

ROBERT BURNS IS DEMOCRACY'S CHIEF POET, SPEAKER SAYS

Exchange Club Guest Describes Scotch Poet As "Modernist In His Day"

Characterization of Robert Burns as "one of the great religious teachers of his century," as a "modernist in his day," and as the "great prophet of democracy," deeply interested members of the Farmington Exchange Club at their weekly luncheon meeting Wednesday noon. Rev. Fred Cowan of the Christian Church of Ann Arbor, a close student of Burns' life work, drew for his audience a picture of Burns as one of the world's outstanding figures, and "love's sweetest bard."

Rev. Cowan, who came as the guest of F. De Vere Fleming, sketched briefly the life of Burns, describing his humble birthplace, his surroundings, his death and the memorials in his honor. He declared that Burns, earlier pictured in somewhat unfavorable terms, is coming through later and more understanding biographies, into regard as a man of noble character and great stature.

Rev. Cowan told of "the great sing of the qualities of the common man, and that 'orientals' quote freely from the great poet. He read from memory hundreds of lines of Burns' poetry to illustrate his remarks on Burns' life and writings.

The Club embarked on its annual Grand River avenue business section "Cleanup" project. John Fitzpatrick being appointed by President Frank Weaver leader of the north side and F. De Vere Fleming as leader of the south side.

The club plans to accept an invitation of the Farmington High School basketball team for a contest. A committee consisting of Spencer Harger, Olin Russell, and Harley Warner, was appointed to arrange for entertaining the golfers of Birmingham Exchange Club.

TOWNSHIP AUDIT DONE

Auditors have completed the annual financial statement of Farmington Township, which will be published in next week's issue of the Enterprise, showing in detail all receipts and disbursements by the governing body.

William R. Millard, Frank W. Parsons, Nathan Power, Elliot S. Sprague, William N. Seeley, Northville, John H. Thayer, James J. Webster.

Absent members in whose honor aprons were presented were: Frank E. Bradley, Daniel Eckler, Redford, Orion H. Everett, Redford, George Francis, John Gray, Jackson Elliott, F. Holcomb, M. D., George Joslin, South Lyon, Richard H. Marsh, F. F. Millard, Lansing, Harry N. McCracken, Blake C. Northrop, Redford, Harlan E. Roberts, Olivet, William Shepherd, Birmingham, Otto Smith, Detroit, William C. Tanner, Pontiac.

Past Masters of the lodge who took part in the ceremonies and work in the third degree, were: William C. Way, Howard G. Eisenlord, John H. Thayer, James H. Hogle, Edward N. Dickie, Clarence C. Wood, Ernest H. Ash, Frank L. Lee, Isaac Bond.

Bus Fire Shows New Truck Need

Eight Minutes Elapses After Alarm Before Engine Arrives At Junction

Farmington's need of a new and faster fire-truck was forcibly demonstrated Wednesday morning, when a bus caught fire just east of Farmington Junction, and eight minutes elapsed between the time the fire whistle blew and the arrival of the truck at the scene of the fire.

The explosion of the gasoline tank of the truck seemed imminent until the engine arrived. Flames from below enveloped the filling-spout of the tank and spectators remained at a safe distance until chemicals were turned on the fire.

Difficulty in starting the motor of the fire truck is understood to have delayed the volunteers who responded to the alarm.

The bus, westbound, stalled just east of the Lake Drive Garage, according to William Eaves, of Brightmoor, the driver. A passenger detected smoke coming from below and the occupants quickly left the bus. The chassis pipe, where the fire is believed to have started, is close to the gasoline tank, and tongues of flame shot around the tank and through the opening in the bus-body where the filler-spout is placed.

The volunteers were forced to chop a hole in the body and take out a window before the fire could be put out. The large tank on the fire truck failed to work when turned on, and hand extinguishers were used to put out the blaze.

RAMBLING POET OF FARMINGTON MADE RHYMES AT WILL

Conclusion Of Power's Article Tells Of Life Of Strange Character

Did you know that Farmington once had a "rambling poet," or rather a resident who recited poetry as he ran, verses of his own composition. Better still, they were little rhymes he composed at a moment's notice, to fit whatever situation confronted him.

Such a man once lived in Farmington, and something of his life, and a few of his verses are given in the concluding portion of the article on Farmington history by N. H. Power, which has been printed in part in previous issues. Old residents and new will find much of interest in these reminiscences, which continue this week with a description of election days decided 50 years ago.

The ballot box stood upon a table around which sat the election board, three in number. The voter handed his ticket unfolded to the supervisor who deposited it in the box. There were a few voters who were willing to sell their vote. The worker who had bought the votes would hand him his ticket and then take him to the polls and see that he voted. He had to do this to see that the man "stayed bought" for it was well known that any man

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Discussion Of Paving Program Comes Up Again

Commissioners Examine Ordinance Drafted Last Year But Never Passed

Members of the Farmington City Commission are examining an ordinance, drafted some months ago, following renewal of discussion of the proposed paving program by the City Commission Monday night. A report is to be made next Monday night on the ordinance.

Opinion among members of the Commission as to the advisability of taking up a paving program at present appeared divided, with the new sewer project occupying an important place in the discussion. Mayor Wells D. Butterfield brought up the matter, and suggested that if there is to be any paving this summer, plans should be made for the paving of the main street. Commissioner Carl Hogle suggested that paving would have to wait until after the sewers were laid. Mayor Butterfield replied that it would take several weeks for passage of an ordinance, and that circulation of petitions would require more time, thus making it necessary to allow for preparations.

The existence of the ordinance drawn last year was recalled by Commissioner Hogle who said the ordinance provides for payment by the property owners for the paving. Sixty per cent of the frontage would be required on petitions for paving, under this ordinance.

Bond Issue Suggested

Mayor Butterfield said he believed the City should group the projects of a new fire hall, pavement, and the expense in connection with the sewer under one head, on a bond issue. "We must get started on these things," the Mayor said, "Why not put them all together in a bond issue and let the people have a chance to express their views? Division street especially should be paved this year, as I have reason to hope for the extension of the Ten-Mile road into the City. The residents of years to come should help pay for these things which will benefit them, instead of loading it all on the present population at once."

Commissioner Gildemeister said he believed the pavement should be laid until after the sewers are in. Commissioner Harrison Johnson declared that "every other person I meet on the street asks me why we are not getting the paving going."

Commissioners Johnson and Hogle were appointed to confer on the ordinance with Corporation Counsel John J. Schulte and report Monday.

MRS. INA STORMS CHOSEN TO LEAD FARMINGTON O. E. S.

Officers Elected At Annual Meeting Of Farmington Chapter; Installation May 11

Mrs. Ina W. Storms was chosen worthy matron of the Farmington Chapter, No. 239, O. E. S., at the annual meeting of the chapter held last Friday evening. A special meeting for installation of the officers elected will be held on Friday evening, May 11.

Plans were made for attendance at the county association meeting to be held at Milford on May 17. Mrs. Kate E. Bond of the Farmington chapter will be a conductress at that gathering.

Officers chosen by Farmington Chapter, in addition to Mrs. Storms, are as follows:

Worthy patron, Isaac Bond; associate matron, Mrs. Ethel Middleton. (Continued on Page Five)

City Is Entitled To Another Supervisor

That the City of Farmington is entitled to another Supervisor on the County Board, was the ruling given the City Commission Monday evening by Corporation Counsel John J. Schulte. An amendment to the charter will be necessary, according to Mr. Schulte.

Commissioners Johnson and Hogle and another to be appointed, with Mayor Butterfield and City Clerk N. H. Power, are to prepare this and other needed amendments to the charter for the election next fall.