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## Charter Changes For Paving May Be Ready Soon

Corporation Counsel Added To  
Committee Of Commissioners  
For Amendment

Possibilities for revision of Farmington's charter, to aid in the adoption of a paving program, was discussed at the meeting of the City Commission Monday evening. Judge John J. Schulte was added to the committee of Commission members on charter revision.

That amendments to the charter could not be proposed in time now for vote of the people at the primary election in September, but could be made ready for the November voting, is Judge Schulte's opinion. By prompt action, the Commission may prepare these changes in time to avoid necessity for a special election.

Commissioner Carl Hogle reported that members of the paving committee had visited Northville and obtained data on that town's paving project, but that it would be of little use to Farmington because of differences in the charters and form of government.

The budget for 1928-29, with a tax rate of \$16 per thousand, was adopted by the Commission. Sanitary ordinance C-10-28 was placed on its first reading and read.

The problem of a place to house the new fire truck expected shortly was taken up, but in the absence of Fire Commissioner Olin Russell, it was decided to defer discussion. The truck is expected in about two weeks.

## HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY HAS ITS ANNUAL JUBILEE

Mrs. J. A. Miller Elected, President  
Of Methodist Group  
For Coming Year

On Tuesday noon in the dining room of the Methodist Church, was held the annual jubilee party of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, celebrating the completion of another successful year of mission work and study. The society, engaged at dinner the girls of the Queen Esther Circle with their leader, Miss Wolff, and their mothers.

After a splendid luncheon the business meeting was held, followed by the annual meeting and election of officers. The reports of the officers and heads of departments were very gratifying, showing that the Society had done splendid work. The ladies have raised and expended in missionary work during the year \$576.73.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are:  
President, Mrs. J. A. Miller.  
Vice-president, Mrs. Harold Daines.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Don Butten.  
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. N. Andrews.

Treasurer, Mrs. Roy Brown.  
After the election, Mrs. Maud Shattuck, president of the Ann Arbor district, delivered a splendid talk.

## ANNUAL OUTING OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB DELAYED UNTIL NEXT WEDNESDAY

The annual outing, Presidents' Day, which was to have occurred Wednesday, June 6, has been postponed to Wednesday, June 13. Arrangements will be as before; those attending will meet at 12 sharp in front of the Salem Evangelical Church; autos will be in waiting.

Each person is to bring the following articles: six sandwiches and one other edible for a potluck luncheon; one plate, one cup, one knife, one fork and one spoon.  
—Helen L. Hard, Cor. Sec'y.

## SALT BEING SPREAD

Spreading of calcium chloride upon Farmington streets began last week, has been interrupted by the rains early this week. With a carload of the "salt," the City purchased a spreading-machine, which is operated by two men, besides the driver of the tractor.

## Window Should Draw Attention—This Did

The continuous rains of the early part of the week disgusted many and discouraged business-men particularly, but one Farmington merchant saw a good deal of humor in the unabating rain and cold.

Tuesday morning, citizens passing by the window of the Lee Hardware Company, were astonished to see a display of a pair of ice skates and a sled. Norman Lee, who usually arranges the window display, was out of town, and his father, Henry Lee, decided to substitute for him. His display attracted a good deal of attention.

## 15 To Graduate At Clarenceville

Fifteen To Be Graduated At Exercises  
For Tenth Grade Class  
On June 12

The Clarenceville School graduating class will attend the Clarenceville M. E. Church Sunday, June 10, when the Rev. Wallis will preach the Baccalaureate sermon. There will be special music for this occasion.

On Tuesday evening, June 12, the Commencement Exercises will be held at the T. T. C. A. hall, preceded by a musicale, given by groups from the school, in charge of Mrs. Kandt, music and art director. On Thursday, June 14 the graduating class will leave for a trip to Niagara Falls. On Wednesday the class will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Menke at Clark Lake.

Those to be graduated from Clarenceville School are: Fred Ferris, Herbert Tucker, Gerald Speer, Dietrick MacFarland, Margaret Hough, Irene Barrard, Clara Duquet, Albert Fredenburg, James Ryall, Lawrence Newhouse, Helen Rancier, Billie Rozenboom, Roland Taber.

One of the class will be missing, Arden Beensel, president of the class, who died last week after a brief illness.

## CLASS IN PUBLIC SPEAKING AT F. H. S. TO PRESENT PLAY

"Once Upon A Time" To Be Presented At Community Hall  
June 13

The public speaking class of Farmington High School will present Rachel Crother's famous play, "Once Upon A Time," at the Community Hall, Thursday, June 13, at 8:15.

The lead is taken by Virgil Butten who plays the part of a cultured young Irishman. Other important parts are taken by Gladys Wood, Lois Young and Howard Catherman, while William Starkey, Mildred Brown and Effie Scates complete the cast. This will be their last appearance in F. H. S. dramas. This production although it is a part of the regular public speaking course, is sponsored financially by the Student Council of the high school. The profits will go into the treasury of this organization to be spent for general school activities.

## CLARENCEVILLE LODGE OF ODDFELLOWS PLANS CELEBRATION JUNE 15, 16

Clarenceville Lodge, I. O. O. F., is planning its biggest event of the year for the end of next week, when the lodge will hold its third annual birthday party and dance. The celebration will be held Friday and Saturday evenings, June 15 and 16.

An unusually attractive program of entertainment has been arranged for both evenings. Stage and radio stars will furnish entertainment, and an invitational extended to all, whether members of the Oddfellows' lodge or not.

The ladies of the Clarenceville Cemetery Association will give their annual dinner Wednesday, June 13, at 5 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Elmer Dohany.

## Address Letter To Commission On 10-Mile Road

Communication To County Road  
Board Creates Discussion  
At Exchange Club

Interest in the route of the proposed Ten-Mile road extension into Farmington was heightened this week with the drawing of a letter addressed to the Board of County Road Commissioners, conveying to that body opinion of the residents of Farmington signing the letter. About 80 citizens attached their signatures to the letter, which is to be presented to the Commission on Friday or Saturday.

The letter was the subject of debate at the Farmington Exchange Club, because of a paragraph in the letter referring to the property owned by Clinton McGee. The letter reads as follows:

To the Road Commission,  
Oakland County, Michigan.  
G. Ross Thompson, Chairman.

Gentlemen:  
The undersigned, citizens of the City of Farmington, take the opportunity of conveying to you our opinion and wish in regard to the continuation of the Ten-Mile road improvement.

We believe that the course of this extension as outlined in the petition to the Board of Supervisors and as authorized by the Board in 1926 is the logical one and is the most desirable location possible.

We favor such a connecting link between the Ten-Mile road and Grand River avenue by way of Shiawassee avenue.

The same to run in a south-westerly direction, beginning at a point near the intersection of the Ten-Mile road and Powers avenue and to intersect Shiawassee avenue at a point and location to be determined by your Honorable body.

We hope and believe that this general course may be followed without serious encroachment on the residence property of Mr. Clinton McGee at the top of the hill and wish that the intersection with Shiawassee may be far enough to the east and south to avoid any serious damage to Mr. McGee's residence property.

A connection with the Ten-Mile road as referred to above will be of inestimable value to this community and to the traveling public at large.

It will open direct routes east and west and north and south. We do not favor a continuation of the Ten-Mile road pavement to the western end of the section line of Grand River avenue for more than one reason. The principal reason being that it would side track this city and would be an injury to us.

We are confident that the great majority of our people are in sympathy with the above statements. When attention was called to the letter being circulated among club members, Harley Warner suggested that the paragraph beginning, "We hope and believe that this general course may be followed without serious encroachment on the residence property of Mr. Clinton McGee," be stricken from the letter, on the ground that it tended to definitely locate the road, whereas this should be left for the engineers to decide. Mr. Warner stated that he believed he and many others, who had not signed the letter because of the presence of that paragraph, would do so if it was stricken out. Mr. Warner also declared that he favored, as he believed all do, the extension of the Ten-Mile road into the heart of town, rather than straight westward to Grand River, which would be of little benefit to Farmington.

Mayor Wells D. Butterfield stated that he had been in part responsible for drafting of the letter, and that the paragraph objectionable was extremely included for the purpose of protecting Mr. McGee's property.

The letter will be filed, it is understood, as originally drafted.

## BANK INTERIOR PAINTED

Interior decorators, who have been busy at the Peoples State Bank for some time have about completed their work, adding greatly to the attractiveness of the bank. The work has been done by Ralph Auten, Farmington painting contractor.

## Fifty Students Of High School Are To Be Guests At Honor Banquet

More than 50 students of Farmington schools will be guests of honor at the annual Honor Banquet to be given on June 15 by the Parent-Teacher Association. The banquet is given each year for those who lead in scholastic work.

Superintendent John Page of the Howell schools will be the chief speaker of the evening. A program with other pleasing features is being arranged.

Invitations to the honor banquet, as honor students, are extended to those who have done outstanding work during the year. Included are not only scholastic leaders, but students whose work has been exceptional in other lines of work.

Students who have shown unusually good records in scholastic, attendance, athletics, citizenship and members of the Student Council and the valedictorian and salutatorian of the Senior Class are invited. Perfect attendance and no tardy marks throughout the year are required for invitation to the honor banquet on this score, while in the other categories leadership is determining factor.

Harry Grow, Crystal Van Marter, Frances Miller, Anna Poirault, Charles Butten, Sinclair Gould, John Lapham, Barbara Mooney, Virginia Otis, Hedwig Schoon, James Hogg, Earl Jean McCafferty, Lois Murphy, Eleanor Perry, Esther Seely, Winifred Seely, Eileen Lapham, Kathryn Reding, Kathryn Rubert, Walter Nielsen, Gustave Rozenboom, Alice Parker, Dean Parker, Lois Young, Gladys Wood, Mildred Brown, Effie Scates, William Starkey, Henry Otis Howard Catherman, Howard Middlewood, Edward Rozenboom, Richard Cox, Wellington Hullin, Virgil Butten, Philo McCully, Marvin Turner, Carl Drake, Edward Measel, Clayton Langbecker, George Grimme, Francis Drake, Kathryn Banfield, Shirley Zwahlen, Virginia Adams, Stella Vanderburg, Margery Cain, Mabel Turner, Mary Ellen Fink, Helen Westfall, Glenn Werner, Kathryn Richardson, Olive Grimwade, Ivan Cox, Jack Jylen.

## Talk On 'Man Of Tomorrow' Given

'Must Be Able To Dream, Suffer  
And Serve,' Says Rev.  
George Gulien

"The man of tomorrow" must be "a man who can dream, a man who can suffer, and a man who can serve," Rev. George Gulien, pastor of the West Point Park Independent Church, told members of the Farmington Exchange Club at their weekly luncheon meeting Wednesday. Rev. Gulien urged his hearers to take an interest in the work of moulding the men of the coming generation.

The speaker took as examples of the three qualities, Thomas Watt, Abraham Lincoln, and the seventh Earl of Shaftsbury. He told of how Watt, as a boy, watched the teakettle in his mother's kitchen, and "dreamed the dream that resulted in our modern locomotives and steam engines." He described the sufferings of Abraham Lincoln, and the service of the Earl of Shaftsbury. The latter, he said, used to go down at night to the Bridge of Sighs in London, save those who were about to end their lives to be rid of their woes and take them to his castle to sleep, while he himself slept on the floor. The Earl, he said, died protesting that he "could not bear to leave the world when it is so full of suffering."

(Rev. Gulien attended the club as the guest of Harley Warner.)

## PROTESTS ABSENT AT SESSIONS OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Only One Change Made In Assessments; Valuations Near  
Three Million

Fewer protests than ever before marked the meetings of the City of Farmington Board of Review on Monday and Tuesday. Only one change was made in the assessment rolls, a reduction of \$500 on one piece of property.

Valuations this year moved closer to the three-million mark, with a total of \$2,976,385. This includes personal property valued at \$200,430, leaving a total of \$2,775,955 in real estate valuations for the City.

James L. Hogle was elected chairman of the Board of Review at the opening of the sessions Monday. Other members were H. Schroeder and Mayor Wells D. Butterfield, and N. H. Power acted as clerk. The assessments were reviewed and compared with previous years.

The Farmington Township Board of Review met Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and will hold sessions again next Monday and Tuesday at the Isaac Bond School.

## Big Attendance Is Expected At School Meeting

Trustee Fred L. Cook Files Resignation; Three Members To  
Be Elected

The largest attendance in recent years is anticipated at the annual meeting of Farmington School District on Monday evening, June 11, in the school auditorium. Three members of the Board of Education are to be elected.

Trustee Fred L. Cook, who some time ago declared his intention to resign, sent a written resignation to Secretary Frank Macomber a few days ago. The term of President Nathan H. Power and Trustee Floyd H. Nichols expire at this meeting.

Both Mr. Power and Mr. Nichols, while not stating that they would refuse renomination and re-election, indicated that they had no particular desire to remain on the Board. Should both men be renominated and re-elected, one vacancy would still remain.

Thus far two names have been mentioned for the Board, those of Lloyd Gullen and Mrs. Emil Roos. Mrs. Roos and Mr. Gullen would accept, it is believed, if elected. Mrs. Roos is past president of the Parent-Teacher Association and Mr. Gullen was formerly engaged in school work.

At the annual meeting, it is expected there will be a settlement of the question of maintaining a school nursing service, members of the Board having indicated that they would welcome an expression of opinion by voters at the annual meeting.

Other schools of the district will also hold their annual meetings on Monday night. The meetings this year are a month earlier than in previous years, when they were held in July.

## NOBLE SCHOOL TO BE AWARDED FLAG BY LEGION POST

Presentation Of Prize For Memorial Day Attendance To  
Be At School Meeting

The result of the Farmington American Legion Post contest for attendance at Memorial Day exercises was officially announced this week. Noble School having captured the honor with an attendance of 40 per cent. The third grade of Farmington schools was second in the standing, with a record of 37½ per cent attendance.

Plans have been made for presentation of the award, a large American flag, at the annual meeting of the school district to be held on Monday evening, June 11, at 8 o'clock.

The flag was offered by the Groves-Walker Legion Post for the school presenting highest percentage of attendance at the exercises on May 30. All schools in the Township were eligible, and the contest resulted in a large attendance of school children as well as adults.

## Grand River Owners To Be Asked To Sign

The start toward obtaining signatures to releases of Grand River frontage for the wider highway to Farmington is scheduled to start the latter part of this week, with prospects for a successful culmination of the work within a short time. Charles Newton of Pontiac and Supervisor Isaac Bond are working on the project.

The preliminary survey and interviews appear to indicate that unless unexpected difficulties arise, there will be little doubt of approval of the highway by the State Department for this year. It is believed the cost of frontage can be held within the estimate given the State, some time ago.

## RAIN PREVENTS GAME AND STARTS ARGUMENT AS TO WHO IS LUCKY

Rain Tuesday brought luck to some people, for again it was found necessary to postpone the Farmington Exchange Club-High School baseball game.

Members of the high school squad, with an unbroken record of victories for the season, declared that the Exchange Club ball-players were delighted with the downpour. But the Exchange Club players were depressed, and that only "muddy" weather kept the high school's record clear.

It is feared that the annual classic will not be presented this year.