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THREE SECTIONS

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McCracken Now Supervisor, Bond In Road Office

Arthur Coe Elected To Vacancy On Township Board, Making Third Change

Isaac Bond and Harry McCracken of Farmington Township are functioning as Oakland County Road Commissioner and Supervisor respectively, following their selection for these places during the past few days. Still another new official is Justice Arthur Coe, who was selected to fill the vacancy on the Township Board made by Mr. McCracken's becoming Supervisor.

Mr. Bond's appointment to the Road Commission was made official Wednesday morning, when the Board of Supervisors unanimously elected him to succeed the late Thomas W. McCracken. Wells D. Butterfield of Farmington nominated Mr. Bond, describing him as a "live man, persistent, who keeps at it, and who is perfectly competent, and worth while." No other nominations were made and Supervisor George Scott moved that the clerk cast a unanimous vote for Mr. Bond. The motion was carried without dissenting vote.

Mr. Bond expressed his appreciation to the Board. Previously he had introduced the new Supervisor McCracken as "one of the old standbys," always ready and always willing." Mr. McCracken told the Board that he appreciated the honor of associating with the members and being one of them, and that he hoped to be "an asset rather than a liability."

Mr. McCracken was selected as Supervisor Friday night at a special meeting of the Township Board. At the same time, Arthur Coe was chosen for the vacancy created, but inasmuch as he was elected a justice at the last election, and would not ordinarily come on the board for two more years in that office, it was necessary for him to resign his necessary office as justice in order to assume that previously held by Mr. McCracken.

Supervisor McCracken has much practical experience. He was born in a log house on a 60-acre farm 65 years ago and has lived on and operated the property since early manhood. He has taken a prominent part in the affairs of this Township, the County and the State.

Mr. McCracken served in the lower house at Lansing during the legislative sessions of 1905 to 1907.

STAR PLAYS SAVE CLOSE GAME FOR WEST POINT PARK

Outfielders' Fast Work Helps Defeat De-Ho-Co, 6 To 5, In Ten Innings

In one of the most thrilling contests ever witnessed in this section, West Point Park's baseball team conquered the fast De-Ho-Co aggregation Sunday, by a score of 6 to 5, in ten innings. Spectacular plays by the West Point Park outfield in the last two innings saved the day for the home team, and enabled West Point Park to win the game with a single run in the tenth inning.

In the ninth, with two De-Ho-Co men on base, Harley Catherman saved two scores by running deep into right field for a sensational one-hand catch of a long fly, retiring the side. In the tenth inning, De-Ho-Co filled the bases before a man was out. Knocks in left field, speared the next batter's fly and shot the ball home to Jayska in time to catch the runner from third by six feet, preventing a score. The De-Ho-Co runner was knocked out for several minutes when he crashed into the West Point Park catcher. The third out was made without trouble.

West Point Park scored early getting four runs in the first inning, and driving Rolands from the box before three innings were finished. Hendrie, who succeeded Rolands, proved difficult, however. Carl Goers hurled a steady game for West Point Park.

On Sunday, Solfridge Field Flyers will come to West Point Park for the twelfth game of the Inter-County League schedule. West Point Park is now securely in third place, and not far behind the league-leaders in percentage.

NEW SUPERVISOR



HARRY N. MCCRACKEN

Edison To Build New Power Plant

Work Started On Foundation For Structure On Orchard Lake Road

The Detroit Edison Company is planning a new power station at Orchard Lake and Shawwassee roads, and work was begun within the past week on the foundations of the new building.

It is understood that the new power-house will supplant the old structure located on Grand River near Orchard Lake road. It is to be of modern construction, and will be completed about December 1.

The new power-house will be of the automatic type, requiring no person in attendance, and will probably be controlled from the uptown office. With the resumption of trolley service, it is expected that the two 500-ampere machines housed in the old building will be removed to the new location, which would probably necessitate an addition or a second building.

The new power building location is on the north side of Shawwassee street, west of Orchard Lake road.

FARMINGTON MEN TO TAKE PART IN TEMPLAR PARADE

Norman Lee And Howard Eisenlord To Lead Northville Commandery, In Conclave

Farmington members of Northville Commandery, Knights Templar, will gather Saturday afternoon with other knights from all over Michigan to greet the grand master of Knights Templar of the United States, who is en route to Detroit for the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States.

On Sunday and Monday, Northville Commandery will assist officers of this district in escorts for visiting commanderies, and on Tuesday morning will participate in the great parade, Northville Commandery Knights will gather on Stimson avenue, west of Second boulevard, for the parade on Tuesday.

Tickets for the grandstand from which the parade will be reviewed will be available for wives and members of the families of the knights of Northville Commandery. Norman Lee, commandery, and Howard Eisenlord, captain-general, both of Farmington, will lead Northville Commandery, which will meet at 3:30 p. m. Saturday at the Masonic Temple in Detroit, to greet the national leader.

Evans To Leave His Route After 7 Years

The patrons of Route I, Farmington R. F. D., are going to miss the genial smile of Erskine Evans, for seven years the carrier on that route.

Mr. Evans has filed his resignation with the post-office department, it has become known, and will be associated with Grand River Motor Sales in the sale of Graham-Paige motor cars. His resignation takes effect in 30 days.

999-Year Town Hall Lease To Masons Is Found

Document Records Granting Of Second Story By Township Officials In 1877

One of the most interesting and perhaps important discoveries in connection with the Town Hall ownership question was made during the past week by James L. Hogle, secretary of Farmington Masonic Lodge, who uncovered in the Town Hall a paper containing a lease for 999 years of the second story of the building, granted by the then Farmington Township Board to the Grand Lodge of Michigan on March 27, 1877.

The rental terms of the lease are as generally understood, but the duration of 999 years is regarded as an exception among leases. The letting is, the document says, "as an absolute lease, and without any reservations." The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was granted the lease "in trust for the use and benefit of Farmington Lodge Number One Hundred and Fifty-one."

Mr. Hogle came upon the lease while rummaging in the Town Hall, and has permitted the Enterprise to print it in full. The lease reads as follows:

"It is hereby agreed, between the township of Farmington, of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, by and through the Township Board of said Township, namely Benjamin F. Grace, Supervisor; William G. Cooney, Justice of the Peace; Dexter W. Green, Justice of the Peace, the said Cooney and Green being the terms of office will soonest expire; and Frank D. Clark, Township Clerk, and their successors in office, parties of the first part, and the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan, in trust for the use and benefit of Farmington Lodge Number One Hundred and Fifty-one of Free and Accepted Masons located at Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, party of the second part as follows:

The said party of the first part in consideration of the rents and covenants herein specified, do hereby let and lease to the said party of the second part the second story of the building now recently erected by Johnson S. Prall and known and called the "Town Hall" together with and including the stairway leading to the second story, for the term and period of nine hundred and ninety-nine years (999), as an absolute lease, and without any reservations from and after the first day of October A. D. 1876 but subject to the following covenants name-named (Continued on Page Five)

STOKES LEADS A RAID ON BIGGEST STILL IN COUNTY

Farmington Deputy Discovers Huge Liquor Plant; Shots Fired In Chase

Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes of Farmington on Tuesday uncovered and Wednesday led a raid upon the largest illicit alcohol capacity ever revealed in Oakland County, at Berry and Nine-Mile Roads in Novi Township. Smoke from two stacks and the smell of mash attracted the attention of Deputy Stokes to the barn-distillery Tuesday afternoon.

Numerous shots were fired in the raid Wednesday, participated in by five carloads of deputies and Prosecutors Norman Orr and Chas. Wilson. It revealed a \$15,000 plant, with a capacity of 150 gallons a day. Two men were arrested at the place. Eleven vats of 100-gallon capacity were found, and complete distilling equipment, including a large electric generating outfit.

Michael Varana, 50, and Harry Schmidt, 49, were captured after two-score shots were fired in a chase across fields and ditches. After Varana was caught, Schmidt hid in a ditch and attempted to sneak away through underbrush, but was caught by Assistant Prosecutor Wilson.

An elaborate electric signal system was found, but the officers evaded it by approaching the barn from the side opposite the house.

Boy Hits Leg Against Fender, Dies Of Hurt

Running against an automobile fender and bruising his leg two weeks ago, caused the death Sunday of 3-year-old Howard School, whose parents live east of Farmington Junction.

The injury failed to respond to the customary medical treatment, and a week ago the boy was taken to Ann Arbor, blood poisoning having set in. Operations on the leg were resorted to, but to no avail. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, followed by burial in Oakwood Cemetery, with Rev. Elmer Palmer officiating.

Sleeping Babe Attacked By Rat

Son Of Chas. Erwin Of Switzer Road Bitten During Sleep. Wednesday Morning

Attacked and bitten Wednesday morning while he slept, by a large rat which his parents later killed, Matthew John Erwin, 8 months old, of Ten Mile Road, near Switzer Road, is being carefully watched for indications that the rat may have been infected with rabies. The child was bitten on the second finger of his right hand. The father, Charles Erwin, killed the rat with a stick after a chase around the house.

The rat's head has been taken to the Oakland County Health Department for tests, on advice of Dr. L. N. Tupper of Redford, who treated the baby's finger. The attack was described by Mrs. Erwin, the baby's mother as follows:

"My baby was sleeping in his little bed, which has its sides and mattress about three feet from the floor, and that distance from the window.

About 2 o'clock in the morning we were awakened when the baby began to cry. Investigating the source of his cries, I found blood streaming from his finger, and after a close examination saw that he had been hurt badly. We turned on the lights in the room and there, on the window sill sat the big rat. A hole in the screen showed how it had entered the room, probably in search of food. We killed the rat and took its head to Pontiac. When the baby's finger began to turn black, we rushed him to Dr. L. M. Tupper at Redford where he is being cared for now.

Jumped Into Child's Bed

"We have not been bothered by rats because we keep cats about the house, and are unable to understand where they came from. It must have jumped from the window sill to our bed, then to the baby's bed and back again." It is noted in the youngest of four children in the Erwin family. He is not in any danger, Dr. Tupper said, unless something unforeseen develops. Whether Pasteur treatment will be given depends upon a report from the county physicians, the doctor said.

WEDDINGS OF TWO FARMINGTON GIRLS ARE ANNOUNCED

Miss Hazel Straubel Bride Of Fred Mandlik; Miss Thornton Weds July 19

Two weddings of young people in this section of interest to the community are noted this week. That of Miss Hazel Straubel on July 2, and of Miss Harriett Lucile Thornton, to be solemnized on July 19.

Miss Hazel Straubel of Farmington became the bride of Fred G. Mandlik of West Lake, at a quiet ceremony performed by Rev. and Miss Thompson of Novi. The couple were attended by Louis Straubel and Helen Gooden. After the wedding ceremony they left for a trip to Crawford and are now at home on their farm south of Walled Lake.

Miss Thornton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thornton, will be married to William Dowsett, at a quiet wedding to be held at Rev. George Guljen of West Point Park will perform the ceremony in Detroit. The couple will go on a wedding trip and will make their home near Farmington.

Trolley Service To Detroit Assured; Lower Fare Likely

Agreement Between D. S. R. And D. U. R. Calls For Extension To Farmington Soon; Big Reduction In Fare Is Rumored

Renewal of street-car service between Farmington and Detroit is assured with the ratification of an agreement between the Detroit Department of Street Railways and the Detroit United Railway, for the operation of cars. Service may be started before the end of this month.

Switzer, Middle Belt—'Lovers' Lane' Next?

Switzer road has two names, and now residents along the highway feel that a third may be in order. Called "Switzer road" north of Grand River, and "Middle Belt" southward, it may soon be termed also another "Lovers' Lane."

"Petting parties" have become so numerous, residents say, that they are kept awake at all hours of the night by the young Romeros and Julietts. And it's said to be a condition, not of one spot, but of the whole road, from one end to the other."

Boy Crushed To Death, Man Dies

Driver Avoids Hitting Boys In Road But Own Employee Is Killed

The effort of a truck driver to avoid striking boys playing in the road brought death to a 15-year-old lad in his employ, and a 20-year-old youth died with his brother at his side, in accidents near Farmington early this week. Both victims were crushed so badly that they lived but a few minutes.

Cecil Brennan, 15, 18965 Steel avenue, Detroit, was riding along on two spare tires on the left running board of a truck driven by his employer, Wilbert Burnham, 459 Peterboro street, Detroit westward on Grand River Tuesday afternoon. Just west of the Eight-Mile road, Burnham saw some boys playing on the north side of the road. He feared they would run onto the pavement and swerved toward the center, throwing young Brennan outward. A large truck with two trailers was passing eastward, and the boy was crushed between the two vehicles. He died in the office of Dr. Tupper of Redford a few minutes later.

Burnham is a bread distributor and employed the boy as a helper. With his brother kneeling beside him and bathing his head, Milan Woodward, 20, of 4535 Alameda avenue, Detroit, died on the lawn in front of Dr. E. F. Holcomb's office Sunday noon, half an hour after his small roadster overturned on Switzer road, half a mile north of Ten Mile road. Woodward was driving north, headed for Middle Straits Lake, where a party planned to spend the day. According to his companion, William Swanwick, the car suddenly took to the ditch and turned over twice. Woodward's brother, John, was in a machine ahead.

Swanwick was thrown clear and escaped with injuries to his left shoulder and arm, but Woodward was pinned beneath the car. Dr. Holcomb was not home and Dr. H. E. Boice was called, but Woodward died within a few moments after he arrived.

'Big Fish Easy,' Says Farmington Woman

Those who think that fish "don't grow big around here any more" might take a tip from Mrs. J. C. Gravin of Farmington, who made a trip to Proud Lake, north of Wixom Tuesday, and is proud of her accomplishment.

The "catch" was two fine pike, each weighing well, a good many pounds, and measuring about 18 inches. And "twas easy," says Mrs. Gravin, "I caught them after my best line broke."

While details of the plan are not yet worked out, it is expected that service of satisfactory frequency will be established. There are rumors of a probable reduction from the bus fare of 40 cents, some placing the trolley fare as low as 50 per cent of the present bus fare.

The buses will be discontinued, it is understood, when the trolley service is put into effect. This can be effected within two weeks, it is understood. The D. S. R. and D. U. R. were expected to ratify the details of the operating arrangement Thursday morning, but at press time no announcement could be made.

The extension of service to Farmington will save the D. S. R. building a \$15,000 loop at Five Points. The advantage of using the Farmington terminal was presented by John Clark, formerly of Farmington, to the officials. It is not expected that the depot on Grand River will be re-opened.

The D. U. R. will pay the D. S. R. 25 cents a car mile for the use of the City cars and platform crews, the D. U. R. to furnish the power and maintenance. The D. S. R. will collect the fares.

NEW MOTOR CAR AGENCY OPENING ANNOUNCED HERE

Grand River Motor Sales To Sell Graham-Paige Cars In This Territory

SUCTION REVIEWS OUTING

A feature of this issue of the Enterprise is a section devoted in large part to the recent outing of the Michigan Press Association at Van Etten Lake Lodge, near Oscoda, Mich.

One of the beauty spots of the Upper Peninsula is being considered for the outing in 1929.