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Opening Grade School Delayed Until Next Week

Work On Building Prevents Starting Of Classes; High School Opens

Work being done on the school building has prevented the opening of Farmington grade school classes this week and delayed the starting of study until next Monday morning.

The High School opened Wednesday morning with an enrollment of 130 pupils, 15 more than were enrolled at the start of last year. Of these, the ninth grade class is the largest.

Thirty-nine "freshmen," were registered on Wednesday, with the tenth grade second in numbers, having 35. The junior class enrolled 33, while 23 seniors started their final year in Farmington High School.

Although no grade classes have been held, grade school teachers have been at the school all week and will be there Friday, so that any parents who may wish to confer with them may have an opportunity to do so. Grade school text-books go on sale Friday.

An interesting feature of the new year is expected to be developed in journalistic efforts of a number of students. A journalism class has been started, and several are already enrolled. The journalistic work will be carried on in co-operation with the Enterprise, and it is anticipated that the students may conduct their own newspaper within the Enterprise columns.

NOVI DEDICATES NEW SCHOOL WITH 300 AT CEREMONY

"School Building Alone Is Not A School," Speaker Tells Gathering

With more than three hundred people jamming their way into the auditorium, Novi last Friday evening dedicated its new four-room school building on the Novi-Walled Lake road. Dr. M. S. Pittman of Lansing, was the principle speaker.

Dr. Pittman urged the parents of the Novi district to continue their work in developing the educational facilities of the district, warning that the work was not finished with completion of a school structure. "A school building is not necessarily a school," declared Dr. Pittman. "The little old building across the way is still more of a school than is this magnificent new structure, for it has traditions and memories."

George Gullen of Detroit, and Congressman Grant Hudson delivered short talks. A. C. Atkinson, president of the Board of Education, presided.

The school will teach only ten grades, but the complete high school course is expected to be taught in another year. The school is on a four-acre tract of land, leaving a huge playground in the rear, and also leaving room for a lawn in the front.

The school is without a gymnasium, but plans are being made to convert the old school a short distance away into a gymnasium.

Norman Culver of Milan, and a graduate of the University of Michigan, has been engaged as principal of the new school.

Miss Margaret Rachor of Albion, also a graduate of the University of Michigan, will be assistant principal. Miss Mabel Chamberlain, who has taught in the old Novi school for the past years, will be on the staff. She is from Jackson and is a graduate of Michigan State Normal. Miss Beulah Lattimer of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. A. L. Hill of Novi complete the teaching staff.

CITY COP HURT

Alfred Gagnon, Farmington City police officer, was badly bruised and shaken up Sunday afternoon when his motorcycle was struck by a car which ran past a stop signal, near Palmer Park, Detroit. He is able to be on duty, although still suffering from the accident.

AGAIN WINS HERE

Farmington again accorded Governor Fred W. Green a big margin at the primary election Tuesday, giving the Governor a majority of more than 3 to 1 over his opponent. The total for City and Township was: Green, 403, Welsh, 128.

Legionnaires Win Over Elements

Rain Fails To Prevent Success Of Seventh Annual Gala Day Here

Chilly atmosphere and intermittent showers on Labor Day disappointed but did not discourage members of the Groves-Walker Post, American Legion and the crowd gathered in Farmington for the seventh annual Gala Day Monday.

Every scheduled event, from the opening salute in the morning until the awarding of the automobile which closed the evening's program was carried through and held the interest of those in attendance. Hundreds of residents of other towns were in Farmington during the day.

Two features claimed unusual attention, one being the exhibition of war trophies, which was well patronized throughout the day. A number of unusual war relics were on display, and hundreds took the opportunity to "peek" through a German periscope, said to be one of only three in the entire United States. A number of pieces, the accompanying records showed, had been captured and re-captured several times during battles.

The other feature, also new, was the free automobile show, in which every Farmington dealer and a number of others participated. All day and evening the shining new cars, lined up in the west side of the town park, were viewed by admiring visitors. The dealers were agreeably surprised at the great interest shown and reported sizable additions to their lists of prospects.

Four ball games, a complete series of athletic events for men, women and children, band concerts, vaudeville acts and dancing were offered.

Woman Wins Auto

Mrs. Arthur Coe of North Farmington won the new Ford roadster offered as grand prize. Mrs. Coe won the award, strangely enough, on the last ticket sold, which was purchased by her at the platform a moment before the ticket was drawn. Earl L. Phillips of Pontiac, who on Tuesday was elected Oakland County Circuit Court Commissioner, drew the lucky number. Prior to the drawing an address was made by Harry J. Merritt of Royal Oak, also a Circuit Court Commissioner-elect. Both are members of the American Legion, Mr. Merritt having been treasurer of the State Legion organization.

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary served food and refreshments all day and in the evening, as has been their custom on Gala Days.

Music for the day was furnished by the Northville Community School Band, which attracted much favorable comment in new uniforms of white trousers and red jackets. It is made up of pupils in the Northville Schools.

One of the amusing features of the event occurred during the drawing for prizes, in evening. Delos Hamlin was called winner of the slab of bacon, donated to the Legion for the event by the meat market of which he is part owner. Mr. Hamlin, however, was not present in time to receive the prize.

Farmington Aids Winners In The County Primary

Schram, Orr, Thompson, Merritt, Phillips Given Majorities Here

Farmington City and Township gave strong support to practically all the winning Oakland County candidates Tuesday, and in most cases, accorded the victors larger proportional majorities than the County at large.

Victorious State candidates, too, fared well at the hands of voters of this section, Governor Fred W. Green, Lieut. L. D. Dickinson, and others winning by large margins.

Only in the contest for County Treasurer did Farmington voters "back" a candidate who lost. Treasurer Floyd H. Losee, who has asked a recount, being given a majority here.

The voting was light in both City and Township, 243 Republican votes being cast in the City and 311 in the Township. Three Democratic votes were cast in the City.

Particularly disappointing was the small votes cast in Precinct No. 2 of the Township, including Clarenceville. Of 600 registered, only 111 voted. Precinct No. 1 polled 200 votes.

The City and Township generally supported the candidates about two years ago, with some re-alignment. Governor Green received exactly the same number of votes in the City as in 1926, 198, while Welsh was given 41, as in comparison with 58 given Groesbeck two years ago. The Township gave Governor Green 205 votes as against 87 for Welsh.

Schram Has Big Margin

Sheriff Frank Schram was given a large majority by Farmington voters. The tabulation is as follows:

Schram	173
Wheeler	61
Simmons	6
Farmington Township, Precinct No. 1:	
Schram	136
Wheeler	52
Simmons	5
Precinct No. 2:	
Schram	87
Wheeler	11
Simmons	8

Assistant Prosecutor Norman C. Orr matched Schram in popularity here. The votes for prosecutor were as follows:

City:	
Orr	190
Smith	47
Township, Precinct 1:	
Orr	136
Smith	53
Precinct 2:	
Orr	89
Smith	18

Road Commissioner G. Ross Thompson was given a wide margin over his two opponents, running far ahead in Farmington, of his County-wide majority. The vote was as follows:

Township, Precinct 1:	
Thompson	88
Porritt	36
Adams	35
Precinct 2:	
Thompson	59
Adams	27
Porritt	11
City:	
Thompson	171
Porritt	49
Adams	33

The City gave Treasurer Floyd Losee a good majority, but he was beaten in Precinct 1 of the Township and in Precinct 2, Albert W. Willson of Royal Oak held the incumbent on even terms, a reflection of the close County-wide battle Willson won for the treasur-

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Woman, 83, Votes At Bond School Tuesday

Probably the oldest voter in this section at the primary Tuesday was Mrs. Eliza Utley, 83, of Farmington Township. Mrs. Utley, an old resident, voted at Precinct No. 1, the Bond School, Road Commissioner, Isaac Bond taking her to the polls in his car.

"I believe it is the duty of every citizen to vote," said Mrs. Utley, who passed her 85th milestone on May 5. She called for a Republican ballot.

Won One Auto, Little Boy Cries For Two

When Mrs. Arthur Coe won the new Ford roadster offered by the Farmington American Legion Post Monday, hundreds others were disappointed. But little did the Legionaires or Mrs. Coe dream that the award would make anyone shed tears.

For they forgot the winner of last year's Chevrolet car, Joseph DeVriendt, Jr., five years old. Unable to understand why he couldn't have the prize roadster again this year, Little Joe went home Monday evening in sorrow and cried the whole night through.

Big Gain Made On Grand River

Frontage Of All But One City Parcel Obtained, One-Half Mile More In Township

Hopes for the widening of Grand River avenue into and through the City of Farmington have been considerably increased recently by the acquisition of various parcels of frontage along the highway, both in the City and Township.

According to Road Commissioner Isaac Bond, who has been active on the project, every required piece of property in the City, with one exception, has been tentatively acquired. That is, agreement has been reached as to the compensation to be allowed, and the property-owners are ready to sign.

In the Township, it is reported, an additional 2,600 feet, or one-half mile of right-of-way has been obtained.

Some of this Township frontage, it is understood, is among the portions which officials have been most desirous of acquiring ever since the work begun.

Further cause for satisfaction is reported in that the total of compensation tentatively agreed upon is said to be under the limit suggested by the State Highway Department.

The one large piece of City frontage remaining, the Chamberlain property, is a long one, but officials have hopes of reaching an agreement on that within the not far-distant future.

NOVI EXPRESSES INDIVIDUALITY IN VOTE ON TUESDAY

Most Winners Get Good Margins In Township, But Others Are Ignored

Giving most victorious Oakland County candidates a comfortable majority, but voting the other way in two conspicuous cases, Novi Township ran true to predictions Tuesday. The forecast were that Clarence L. Smith would poll more votes than Norman Orr for prosecutor, and that Bert Porritt would make a strong run for Road Commissioner.

On the other hand, Novi gave Sheriff Schram a better than two to one vote over William Wheeler, and Harry J. Merritt and Earl L. Phillips larger majorities over Ralph T. Keeling for circuit court commissioner. Then, just to upset things again, Novi gave Fred L. Woodworth more votes for Lieutenant Governor than Luren D. Dickinson, the County choice, while voting for Governor Fred W. Green better than two to one.

The Novi totals for various candidates were as follows: Smith 83, Orr 56, Schram 61, Simmons 40, Wheeler 7; Losee 53, Narrin 41, Willson 32, Phillips 88, Keeling 50, Merritt 49, Voorheis 61, Farmer 60, Gordon 48, Relaford 15, Bell 11, Serlich 9, Porritt 53, Thompson 50, Adams 30, Woodworth 64, Dickinson 56, MacArthur 8, Hudson 91, Cook 40.

Novi, with Commerce Township was one of the few in the County giving Smith an advantage over Orr.

AFTER BIG ONES

Muskoka Lake has called again to Farmington fishermen and they have responded. On a trip to the fine fishing-place in Canada are Edgar S. Pierce, John Clark, Dr. G. F. Weaver and Harley Warner. They are expected back Monday.

Objections, Petition Filed Against Ten-Mile Project

Spirited Opposition Manifested At Hearing In Town Hall; Petition With 200 Names Presented Against Proposed Improvement

Vigorous and determined opposition to the extension of the Ten-Mile road into Farmington, via the McGee Hill, and paving of Shiawassee west to Grand River, was voiced by a number of taxpayers of the City at the hearing Saturday morning. A petition protesting against the carrying o ut of the project, bearing 200 signatures, was filed with the Oakland County Road Commission. No decision was reached, the Commission taking the matter under advisement.

There was no active support of the plan, and except for remarks of Mayor Wells D. Butterfield, who defended his presentation of the situation, and occasionally others, most of the hearing was taken up by attacks upon the proposed improvement. High cost and a heavy tax burden were the chief reasons offered for opposition.

About 30 citizens attended the meeting in the Town Hall at which Road Commissioners Isaac Bond and G. Ross Thompson, and County Engineer Belknap, and Construction Engineer Glasgow were present.

The discussion was started by Miss Helen Hard, who asked if "there is any other reason for "swerving the road than to benefit the Town of Farmington, as "some residents think it would." Mr. Glasgow replied that the road had been planned as "the petition "reads."

Clinton McGee then offered an objection on the ground that "the "petition is for an extension of "the Ten-Mile road, and this is "not an extension of the Ten-Mile "road." He declared that "two "other signers say the same "thing."

Mr. Belknap asked Mr. McGee if there was any description on the petition he signed, to which Mr. McGee replied that he did not know. Mr. McGee then declared that he objected also because "there is no necessity for "the road."

Compares Cost

Miss Hard asked what would be the route if the Ten-Mile road was extended straight west, and said that she had "seen it stated "that the road would cost $27,"000" more by the route under discussion. Mr. Belknap replied

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Farmington's First Plane Goes To Field

"There goes the airplane," shouted a small boy, on Grand River avenue near Division street in Farmington Thursday. And he ran for a closer view.

The plane which caused the flurry was not an ordinary one, but Farmington's first, the completion of which had been delayed. It was being hauled to Northville, complete except for the wings, which will be attached at the Stinson plant there. The first flight will be made from the Stinson field soon.

New Fire Truck Arrives, Pleases

Stream Of Good Height And Distance Thrown By New Engine

Farmington's new fire truck has arrived and tests being made have resulted in considerable satisfaction on the part of officials of the City. The new truck reached Farmington Friday, and was placed in the Town Park for display to the citizens on Labor Day, the occasion of the American Legion Gala Day celebration, until rain started to fall.

The new truck, equipped with a six-cylinder engine, has shown capacity to throw a substantial stream about 30 feet in height and 100 feet from the nozzle anywhere in the city. Tried out on Lakeway drive between Valley View and Shiawassee street Wednesday and connected with a hydrant on a "dead-end", the truck demonstrated the capacity noted above.

On tests at the Waterworks Thursday, an even greater power was shown. In addition to the main hose, the "booster" tank, with 60 gallons capacity, affords a small stream of considerable force, thrown at least 60 feet and at a height of 20 to 25 feet.

Four men are learning the operation of the truck in order that there may be always be at least one citizen thoroughly versed in operation of the truck, in the City at all times.

ONE MORE VICTIM ADDED TO SEASON AUTO TOLL HERE

Man Driving Zig-Zag Course On Farmington Road Dies After Crash

Traffic took another life in the vicinity of Farmington Monday afternoon, when Robert Larsen, 39, of Flint, died in the office of Dr. H. E. Boice, 15 minutes after an accident at Farmington and Nine-Mile roads.

Larsen was said by authorities to have been reported as driving a zig-zag course before his car crashed into that of Charles Kandt, Jr. of Dearborn.

Mrs. Frank Friez, who was riding with Larsen, suffered severe cuts. Four other persons, including Mrs. Larsen, wife of the victim, escaped injury.

Larsen was driving north on Farmington road and Kandt south.

Several men and women were cut and bruised in other Labor Day accidents on roads in this section.

FIGHT FOR THIRD PLACE IN LEAGUE ON NEXT SUNDAY

West Point Park Has Chance To Tie Holly In Game At Home

A spirited contest to determine the possession of third place in the Inter-County League is anticipated next Sunday at West Point Park, when the Holly team comes to clash with West Point Park at Seven-Mile and Farmington roads.

During most of the season, Holly has been in first place, but recent reverses have dropped the team to third place. A victory for West Point Park will put the latter in a tie for the third honors with the visitors.

Hartner and Schultz, the fast battery which was seen in action here earlier in the season, will again work for the visitors. Carl Goers will hurl for West Point Park, while Treadway, who has been playing exceptional ball recently will do the catching.

West Point Park won two of four games over the week-end holiday, defeating Plymouth 15 to 4 at the "Old Dutch Mill" Saturday, and the Detroit Municipal Club 11 to 10 on Sunday. The hard schedule seriously affected the team, however, and without a regular pitcher, West Point Park dropped the Monday morning game to Plymouth Merchants, 8 to 0, and the afternoon contest to Selfridge Field Flyers, 11 to 1.

KURTZ'S ESCAPE INJURY AS TWO CARS OVERTURN

William Kurtz, while taking his brothers Henry and Fred to Farmington in their Packard car on Monday night, collided with a Ford come at the Halsted and Twelve-Mile roads.

Both cars turned over. The occupants of the Ford car were quite badly injured but those in Kurtz's machine were unhurt.