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Board To Decide On School Bus At Next Meeting

\$200 Appropriated For School Orchestra; Athletics Finances Aided

The question of providing a school bus for children living at a distance from the school will probably be decided by the Farmington Board of Education, at its October meeting. Members of the Board gave indications at their meeting last Thursday evening that they believed the matter should be settled in the very near future.

Parents of children living outside the City of Farmington, particularly to the south, have expressed disappointment that a bus was not provided at the opening of the school year. Board members have not been opposed to the purchase of a bus, but have preferred to go into the matter carefully and to make certain whether the bus is actually needed, and if so, to determine the type best suited to the district's needs.

Through an appropriation of \$200, the Board has given impetus to the development of a school musical organization. The appropriation will make possible the acquiring of instruments to round out the orchestra, and also aid in instruction. It is expected that it will be possible to engage a leader for at least occasional instruction.

The athletic association of the school is enabled to start the year with a clean slate financially, for the first time in years, through action of the Board. Two bills totaling \$296 stood against the Association, and Supt. Ralph E. Baker suggested that under the circumstances, it might be necessary to raise the fee for membership in the athletic association from 75 cents to \$1.50 per semester. Membership in the association is not compulsory, but practically every student joins. The Board voted to pay the bills, and the association fee will remain the same as last year.

The Board approved Supt. Baker's plan of moving the eighth grade into the high school, and the kindergarten into the eighth grade room, which removes the objections of parents to holding the kindergarten in the basement of the building. An appropriation of \$25 was made for visual education.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 11.

"STRAIGHT NORTH" ROAD SUGGESTED TO MEET TEN-MILE

Plan Suggested By Henry Lee Finds Favor; Two Hindrances Cited

Interest was aroused during the past week in a plan suggested by Henry Lee, Farmington business man, for connecting the Ten-Mile road with the business section of Farmington.

Mr. Lee's suggestion is to extend Division street straight north, instead of using the McGee Hill to connect it with the Ten-Mile road, as has been considered. Mr. Lee's plan would involve acquisition of the Baptist Church property, and an appropriation by Mr. Lee would eliminate two curves made necessary by the McGee Hill plan.

A number of citizens who looked at the plan considered it a very good one. One citizen who took a leading part in bringing the matter before the County Road Commission, however, when informed of Mr. Lee's suggestion, said that the Road Commission had considered that possibility, and that while it "looked very good," two serious obstacles presented themselves. One was that the Ten-Mile road and the suggested new road north would meet at right angles in the valley, west of the present North Farmington road, which would not meet with the approval of the Commission. Another objection is that this route would present even greater engineering difficulties than the McGee Hill route, because the bluff north of the Baptist Church, and also the one opposite, are both very steep. The opinion was expressed that a "fill" would not suffice there, but that a long and expensive viaduct would be required to span the valley straight north and south.

NEW METHODIST MINISTER



REV. H. ADDIS LEESON

Rev. Leeson New M. E. Pastor Here

Minister At Dearborn The Past Year Will Be In Farmington Sunday

H. Addis Leeson is the new pastor of the Farmington Methodist Church, designated this week by the Detroit Methodist Conference at Sault Ste. Marie. Rev. Leeson will preach his first sermon in Farmington on Sunday.

Rev. Edward P. Dunlavy of Farmington has been assigned to the Bethany Church, on Grafton avenue near Harper in Detroit. Rev. Dunlavy will deliver a sermon at his new church on Sunday, but will not move from Farmington until some time next week.

Rev. Leeson will come to Farmington from Dearborn, where he has held the pastorate for two years.

Clarenceville Methodist Church gets a new regular pastor in Rev. E. D. Richards, and Rev. Wallace of Clarenceville goes to Westlawn Church in Strathmore as a full-time pastor.

A new pastor will also be at Walled Lake. Rev. W. H. Harris, E. D. Richards, and Rev. Wallace of Walled Lake, will be at Clarkston.

Rev. W. Richards of Northville will return there for the coming year.

MAY ENGAGE MAN FOR FIRE DEPT., OTHER CITY WORK

Man To Care For New Engine Regularly Favored By Commission

The City of Farmington probably will have a job in the future for a versatile man, one who can drive and care for the new fire engine, repair and maintain machinery, and care for the City building.

With the new fire engine received and space arranged for it, the City Commission now finds before it a problem more difficult than the others—how to provide for the care and operation of the engine.

Four citizens have been trained in details of handling the machine in case of fire, and a force of six volunteer firemen, including the four, was contemplated. An increase in pay for the men at fires, plus pay for practice sessions, would cost \$300.

The volunteers have been paid one dollar for fires and nothing for practice. The Commission has someone to care for it after every fire and put everything in shape for the next alarm. The Commissioners discussed completing the second-floor of the fire-hall at once for living quarters for a man who would operate and care for the fire engine, and do other City work at odd times, remaining always, however, at or very close to the fire hall. It was estimated that finishing the second floor would cost \$300.

The problem was referred to Commissioners Russell and Staman for investigation and a report on October 1.

School Boards Discuss Merging Of Six Districts

Meeting Held For Information On Advantages Of Consolidation

A possible consolidation of six school districts in this section into one Consolidated district, with a high school centrally located, was discussed Tuesday night by the Boards of Education of four of the districts invited. Clarenceville, Noble, Southfield District No. 9, and Redford Union No. 1, were represented.

The meeting was held to disseminate information as to advisability of consolidation. E. J. Lederle, Oakland County School Commissioner, Supt. Harry Nesman and J. F. Friedenberger, trustee, of the Walled Lake Consolidated School, and Walter Heederle of the Clarenceville Board were the principal speakers. The meeting was held in the Clarenceville School on Bass Line road.

Mr. Friedenberger said that Walled Lake has 185 students and that six buses are maintained, at a cost of \$6,350 per year, the drivers getting \$50 per month. This averages \$36 per child. Mr. Friedenberger said, "Six outlying districts were consolidated with Walled Lake, he stated, and the area totals 51 square miles.

Supt. Nesman told his hearers that Walled Lake district's voted tax is \$38,000 and that the rate is \$15.50 now, as compared with \$21 after the consolidation was first effected. The school building cost \$100,000, he said, has 14 teachers and the district has a valuation of \$2,660,000. "However, Supt. Nesman said, "Walled Lake gets \$4,400 from the primary and State aid funds which your districts do not get. In 1927, it cost Walled Lake \$107 to educate each child in the upper grades and \$82 in the lower grades."

Noble School and Redford Union District taxpayers said consolidation would be of no advantage to the district. At another meeting, at which Dr. M. S. Pittman of Ypsilanti is expected to speak, will be held in the near future.

AUTOMOBILE BODY SHOP WILL OPEN IN FARMINGTON

New Business To Be Located On Division Street; Ohio Man Coming Here

Farmington is to have a new business enterprise, an automobile body shop which will be opened on October 1. It will be located in the Otis building on South Division street, opposite State street.

The business will include body work, upholstery, top work, painting, and building of new bodies. It will be operated under the name of the "Coffman Body Shop," by Aaron Coffman.

Mr. Coffman is a brother-in-law of C. H. Dunham, of the Oakland-Pontiac Sales. He operates a body-shop business in Piqua, O., which has been established for 11 years. He will move to Farmington with his family in a few days.

Alterations will be made in the building, including opening of a drive and doorway in the north wall. Mr. Coffman has taken a lease on the building for a term of years.

Captured Bandit Left Victim Near Farmington

Farmington had the "honor" three years ago of a visit from Paul Jaworski, the desperate bandit who lies dying in a Cleveland hospital last week. One of the crimes attributed to him was the murder of "Jimmy" Wright, a pal, whose body was found near Farmington on Nov. 22, 1925.

New Fire Engine On First Call Tuesday

Ed. Thayer of Farmington had the honor of driving Farmington's new fire truck on its first call. The blaze was on the roof of the home of William Irish, at 508 East Grand River avenue Tuesday evening.

The damage was small, and only chemicals were used. Mr. and Mrs. Irish are eager to thank all who helped and to reward a passing motorist who saw the fire and notified them, then aided in sending in an alarm. He departed quietly after the fire was out.

Reception To Be Given Teachers

Parent-Teacher Association Starts Year's Work; Program Is Outlined

The program of the Parent-Teacher Association of Farmington Schools for this year will get under way next week with the opening on Monday of a drive for membership, and the reception to teachers on Thursday evening, September 27.

The teachers' reception will be held in the room of the school from 8 until 9 o'clock, affording an opportunity for meeting and making acquaintances. A short program will be given in the school auditorium at 9 o'clock, followed by refreshments and games in the gymnasium.

The preliminary plans for the year include some interesting features new to Farmington. The October meeting will be "Mothers' Visiting Day" with a program after school, while the November meeting will be devoted to fathers. That meeting will be in session so that fathers may visit with their children. In December a Christmas party will be given for the grade school pupils, followed by an afternoon or evening meeting. The Honor Banquet will close the year's activities in June.

Invitations to the Honor Banquet will be determined by scholarship only. Meetings are to be held on the fourth Thursday of each month. The year's program will be printed as soon as completed by the program committee.

WEST POINT PARK WINS TWO GAMES; PLAY ON FRIDAY

Oxford And Belleville Victims Of Reversal Of Form; Hitting Improves

West Point Park's baseball team showed a welcome reversal of form Sunday and Wednesday, when they won two games. They defeated the fast Oxford aggregation 4 to 3 on Sunday at West Point Park, and on Wednesday downed Belleville, 6 to 5, at the Northville Fair.

Knochs again was the hitting star Wednesday, getting a three-base hit with two men on bases. West Point Park fought an uphill battle to win, the score being 5 to 1 in favor of Belleville in the sixth inning. Goers and Pontl opposed each other on the mound Wednesday, while Jayska and Goers worked for West Point Park Sunday.

West Point Park will meet the General Motors team of Milford Friday at the Northville Fair. Thus far no definite arrangements have been made for a game Sunday.

Information On Fair At Enterprise Office

Through some inadvertence, the Enterprise did not receive publicity matter and advertising in the Northville Fair, now going on. Friday is "Farmington Day" at the Fair.

Citizens See Road Body, Get New Hearing On Ten-Mile

Tax Rolls Showing Cost To Each Taxpayer To Be Prepared By County Board; Thirteen Farmington Residents At Gathering

A new hearing on the extension of the Ten-Mile road into Farmington via the McGee Hill is to be held by the Oakland County Road Commission, as the result of consultation of thirteen Farmington citizens with the Road Commission last Friday afternoon. Tax rolls showing how much each taxpayer would have to pay if the contract were let at the cost estimated by the Commission, will be ready and available to taxpayers at the meeting, which is to take place early in October.

Contrary to the trend at the first hearing on September 6, sentiment at the conference last Friday in the Road Commission's office was in favor of connecting the Ten-Mile road with Shiawassee and Division streets via McGee Hill. A number of those present are residents of Shiawassee street.

Those attending from Farmington were, Mayor Wells D. Butterfield, Supervisor Harry McCracken, Commissioners Fred Staman, and Leo Gilchrist, Emory Hutton, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Storms, John Fitzpatrick, Judge John J. Schulte, Ralph Auten, F. De Vere Fleming, Charles Pettibone, and Joseph A. Karle. All members of the Road Commission and County Engineer Leon V. Belknap were present.

Mayor Butterfield opened the informal session with a few remarks and was followed by Supervisor McCracken, who declared that "the Ten-Mile road has been left up in the air." "The Township is paying a \$40,000 assessment for improving that road," said Supervisor McCracken. "The present end-is-of-no-use to anybody."

Many At Funeral Of Carl Hatten

Resident Of Farmington Many Years Succumbs After Long Illness

Funeral services attended by numerous residents of this section were held Wednesday afternoon for Carlos F. Hatten, who died Sunday evening in a sanitarium in Mt. Clemens after a lingering illness. Mr. Hatten was one of Farmington's best-known citizens.

Six nephews, all members of the Masonic Order, acted as pallbearers at the funeral, which was under the direction of the Farmington Masonic Lodge. Burial took place in Oakwood Cemetery. Rev. George Gullen officiated at the services, which were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ely, brother-in-law and sister of the deceased.

Mr. Hatten was taken to Mt. Clemens recently in hopes that a change might improve his condition. He was unconscious a large part of the time for several days before he died, but rallied Sunday afternoon shortly before the end came.

Carlos French Hatten was born at Perryburg, O., April 8, 1882, and moved with his parents in 1884 to a farm near Franklin. In 1888 the family came to the Hatten Farm a mile west of Farmington on Grand River road.

In 1884 he went to Nebraska where he engaged in farming until 1891, when he returned to Farmington to live with his mother.

In 1924 the farm was sold and from that time on he had made his home with his sister, Mrs. Charles Ely. His health had been poor for the past two years.

The deceased had one sister and two brothers, of whom only his sister survives. There are also eight nieces and nephews living.

Mr. Hatten never married, spending most of his life with his mother, to whom he was greatly devoted.

His cheerful disposition made him many friends, and especially among the younger folks and he was always "Uncle Carl" to all the youngsters in the community.

NOTED ACTOR HERE

Mearl Tollefson, who plays a prominent part in "Excess Baggage," which closed an engagement in Detroit last Saturday night, will be a weekly guest of P. Owen Pauline at the latter's home in Farmington.

FARMINGTON MAN TO SING

P. Owen Pauline, Farmington singer, is entered in the national Atwater-Kent radio singers' contest, and will be heard in a trio of "Faust" over the radio.

"Paved 20 Miles"

"Merely as a convenience to east-bound traffic coming down Grand River, I should think this Road Commission would connect up the Ten-Mile road," said Emory Hatten. "The Ten-Mile road is paved for twenty miles east of Farmington. It is the only through road to the east between the Seven and the Twelve-Mile roads and even the Twelve-Mile road is not paved to Lake St. Clair as is the Ten-Mile. The new road should be made to connect with the North Farmington road, too. And the taxpayers ought to have an opportunity to know in advance how much this improvement is going to cost each one."

Mayor Butterfield said that he personally would not be benefited by the proposed improvement, and would on the other hand be taxed for it, but he believed it a great advantage to the community.

Mr. Storms said that he had heard objections were made at the formal hearing on the basis of the cost of the bridge. "This bridge," said Mr. Storms, "would benefit others, too, and the cost of the City should pay as much toward its cost as we on Shiawassee. He said that while the improvement might make living conditions less pleasant for him on Shiawassee street, he favors the project on the basis of benefit to all.

Ralph Auten expressed the opinion (Continued on Page Five)

TOWNSHIP SAFE IN SUBDIVISION ROAD BOND CASE

Prompt Action By Officials Protects Township, Lawyer Advises; \$8,000 Involved

That the Township of Farmington is fully protected on a road bond in connection with which fraud was mentioned, through prompt action of Township officials, is the opinion given by Carl Pelton, Pontiac attorney.

The bond was given for improvement of roads in "Grand River Woods" subdivision in the amount of \$3,000. The property was sold by the former owner, Harry Bartlett, to the Allan Bennett Land Company, and the bond time limit is near expiration.

Supervisor Harry McCracken, on receipt of a letter from the surety company which imputed fraud, immediately sought legal advice. Mr. Pelton advised Mr. McCracken that the steps taken had fully protected the Township and that the both signers to the bond will continue to be bound. "The Surety company has also acknowledged the Township's action and stated that it will not attempt to sue explicit of Township officials as a defense in case of court action."