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Residents Urged To File Petitions For Paving Soon

Not Necessary To Wait For Ordinance Covering Details; Only Month Left

Petitions for paving streets in Farmington next year may and should be presented as soon as possible, according to City officials, who on studying the Charter, are convinced that the Charter makes all necessary provision for this part of the paving program. While an ordinance will be required for some of the details, it will not be necessary before filing of petitions, it is believed.

The provisions of the charter, and the necessity for getting petitions in as soon as possible, are pointed out by Mayor Wells D. Butterfield in a statement to the property-owners, as follows:

"By vote on the first amendment to the City Charter at the recent election, the electors removed the one serious difficulty in carrying out a paving program in Farmington.

Attention is called to the following sections in the Charter: Chapter 19, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4:

Special Assessments
Section 1. When, by the provisions of this Charter, the cost and expense of any local or public improvement may be defrayed in whole or in part by special assessment upon the lands abutting upon or adjacent thereto, or otherwise benefitted by the improvements, such assessment may be made as in this Charter provided.

Section 2. The residents and the property owners upon whom such petition or district desiring to have any public improvement made therein, whether the same is to be paid by special assessment or not, may petition therefor, and such petition shall be filed with the City Clerk.

Upon filing of such petition the City Clerk shall number it in its order for that year, make a record thereof, and then turn the same over to the Mayor. The Mayor shall thereupon investigate the subject, and if in his opinion the improvement is desirable, he shall include the same in the next appropriate annual budget for improvements.

Section 3. On or before the first day of January in each year the Mayor shall prepare and present to the Commission a budget of all improvements proposed to be made during the ensuing year to be paid for in whole or in part by special assessment. This budget shall contain the following information:

1. Location and general description of each improvement.
2. Estimated cost of the same.
3. Method of financing.
4. Method of assessment, mode of payment, number of annual payments and such other information as the Commission may require.

"It appears necessary therefore, if a paving program is to be carried out next year, that the residents and property owners interested shall file petitions in time for the Mayor to prepare the budget and present the same to the Commission on or before the first day of next January.

"The residents and property owners interested must take the first step. It is for them, rather than for the Commission, to do that. The welfare and progress of the City require such a program."

Farmington Players'

Premiere Friday Eve

All is in readiness for the premiere Friday evening of Farmington Players, who will present as their first offering, "Love Is A Mist," a satirical comedy.

Rehearsals have been satisfactory, and all details in connection with the performance are being completed. The enlarged cast, which has been rehearsed successfully, is a beautiful effect resulting.

Tickets, on sale at F. L. Cook & Co., have been in fair demand, many good seats still remaining. The performance will be given in the Town Hall at 8:15 p. m.

"LOVE IS BLIND"—And it's "in a mist," in Farmington Players' first presentation Friday evening, Farmington Town Hall. Tickets at F. L. Cook & Co., 50c.

Fathers To Follow Children To School

Fathers will follow their children to school one evening next week, Tuesday, November 27, when the Farmington Parent-Teacher Association will sponsor its first "Fathers' Visit" meeting. The event was postponed this week from Thursday evening until the later date.

School will begin at 7:00 o'clock. Mothers as well as fathers, are invited, but a special effort is being made to insure attendance of many male parents.

Farmington Float Wins High Praise

Truck Decorated Representing Machine-Gun Nest In Argonne Forest

Farmington won praise Monday for the float exhibited in the Armistice Day parade at Pontiac. The float, sponsored by the Exchange Club, was called by some of the most closely representative of war-time days of the "dough-boy."

The float, built over the weekend, by Exchangees, assisted by members of Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, at a total expense of \$150. It depicted, a machine-gun nest in the Argonne Forest, with barbed-wire entanglement, trees, sentinels, a machine-gun, and three soldiers. A truck, loaned with driver by Warner Bros., carried the "machine-gun nest," and the cab and wheels of the truck were decorated with red, white and blue bunting.

Among those who commended the Farmington float especially was State Senator August Gansner. Nine other floats were in the parade.

Plan Ladies Night
"Ladies' Night," annual event of the Farmington Exchange Club, has been set for Monday evening of Monday, December 3. The event will be held in the Methodist Community Hall.

BUILDING OF FIVE STORES AT NOVI BEGINS AT ONCE

Structure, Including Banking Space, To Front On Grand River; Will Have Offices

Construction work is to begin as soon as possible, and rushed to early completion on five stores and bank building which for some time has been planned in the southeast corner of Grand River and the Novi-Northville road. Earl Gullen, of Gullen and Gullen, is trustee for the group of men interested in the project. The bank space will be on the corner, with one store on the Novi-Northville road, and the remainder on Grand River avenue. There will also be five offices on the second floor, which will be over the bank's portion of the structure. The bank itself will be one and one-half stories high.

According to Lloyd S. Gullen of Farmington, one of those interested in the building, applications have already been made for renting three of the stores. It is understood that the bank space will be occupied by the bank, which State Senator Arthur Wood and others filed applications for a charter, about two years ago.

BAPTIST WORLD-WIDE GUILD GIRLS PRESENT PLAY TUESDAY, NOV. 20

The Baptist World-Wide Guild girls will present a missionary play at 8 o'clock in the church on Tuesday, November 20. There will be no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be accepted and the donation turned over to missionary purposes.

The cast is made up of W. W. G. girls, Junior girls and Crusaders. Music between acts will be furnished by Barbara Moon and Marvel and Elaine Auten.

The cast is composed of the following: Myra Kilom, Marjorie Cain, Madeline Casey, Mabel Turner, Evelyn Leppard, Wanda Taggart, Beatrice Auten, Doris Shingee.

Pasadena Park School Dispute May Go To Court

Denial Of Petition Reported Not To Have Lessened Determination To Change

Indications that the attempt to have Pasadena Park subdivision set over from Farmington school district, may result in going to court with the matter, have followed the definite refusal of the Farmington Board of Education to grant the petition.

The Board, at its regular meeting last Thursday evening, took up the petition for final action. Discussion was brief, and on a motion by Trustee Arthur Lamb, the Board voted unanimously to deny the petition filed by residents of Pasadena Park.

Since the action of the Board, it is stated that residents of the section involved are as determined as ever to leave the Farmington district and join the Bond School District, and that they are willing to make further efforts to achieve this end.

Meanwhile, it is expected that the new Farmington school will include the Orchard Lake avenue as far as Pasadena Park in its route, when operation of the bus is begun.

Build Garage For Bus
A new garage for the bus is to be completed as soon as possible, in the rear of the residence of Superintendent of School Ralph B. Baker. The garage will be of two-car size, probably 24x32 feet in measurement, and ample to house the bus and Sup. Baker's car. The old barn on the property was torn down last week.

Nurse's Service To Novi
Services of the Farmington School Nurse have been allowed to the Novi School District, by vote of the Board at its meeting last week Tuesday and Monday afternoon. The Novi District will pay for the nurse's time and also mileage for her car.

DEATH TAKES TWO RESIDENTS DURING WEEK JUST PAST

John Schoeb, 35, Dies After Short Illness Of Pneumonia; Mrs. J. Smith Dead

Two residents of this section were taken by death during the past week.

John Schoeb, former bus driver, 35 years old, passed away Saturday afternoon after a short illness, leaving his widow, Mrs. Viola Schoeb, and five children. Death was due to pneumonia. The family resided just east of Farmington Junction.

By a strange circumstance, Mr. Schoeb had joined a Detroit drivers' union a little more than a week before his death, giving his family the benefit of union funds as the result of his death.

Funeral services will be held Friday for Mrs. Maude Smith, who died Wednesday noon at the home of Mrs. Nellie Fuller on Oakland avenue. Mrs. Smith, who was of middle age, had been ill about a year. She was a widow, her husband having died last Spring. They formerly lived in Detroit.

LEGION DEFEATED IN 2 BALL GAMES BY EXCHANGE CLUB

Veterans Loan Player Who Proves Star; Brethour Hurls Ball Past Legionnaires

Groves-Walker Post, American Legion of Farmington, were defeated by a team representing the Exchange Club in indoor ball two games at the school gymnasium Tuesday evening. The Legion loaned the Exchangees two players, one of whom was Nye Humphreys, a star of the contests.

Coach Fernando Brethour of Farmington School, pitched for the Exchangees, and proved invincible, the Legionnaires being unable to meet his fast hurling. The scores were 14 to 3 and 4 to 2.

Only one accident marred the two games, when Dr. G. F. Verba's wrist-watch was thrown from his wrist by the force of a ball which he caught. It struck the wall behind him and fell to the floor, breaking to pieces.

Do You Believe In Signs? Come Anyway

Do you believe in signs—or don't you? Not the omen type of sign, but signs that advertise businesses of their owners, in the City of Farmington.

If you do—or if you don't—come to the City Commission meeting Monday night, when the question is to be settled once and for all. And even if you don't care, one way or the other—come anyway. The ones who do care are likely to make it an interesting evening for you.

Passes Red Light At 40--Serves 30

Truck Driver With 60-Ft. Trailer Given Jail Term For Going Through Signal

Driving his truck, with a trailer 60 feet long, at 40 miles an hour past the "stop" signal at Farmington Junction early Thursday morning brought swift punishment to Edward Turner, late of 1308 Otis avenue, Detroit. Within a few hours Turner had been arrested, arraigned and sentenced, and was on his way to the County Jail to serve a term.

Turner was driving toward Detroit with a heavy truck, and, swinging along behind, several trailers. Speed apparently meant little to him, and the fact that the light in the signal showed red, nothing at all. He kept on going.

Authority travelled faster, however, and Turner was shortly after caught and arraigned before Judge John J. Schulte, Jr., by Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes. He was unable to pay a fine of \$25, and was given a 30-day sentence.

Inquiry disclosed also that Turner had no driver's license.

Held On Liquor Charge

Cyrus J. Clark, of Lansing, caught, according to police, with 45 gallons of whiskey in his coupe, was apprehended by Deputy Stokes Wednesday. He was arraigned Thursday before Judge John J. Schulte, Jr., by Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes. He was unable to pay a fine of \$1,000 by Judge Schulte.

SORROW HERE IN DEATH OF F. S. NEAL AT NORTHVILLE

Postmaster Of Nearby Village Was Close Friend Of Late Gov. Warner

Northville stores will be closed Friday afternoon during the funeral services for Frank S. Neal, 66, postmaster of that village, whose death Tuesday brought sadness to numerous residents of this community, where he was known to many.

Mr. Neal was one of the earliest supporters of the late Governor Fred M. Warner, of Farmington, when Mr. Warner's name was first mentioned as a possible candidate for governor. After his election, Governor Warner appointed Mr. Neal as State Oil Inspector.

The deceased also served two terms in the State Legislature, as chairman of the ways and means committee. For 30 years he was publisher of the Northville Record, and was a leader in newspaper association activities. He was a resident of Northville for 40 years.

Death was due to pneumonia and complications. The widow, Mrs. Bertha Neal, and a son, Warner Neal, survive.

O. E. S. CHAPTER TO HAVE THANKSGIVING PARTY

Farmington Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold its annual Thanksgiving party in the Town Hall Friday evening, November 30.

Music will be provided by the Barcelona Sorenaders, for dancing from nine until one. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

LADIES GIVE BAZAAR

Members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Farmington Methodist Church will hold a bazaar and serve a chicken supper Friday afternoon and evening, November 16, in the Methodist Community Hall. All are invited to attend.

Man Arrested, Probe Begun Into Grand River Releases

Officials Investigate Indications Of Attempt To Get Commission On Transfers To State; Oscar L. Chaney, Clarenceville Man, Accused

One man has been arrested and an investigation is under way by officials into developments that appear to point toward an effort to capitalize the widening of Grand River avenue, from the Eight-Mile road to Farmington by obtaining commissions on releases of frontage. Charged with obtaining an option on property by falsely representing himself as an agent of the State Highway Department, Oscar L. Chaney, real estate broker, of Clarenceville, is at liberty under \$500 bond.

Farmington Pastors Wear Broad Smiles

Two Farmington pastors wore expensive smiles one morning this week when they stepped into the Enterprise office to tell about receiving \$25 each from M. B. Pierce, as result of Mr. Pierce's difference of opinion with Ben C. Hughes as to who would win the presidential election.

Both Dr. H. A. Leeson of the Farmington Methodist Church, and Rev. James A. Callahan of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, declared it was the "easiest" contribution they ever received. They're still smiling.

The money is for the poor.

Districts To Vote On New Building

Elector Of School District No. 6 To Decide On Bonding For \$65,000

The movement for a new school building to house pupils of District No. 6, Farmington Township, has progressed so far that a special meeting will be held Friday evening for a vote of the proposition.

Sixty-five thousand dollars is the estimate made by the District Board of Education, as the probable cost of the new structure. At the meeting Friday night, the electors of the district will be asked to decide the question of bonding the District for that amount.

The meeting, called by the Board, will be held in the William Grace School, at 7:30 p. m. The polls will be open from eight until ten o'clock in the evening for voting.

All electors of the Sixth District are strongly urged to attend the meeting, because of the importance of the proposal to be decided. At the last annual meeting, only 13 out of about 200 eligible to vote attended the meeting, thus favoring the bonding proposition point out that if this is not carried, some other provision must be made at once to care for all the children of school age in the District. They say further that the proposal of a few who are opposed to a new building, that additions be made on the present frame construction, is impossible, because such an action would be against the law regarding school buildings.

OFFICER COLLECTS PAY AND DEPARTS; NEW MAN ON JOB

City Night Watchman Leaves 48 Hours Ahead On Time; T. Armstrong Given Trial

Farmington has a new night watchman, as the result of the sudden departure of Alfred Gagnon, officer for the past seven months, from the City Monday evening.

Gagnon presented himself to City Clerk N. H. Power, then to City Treasurer Hiram Nichols, who issued the officer his check Monday evening. Gagnon cashed the check at a restaurant and departed.

Thomas Armstrong, who was under consideration to succeed Gagnon, was asked to go on duty Tuesday evening, 48 hours before Gagnon's employment with the City was to be terminated. Armstrong will continue as night officer if his services are satisfactory.

The option which resulted in the arrest is on property owned by Harry A. Mack of Clarenceville, whose turning of the matter over to his attorney brought on the charge against Chaney. Chaney was taken into custody Tuesday evening by State Trooper Theodore H. Crawford, and arraigned before Judge John J. Schulte, Jr.

Investigation is being pushed by State officials to determine whether any member of the State Highway Department was connected with the alleged misrepresentation by Chaney. If such were found to be the case, it is said that charges of conspiracy would be possible.

According to a statement signed by Mr. Mack, dated October 17, Chaney, accompanied by another Clarenceville man, called on Mr. Mack on or about September 28. Chaney said, the statement declares, "that he was obtaining options for the right-of-way along Grand River, for George Lee of the Highway Department, that he was authorized to get such options, but that he, Chaney, was to get a 5 per cent commission."

Mack asked \$8,000 for his property, according to the statement, and "told Chaney he would want \$8,000, plus the commission." Then the statement says Chaney said it could not be done this way, whereupon the relator put the price at \$8,400.

Option Submitted

Mack's statement declares that on October 2 he and his wife, Mrs. Rhoda Mack, signed an option, which called for the sum of \$8,500 for the property, a five per cent commission to Chaney as broker, and conveyance of title to Frank F. Rogers as "Trustee."

Two days later, according to Mack's statement, Chaney returned and said that they would not accept the option which had been signed with his (Chaney's) name upon it, and with the provision of 5 per cent commission, and Chaney asked Mack to sign a separate agreement with him, relative to the commission.

Thereupon, according to Mack, Chaney presented a new option, with no provision for commission but Mack declined to sign then, and took both that and the previous option. The statement then says, "Later Chaney called and asked if the papers were signed, saying that he wished to turn them over to Mr. Lee. He was informed they had been given to relator's attorney."

Spends Night In Jail

Chaney was brought to Judge Schulte's home, and then to the judge's office Tuesday night. Unable to provide bond, he spent the night in Palmer Woods station. Bond was furnished Wednesday morning by Florence May Glover, 10029 Whitcomb avenue, Detroit.

The penalty for falsely representing oneself as a State official may be 90 days in jail. Conspiracy is a felony punishable by a prison term.

Six More Over The 80-Mark Voted Here

Publication in last week's Enterprise of the names of six women, all over 80 years old, who voted in Farmington Township and City on November 6, brought in the names of six more, making 12 voters in all, who have passed the 80-year mark.

The six over 80, in addition to those named last week are: Elliott and Mrs. Eva Sprague, Edgar Dart, Chris Schlauer, W. Morrell and Cal Green.