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City Asked For 10c Per Thousand For The Library

Joint Committee Recommends Percentage Of Valuations For Maintenance

A recommendation that the City of Farmington appropriate ten cents per thousand dollars property valuation to the maintenance of the Library, was decided upon by the joint City-Township Committee at a meeting Wednesday evening. The recommendation will be placed before the City Commission Monday evening.

At the same time, the committee agreed that after this appropriation has been made by the City, the Township be requested to make a pro-rata appropriation, based, however, on the ratio of use made by the Library residents of the Township and City. The request to be made of the Township would be based on reports of Miss Mary Kennedy, Librarian, as to the extent to which Township residents use the Library, as compared with the City. This information will be readily available, Miss Kennedy told the committee.

A recommendation for the increase of Miss Kennedy's salary to \$260 per year was also made by the committee.

If the recommendation of the committee is adopted by the Commission, the Library would receive about \$300, under the present valuations, which are a little over three million dollars.

While the recommendations include the City and Township, the committee refrained from suggesting a permanent arrangement because of doubt which still exists as to whether the Farmington and City can together maintain a library. The favorable meeting of the Attorney-General last spring, it was discovered, applies to fourth-class cities, but not as to fifth-class cities, such as Farmington. A. A. Kaldor is to seek a ruling upon the question from the Attorney-General for the committee.

The request of the Township Board will not be made until after favorable action by the City. The recommendation will be made by a sub-committee consisting of Miss Helen Hard, Mrs. William Irish, and Mayor Wells D. Butterfield. The recommendation to the Township Board is to be presented by Charles Heise, sub-committee chairman.

As to recommendations for a permanent development of the Library Elmer A. Empson told others of the committee that he would prefer to see the Town Hall problem settled first before considering that question. Mr. Kaldor said he believed it would be "impossible to get the Town meeting to vote 15 cents for the Library, until after the City makes some appropriation for it."

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Girl Suffers Broken Leg While Coasting

While coasting down the slide on Farmington School grounds Thursday noon, Constance Stansell, 11 years old a pupil in the school, suffered a broken leg. The girl was taken to the office of Dr. Z. R. Anchen-Brenner, who found a fracture of the left femur. After treatment she was taken home. According to reports, the child was sliding down the coasting slide on a board when the accident occurred.

Players Prepare Second Offering

'Children Of Today' To Be Presented At Town Hall In March

Starting of rehearsals next Sunday for the second play to be given by the Farmington Players was announced Thursday morning by the organization, which is to fill all the seats on both nights of the three months ago with the play "Love-In-A-Mist."

The work selected is "Children of Today," by Shipman and Lipman. It is a four-act comedy. Presentation is scheduled for early in March.

The second play will be given on two succeeding evenings. Many expressed regret that the first play was presented but once, and it is expected that there will be demand for tickets sufficient to fill all the seats on both nights. The Farmington Town Hall will again be used.

Miss Dorothy Ingalls is directing the play, which will have the following cast: C. Ernestine Pierre, P. Owen Pauline, C. Gerald Parker, M. Marie Walling, Frances Brown, Florence Ross and Eric Banfield.

NOTED SPEAKER IS COMING HERE FOR LINCOLN BANQUET

Rev. Eugene Allen Of Owosso To Deliver Address Tuesday Evening

February will present two birth-days which every patriotic community delights to honor. Farmington will hold its first Lincoln banquet on the evening of February 5th. It is announced early this week that the committee would prefer to see the Town Hall problem settled first before considering that question. Mr. Kaldor said he believed it would be "impossible to get the Town meeting to vote 15 cents for the Library, until after the City makes some appropriation for it."

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Three Run For Township Board Commissioner

Joseph Graham, Clayton Goers, and Edwin Meyer In Race For Highway Job

Entries in the race for nominations for Farmington Township offices became definitely settled within the past week, with all aspirants having announced their candidacies and most of them going to work in earnest.

Most interesting of the developments was the three-way battle begun for the nomination for highway commissioner. Joseph Graham, the present incumbent, will be opposed by Clayton Goers, at present highway overseer, and Edwin Meyer. The candidacy of Mr. Goers was to some extent a surprise, although his friends are said to have been urging it for some time. Mr. Meyer is a resident of the northwest section of the township.

Petitions have been filed by six candidates, and all must be in soon. The last date for filing is said by some to be February 5, by others February 6 and by one more, February 11. It is expected that all will be filed by next Monday night, however, that there may be no possibility of losing out because of failure to file in time. A calling received from the County Clerk is that petitions must be in 20 days before the primary, March 4.

In addition to the three candidates for highway commissioner, and three for supervisor, previously announced, there are two aspirants for each major office. Elmer Empson, present treasurer, is running for the nomination, for another term, and is opposed by E. L. Klint. Willard Campbell, present clerk, is being opposed by George S. Cotter.

William T. Roberts has filed a petition for justice of the peace, being the only one seeking nomination for that office. Two are to be elected.

Of the candidates, those whose petitions are already filed are Mr. Campbell, Mr. Cotter, Mr. Goers, Mr. Klint and Mr. Roberts.

WEST POINT PARK BALL TEAM PLANS 'GREATER SEASON'

Diamond Club Hopes To Exceed Last Year's Success; Was Attendance Leader

Preparations for an even greater season than the record-breaking one of last year are under way by the West Point Park baseball team, which will again be in the Inter-County League, race next summer. A meeting of the League was held Sunday in the Mayflower Hotel, Plymouth, to make preliminary plans. Reports showed that the West Point Park club drew the largest total attendance of any team in the League, comprising eight Park home attendance the largest, but it proved the best drawing card on other fields, attracting larger attendance at away-from-home games, on every diamond, than any other aggregate was due to the loyalty of fans in this section in following their team.

Plans for the year include a stronger array of teams with fast players being lined up by each. Earl Wolfe will again manage the West Point Park team, and many familiar faces will be seen in the lineup. Messrs. Earl and Harry Wolfe are active in early preparation to put a fast team on the field and draw even larger crowds than last year.

"LEAGUE OF NATIONS" IS TO BE IN FARMINGTON

A unique program will be given at the Farmington Baptist Church Sunday evening, when the "League of Nations" of High School and Junior High School present songs, testimonies, and instrumental music.

The organization is composed of natives of 25 nations and races. The public is invited to attend the service.

The F. L. Cook Co. is having a one-third off sale on "Women's and Children's dresses Saturday.

Early Closing To Be Adopted By Stores

A number of Farmington stores will adopt an early closing hour beginning next Monday, February 4, and continuing until further notice. The stores included will be closed at 6:30 p. m. every evening except Saturday. Those stores which close are F. L. Cook and Company, Farmington Hardware Co., Lee Hardware Co., The A. & P. Tea Co., E. C. Grace Store, Kroger, Grocer, and Baking Co., and Frink Variety Store.

Meyers Acting Chief Of Police

Citizen Chosen To Act Until April 1, By The City Commission

Following the recent decision of the Farmington City Commission to handle City police work independently of the County office here, the Commission last Thursday evening selected Bernard Meyers as temporary chief of police. This arrangement is to continue until April 1.

The appointment of Mr. Meyers followed a request by Police Commissioner Leo Gildemeister that he be relieved of the responsibility of being directly charged of the police department. Mr. Gildemeister had been acting in that capacity for some weeks. Mr. Meyers, who has been a deputy sheriff for a number of years, will receive \$18 per month for his work. The new arrangement went into effect immediately.

The Commission will meet again on Monday evening, it being a regular meeting night.

TOXIN-ANTI-TOXIN CLINICS WILL BE HELD IN SCHOOLS

Clarenceville 'And Isaac Bond Schools Among Those On Schedule

For the last two months the Oakland County Department of Health has conducted an extensive educational campaign among the parents of the school children of the county regarding the immunization of their children against diphtheria by Toxin-Anti-toxin. Many parents have responded by taking their children to their family physicians, but a large number have failed to do so on account of financial inability to get to nearest physician, lack of transportation and various other reasons.

In order to meet the need for this protection, the County Department of Health has worked out a plan to hold clinics in schools. (Continued on Page Four)

Farmington Man's Car Stalled On Railroad Tracks 2 Hours in Storm

Having his car stalled midway across a railroad track for more than two hours was the exciting experience which occurred to a Farmington man as a result of the key roads and storms of recent weeks.

While driving between Lansing and Grand Rapids last Friday, Rufus N. Crossman, of Farmington found himself without assistance on a little-frequented road, unable to move his machine either way. Fortunately no train appeared during the time his car was stalled.

Mr. Crossman, engaged in appraisal work for the Grand Trunk Railroad, had driven from Lansing to Portland, along the main highway, which was in fair condition. From Portland he turned north to go to Lyons, on a gravelled County road. He had been warned that the road would be bad and hesitated, but finally decided to make the attempt. He drove for several miles, finding the going difficult because of deep snow, but passable, until he reached a railroad crossing.

Beyond the railroad crossing it was apparent that there had been no travel, but Mr. Crossman decided to go on. The moment the front wheels of his car crossed

Town Hall Committees For City Reunion With Township

Recommendation Voted Unanimously After Settlement Of Percentages Appears Impossible; Suggest Act Of Legislature And Vote By People

A proposal that the City of Farmington reunite with Farmington Township, as a part of the Township is expected to be placed before the governing bodies of both at meetings early next week. The recommendations will come from the joint committee on the Town Hall problem, which on Wednesday afternoon voted unanimously to recommend this step to the City and Township.

While the possibility of reunion has been discussed for months, this is the first definite step toward that end. It came after discussion since more demonstrated the futility of attempts to agree upon some settlement of the Town Hall ownership question.

Eight of the nine members of the committee, representing the Township, the City and the Farmington Masonic Lodge, were present at the meeting. The motion recommending reunion of Township and City, offered by Howard Warner, and supported by James L. Hogle, is that "the recommendations of the committees be that they cannot agree on the difference of percentages, and that they recommend steps be taken to put the City back into the Township."

As to the manner of accomplishing the proposed change, it was suggested that a bill be submitted to the Legislature, which would permit cities of the fifth class to return to the village status, provided the voters of both the City and Township involved approve the proposal by ballot.

This would make it possible for the City of Farmington to become a part of the Township again, requiring, however, a favorable vote on the part of both the City and Township.

The opinion was expressed that the City voters would approve such a measure by a big majority and that the Township would also be favorable to the proposal.

Percentages Puzzle Failure of the committees to agree as to division of the percentage again turned on the ratio to be allotted the City and the Masonic Lodge. The Township representatives reported that the Township would not be satisfied merely to have the Township's share set at 54.75 per cent, unless the City and Masons' shares were also determined. It was indicated that there was no serious objection to the 54.75 per cent, but that leaving the remainder to be divided as the City and Masonic Lodge would agree, might result in the City ultimately receiving more than the 27.75 per cent ratio upon which the City and Township were divided when the village became a city.

It appeared to be the consensus of opinion that reunion of the City and Township would not only be the best way to settle the Town Hall question, but perhaps the only way without recourse to adjudication.

It is expected that the City and Township committees will report to their governing bodies on Monday and Tuesday evenings of next week.

Floyd H. Nichols, chairman, presided at the meeting, which was held in the office of the Warner Dairy Co. Those present were: Mr. Nichols, George Gildemeister, Howard Warner, George Nacker, George Lett, William Way, James L. Hogle, A. L. Ross.

ACCIDENTS NUMEROUS DURING PAST FEW DAYS

Numerous accidents were reported as the result of slippery roads in this section during the past week.

"Eugene Grace" and three children of Farmington escaped injury when their car went into a ditch. Another motorist was equally fortunate when his car, on Grand River, slid across the car tracks, at the ravine east of Brookdale drive, and dropped into the ditch.

Salt and gravel were spread on Farmington road south of the city Wednesday by County road crews.

The basketball game between Northwester C. and a local team, which was to have been held Friday evening, has been postponed to February 5.

The Evangelical Church Father and Son banquet will be held February 12th.