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City Commission Favors Suggested Fund For Library

Balance Of Centennial Fund Offered For Immediate Use; Fire Ladder Bought

Endorsement of the Joint Library Committee's recommendation that ten cents per thousand dollars property valuation be appropriated for library purposes, was given by the Farmington City Commission Monday evening. The Commission, passed unanimously a motion to this effect.

In addition to the approval of the Commission, City Clerk N. H. Power, president of the Centennial organization formed some years ago to celebrate Farmington's one hundredth birthday, offered the sum remaining in the centennial fund for immediate use by the library. It was estimated that about \$100 remains in the fund.

The action of the City Commission is in effect recommended since no appropriation can be made until the next budget is drawn up, which will be after the election in April.

In offering the motion for such an appropriation, Commissioner Carl Hogle declared the Library should have support. "As necessary as sidewalks," was the comment on the Library. Miss Helen Hard presented the committee's recommendation. The motion was accompanied by Mrs. William Irish.

Purchase of a 45-foot fire ladder, at \$200, was voted by the Commission, with barely the necessary majority to carry the motion. The ladder was declared necessary by Fire Chief Harvey Blough to be necessary for reaching the roof of the city's highest buildings.

A spirited discussion of the police situation took place, after a statement by Commissioner Clarence Bickling that he believed a daytime city officer necessary.

Commissioner Staman was appointed to have the fire truck insured. The Commission passed a resolution suggested by Corporation Counsel John J. Schulte, opposing the reported plan of Governor Fred W. Green to divert part of the revenue from weight and gasoline taxes to the construction of public buildings.

DECLARES SCHOOLS MUST UNITE TO RAISE STANDARDS

Mt. Pleasant College Professor Points To Success Of Consolidated Businesses

That schools must take example from the successful methods of the business world was the declaration of Professor M. L. Smith of the Central State Teachers' College at Mt. Pleasant before the Parent-Teachers Association last Thursday evening. Besides parents and teachers, there were in attendance at the meeting a goodly number of students of outlying school districts.

Professor Smith, who is head of the rural department of extension work at Mt. Pleasant, pointed to the mergers of large corporations, particularly in the automobile field, with which all in this section are familiar.

"They find that through consolidation and unification they gain great advantages," Prof. Smith said. He referred to the increased efficiency of large-scale operation, and the most important fact, that through large-scale economies, they were able to offer greater values than would otherwise be possible. In just the same way, he said, development of larger educational units opens up for every student the opportunities for a greater variety of work, and affords increased possibilities for bringing out the capabilities of each pupil.

DEDICATES FOR ROAD

A Farmington resident, Clarence Aldrich, recently dedicated 30 rods of frontage on State Highway No. 31, at Torch Lake, for the widening of the road from 150 feet to 175 feet. Highway No. 31 is the west Michigan road from Chicago to Petoskey, and is paved north beyond Petoskey, except for a stretch of 14 miles, including that portion passing Mr. Aldrich's property, which will be paved this year.

'Debunking' Authors Avoid Life of Lincoln, Show His Greatness--Allen

"The life of no man in history has been so thoroughly investigated, so tenaciously studied, and so extensively written about, as that of Abraham Lincoln, yet we have not learned, even now, the reason for his great power," Dr. Eugene Allen of Owosso told the gathering at the Lincoln banquet at Methodist Community Hall in Farmington Tuesday evening. The dinner was the first of what will be, it is hoped, a series of annual Lincoln banquets.

Farmington Man Committee Head

Legislative Committee Chairmanship Goes To Supervisor Harry McCracken

Supervisor Harry N. McCracken of Farmington Township is chairman of the new legislative committee created by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, to reconvene the legislative body which the Board believes necessary to improve administration of County affairs. The committee met for the first time Monday, having been appointed last Friday by Chairman A. F. Gale, of the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor McCracken, with others of the committee, are now in Lansing, attending the annual meeting of the State Association of Supervisors.

Changes in the law are made necessary, according to Mr. McCracken by the tremendous and rapid growth of Oakland County, which has outgrown the conditions under which the present laws were enacted.

In order that the changes might be made to apply only to Oakland County, or counties of at least equal size, the proposed legislative measure would specify counties having an assessed valuation of \$300,000,000 or more.

Extension of the time limit of Supervisors' sessions is the first objective which the committee will seek, Mr. McCracken said. It is impossible, the Supervisors believe, to conduct the business of Oakland County in the 25 days now permitted. An increase of to 60 days maximum will be sought. Increase of the Supervisor's salary to \$7 per day would also be provided, the Oakland Supervisors now receiving \$5 and \$2 for expenses while in session.

Another change which may be suggested by the legislative committee is the elimination of the office of coroner, which many regard as unnecessary.

It will be the duty of the legislative committee to propose the changes deemed advisable to the Michigan legislature. On the committee with Mr. McCracken are Supervisors Robert Moore of Bloomfield, F. G. Ely of Pontiac, Duncan MacInnis, Royal Oak, John Bradley of Howell, and Spencer Johnson of Orion.

The selection of Supervisor McCracken as chairman of this important committee is regarded as a distinct honor to Farmington Township as well as to his recognition has also been accorded by the appointment of Mr. McCracken to all committees of which former Supervisor Isaac Bond was a member, including the special building committee and chairmanships of the equalization and marketing committees.

Farmington People Put On Committees

Farmington residents are named on a number of committees for the annual Oakland County Lincoln Reunion Club banquet to be held at the Hotel Grand, February 11 at 6:30 p. m. Isaac Bond is chairman of the organization committee. Mrs. H. N. McCracken and Edgar S. Pierce are on the executive committee, and the Isaac Bond Building Committee are honorary vice-presidents. Others on committees are Nathan H. Power, advisory; Hugh Dickie, invitation; Harley Warner, decoration; Mrs. Isaac Bond, transportation; Mrs. Grace Nichols, printing.

turing them as they actually were," said Dr. Allen. "This is called the 'debunking' process. Yet it is significant that no one has yet tried this in connection with the life of Lincoln. No reputable publishing house would consider the publication of such a book. This alone indicates his stature in history."

"Three things," Dr. Allen said, "seem to come as near as anything we can find to explaining the mysterious and wonderful power of Lincoln. They were, first, his love of truth; second, his love of justice, and third, his statesmanship."

Discussing Lincoln's statesmanship, Dr. Allen said that "during his first administration, no man was so misunderstood, and in some sections, hated, as Lincoln. Yet, at the beginning of his second administration, the people began to appreciate that he saw clearly where they had been darkly."

The greatness of Lincoln blooms even higher, Dr. Allen said, "when we remember that he was a man who had been born in poverty and obscurity, and had risen to fame through only six months of schooling."

The address of Dr. Allen was enthusiastically received by those present. The attendance was not as large as had been hoped for, some doubt having arisen, it appears, as to whether the dinner was for all, or for men only, because of the father and son banquets usually coming about this time of the year.

Nathan H. Power acted as toastmaster at the banquet. Selections were rendered by the Methodist Church male quartet, a solo by Guy Fife, and "Hunts for the Hargers" by H. Addis Leeson.

BOY WHO BECAME LEADER IN CITY TAKEN BY DEATH

Nathan Eisenlord, Farmington And Novi Boy, Was Newspaper Head

Death last week brought to a close the career of a former Farmington and Novi boy who had gone to the cities and rose in the world to a position of influence. He was Nathan Eisenlord, uncle of N. J. Eisenlord of Farmington. He died at the home of a son in Denver, Colo., on January 30, at the age of 31.

Mr. Eisenlord was born in Novi, and went from there to Farmington, then to Detroit, where he started working for a newsdealer on Woodward avenue at Larned street, in 1887. Two years later he went with the Detroit Free Press, and in eight years became business manager and treasurer.

Mr. Eisenlord went from Detroit to Kansas City, and then to Chicago, where he became publisher of the Chicago Democrat.

Funeral services were held at Detroit, with interment at Woodmont Cemetery, where Mrs. Eisenlord is buried. Two sons survive, Harry, with whom Mr. Eisenlord made his home, and John, who is director of circulation of the Chicago Daily News.

Mr. Eisenlord was well known to older residents of this section, although he left many years ago.

BAPTIST FATHER AND SON BANQUET FEB. 14th

The annual Farmington Baptist Father and Son banquet will be held Thursday night, February 14th, at 6:30 p. m. There will be an interesting program made up of local talent. The High School orchestra will render several numbers as well as furnish some solos.

The speaker of the night will be a prominent preacher from Detroit. He is Rev. Arnold Kherl of the Euclid Baptist Church. There will be no charge made for the meal but a free will offering will be taken at the tables.

All the men and boys are invited. They are asked to phone in their reservations by calling 205 or 72.

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Township Board O.K.'s Petitions; Alter Road Name

All Candidates Papers Approved; "Town Line Road" To Be "Tibbits Road"

Petitions of all candidates in the approaching Farmington Township primary were received by the Township Board at its meeting Tuesday evening, and all were approved as properly filed. Without less than a month remaining before the first primary, the ten candidates involved in controversy are starting their work in earnest. The past week has been marked by greatly increased interest throughout the Township, particularly in the contest for the nomination as Supervisor.

It is generally agreed that the battle will be a spirited one, and most observers are reluctant to hazard a guess as to the outcome. The contest for highway commissioner is equally puzzling (as far as picking the winner is concerned) with three candidates seeking this office also.

Tax Time Extended

The time for payment of Township taxes without incurring the four per cent penalty was extended to March 1, by the Township Board at the meeting Tuesday night. The date was previously set at February 15.

A change in the name of the "Town Line Road" between Farmington and Southfield Townships, was consented to by the Board. The highway will hereafter be known as the "Tibbits Road."

Arthur Tibbits requested the Board's approval of the change, stating that the County officials were favorable to it, providing Farmington Township consented. The Board approved the new name by resolution. Mr. Tibbits is an uncle of the member of the Tibbits family who lived on the road for more than 90 years.

SCHOOLMATES ARE PALLBEARERS FOR MAYNARD WHITNEY

Noble School Pupil Borne To Grave By Friends; Was 12 Years Old

Maynard Whitney, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whitney of Hollywood subdivision, passed away Friday, February 1. He was 12 years old and a pupil of the Noble School.

The funeral was held at his home on Miller avenue Tuesday, attended by relatives and close friends. Services were also held at the First Baptist Church of Farmington, Rev. E. W. Palmer officiating, assisted by Rev. A. R. Kuntz and Royer. A hymn was sung by James Smith.

The pallbearers were classmates of the lad at the Noble School and members of his Sunday School class. He is survived by his parents, three sisters, Ola, Ruth, and Ruth, and one brother, Edward.

OIL IGNITES, KENYON HOME IS THREATENED

Fire was narrowly averted in the home of William S. Kenyon, Clarencerville business man, early Sunday morning when the oil-burner heating unit failed to function properly. The basement floor was flooded with oil, which had ignited before the trouble was discovered.

Mr. Kenyon located the fire in the basement when he arose to investigate the odor of smoke. Fortunately, some water was at hand and put out the blaze. The walls of the entire house were blackened and must be redecorated, Mr. Kenyon said.

RESIGNS ONE PRESIDENCY

Charles R. Talbot of Farmington this week announced his resignation as president of the Standard Trust Company of Detroit to devote his entire time to the office of president of the Peoples State Bank of Pontiac. For some time he had held both positions.

Return To Village Move To Be Started

Action on the proposed return of the City of Farmington as part of Farmington Township is expected to be started early next week.

Citizens interested in the movement are planning to make the trip to Lansing to confer with the Attorney-General regarding the legal requirements and with members of the Legislature from this district who would be called upon to sponsor a measure such as is proposed. The bill contemplated would be drawn so that approval of both city and township voters would be required to make the change effective.

George M. Davis Expires Suddenly

Funeral Services Held For Old Resident At Home On 12-Mile Road

Death came suddenly last Friday to one of this community's well-known residents, George Mercer Davis, at his farm home on the Twelve-Mile road. Mr. Davis was 69 years old.

Although not seriously ill, Mr. Davis had not been in the best of health for some time. On Friday morning he quietly sat down in his chair, and within a few moments was dead.

Funeral services took place Monday afternoon at Mr. Davis' late home, with Dr. H. Addis Leeson officiating. Interment took place at Oakwood Cemetery.

Surviving Mr. Davis are a sister, Mrs. Fred M. Warner and a brother, H. W. Davis of Farmington. Mr. Davis had never married.

For many years Mr. Davis had occupied the home on Twelve-Mile road. His mother passed away there eight years ago, at the age of 86. His father died 25 years ago.

SENIORS PROVIDE MIRTH AT THEIR 1929 CLASS PLAY

"Once There Was A Princess" Amuses Audience In Farmington Town Hall

Before a rather small but appreciative audience, the Senior Class of Farmington High School Wednesday evening presented in the Town Hall its first of two performances of "Once There Was A Princess," the class play.

The play relates the story of a former small town girl who married a prince, and returns years later, after his death. It is concerned mainly with the excitement of her coming home. Of course there are a couple of romances, or rather, two romantic couples, and of course it all ends very happily, indeed.

Much of the play's success depends upon portrayal of the part of Aunt Kate, and Eileen Leeson handled this considerable task in very capable fashion. Louise Perry was highly successful as meddlesome Aunt Meta Trimble. Virginia Adams proved an attractive princess, who returns both in splendor and simplicity.

Kathryn Banfield as the one member of the family who is not at all flustered by the coming of the princess, and Olive Grimwade as her younger sister, quite unable to wait for the great event, played their parts most successfully, as did Kathryn Richardson and Dorothea Talbot, neighbors of "Aunt Kate."

Carl Drake proved a good selection for the part of home-town hero, suitor to the princess, and Dean Parker that of the boy determined to rise in the world. Richard Cox played the part of "Aunt Kate's" ner-do-well husband, Harry Redding. Shiraz Zwalhen and Dorothy Bachelder completed the cast.

Advance sale for Thursday evening indicated a larger probable attendance. The High School orchestra furnished music between acts.

State Approves New Jitney Line; Schedule Made

Hourly Service Begins 'On Nine'; Two Early Trips On North Route Planned

Approval of the new Farmington jitney line by the State Public Utilities Commission was virtually assured at a hearing at Lansing Thursday morning. Members of the Commission advised Leroy K. Fleming, who appeared on behalf of the new service, that as soon as insurance was obtained and approved, a permit would be issued.

It is expected that the line will begin operating about the middle of next week, or as soon as insurance policies are received. The issuance of a permit by the Commission is regarded as merely a formality.

Following the hearing, Mr. Fleming made public the schedule which will be adopted at the starting of service, and maintained thereafter unless experience indicates changes which might be beneficial. The schedule will be as follows:

Two early trips for men going to work will be made on the northern route, the first leaving Orchard Lake and 14-Mile roads at 6:25 a. m., and arriving at Farmington at 6:40. The bus will return immediately, in time to leave the 14-Mile road again at 6:55 a. m., arriving at Farmington at 7:10 a. m.

Hourly service will begin for both routes at 9:10 a. m., when the bus leaves the 14-Mile road, arriving at Farmington at 9:25, then going down Farmington road to the Eight Mile road, thence east to Grand River. It will leave this corner on the return trip at 9:40 a. m., arriving back in Farmington at 9:55. The schedule continues thus each hour through the day, except for the omission of noon and one o'clock trips. On the last round trip the bus leaves 14-Mile road at 6:10 p. m., arrives in Farmington at 6:25, at Eight Mile and Grand River at 6:40 p. m., and back in Farmington at 6:55 p. m.

On Saturdays there will be two evening trips, beginning at 14-Mile road at 7:10 p. m., and again at 8:10 p. m., and maintaining the same running time as the day time trips. There will be no Sunday service.

FARMINGTON IN REPORTED PLAN FOR 'ANNEXATION'

Addition Of 5 Townships Now In Oakland To Wayne County Is Rumored Aim

Farmington Township and City are included in the area of five townships which Detroit real estate operators are reported to be planning to have annexed to Wayne County through passage of a bill by the Michigan legislature. Rumors of the supposed plan reached Oakland County legislators and Supervisors in Lansing Wednesday, and caused considerable turmoil.

Opposition appeared immediately. The townships supposed to be aimed at in the reported attempt at annexation are those in the southern tier of the County along the Wayne County line—Farmington, Novi, Lyon, Southfield, and Royal Oak.

While Oakland County men were at Lansing Wednesday expressed strong opposition, there seemed to be little disposition to take the report very seriously, because of apparent confidence that the Legislature would never force such a change upon the people if the latter were against it, and belief that such opposition would be unified throughout the five townships.

FIVE CANDIDATES TO JOIN O. E. S. TUESDAY EVE

Past Matrons of Farmington Chapter, No. 239, O. E. S., will confer the degree upon a class of five candidates at the regular meeting of the Chapter next Tuesday evening, February 12. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m. All members wishing to exchange the rituals for new additions, are requested to turn them in to the secretary.