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Welfare Of The Children Should Be First—Kopka

High Schools Inspector Stresses Good Of Pupils At Meeting Of Rural Districts

"The welfare of the school children should be the first concern of every board of education and no other consideration should influence them," said M. A. Kopka, inspector of high schools for the State Department of Public Instruction, at the annual meeting of rural schools of Oakland County at the Isaac Bond School, Farmington Township, Tuesday evening.

That "boards of education should stand by their superintendents, and their teachers," was emphasized by E. J. Lederle, County School Commissioner. "No personal factor should enter into the board of education's administration of school affairs," said Mr. Kopka, who also stressed the need for care in selection of teachers who have experience in the work they are to undertake.

Mr. Kopka outlined in detail a plan for developing a model school system, including building, equipment, and personnel. Oakland County, he said, has one of the best rural school systems in the entire State.

Mr. Lederle noted that of the fifteen districts represented, eleven have modern systems, and Mr. Kopka said that the Bond School, in which the meeting was held, was a model school—with a fire-proof building, provision made for additions, and modern equipment.

Guy E. Joy of the John Grace School was toastmaster for the occasion, which followed a banquet served by the Bond School Parent-Teacher Association. Following the talks by Mr. Kopka and Mr. Lederle, round-table discussions were held, in which questions were answered by the speakers. Mr. Vaughn conducted community singing and sang a solo accompanied by Mrs. Vaughn.

PAST MASTERS TO CONFER DEGREES NEXT MONDAY EVENING

Annual Past Masters' Night Will Be Celebrated By Farmington Lodge

Farmington Masons will celebrate the biggest event of the year Monday night when the annual Past Masters' Night will be held. Work will be started in the afternoon, to be followed by supper at 6:30 p. m. and further conferring of degrees in the evening.

Past Master Will Hay will be in the Master's chair. A unique method of obtaining a large attendance has been adopted this year, each Past Master having been asked to invite personally all those who became Masons during their respective terms.

Ralph Auten, Will Way, John Thayer, A. L. Ross, Osmond Yerkes, Joseph Woodward, Mary Pettibone, and J. Baumgarten attended the Northville Lodge Past Masters' Night Tuesday evening. P. M. Murdock, Master 19 years ago, was in charge.

Farmington Girl Has Leading Part In Play

A Farmington girl, Jean Guillen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Guillen, has an important part in a play to be presented by students of the Detroit Civic Theatre classes Friday afternoon. The play will be presented at the Hudson Auditorium before visitors attending an educational convention in Detroit.

Jean, who is 11 years old, has been called "the most promising material" ever to have studied at the Civic Theatre. Formerly she was a pupil of Mrs. Erskine Evans.

Near Death By Train



JOSEPH GRAHAM

Leap From Car Saves J. Graham

Farmington Township Official Narrowly Misses Death At Crossing

Escape from death under a locomotive by a few seconds was the experience last Saturday of Highway Commissioner Joseph Graham of Farmington Township who leaped from his automobile just in time to avoid a fast passenger-train at a crossing in Northville. His car was smashed to pieces.

Mr. Graham was on his way home after looking at gravel for the 13-mile road. As he approached the crossing in Northville, he heard the train whistle for the Northville-Nowi road crossing. He stopped his car.

Behind Mr. Graham came Harry Hunt, of Pennsylvania avenue, Detroit, with his wife and two children in the car. According to Mr. Graham, Hunt apparently did not hear the train and sounded his horn for Mr. Graham to go on. A moment later, Mr. Graham said, his car was pushed upon the tracks by Mr. Hunt's machine.

The motor in Mr. Graham's car stalled and flung open the door on the right side and leaned out. Seeing that the car might crush him when it was struck, he jumped toward a signal-pole a few feet away, and catching it with his right hand, saved himself through the air and clear of the machine, just as the train came past. He was unhurt.

The front wheels of Mr. Graham's car "pick-up" type, were midway between the tracks when it was struck by the train. Mr. Graham said that not more than a few seconds elapsed between the time he found his car on the tracks and the moment it was hit. Mr. Hunt denied pushing Mr. Graham's car upon the tracks, Mr. Graham said.

RUNS KNIFE THROUGH LEG. Jack Heatley, employed in the Central Market, is recovering from a painful injury suffered in the market recently. While at his work, he reached up to get a saw, and in so doing knocked a trimming-knife out of place. When he turned around again the knife went through his thigh. The injury is healing rapidly.

YOU MAY SAVE A LIFE!

(An Editorial)

Despite repeated appeals, some residents of this section who own dogs seem to be unwilling to cooperate in the dog-quarantine. Evidently they are unaware of the great danger in which they are putting every other resident, particularly their nearest neighbors.

Once more, officials of the City and County appeal to dog-owners to help prevent the spread of rabies. The situation is serious yet officers cannot spend all their time answering calls of people who have seen the unuzzled dogs at large.

Members of one whole family are taking 21 treatments each. Others are also under treatment for the safety of your fellow citizens, of your neighbors, and even of your own family, keep YOUR dog either muzzled or securely tied.

Eight Petitions Filed For Places On Commission

Leo Gildemeister And Emory Hatton Nominated To Run In City Election

Eight petitions on file for candidates to fill the four City Commission vacancies indicates an interesting contest for the offices at the biennial City election on Monday, April 1. Petitions nominating Commissioner Leo C. Gildemeister and Emory Hatton were filed Thursday morning. Six had been presented to City Clerk N. H. Power up to that time.

Thursday afternoon was the final date for filing of petitions, and the absence of new candidates indicated that there will be no contest for the office of mayor, clerk, treasurer, assessor, or member of the board of review. A petition for George C. Gildemeister, former treasurer, for that office, is on file. Arthur Lamb and N. H. Power remain unopposed for mayor and clerk respectively.

Yields To Requests. Filing of the petition for Mr. Gildemeister indicated that he had at last yielded to many and urgent appeals that he become a candidate for re-election. He is the only present commissioner whose name will be on the ballot. Mr. Hatton was surprised Thursday morning when told that a petition had been filed for him and would not say that he would accept the nomination made by petition.

The six citizens for whom petitions have previously been filed are Ralph C. Auten, Bernard Blayfield, George K. Checketts, Clarence Gordon Warren, Henderson, and Stephen Traylor.

Two petitions are on file for candidates for constable. Norman Barrons and Marl Pettibone have been nominated for the two vacancies. The Commission Monday night named as members of the election board Harry H. Haternehl, Mrs. Ethel Thayer, Eugene Grace, Mrs. Bertha Westfall, John Thayer, and William Johnson. Eugene Edwards was named as clerk.

RUMOR OF CHANGE IN CAR SERVICE IS NOT TRUE—D. S. R.

Report Believed Due To Construction Of New "Loop" At Five Points

Investigation by the Enterprise of rumors circulated a few days ago that the Detroit Department of Street Railways would not operate the trolley service to Farmington after April 1 has proven the reports without foundation. There will be no change in the present method of operation according to H. B. Kuder, of the office of Del A. Smith, general manager.

The report was to the effect that the D. S. R. would operate to Five Points only, and that west of that point, the cars would be run by the former Detroit United Lines, now Eastern Michigan Railways, carrying cars at Five Points would be necessary, it was said.

Mr. Kuder said the report was probably started by the fact that the D. S. R. is building a "loop" at Five Points. This loop, however, is for the purpose of turning first class St. Patrick's dinner given by Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington, James Lynch of Pontiac and the Rev. Benjamin Pipp of Detroit were speakers. The dinner was just past of Lahser road in Redford, the latter "loop" to be abandoned. The new turning-station, to be in operation about April 1, will not affect Farmington service in any way.

FIVE HUNDRED ATTEND ST. PATRICK'S BANQUET

Nearly 500 plates were served Sunday afternoon and evening in the Farmington Town Hall at the first class St. Patrick's dinner given by Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington, James Lynch of Pontiac and the Rev. Benjamin Pipp of Detroit were speakers. The dinner was just past of Lahser road in Redford, the latter "loop" to be abandoned. The new turning-station, to be in operation about April 1, will not affect Farmington service in any way.

Roger J. Guerin was chairman of the committee in charge. Dinner was served by ladies of the Altar Society.

All School Teachers Given New Contracts

Contracts for the coming year were issued to all teachers except one in Farmington schools Tuesday morning by Supt. Ralph B. Baker, following a meeting of the Board of Education Monday evening.

The one exception was Miss Mary Heaton, fourth grade teacher, whose written resignation was received by the Board. F. B. Brethour, coach is also understood to have stated verbally that he would not return next year.

May Run Buses To Walled Lake

Plan For Extension Of Service Outlined To Merchants; North Trips Added

Addition of two early trips on the northbound route of the Farmington-Jitney line and plans for the extension of the service to Novi, Walled Lake, and West Point Park, were announced this week by Leroy K. Fleming.

To consider extension of the route, a meeting of Farmington merchants supporting the service was called Tuesday evening at the city hall. Mr. Fleming presented a plan which called for service north to Keego Harbor, west of Walled Lake, and south to Seven-Mile road. The plan requested an additional bus and two drivers, and would maintain practically hourly service.

Considerable discussion ensued, and the prevailing opinion seemed to be that extending service north as Keego Harbor was unnecessary. As a result, Mr. Fleming said he would draw up a new plan for service only as far north as the Fourteen-Mile road, and call a meeting of merchants to consider that plan. The Walled Lake-Novi service and West Point Park service are to be included in the new plan also.

The new trips announced for the present service are as follows: leave Farmington northbound at 8:40 a. m., return at 8:55 a. m.; leave Farmington northbound at 1:40 p. m., return at 1:55 p. m. Saturday afternoon trips will be discontinued, effective at once.

BODY TRUCK HITS AUTO, WOMAN AND CHILD ARE UNHURT

Patricia Pierce, 8, And Mrs. A. B. McPherson Escape Injuries In Crash

Although the car in which they were riding was badly smashed, and a body-truck which struck it overturned, Patricia Pierce, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pierce of Oakland avenue, and Mrs. Pierce's mother Mrs. A. B. McPherson, escaped serious injury in an accident on Seven-Mile road Tuesday afternoon. The machine, a new coupe had been delivered to Mr. Pierce Tuesday morning.

Mr. McPherson and her granddaughter were returning after the latter's music-lesson at Redford. Their car was westbound suddenly it went into the path of the eastbound body-truck with trailer attached. The truck driver threw on his brakes so forcibly that his vehicle turned over completely, and came to rest with the wheels upward and the top of the cab on the pavement. The coupe was pushed against an embankment, but neither occupant suffered more than a few bruises.

LIST INCOMPLETE

Last week the survivors of the late Mrs. A. Burdick, who died last week, the names of two grandchildren in this vicinity were omitted. They are Mrs. Walter Coon of Farmington and Mahlon Bradley of Redford.

P. T. A. MEETING DELAYED

The March meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association, scheduled for next Thursday evening, March 28, has been postponed to Thursday evening, April 4, because of the Spring vacation.

Exchange Club Takes Steps For Safety On Grand River

City Officer For Day-Duty Suggested To Protect Children; Accident To Schoolgirl Cited; Committee Appointed For Immediate Action

Consideration of traffic problems in Farmington, particularly with reference to the dangers to school children, was taken up by the Farmington Exchange Club at its meeting Wednesday noon. Suggestions that an additional city officer for daytime duty is needed, and appointment of a committee of five to work out a solution of the problems resulted.

The subject was brought up by Edgar S. Pierce, acting as president, in the absence of John Clark. Mr. Pierce declared that no more important problem faces the community than the safety of the children, and that "expense should not be considered at all" in the matter of providing that safety.

The acting president referred to the accident in which Virginia Lepley, a school-child, was injured last Friday afternoon. Education of children in being careful, and the school patrol system were discussed. A number of members were called on for expressions of opinion.

Commissioner Carl Hogle said that he believed a day officer, who would control traffic at School street and watch the children crossing morning and afternoon to be absolutely necessary. He said that the City Commission had regarded an additional officer a necessity, not only for this but for other work, but that the Commission had hesitated because of the expense involved.

Mayor Wells D. Butterfield declared that every member of the Commission favors an additional city officer, but that it has not felt it has a full support of citizens for such a step. The Mayor urged the members of the Club to attend the meetings of the City Commission and indicate their interest in city problems.

Committee Named. Mr. Pierce appointed a committee to meet Saturday to consider the problem. The committee will meet Saturday afternoon. It consists of Carl Hogle, chairman, Spencer Healey, Elmer Palmer, John Fitzpatrick, and Hyman Levinson.

Next Thursday evening, March 28, members of the Farmington, Walled Lake and Milford Exchange Clubs will gather at a dinner at Engel's Restaurant, Farmington Junction. The meeting, suggested by the Walled Lake Club, is to promote acquaintance among Exchanges of these neighboring communities.

TO HAVE UNION SERVICE HERE ON GOOD FRIDAY

The fine custom which was inaugurated last year in a Union Observance of the great church day of Good Friday, will again be the program this year, Farmington pastors announce.

The hours of 1:30 to 2:45 p. m. will be the time and the Evangelical Church will be the place. Three ten minute addresses on the "Words of the Cross" will be presented by the three pastors and musical numbers will be given by representatives of the three churches.

Our people from all parts of the city and environs are earnestly invited to share in the universal day of solemn worship and to join with the thousands of worshippers throughout the land.

Graham Not To Be A 'Sticker' Candidate

A declaration that he "positively would not" run on "stickers" at the coming township election was made this week by Highway Commissioner Joseph Graham of Farmington Township.

It has been rumored that Mr. Graham, defeated by a vote of 352 to 313 at the recent primary election would make an attempt to retain his office by a "sticker" campaign. Mr. Graham denied that he had ever contemplated the idea, although he had been urged to do so, he said.

The child was treated by Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner. Duncan who was unnerved by the accident, made a statement to the prosecutor and was not held. Rev. A. Schoon was an eyewitness of the accident.