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## School District No. 6 Favors Plan For New Building

Consolidation With Farmington Voted Down By 21 To 5 At Special Meeting

By Herbert Lindstrom

Preparations of plans and specifications for a new school building for Farmington District No. 6, now using the Noble and William Grace school building, in the east portion of Farmington Township, was voted by electors of the District at a special meeting Tuesday evening.

At the same meeting, those present voted down a proposal for consolidation with Farmington School District No. 5, the district in which the city and the high school are located.

There was spirited discussion at the meeting, which was held in William Grace School.

It was opened by a talk by William Schoenberg in which he endeavored to show the advantages of School District No. 5 consolidating with the Farmington Schools for school purposes only. He stressed the heavy bond issue of smaller districts.

The question then arose as to the Farmington School being able at this time to relieve the situation in District No. 6 which now has an enrollment of nearly 200 pupils.

It is said by some that the next school census will show a great many more than that. At present there are 67 children in one room at the William Grace School, with two teachers, and in the second and third grades extra desks have been installed to take care of the increase.

District No. 6, it was said, has had an increase of about 20 per cent for the last several years and if this continues there is cause to make adequate plans for the education of the children of the district.

It was suggested by Mrs. McCullough, wife of the treasurer of District No. 6, that the District have a debate on consolidation.

An elector then made a motion that School District No. 6 consolidate with the Farmington School for school purposes only. The vote showed 21 opposed and five in favor of the motion.

It was stated that that of modern school would tend to increase the value of property, thus valuation and a lower tax-rate per thousand. A motion was offered by Ray Oldham that the school Board be instructed to get plans and specifications and all details toward the building of a new school on the Noble School site provide for property education of the children of the District. It was carried.

The audit of the books of School District No. 6 has been completed and showed that every thing is in proper order.

## FUNERAL SERVICE HELD AT DETROIT FOR DR. MURRAY

Last Rites At Home For Native Of North Farmington Practiced Medicine In Detroit

Funeral services were held in Detroit Wednesday afternoon for Dr. Luther A. Murray, 45 years old, a native of Farmington, who died Saturday after a short illness. Burial took place in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Dr. Murray was born in North Farmington, attended school in Detroit, and was graduated from the Detroit Homeopathic College in 1907. He had practiced in Detroit for the past 20 years.

The widow, two daughters, a son, and a sister survive.

## HAS BONE BROKEN IN FOOT, RESULT OF FALL

Frank Macomber of Brookdale drive, is confined to her home with a broken bone in one foot, as the result of a fall in the field near her home Wednesday. A goat owned by the Macombers had broken loose and Mrs. Macomber was attempting to catch it when she tripped and fell.

Mrs. Macomber was able to get back into the house, with some difficulty, and call Dr. E. F. Holcomb, who is attending her.

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## Youths Choose The Wrong Place To Indulge "A Young Man's Fancy"

Two young men who had imbibed quite freely "week-ended" picked the wrong town, the wrong ladies, and even the wrong street for a little attempt at philandering Sunday evening. And then, not knowing when to quit, and to whom to obey, they suddenly changed disposition and tried with equal lack of judgment to "beat up" Farmington's police officer.

Now they're trying to make the time go fast—where the time passes very slowly indeed.

About 10:30 p. m. two Farmington women were walking home down Division street Sunday night.

## Mrs. G. H. Riddle's Death Mourned

Community Saddened By Passing Of Well-Known Farmington Woman

The entire community of Farmington was shocked early this week by the death of Mrs. George H. Riddle, of Oakland avenue, following an illness of but a few weeks. Mrs. Riddle was 41 years old.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the late home, followed by interment at Oakwood Cemetery. A large gathering of friends and neighbors attended the services. Members of the Farmington Woman's club attended and each placed a carnation upon the casket at the grave.

Mrs. Riddle had undergone an operation at Harper Hospital, Detroit, after suffering an acute attack, and appeared for a short time to be on the road to recovery.

Later, however, her condition grew steadily weaker, passing away Sunday night just before midnight. Word of her untimely death brought sadness to all.

Lucille Power was born May 2, 1888, in Farmington. She removed with her parents to Detroit in 1895, and was graduated from Western High School in 1908. For nearly five years she was connected with the Detroit Public Library.

She was married to George H. Riddle June 4, 1913. One child, Dixon, was born to them. He, with the husband, and the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan H. Power, and a brother, Grant Power of Detroit, survive.

## SANITARY ORDINANCE IS EFFECTIVE JUNE 1

Attention is called by Dr. J. A. Miller, health officer, of the City of Farmington, to the fact that the sanitary ordinance passed in June, 1928, by the City Commission, becomes effective on June 1 of this year.

Dr. Miller says that the ordinance will be strictly enforced. It regulates plumbing in all buildings in the city, prescribing modern equipment.

## To Dance At Recital



Dorothy Baker and Gerald Wood will participate in the dances at a recital of pupils of Miss Gladys Baker Friday evening.

## Oakland, Wilmarth Paving Petition Being Prepared

First Permanent Street-Improvement Request in History To Be Filed May 6

A petition for the paving of Oakland and Wilmarth avenues, the first in the history of Farmington, is now being drawn up for property-owners on the two streets by Judge John K. Schulte, Jr. Judge Schulte expects to have the petition completed in time for filing at the next regular meeting of the City Commission on the evening of May 6.

The petition is regarded by its sponsors as certain of having the necessary number of signatures to place it before the Commission in proper form. Owners of fifty per cent of the frontage on the streets affected must sign the petition. Inasmuch as owners of several large pieces of land among the supporters of the proposal, there appears little doubt of its being filed with considerable more than half the property signed for.

It is probable, Judge Schulte stated, that the petitions will include requests not only for paving, but also for additional sidewalk. The streets at present have sidewalks on 'but one side, and walks on the other side will be asked.

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## FLOWER FESTIVAL IS BEING PLANNED FOR FARMINGTON

Meeting To Be Held Next Tuesday Afternoon in Community Hall For Plans

Mrs. Katherine Bryant of the Dearborn Garden Club, sister-in-law of Mrs. Henry Ford, will be the special guest of the Farmington women and club friends at the Community Hall on Tuesday afternoon, April 30th.

Plans will be started for a Farmington Flower Festival for the late summer and the story of the rapid and interesting growth of the Garden Club movement in Michigan will be told.

Mrs. Bryant has promised to bring Mrs. Henry Ford with her if possible. Tea will be served by members of the Progressive Class and all the people interested in growing gardens and especially flowers are invited. The hours is three o'clock.

## CAR, BUS SCHEDULES HERE

The Enterprise has obtained from the Detroit Department of Street Railways copies of the schedule of Farmington-Detroit, Detroit-Eastern and Eastern-Michigan Railways some Pontiac-Ann Arbor bus schedules. They may be obtained by calling at the Enterprise office.

## Raccoon Comes From Woods, Seeks Friendly Shelter In Farmhouse

Farmhouses have often been called the friendliest of dwelling places, but one would hardly expect a wild creature to come along the woods and seek refuge among human beings. Yet that is just what a raccoon did last Friday evening at the home of Supervisor Harry McCracken of Farmington Township.

The McCracken family were chatting just before retiring when peculiar noises were heard at the front of the house. Investigating, Mr. McCracken discovered a full-grown raccoon on the front porch, scratching at the window and trying to get in the house. Apparently it had been attracted to the house by the light.

The reason for the "coon's" attempting to enter the house appeared to be that he was attracted to the McCrackens' large collie, which had resented the approach of the wild animal and indicated he intended to maintain his reputation as a watch-dog.

## Reduction Of Assessment On Farmington Woods Asked

Corporation Heads Declare They Cannot Proceed On Present Basis; City Commission Meets Thursday Evening To Consider Problem

Reduction of the valuation of nearly half a million dollars upon the Farmington Woods Subdivision, with rebates for the past three years, during which taxes have been unpaid, was asked by members and representatives of the Farmington Woods Corporation at an informal meeting with the Farmington City Commission and citizens in the city building Wednesday evening.

## Brother And Sister Bitten By Own Dog

A girl and a boy in the same family, Alice Werner, 16, and her brother, Harry, 6, of Seminole boulevard, Southfield Township, are being given a series of anti-rabies treatments by Dr. E. F. Holcomb as the result of having been bitten by their own dog.

A report from Ann Arbor received by Deputy Lee Doyle shows the dog had rabies. It died a few days after biting the girl and boy.

## Two Homes Burn Within An Hour

Second Alarm In A Short Time Calls Out Old Truck; Both Fires In Township

Two fires that broke out within an hour in widely separated parts of Farmington Township, taxed the facilities of the Farmington fire department last Friday morning, and although both trucks were taken out, efforts to save the two homes were futile. Both were burned to the ground.

In one of the fires the head of the house, Ernest Becker, narrowly missed being severely burned while trying to carry things from the burning house. In the other an old homestead was destroyed. The first fire broke out at the Fendt homestead on Gill road, occupied by William Rutenbaur, his invalid wife, and their son. Farmington's new fire truck was taken out promptly by Harvey Blough, driver, Ed Thayer, chief, and Bernard Banfield, assistant chief. It arrived while the fire was still confined to the upper part of the house. The blaze had broken out near the chimney.

Contents Are Saved

A score of men from nearby farms and the city were present, and had time to carry out all the clothing and furniture belonging to the Rutenbaurs, except some clothing belonging to the son. They were unable to reach some furniture and clothing stored in a room near the source of the flames, and owned by Louis G. Fendt, who formerly occupied the house. Fortunately, the possessions of Mr. Fendt, which were burned, were covered by insurance, while those of the Rutenbaurs, which were not insured, were practically all saved.

The firemen emptied the contents of the 60-gallon "booster" tank upon the fire, but it proved inadequate to stop the flames. They were forced to look on, practically helpless, while the fire spread to other parts of the large (Continued on page five).

## BAPTIST CHURCH EDUCATIONAL UNIT PLANS READY SOME

Annual Report Shows Finances Of All Departments In Good Condition

Final sketches for the new educational unit to be built by the Farmington Baptist Church are nearly completed, and building should be started the latter part of May, according to a report from the church building committee at the annual meeting Wednesday evening.

Reports for the year showed the church finances to be in excellent condition, every department showing a balance, with all bills paid. The reports also indicated growth of the various departments and the work done. Officers were elected by the retiring church members, as follows:

Deacons: William Sonnenberg, Orville Taggart; trustees: Fred Wilkinson, Cecil Kellogg, James Smith; deaconesses: Mrs. O. Taggart, Mrs. Irene Schingeeck; clerk, Ray Howard; treasurer, Mrs. Weston and Mrs. Slim; musical director, James Smith; pianist, Mrs. Ila Leonard; Bible school superintendent, Leon Eury; assistant, Harry Frick.

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