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Budget For 1929 Prepared; City In Best Shape Ever

Corporation's New Fiscal Year To Be Begun In Good Financial Condition

A tentative budget was presented to the Farmington City Commission at its meeting Monday evening. While the various departments were appropriated about the same as last year, it is hoped by reducing the amount needed for the general fund to keep the tax rate at the present figure, sixteen dollars per thousand.

If the same was appropriated for the general fund as last year, a total of \$46,322 would have to be raised by taxation during 1929 and 1930. Reduced valuation however, consisting largely of lower assessment on Farmington Woods subdivision, would cause the revenue, at sixteen dollars per thousand, to be slightly less than \$43,000.

Economies in the handling of city labor particularly are being practiced and the savings in salaries of regular employees, is expected to come very near making up for the loss due to lessened valuation, according to Mayor Arthur Lamb.

Not only will the tax rate probably be no higher, but the city is in the best financial shape in years, according to a statement of City Clerk N. H. Power. Every current obligation will be paid under the proposed budget, and in addition debts carried over from the present year will be taken care of. The city will start its new fiscal year "with a clean slate."

The city labor force has been reduced and Mayor Lamb has expressed confidence that a smaller payroll can be maintained without impairing efficiency of the city departments.

Public Meeting Monday

A public meeting will be held next Monday evening, June 3, to consider the budget. Citizens will have an opportunity to express opinions on the money to be raised during the coming year. The meeting will be at 7:30 p. m.

The budget was drawn up by Mayor Lamb and City Clerk Power.

Board of Review Meets

The annual meeting of the Board of Review will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday, June 4 and 5 at 10 a. m. in the fire hall. At that time taxpayers may inspect the rolls and appeal from assessments if they so desire.

"ENOCH ARDEN" IS READ AT MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUB

Northville And Redford Women Are Guests Of Farmington Group

The regular meeting of the Farmington Women's Club was held Wednesday evening, May 22 in the parlors of the Salem Evangelical Church. The program was in charge of Mrs. Whipple, Miss Kennedy and Mrs. Fleming, who, aided by two efficient sub-committees, Mrs. Fred Warner, Mrs. Fred Pauline, Mrs. C. W. Wilber, and Mrs. Heenev, Mrs. Leo Hendryx and Mrs. Osmus, had arranged all details for a most pleasant entertainment.

After the president, Mrs. Switzer, had fittingly greeted the Clubs' guests, the members of the Redford Women's Club, and the Northville Women's Club, the program was given.

Miss Caroline Campbell of Detroit, explained the motifs of the musical accompaniment by Richard Strauss, and then, Miss Carrie Harvey at the piano, rendered most impressively and sympathetically the tragic story of Enoch Arden. Miss Campbell held her audience enthralled.

The reading was followed by a social hour, and light refreshments were attractively served by the committee. Unless further notice is given, this meeting will close the club activities for the year.

—Helen L. Hard, Cor. Sec'y, F. W. C.

National Commander Of American Legion A Visitor In Farmington



PAUL V. MCNUTT

Hope For Road Approval Monday

Grand River Widening Scheduled To Come Up; Gratiot Delay Is Cited

Favorable action on the widening of Grand River to Farmington by the State Administrative Board when it meets next Monday is hoped for by those leading the movement for building of a new highway.

The meeting will be the first the Administrative Board has held since a Farmington delegation visited Lansing ten days ago and drawing of a resolution was directed by Governor Fred W. Green.

Enthusiastic approval of the plan outlined at that time continues throughout the community. The opinion is expressed by many that the proposed road will be wide enough for a long time, and that the lessening reduction in width of right-of-way will not be a serious handicap.

Delay Is Feared

Suspension of paying activities by the State on Gratiot road has caused some to express doubt that any work on Grand River will be done this year. Construction was halted on the widening of Gratiot road, due to its said, to lack of funds with which to carry on the work.

However, it is pointed out that the Gratiot road project is one of widening a highway which is in good condition, whereas the worn-out condition on Grand River makes early re-paving imperative.

It is also recalled that the State Highway Commissioner Dillman indicated his desire to get to work immediately on the Grand River widening, at the State Highway Committee meeting attended by Farmington men on May 20.

The Northville Past Matrons will join the Farmington Past Matrons at the Michigan Children's Home on June 7th at 9:30 a. m., where they will sew for the children. Pot luck lunch.

He 'May Have Been Under Influence Of Liquor'—But He 'Wasn't Drunk'

When is a man "under the influence of liquor" and when is he "drunk"? At the same time, many people might answer, for to many the two expressions mean the same.

But not to John Johnson of Detroit. Johnson was arrested on Grand River road near Switzer road last Saturday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Lee Doyle. With him was Pauline Neuser also of Detroit. She was charged with being drunk and disorderly.

Arraigned before Judge John J. Schulte, Jr., Johnson denied that he had been drunk. "I may have been under the influence of liquor, but I wasn't drunk," he said. "Then what do you call being drunk?" asked Judge Schulte.

"A man is drunk when he can't

Groves-Walker Post No. 346, American Legion of Farmington, achieved a unique honor among small Legion posts of the country Tuesday morning when Paul V. McNutt, national commander, paid a visit to the Farmington Post.

Commander McNutt stopped off in Farmington, by arrangement, on his way to Lansing and other large upstate towns. Accompanying him were Department Commander Ray C. Conlon, head of Legionnaires in Michigan, and State Adjutant Robert Byers.

The three Legion leaders stopped at the Log Cabin. He inspected the meetings, which interested them, and signed the Post History. After gathering with members of Farmington Post in front of the Log Cabin, for photographs, Commander McNutt and the rest of the party left for Lansing. They were escorted by State troopers.

While Commander McNutt's plan for his State tour included visits to a number of Legion posts in Michigan, it is but rarely that a national commander is able to visit posts except in the larger cities. Farmington Legionnaires believe that theirs is the smallest ever visited by the present commander, and probably one of the smallest any national commander has called upon.

Attend Pontiac Banquet

Several Farmington men interested in Legion work went to Pontiac Wednesday evening to attend a banquet and luncheon. Commander McNutt was scheduled to speak, before a gathering of six hundred people. The banquet was arranged by Cook-Nelson post of Pontiac, in honor of the national commander.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUND-BREAKING DATE IS CHOSEN

Sod To Be Turned For Baptist Church Building On June 9

Members of Farmington Baptist Church are looking forward to one of the outstanding events in the history of the congregation Sunday afternoon, June 9. At that time there will be held an official ground-breaking ceremony for the new Sunday School building.

Dr. H. C. Gleiss, superintendent of the Detroit Baptist Union, is scheduled to attend the exercises and to deliver the main address of the afternoon. Several other officers of the Detroit Union will also attend.

Other details of the program are being worked out. Church leaders promise the members a pleasant surprise when the name of the person who will officially turn the first sod is announced next week.

A total of \$2,225 has been pledged for the new building, according to Rev. Elmer W. Farmer. The amount required by May 31 is \$3,000. Of the \$2,225 pledged, \$1,759 has been received by the church.

The ground-breaking date coincides with Children's Day.

Circle Plans Social

The Women's Community Circle of North Farmington will hold an old-time social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Killing on the Walled Lake road, near Orchard Lake road, on Friday, June 7. All are invited to attend.

STEAL HORSES, TOO

Horses came back to an equal station with automobiles (Saturday night, C. L. Russell, 11-Mile road, reported to Deputy sheriffs of Farmington, that two gray horses had been stolen from him. The team is still missing.

Dedication Of New Methodist Home On Sunday

Edgar A. Guest To Read Poem Written For Occasion; Bishop To Preside

With leaders in Michigan Methodism occupying prominent places on the program, and a national representative scheduled to speak the Methodist Children's Home Society will dedicate its new Children's Village of homes at 6-Mile and Delta roads Sunday afternoon.

Hundreds of Methodists from all over this area and other parts of the State are expected to attend. Bishop Thomas Nicholson of the Detroit area will preside during the program, which will begin at 3 o'clock.

Chicagoan To Speak

Dr. Norman E. Davis, secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes for the entire country, will come from Chicago to be present and speak at the dedication. He will bring delegates from the Board of which he is secretary.

The principal address of the day will be given by Dr. Joseph M. Gray, of Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Detroit. Other speakers will be W. J. Norton, secretary of the Detroit Community Fund, and Paul W. Voorheis, of the Board in control of the society. Mr. Voorheis, who is also president of the Kresge Foundation, will represent the buildings to Bishop Nicholson.

Music will be furnished by the Salvation Army band and the children's choir of Trinity Methodist Church, Highland Park. A platform will be erected at the south side of the administration building, and seats will be placed also. In case of inclement weather, the exercises will probably be held in the administration building, which could accommodate about 300.

The day is being featured throughout Michigan, at which local preachers having arranged to talk on some phase of child welfare at their churches, at morning services.

Homes Open

The homes in the village will be open for inspection to visitors. Children will occupy the homes within a week to ten days, according to Miss Frances Knight, director.

Miss Frances Knight is director of the new Children's Village of the Methodist Children's Home Society, which will be dedicated Sunday afternoon.

Farmington Youth Is Hurt In Auto Crash

Two Farmington youths figured in the first accident in the holiday rush of traffic on Grand River avenue Wednesday evening. Myron Lapham, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lapham, is confined to his home with injuries about the head. The machine was driven by Harold Turner, with whom Lapham was riding, was struck head-on by another in front of the Methodist Children's Home, west of Farmington.

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Director Of Home



MISS FRANCES KNIGHT

Report Progress In Airport Plan

Conference Of Several Hours Is Held By John Lathrup And Company Heads

After a conference of several hours with heads of the Aircraft Corporation of America, John Lathrup of Farmington reported Wednesday evening that definite progress had been made in negotiations for establishment of an airport out Grand River avenue.

Mr. Lathrup stated that President Hutto of the Corporation had agreed to provide by next Monday morning an outline of the company's plans as to erecting a building and the number of men it expects to employ. This will in all probability be made the basis of an immediate agreement, Mr. Lathrup said.

One change in the plans was virtually agreed upon Wednesday, according to Mr. Lathrup. That is for increase in the size of the field from 100 to 125 acres, providing 115 acres for a landing field.

A conference of city commissioners, Mr. Lathrup and Mr. Azcona of the Aircraft company was held last Friday afternoon in the Peoples State Bank.

More Subscribers In New Telephone Books

A substantial increase in the number of telephone subscribers in this area is indicated by the new telephone directory, just issued by the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

The new books contain the same number of pages as before, but listing of names and numbers. The company is ready to care for continued growth of the community and its telephone requirements, according to Roy Crowe, manager of the local exchange.

TRIP IS POSTPONED

The trip to the General Motors Proving Ground at Milford, arranged by C. H. Dunham, Oakland-Pontiac dealer, for Farmington boys and girls who successfully answer questions on the two makes of cars, has been postponed from Saturday June 1, to Saturday, June 8.

The party will leave Farmington at 1 o'clock. Owners are invited to go on the trip.

WAS 25th ANNIVERSARY

In last week's issue appeared an account of what was described as the "20th anniversary" meeting of the North Farmington Auxiliary. This should have read "25th anniversary," the Auxiliary being a quarter of a century old.

MEN BOUND TO COURT

Fred Fairfield, Joseph Murray, and William Salm, arrested recently in Farmington by Deputies Doyle and Tamm, who found a gun wired to the battery of the car in which the men were riding, were on Wednesday bound over to the Circuit Court on charges of possessing concealed weapons. They were held in \$1,500 bond each.

Send in your news items.

Noted Graduates On Program Of Annual Banquet

Farmington High School Alumni Will Gather For Yearly Dinner June 7

An exceptionally interesting program has been arranged for the annual banquet of the F. H. alumni association which takes place this year, June 7th instead of following the activities of the last week of school as formerly.

Mrs. Anna Brown president, will preside and introduce Emory Hutton as toastmaster. Rev. James McGee of First Baptist Church of Flint, an alumnus of the school, will give the main address.

A former resident and teacher of the school, Miss Mery J. Hayes, of Grosse Pointe, will be on the program. Miss Hayes was until her retirement a few years ago one of the leading educators of Detroit. She will give some reminiscences of her early life here and tell a few "tales" on the fathers and mothers of the young graduates.

Archie G. Leonard is scheduled first on the program. Miss Esther Middlewood, Gertrude Parker and Gustave Rozenboom who have won honors for themselves and credit for the association at the U. of M. will give five-minute talks.

Miss Marie Walling will welcome the class of 1929.

The program will be interspersed with music and songs.

NORTHVILLE AND WEST POINT PARK TO PLAY SUNDAY

Rivalry Keen Between Clubs; Visitors Have Old Big League Hurler

The spirited rivalry that always appears in athletic contests between teams of neighboring communities is expected to attract one of the largest crowds in years at West Point Park's baseball diamond Sunday afternoon. At that time West Point Park and Northville teams will battle for supremacy.

Northville entered a team in the Inter-County League this year for the first time, and is already regarded as one of the leading clubs, possibly a pennant-winner. West Point Park sluggers have hit opposing pitchers hard enough to win every game thus far. Each has three victories to its credit.

Much of Northville's strength lies in its pitching staff, the leader being Shields, former big league star, who was with the St. Louis Cardinals. It also has Harry Gernas, Sr., famous old-time pitcher, and Harry German, Jr., his son.

West Point Park has Goers, Johnson and Henriem, all in good shape.

On Sunday West Point Park won its second victory over Clarkson, 10 to 7. Johnson and Goers pitched, and the team continued its heavy hitting. In a Decoration Day game West Point Park and Pontiac Athletic Supply Co. team met at Pontiac.

TEN DRIVERS ARRESTED

Ten motorists charged with reckless driving were arrested during the last week end by Deputy Sheriffs Lee Doyle and William Tamm of the Farmington office.

LEGION AT CHURCH

On Sunday last Groves-Walker Post No. 346, American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary attended the First Baptist Church and listened to a sermon by Rev. E. W. Palmer on "When Is America Safe?"

TICKETS ARE PLACED ON SALE BY JUNIORS

Tickets have been placed on sale for "The Whole Town's Talking," a play to be given by the Junior Class of Farmington High School next Wednesday and Thursday evenings, June 5 and 6. Seats may be reserved at F. L. Cook and Co.'s store. The play will be given at the Town Hall.