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## Commission Has New Offer For Assessors' Plats

John H. Thayer Estimates Cost At \$1,500; New Sidewalks To Be Built

An offer to make assessors' plats of the City of Farmington, together with maps, for a total cost of about \$1,500, was made to the City Commission at its meeting Monday evening by John H. Thayer. The price would include six plats and a map of the City.

The offer of Mr. Thayer follows one made two weeks ago by a Birmingham firm, which estimated the cost of its work at about \$3,000. The object of making the plats is to avoid return by the State for re-assessment of a large number of assessments due to inadequate descriptions.

According to Mr. Thayer, there are about 132 lots in the City which should be surveyed and plotted. The cost he gave as \$10 per lot, and a City map, he said would cost \$150.

The total of \$1,320, Mr. Thayer explained, is based on the calculation of 132 lots. If it was found that more lots should be plotted, the additional cost would be at the same rate, \$10 per lot.

The Commission deferred action on the proposition.

Traffic conditions came in for discussion. One citizen, it was reported, complains of the bell ringing at frequent intervals at Grand River and Division street. Various suggestions for handling Grand River traffic were offered. The committee of citizens and Commissioners appointed two weeks ago deferred its report until the next meeting.

The Commission voted to pave the hill in Oakwood Cemetery. Commissioner Carl Hegle was authorized to build needed sidewalks and have repairs made where necessary.

At the suggestion of Mayor Arthur Lamb, it was decided to cut down the sidewalk on the northeast corner of Grand River and Division streets, to make crossing more convenient, particularly for women and children.

## THREE DEATHS IN CLARENCEVILLE WITHIN A WEEK

Mrs. Mae Scudder, Mrs. Paul Schacht, And Harvey M. Kidd, Are Mourned

Residents of Clarenceville were saddened by three deaths during the past week.

Nina Mae Scudder, wife of Robert Scudder, mother of Donald and Clarence, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kelley, passed away at the Henry Ford Hospital Sunday. Services were held at the home of her sister, Mrs. Robert Peretto of Kentucky avenue, Detroit, Tuesday. Burial took place at Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Scudder had been ill for two years. Before her illness she took an active part in the Clarenceville Methodist Church, being a member of the choir, Sunday School teacher, member of the Cheerful Circle, Ladies' Aid.

Leaves Eight Children  
Funeral services were held from the home of Mrs. J. E. Krohn, 12357 Griggs avenue Monday at 2 o'clock for Mrs. Paul Schacht of Ontago avenue, Clarenceville, who passed away on July 11 at her home. She leaves her husband, Paul, eight children, Dorothy, Clarence, Harry, Norman, William, Edna, Gladys and Gordon. Interment was at Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Harvey McKidd, infant son of Harvey M. Kidd, infant son of Harvey and Louise Kidd, passed away at the Henry Ford Hospital July 14. Burial took place at Grand Lawn Cemetery Tuesday at 2 o'clock. Rev. A. Wallis officiated at the service.

## West Farmington Girl Wins State Championship In Music-Memory

Can't 'Get Away With It' In Farmington

It may be easy to 'get away with' selling inferior goods to some city governments, but not to Farmington, where officials guard the public business as carefully as their own.

The company which sold the City a quantity of paint for use on the pavement is going to get it back. Red paint instead of yellow was sent, and the paint which had been used for emergency proved very poor. The company has apologized for the mistake in color. It has yet to learn the Commission's opinion to the quality.

## Begin Contest On Girls' Popularity

American Legion Starts Competition, Offers \$100 Diamond To Most Popular Girl

A popularity contest to determine the most popular girl or young lady in this community will be started Saturday morning by Groves-Walker Post, American Legion of Farmington. The contests will be held in connection with the annual Gala Day celebration on Labor Day.

Beside being acclaimed the most popular in the community, the winner of the contest will receive a \$100 diamond ring as the gift of the Legion Post. Any girl from 14 to 19 years inclusive, and living within a radius of six miles of the Farmington Town Hall, will be eligible to the contest—with one additional requirement—that she be single. The contest will continue until Labor Day.

An entrance coupon for the contest is printed in this week's issue of the Farmington Enterprise. It entitles the young lady whose name is written thereon to 100 votes in the contest. It is not necessary to file this coupon to enter the race, but including it in the total will give the contestant an advantage that might be sufficient to determine the result.

Other coupons will be printed in the Enterprise from time to time. The bulk of the votes, however, will be distributed by the Legion, in ticket books. Along with the popularity contest tickets, each of which is good for ten votes is a ticket on the Pontiac Big Six coach which the Legion post will give away this year. Tickets are now in the hands of Legion post members.

Ballot boxes will be placed in the following places of business: Lee Hardware Co., Oakland-Pontiac Sales, Smith Drug Store and F. L. Cook and Co.

The contest will close officially at 10:30 p. m. Labor day and the winner will be announced as soon as the votes can be counted. Tabulation arrangements will be made so that the result will probably be known within an hour. At about the same time the automobile will be awarded.

The car to be awarded this year is the highest priced car ever given away by the Farmington Post. It will be a regular stock Pontiac Big Six coach, fully equipped.

Starting next Thursday evening, July 25, the Legion post will meet every week instead of every two weeks, to carry forward preparations for Gala Day, already well under way.

SHOE SHOP TO MOVE  
The Boston Shoe Repair Shop will move about August 1 to the shop between the E. C. Grace store and Curly's Electric Shop, at Grand River and Division streets, according to Thomas James, proprietor. The place is being renovated for the new tenant.

Not content with County-wide recognition won two months ago, in the music-memory contest on Achievement Day, 13-year-old Eugenia Regentik, who lives on the 12-Mile road in Farmington Township entered the lists in State competition the latter part of last week at Lansing. And she brought home to Farmington first prize in the State contest.

In attaining the State championship, Eugenia surpassed some 30 other girls, winners of County events in various parts of the State. A cash award of \$5 was included in the winner's honors. The Lansing competition was part of the Michigan State College Achievement Day program for the entire State.

There is a national contest in music-memory work, and it is entirely possible that Eugenia may enter this country-wide event, as Michigan's champion and representative. Her friends are hoping that she will be able to do so, and they are confident that if she does, the music-memory championship of the United States will come back with Eugenia to Farmington.

## MAN LOSES HAT, MACHINE CRASHES AND IS BURNED

Motorist Stops Car In Middle Of Road, And Accident Results

Loss of a man's hat from a motor car resulted in destruction of another machine and injuries to three occupants Tuesday on Twelve-Mile road, near the residence of Supervisor Harry McCracken of Farmington Township. The automobile was destroyed by fire after it had been wrecked.

A motorist whose name was not learned stopped his car in the middle of the road, almost in front of the McCracken residence. As he walked back to get his hat, a coupe driven by Albert Flurett, 1260 Lockmore avenue, Berkley, approached. It is reported that Flurett, talking to two girls in the coupe with him, failed to see the car stopped ahead of him, until almost upon it.

Endeavoring to avoid a collision, Flurett swerved his machine. The front wheels hit the loose stones on the side of the gravel road and skidded, plunging the car down a culvert at the side of the road. Immediately the car burst into flames.

The occupants escaped being burned, but suffered slight cuts. They were taken home by a son of Mr. McCracken. Efforts to save the burning car were futile.

The accident, which occurred about 1:30 p. m., was the third this summer in front of the McCracken residence.

## MRS. M. SHATTUCK, NATIVE OF THIS SECTION, IS DEAD

Funeral Held Tuesday For Former Resident, Ill For Seven Months

A number of residents of this community attended the funeral services Tuesday for Mrs. Maude Green Shattuck, native of Farmington, who died Sunday at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, following an extended illness. Mrs. Shattuck was a sister of Calvin Green of Farmington.

Mrs. Shattuck was born 60 years ago in West Farmington, the daughter of Addison Emmett and Cordelia Adaline Green. Early in life, 42 years ago, she moved to Pontiac, where she resided until her death. Mrs. Shattuck was prominent in club and church activities.

Mrs. Shattuck had been president of the Pontiac W. C. T. U. and member of the Daughters of American Revolution, Woman's Literary club and various civic organizations, and a group of Central Methodist Church.

## Little Change In School Tax Rate In Farmington

Board of Education Sets Figure Near That of 1928-29; Voted Tax \$47,000

School taxes in Farmington District No. 5 will be about the same for the coming year as for the past year, as the result of a decision of the amount to be raised by the Board of Education at its July meeting last Thursday evening.

The Board voted to raise \$12 per thousand, inclusive of the mill tax, or a rate of \$11 per thousand besides the mill tax. Last year the rate was \$11.18 per thousand including the mill tax.

At the rate decided upon, the revenue raised upon the District valuation would be \$47,000. Last year the voted tax was \$44,000, and the increase is expected to be of assistance in meeting the situation caused by the large return tax. Due to the great amount of return tax, only a little over the \$30,000 of the \$44,000 voted tax was realized last year.

A table showing receipts and expenditures for 1928-29 was presented to Board members at the meeting. Among the principal expenditures during the past year were the following: Bonds, \$9,442.60; labor and repairs, \$4,091.15; bus, \$2,140.00; athletic field and grounds, \$7,985.34; men teachers' salaries, \$13,200; women teachers' salaries, \$19,712.50; text books, \$1,856.45; nurse, \$1,650; loan, \$3,083.

Among the principal receipts were the following: primary money, \$7,125.15; tuition, \$9,694.07; voted tax, \$30,442.38; bond No. 5, \$13,000; loan, \$3,000; delinquent tax, \$3,271.40; text books, \$1,552.09.

Total receipts were \$70,557.11, exceeding expenditures by \$26.25, plus receipts of \$1,115.75 from bond No. 5, and \$238.57 from November school.

Members of the Board anticipate that the expenses will be smaller during the coming year, due to the fact that an exceptionally large amount of cleaning and painting was done during the summer a year ago. The school buildings are at present regarded to be in splendid condition, requiring no considerable amount of work to be in shape for re-opening of school in September.

Mrs. Roos, Mrs. Lee and Arthur Lamb were designated a committee to take charge of painting and other work on the interior. The Board voted to dispense with the August meeting, as has been the custom in the past.

## COMPLY WITH ORDINANCE

City officials report that residents are complying with the sanitary ordinance which went into effect June 1. Numerous property owners are putting in the required water connections, to comply with the ordinance, and others have signified their intention of doing so very soon.

## Truckload Of Colored Boys Have A "Pre-Picnic" At Clarenceville

Two dozen young colored lads not long out of the "pikanniny" stage in life, "had a picnic" in a Clarenceville drug store, while on their way to another picnic Monday morning. But had they been a little bit older, they might have had a vacation, too, in a shady spot not of their own choosing—one shady spot for each.

They came out Grand River avenue in a stake-body truck Monday morning, all gayety, and just a bit thirsty as they approached the Eight-Mile road crossing. So they stopped for refreshment at the drug store. It was quite a crowd, and the soda fountain, even though only about half the party could get to the fountain at a time.

## Pierce Chosen Head Of County Bankers

Friends of Edgar S. Pierce, cashier of the Farmington State Savings Bank, are congratulating him on the honor he received Wednesday evening when he was elected president of the Oakland County Bankers' Association. There have been but two other presidents of the Association, which includes about 125 bankers from all over Oakland County.

The meeting, attended by 86, took place at Indianwood Golf and Country Club near Orion.

## Saved A 10-Year Term By Victim

Youth Convicted Of Biting Woman Motorist Starts Serving 90 Days

Saved from a possible prison sentence of 10 years because his victim did not wish to appear in Circuit Court, Robert Page, 20, of Detroit, has begun a sentence of 90 days in the County Jail imposed after he had admitted biting a woman motorist who had stopped to give him a ride on Grand River avenue at Smith's Hill, west of Farmington.

Page was captured at Walled Lake by Deputies William Tamm, John McIlroy and Floyd Harger after his victim, Mrs. Blanche O'Dell, 36, had come to the Smith Drug Store in Farmington for treatment. The three drove to Walled Lake at a fast pace and came upon Page just as he was alighting from another car, the owner of which had also given him a ride. He was identified by Mrs. O'Dell.

Mrs. O'Dell, wife of a Detroit fireman and mother of three children, was driving east of Grand River Tuesday afternoon when Page, who was well-dressed, hailed her. She stopped and he entered the car. A moment later he asked her to take him to Walled Lake. Mrs. O'Dell told him that she could not, because she was on her way to Detroit, and then ordered him to leave the car, because she did not like his attitude.

At this, Page pulled the keys from the car, as Mrs. O'Dell remonstrated with him, he hit her upon the arm and body. Mrs. O'Dell, seeing that struggling was useless, pleaded with him to let her alone and allow her to go to Detroit. Page, according to police, finally agreed, providing she would say nothing of what had happened.

Mrs. O'Dell then drove to a gas station entrance where Page left the car. Then she drove to the Smith store in Farmington.

Within a short time after the incident was reported, Page was arraigned before Judge John J. Schulte, Jr., of Farmington. Mrs. O'Dell, desiring to avoid the publicity which prosecution of Page for felony might bring, expressed willingness to have him tried on a lesser charge.

## Township Adopts \$55,000 Budget For Coming Year

Sinking Fund For Road Repair Is Created; Salaries Set As In Past Year

Adoption of a budget for the coming year, and creation of a sinking fund for road repair work was accomplished by the Farmington Township Board at its meeting Tuesday evening. Salaries of Township officials were also decided on.

The Board voted to raise a total of \$55,000 for the coming year. Of this amount, \$20,000 will be used in road repair work, \$5,000 to start a sinking fund and \$30,000 for the contingent, or general fund.

Establishment of the sinking fund is made imperative, Supervisor Harry McCracken stated to other members of the Board, by conditions arising largely out of the great amount of return taxes, which has bothered every community and school district in this section. In the past, there has been just enough money raised to get by. Mr. McCracken said, and the fact that the Township was unable to collect a considerable portion of taxes each year has resulted in a shortage.

At present, Mr. McCracken pointed out, there is an overdraft of \$16,000 in the road repair fund, and the sinking fund started this year is designed to gradually wipe out this deficit.

According to figures given at the meeting, the Township would be in excellent financial condition if delinquent taxes could be collected. These taxes just about equal the amount of the Township's indebtedness to banks, \$40,000.

Of the \$55,000 to be raised, a sizeable portion will be coming in to the Township in the form of return tax during the year.

## Salaries Unchanged

Salaries of all Township officials were set at the same figure as for the past years; supervisor, \$2,500, with \$1,300 for clerk hire and \$700 for expenses; clerk, \$1,500 and \$100 for expenses; highway commissioner, 80 cents per hour and \$300 for expenses; treasurer, \$1,700.

Justice Walter Headerle, new member of the Board, attended his first meeting Tuesday evening.

## WEST POINT PARK MEETS LEADER OF LEAGUE ON SUNDAY

Hamtramck Coming To Seven-Mile Diamond; Hard-Fought Game Expected

West Point Park's baseball team will make another attempt to conquer the fast City of Hamtramck squad next Sunday, in a contest to be played at West Point Park. Hamtramck has been the hardest opposition for West Point Park this season.

The visiting team won the league leadership in the first half of the schedule. West Point Park was close behind, having lost only two games, while Hamtramck lost but one. The second half of the league schedule started last Sunday, next Sunday's game being the second in the latter-act of the schedule.

West Point Park lost to Northville last Sunday, 10 to 2, in a game that was harder fought than the score indicates. West Point Park hit the ball hard throughout the game, but almost every time the ball went directly into a fielder's hands. The game was played at Northville. Goers and Henrion pitched for West Point Park, Johnson for Northville.

A number of West Point Park players out of the game due to illness recently, have returned and the club is regarded as having a good chance for the league leadership in the last half of the season.