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Board Acts For Better Lunches At The School

Entire Revenue To Be Used For Food This Year; Athletic Field Expense Curtailed

A move to provide better food for the children in Farmington schools at no increase in cost, was made by the Board of Education at its September meeting last Thursday evening. As the result of the Board's action, all of the money paid by pupils for their lunches will go into food, and salaries of hired help in the preparation of food will be paid by the School District.

The Board discussed the matter at length, and passed unanimously a motion instructing the teacher in charge of the pay for outside help was not to be taken from revenue coming from the students. The motion also mentioned that provided that the aim be to "provide substantial food at moderate cost."

During the discussion, it developed that a woman resident living near the school was said to be planning a luncheon, especially for school students.

Expenditures for the school athletic field are to be curtailed by the Board, and further work during the present year will be only that which is absolutely necessary in order to keep the field in its present condition. Members of the Board expressed themselves as desirous of holding the cost down as low as possible.

Supt. R. B. Baker recommended that a dike be built, by transfers of earth from another part of the field, in order to prevent a recurrence of damage which was done last year. The creek broke through this new bank along the new channel and flowed in the old bed due to pressure of ice, Mr. Baker stated, and repetition might result in considerable trouble and damage to the field. The Board instructed Supt. Baker to obtain bids on the building of the dike and report to the Board.

Ask Police Officer: Protection of school children was discussed by the Board, and it was voted to ask the City Commission to arrange for stationing a police officer at School street and Grand River four times a day, when the smaller children are between school and their homes.

The Board decided that high school students should not be counted to become members of the student council. The annual appropriation to the council of \$350 for athletics was voted.

The Board also voted to order needed furnace repairs, at a cost of \$691.

FUNERAL SERVICE TO BE HELD FOR MRS. W. FRENCH

Resident Of North Farmington Dies After Illness Of Four Months

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon for Mrs. Walter French of North Farmington, who passed away Wednesday morning at her home. Mrs. French was 44 years of age. Four months of ill-health preceded Mrs. French's death. She leaves her husband, a son, Isaac James, two brothers, Isaac Bond of North Farmington and Fred M. Bond of South Bend, Wash., and a host of friends.

Mrs. French was a graduate of Farmington High School and Detroit Business University. She was a member of Farmington Chapter, No. 239, O. E. S. Services will be at 2 o'clock Friday at the home. Burial will be in North Farmington Cemetery.

DETROIT MASONS WILL VISIT IN FARMINGTON

An unusual event among Farmington Masons is scheduled for next Monday evening when Tyrian Lodge of Detroit will come to Farmington to work. A large turnout of Farmington members is expected.

Work will begin at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and supper will be served at 6:30 p. m.

Old Landmark Gone In Uptown Section

After some delay, the new owners of the Collins property on the north side of Grand River avenue Wednesday morning sent a crew of men to tear down the old one-story building and make room for the modern structure planned. It was expected that all of the old timbers would be torn down by Thursday evening.

Reports are to the effect that the new building will be one story high, but at present, instead of two, as was first said to be the plan.

Father Of Five Attempts Suicide

Served With Divorce Summons, Township Man Cuts Throat With Razor, In Jail

A few hours after he had been served with papers in a divorce suit filed by his wife in Detroit, Glen Randall, 52, of Robinson avenue, Farmington, Township, attempted to end his life by slashing his throat with a razor. Police who were called to the Randall home believe the man was crazed by liquor.

Deputy Sheriff Lee Doyle and City Officer Thomas Armstrong, who responded to an alarm found Randall at the home of neighbors. A slash about an inch and a half long had been cut in his throat. The man was treated by a physician and lodged in the County Jail, awaiting examination.

Randall is the father of five children. Three were living with him at the Robinson-avenue home and two are with the mother in Detroit. Officers are endeavoring to locate Mrs. Randall. She is reported to have left for Detroit a few weeks ago.

Randall was formerly employed in Farmington.

CAST ANNOUNCED FOR WOMANLESS WEDDING COMEDY

Seventy Farmington Men To Take Part, R. B. Baker To Be Bride

A wedding which will undoubtedly be one of the greatest social and dramatic events of the season will take place on the stage of the Town Hall on the evenings of September 26 and 27, when Miss Ralph B. Baker is given in marriage by her father, Adolph Nacker, before what is expected to be one of the most brilliant gatherings ever brought together for such an event in Farmington.

No detail of a real wedding is being overlooked and some never before seen at a wedding are being introduced. Reserved seats will be on sale at F. L. Cook & Co.'s store Saturday.

With the exception of the groom whose identity is being kept a dark secret until the moment of the play, the entire cast follows: Butler—F. D. Fleming; Punch Girls—Johnny Lapham, Frances Drake; Present Takers—Philip McCaffrey, Ivan Cox; Bride's Weeping Mother—John J. Schulte; Bride's Comforting Father—Adolph Nacker; Bad Little Brothers—Olin Russell, Bernard Banfield, Ike Rosenstein; Harrison Johnson; Bride's Grandmother—Joseph Himmelspach; Bride's Grandfather—Wm. Way; Uncle from Hickville—D. F. Hamlin; Aunt from Hickville—Harold Grace; Little Twin Sisters—Earl McManus; Groom's Haughty Mother—Mary Pickford; Groom's Haughty Father—B. Storms; Groom's Haughty Sister—Kenneth Biebee; The Kentucky Colonel—F. P. Owen; His Lady—George K. Chetkett; His Son—Savva D. Harper; His Daughter—F. Owen; His Daughter—F. Owen; His Daughter—F. Owen.

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Doyle Petition With 250 Names Going To Sheriff

American Legion Post Sends Resolution On Situation, Asking For Statement

Petitions bearing the names of 250 citizens of Farmington Township and City asking that Deputy Sheriff Lee Doyle be retained at Farmington, will be filed with Sheriff Frank Schram of Oakland County within a few days. Copies of the petition are being type-written, to be filed with the sheriff, along with the original papers on which the signatures appear.

Those circulating the petitions say that they met with favorable response in every quarter. Only two men, one in the City and one in the Township, are reported to have declined to sign.

Legion Acts: Meanwhile Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion has been active in the matter. Last Thursday evening members of the Post adopted a resolution, asking Sheriff Schram to come to Farmington and go over the situation with them, explaining the reason for the request for Deputy Doyle's retention. The Sheriff is reported to have told the Post representative that if a committee of Legionnaires wish to come to Pontiac with Deputy Doyle, he would make clear his reasons and substantiate the reasons back of the request that Doyle resign. He is said to have refused, however, to come to Farmington about the matter, as requested in the petition.

Deputy Doyle has not yet filed a resignation, so far as is known. The time set for the resignation is before October 1.

NEW BAKE SHOP WILL BE OPENED SEPTEMBER 28th

Equipment To Be Placed Next Week For Farmington Bakery

Within another ten days the Farmington Bakery, owned by A. L. Ross, will be in its new home on Grand River, just next to the Farmington postoffice. Workmen are busy rushing alterations in the new location and removal will be undertaken the latter part of the week.

Mr. Ross plans to open his new shop for business on Saturday, September 21. His new place will be a model bakery with the latest in equipment and sales facilities. It will be Farmington's first modern bakery. Mr. Ross has occupied his present location in the Farmington Improvement Co. building since coming to Farmington six years ago. The new shop will provide greatly increased floor-space and will care for his extensive business.

\$25 A Bushel They Pay—For No Apples

Three raids on the Tibbits orchard, Tibbits road, within a few hours Sunday ended disastrously for every one of the raiding parties.

NEW MILK ORDINANCE SUGGESTED BY CITIZEN

An ordinance which would require that all milk sold in the City of Farmington be pasteurized is suggested by a citizen, according to Commissioner Carl G. Hogie, who reported the suggestion to the Commission Monday evening that this suggestion had been made to him. The governing body voted to instruct City Clerk N. H. Power to write to the Michigan Municipal League and ask for information as to the practice in other Michigan towns of about the size of Farmington.

Miss Nettie Hadley of Detroit, who was with the city clerk, said she had written to the Michigan Municipal League.

Estimated Tax For Farmington Drain Is Given

City Officials Calculate Cost As \$9 Per Year Per Lot On 30-Year Basis

Probable assessments for the proposed Farmington Storm Sewer were revealed to members of the Farmington City Commission at a number of citizens Monday evening by County Drain Commissioner Arthur W. Spencer and two assistants N. W. Straight and L. Carl Beers.

According to calculations of City officials, the construction cost would necessitate an assessment of about \$9 per lot per year for the average city lot, 60x100, for the 30-year period which is allowed on drainage projects. In the Township, the cost for construction work would bring assessments of about \$11.80 per acre per year, or about \$54 a cent in all.

These amounts are for construction only. Interest on the bonds would, on a 30-year basis, amount to about equal the construction cost. The total cost would thus be about \$18 per year in the City, and about \$700 an acre within the drainage area in the Township.

Practically all of the City is included in the drainage area, and much of the lower part of the Township.

No Disposal Plant

Some surprise was expressed by one or two citizens on learning that the proposed system, the total cost of which is estimated at about \$900,000, does not include a disposal plant, necessary at this time, and that the proposed sewer would be so built as to permit easy connection with a big disposal plant to the south, if such is constructed some day. "Later there will be more people in this sewer to help pay the added cost," he said. "But the population is not large enough at present to require such a plant."

About \$400,000 of the total cost is for the trunk-line sewer. Mr. Straight said that this was very low for a line of that kind. Commissioner Carl Hogie asked whether, if Farmington did not favor going ahead with the \$900,000 drain, the situation would be the same before that is, if the City would be benefited to help pay for the original Lining Drain. Mr. Hogie declared that under the earlier plan, "the City would have had to help pay for a \$300,000 drain, and get nothing, whereas this sewer we at least get some benefit."

Assess By Benefit

Vacant lots are assessed the same as improved property, the drain office men said. Five-sixths of the cost would be dependent on the size of the lot and the benefits, while one-sixth is levied according to valuation, by taxation at large.

A table showing how the cost would be divided, by percentages and in dollars and cents, is printed on page eight.

The amount that would be assessed against each lot in the City, under the estimate of \$900,000, has been computed by the drain officials. A number of citizens who gave their lot numbers were given their probable assessments Monday evening.

Miss M. Walling New Epworth-League Head

Plans are being made for an installation party by the Epworth League of Farmington Methodist Church, which on Sunday held its annual election of officers. Miss M. Marie Walling was chosen president.

The date of the party will be announced soon. Other officers elected Sunday are: first vice-president, Effie Seger; second vice-president, Peterson; third vice-president, Florence; fourth vice-president, Mildred Stanley; secretary and treasurer, Harold Chamberlain.

About 35 attended the Auxiliary meeting held at the home of Mrs. Mary Carey Tuesday.

Legal Battle Against City Sanitary Ordinance Begun

Strong Opposition To Measure Develops When Five Property-Owners Are Summoned To Court; Attorneys Engaged For Trial

A vigorous struggle in court against enforcement of the City of Farmington's sanitary ordinance is anticipated within the next few days, when four property-owners against whom complaints have been filed will appear in answer to summonses. The four have indicated that they will contest the measure and at least two have retained counsel to defend them.

They Find Cut-off An Aid To Travel

The Cut-off road has already been found very handy by someone, for they used it to get somewhere. Seventy gallons of gasoline, six gallons of engine oil, and two shovels were stolen by intruders who broke into a two-story house located on the new route, just south of Farmington Junction. No trace of the thieves has been found. They apparently used old Grand River to escape.

Mrs. S. Keith, 85 Taken By Death

Old Resident Succumbs To Age At Home Of Son In Farmington

Death removed another of Farmington's older residents when Mrs. Sarah Keith passed away at the home of her son, Alex Keith, on Grand River avenue in Farmington Wednesday night. Death was due to old age. Mrs. Keith was 85 years old, and until her last illness had been exceptionally active for her age. Until recent months she and enjoyed spending her days, but last winter suffered an illness which became acute about three weeks ago.

Mrs. Keith, who was Sarah Littlejohn, was born in Aberdeen, Scotland. She was married to Francis Mairs at the age of 24, and at 26 came with her husband to Canada. Mr. Mairs died there about 52 years ago. In 1879 she was married to Alexander Keith. They moved to Walled Lake in about 1889. Mrs. Keith died at Walled Lake in 1909.

MOTOR ACCIDENT BRINGS CHARGE OF HOUSE BURGLARY

Brothers Discovered With Load Household Effects, Arrested Here

Two brothers bound toward Detroit Tuesday with a loaded car met misfortune when they struck another automobile, the driver of which reported the accident to Deputy Sheriff William Tamm. Deputy Tamm, who found the car when it arrived in Farmington and discovered a great variety of household articles. The occupants of the car, Frank and Louis Gornory were charged with drunkenness. Communication with Livingston County authorities brought the information that they were suspected of being the burglars who entered a house between Riverton and Milford and ransacked it.

FIRST GAME FOR TROPHY WON BY WEST POINT PARK

Fans Get Thrill With Bases Full In Tie Ninth Inning; Goers Pitches Well

In one of the most exciting baseball games played in this section in years, West Point Park won the first of three games for the Inter-County League championship last Sunday, defeating Hamtramck 5 to 4. The spectators enjoyed the thrill of "bases full in the ninth" and the home supporters had the pleasure of seeing the game saved when the player with the tying run was thrown out at the plate by a foot.

Carl Goers pitched an excellent game for West Point Park, turning back Hamtramck's sluggers when the need arose. West Point Park was able to hit at opportune moments, Harley Catherman especially, featuring with his hitting. One of the largest crowds ever at West Point Park saw the game.

Next Sunday the two teams will play at Hamtramck. A victory for West Point Park will give it the trophy, while a Hamtramck triumph will level the series. A large number of local fans are expected to see the game at Hamtramck.

All four trials have been set for Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, before Municipal Judge John J. Schulte. It is considered likely that adjournments will be asked by attorneys for some of the defendants, to enable them to examine the ordinance and prepare their cases.

Clarence K. Patterson of Pontiac, a member of the firm of Patterson and Patterson, has been engaged to appear for the City.

Five property-owners appeared last Saturday before Judge Schulte, in response to summonses issued June 20th. One pleaded guilty and was given until Saturday of this week to comply with the ordinance, without penalty being imposed. The others indicated they would contest the complaints.

The summonses were issued on June 20th, the ordinance having been effective June 1. It is City Ordinance C-123, and was passed on final reading on June 18, 1928. Its first reading was on June 4, 1928, two weeks earlier.

In Center Of Town Constable Earl Pettibone served the summonses, returnable Saturday, September 14. The properties affected are all located near the center of town.

It is believed that the attorneys for the defendants will base their defense largely on a claim that the City itself has not at present facilities such as to enable the municipality to require compliance with the ordinance. This point is expected to be given greater attention than possible flaws in the ordinance.

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A breaking on entering charge was filed by Livingston County authorities.

Asks Township For Water In Subdivision

A request that Farmington Township install water in Roseland Park subdivision on Farmington road was made at the meeting of the Township Board Tuesday evening by F. Devere Fleming, owner of the subdivision. Mr. Fleming's proposal was that the Township issue bonds to cover the cost of the work and assess the property benefited for the improvement.

Mr. Fleming was accompanied by George H. Ruhling, engineer. It is understood that the water would be furnished by wells to be dug nearby.

No action was taken by the Board on the matter.

Mrs. John Graham Sr. is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Van Geason at Pontiac. Mrs. Van Geason is better known as Miss Mary Marshall, granddaughter of Mrs. Graham.