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Hearing Monday Night On Sewer Plans For City

Citizens Asked To Attend Commission Meeting And Discuss System Proposed

Farmington citizens are asked to be present Monday night at the meeting of the City Commission and discuss with the Commission the plans submitted for the construction of necessary sewers in the City. The meeting is to start at 7:30 p. m.

Blue prints showing the plans in detail, and figures indicating the size of trunk lines and estimated costs, will be provided.

The "Plan No. 2," that most favored as the least costly, provides for a new main trunk line sewer on Grand River avenue from River Rouge west to the Ford Garage, the sizes decreasing from 45 down to 24 inches. It also provides a south trunk, westward from the River Rouge to Maple street, with a Maple lateral.

Low prevailing bids and State participation, would, it is expected, bring this figure down considerably.

"Plan No. 1," providing more extensively for future development, would provide a somewhat smaller trunk line on Grand River, and provide the drainage through a large south trunk running west from River Rouge, south of Grand River to Farmington road and north to Orchard street. This trunk would be 45 inches, 42 and 33 in diameter. Other details are practically the same as the No. 2 plan. The cost of No. 1 plan is estimated at \$76,000.

LARGE GATHERING AT SERVICES FOR THOMAS IRVING

Masonic Lodge Conducts Rites At Home On Nine-Mile Road; Burial At Oakwood

One of the largest funerals in this section in recent months was that of Thomas L. Irving, held Saturday afternoon at his home on Nine-Mile road west of Farmington road. Masons of Farmington Lodge No. 151 F. & A. M. were in charge of the services.

Rev. Frank D. Adams of the Universalist Church officiated. Burial took place in Oakwood Cemetery, beside the grave of Mr. Irving's wife, who died some years ago. Mr. Irving's burial took place on the anniversary of his wedding.

Mr. Irving was born in Woolwich, England, January 25, 1855. He was married to Alice Ferber March 8, 1874. Two sons were born, Emmett, who died in 1923, and Thomas Durward, a resident of Tulsa, Okla. A grandson, Lemuel, made his home with Mr. Irving, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Lenore Hollis, lives in Ann Arbor. Both are children of Mr. Irving's eldest son, Emmett.

Mr. Irving for years operated a machine shop in Farmington, on the site of the residence of Dr. J. A. Miller on Grand River avenue.

Tickets Go On Sale For Minstrel Show

Tickets were distributed this week for the minstrel show which will be presented next Wednesday evening, March 19, in Methodist Community Hall, under auspices of Farmington Masonic Lodge. The company is the Dr. S. R. Minstrels, including 50 people.

Tickets after Friday morning may be obtained at the F. L. Cook and Co. store, and Farmington Bakery. There are no reserved seats.

Needed Frontage On Grand River Acquired

All required frontage for the widening of Grand River in Farmington with the exception of seven lots has been acquired by the State Highway Department, it was reported this week.

Closing of negotiations for the frontage of one of the largest parcels, on which the State men have worked for months, occurred during the past week. It is expected that construction along the south side will begin early in the season.

Recount Adds To Goers' Majority

Graham Cuts Down Opponents' Margin In Precinct No. 2. But Remains Behind

Although he managed to cut down the lead of his successful opponent for Farmington Township Highway Commissioner in Precinct No. 2 at the recount on Tuesday, Joseph Graham, former commissioner, was unable to overcome Clayton Goers' lead and the recount added to Mr. Goers' majority. Throwing out of ballots in both precincts by the Township Board apparently affected the figures.

Mr. Graham gained seven votes in his opponent's precinct, the count standing 251 to 67, instead of 264 to 73, as the election board reported. However, Mr. Graham, due undoubtedly to throwing out of 32 additional ballots in his precinct No. 1, lost 24 votes here, the count being 244 to 128, as compared with the first tally of 273 to 133.

The final totals were 379 to 311. Mr. Goers' margin being increased from 51 to 63.

FARMINGTON MEN ARE CLUB GUESTS

Exchanges Attend Meeting Of Northville Business-Men, Hear Lansing School Head

Farmington Exchange Club members enjoyed a joint meeting with members of the Northville Exchanges Wednesday noon, the Northville business-men being hosts to Farmington club members.

Dinner was served in the Northville Methodist Church, and was followed by community singing and an address by Superintendent of Schools Jay Sexton of Lansing. His talk on "What Does Education Mean?" was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Most of the Farmington members renewed old acquaintances Northville friends, and all met a number of new acquaintances among the business-men there.

TO KISS 'BLARNEY STONE' AT PARTY OF O. E. S. TUESDAY

Fortune-Telling, Dancing, Luncheon To Be Features Of St. Patrick's Affair.

One of the outstanding social events of the year in Farmington is planned by Farmington Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, for next Tuesday evening. The event will be a St. Patrick's party, in Farmington Town Hall.

Besides music and dancing, a number of novel features are promised. One may have his fortune foretold by a fortune-teller of uncanny vision and accuracy. There will be also an opportunity for everyone to "kiss the blarney stone."

Luncheon will be served during the evening by members of the chapter. Everyone is invited to attend, whether affiliated with the chapter or not. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

Motion To Name Crawford Beaten At Board Session

Public Again Excluded As Board Goes Into Executive Session

By a vote of three to two, the Farmington Board of Education Tuesday evening voted to offer the position of superintendent of schools to John Dalrymple, formerly of the Penton Schools. Mr. Dalrymple at first stated he would not accept the position unless he was the unanimous choice of the Board, but later agreed to consider the matter and inform the Board of his decision. His salary is to be \$3,500.

Mr. Dalrymple was a new candidate, not having been among the seven left after the last meeting of the Board. He is studying at Ann Arbor at present.

Farmington's Board of Education again ruled residents of the district out of its meeting Thursday evening after a hectic preliminary in which a motion to appoint Principal A. L. Crawford was voted down, 3 to 2, and another motion was declared out of order by the President, Mrs. Blanche Roos.

A score of residents of the District were on hand when the meeting opened. Routine business was disposed of, including minutes of the special meetings during the past month.

Mrs. Roos then stated that the Board's remaining business was the elimination of candidates, and that no discussion was heard at the last meeting, but that she would entertain a motion to go into executive session. Mrs. Roos asked the secretary, Mrs. Florence Lee, to read a letter from C. L. Gardner, of the State Department. This letter reiterated the viewpoint of a letter published two weeks ago. State Man Here

Trustee Lloyd Gullick then stated that he had not at any time opposed executive session, but that he believed any action taken in secret session must be ratified at an open meeting later. Mrs. Roos then stated that it had been arranged that a representative of the State Department of Education be present and state the law. She called on Wayne Price of the State Department.

Mr. Price upheld the Board's right of secret session, and the right to take action in closed session. He stated that he believed it the duty of the Board to keep the public fully informed as to its conduct of school affairs.

Mrs. Roos then said a motion to go into executive session was in order. Trustee Lloyd Gullick arose and offered a motion that any action which may have been taken by the Board in regard to educational qualifications be rescinded and that A. R. Crawford be tendered a contract for the ensuing school year at \$3,000 a year.

Trustee Arthur Lamb supported the motion. Trustee F. T. Macomber objected to two intentions in one motion, but Trustee Gullick called the question. Trustee Gullick and Lamb voted "yes," and Mrs. Roos, Mrs. Lee and Trustee Macomber "no."

Motion Ruled Out

Trustee Gullick then offered another motion, stating that he believed every effort should be made to induce Mr. Crawford to remain as principal, "since it is very evident that he cannot be elected superintendent," and that under the right conditions he would be provided and carried under to stay. Here he moved that the Board appoint Otto Heber, assistant superintendent of the Royal Oak Schools, as superintendent and Mr. Crawford as principal. Mrs. Roos declared this motion was out of order because it was unfair to the other candidates, and did not put the motion, but called for the motion to go into executive session, which was provided and carried by the votes of Mrs. Roos, Mrs. Lee, and Mr. Macomber.

At this point Mr. Gullick suggested that as the public had shown interest, it might be that someone among the voters present might wish to have something to say. "None of them have anything to say," answered Mrs. Roos. "There is no one in this building who has anything to say unless they are a member of the board. We have voted to go into executive session and now we'll have a recess for five minutes. We are now in recess." The men and women present left the room, and after a few minutes the Board members reassembled in the library and continued in secret session, interviewing the candidates one by one.

Took A Washington Trip 25 Years Ago

Farmington High School seniors are eagerly awaiting their trip to Washington. While it is only in recent years that these trips became widely popular, at least one Washington trip was taken many years ago by school pupils.

In its "25 years ago" column, the Michigan Education Journal in its recent issue includes this item: "Ten Michigan school boys are to accompany Governor Warner's party to Washington and witness the inauguration ceremonies."

Parleys On Town Hall Are Ended

Second Effort To Settle Question By Conferences Meets With No Success

The second effort within two years to reach an understanding on the ownership and disposition of the Farmington Town Hall came to naught Wednesday evening. Officials and representatives of Farmington Masonic Lodge met in the office of the Warner Dairy Co. and after a report that the Lodge had voted not to make an offer for the property, the meeting adjourned.

All four members of the Farmington Township Board were present and three representatives of the Lodge. Supervisor Harry N. McCracken presided. The City was not represented.

William Jay reported the action of the Lodge; other representatives of the order present being A. L. Ross and Howard Bond. No announcement has been made by any of the interested parties as to what the next step might be.

The previous attempt to arrive at a basis for settlement was through appointment of committees of citizens. After a series of meetings, their endeavors were concluded without success, about a year and a half ago.

FARMINGTON BOYS BEAT NEW HUDSON, BUT GIRLS LOSE

Alumnae Meet First Defeat At Hands Of New Hudson On Home Floor

Farmington High School Alumnae basketball team met their first defeat of the season Tuesday evening in Farmington gymnasium, when they bowed to a New Hudson girls' team. The score was 27 to 20. During the game Avis Goers suffered an injury to her ankle, which is not serious. She is expected to be able to play again next week.

The game played by the boys Tuesday evening in the same gymnasium resulted in a hard-won victory, the Northwest A. C. team defeating the New Hudson male aggregation, 18 to 16.

Next Tuesday evening two games will be played in the Farmington gymnasium. Northwest will meet the Redford Merchants' team while the girls' squad will clash with a Redford girls' club. Two hard games are anticipated.

IN DEPARTMENTS

Division of departments, has been necessitated by the Peoples State Bank of Farmington due to increase in business. New grill erected is attractive in appearance; Employees have been assigned to the various departments of work.

HEARINGS CONCLUDED

Hearings on claims in the estate of Herman Czenkusch were concluded Tuesday in the Farmington State Savings Bank by the Commissioners, M. B. Pietsch, and Harry N. McCracken. A large number of claims were disposed of.

Coe Wins In Recount By 3; 66 Ballots Are Thrown Out

New Tally By Township Board Before Attorneys Results In Loss By Both Candidates; Result Is 343 To 340

Farmington Township's tie vote for supervisor was decided Tuesday in a recount conducted by the Township Board. Arthur P. Coe winning by three votes over Supervisor Harry N. McCracken.



ARTHUR P. COE

As a result, Mr. Coe's name will go on the ballot at the April election as the Republican nominee.

The recount was decided upon as necessary, after the candidates had agreed last week that both should run in April. Prosecuting Attorney Norman C. Orr advised that the courts they wished to pursue was illegal, or at least hazardous. Mr. Orr advised that if both names appeared on the ballot and any voter wrote in the name of another man, the latter would be elected, since Mr. Coe's and Mr. McCracken's names would be on the ballot illegally.

A surprising feature of the recount was the fact that 56 ballots were thrown out because of markings upon them, and 30 were blank. Both candidates suffered by the rulings. The total of 86 was over 10 per cent of all ballots cast.

Stokes Case To Be Tried Friday

Suit Against Deputy For \$5,000 For Assault To Begin In Circuit Court

The suit of Alfred Lemerand of Farmington, for \$5,000 damages for assault, against Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes, formerly of the Farmington sheriff's booth, is scheduled to start Friday morning in Circuit Court at Pontiac. The suit grew out of an incident in the Farmington deputies' booth last January.

Harold Jorae, Chief of Police Lee Doyle of Farmington, who was a County deputy at the time the incident took place, Dr. G. F. Weaver, Farmington dentist, and William Pangborn of Farmington have been subpoenaed to appear as witnesses.

Lemerand charged that he was in the booth on the evening last January, on business relating to the theft of articles from the garage where he kept his car. He charges that Deputy Stokes entered and without provocation, struck him in the face. Lemerand claims that ten of his teeth were loosened, so badly as to necessitate removal, and that three already have been taken out.

Jorae and Chief Doyle were in the booth at the time. Dr. Weaver is Lemerand's dentist. Lemerand is 22 and has been employed by the Detroit Street Railway Commission.

The incident was followed by an investigation by Sheriff Frank Schram. Later, he transferred Deputy Stokes to Pontiac. The latter still makes his home in Farmington.

"KEMPY" IS READY FOR SHOWING AT THE TOWN HALL

Rehearsals And Technical Work Finished For Three-Act Comedy

Rehearsals are completed for "Kempy," Farmington Players' comedy which will be presented Friday and Saturday evenings of this week in Farmington Town Hall.

Preparations for the staging of the play are also completed. Hayward Selow as stage manager, William Paulina is technical director, Adaline Wixom bookholder, and Mrs. E. O. Hutton is in charge of costumes.

The action occurs during the afternoon, evening and at midnight in an American home, not far from New York. Between acts, music will be rendered by Lloyd Pierson with his new vibraphone.

Reserved seats tickets are on sale at F. L. Cook & Co. store.

North Farmington Cemetery Auxiliary's meeting scheduled for March 18 has been postponed to March 25. It will be held in West Bloomfield Town Hall.

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The Township Board was represented at the recount by Prosecutor Norman Orr, Supervisor McCracken by James H. Lynch and Mr. Coe by Howard Bond.

Precinct No. 2 was counted first, 348 ballots being cast. Of the 348 ballots cast there, 25 were blank for supervisor. Ten were found marked with red pencil. Justice Walter Headerle, who was on the election board, explained that these ten ballots had been sent out as absent voters' ballots to sick persons, and the red pencil had been put on them in order to enable the Board to keep these ballots distinct. The attorneys agreed that these ballots were void. Eleven more were thrown out, due to other markings.

The result was a count of 169 for Mr. Coe to 135 for Mr. McCracken, a margin of 34. This represented a gain of 9 for Mr. McCracken over the first count.

Many Are Void In Precinct No. 1, where 421 ballots were cast, seven were blank. Three ballots had been cast out by the election inspectors as bad, but the attorneys and the Township Board threw out 32 additional ballots, the final count showing 205 for Mr. McCracken and 174 for Mr. Coe, a margin of 31, which was overcome by Mr. Coe's majority of 34 in Precinct No. 2. Mr. McCracken lost 22 of the 32 additional ballots thrown out in Precinct No. 1, and Mr. Coe lost 10.

Inspection Close

The ballots were inspected and counted by Willard Campbell and Justices Ward Eagle and Walter Headerle, of the Township Board in such a way that each man saw and counted every ballot. Supervisor McCracken did not sit as a member of the Board. Questioned ballots were laid aside and discussed later.

The attorneys agreed that in order that they might discuss the ballots impartially, the names were to be covered with a card while the ballot was under discussion. This was done by Mr. Campbell.

Rulings made indicated the care with which ballots must be marked by voters. If they are not to be voided, precautions of an ink general were regarded unfavorably since the voter can always ask for a new ballot. Votes marked with a black pencil were held good. Three ballots in Precinct No. 1 on which there were figures in light pencil marking on top of the ballots were all thrown out although attorneys agreed that this was probably done by the election inspectors. They ruled, however, that the Board could not go outside the ballot to determine the intent of the voter.

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