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Township Retains Lawyer On Town Hall Question

James H. Lynch Of Pontiac Retained By Governing Body; Hope For Settlement

Following failure last week of an attempt by officials to settle the question of ownership of the town hall, Farmington Township officials have retained James H. Lynch of Pontiac, to represent the Township's interests in the matter henceforth.

It is understood that Mr. Lynch has begun to gather all available data on the matter. The engaging of Mr. Lynch as attorney for the Township was authorized by a resolution passed at the Township Board meeting Tuesday evening.

The resolution authorized Supervisor Harry McCracken and Clerk Willard Campbell to retain Mr. Lynch and also to start any litigation that might be deemed advisable. It was passed unanimously.

The retaining of an attorney by the Township is not taken to mean that litigation is inevitable. Some hope remains among officials that a settlement may yet be obtained without taking the matter to court, although all previous efforts have been fruitless. "Could Have Hall"

Entries of a considerable amount of procedure by the Township Board in the purchase of the Hall property, and also the building of the Hall itself, has been located and was brought to the Township Board meeting by Supervisor McCracken Tuesday evening. One evening of less than 50 words was found, which seemed to throw much light on the circumstances existing at the time. It is thought quite possible that these few words might eventually have an important bearing on the outcome of the question.

The entry, made by Frank Clark, then Township Clerk, in the minutes, reads as follows: "The Board made the following proposition to the Masonic fraternity of Farmington, if they would furnish said Township Board, with eleven hundred and fifty-three dollars (\$1153) they could have the second story of said Hall."

SCOUTS WILL BE GIVEN HONORS AT COURT FRIDAY

Merit Badges And Advancements To Be Presented In Farmington

Boy Scouts in this section will hold a Court of Honor in Farmington Tuesday, March 25 at the M. E. Church at Farmington. Clarenceville and Walled Lake Scouts will participate in this, the first district Court of Honor to be held in Oakland County.

Court Executive H. N. Watson, Commander Bones and other good speakers will be on the program, besides stunts by the Scouts. Merit badges, advancements, etc., will be presented at this meeting.

Parents of Scouts are given a special invitation to be at this meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Officers To Advance At O. E. S. Tuesday Eve

One of the most enjoyable events of the year for Farmington Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, is planned for Tuesday evening, March 25. It is the annual "advance officers night," when the worthy matron, Mrs. E. Middlewood will relinquish her chair and each of the other officers will advance one chair. Mrs. Kate Banfield will act as worthy matron. The last initiation of this Chapter year will take place on this occasion. Dinner will be served to the members prior to the Chapter work. Serving will begin at 6:30 p. m.

STORE HAS OPENING

A large gathering attended the opening of the new "Elm" store, Inc. in Farmington, formerly the Central Market, on Saturday, and received souvenirs of the opening. Mark Daines is in charge of the meat department and Carl Drake of the groceries.

School Trustee Causes Warrants To Be Issued For Woman Resident

The troubles of Farmington School District No. 5, which last week were carried to the State by members of the Board, this week were brought to the attention of the County, apparently completing the rounds of higher officials to whom appeals might be made and grievances told.

A week ago a majority of the Board brought to the regular meeting a representative of the State Department of Education, to support their policy of secret

Livonia Selects Its Candidates

Ziegler Re-Nominated For Ninth Term Without Opposition; Struggle For Road Job

At the largest caucus held in recent years in Livonia Township, voters of the Township Saturday afternoon selected their nominees for the coming election next month. Nomination is regarded as equivalent to election. The voters paid a handsome tribute to Supervisor Jesse Ziegler by nominating for a ninth term without opposition. Mr. Ziegler received 260 votes for the nomination, leading all candidates. He has been opposed only once in nine years.

Not far behind Mr. Ziegler was John Hanlon, who was given 250 votes, and had no opposition.

Two real contests appeared, for treasurer and highway commissioner. Herbert Livrance received 131 votes, James McNabb, 119 and Levi Clemens 37, to succeed the incumbent, Herbert Ziegler. No choice being made, a second ballot was taken. Livrance winning with 172, McNabb receiving 132.

Arthur Trapp was re-nominated for highway commissioner, receiving 234 votes to be for John Levandowski. Laverne Rowlett was nominated for justice of the peace for full term to succeed Levi Clemens, and Clarence Jones for three-year term. Don Ryder was re-nominated to the board of review. Carl Wacker, Charles Lute, Thomas Levandowski and George Wolfom were nominated for road overseers, and Albert Hersh, Charles Rice, Frank Day and Clayton Price for constables. Township committee members are Charles Wolfom, Joseph Grace, and Jesse Ziegler. Charles Wolfom presided at the caucus.

Funeral Service Is Held For Chas. Brown

Charles M. Brown, a well-known resident died at his home on Seven-Mile road Saturday evening. Mr. Brown was born in Battle Creek 77 years ago, and moved to a farm on Seven Mile road in 1910. Mr. Brown is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mina Smith of Farmington and Mrs. Clayton Strait of Battle Creek; one brother, Frank D. Brown, also of Battle Creek; a niece, Miss Fern Peck.

Funeral services were held for his late home Tuesday afternoon. Burial was in Dubuis Cemetery at Battle Creek.

Bible Class Elects Officers For Year

Mrs. M. B. Pierce pleasantly entertained nineteen members of the Progressive Bible Class on Tuesday evening. A special luncheon was served at 1 o'clock.

The annual meeting and election of officers followed. Plans for the coming year were made. The officers elected are:

Miss Meriah Andrews, president. Mrs. E. F. Holcomb, first vice president.

Mrs. H. N. McCracken, second vice president. Mrs. W. L. Chamberlain, secretary.

Mrs. M. B. Pierce, treasurer. Thanking Mrs. Pierce for her kind hospitality.

Glady M. Chamberlain, Sec.

STARTS THIRD YEAR

This week the Baptist Bulletin issued each week by the Farmington Baptist Church, begins "Vol. 3", starting on its third year. It is edited by Rev. E. W. Palmer.

meetings. This week one of them went to the Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney for redress of a grievance.

The aggrieved member is Trustee Frank T. Macomber, who this week brought about the issuance of warrants charging a resident of the District, Mrs. W. Allen Nelson, with malicious remarks and writing. The case is to be heard Friday afternoon in the court room in the City building at two o'clock, before Judge John J. Schulte.

The charges are based on remarks alleged to have been made in the hallway of the school building just before the Board closed the doors on the public and also in a letter. It is understood that the letter was not written to Mr. Macomber but was received by Mrs. Blancher Ross, president of the Board of Education. Mrs. Ross turned the letter over to Mr. Macomber.

Mr. Macomber appealed to Judge Schulte Monday for warrants but was advised that he would meet his request to the Prosecuting Attorney. Mr. Macomber went to Pontiac and the Prosecutor's office recommended that warrants issue and Judge Schulte issued them. Mrs. Nelson was asked to come to Judge Schulte's office Tuesday afternoon by Chief of Police Lee Dolye and the warrants were served there.

Mrs. Nelson is the wife of W. Allen Nelson who has been active in opposition to the holding of secret meetings by the Board. The Nelsons have six children all of whom attend the Farmington School.

Jury Summoned

Summones were issued for 18 prospective jurors living outside of Farmington Thursday morning. Judge Schulte stated that he believed that most of the residents of the City had discussed the case and many had probably formed opinions while others would be embarrassed if called.

It is expected that the Prosecutor Severance will present the case for prosecution. Mrs. Nelson's husband will conduct the defense. It is possible that his brother Walter Nelson of Detroit, a lawyer of State-wide reputation, may appear as counsel for Mrs. Nelson.

And the people of Farmington will be there, en masse. One citizen, at least, declared Thursday he not only plans to attend, but that he'll "be there with bells on."

FUNERAL IS HELD FOR GEORGE GUNN OF W. POINT PARK

Burial Takes Place At Grand Lawn Cemetery; Widow, Four Children Survive

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon for George Gunn, of West Point Park, who was taken ill in his automobile Sunday morning after having been missing since last Friday evening.

The deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Rose Gunn, four children, Carl, Betty, Lou, Robert 5 and Jackie 3, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gunn of Detroit, and three sisters, and two brothers. Rev. George Gulien officiated at funeral services which were followed by burial in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Gunn was 31 years old. He was a plumber and well-known throughout the community. He was last seen alive last Friday afternoon. When he failed to appear late Saturday, a search was begun. On Sunday morning, it was recalled that a car had been seen in the woods known as Harlow Woods more than a quarter of a mile from the Gunn residence.

Investigation resulted in the finding of Mr. Gunn's body in the rear seat of his car. He apparently had taken carbonic acid and had been dead 24 hours. He was said to have been despondent over financial troubles.

Carl Hogle left Tuesday evening for Edward J. C. Hospital, at Hines, Ill., where he will remain for two weeks, for observation and examination. At the end of that time he expects to visit his brother, James Hogle, at Illinois Military Academy.

Car Tracks On Grand River May Be Taken Away

Necessity Of Moving Tracks For Widening Threatens Car Service To Farmington

Continuance of street car and freight service to Farmington from Detroit may be lost as a result of the widening work on Grand River road next summer, according to a report made to the Farmington City Commission on Monday evening.

According to Commissioner Emory Hutton, the State Highway Department would like to have the tracks taken up and the road paved as a solid strip of cement, from the Eight Mile road into Farmington. The cost of moving the tracks into the center of the roadway, estimated at \$7,000 a mile, is regarded by the State as prohibitive, and there is no one to bear the expense. The Detroit Department of Street Railways would not be able to move the tracks and the successors to the Detroit United Railways would, it is understood, be glad to have the tracks taken up and receive what the Detroit City Commission regarded the situation as serious, and it was pointed out that the freight service was of even greater importance than the passenger facilities, since stock would be used for the latter. Substituting trucks for freight cars would increase the prices of all commodities brought to Farmington in the freight cars, it was stated.

Farmington officials and citizens saved the service at least temporarily last summer when they appealed to Detroit officials, and heavy trucks, of the type to carry freight cars, were laid on Grand River in Detroit. Instead of the lighter passenger rails, Mayor Arthur Lamb appointed Commissioners Otis Gilmeister and Hogle as a committee to endeavor to save the car service. The committee will call on citizens to add their influence in appeals to the officials.

NEW ROAD FUND PLAN IS ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP

System To Reduce Overdrafts, Give Each District Its Full Share, To Be Started

A new method of handling Farmington Township road repair funds, by which each road district will be assured of getting exactly the amount to which it is entitled, and which will at the same time enable the Township to reduce the existing overdraft, was adopted by the Township Board Tuesday evening.

The system to be put into effect will be the same as that used for handling school district money, received from return taxes.

For a number of years there has been an overdraft in the Township road fund, due to expending the full amount appropriated, while only a portion of the taxes levied were collected. A year ago the Township Board began its effort to reduce the overdraft, with the idea of eventually wiping it out entirely. Five thousand dollars was set aside as the first payment into a sinking fund with which the overdraft is eventually to be paid up. The Board also decided that no more money would be spent than was collected. This resulted in less work being possible on the Township roads during the past year. Under the new plan adopted on Tuesday night, each quarter will in time get its share of the road money. Within three years, the road fund should "catch up," so that a full appropriation can be used.

Under this plan, whenever money is received from return taxes, the portion which was raised for road tax will be put back into the fund. Part of the fund into which the property is located. An account will be started for each road district, the same as has been in practice for the various school districts. Hereafter, money received from return taxes has been put into the general fund.

The new plan was adopted by the Board by unanimous vote. The Board named Chauncey Gould, and George Backer as members of the election board.

City Will Vote April 28th On Sewer Plan Bond Issue

Special Election To Approve Proposed Construction Voted By City Commission; Amount Of Bond Issue Is To Be \$55,000

A sewer plan which will provide for the immediate needs of Farmington for the present and the immediate future, without placing a heavy burden upon the taxpayers, was approved by the City Commission Tuesday afternoon. It will be presented to the voters for their approval at a special election to be held on Monday, April 28.

Two Farmington Boys Among Six Honored

Two Farmington boys have recently won signal honors at Illinois Military Academy. They are James Hogle and Richard Cox.

Six honor students were selected from the 300 boys at the Academy. Farmington's two boys made up one-third of the six honored. They were decorated in recognition of their high standing by authorities of the school.

Takes School Job; New Rule Begun

Contract Given To John Dalrymple For Two Years As Superintendent

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Mr. Dalrymple's salary will be \$3,500 a year. All three members present, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Florence Lee, and Trustee Macomber, voted to issue the contract and signed it following the vote. Trustees Arthur Lamb and Lloyd Gulien were absent.

At the same time the Board inaugurated a new system of engaging teachers for the coming year. Heretofore, contracts were issued to the teachers, who affixed their signatures and returned them. At the request of Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Lee outlined the suggestion which she had to make regarding the teachers' contracts. Under the plan, the contracts will not be issued to the teachers, but a letter was to be taken around to each teacher, by the Clerk, giving notice that each must make application to the Board for a contract for next year.

This letter was to be taken around to the teachers Thursday, and the teachers notified that their applications for new contracts must be filed in the school library not later than next Monday afternoon, March 24. The positions of all teachers who do not so apply for contracts will be considered vacant. Adoption of this system was voted unanimously by the members present. It was stated that this system would give the Board two weeks' advantage in getting teachers for positions vacated by those who will not return.

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'GOLDEN ROCKET' TESTS ARE MADE IN FARMINGTON

Oakland Eight Sedan In Trials With Five Passengers Shows Fast Time

"Golden Rocket" tests of the new Oakland Eight were made in Farmington Wednesday afternoon with four Farmington business-men as observers and passengers. Tests were made for speed and acceleration.

Speed tests were made on Base Line road, following which the car made a fast round-trip run to New Hudson. The car was driven by C. H. Dunham, of J. T. Alcock, Inc.

The sedan made a mile in 58 seconds from a standing start, going east, and in 68 seconds on return. It covered a mile in 49 seconds with a flying start westward, and in 58.3-5 on the eastward trip. In acceleration tests, the car went from 0 to 25 miles an hour in 6.4-5 seconds; 10 to 25 miles in 10.4-5.5 to 25 miles in 9 seconds, and 40 to 80 miles an hour in 35 seconds.

On the trip to New Hudson, the car went to that town, came to a dead stop, turned around and returned, a distance of 24.1 miles, under ordinary road conditions, in 23 minutes, and 10 seconds. At times the speedometer showed 85 miles an hour.

Observers who rode in the car were Fred L. Cook, Emory Hutton, Harley Warner and H. Levins.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Caldwell of South Bend, Ind., en route to Grand Rapids, stopped Thursday morning at the home of Miss Boynton, Mrs. F. S. Sanford accompanying them to Grand Rapids.