

The Farmington Enterprise

Objections Made To 9-Mile Paving At Present Time

Business Conditions And High Taxes Cited As Reasons For Opposition

A number of objections to paving of the Nine Mile road from Southfield road to Grand River were presented Wednesday morning when a hearing of objections was held by the Oakland County Road Commission. It is expected that a decision will be made, whether to project, the early part of next week by the Commission.

About 25 people attended the hearing and half of that number filed objections to the improvement. Their reasons centered in two factors, present financial conditions and high taxes. The opposition appeared to be directed to paving "at the present time," with indications that in normal or prosperous times they would favor paving the road.

All of the objectors but one are residents of Southfield Township. William Albrecht lead in objecting, stating that "at the present time the people are not in condition to have the road put through here," and that "the cost of paving at the east end were sufficient."

Other objectors were Robert Churches, Mr. and Mrs. R. Spratt, James W. Hill, representing Plum Hollow Golf Club, Fannie Gray, Justin R. Jenks, Stephen Wright, Charles Klett, E. A. Reid, representing Estate of Albert Jenks, Fred Hull, Charles E. Freese and Herman Kaiser, Jr., the last named a resident of Farmington Township.

Speaks For Paving
Philip Baker, representing the J. Lee Baker Co., which has a large subdivision at Nine Mile and Southfield roads, spoke in favor of the project, as did a representative of Duns Scotus College, on Nine Mile between Evergreen and Lahser roads.

Chairman Luther Allen of the Road Commission stated to those present that we "run into a depression once in every ten years anyway, and if things come back, as they are sure to, it is a good thing if you can save two years' worth of buildings during the depression." Objectors replied that they would gladly pay 20 per cent more, if necessary, during good times than have the road paved now. They pointed out that the petition for paving under the Covert Act was circulated four years ago.

Most of the objectors indicated that they would not be opposed to paving the east two miles of the proposed road, which would not bring a direct assessment on them. The Commissioners pointed out that a new petition, and probably two years' time would be required for that. Ten years was voted as the time of the bond, should the Commission decide to proceed with the improvement. The estimated cost of the paving was given as \$447,657.32.

COMMUNITY BAND TO GIVE CONCERTS SATURDAY NIGHTS

Arrangements Planned For Regular Programs By High School Music Organization

Regular Saturday night band concerts are expected to be a feature of attraction in Farmington this summer. Arrangements are under way for the presentation of programs each week by the Farmington Community Band, which will be made up of members of the Farmington High School music organizations.

It is expected that the band will consist of 30 pieces. Full uniforms will be provided for the members of the band. Edward Eaton, high school music instructor, will be in Farmington throughout the summer and will direct the band.

An appropriation of \$200 toward the cost of uniforms was made Monday night by the City Commission, the members of which endorsed the proposed concerts. The girls will be provided with capes, caps and skirts, and the boys with capes, caps and trousers.

Sewer Bond Bids To Be Opened Monday

Bids on the bonds for Farmington's new \$35,000 sewer project will be opened next Monday evening by the City Commission. Indications are that there will be a substantial number of bidders, and that very advantageous offers will be made.

The Commission will also discuss the budget for the coming year at this meeting. The session is to start at 7:30 p. m.

Township Gains In Census Check

Revision Of Population Figure Shows Increase Of 60 Over First Report

An increase over the preliminary report made a week ago was reported this week for Farmington Township by the census enumerator, Herbert Lindstrom, of the Township. The population of 3,512. The earlier figure was 3,452.

An increase is noted, also, in the number of farms. The report last week placed the total at 124, but the final tally shows 131 in the Township. It was found on checking that there had been a number of cases in which Detroit residents had been credited to Farmington Township, and others in which Farmington Township residents had been put in the Detroit list. It is believed the total of 3,512 will stand as the official census report for the Township for 1930.

County Report Near
Latest reports obtained by the Enterprise indicated that the population of Oakland County will exceed 210,000. The total at present is 208,263, with two precincts to be heard from. The population of the County in 1920 was 90,650.

GO TO GRAND CHAPTER

A number of Farmington Masons, including Worshipful Master A. L. Ross, William Way, Ralph Auton, Joseph Himmelsbach and Arthur Lamb plan to attend the meeting of the Grand Chapter of Michigan at Jackson next Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Ross has received a "key to the city" from the Jackson Board of Commerce.

Great Park To Cover 4 Counties, Is Visualized

Officials Envision Huge Park Plan Similar To New York System After Trip

A great park and boulevard system that might start southeast of Farmington, at the present River Rouge Park of Wayne County and extend northward and westward to cover the four Counties of Wayne, Oakland, Saginaw and Genesee, is visualized by engineers, road men, and architects of the four counties and the State, following a trip to the famous Westchester park system north of New York City last week.

This community would be in or near the head and center of the proposed park area, which would follow natural streams in their course from the north down to the Detroit River and the Lakes. Included would be a large number of Oakland County Lakes.

The magnificent system in New York, which has turned out to be not only a great contribution to happiness, but also a splendid business proposition, was described by Road Commissioner Isaac Bond to the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon.

The New York system, which includes miles and miles of beautiful boulevards, comprises more than 17,500 acres. Much was donated, and other parts were condemned. The project was begun in 1912. Called "foolhardy," it proved the wisdom of its supporters. Whole communities are included in the park area, most of the residents being employees of the park and living in the park region, the houses being owned by the County and under the care of the Park Commission.

No Grade Crossings
Entire river valleys were taken over. Along the boulevards there are no grade crossings, all cross-traffic being separated by viaducts. There are 57 large bridges, some with beautiful arches 67 feet long.

Three Golf Courses
There are three large golf courses in the park area, one of which cost, \$180,000, or \$10,000 a hole. Over 4,400 people played on one course on a Sunday recently. Swimming pools, one 410 feet long and 36 feet wide, in which 3,000 people were bathing, are part of the attractions, and (Continued on page four)

Farmington Man's Name Broadcast Over County Thru His Being 'Fired'

County-wide attention and publicity is the reward that has come to Ben Meyers of Farmington as compensation for being "fired" as special deputy a few weeks ago by Sheriff Frank Schram. Mr. Meyers didn't seek the spotlight, but the letter written to him and another of similar content to Harry Colby, well-known Milford citizen, has turned it on him.

In fact, the name of Mr. Meyers of Farmington is probably the most widely mentioned in official circles in the County at the moment, aside from that of the Sheriff himself. The firing of the Farmington man, and the letter to him, constitute unquestionably the outstanding event of the campaign year in the County thus far, in a political way.

Comment has been County-wide. In a leading editorial published last week, the largest weekly newspaper in the County, the Birmingham Eccentric, calls for an explanation of the extraordinary attitude of Sheriff Schram toward his office, as indicated by his letter to Mr. Meyers.

The Eccentric indicates that it feels quite justified in asking such an explanation, recalling that it supported him strongly in his three previous campaigns for the office. It says:

"Frank Schram, sheriff three (Continued on page five)

Township Board Considers Bond To Clear Debts

Bonding To Pay Off Obligations Seen As Solution To Financial Problems

A bond issue to clear obligations of Farmington Township is under consideration by members of the Township Board, and voters may be asked in the near future to approve that issue in order to wipe out the Township's obligations.

The proposed bond issue was discussed Tuesday evening at the meeting of the Township Board, and after some discussion the members voted unanimously that Supervisor Arthur P. Coe and Clerk Willard Campbell should go further into the matter and report at a meeting in the near future.

Supervisor Coe brought the question of a bond issue before the Board after, he said, every effort to find some other means of providing funds had proven of no avail.

May Avoid Higher Tax
The bond issue is seen by Township officials as the only hope of avoiding a huge increase in Township taxes next year, inasmuch as the present Township debt, if not cleared by the bond issue, must be provided for in the coming year's taxes. This would mean addition of many thousands of dollars to the levy and a sharp rise in the tax rate.

The amount which would be put on the bond issue has not yet been determined, and will not be until the Board meets again, at the call of Mr. Campbell.

Supervisor Coe reported that the Township is able to borrow \$15,000 for road repair, and \$12,500 for the general fund. However, \$45,000 is needed to pay the school districts amounts over due. Mr. Coe reported that they were advised by State officials that school district money stands in a preferred position in the law, and that the money due them must be paid to them within a limited period after it is received by the Township. It has been the custom to put this money into the general fund and pay the school districts out of that fund later.

DEPUTY DE VRIENDT IS INJURED WHEN CYCLE TURNS OVER

Officer Suffers Broken Collarbone And Shoulder In Accident

Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt of Farmington suffered a broken shoulder, broken collarbone and a twisted ankle Thursday when his motorcycle turned over on Orchard Lake road at Ward's Orchard, as he was on his way to Pontiac.

A motorist cut out in front of him and Deputy DeVriendt turned sharply to avoid him, hitting loose gravel and overturning. He was brought home after treatment by Dr. Mitchell of Pontiac City Hospital.

Deputy William Tamm is away on a wedding trip and the accident left the Farmington jurisdiction temporarily without an officer on duty.

LEAGUE CHAMPS TO BE AT WEST POINT ON SUNDAY

Two Rivals Of 1929 To Clash Again On Diamond; Fast Game Is Anticipated

The first big game of the league baseball season: this section is scheduled for Sunday afternoon when the River Rouge team of the Down River League comes to West Point Park. The last year's champions hope to take back a victory to offset their defeat last year by West Point Park in an inter-county league championship series.

All games in the Down River League schedule were called off last Sunday because of rain. On Friday May 30, Memorial Day, West Point Park will play the Northville team at Northville. A large number of fans is expected to go over to Northville to see the game.

Neighbors Help After Home Burns

Residents Nearby Lend Generous Aid To Bolyard Family, Who Lose All In Fire

Ready and generous help on the part of neighbors has come to the family of Leslie Bolyard, of Folker's Farmington Acres whose home was burned to the ground between 10 and 11 o'clock Sunday morning, while a large crowd of people looked on, unable to aid.

As a result of their neighbors' assistance, the Bolyards are now comfortably housed in a nearby house which was vacant, and furniture and clothing have been provided.

The fire started while Mr. and Mrs. Bolyard were away, attending to some affairs in connection with Mr. Bolyard's work. The four children, Mildred, Charles, Norman and Marian were at home.

Charles and Norman, six and seven years old, had put some fuel in the stove, and had gone out. Mildred, nine years old, was in the living-room combing her hair. She looked up and saw the flames curling around the rafters. She ran out of the house screaming. Marian, two years old, was outside.

Albert Owen, a neighbor, heard the screams and ran over. The flames had gained such headway, however, that it was impossible to enter the house. Mr. and Mrs. Bolyard, returning from a house nearby shortly after the fire started, saw the flames and rushed home, but too late.

The Farmington fire department was called and two chicken houses were saved. Clothing, furniture and other necessities were supplied the Bolyards, who lost all except the clothes they were wearing. Two girls about 15 years old, living in that section, collected a fund of \$84 among the neighbors for them.

MOTHER AND SON BANQUET FRIDAY NIGHT AT CHURCH

Dr. John Martin, Head Of Ann Arbor Methodist District, To Be Speaker

A mother and son banquet, complementing the father and daughter banquet held earlier in the year, is to be held Friday evening by Farmington Methodist Church. An interesting program has been prepared.

Dr. John E. Martin, superintendent of the Ann Arbor district of the Methodist Church, will be the speaker of the evening. Mutual entertainment will be provided by Prof. Marshall Byrn of Ann Arbor and his musical family. Dr. Martin will speak on "Mother and Sons." Edward Eaton of the Farmington High School faculty will sing "Mother Machine."

The dinner will begin at 6:30 p. m. The affair is not confined strictly to mothers and sons, and all are invited, but places must be reserved. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Norman Barrons or Miss Mary Foster.

CLOSE ON MAY 30
Most stores and the Post Office in Farmington will be closed all day next Friday, May 30, which is Memorial Day. There will be no rural mail delivery on that day.

Win 3 Firsts In Scholastic Meet

High School, Entered First Time, Ties For Fourth Among 40 Schools

Farmington high school placed fourth in Michigan's fifth annual scholastic contest held at Mt. Pleasant, Friday, May 16. One hundred and eleven schools competed, about forty of which were in the same class as Farmington.

Scoring fifteen points with three firsts, the group came home elated. George Mairs, senior, took first place in the Civics test; Francis Schmidt was first in Biology and Helen Borchart was ahead in the field of Algebra. Helen and Francis are both freshmen.

Farmington, competing in Class C, took almost as many firsts as any of their competitors but failed to pick up points in the other subjects which would have meant a first place in the contest.

Some of the tests were very difficult, those in Latin and French particularly. Other Farmington students who entered the contest but failed to place were: Esther Seeley, French II. Better speech 12; Winifred Seeley, written composition, chemistry; Marlon Erwin, home economics; Jean Stevens, geometry; Wayne Wisnom, Latin; Hedwig Schoen, better speech II, French I; Dwayne Murphy, clothing; Bob Gaff, music; Thelma Garlick, music; Barbara Moon went as accompanist for the singers.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD MONDAY FOR VICTIM OF BURNS

Mrs. Julia Wheeler Laid To Rest In Grand Lawn Cemetery

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon for Mrs. Julia Wheeler of West Point Park, 53, who died at Harper Hospital Friday morning from burns she suffered last Wednesday when her clothing caught fire.

Surviving her are the husband, Harry J. Wheeler and four children, Edward, Lulu, Mabel and Russell; one granddaughter, Phyllis, five brothers: John Oscar, Charles, Albert and George, Walter, and one sister, Mrs. Kate McMillan.

Rev. John Adams and George Gullen officiated at the funeral services held in West Point Park Church. Burial took place in Grand Lawn Cemetery. S. J. Heenev was in charge of the funeral.

FARMINGTON MAN FINALIST AMONG 600 CONTESTANTS

P. Owen Pauline One Of Leaders In Competition For Music Scholarship

One of the finalists in a field of more than 600 entrants, P. Owen Pauline of Farmington will sing next Wednesday evening, May 28, in the last of a series of contests for a scholarship at Detroit Institute of Musical Art. The addition next week will conclude the Paramount Theatre Voice contest sponsored by Dennis King. The winner is given a year's scholarship at the institute with the possibility of going to Hollywood in the future.

Former W. Farmington Farm Hand Escapes Chair



James Baker, alias Baker, who until two months ago was "hired man" on the farm of Newton Roy, on Halsted road north of Grand River, is expected to start a life sentence Friday in Sing Sing prison, New York, following a plea of guilty to second degree murder Tuesday, by which he escaped possible electrocution on the first degree charge on which he was being tried.

Baker was arrested at the Roy farm February 20 by Deputy Wm. Tamm and other officers. Alienist says he is "medically and morally insane," though legally sane. He boasted of number of killings "for enjoyment."