

**Says 'Drain Blunder Cost County Million'**

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 build four separate and distinct drains totalling thirteen miles in length, as compared with one drain five miles in length.  
 "The County Treasurer was restrained from paying out any money on the sewer, and the bonding company obtained an injunction restraining the County from use of the funds. The tax-collecting authorities were restrained from collecting taxes for this drain on the properties involved in the case.  
 "Now what is the aftermath of this colossal blunder? According to the Supreme Court's decision, there never was a drainage district established for these four drains. But when the bonds were sold, they were sold on the faith of the County. The contractors have 10 per cent of their work completed, and the money is morally due to them. The credit of the County must be considered.

**'Costing \$200 a Day'**

"In order to keep the credit of the County good, the taxpayers of Oakland County, you and I and every one of us are paying two hundred dollars every calendar day in the year as interest on those bonds, until the tremendous muddle can be straightened out.  
 "Still, a million dollars has been spent, and what is to be done? I have been told by two supervisors, who are on the committee to straighten this thing out, that the only thing that can be done, in the situation is to spread the taxation for this one million dollars over the County-at-large, except the Southfield Drain District—and pocket our loss. Do you know what that means?"

"Let us see. There are about 205,000 people in Oakland County. Let us figure liberally, and say that half are taxpayers—or 100,000. That means that each and every taxpayer of Oakland County, you and I and all the rest of us, have got to dig down in our pockets and produce a minimum of ten dollars to pay for Arthur Spencer's colossal blunder.

**Farmington Incident**  
 "Now let us get nearer home, and let me tell you something about your own town's experience, Farmington. I am told this by a Farmington official, whose name I am not privileged to use.  
 Mr. Cross then related that after the city official and engineer had been promised blue-prints of the plans, when a return trip was made to get them, it was declared that "if Farmington wanted those plans, they'll have to pay \$6,000 for them, because that's what they cost. And they didn't get the plans."  
 "These are public records, just like minutes of your council. Why should Farmington be asked \$6,000 to view its own property?"

Mr. Cross then told of conditions in other parts of the County and cited his own qualifications for the office of Drain Commissioner. He said he had had 22 years experience in constructing sewer and water systems, including work for the U. S. government, and in foreign countries.  
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 Mr. Cross declared that if a line was drawn across Oakland County, including Birmingham, that for every dollar paid in drain taxes, 95 cents comes from the area south of Birmingham.  
 "A number of years ago, the drainage system of the County included only farm drains, which a man of ordinary experience could handle nicely. But today Royal Oak township alone has an \$8,000,000 drainage system, with some sewers 15 feet in diameter. Would you send a layman to Pontiac as prosecutor? No, you'd rather have a lawyer. Then why not send to the drain commissioner's office an engineer whose experience can save you \$5,400 a year?"  
 "The present Drain Commissioner, has a chief engineer who cools his heels in the Drain office at \$5,400 a year, although they haven't had any drain work to speak of in a whole year. The first act of mine if elected will be the abandonment of the office of chief engineer. I seek the office on my record, for the first time. Mr. Spencer asks re-election to his fourth term. You can learn the undying gratitude of the taxpayers of Oakland County if you send Mr. Spencer down to the defeat he deserves."  
 M. Wrenn read from the Drain Commissioner's last annual report, and declared that \$270,000 had been put into various drain

funds by the County in the last six years, this being money advanced against the credit of the drainage district. Of this amount, only \$69,000 has been put back in Mr. Wrenn declared, leaving a deficit or overdrift of \$201,000 for drains yet to be built. Many of them, he said, would never be constructed.  
 For the Farmington Drain alone, Mr. Wrenn said, there had been spent up to the time of the report, \$19,371. "There is no way of getting it back," he said, "it is probable that this drain will never be built."

Mr. Wrenn attacked the present drain law, under which, he said, ten signers to a petition, only five of them subject to taxation on it, can initiate a drain project for which thousands may be taxed. He said that if elected he would endeavor to have this changed. He cited his 12 years experience as a practicing engineer as his qualification for the office.  
 W. Wrenn highly commended John H. Thayer of Farmington, who is connected with the Drain office, and said that his knowledge of the County's drain was invaluable in carrying on the office.  
 Melvin H. Lee and Harold T. Ellerby, candidates for state representative from this district, also spoke at the meeting.

**MARL PETTIBONE COMMANDER OF AMERICAN LEGION**

Post Chooses New Officers At Meeting; Fred Schaeptner New Vice-Commander

Marl Pettibone was elected commander of Groves-Walker Post, American Legion of Farmington last Thursday evening, at the annual election of officers. The new commander, who was vice-commander during the past year, received 16 votes to 8 for Charles Lueke.  
 Fred Schaeptner was elected vice-commander without opposition, and Norman Lee second vice commander. Al Smith was chosen adjutant, and Guy Merrill defeated James Shearer for chaplain, 14 to 10. Walter Lee and Al Chaney had a close race for sergeant-at-arms, the former winning, 13 to 11. Lee Doyle was elected post historian, getting 19 votes.  
 Carl Goers and Myron Carrier were made the objects of a contest for Post welfare officer, a position which each apparently desired the other have. Goers was finally declared elected, 10 to 8.  
 M. Carrier and Fred Maas were elected to the executive board, Charles Lueke and Harley Schroeder to the board of trustees, and Mr. Schroeder was also elected finance officer. M. J. Carrier, Guy Morell and Charles Lueke were named delegates to the County Council.

**FIFTY-SEVEN AT SECOND GARCHOW FAMILY REUNION**

Fred Garchow Chosen President; Next Meeting To Be At Wolfrom Home

The old Garchow Homestead, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Garchow, at 312135 Five Mile Road, was the scene of the second annual Garchow Reunion, Sunday, August 24th.  
 Fifty-seven members, a perfect attendance, were present. These including only the children with their families of the six original brothers and sisters of the Garchow family: Fred Garchow, William Garchow and Mrs. Riley Wolfrom of Livonia, Mrs. Julius Landau of Plymouth, Mrs. Barney Tuck of Northville and Mrs. Will Hart of Owosso.  
 At two o'clock a pot-luck dinner was served. The afternoon was spent in playing baseball and pitching quits and in reminiscing. Music was furnished by Maurice Garchow, Ethel Garchow and Evelyn Hart, who play an accordion, a piano and banjo, and a piano respectively.  
 During the business meeting the following officers were elected: President, Fred Garchow; Treasurer, Riley Wolfrom; Secretary, Leona Garchow. William Garchow was appointed historian, who, with the help of his brother and sisters is to collect as much of the family's genealogy as possible.  
 Mrs. Herbert Livrance was appointed chairman of the entertainment committee for the en-

**FIRST FARMINGTON SEWER SYSTEM BEGUN IN 1907**

Requested Legislature To Pass Special Bill Allowing Village Loan

Now that one city has decided to construct an up-to-date sewer system it might be of interest to the readers of the Enterprise to learn some facts about the first sewer construction in our city.  
 The common council of the Village of Farmington met March 14, 1907. Called to order by President T. H. McGee. Members of the council answering to roll call were Nichols, Schroeder, Lester Groves, Meyers and Weaver. President McGee addressed the council in regard to the sewer and the following resolution was adopted:  
 Whereas, by a vote of 64 to 28 taken at the Village election in March the sentiment was shown to favor putting in a sewerage system in our Village, the estimated cost of the same was about \$5000.00, and payment of the same was to be extended over four years. In view of said vote we hereby request our representatives in the State Legislature, Hon. H. N. McCracken and Hon. F. D. Seelye to have a bill prepared and passed authorizing the council of the Village of Farmington to borrow money as needed and issue bond or note of said Village not to exceed \$4500.00, and not to exceed five per cent interest payable one fourth each year. On roll call the following voted yes: Nichols, Groves, Lester, Schroeder, Meyers and Weaver.

The council adopted the following specifications, size of sewer: From the Creek to Warner Ave., 27 inches; from Warner Ave., to the Park, 24 inches; from Park to Grace street, 18 inches; from Grace street to Cass 15 inches, all side streets, 12 inches. Depth of sewer to be left to the sewer committee.

**FRANK N. STEELE, Village Clerk.**

April 8, 1907.  
 On motion the clerk's salary was fixed at \$15.00 per year.  
 On motion the Health Officer's salary was fixed at \$10 per year.  
 On motion the Marshall's salary was fixed at \$25.00 per year.  
 On motion the Treasurer's salary was fixed at 2 per cent of taxes collected.  
 —N. H. P.

**TWO BREAK OUT OF FARMINGTON LOCKUP—CAUGHT**

Posse Hunts Pair South of Town; Boys Thought to Have Provided Tools

Farmington had a jail-break for the first time in a long while this week, and the men who escaped caused some excitement before they were captured. A posse beat the brush south of town in the hunt for the escaped men.  
 The two, Joseph Cachi, 27, married, and Walter Szczesniak, 19, both of Detroit, were caught, stealing apples at the farm of Albert Sulkowski. Three boys with them were put in one cell and two older men in another.  
 When Constable Marl Pettibone went to the jail to get them he found the cell unlocked. The padlock was on the floor, and with it a 1/2-inch bolt and a piece of pipe three feet long. A nearby resident told Officer Pettibone that he had seen two men run from the building a short time before. Jumping into his car, Constable Pettibone drove to the Cut-off, where the two saw him waiting and disappeared into the brush. Constable Pettibone went for help.  
 After some search, Pettibone found the two. They were each sentenced to serve 90 days in the County Jail by Judge J. J. Schute Wednesday afternoon.  
 Officers believe that a young boy was in the cell-room and was induced by the two men to hand them the implements by which they made their escape.  
 Frank Grace, Ed Thayer, Frank Dolson, Horace Durham, Bernard Banfield and Albert Sulkowski were in the posse hunting the men.  
 The reformers will never have to quit for lack of material to work on.  
 The next reunion will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Wolfrom.

**CLASSES LISTED FOR FLOWER SHOW ON SEPTEMBER 9**

Ribbons To Be Awarded For First, Second and Third Prizes

With assistance from five local churches, Farmington's Annual Flower Show on September 9 and the six o'clock dinner in conjunction with it has all the assurance of a splendid success. The flower committee has arranged to arrange their lists so it will have an appeal to all garden-lovers. Ribbons for first, second, and third prizes will be awarded for the following displays:  
 Best display of Asters.  
 Best display of Dahlias.  
 Best display of Gladioli.  
 Best display of Dahlias.  
 Best single specimen of Dahlia.  
 Best display of Zinnias.  
 Best display of Marigolds.  
 Best display of Snap Dragons.  
 Most artistic basket of flowers.  
 Most artistic dining table center piece.  
 Most artistic wall vase.  
 Best perennial display.  
 Best winter bouquet.  
 Best will flower display.  
 Best mixed bouquet of annuals.  
 Prettiest arrangement of cut foliage.  
 Best potted fern.  
 Best potted house plant.  
 Best display of fruit.  
 Best display of vegetables.  
 This event is scheduled for the Community Hall of the M. E. Church on Tuesday, September 9. The flower committee requests that all entries be at the church by noon of that day.  
 During the evening dinner hour a splendid dinner will be served in the dining room of the church. This is entirely a community affair participated in by all the local churches—Baptist, Our Lady of Sorrows, Salem Evangelical, Universalist, and Methodist. A record number is expected to be served and ample provisions are being made.  
 Miss Lillian Leeson returns this week from Northwoods Camp for girls at Douglass Lake where she has served as camp nurse for the past eight weeks.

**To Use Concrete For Strengthening Bluff**

Farmington City officials and representatives of Julius Forath and Son, contractors, have arranged for the dumping of concrete from the old Grand River pavement over the bank at Shawassee and Warner streets, with the hope of strengthening the bluff and preventing a cave-in.  
 The concrete from Grand River west of Tuck Road will be hauled to the spot in trucks and dropped over the edge.

**RECIPIENTS OF POOR RELIEF TO BE GIVEN WORK**

Supervisor Institutes New Policy, Township To Get Road Work For Aid

A new policy which will be a means of economy for Farmington Township and at the same time obtain "value received" for poor relief given is being instituted by Supervisor Arthur P. Coe, following approval of the plan recently by the Township Board.  
 In recent months the amount of money expended for poor relief in the township, as well as in most other parts of Oakland County, has grown by leaps and bounds. Supervisor Coe came to the conclusion that inasmuch as men were obtaining aid for their families, out of township funds, the township might properly ask them to work for the assistance given. Accordingly, all poor orders hereafter will be accompanied by an order to Highway Commissioner Clayton Goers, directing him to give the bearer a number of hours work in accordance with the relief given. No additional poor orders will be given the individual until the work is performed.  
 Length of a man's life is important, but hardly so important as its breadth.  
 An exchange tells of a newborn baby that weighed 23 pounds—on the iceman's scales.

**'GRUDGE' BASEBALL SERIES PLANNED FOR NEXT MONTH**

West Point Park and De-Ho-Co Teams To Settle Question Of Supremacy

The old question as to which is the superior ball club, West Point Park or Detroit House of Correction, has come up again, and arrangements are being made to settle it before autumn comes. Three games that will have all the earmarks of a "grudge" series will be played in the near future.  
 The first contest will be played Sunday, Sept. 14, at West Point Park grounds. The second battle will take place the following Sunday at the De-Ho-Co grounds. The teams will have to decide where the third game will be played.  
 West Point is also arranging a series with a leading "Triple A" league team in Detroit, and will play at the Howell Fair the first week in September.  
 West Point lost two games to Dearborn Sunday, each by one run. Carl Goers had the Dearborn team well in hand, leading 1 to 0, until the eighth inning, when the home team scored two runs. West Point tied it up in the ninth, but Dearborn put over a run in their half of the inning.  
 "Jim" Quinn pitched a good game also for West Point in the second contest, but lost, 4 to 5. A number of close decisions, all of which went to Dearborn, figured in the outcome of both games.  
 Sunday Hamburg plays at West Point Park.

**Nichols School Reunion**

The annual reunion of Nichols School, North Farmington, will be held on the school grounds Saturday, August 30 at 12:30 P. M. Pot-luck dinner. Bring silver and cups. All friends, teachers and neighbors cordially invited to attend.  
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