On Drain Board Which Gives Adverse Verdict

Supervisor Arthur P. Coe of Farmington Township was a member of the Board of Determination which on Tuesday decided that the proposed Birmingham-Clawson drain was not necessary, after a hearing. It is understood that this is the first proposed drain in some time in the County to have received an adverse verdict by the board of determination.

Numerous objections were made at the meeting. The proposed drain would have been about a mile long, in the vicinity of 14-Mile and Crooks roads. The land in that section consists of some subdivided property.

Report Assessments For 9-Mile Pavement

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13 acres, $380; 40 acres, $1,820.

Philip Weyermiller, Section 26, Farmington Township, 5 acres, $390.

Contract For $302,415

The contract price of the road was stated as $302,415, and expenditures to date are $6,495.80, to which is added $50,000 for right-of-way provision, and an allowance of 10 per cent for incidentals, making a total of $394,801.88. Of this amount the district will pay $197,400.94, the County $98,700.47, Southfield Township $59,220.28, and Farmington Township $39,480.19.

Reduce Offer

The bonds are for a ten-year period. Bids had been called for twice before Tuesday, but none had been accepted, because it was thought the interest rate was too high. Bids for the Nine-Mile road and Sunset boulevard, totalling $811,000, were taken together. Spitzer-Rourck of Toledo put in a bid of 6 per cent with no premium, although it had formerly offered a premium of $2,520 with 6 per cent. Baker's bid of 5½ per cent will probably be accepted, but no action has yet been taken.

Two miles on the east end of the road have been paved and the bridges have been put in. Wednesday morning a a steam-shovel started working eastward from the corner of Nine Mile and Fourth Gate roads.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Z. R. AschenBrenner announces the removal of his offices across the street to the F. L. Cook and Co. Bldg., 33318 Grand River avenue, Farmington, on Oct. 1.

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TERMS—CASH

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Prop.
Sam Spicer, Clerk

Verdict Is Cause Of Essex Death Unknown

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her he thought he knew. Objections were sustained on this point by Judge John J. Schulte.

Mr. Cronin asked Mr. Grimmer if he had seen the driver of the car, and Mr. Grimmer said he was a "stout-looking man." He was asked if he saw any man in the room who looked like him, and answered that he "couldn't say as to that." He said that the car which passed him had had two stop-lights and was going 50 to 60 miles an hour. Mr. Grimmer said that he met Joseph Himmelspach, Farmington dairyman, one-half mile beyond the wreck.

Smith Testifies

Henry W. Smith took the stand and testified that he left home for Detroit at about a quarter or ten minutes to three on the morning of the accedent. He stated readily that he is "known for a fast driver," and that he drives 50 or 60 miles an hour on the Cut-off. He stated emphatically that he had not struck any car on the Cut-off, nor had experienced any impact with another car.

The scratches on the fenders of his car, Mr. Smith testified, were made early in July, in the National Garage in Detroit.

All Looked At It

Mr. Smith was asked if he "recalled when your car was coupled up with the car in which the girls were riding," and replied that he was not present when the car was examined, but that "everybody looked at my car." Mr. Smith was asked if Constable Marl Pettibone had "mentioned the damage on your car visible on the fender and running-board," to which Mr. Smith replied that Pettibone had asked "how the black paint got on."

Lawyers Battle

At this point, Aldrich Baxter, representing Mr. Smith, vigorously objected to the cross-examination continuing, declaring that it was merely an effort "to deprive Mr. Smith of his liberty by cowardly accusations," which "are merely a figment of the imagination." Mr. Cronin replied that "if you are in a fighting mood I'll go out and put on the gloves with you." Mr. Baxter declared that he was not going to allow suspicion to be cast upon Mr. Smith as the basis for a civil suit.

In answer to a question, which was allowed after strong objection, Mr. Smith said that he had not told Constable Pettibone that his fenders had been scraped in the garage because he was so taken aback when Pettibone mentioned an acident on the Cut-off that he did not know what to say and that since an accident he had five years ago, he has been nervous about automobile accidents.

Garage Man On Stand

Robert Beatton, 1994 LaSalle Gardens, Detroit, a young man who said he is employed at the agarge in Detroit where Mr. Smith keeps his car, testified that he was responsible for the dark marks on the right rear fender, and that he was not required to pay for a new fender because Mr. Smith told him to "forget it" when he called it to Mr. Smith's attention. He testified that the concrete pillar is painted green. He said this was the last part of June.

Eugene VerDuyn of Novi was named foreman of the jury, which conesisted of Mr. Ver Duyn, Charles Heise, George Nacker, Charles Rubert, William Kenyon, and Earl Currie. Following the verdict, Mr. Smith thanked each of the jurors for their fairness.

Assistant Prosecutor Thomas Gillotte had charge of the taking of testimony for the prosecutor's office.

FOOD STORE CLOSES

The National Food Store at 33315 Grand River avenue, Farmington, closed its doors Wednesday evening, following reported financial difficulties suffered by the chain recently. It is understood, rowever, that the store will re-open Saturday without the meat department which has been conducted heretofore.

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Leonard Re-Named School Examiner

Archie G. Leonard of Farmington was re-appointed County school examiner Wednesday by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Leonard was nominated to succeed himself by Mayor Arthur Lamb, supported by Supervisor Charles Harmon. Nominations were closed and Mr. Lamb moved that the rules be suspended and an unanimous ballot cast for Mr. Leonard. The motion was carried unanimously.

Collection Of Canes Shown Exchange Club

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was used by the old king of Siam, with which he hobbled to his throne. It is of bamboo, with top and bottom of silver. It passed through the hands of four men, after the king's death, until it came to Rev. Allen.

Worked 2,000 Hours

The most valuable cane of the group in the estimation of Mr. Allen is that of cross-sections of Texas steer-horn, made by a cowboy. With infinite patience he cut the sections of horn, sanded them down and fitted them, the time estimated for completing the cane being 2,000 hours, or an hour a day for six years.

A cane made of paper pulp was presented to Rev. Allen by a convict in the penitentiary at Lincoln, Neb., and is in the collection. Included also are one of teawood from Japan and coffee-wood from Brazil. Another cane is of the satinwood which was used to trim the royal suites on the ill-fated Lusitania, Rev. Allen having picked up the strip of wood while crossing the ocean on that ship.

Has 36,000 Beads

Most curious is the cane made of tiny Indian beads, tightly wound about a steel wire. It contains 36,000 beads and was made by the old Indian chief Geronimo.

The most valuable cane in the collection from the standpoint of money is one carved out of a piece of solid ivory, 31 inches long and inlaid with jet. Mr. Allen estimates its value between $700 and $800.

One attractive cane is made of Irish blackthorn, and has 231 points. Another was made from the taproot of soap-weed found in Kansas, and others are from Ceylon, the Congo region in Africa, and from other parts of the world.

Judge Is Stabbed

One of the canes has a handle which unscrews and reveals a letter-opener which has all the appearance of a dagger. Listeners were much amused when Mr. Allen "stabbed" Judge J. J. Schulte who was sitting nearby. The blade collapses in a spring farther back in the handle.

Another cane is also hollow and has within it a tube filled with "good cheer." The cane also provides its own glass out of which the thirsty may drink the contents of the tube.

Not the least interesting in the collection was one of the old-fashioned Irish shillalahs used in Erin as nightsticks.

Mr. Allen came to Farmington as the guest of Earl Vivier.

NORTHWESTERN SCORES IN LAST QUARTER TO WIN

Gridiron Team Conquers Detroiters Unbeaten For Three Years

Northwestern A. C.'s football team gave fans of this section a thrill in the first game of the season last Sunday, putting over a touchdown in the final period to conquer a team undefeated for three years. The victims were Dusters A. C. team of Detroit, one of the fastest aggregations in its class in the metropolitan area. The score was 6 to 0.

The visitors made but one first down against Northwestern. The only score came after a series of line plunges and end runs, Captain Robinson taking the ball over for a touchdown. Rife at left half and Christenson at left tackle were outstanding stars for Northwestern.

Another fast game has been booked for Sunday by Northwestern at its Middle Belt road field, Geist Undertakers of Detroit furnishing the opposition. The game begins at 3 o'clock.

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year. There is something barbarous about a system that can pull the ground from under a family which has occupied it for six generations."

Dentist Would Help

A dentist in Detroit who owns property in the section in which Mr. Tibbits lives says he is also unable to pay the taxes and offers his help.

Mr. Tibbits also received a letter from J. F. Wright, executive secretary of the Pathfinders of America, at Detroit, saying that he would do what he could to help, and that he is advising his brother, a Federal bank examiner in the West, to warn farmers there of 'the sort of a relief they are getting."

Asked To Head Group

From Clarkston Mr. Tibbits has received a letter asking him if he would consider accepting the presidency of an organization to work for action on the tax situation. It is signed by "Clarkston Unit, Oakland County Association Against High Taxes."

Mr. Tibbits is planning to continue and broaden his campaign.

FARMINGTON ACRES

Mrs. H. A. McIntyre

Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Detroit were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Measell.

Mrs. Charles Willard of Detroit visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Damon, Friday.

Mrs. Ben Nett and mother, Mrs. Douglas of Hillsboro, Ill., were Detroit visitors Thursday.

Mrs. Arthur Koss and son, Gerald of Detroit, were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Koss.

Mrs. Louis Straubel and son, Louis, Jr., visited Mrs. Wiggle several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre called on Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Robinson Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jantovsky and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Billig and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Fensom Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Douglas, who have been visiting relatives in Akron, O., visited the former's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nett, Saturday, and their mother, Mrs. Douglas, who has been visiting here, returned home with them to Kenosha, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Gibson and daughter of Detroit, called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hofmann, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kingsley and children of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shotwell and children, Mr. and Mrs. Kreps and daughter, Cleo Mae, of Pontiac, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. McIntyre.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fifoot and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy in Ferndale.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hofmann visited the latter's mother, Mrs. Felhauer of East Detroit, Sunday.

Miss Gertrude McIntyre spent Sunday with Miss Lucy McGregory.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nett and daughter, Violet were Romeo visitors Sunday.

Miss Amanda and Harold Markham were Pontiac visitors, Monday.

Mrs. Charles Damon, Mrs. Ben Nett, Mrs. Frank Hofmann and Mrs. Tuft pleasantly reminded Mrs. Albert Koss of another birthday anniversary Monday, at her home on Base Line road where they enjoyed a chicken dinner.

Mrs. William Mullen of London, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Brennan and children of Detroit called at the Markham home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Damon and Mrs. Frank Hofmann were Ann Arbor callers, Tuesday.

Clare Forshee of Mayville called on Mr and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre Tuesday.

Edward Measell is confined to his home, due to an injury received during football practice in Farmington High School this week.

Gertrude McIntyre with a group of Guild girls and their councillor, Mrs. McDonald, attended a rally at the Woodward Avenue Baptist Church, Tuesday evening.

The Wahjamega Council members of Farmington Acres met with Mrs. Frank Crandall and daughter, Ella, Wednesday afternoon.

Send in your news items.

FIREPLACE SPARK CAUSES BLAZE IN HOME; LOSS $1,500

E. S. Pierce Residence On Oakland Avenue Damaged By Smoke

Fire that gained alarmingly rapid headway in the basement of the Edgar S. Pierce residence on Oakland avenue Sunday evening was conquered by the Farmintgon volunteer fire department before it could spread to the upper floors. Damage was caused by smoke to the extent of about $1,500.

The fire is believed to have been caused by sparks dropping through the grate in the fireplace, upon a pile of kindling in the basement. Mr. Pierce smelled smoke and on investigating, saw the basement in flames. He fought the fire with a garden hose while Mrs. Pierce got downstairs their two children, and called the fire department.

Smoke did not clear from the house for more than half an hour, although the flames were quickly extinguished with chemicals. The house had just been redecorated, and the job will now have to be done over again.

Mr. Pierce highly commended the firemen for their efficient work in putting out the fire.

WHEELER TO RUN FOR SHERIFF ON STICKERS

It was reliably reported in Farmington Thursday among friends of William A. Wheeler, defeated September 9 for the Republican nomination for sheriff that Mr. Wheeler will be a sticker candidate at the election in November.

CLARENCEVILLE P. T. A. HOLDS ITS FIRST MEETING

Faculty Welcomed For Year's Work By President Of Board

The first meeting of the Clarenceville Parent-Teacher Association was held at the Central School Monday evening, September 22 in the high school room.

Included in the evening's entertainment was a piano duet rendered by the Shaw sisters, Misses Iva and Ruth. Walter Headerle, representing the School Board, gave a fine welcome to the new teachers. Miss Dorothy Clark gave a musical number.

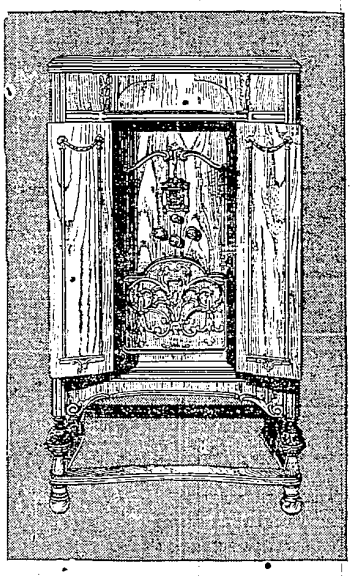
The new superintendent, Jay B. Prescott, was next introduced. He spoke briefly on the school children and the method of marking report cards.

Mrs. Chase, principal, talked on "Why our children should be in school if able to be out of bed and take nourishment." She introduced the new music teacher, Miss Jones, who rendered two selections on the piano. Cake and coffee was served and a social hour enjoyed by all.

ELECT OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the M. E. Ladies' Aid Society, held last Thursday at the church, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. L. E. Doyle; 1st vice president, Mrs. E. F. Holcomb; 2nd vice president, Mrs. William Richardson; secretary, Mrs. L. C .Thayer; treasurer, Mrs. A. L. Ross.

L. C. Thayer and son were callers at the Parsons home on Liberty street, the first of the week.



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