

Construction Of New City Sewer Near Completion

Large Trunk Lines Finished And Filling Done; Far Ahead Of Schedule

Laying of the City of Farmington's new sewer has been in large part finished, with the completion Wednesday of the Grand River avenue trunk. Only two smaller trunk lines remain to be laid by the contractors.

Laying of the Maple street section, which will afford drainage to the portion of the city which probably has suffered worst from lack of proper sewer facilities, was also completed during the past week.

One of the two remaining sections is that on Warner and Thomas streets, which runs north on Warner from Grand River, thence west on Thomas street to Farmington road. The other is the Power avenue section. The latter runs north from the River Rouge to Shiawassee street.

Workers were busy Thursday cleaning off the Grand River pavement in the business section and will finish the work Friday. The Grand River trunk connects with the Farmington road sewer at the intersection.

The contractors, Carle and Tommasini, are finishing their work far in advance of schedule, having been aided considerably by the unusually favorable weather conditions. Payment of another one-third of their contract price, approximately \$17,000, was voted Monday night by the City Commission.

Laying Water Main
Laying of the new water main on Grand River avenue from River Rouge east to Farmington Junction has been started and will probably be completed by the middle of next week. The main is being laid by Carle and Tommasini.

Ready For Paving
Early completion of the sewer and water main projects by the City will enable the paving of Grand River within the city limits to proceed without delay. The work of the concrete-laying machine, which has been west of Tuck road for some time, was interrupted this week by three days of wet weather, but work is to be resumed at once. Unless there is some unforeseen delay, the laying of concrete to the lumberyard should be completed within a very short time.

'STUNT NIGHT' IS PLANNED SOON BY BUSINESS WOMEN

All Organizations Of Community Expected To Participate In Event Nov. 3

A new feature in community entertainment, a "stunt night" in which every organization in the community is expected to participate, is being planned by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Farmington. The affair is to be held Monday evening, November 3, in the Methodist Community Hall.

As a special inducement to all groups within the community to enter the event, the sponsoring club will offer a prize of \$25 to the organization or group presenting the best "stunt," the decision to be made by vote of those attending.

Invitations are being mailed to various groups. This is the first community-wide event sponsored by the business women's club and they hope for the hearty co-operation of everyone in making it a success and an occasion of enjoyment for the community.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Pike entertained the following at dinner Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Frank McLain and children, Jay and Enid, and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Boice of Pontiac.

Laid To Rest



August "Red" Meisner, whose funeral Sunday afternoon was attended by a large number of his fellow-students of Farmington High School.

P. T. A. To Start Year's Activities

First Meeting To Be Held Thursday, October 16; Committees To Be Named

Members and the officers of the Farmington P. T. A. will start this year's activities Thursday afternoon, October 16 at 2:30 in the kindergarten room. The following officers lead the group this year:

President, Mrs. Lee Hill. Vice-president, Mrs. Will Paol. Rec.-Secretary, Mrs. E. Lester. Cor.-Secretary, Miss Murphy. Treasurer, Miss E. VanDyne. Dr. DeCamp, dentist, will be the principal speaker, Supt. J. A. Dalrymple has a message to the parents and teachers.

The committee appointments will be read and the program booklets will be distributed. All members and prospective members are urged to pay their dues at this meeting so they will become active members at once. A social hour and refreshments will be enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

The time for the meeting has been changed through the courtesy of Supt. Dalrymple, to allow more time at the meeting.

Will Be Honored On Her 80th Birthday

Mrs. Dora Coe of Novi Township will be 80 years old Friday, October 10, and in the evening a large number of relatives will gather at the home of her son, Supervisor Arthur P. Coe, of Farmington Township, who will give a birthday party in her honor. A birthday cake has been baked for the occasion.

Mrs. Coe, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Don Hamilton, of Novi, is unusually active for one of her age. She has nine children and also grand children and great-grandchildren.

'Proposed Cut In Supervisors' Pay Would Not Effect A Saving'-Coe

The proposed wholesale cuts in salaries of County officials by the Board of Supervisors at their present session has attracted wide and keen attention. The entire County is waiting to see what the Board will do when it takes up the matter of salaries, on which cuts totalling over \$100,000 a year have been recommended.

But, interest has been keener in no other respect than in the action of the supervisors regarding their own salaries. The question was brought to the front by a proposal of Supervisor W. H. Paddison of Oxford, that the Board, which now receives \$7,000 a day per member while in session, go back to its former rate of \$5,000 a day. The proposal, made early in the session, was laid on the table for a time. Discussing the matter last week, Supervisor Arthur P. Coe of

Districts Still Facing Township Fund Dilemma

Financial House Representative Asks For Time But Falls To Return

Boards of Education of school districts of Farmington Township are still faced with the problem of funds due them from the Township for 1929 taxes, with the day drawing nearer when their funds may be entirely exhausted.

Members of two boards attended the meeting of the Township Board Tuesday evening, but left with the situation unchanged. Mr. Lynch who said he represented the bond house of Stranahan, Harris and Otis of Detroit was present, and declared he was sure that he could provide a loan for the emergency. He requested that any action contemplated be deferred until he could go into the facts of the situation more thoroughly.

The officials assured him that no action would be taken within a few days, and Mr. Lynch planned to go over figures on the Township's financial situation Wednesday or Thursday, however. Both Township officials and school board members expressed doubt that much could be done in this way.

Members of the Clarenceville district board planned to attend the meeting of the District No. 6 Board Thursday evening. The Clarenceville trustees have been advised by the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction at Lansing to sue for the money due. Indications are that the Clarenceville board, which is in the most pressing need of funds, may take legal steps for collection of the money, whether or not the boards of other districts join them.

Opinion is divided among lawyers, the Attorney-General, and the State school heads at Lansing as to whether it is possible to recover in suit on the township treasurer's bond.

Farmington To Have Indoor Golf Course

Farmington is to have an indoor golf course of the "Tom Thumb" or "pee-wee" variety. The course will be located in the Otis building on Farmington road, opposite State street.

G. Grimm, who will operate the course, is already at work, and plans to make it one of the most attractive indoor golf courses in the State. Grass, real trees, a waterfall and other beautiful elements will be included. It is planned to open the course about November 1st.

Still Await Report On Walled Lake Bank

Desire of depositors and others interested in the Peoples Bank of Walled Lake for information as to the bank's condition remains unfulfilled, with the auditors reported still at work behind closed doors.

While there has been no official announcement, it is believed the statement will be forthcoming soon from the receivers for the institution, closed since September 24th.

Supervisors Plan Salary Slashes After 'Orgy Of County Spending'

(Special to the Enterprise and Oakland County Weekly Press Assn.)

Pontiac, Oct. 8.—That the affairs of Oakland County are in an almost hopeless muddle, a chaotic condition out of which order may be restored only through an exhaustive investigation by some body of intelligent, fearless men, unhampered, unbiased and provided with every facility to bring into the open matters that for years have been carefully hidden from the eyes of taxpayers, is the opinion of some close observers, based on revelations of conditions during the present session of the Board of Supervisors.

Certain county institutions, organizations and departments have been conducted without system and in many cases with hardly a vestige of efficiency and a consequent scattering of county monies like so much confetti at a carnival. What appears to be flagrant examples of carelessness and laxity and in some instances deliberate grabbing of county funds, can it is said, be found tucked away in the official records from 1925 until the present time.

Move To Prevent Unpaid Tax Loss

Township To Have System Of Check-Up On County Delinquent Tax Payments

A step to prevent possible leaks and losses in the return of delinquent taxes, which might run into considerable sums, was made by the Farmington Township Board at its meeting Tuesday evening. The Board made arrangements for a complete set-up of the books in relation to delinquent taxes.

There is at present and has been in the past no means whereby the Township officials could check up on the delinquent tax money received from the County, to determine whether or not the proper amounts were received and all that was due had been paid. Until the past few years this was not an important item, but with the tremendous increase in taxes delinquent, even a small percentage of error by the higher officials might mean a considerable sum to the Township.

It is considered possible that in some cases money which should have been paid to Farmington Township might have been paid to another township, or that some other error occurred. Through the set-up which is to be made, every item of delinquent tax as far as back as 1924 will be checked over. Following completion of the set-up, which will bring the records down to the present time, it will be kept up to date and the Township officials will at all times know what delinquent taxes are due and be able to support any contentions in regard to them.

The set-up will be made by Winterhalter and Glaser, auditors for the Township, and will require four to five weeks. The auditing firm agreed, in consideration of present conditions, to accept payment for their work in three years if necessary, unless their audit should reveal errors and enable the Township to collect at once a considerable sum from the County, in which case they would be paid when that money is obtained by the Township. The cost of the work is not to exceed \$1,000.

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New Record Of Fire Calls Set During Quarter

Farmington Volunteers Answered 55 Alarms In Three Months; 29 In August

All records for fire department calls in Farmington were broken during the three months ended October 1, according to a report compiled by City Clerk Nathan H. Power, based on records of the City's volunteer department.

The total of 55 fire alarms in the three-months period far exceeds all previous figures since the volunteer department was organized, being an average of more than one call for every two days during the three months.

August led in the three month period with 29 calls, or an average of nearly one alarm a day. This was the busiest month the fire department has ever experienced. All but two of the calls were due to grass-fires, the numberous by the unusually dry weather.

Fires Costly

The large number of fires proved a costly factor to the City and townships nearby. The City paid a total of \$689 salaries to the firemen, each fireman receiving pay according to the alarms answered. The highest amount received by any one fireman was \$122.

More than half of the alarms were from Farmington Township, whose bill for answering the calls totals \$580. Livonia Township is close behind, with \$450 for service. West Bloomfield and Southfield Township calls cost those townships \$50 each.

In handling 55 alarms, the fire department made an excellent record, not a building being destroyed, or a man injured. In some instances, buildings were in considerable danger from grass fires, but were reached in time to prevent loss.

YEARS BRING ON ANOTHER CHANGE IN FARMINGTON

Power Plant Operated By Brothers For 30 Years, Closes Next Week

Another of the many recent changes in and around Farmington will take place within a few days with the shutting down of the Detroit Edison power plant on Grand River road near Farmington Junction.

The new, automatically-operated apparatus on Orchard Lake road near Shiawassee built some time ago, and the completion of a similar plant in Clarenceville last week, has made continuance of the old unit unnecessary.

William and Henry Pauline, who have worked together at the plant for 30 years, will be separated, the former taking a new position with the Edison company in Detroit, and Henry Pauline planning to devote his entire time to his food store business in Farmington.

Funeral Services Held For Lewis Barnes

Farmington Masons laid to rest a member of the Lodge, Lewis Barnes, last Saturday afternoon at Grand Lawn Cemetery. Mr. Barnes, a resident of Clarenceville, died Wednesday, October 1, after a short illness. He was 62 years old.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Boush Barnes, and three children, Floyd M. Barnes, Mrs. Hazel Lynch, and Miss Margaret Barnes.

MARRIED IN OHIO

Miss Mary Ellen Fink, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Fink of Grand River avenue, Farmington, and James Dunham, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dunham of Farmington, were married in Ohio Tuesday.