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Ask Injunction Against City Using Power Ave. Sewer

Hearing Set For Monday On Complaint Of Mr. And Mrs. E. A. Fink; City Officials Charged With Deceiving Plaintiffs And State

An application for a permanent injunction restraining the City of Farmington from connecting up and using the Power avenue unit of the City's new sewer has been filed in Circuit Court in Pontiac by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fink of Power and Grand River avenues. The bill of complaint was filed in Pontiac Wednesday noon, and City representatives and Carle and Tomasini, contractors, were served with an order to appear in court at Pontiac on Monday morning, October 27, to show cause why the Finks should not be granted a permanent injunction.

The order to show cause, signed by Circuit Judge Glen C. Gillespie, did not affect laying the sewer lateral on Power avenue, practically all of the work having been finished, and the plaintiffs stating in their bill that they did not desire to prevent completion of laying the sewer in the street. Their purpose is to prevent connecting up of the sewer, whereby sewage from nearby houses would be discharged into the branch of the River-Rouge which flows through the Fink property.

Charge Deceit
In their bill of complaint, Mr. and Mrs. Fink accuse City officials and an engineer employed by the City of deceit. They declare that use of the sewer will damage their property to the extent of \$10,000.

The Department of State and the Michigan Stream Control commission are made defendants in the suit. The bill of complaint relates the history of the matter in considerable detail, and asks for a personal decree and injunction against the City and Carle and Tomasini, to restrain them from so constructing and completing the so-called Power avenue lateral sewer as to discharge the sewage therefrom into the branch of the River Rouge, in the City of Farmington, as planned and proposed. Judge Gillespie restrained the defendants until Monday, from making connections with the sewer.

Say City Made Change
The bill recites that the plaintiffs have four acres of land and two lots covering about two acres. It refers to a letter sent to the City Commission early in the summer by Mr. Fink, and states that the plaintiffs objected to the Grand River sewer emptying on their property farther east, and the City officials made a change in the plans.

The complaint declares that Mr. Hayden, of the engineering firm of Geo. H. Ruhling and Co., in charge of work for the city, had intimated to Mr. Fink in a conversation in Detroit about October 1, that because it was late in the season, the Power avenue unit would not be put in, if the Finks were objecting, and spoke also of a line being laid under the creek-bottom to carry away the sewage. However, the complaint states, on October 14 the

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State Police Radio Work Will Be Told

Farmington Exchange Club members are looking forward to the program next week, when they expect to hear talks on the State police radio system by Oscar G. Olander, head of the Department of Public Safety, and Captain Donald S. Leonard of the Detroit District.

Captain Leonard has supervised installation of radio equipment. The State police will be in Farmington as guests of Arthur Lamb.

Miss Crystal Van Marter attended the wedding Saturday night of Miss Doris Warner at Plymouth and attended her as maid of honor.

Movement For Investigation Of County Growing

Survey Shows Citizens Active In Various Parts Of County For Inquiry

By F. M. BLUNK
In the comparatively short span of 20 years Oakland County has grown from a strictly rural county of 49,576 people to a highly urban manufacturing center of 204,000. The annual budget for salaries of county officers and staffs has grown from a mere sprout of \$26,760 to a giant of more than \$726,000. The per capita cost for county salaries has grown from, roughly 55 cents in 1910 to more than \$3 in 1930.

Yet the actual cost per capita is more than these figures show, when, for instance, we consider that in 1910 a greater percentage of the then population were taxpayers in comparison to the number of property-holders included in the present population of 204,000.

Now, from 1910 to 1920 the population grew to 90,000 and the annual salary budget in proportion. In 1920 it was around \$100,000. At that time the County Board of Auditors was created. The salary budget has grown like a beanstalk every since, while the population increase has been normal, that is in keeping with the industrial growth.

To digress for a moment let us consider where this population growth has occurred. In the few large centers, of course, Pontiac, and the suburban section of the County which is nothing more than a Detroit suburb. Thus we still have remaining for the agricultural acreage.

Farmer The Backbone
The farmer, then, is still the backbone of the tax structure. His number has not been increased in the population boom. He naturally has derived some benefits from the population increase, for to an extent there is a greater and closer market for his produce. This is theoretical of course. But his increased costs are far from commensurate with his theoretically-increased earnings.

For, through the efforts of the "go-getting" progressive of these new urban centers of the County great and costly institutions have been built; through the shrewd operations of real estate exploitation experts many miles of beautiful roads have been constructed as well as costly drains; new county governmental departments have been created and old departments have increased their staffs.

Produce Price Same
But, as the Oakland County Association for the Reduction of Taxation points out, none of these improvements have increased the price of farm products. And, as the farmer points out, he sold all he could produce in 1910 and his taxes were not too burdensome, but in 1930 he has had difficulty in disposing of his products and the tax-burden has all but broken his back.

In 1929, according to the Auditor, (Continued on page five)

Officials Unite To Avoid School Money Lawsuit

Township And School Leaders Lay Plans For Movement To Aid Schools

After half a dozen failures that seemed each time to bring near a lawsuit by school authorities on account of funds due from Farmington Township, school district and Township leaders Tuesday night joined hands toward embarking on a movement that appears to give much promise of success in keeping the matter out of court.

Spurred on by an attorney retained by School District No. 5 Fractional, George E. Bushnell of Detroit, present and former Township officers and school trustees discussed enthusiastically a community-wide movement on behalf of the schools. The lack of money is due almost entirely to delinquent taxes, and the movement (Continued on page five)

Groups To Unite In Welfare Work

Farmington Church Groups Plan To Co-Ordinate Aid This Winter

Early in the year Miss Rosetti Barbour, the Farmington school nurse, approached the groups of the various churches and other organizations of Farmington with the idea of a closer co-operative effort for the community welfare. These groups felt that such co-operation would most intelligently meet the real needs which are community responsibilities, and committees were appointed by each.

Monday afternoon these representatives met at the school. An organization was formed calling itself the Community Co-operative Association or C. C. A.

Miss Barbour, because of her position of community service, was chosen as chairman. Others chosen are: Secretary, Mrs. A. C. McDonald; assistant secretary, Miss Halstead; treasurer, Mrs. Emory Hutton.

The chairmen of representative groups are as follows: P. T. A., Mrs. John Lapham; Woman's Club, Mrs. William Irish; Methodist Church, Mrs. H. West; Evangelical Church, Mrs. A. A. Schoen; Universalist Church, Miss Ida Steele; Catholic Church, Mrs. J. J. Schulte; Baptist Church, Mrs. A. C. McDonald.

Representative from the Exchange Club to be named by Mr. Johnson.

It is felt that this winter such a service will be of untold value. The church women expect to do any necessary sewing.

Miss Hyde has also volunteered the use of her sewing class to help in this respect. In order to give all in the community an opportunity to have a part there is published in this paper a coupon which may be used by any who desire to send funds to the Association.

COUPON
I am sending voluntarily \$..... or..... to Farmington Community Co-operative Association.

Send contributions to the treasurer, Mrs. E. Hutton.

FIRE DAMAGE SLIGHT
Fire which broke out on the roof of the George Schulkins residence on Ten Mile road Monday was put out with damage of not more than \$50. The Farmington Fire Department responded to the alarm.

Township Prepares To File Town Hall Property Suit

Papers Signed By Officials, Will Be Filed In Circuit Court By Attorney; Seek A Free And Clear Title For The Township

Papers to institute a suit in Circuit Court for determination of the ownership of the Farmington Town Hall property have been drawn up and signed by Farmington Township officials, and will be filed shortly, possibly Friday or Saturday. The document was signed Tuesday evening by Supervisor Arthur P. Coe, and Clerk Willard Campbell, following passage of a resolution by the Township Board authorizing them to do so.

The suit follows failure of every effort to reach an understanding between the Township, City and Farmington Masonic Lodge regarding the property. The last attempt was made during the past summer when Attorney James H. Lynch, representing the Township, urged Township officials to make one more effort to settle the problem in order to avoid court action.

The Township Board passed unanimously the resolution authorizing the signing of the papers, which were prepared by Mr. Lynch. By setting up the claim that the Township is and always has been the owner of the Town Hall property, and has used it for 50 years for Township purposes, the Township is apparently able to throw the City and the Farmington Masonic Lodge on the defensive in the case, forcing them to come into court and prove any claim to ownership that they might have.

Road Commission Would Aid Probe

County Commissioners Say They Would Give Assistance If Inquiry Develops

By F. M. BLUNK
Taking cognizance of the county-wide agitation for an investigation of county affairs and specifically of various criticisms launched at them and their official activities, the Oakland County Road Commission, Luther D. Allen, Isaac Bond and Howard Hillman Wednesday expressed themselves as unequivocally in favor of such an inquiry if it is desired by a majority of the taxpayers.

"If the property owners want to know how the county is run, why certain construction projects have been carried out, who the petitioners for these projects were, if they want to know how the county departments are conducted and where their money goes, then they are entitled to know," the Commissioners say.

Would Help Probe
"This Commission's records and its personnel are always open and at the service of the people and if an investigation is ordered this Commission will do everything it possibly can to co-operate."

Defending the Commission's activities in the building of certain roads Mr. Allen declared that these roads were petitioned in the usual manner and then approved by the County Board of Supervisors and that the Commission had no alternative but to build them.

He added, however, that if the Commission had had the power to veto or approve certain roads that have been built it certainly would have strongly opposed their construction until a later time.

Roads Adequate
"As a matter of fact," said Mr. Allen, "I do not think that Oakland County should embark on any new big road building program until after the present period of depression is ended and forgotten. We have many, many miles of good roads in the county and it would be a good idea to devote all our time to maintaining them. They are adequate for present county needs."

TO AUDIT BOOKS

Winterhalter and Glaser, accountants, will audit the City of Farmington books for the past six months, following action of the City Commission Monday night. The Commission called for bids and received two, each for \$25 per day. The only difference was in the guaranty of maximum charge, the other bidder guaranteeing a maximum of \$70, as compared with the Winterhalter and Glaser guaranty of not more than \$75.

9 Groups Start Work For 'Stunt Night' Nov. 3

Nine organizations have signified their intention to take part in "Stunt Night" November 3, sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Farmington. This will provide, it is expected, more than two hours of entertainment.

Final preparations were discussed by the Club Monday evening. The affair will be in the Methodist Community Hall, and tickets will be on sale Saturday at Curly's Electric Shop. All seats will be reserved.

Farmington O. E. S. To Celebrate Anniversary

Farmington Chapter No. 229, O. E. S., will celebrate the 81st anniversary of its institution next Tuesday evening, October 23. There will be a pot luck dinner at 6:30, followed by a program and special meeting for initiation of candidates.

Charter members, past matrons, and past patrons of the Chapter will be guests of honor.

City May License All Oil Burners

Would Inspect All Present And New Heaters If Ordinance Is Adopted

Inspection by the City of all oil burners, and requirement of a City license, both for present burners and those installed in the future in Farmington is likely to occur within the near future, following discussion of the subject by the City Commission Monday evening. Expressions at the meeting indicate that the ordinance, recommended by State authorities, will be passed at the next meeting.

The measure discussed by the Farmington officials rigidly regulates the installation and use of oil burners. It is understood that officials of the State Fire Marshal's office have indicated for some time that Farmington must have an inspection of oil burners, and that they desire to come to Farmington at once and make an inspection, with someone appointed by Farmington officials.

If the ordinance is adopted, an oil-burner inspector must be appointed, and a fee will probably be charged for inspection and license. The Commission discussed several rates, a charge of \$2.50 to cover the license and inspection appearing to find the most favor.

The matter was referred to Commissioner Leo Gildemeister, in charge of ordinances, for a report at the next meeting.

STREET IS NAMED

Charles Heise, popular resident of Clarenceville, was honored by the Farmington Township Board Tuesday evening when the Board voted to name the street on which Mr. Heise lives, "Heise avenue." The street runs north and south between Grand River and Eight-Mile road, west of the intersection of those two roads.

Miss Crystal and Merle Van Marter spent Sunday at Davison.

New Resident Pastor Plans Active Year At West Point Park Church



REV. JOHN ADAMS

By Dr. M. C. Pearson
The West Point Park Presbyterian church, located at the corner of Farmington and Seven-Mile roads, is being thoroughly organized this fall for the greatest year's work in all its history. Last spring, Rev. John Adams was assigned to the pastorate of this new church. He has recently moved, with his mother, to 23000 Maple avenue, Farmington, where he will reside until a suitable residence may be found near the church.

This church belongs to the Detroit Presbytery which covers six large counties, of which Wayne County is one. In this area, there (Continued on page four)