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## Farmington H. S. Again Placed On Accredited List

Word Received Of North Central Association Approval For Another Year

Supt. J. A. Dalrymple of the Farmington High School has just been notified that this school has been accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for the period ending March 20, 1932. In explanation of the term of accrediting the local school authorities have been advised that it is the established policy of the Association to prepare each year a new list of approved secondary schools according to the above and that no school is accredited by the North Central Association for a period longer than one year. Before any school can be considered for accrediting by the North Central Association it must be on the highest list of schools approved and accredited by the school authorities of this state. In addition it must meet the high standards which the Association maintains with respect to the school building and its equipment, the school library, laboratory and instructional equipment and apparatus, school records, the requirements for graduation, instruction and spirit, salaries of teachers, the training and preparations of teachers, the teaching load, pupil load and the school's program with reference to physical education and to its athletic relationship with other high schools as determined by the state athletic association.

The graduates of an accredited high school are privileged to enter institutions of higher education within the North Central states without entrance examinations, provide that they have studied in the high school subjects required by the college or university for admission.

Commenting on the approval, Supt. Dalrymple says: "The attention of the patrons is called to the fact that while the proposed reduction in school costs will not affect the standing of the school, it is going to be increasingly important that parents impress upon their children the fact that public education is a serious matter."

"Farmington High School must necessarily confine instruction quite closely to the strictly academic and it is a fact that this type of work does not command the interest of certain pupils. However, the importance of subject matter has probably been over emphasized and if each student will put forth his best efforts the local school with its present curriculum can assist him in securing good educational results."

## FARMINGTON H. S. MUSIC GROUPS GO TO DISTRICT MEET

Students Entered in Competition at Ypsilanti For First Time

On Friday the High School music department will make a brief visit to Ypsilanti where they will meet in friendly contest with other groups of their class Livingston, Oakland, Macomb, Jackson, Washtenaw, Wayne, Hillsdale, Lenawee and Monroe Counties are meeting there Friday and Saturday.

The chorus and glee club under Mrs. Lulu Loomis and the band and a brass ensemble under Mr. Eaton have been looking forward to a new experience this year. Contests similar to this are held each year in Ypsilanti but this is the first year Farmington groups have entered. These groups will compete against others from Class C schools which are those having not more than 300 in the high school. The two winners of this contest in Class C are privileged to enter the State contest at M. S. C., Lansing.

## Farmington Man Is Commandery Leader

William C. Way of Farmington was installed Tuesday evening as commander of the Northville Commandery, at ceremonies attended by a large number of Farmington residents; Joseph Himmelspach, worshipful master of Farmington Masonic Lodge, was installed as warder.

Mr. Way, past master of Farmington Lodge, No. 151, F. & A. M., has been a leader in Masonic work in this section for many years.

## Town Board Cuts Road Fund Half

Levy For 1931 In Farmington Township Is \$8,000; Was \$15,000 Last Year

A reduction of nearly one-half in the road repair fund for the coming year was made by the Farmington Township Board on Tuesday night. The amount to be levied will be \$8,000, as compared with \$15,000 the past year. Greater reduction was prevented by the fact that the Township has an indebtedness in the road repair fund of \$5,000 on bank notes. The law permits borrowing to the extent of two-thirds of the coming year's levy, and it was thus necessary to levy enough so that two-thirds would be at least \$8,000.

In deciding upon the levy of \$8,000, the Board cut the possible actual road expenditures to a very small amount. Only about 40 per cent of the 1930 road repair levy was raised by taxation and the \$8,000 levy for 1931 was made with the anticipation that the percentage raised would probably be no more next year.

By the reduction in the road repair fund, the Township will be able to put that much toward the fund to be raised for paying off the Township's debt to school districts. It is the officials' aim to include the year's payment of the school debt in the Township levy without increasing taxes.

## 150 FARMINGTON PEOPLE TO BE IN 'COLLEGE FLAPPER'

P. T. A. Sponsoring Comedy To Raise Funds For Honor Banquet

On next Thursday and Friday nights, April 30 and May 1, the merry comedy "The College Flapper" will be staged at Farmington Town Hall under the auspices of the P. T. A. It promises to be one of the biggest events ever staged in this community, and includes a cast of over 150 local people. It is a modern college comedy with a thrilling football story.

The star football player of Bula Bula College is supposed to be at football practice but instead is in the Sorority House making love. The coach, played by Lynn Rohrer, sends Monk, the trainer, played by Harmon Boice to the Sorority House to find Jerry. Jerry sees him coming and knows he will be expelled from the team if he caught there so with the help of his girl Jean, played by Frances Brown and the Freshman Bill, played by Frank Kerr, the hides in the house—mother's room. He puts on the housemother's clothes but is discovered in the outfit, and mistaken for the housemother.

The Butter and Egg man from Omaha, a wealthy alumnus of Bula Bula College played by R. C. Burns visits the Sorority house and falls in love with Jerry thinking he is the housemother. The Butter and Egg Man promises to give the college one half million dollars, but makes two conditions first that Bula Bula College win the football game, and that the housemother goes to the game (Continued on page four)

## May Tear Down Centennial Log Cabin In Park

Woman's Club Members Ask Removal; Referred To Commissioners On Parks

Farmington's unique log cabin, which has stood in the Town Hall Park since the community's centennial celebration eight years ago, faces possible destruction. Following a request by a committee of the Farmington's Woman's Club at the City Commission meeting Monday night, the parks and cemeteries committee of the Commission was instructed to consider the matter and report. Any action that may be taken awaits their report.

The cabin was described by the Woman's Club committee as detrimental to the beauty of the park. Mrs. William Irish and Mrs. Martha Warner represented the Club. "The village park doesn't have its former attractive appearance," said Mrs. Irish. "Shrubs and trees were planted there by the women 30 years ago. We would like to have the cabin removed and all of the park seeded for grass. We would like to have the recreation grounds away; too."

Speak For Cabin  
City Clerk N. H. Power eloquently argued for retention of the cabin. "It is a link with an older civilization," he said. "A link with a generation that did perhaps more for the community than any other." He said the cabin had a foundation sufficient for a large building, and was intended to be permanent.

Commissioner Carl Goers declared that he thought the cabin "the best advertisement this town has ever had," and that he did not believe the cabin at all unsightly. He stated that people whom he met from all over the State, on hearing that he lived in Farmington, always exclaim, "That's the town with the log cabin, isn't it?"

Favors Removal  
Commissioner Leo Gildemeister expressed the opinion that the cabin should go. He and Delos Hamlin are the parks and cemeteries committee.

Commissioner Emory Hatton suggested a possible compromise, in that climbing vines might be planted along the sides of the cabin, to add attractiveness.

Expresses Surprise  
It was intimated that members of Salem Evangelical church, across the street from the Park, would favor removal of the cabin. Rev. A. A. Schoen, pastor of the church, when interviewed Thursday, expressed surprise, and said that to his knowledge nothing had ever been said publicly regarding it. "Personally," said Rev. Schoen, "I would very much like to see it removed, and I believe I express the sentiment of most of our people. But so far as I know, nothing has been said about it before now."

Appropriated \$600  
The cabin, until recently occupied by the American Legion post, was built for the centennial celebration in 1923. At the annual Farmington Township business meeting in April of that year, the people of the Township voted an appropriation of \$600 for the centennial fund. Other money was raised by sale of buttons and men emblems in the centennial organization. After the centennial Legionnaires were granted use of the cabin.

The cabin is in need of some repair the question of how much being one of the matters to be investigated by the Commission parks committee. The "recreation grounds" spoken of by the Woman's Club committee refers to spots used by horse-shoe pitchers of the community engaging in their sport.

Mrs. David Ross visited with her sister-in-law, Mrs. S. Ellenderbeck at Windsor several days this week. She is seriously ill.

## Township Board Makes 10% Cut In All Salaries

Reduction Includes Expense Accounts And Extends To All Employees

A reduction of 10 per cent in the salaries and expense accounts of all Farmington Township officials and employees for the coming year was voted by the Township Board Monday evening.

Supervisor Coe opened the discussion by volunteering to take a 10 per cent reduction in his salary, clerk hire and expense account. Other officials indicated that they were willing to accept similar reductions.

Asks Bigger Cut  
The 10 per cent cut received approval of three members of the Board, Justice Ernest Blanchard holding out for a greater reduction. "Ten per cent is not sufficient considering present conditions," declared Mr. Blanchard. "It should be twenty, but I would compromise on fifteen." He said that salary raises were big in "boom" years and reductions to correspond should be made now.

Other members of the Board pointed out that the work is not less or even the same as in previous years, but a great deal more. Supervisor Coe said that the work of his office is far greater than ever before, and that he had spent the entire afternoon seeking a house for Township charges who had been put out of their home, a duty that is required of him by law. He said that the welfare work alone, to investigate every case thoroughly, would keep a man busy all of the time.

Present salaries, to be reduced 10 per cent, are as follows: supervisor, \$2,600; with \$1,300 for clerk hire and \$700 for expense; clerk, \$1,500; and \$100 for expense; treasurer, \$1,700; highway commissioner, 80 cents an hour; road overseers, 60 cents an hour; labor, 50 cents an hour; justices of the peace, \$40 a year.

## Firemen's Insurance Is Renewed By City

Farmington City Commission changed its previous decision Monday evening in renewing the insurance policy carried on the volunteer firemen. While the policy does not give as much protection as the Commissioners desire, they decided it is best to have the policy rather than none at all.

The Commission's decision was influenced by the fact that the bill introduced by Rep. Melvin Lee of this district, appears to be permanently "pigeon-holed" in the legislative committee to which it was assigned.

Thirty-five were present at a dinner party given in honor of Guy H. Cook's birthday Sunday, April 19 at the Cook home in Clarencville.

## Farmington To Send A Spelling Champion To Metropolitan Bee

Farmington will send a district spelling champion to the Metropolitan spelling-bee at the State Fair Coliseum on May 8, following the holding of the district spelling-bee at Farmington High School last Friday afternoon. The champion of this district is Elsin Nelson, 11 years old, 28708 Warner street, a pupil in the seventh grade of Farmington schools.

Champions of 17 schools met in the district competition in Farmington. Weldon Stephenson of Clarencville was the runner-up, falling on the word "tattoo." He spelled it "tato," and a moment later the contest was over.

Farmington's representative will be one of 62 to compete at the Metropolitan finals: In the district contest, she won an exciting extra spell-down from a chum,

## Township Truck On First Fire Alarm

Farmington's Township's new fire engine was used for the first time on a fire call last week end, when an alarm was turned in for a grassfire in the rear of the old Methodist Children's Home. Firemen expressed satisfaction with the work of the engine. The Township Board Tuesday night ordered four dozen extra charges for the chemical tank.

## State Leader Of O. E. S. To Be Here

Farmington Chapter Of Eastern Stars Installs Officers On April 29

A special meeting of Farmington Chapter, No. 235, O. E. S., will be held at Masonic hall on Wednesday evening, April 29, at 8:00 o'clock for installation of officers. The meeting will be called to order by Worthy Matron Kate Banfield.

The Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary W. Covell, of Whitehall, Eastern Star leader of Michigan, will be the installing officer. Past Grand Ada, Mrs. Minnie Pierce Lamb instructed the street committee, Commissioner Stannan and Osmu, to investigate various tractors and call a meeting of the Commission when they are ready to report.

Commissioner Goers asked whether, if a tractor-grader is purchased, this would affect the proposed tunnel under Grand River at School street for school children. Mayor Lamb replied that "people seem to think that the grader is needed more," and that he had "talked with five or six" and all seemed to be of the opinion the street maintenance machine is a greater necessity.

The call for bids on the subway, as voted by the Commission last week, has not yet been sent out. Commissioner Hatton, who presented the subway plan, stated that he is awaiting comment from the State Highway Department before proceeding to obtain bids.

Through an error, the announcement placed in last week's issue of the Enterprise gave the installation date as Wednesday evening, April 22.

## WILL CONFER DEGREE

Farmington Lodge, 151, F. & A. M. will confer the third degree on Rev. Floyd Johnson at Lincoln Park Tuesday, April 28. All members are urged to make reservations with Jos. Himmelspach, W. M.

Send in your news items.

## Safety Tunnel Or Road Grader? City Undecided

Commission Considering Two Propositions; Committee To Report On Tractor

Whether the City of Farmington will build a safety tunnel under Grand River avenue or purchase a road-grader for use in keeping the streets in good condition is a question yet to be decided by the City Commission, following discussion of the matter Monday evening. It was intimated that the City is in good financial condition to handle one of the propositions, but possibly not both.

The expense of the two propositions is about the same. The cost of the safety tunnel has been estimated by engineers as about \$2,500. The cost of the tractor varies from about \$2,000 upward, but the two models given most consideration would cost approximately \$2,000 and \$2,500 respectively. Salesmen representing two companies pointed out the merits of their respective machines to the Commission.

Tractor Favored  
A move toward purchase of the tractor was made when Mayor Lamb instructed the street committee, Commissioner Stannan and Osmu, to investigate various tractors and call a meeting of the Commission when they are ready to report.

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## TOWNSHIP BOARD SAVES \$400.00 ON CEMETERY FUNDS

Allotments To Each Of Three Cemeteries Changed; Largest Gets Most

A two-thirds reduction in the fund appropriated for cemeteries and a new apportionment, were made by the Farmington Township Board Tuesday evening. The amount appropriated was \$200 as compared with \$600 last year.

In making its appropriation last year, the Board did so against its wishes but the amount had been voted by the people at the annual business meeting, and the Board was compelled by law to make the appropriation. No appropriation was voted by the people this year.

In addition to the cut, the Board changed the amounts allotted to the cemeteries. Hitherto each of the three cemeteries has received one-third. Supervisor Coe pointed out Tuesday that North Farmington cemetery is several times as large as the others, requiring more for upkeep, and that it is justly entitled to a greater share, having also more burials. The Board decided to allot \$100 to North Farmington Cemetery, and \$50 each to the cemeteries in East and West Farmington.

## "CLEAN UP" NEXT WEEK

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, April 28 and 29 will be "Cleanup Days" in Farmington, when city employees will gather up all unwanted things placed at the edge of streets by residents. Citizens are urged to make a thorough clean-up of their premises and place all material to be collected in some kind of containers.