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German School District Sues For Tax Money

Second Suit Is Brought Against Township For 1929 Tax; \$700 Due

Court action against Farmington Township for 1929 school tax money, on behalf of School District No. 1 Fractional, is on file in Circuit Court at Pontiac, having been instituted a few days ago. The district has about \$700 due.

Meanwhile, Township officials are proceeding with plans for gradual repayment to the other 10 school districts, all of which are expected to join in the suit started some time ago by Clarenceville District No. 5. As soon as all the boards have met and approved the joining of the suit, it is expected that Circuit Judge Frank L. Covert will set a date for hearing, when the repayment plans will be completed.

The board of District No. 1 Fractional, George Leet, moderator, Mrs. E. T. Sturman, director and Ward Eagle, treasurer, decided against joining the other districts. This district, in the northeast corner of the Township, is known as the German School District. The board members believe that they will be able to collect as quickly by separate suit, and perhaps even earlier than by joining the other boards. Robert D. Heitsch of Pontiac represents the district.

The plan of Township officials, which is understood to be recommended by the court, is to set up a special fund for retirement of the debt to the school districts joining the original suit, in each year's budget until the debt is paid off. By drastic reduction of expenses, such as cutting the road repair fund and road light bills in half, the Township officials expect to include the school debt payment in the budgets of the next few years without increasing the tax levy.

TO NAME CITIZENS OF TOWNSHIP ON AID COMMITTEE

Group To Aid In Investigating Welfare Cases; Serve Without Pay

A committee of citizens to assist the supervisor in investigating cases where public welfare aid is being given will be appointed soon by Supervisor Cook of Farmington Township. A resolution authorizing supervisors to appoint citizen committees in their various communities was passed by the Board of Supervisors last Friday.

The citizens are to serve without salary. The plan was advocated by A. L. Moore, widely known Pontiac attorney, as one step toward improving Oakland County's financial condition.

Mayor Lamb of Farmington City states that he feels the City does not need such a committee, there being only two families on the welfare list in the City at present.

Owner Settles And Barbecue Stand Goes

One of the last obstacles to widening the Grand River road between the Cut-off and Farmington was removed during the past week, when the barbecue stand owned by Harry Newcomb and situated east of Farmington Junction, was torn down, following a settlement between Mr. Newcomb and officials of the State Highway Department.

Mr. Newcomb, whose property has a frontage of 60 feet, will rebuild on the new building line. Excavation for the south side of the pavement is proceeding rapidly, the work having progressed past the Junction.

Farmington High Mixed Chorus Is Second At Ypsi; Go To State Meet

The mixed chorus of Farmington High School won the right to compete in the State contest at East Lansing next Friday and Saturday, as a result of placing second in the district meet at Ypsilanti last Friday. Their ability to qualify for the State finals is considered quite remarkable, as this is the first year that Farmington High School's music department has been represented at a district contest. Only Roosevelt High School of Ypsilanti finished ahead of the Farmington singers.

Farmington's band placed third in their contest, and considering that the band has been in existence only two years, their third

place position is also a notable achievement. Oxford high school, first place winner, has had a band for 14 years, and has competed in national contests. Belleville and Trenton were tied for second in this event.

The mixed chorus is composed of the following students: Thelma Garlick, Hedwig Schoen, Lena Shepo, Hester White, Virginia Loudon, Marvel Auten, Elaine Auten, Dick Russell, Floyd Taggart, Bob Gaff, George Paege, George Middlewood, Bob Loudon, Bob Hunter, Roberts Russell, Virginia Ojls, Gwen Lancaster and June Johnson. Mrs. Lulu Loomis is director of the chorus, and Edward Eaton, band leader.

National Church Leader Coming

President Of Church Federation To Speak In Farmington Next Week

Three members will be honored guests at the meeting next Wednesday, May 6 of the Evangelical Ladies' Aid Society. They are Mesdames Eisen, Rendt, and Salow. These beloved grandmothers are all more than 80 years of age. A post card shower will be part of a birthday program in their honor.

Another unusual feature of the event will be the presence of Mrs. Otto Pokorny of Detroit, president of the Evangelical Ladies' Federation of America. Mrs. Pokorny will deliver an address.

Committees have been chosen and are working on details for the Mother and Daughter banquet which will be given Wednesday, May 13 in the church dining hall. Tickets may be purchased at the Farmington Dairy, Farmington Mills, F. L. Cook & Co. at the parsonage and in Clarenceville from Mrs. Ida Nacker.

In spite of inclement weather 23 ladies served at the Paul Kroger's home last Wednesday and enjoyed the day. The next meeting will be at the church on May 20. This will be a pot luck luncheon. Anyone wishing to go, is cordially invited to spend the day with this group.

Farmington Gets New Telephone Directories

New telephone directories of the Farmington exchange, issued Wednesday, mark a distinct change from all of those previously provided. For the first time, the directories are printed in the manner customary in the larger exchanges. The pages containing telephone numbers are of white paper and the covers of Bristol board. Formerly the entire books have been printed on Bristol stock.

The new style directories afford much greater readability. A steady increase in telephone users in this area has made the change feasible.

Miss Ada Boynton is ill.

West Point In Fastest League

Baseball Team Wins Place In "Triple A" Circuit; First Game Sunday

Prestige gained during the past several years, has won for West Point Park's baseball team a place in the nationally-known "Triple A" league of Detroit, the fastest semi-pro circuit in the metropolitan area. The team will make its bow in the new league Sunday, playing the Briggs Mfg. Co. team at West Point Park at 3:00 o'clock.

Practically all of the last year's aggregation will be back. The team met Wednesday evening and elected Leonard Halversy, second baseman, as its field captain. The team will be managed again this year by Harry Wolfe, and in addition will have the services as coach of Sylvester Osterander, former Southern Michigan league pitcher and well-known to fans throughout lower Michigan.

"Anticipating much larger attendances this summer because of the faster teams to be met, the West Point Park management has decided to reduce admission charge to 25 cents. Children will be admitted free.

John Jayska will hurl the opening game Sunday. Two Federation umpires will officiate Sunday, and at every contest throughout the season. The diamond at Farmington and Seven Mile road is in excellent shape for the season opening. The game starts at 3:00 o'clock.

Final Rites Held For Redford Twp. Woman

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Elizabeth Botsford of Redford Township. Burial was in Clarenceville cemetery. Mrs. Botsford was 67 years old, and the widow of George Botsford who died about two years ago.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Zane, 23 Revere street, Redford Township, with whom she was making her home, and a son, George of Cleveland.

Funeral arrangements were in charge of Spencer Heeney of Farmington.

Savings For Thrifty Shoppers

A number of most attractive opportunities to save await the thrifty shoppers of this community in the next few days. Within the pages of this paper are listed an unusual number of wanted items at specially reduced prices—for a limited time.

For instance, on page 5 Farmington Hardware Co. offers a saving of 40 cents on purchases of enamel and wall paper, following their offer last week of a 30-cent can of enamel for 10 cents. In addition, there is a complete list of everything you need for the garden and lawn, all priced for economy.

Saturday food specials are especially tempting, with Pauline's Market and Dolos Hamlin offering choicest meats, butter and eggs—things everyone needs—at prices that challenge comparison. Their advertisements are on page 5 and 8.

Farmington Mills offers things "to make your garden grow" in convenient quantities and at economical prices (page 3). Consumers Power Co. has a special offer on gas water heaters, allowing the purchase of your old equipment (see page 2). Feminine shoppers looking for smartness as well as for savings will find it in the Fred L. Cook and Co. advertisement on page 4.

Coleman House On Twelve Mile Burns To Ground

Furniture On First Floor Saved; Two Fire Engines Called To Scene

Fire which burned so fiercely that both Farmington fire engines were called to protect a house across the road, destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Coleman, 12-Mile road east of Orchard Lake road Sunday afternoon. The stumps of half a dozen trees, the tops of which were burned off by the flames, are all that remain above ground to evidence the worst fire in this vicinity in some time.

For a time it was feared that not only might the other buildings on the Coleman farm be consumed, but also that the residence (Continued on page four)

County Abandons Paving Of Roads

Several In This Section Affected By Ruling Of Board Of Supervisors

Improvement of several roads in this section under the Covert road law, previously approved by the board of supervisors but on which construction had not been started, was halted this week when the supervisors voted to rescind their approval.

The supervisors took this action after Civil Counsel George A. Cran, advised them that they could legally holdup the work. Thirteen roads are affected by this ruling in the County.

The roads affected in this area are as follows:

Completion of Eleven Mile road to Farmington, and

Eleven Mile road between South field and Lasher roads.

Lathrop road from South Lyon road to Grand River.

West Commerce road from Commerce to the Wixom road.

The resolution of the supervisors rescinding the road authorizations was accompanied by a letter signed by all road commissioners, approving and recommending the action.

Road officials stated that because of current economic conditions work had been stopped on all roads some time ago and none had been contemplated until some definite instructions had been received from the supervisors.

AWAIT REPORTS UPON LOG CABIN, GRADER PURCHASE

Committees To Make Recommendations To City Commission Next Monday Night

Reports of two committees of the Farmington City Commission to be made next Monday evening, are awaited with unusually keen interest.

One is the report on the proposal that the log cabin in the park be torn down, which has aroused much comment. The suggestion of the Woman's Club committee last week that much of the park area which is now barren should be seeded for grass appears to have met with wide-spread approval, although there seems to be a considerable difference of opinion as to tearing down the log cabin. Commissioner Hatton's suggestion that vines should be planted around the cabin has also been commended by many citizens.

Another report to be made is that of the roads committee. Commissioners Stannan and Gamus on the purchase of a grader for the city streets. The committee, with Hatton and Harvey Blough, visited Rochester with a grader salesman Wednesday, to look at a machine.

Mrs. S. J. Heeney spent Tuesday in Detroit.

Installing Officer



Mrs. Mary W. Covell of Whitehall, Worthy Grand Matron of the Eastern Star of Michigan, who conducted installation of officers at Farmington Chapter Wednesday evening.

Man Dies After Gd. River Crash

Driver Escapes Serious Injuries When Auto Overtakes And Hits Pole

One man was fatally hurt and another received minor injuries when the car in which they were driving went out of control, overturned and crashed into a telephone pole, on Grand River near Tuck road, Saturday evening.

The dead man is Lewis Pienta, 35 years old, Lansing. He died at 10 a. m. Wednesday in Redford Branch of Receiving Hospital. His skull had been fractured and two arms broken. His companion and driver of the car, Fred G. Laramie, 42 years old of Grand Rapids, was released from the hospital Thursday morning and ordered to make a statement to the Prosecutor.

The men were salesmen for the same company. The accident was investigated by Deputies William Tamm and Joseph DeVriendt of Farmington.

The crash occurred near the spot where Henry Pauline, Farmington merchant, was seriously injured in February.

INSTALLATION OF FARMINGTON O. E. S. OFFICERS HELD

Gifts Presented To Leaders; Gathering Fills Chapter Room Wednesday Evening

A gathering that filled the chapter room to overflowing witnessed the installation Wednesday evening of officers of Farmington Chapter No. 239, Order of the Eastern Star.

State officers, led by Grand Worthy Matron Mrs. Mary W. Covell of Whitehall, conducted the installation with the proficiency and grace expressive of their high rank.

Mrs. Harrison Johnson, worthy matron-elect, announced her committees for the ensuing year.

A number of gifts and presentations marked the event. Mrs. Johnson was presented with a gift to a new automobile, a gift from her husband. The presentation was made by Past Worthy Patron Isaac Bond. Mrs. Bernard Banfield, retiring worthy matron, was presented with a past matron's jewel from the chapter, a gift from the officers and other remembrances. Mrs. Covell received a gift from the Chapter, and the other State officers present. Mrs. Minnie Pierce, Mrs. Ellen J. Doench, and Mrs. Florence Baughn were recipients of flowers.

Entertainment was provided by pupils of Mrs. Stanley Boucher, and a reading was given by Mrs. Carl Harrison.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Miller and Miss Ione Shepard were supper guests of Dr. and Mrs. Rainey of Birmingham Sunday.

Delegates Of 35 Exchange Clubs Meet Here May 7

Farmington Group To Be Host To Metropolitan Area Council Thursday

Probably the outstanding Exchange event sponsored by Farmington Exchange Club since its organization will take place next Thursday evening, May 7, when the Farmington group will be host to representatives of 35 Exchange Clubs of the Metropolitan area of Detroit. The event will be the monthly meeting of the Metropolitan area Council, the first to be held in Farmington.

In addition to the business meeting, a program of importance has been arranged, with President William G. Spencer of Hillsdale College as speaker of the evening. President Spencer enjoys a high reputation throughout the Middle West as an after-dinner speaker. Besides President Spencer, the program will include a number of songs by Eddie McGrath, nationally known soloist, and selections by the Farmington High School Band.

In addition to the official representatives from each of the 35 clubs, nearby Exchange groups such as Redford and Northville are planning to attend in large numbers, 25 being expected from each of these two clubs. An attendance of at least 150 is anticipated.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m. in the Methodist church dining hall, to be followed by the council's business session and program. A considerable number of Farmington men aside from the Exchange membership are expected to attend; members being permitted to invite guests.

The Farmington Club will dispense with its noon meeting next Wednesday because of the evening dinner on Thursday.

TROUBLES OVER TRANSPORTATION ON WOODWARD TOO!

Towns Seize E. M. R. Equipment For Taxes; Electric Service Abandoned

Transportation system problems which particularly disturbed Farmington and vicinity some time ago, and are still bothersome, found counterparts in other communities around Detroit during the past week. Developments in these other communities, however, have been more spectacular, with public officials seizing electrical equipment of the Eastern Michigan Railway for unpaid taxes, and making a demand for lower fares on the buses, following abandonment of electric car service on Woodward avenue last Saturday night.

As in the case of Farmington whose officials have been objecting for three months to the Grand River bus fare, communities along Woodward avenue are protesting against the rates charged. The Royal Oak City Commission Monday night asked the International Transportation Committee, composed of representatives of several towns along Woodward avenue, to meet again and endeavor to obtain reduced (Continued on page five)

Farmington Masons Work At Lincoln Park

Fifty Farmington Masons journeyed to Lincoln Park Tuesday evening to confer the third degree on Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson of the Methodist church at Lincoln Park Masonic lodge. The degree work was performed by the Farmington degree team in a manner that won much approval.

A Masonic Bible was presented to Rev. Johnson, with a fitting address, by Nathan H. Power. Lincoln Park was Rev. Johnson's pastorate just prior to his coming to Farmington.