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Meeting Called For Planning Of Supervised Play

Plans Advanced To Conduct Athletic Activities For People of City

A meeting of the Farmington people to discuss possibilities of supervised recreation in the city this summer has been called for next Tuesday evening, June 16, in the Town Hall. C. E. Brewer, recreation commissioner in Detroit, will speak on the activities of his department.

Parents are particularly urged to attend, since the chief purpose of recreation activities would be to occupy the leisure time of the children and keep them off the streets, eliminating the danger of playing outside of playgrounds. Activities are also planned for adults.

The recreation plan would include sponsoring of various activities such as baseball games, possibly a softball league for men, composed of teams representing the different city organizations, tennis tournament, and possibly a field day at the end of the summer to decide the champions of the various groups.

Open To All
Howard Warner will act as chairman of the meeting. The various heads of clubs in the city have been asked to attend. The meeting is open to all persons interested.

One of the problems to be considered is financing of the project. The cost of maintaining recreational activities is said to be comparatively small, however. It plans materialize, a member of the Farmington high school faculty would probably be chosen to supervise the activities.

CLUB HONORS ITS RETIRING LEADERS, GREETES THE NEW

Farmington Woman's Group Concludes Year's Meetings With Luncheon At Club

Farmington Woman's Club paid honor to its retiring officers and welcomed new ones at the last gathering of the season Wednesday afternoon. The club held a luncheon meeting at Glenoaks Golf Club.

The conclusion of the term of Mrs. Mary Johnson brought reluctance to all the members, her incumbency having been an unusually successful one. The club looked forward with much pleasure, however, to the presidency during the coming year of Miss Helen Hard. The remarks of the new president in accepting the gavel from Mrs. Johnson met with a particularly favorable response from the membership. The new president declared that the Woman's Club members are able, if they co-operate and stand together, to achieve almost any thing they desire, to obtain almost anything within reason, that they may seek.

In addition to Miss Hard, the new officers are Mrs. Martha Warner, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. L. C. Thayer, treasurer.

Miss Meriah Andrews gave a report on a recent meeting of the Oakland County Women's Law Enforcement League, of which she has been elected corresponding secretary.

A group of readings was presented by Harold E. Sherman of Detroit. Vocal solos were rendered by P. O. Pauline, accompanied by Miss Margaret Jones, teacher of music and art at Clarenceville Schools. Miss Jones also offered two groups of piano solos.

Farmington Young Man Married To Teacher

A wedding which occasioned some surprise among Farmington friends of the contracting parties occurred last Saturday evening, June 6, when Miss Winifred Thomas, third grade teacher in Farmington Schools, was married to Meredith Steele of Farmington. The wedding took place at Mr. Pleasant, the bride's home.

Former Farmington Girl Cherry Queen

Miss Maxine Weaver, 17 year-old Traverse City high school senior, who this week was chosen queen of the national cherry festival, in a contest with 14 representatives of other northern Michigan cities, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weaver of Traverse City, former well-known residents of Farmington.

Miss Weaver, tall and slender, with light brown hair and brown eyes, won not only because of her beauty, according to the judges, but because of her calm and dignified mien.

As winner of the contest, Miss Weaver will leave next week on an airplane tour of the country.

Three Districts Elect Trustees

All Present Members of School Boards Re-elected With One Exception

With one exception, all the present board of education members of three school districts of this section, which held their annual meetings Monday evening, were re-elected. The one exception occurred in the West Farmington school district, where Starr Graham replaced Charles Rogenkamp, who declined to be nominated on account of ill health.

Arthur Rubly and Robert McCrumb were re-elected at the Bond school district meeting, which was attended by about 40 people. Mr. Rubly is the present treasurer of the board, and Mr. McCrumb, trustee. Other members of the board are Arthur Coe, president, Isaac Bond, secretary and James Tolman, trustee.

A small crowd of 18 people attended the meeting of the Nichols school district. Amassa Grace and Stanley Drake were re-elected without opposition. Mr. Grace is the present director of the board and Mr. Drake, treasurer. Leroy Currin, moderator is the other member of the body.

Charles Rogenkamp, the only member of the District No. 4, fractional, West Farmington district, whose term expired, sent word that due to ill health he would not be a candidate for re-election. Starr Graham was chosen to fill the vacancy without opposition. Other members of the board are Jay Button, director, and Charles Gow, treasurer. About 25 people attended the session.

Trim Cemetery Trees; Plan Park Work Soon

The trees in Oakwood Cemetery are being trimmed and put in first class condition by a contractor specializing in that work.

City officials plan to have the Park around the log cabin greatly improved. Some trees will be taken out and others trimmed. Filling in will be done. This work has been somewhat delayed due to city employees being busy constructing a new water main, but it is hoped to have the park work done very shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McGee left Thursday for a visit at Saginaw.

Speaks Here Tuesday

C. E. Brewer, Commissioner of Recreation in Detroit will speak in Farmington next Tuesday evening, at a meeting called to consider plans for supervised play on the school grounds this summer. Mr. Brewer will speak on the work of his department, at Farmington Town Hall.

Three Schools Of This Section To Award Diplomas

31 Seniors Will Graduate From Farmington H. S. Thursday Evening

Thirty-one Seniors, comprising one of the largest graduating classes in the history of Farmington High School, will receive diplomas at Commencement exercises to be held next Thursday night in Methodist Community Hall. The program will begin at 8:15 p. m.

Prof. C. M. Elliott of Ypsilanti State Normal will deliver the address. The program will be as follows: March by High School band; invocation, Rev. A. A. Schoen; salutatory, Dorothy Owens, Song, Girls' Glee Club, address, Prof. Elliott; valedictory, Hedwig Schoen; presentation of diplomas, Supt. J. A. Dalrymple. (Continued on page four)

Civil War Vet To Be Alumni Guest

Harvey Wieand, Former Teacher Will Speak At Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Farmington high school alumni, which will take place Friday evening, June 19 in the Salem Evangelical Parlor, will be in the nature of a homecoming for Harvey Wieand of Coldwater, who taught school in and around Farmington more than half a century ago. He will speak at the banquet.

Mr. Wieand is a Civil War veteran. In accepting the invitation to be the guest of the Alumni Association, he stated that he was cancelling an invitation to be at the Grand Army Encampment at Grand Rapids the same evening, "because the urge for home ties was stronger than military bonds."

One table will be reserved for Mr. Wieand and his old pupils, who are requested to make immediate reservations with Miss Margaret Moore, secretary. Other speakers on the program will include Supt. J. A. Dalrymple, Cecil Cox and Imogene Bickling.

Miss Mildred Adams, president of the association will welcome the 1931 class, and Ivan Cox, president of the senior class, will respond. Graduates returning from college will each give five-minute talks on why they chose their particular course or profession. Musical features are in charge of Miss Ernestine Pierce. Mrs. Mary Johnson will be toast-mistress.

Officers of the Alumni Association are Miss Mildred Adams, president; Miss Frances Brown, vice-president; Miss Margaret Moore, secretary; Avis Goers, treasurer.

Chicken Thieves Take 23 in Clarenceville

Chicken thieves were in action in this section again this week. Wednesday morning K. Palmer, who lives on the Eight Mile road, Clarenceville, discovered that thieves had entered his coop and taken 23 chickens, all but one of the flock.

Phone In Your News Items.

Chosen By Farmington School Electors



Mrs. Florence Lee (above) will begin a second term and Howard Warner (right) will assume a position as trustee on the Farmington Board of Education on July 1, following their election Monday night.



Mrs. Lee has been secretary of the Board for the past three years.

City's Valuation Is Set By Board

Board of Review Slightly Increases Figures Made By Assessor Hogle

Valuation of the City of Farmington for tax purposes has been finally determined following sessions of the board of review. Several changes were made by the board, but the amount was altered only slightly.

The valuation of \$2,134,844 placed on the books by Assessor James L. Hogle was increased to \$2,136,304, an increase of \$1,460.

Of the total valuation, \$1,828,290 is real estate and \$308,014 is personal property. The board made the biggest alteration in the personal valuation, increasing it in four instances, making a total gain of \$2,150. The personal was reduced \$300 in one case, leaving an aggregate increase of \$1,850.

Three changes in the real estate valuation increased it \$900, but the reductions on this item totaled \$1,350, a net decrease of \$900.

Half Million Less
The equalized valuation for 1931 represents a decrease of \$487,300 as compared to 1930. A year ago the City was taxed on a basis of \$2,623,644. The tax rate was increased to \$17 this year to partially offset the large decrease in valuation. However, the valuation decrease is far greater in proportion than the tax rate increase.

The board of review consisted of Mayor Arthur Lamb, Joseph A. Karle and Harrison Johnson.

Township Delayed
Final figures on the valuations of Farmington Township will be delayed for a day or two, due to the unusually thorough manner in which the Board of Review has considered the assessments. The Board spent a great deal of time Tuesday in looking over properties in the Township.

NOTABLE BOOKS LISTED AMONG NEW LIBRARY VOLUMES

116 New Books Added During Year Secretary Announces; Financial Report

A considerable number of outstanding books are listed among the new volumes placed in Farmington Public Library during the year of March 1, 1930, to March 1, 1931. One hundred and sixteen new books are listed in the report prepared by Mrs. M. B. Pierce, secretary and treasurer of the Ladies' Library Association.

Among the notable additions to the library shelves are "Little America", Elizabeth and Essex, "Count Luckner", "On Bottom", "The Life of John Marshall", Vol. 2, "Clamaron", "Andre", "The Limestone Tree".

The financial report for the year is as follows:
On hand Mar. 5, 1930\$182.00
Received from City Nov. 29, 1930\$100.00
\$282.00

Cash on hand, March 4, 1931\$ 71.85

Mrs. M. B. Pierce, Secretary-treasurer, Ladies' Library Assn.

Miss Mary Kennedy, Librarian

Howard Warner Chosen, Mrs. Lee Stays On Board

New Trustee Named, Secretary of Board Re-Elected; 75 At Annual Meeting

Howard Warner was elected to the Board of Education and Mrs. Florence Lee was re-elected to membership on that body at the annual meeting of electors of Farmington School District No. 5, Monday evening. Mr. Warner's term and Mrs. Lee's second term will begin July 1.

About 75 electors, or only one-third as many as attended the meeting a year ago, were present Monday night. The highest number of votes cast was 73, as compared with a high total of 217 last year.

Mr. Warner succeeds Mrs. Blanche Ross, trustee and former president of the Board.

Mrs. Ross was nominated to succeed herself. She received 22 votes and Mr. Warner 48. Mrs. Lee was re-elected without opposition.

President A. L. Ross of the Board of Education presided. He named as tellers Spencer Heeney, Mrs. Lee Hill and Erskine Evans.

Two Nominations

Mr. Ross was placed in nomination by Miss Ida Steele. Mr. Warner was nominated by Nathan H. Power with a few remarks. "The position of school trustee requires," Mr. Power said, "a progressive, broad-minded and cultured individual of good judgment, for success." He stated that the candidate he was to name was a native of Farmington, who, after graduation from the University of Michigan with honors, had returned to Farmington and entered business, gaining a high reputation in his business methods. "He has two children of his own," concluded Mr. Power, "and will bring to the board a knowledge of school board work and a grasp of the situation that will be a splendid asset."

No further nominations were made and tabulation showed a total of 70 votes cast. President Ross declared Mr. Warner elected and called for nominations for the other term.

No Opposition
Mrs. Lee was nominated for re-election by Arthur Lamb, who stated that, "we have had for the last three years a very able and capable secretary, and I see no reason for making a change." President Ross called three times for other nominations, and when none were made, declared the nominations closed.

Electors late in arriving increased the second ballot total to 73, of which Mrs. Lee received 68, and Mrs. Ross, Miss Helen Hard and Erskine Evans each one. The remaining two were blank.

Adjournment followed.

Have Final Meeting
The last regular meeting of the present board was held Wednesday evening. A new sixth grade teacher, Walter B. Weaver, was engaged for next year to succeed Kenneth Bisbee, who will continue his schooling.

N. W. A. C. To Hold Picnic Sunday At Cedar Island

The Northwestern Athletic club will hold a picnic for members and friends Sunday at Cedar Island Lake. There will be a baseball game between Cedar Island Lake and N. W. A. C.

The club's baseball team has played four games, winning three last Sunday; the team suffered its first defeat of the season, losing to Brightmoor Merchants, 5 to 2. Bob Uley was on the mound for N. W. A. C. with Jimmy Donnelly receiving him.

Sunday, June 21, the team plays a game with their neighborhood rivals, Redford Merchants.

JOINT MEETING
A joint meeting of the North Farmington auxiliary and the North Farmington cemetery association will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Leonard in Oakland's subdivision on Tuesday, June 16. Supper will be served.