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Mayor Lamb On County Central Finance Board

Farmington Chief Executive Named For Oakland Debt Inquiry

Mayor Arthur Lamb of Farmington was on Thursday appointed a member of the central finance committee of Oakland County, created Wednesday by the Board of Supervisors to make efforts to improve the county's financial position. Five other supervisors, a member of the Board of Auditors, and one citizen make up the committee.

Other members of the committee are Chairman Bruce Leggett of the Board of Supervisors, and Supervisors Joseph Long of Commerce, R. W. Clark of Pontiac, John Grant, Pleasant Ridge, Robert Y. Moore of the Board of Auditors, and Henry M. Zimmerman, president of the First National Trust and Savings Bank, Pontiac.

It is expected that the committee will take charge of the entire financial program of the county, townships, municipalities and school boards, find out the extent of the debts these units owe, and what means can best be used to pay off the obligations.

Mayor Lamb offered the motion which decided how the finance group should be made up. A committee report had recommended that there be four supervisors and three private citizens. Mayor Lamb moved an amendment, providing for six supervisors and one private citizen, the amendment being adopted, 35 to 7.

The committee will have its first meeting early next week.

DRUNKEN DRIVER IS SENTENCED TO 90 DAYS IN JAIL

Man Figures In Accident, Had 100 Beer Bottles, Report; 2nd Was 'Disorderly'

A drunken driver was arraigned in Judge Schulte's courtroom this week, being sentenced to serve 90 days in the county jail.

Involved in an accident on Halstead road between Grand River and Twelve Mile roads late Saturday, was Constantine Verchink, 32 years old, Dearborn. He pleaded not guilty to the charge of drunken driving and was sentenced to 90 days and his driver's license revoked for one year. He was charged with the same offense in Detroit recently and placed on probation for one year, police said.

The car which was wrecked by Verchink's machine was driven by Neil Helmer, Detroit. Both drivers escaped injuries in the crash, but Helmer's car was badly damaged.

Deputy William Tamm, who made the arrest, reported there were over 100 empty beer bottles in Verchink's car.

"Did Not Remember" Verchink, when arraigned, said he "only had two or three bottles" but when questioned further, admitted "he did not remember how many he had."

At Eight Mile road and the Cut-off on Grand River, Lorenz Hutchinson, of South Lyon, was arrested by Constable Marie Pettibone. In court Wednesday, he was charged with using indecent language. Hutchinson was fined to pay \$25.00 and serve 30 days in the county jail.

MARRIED AT FOURTHGATE Married by Rev. A. A. Schoen at Fourthgate Saturday evening were: Joseph Ouellette and Minnie Adams.

TRUCK SPEEDER FINED Alex Veros, 630 Putnam avenue, Detroit, pleaded guilty when arraigned in justice court Wednesday to driving a truck at the rate of 40 miles per hour. Judge John J. Schulte fined Veros \$5.00.

Mrs. F. Stolz and niece, Leona Trombley, of Detroit were Saturday evening guests of Mrs. William S. Kenyon.

Farmington Volunteers At Fire 4 Hours; Deputies Detect Blaze

Two Farmington deputy sheriffs and the city fire department played an important part in subduing the \$50,000 fire which virtually destroyed the service building of the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery at Beech and Ten Mile roads late Tuesday night. The fire started at 10:40 o'clock.

Deputies Joseph DeVriendt and William Tamm, patrolling at Eleven Mile and Franklin roads, heard the first explosion of the gas tank of a bus which caused the fire, following a short-circuit, and were first of the scene at the blaze. They found Jerry Shannon, night watchman, who was alone in the building when the fire broke out, and who in his excitement to call for help, dropped the telephone, putting the instrument out of order. Tamm and DeVriendt fixed the telephone and called the Redford operator who

summoned aid from Farmington, Southfield Township, Ferndale Royal Oak, and Redford. Farmington is first. Farmington firemen arrived first, some time before the Royal Oak department. Efforts to raise water from a creek some distance away were futile, and the firemen attempted to quell the flames with chemicals. The Royal Oak Township pumper was later stationed at the creek nearby, and the Redford firemen who arrived about 11:30, an hour after the fire broke out, placed a pump in the middle of the line. Water pumped from the creek enabled the firemen to quickly put out the fire.

The roof of the service building was destroyed. Five automobile tractors, and the bus, besides a number of power lawn

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County Welfare Fund Is Slashed

Appropriation Sliced Almost In Half By Supervisors; Gardening Is Urged

Oakland County's poor relief fund for the next two months was cut nearly in half by the Board of Supervisors Wednesday. Appropriation was made of \$200,000 to last until October 1, but \$100,000 is required to pay past-due bills. This leaves \$50,000 for each of the next two months, whereas the present expenditure is about \$100,000 a month.

In regard to the welfare fund, Mayor Arthur Lamb of Farmington a member of the Board of Supervisors, Thursday morning issued the following statement:

"The emergency of appropriation for poor relief in Oakland County as passed by the Board of Supervisors, was cut nearly in half compared with what has been spent in the last two months. The amount passed by the board was \$200,000, one-half of the amount to last for two months, leaving only \$100,000 for poor relief to Oct. 1.

"This means that families that have received one dollar per person a week in the past should be cut to sixty cents per person to keep within the appropriation.

"It seems to me that in the rural districts where there is such good chances for gardens, that during August and September the poor relief should be almost entirely done away with, and I am sure this would prove true if the dependents would put forth one-half the effort that the tax-payer does to pay the appropriations.

"Oakland County, through her generosity, has made many paupers in the last eighteen months out of good citizens."

—Arthur Lamb.

MRS. SARAH FULLER REMEMBERED HERE ON 90TH BIRTHDAY

Celebration At Lee Home Sunday; Honor Service At Birmingham

Mrs. Sarah Fuller of Farmington celebrated her ninetieth birthday at the Lee home on Farmington Road on Sunday, July 26. She was remembered by her many friends with cards, letters, flowers and many useful gifts.

Her pastor, Rev. R. M. Atkinson of Birmingham, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Russell, Miss Margaret Young, Mrs. Will McKinley, and Louise Goodenough of Birmingham called on her, besides many friends of this section. A service in Mrs. Lee's honor was held at her church in Birmingham on Sunday.

SUIT IS HEARD

Hearing of the suit in which ten townships, including Farmington, are suing the Oakland County Treasurer for delinquent tax money he has withheld, to apply on County taxes due from the townships, was held Monday in Circuit Court. Decision will be rendered in a short time.

Injunction Halts Gd. River Work

Farmington Resident Gets Temporary Decree Preventing Placing of Curb

Laying of curbing on the south side of Grand River in Farmington City was halted last Friday when Stephen Tredway, 32821 Grand River ave. and Mrs. Tredway obtained a temporary injunction restraining Julius Porath and Son, contractors, and the State Highway Department from doing any further work along the street in front of the Tredway property.

Mr. Tredway claims that the State road line is nine feet on his property, that the State engineers have erred. Supporting his claim that the new road is between eight and nine feet south of the true highway line, Mr. Tredway cites a survey which he states was made recently for him by Maurice Baldwin, County Engineer.

The injunction prevented removal of a large elm from which two limbs had been cut. Mr. Tredway claims the tree is 21 inches inside his property-line, but the State engineers assert it is encroaching nine inches in the highway. Mr. Tredway declares that he "ploughed around that tree when it was farm land 30 years ago."

Hearing on the injunction will be held in Circuit Court next Monday, August 3.

BAND WILL PLAY AGAIN SATURDAY AT TOWN HALL PARK

Second of Series of Concerts By High School Musicians Announced

The second in the series of band concerts by the Farmington High School band under the leadership of E. C. Eaton, will start at 7:45 o'clock Saturday in the Town Hall Park. Movies will follow the concert. Last week's program was attended by over 150 persons.

The program this week is as follows:
Here They Come.....Weidt
Valedictorian.....Morris
Chalmers.....Lannett
Mighty Lak' A Rose.....Nevin
Jinrikisha.....Br' Hart
Soldier On The Shelf.....Keaves
Melody Maid.....Talbot
Fairy Phantoms.....Friedman
Indian Boy.....Bennett

OBITUARY

William Parish of Flint was buried at North Farmington Cemetery Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Parish was formerly of Farmington and is an uncle of Frank Murray of Walled Lake. His wife was Sylvia Darrow.

Mrs. Augusta Witt of Northville, long a member of Farmington Evangelical church and Ladies Aid, passed away last Friday morning.

The funeral service was held from her late home Monday afternoon, Rev. A. A. Schoen officiating.

Dohany Funeral To Be Saturday Morning At 10:30

Native Of Farmington Who Rose To Distinction Expires In Detroit

Funeral services will be held Saturday for a "Farmington boy" who left the community as a young man, to win a high place in the world of affairs. The last rites will be performed at 10:30 a. m. at St. Peter and Paul's Jesuit Church on Jefferson avenue for J. Walter Dohany, who died at his home in Detroit Thursday morning.

Mr. Dohany, who was general counsel for the Michigan Central Railroad, was 64 years old. He would have been 55 in the fall. His death followed an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Dohany was born on the Dohany farm on Ten Mile road, near Power Road, the ancestral farm which the Dohany's obtained by Government grant. He attended Farmington Schools. After graduation from Farmington high school he attended the University of Detroit and University of Michigan, studying law.

Too Young To Practise

Mr. Dohany won his admission to the bar when he was yet too young to practise. He took a post-graduate course at Yale University, entered private practice, and three years later, in 1903, was made assistant corporation counsel of Detroit. He was subsequently attorney for the Detroit Board of Education.

Re-entering private practice, he became attorney for the Michigan Central Railroad, specializing in grade separation cases. He was exceptionally able in trial work.

At Alumni Dinner

Mr. Dohany returned to Farmington to renew old-time friendships at an alumni banquet a few years ago, and at the time expressed himself as feeling happier than ever that he had in many years. Among his very close friends was Sergius P. Grace, formerly of Farmington, a cousin of Mr. Dohany and one of the outstanding men in the electrical experimental field.

Surviving Mr. Dohany is his widow, Mrs. Eugenie Dohany, a daughter Shirley, a brother, Elmer Dohany of Clareville, and a sister, Mrs. Patrick Fitzpatrick of Detroit.

Interment will be at Mt. Elliott Cemetery.

FORCED OFF ROAD, DRIVER SPLITS POLE, FRACTURES A LEG

George Engle Suffers Head Injuries On U. S. 16, West of Farmington

Forced off the road as he was driving west on Grand River two miles west of Farmington, George Engle, real estate operator, 45 years old, of 4038 Whitney avenue, Detroit, was seriously injured late Friday afternoon when his car ran into a new telephone pole on the north side of the road. So great was the impact that the pole was split by the crash.

Engle suffered a fracture of the right leg and head injuries. He was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital by Deputies Joseph DeVriendt and William Tamm.

Farmington Girl Is Bride of Pontiac Man

The marriage of Margaret A. McCulley of Farmington to James B. Greer of Pontiac took place Friday evening at eight o'clock at the bride's home, 8390 Oakland avenue.

Lenna M. McCulley, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. Jane Hascall was flowergirl. The groom was attended by the bride's brother, Philo McCulley.

Following a luncheon, the couple left for a motor trip through Canada. The couple plan to reside in Pontiac.

Boy's Leg Broken As Car Backs Over Him

A handicapped boy whose left leg was crippled by paralysis some years ago, suffered further misfortune Sunday afternoon when an automobile backed over his right leg in the driveway of his own home. The leg was fractured and has been put in a cast.

The lad is Francis Diehr, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Diehr, new residents at Eleven Mile and Power roads. The car was driven by a woman neighbor who had been visiting the Diehrs. His crippled left leg prevented the boy from getting out of the path of the car in time. He was treated by Dr. J. W. Norton.

District Favors Temporary School

Voters Of District No. 6 Approve Proposition By A Narrow Margin

By a margin of four votes, electors of School District No. 6, Farmington Township, Monday evening approved a proposition to erect a temporary school to take care of pupils who cannot be housed in the District's two school buildings. The vote was 28 to 24. The meeting was a special one, called for vote on the question.

How the money may be raised to erect a temporary structure immediately began to puzzle the Board of Education. Members of the Board arranged a meeting for Thursday evening to discuss the problem. Some provision must be made, since a house which has been rented in the past for overflow classes, will not be available.

At the annual meeting two weeks ago, the electors voted to transfer \$17,108 from the building fund to the general fund, with the intent that the money thus made available would be used for the temporary building. The money is not now available, however, due to bank receivership, and it will probably be near the opening of the school year before the next funds are received, the primary money from the State. This money will be greatly needed to operate the school.

The new Board organized Saturday. Charles Ervin, president, whose health is not of the best, and Miss Martha Noble, secretary, stated that they did not desire to hold offices on the Board this year. Carl Smith, a new member, was elected president. Fred Wilkinson, secretary, and Mrs. May Schoenberger treasurer.

PIERSON SCHOOL BOARD RE-ELECTS ZIEGLER, HARLAN

President And Secretary To Serve In Same Positions For Another Year

The Board of Education of Pierson School District No. 2, Livonia Township, held its organization meeting recently and prepared for the work of the coming year. Jesse Ziegler, president of the Board, was re-elected to the same office, and John Harlan was named for another term as secretary. Ernest Ash, who was chosen to the Board by the electors at the annual meeting, succeeding M. E. Ault, was the choice of the Board members for Mr. Ault's place as treasurer.

Albert Nacker and Fred Garchow are the other trustees. The district's annual report is published in this issue, on page 8.

Choir To Compete In Contest At Lansing

The M. E. Choir will journey to Lansing on Friday to compete in the state contest for choirs in towns and cities of 2,000 or less. The Farmington choir won first place the last two years.

Grand River Open Both Ways After Tie-Up Of A Year

New Fifty-Foot Pavement In City Completed; Delays Are Explained

Traffic is again flowing freely both ways along Grand River avenue in Farmington, after a period of more than a year during which the road was closed part of the time to vehicles traveling one way, part of the time to the other, and for some weeks to both east and westbound travel.

A smooth new stretch of concrete 50 feet wide greeted motorists late last Friday afternoon at Farmington Road and at Farmington Junction. East of the Junction the pavement is divided into two 20-foot strips. There has been some question as to whether that portion of the road would be filled-in with concrete in the center, as has been done in the City. This would make a solid slab of concrete 60 feet wide east of the Junction.

Not To Fill-In

Employees of Julius Porath and Son, contractors, however, state that an authorization is reported to have been made by the State for laying of intersections between the Junction and the Cut-off, but that it is practically certain that the highway, except for the intersections, will be left as it is for the present.

Julius Porath, contractor on the job, expressed the hope that the people of this community maintained toward his concern a friendly feeling in spite of the length of time that the road has been closed, which resulted in great detriment to Farmington business. A factor in lengthening the tie-up was the fact that part of the road was kept open nearly all the time, he said.

"Had we been able to close the road completely and do double stripping, laying concrete on both sides at once," said Mr. Porath, "We would have been able to finish the work a great deal sooner. Then, too, there were a number of eleventh hour changes which added to the delay. We hope all will realize the obstacles we had to meet."

SOUTHFIELD NO. 9 BOARD RE-ELECTS THREE OFFICERS

President, Secretary And Treasurer Begin New Terms; Special Meeting Called

The Board of Education of Southfield Township School District No. 9, comprising Southfield Community in the vicinity of Grand River and Fourth Gate Roads, has entered upon its work for the coming year, following an organization meeting at which election of officers was held.

All of the present officers were re-elected. President Lewis Dowsett, who handled the recent tumultuous annual meeting with firmness and judgment that won widespread approval, was the unanimous choice of the Board for another term, as was Howard B. Kennedy, secretary, Otto Esler was re-elected treasurer.

Mrs. Eva Tesch, former treasurer and a storm-center at the annual meeting recently, was nominated for treasurer by the only new member of the board, Ernest Saville. The nomination failed of support, however, and Otto Esler, treasurer during the past year, was chosen.

A special meeting of the district electors was called for Thursday evening, to discuss high school tuition and proposed sale of the district's property on Beech Road. The building on this site was known as the Klett School, but it has not been in use since the erection of the John Grace School.

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Mrs. Henry Miner, who had recently had an operation at Ann Arbor hospital, returned home Wednesday.