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Many Delinquent In Tax Payments, Deadline Is Near

City Commission Has Granted Extension Of Time Twice Since July 31

More than 40 per cent of the City taxes will become delinquent next Wednesday and subject to a four percent penalty, it was estimated by Hiram Nichols, city treasurer, this week. Approximately 45 percent of the taxes are now in and the treasurer was of the opinion that not more than 15 percent more would be paid before the deadline.

July 31 was the deadline as ordinarily set by law but due to economic depression and general scarcity of money the City Commission deemed it advisable to give one month's grace, extending the time of payment to August 31. At a meeting of the Commission August 17 with only 34 percent of the taxes paid, the Commission again extended the time one more month to September 30. Commission members have indicated that no more extension of time will be made and that Wednesday, September 30, is positively the last day payments may be made without paying the penalty.

LEE DOYLE AMONG POLICE HEADS WHO RECEIVE SUMMONS

Ohio Manufacturer Seeks Injunction Against Officers For Alleged Interference

Chief of Police Lee Doyle of Farmington is named with half a dozen other police officials of Oakland County as a defendant in injunction proceedings involving mint-vending machines in operation in various places in the County. Gus W. Snyder of Columbus, Ohio, owner of a large mint and vending machine plant in the Ohio City, seeks to restrain the police chiefs from interfering with operation of his machine in stores of their communities. Summoned into Federal Court in Detroit next Monday, in addition to Chief Doyle, are Sheriff Frank Schram and the chiefs of police of Pontiac, Royal Oak, Ferndale and Clawson.

There are two of Snyder's machines in Farmington, besides dispensing mints, they have an amusement feature, a "baseball game." Snyder says they are "purely mint-vending machines with an amusement feature added," and asks that the police officials be restrained from interfering with them. He alleges interference has occurred.

Final Decision Not Reached By Officials

Final decision has not yet been made by the State Highway Department and Department of Public Safety officials in regard to installation of a traffic signal light at School street on Grand River, according to Mayor Arthur Lamb. The City desires to install a light to protect the school children.

A report was current during the past week that the State had definitely rejected the request, but Mayor Lamb states that Captain Don S. Leonard of the State Police has advised him that this is an error.

First Social Affair Of Season Is Planned

Friday afternoon at 1:30 will be the first social affair of the season given by the Eastern Star Chapter.

Mrs. Edward Bauer will be the hostess at her home on Beldale avenue where members of the chapter and their friends are invited to a "Coffee Cake and Keno Party."

Elizabeth Holcomb is attending the University of Michigan.

Old Farmington Resident Looks Back Over Span of Fifty Years

By N. H. P.
On Saturday, September 19, 1881, President James A. Garfield died. This was 50 years ago last Saturday. The writer of these lines remembers well the day. The transmission of news was not as rapid then as now and the sad event was not known here until the next day.

President Garfield had been a gallant soldier in the Civil War, a distinguished member of Congress, had been elected President in 1880, inaugurated March 4, 1881, and was mortally wounded by an assassin July 2 of that year. It was thought at first that he would recover but it was not to be and he died at Elberon, New Jersey, September 19, 1881.

President Garfield had the unique distinction of being a member of the House of Representatives, and while a member of that body

Two Farmington People Injured

Mrs. Russell Sloan Suffers Fractured Knee, Cap And Lacerations In Crash

Mrs. Russell Sloan, who lives a short distance west of Farmington at Mammy's Bungalow, is in Receiving hospital, Redford, with severe injuries suffered early Friday morning when the car in which she and Mr. Sloan were riding on Grand River avenue crashed with a car headed north on Middle Belt road. Mrs. Sloan suffered a fracture of the right knee cap and lacerations of the legs and face. Mr. Sloan was released from the hospital after treatment for a broken collar bone, fractured ribs and lacerations of the face.

According to Deputy William Tamm, the Sloans were driving west on Grand River in a Chrysler sedan when their car collided with an Essex coupe headed north on Middle Belt road. In the Essex were Stanley Polka, driver of the car, 2924 Holbrook avenue, Hamtramck, Paul Guzik, 12401 Klinger avenue, Detroit, and John Wierzykowski, 2623 Trowbridge avenue. All were taken to Redford branch Receiving hospital but later released. Both cars were wrecked.

First Meeting Of Club Is Set For October 7

The first meeting of the Farmington Women's Club will be held October 7 at the home of Mrs. Crawford.

Miss Francis Brown assistant principal of Redford high school will be the speaker. Luncheon will be served at one o'clock. The hostess for each table will be selected by the program committee and they will receive a card stating their duties for the day.

Judge Consents When Offender Chooses Jail

Although it has taken Frederick Warner, 15332 Wisconsin avenue, Detroit, three months to decide, he finally chooses five days in jail in preference to paying a fine of five dollars.

He was arraigned in Justice John J. Schulte's court June 25 on a charge of reckless driving. Unable to pay and the judge being disposed to be lenient, Warner was given extra time with the expectation that he would pay the fine.

This week Warner notified the Judge that he could make more money by serving the sentence. The Judge agreed with him.

OLD RESIDENT ILL

Charles Ely, 74 year old resident of Farmington, is seriously ill at his home on Grand River avenue with pneumonia. Mr. Ely has been in ill health for six months and Wednesday he became suddenly worse. His condition Thursday was given as "very unfavorable."

was elected to the United States Senate and at the next presidential election was chosen President of the United States.

Many Changes
Time ever busy has worked many changes in these 50 years. Perhaps nowhere have they been more marked than in Farmington. New streets have been opened. Old buildings that were landmarks torn down and new ones built.

At the village election held May 2 of that year Lewis D. Owen was elected president, Frank D. Clark, recorder, Gardurus Webster, treasurer, Oswald Kynart, P. D. Warner and Daniel Doyle, trustees. The president, L. D. Owen, was the popular landlord of the Owen house which stood many years on the corner now occupied by the Farmington State Savings Bank building. Frank D. Clark the clerk, was a well-known carpenter and had his shop in the building now occupied by A. C. Wallbank on Grand River avenue. This building was built and owned by him. Many years ago, he with his family went to Detroit where he died.

Gardurus Webster, many years a citizen, lived and died in the house now occupied by his son, J. Webster. A man of unblemished reputation, honorable in all things, he believed in the divine mission of the Methodist church and the Republican party, and he never faltered in his allegiance to either.

Oswald Kynart with his father and brothers, made and sold furniture in a building that stood a few feet west of the log cabin in the park. P. D. Warner was an old time citizen of the town, active in business and honored time and time again by election to office as a supervisor, member of the legislature, etc.

Park Was Treeless
Daniel Doyle was a wagon maker by trade and worked for John Eisenlohr in his shop which stood a little west of the Town hall in the park. This land was devoid of trees at that time and did not become a park until years after. There were no buildings on the south side of Grand River avenue between Farmington road and the property now occupied by the Nelson sisters. This was a farm lot and extended to the property now owned by Harrison Johnson. Constantine Collins, the owner, tilled the land and the writer has seen what that yielded 25 bushels to the acre grow upon it.

Mill street had not been opened at that time. Theodor Grace ran a General store and did a thriving business on the corner now occupied by Fred Pauline Will Root had a drug store on the corner in the building now used as a shoe repair shop. The building now owned as a shop by the Nelsons. (Continued on page five)

ENGINEER KNOWN IN THIS VICINITY HURT IN CRASH

One Woman Probably Fatally Hurt As Cars Collide On Telegraph Road

George H. Ruhling prominent Detroit engineer and well-known in Farmington and vicinity, figured in an automobile accident Wednesday afternoon in front of the Oakland County Road Commission offices, in which three persons were hurt, one so seriously she may die.

Mrs. George Schram, matron at the County Infirmary, struck Ruhling's car as he was about to make a turn. Ruhling and Mrs. Schram were treated for cuts about the head. Mrs. Jane Hanah, 75 years old, who was riding with Mrs. Schram, suffered a probable fracture of the skull, back injuries and severe cuts. Her death is expected.

Ruhling has done much engineering work in Farmington and is now engaged in a survey of property fronting on Grand River avenue for the township.

All Enrollment Records Broken In High School

Eleventh Grade Shows Highest Enrollment With 60 Students Registered

A record enrollment was recorded at the Farmington Public schools Monday when 525 pupils were registered, more than 200 being enrolled in the high school. The highest previous enrollment in the high school was recorded in 1920 when the figure reached was 160. In spite of unexpected increases in certain grades, no great discomfort has been experienced in taking care of the students, according to J. A. Dalrymple, superintendent of schools.

The greatest single growth is in the eleventh grade which numbered more than 60 students. Other grades running heavy are the first, second, fourth and sixth. The kindergarten, third, fifth, seventh and eighth grades were reported as light by the superintendent.

Miss Jean Wondergem, teacher of the kindergarten, found her pupils so few that she voluntarily offered her services to aid with the work in the first and second grades where the enrollment ran unusually heavy. Other instructors, Mr. Dalrymple states, are offering cooperation throughout the various grades.

Superintendent Dalrymple said this week that although enough time had not elapsed in order to fully observe the effect of the new system introduced this year in regard to class and study period, he was satisfied that the new arrangement would be satisfactory. Although the new system was planned to provide for only 175 students, the additional 25 or 30 pupils enrolled can be taken care of, with complete cooperation of the faculty and students, without difficulty.

The number of students in each grade is given as follows:

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| Kindergarten..... | 47 |
| First grade..... | 48 |
| Second grade..... | 41 |
| Third grade..... | 32 |
| Fourth grade..... | 46 |
| Fifth grade..... | 34 |
| Sixth grade..... | 48 |
| Seventh grade..... | 36 |
| Eighth grade..... | 34 |
| Ninth grade..... | 55 |
| Tenth grade..... | 50 |
| Eleventh grade..... | 60 |
| Twelfth grade..... | 43 |
| Total..... | 516 |

It is estimated by Superintendent Dalrymple that 50 rural students are enrolled in the grades, with 110 in the high school.

Family Views Killing Of Man By Lightning

Lightning, coming out of a rainless sky, struck and killed Frank Raineri, 78 year old Novim man, Wednesday night before the eyes of his family. Raineri had just stepped out of his house to free a chicken that was tied to a large elm tree and as he reached to grasp the cord, the bolt struck. Raineri has lived at Novi since June 1. His son, Dominick operates a spaghetti house on Grand River avenue located in the Verdunne building at Novi.

So sudden was the death and it being in plain view of the family, his surviving relatives are stunned. It was reported Thursday that the son Dominick was prostrated by the tragedy.

Wanted—Back Copies Of The Enterprise

All copies of the Enterprise issues of last week and the week before have been sold, and there is demand for additional papers, which the Enterprise is unable to supply.

Subscribers who may have their copies still in good condition may confer a favor on those who wish to obtain them. Fifteen copies of the September 17 issue and 10 of the September 10 issue are desired. The Enterprise will pay five cents for each copy.

Greets Pupils



The largest enrollment in history of Farmington Schools Monday provided a problem for Supt. John Dalrymple and his staff, who expect, however to be able to handle the many newcomers without difficulty.

J. McGee To Give Memorial Talk

Flint Pastor To Speak At Exchange Club Meeting In Memory Of H. D. Warner

The memorial service in honor of the late Harley D. Warner, to be held by Farmington Exchange Club, will take place next Wednesday, at the regular noonday luncheon meeting of the club. Rev. James McGee of Flint, a lifelong friend of Mr. Warner, has sent word that he will come to Farmington to speak at the service.

An attendance considerably beyond membership of the club is expected, many of the members having indicated a desire to invite guests who were friends of the deceased. Mr. Warner would have been elected president of the club in the usual course of advancement of officers, at the end of the present six months' term of office.

President Z. R. Aschenbrenner asks that all members planning to bring guests notify him not later than next Tuesday noon, in order that all may be accommodated.

Doctor Speaks
Dr. James A. Miller, city health officer, spoke at the club meeting Wednesday noon, on the subject of infantile paralysis, which has been widespread in some nearby areas recently. He traced the history of the disease, emphasized the absence of exact knowledge concerning its cause and possibilities of prevention, as well as the difficulty of diagnosis. He indicated that the coming of cooler weather would almost certainly check the spread of the disease.

N. H. POWER SOUGHT THROUGH OFFICE OF CITY CLERK—FOUND

New Jersey Woman Calls Here For Material For Family History

N. H. Power, city clerk, was the recipient a few days ago of a letter addressed to the Farmington city clerk, inquiring if the clerk was acquainted or had ever heard of a man named N. H. Power, born about 1860. Mr. Power answered that he had heard of the man and that if at any time any one was desirous of learning his whereabouts, it could always be gained by inquiring at his office.

Mrs. Lena Lawrence of Hackensack, New Jersey from whom Mr. Power received the letter was a visitor at his home September 11 and 18. Mrs. Lawrence it was revealed is a cousin of Mr. Power and she is compiling a history of the Hill family, to which he is distantly related.

Mrs. Lawrence's work has taken her through 43 states and she has spent much time going through files at Washington, D. C. besides records in state capitols and county courthouses.

Award Contract This Week For Building Walks

Contractors Start Construction On North Side; Half Dozen Men At Work

Laying of the new sidewalk on Grand River avenue is under way, following action taken at the meeting of the City Commission Monday night. A resolution in reference to sidewalk construction on the south side of the street was introduced and adopted by the Commission and a report was made by Leo Gildemeister, chairman of the sidewalk committee.

State To Help
Substantial aid from the State in bearing the cost of the sidewalk construction is virtually a certainty. Mayor Arthur Lamb reported an agreement with Henry Oakes, State Highway Department engineer at Plymouth, which if approved by the State, would be advantageous to both the City and the Highway Department.

Under this agreement, the state would build, or pay for all of the sidewalk to be constructed on the south side of Grand River, from the alley half a block west of Grove street eastward. This would be the State's compensation to the City for tearing up of walk in the widening of Grand River. The City is to build the walk on the north side, including replacement of a small strip torn out near Farmington Junction, which is not needed at present, and which the City may build at any time the need for it is felt.

The agreement was reached with Mr. Oakes, who said he would recommend approval to his superiors, in his report. Inasmuch as recommendations of district engineers are almost always approved, it is expected there will be no difficulty in regard to this one. It is estimated that the aid by the State under this agreement will amount to about \$1,200. The cost of all the walk to be built on both sides, with necessary steps, will probably be at least \$2,500.

The resolution adopted by the Commission reads, "That the City of Farmington do necessary grading along the south side of Grand River avenue, build walk omitted at the Junction when needed, and obtain releases of right-of-way from alley to the Warner Creamery, to the 120-foot right-of-way, excepting Tredway and Clark properties."

By the agreement, the City would undertake to obtain the right-of-way needed for the walks on the south side of the street between Grove street and the 120-foot right-of-way. Two properties in this stretch are mentioned as possible exceptions, the Tredway frontage because a suit has been started in regard to it, and the Clark property, because no definite expression had been received by City officials from John Clark in regard to the matter.

Start Work

The work started Tuesday morning on the north side will comprise approximately 1,000 feet of sidewalk. The new walk will extend from the Olin Russell garage east to the property of the Farmington Lumber and Coal Co. The contract for the labor has been let to Fred Maas and Maurice Seebaldt with the City furnishing materials. In the plan outlined by Leo Gildemeister, at the meeting of the Commission.

The new walk will be five feet wide, set 30 inches from the curb which will place the back edge of the walk seven and one half feet from the curb. There are a few places the old walk will not line up with the new one, and a jog will have to be made.

Farmington Labor Commissioner Gildemeister stated that the contract price agreed on for labor was six cents per square foot and in cases where it would be necessary to build steps, 22 cents per running foot had been contracted for. It is estimated that costs of materials will be around seven cents a square foot.

Six or seven men have been employed by the new contractors. (Continued on page five)