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Teachers To End Meeting Series; Beiser President

Teachers Of Area Meet For Fourth In Series Of Public Relations Sessions

The last of the series of weekly meetings being held in Farmington by the South Central Area of the Oakland County Teachers' Association will occur Monday night at Farmington High School with Miss Vida Walker of Clarenceville, acting as chairman. Formal organization took place Monday night at the last meeting with teachers from more than 20 school districts in this part of the county attending. The county teachers' association is a part of the district group which in turn is under supervision of the Michigan Education Association.

M. J. Beiser, Superintendent of Clarenceville Schools, was elected president of the newly-formed organization. Mr. Beiser received his A. B. degree from Ypsilanti and M. T. Pleasant, Colleges, and his A. M. degree from the University of Michigan. John Dalrymple, superintendent of Farmington Schools, was elected vice-president; Mrs. Gertrude Martin of Southfield, secretary; H. A. Newman, superintendent of Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, treasurer; and A. J. Lawski of Clarenceville, delegate to the county council. The executive committee is composed of J. D. Mitchell of Southfield and E. C. Hansen of Walled Lake. Arthur H. Upton of Royal Oak, formerly at Walled Lake, is chairman of the county organization.

The next meeting will be the fourth that has been held by the teachers to stimulate the study of public relations by local teacher groups. The first meeting, held January 9, was conducted by Superintendent Levey of Southfield, the second by Principal R. C. Burns of Farmington, and the third by E. C. Hansen of Walled Lake.

Harold Hursh of Walled Lake, has served as chairman of the Constitution committee and appointed by his own assistants. The committee presented the Constitution that was adopted Monday night. After the meeting next Monday, meetings will be held only once a month.

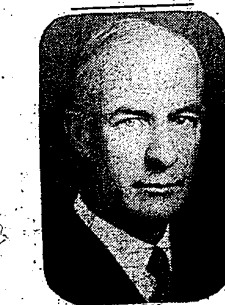
Among the school districts that are included in the organization are Farmington, Clarenceville, Walled Lake, Southfield, Bond, Noble, Novi, German, Nichols, Fairview, Wixom, Stearns, Commerce Union and many others.

The purposes of the groups as listed in the Constitution include the study of public relations.

Discussion Group Meet Friday Evening

The discussion group which has been meeting fortnightly at the R. N. Croftman home will gather Friday evening, a Royal Oak resident, Mr. Coffin, who came over to participate in the discussion on a previous occasion, will be present Friday evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend and offer expression of opinions on present-day problems. Men and women of all shades of opinion are welcome and it is hoped that a large number will join in the exchange of views.

NAMED VICE-PRESIDENT OF TEACHERS' GROUP



John Dalrymple, Superintendent of Farmington Schools, was vice-president of the South Central Area of the Oakland County Teachers' Association.

Heads Teacher Group



SUPT. M. J. BEISER
Clarenceville Schools

End Of Covert Road Levies Seen

State Approval Of Refunding Plan May Bring Termination Of Tax

Possible ending of all Covert Road assessments in Oakland County is visualized following approval by the Public Debt Commission at Lansing this week of the County's plan to refund \$7,000,000 in Covert Road bonds now outstanding. Officials believe the elimination of the Covert Road levy from the 1932 tax-bills may be but the beginning of a similar circumstance from now on, and that this item need not appear again on the tax-bills.

The refunding plan, which is the means by which this may be accomplished, calls for payment of interest only on the bonds for the next two years, and extension of the principal over a period of 20 years, starting in 1935. State gasoline and weight tax money returned to the County under provisions of an act passed by the special session of the Legislature last year would be devoted to meeting the interest payments of the next two years, and would, it is anticipated, be sufficient to pick up the load of principal payments thereafter. Officials believe that the first year of principal payments, 1935, would provide the most difficulty, but that by economizing on county road maintenance, enough can be realized from State returns to care for the Covert bond needs.

Lower interest rates will be a factor if the plan gets the approval of the bondholders, which is the final requisite. It is sought to reduce the interest rate to 3 per cent, whereas the interest now averages about 4.7 per cent.

Aside from the attitude of the bondholders, one serious possibility is seen. That is, if the State Legislature should divert gasoline and weight tax money to uses other than roads. The extent to which this was done would reduce the amount returned to the counties accordingly.

Mayor Arthur Lamb of Farmington was one of the officials representing the County before the Public Debts Commission when the proposal was presented and approved.

DONDERO ADDRESS TICKETS ON SALE BY CLUB MEMBERS

Saturday Last Day To Make Reservations For Lincoln Event Tuesday

Tickets for the banquet that will bring Representative George A. Dondero, congressman of the 17th District to Farmington Tuesday as a speaker on Abraham Lincoln, are now being sold by members of the Exchange Club.

Tickets for the affair must be purchased by Saturday evening, or for that accommodations may be secured for all. Each member of the Exchange Club has been asked to sell two tickets in addition to the two he himself buys. Tickets may be purchased for 50 cents from Floyd Nichols, who is in charge of the arrangements, or from other members of the Exchange Club.

A dinner will be held at the Farmington Methodist Church, beginning at 6:30 p. m. A program of entertainment is being arranged, in addition to the address.

C. Wodenstorer is very sick at his home.

Pay Cut Made By Walled Lake School Officials

Officials Effect Many Economies While Maintaining Standard Of Work

To meet the financial situation caused by a high tax delinquency in the school district, Walled Lake Board of Education voted Monday to decrease the salary of all employees 25 per cent beginning March 6, 1933, for the balance of the year.

Many other economies in expenditures had been effected earlier in the year and in the previous year of 1931-32. Last year the school term was shortened two weeks, which created a 5 per cent decrease in salaries, at the beginning of this year the salaries were cut approximately 10 per cent. The salary of this year is based on a ten month term, and since the school term has been cut to nine months, this effects another 10 per cent cut in salaries and expenses. Cuts in operating costs, plant and transportation have been decreased. These economies added to the 25 per cent decrease of salaries effected recently will create a material saving in the expenditures of the school.

This may be summarized as follows: Total school expenditures including operating costs, instructional costs, transportation, and debt service.

1930-31	\$3,852.52
1931-32	37,454.21
1932-33	30,000.00

The \$30,000 for 1932-33 includes \$3,875 for payment of Bonds and interest on Bonds, and approximately \$4,000 for transportation of pupils. Out of this \$30,000, approximately \$13,000 comes from revenues from Primary School Fund, State Agricultural Aid, Tuition, Smith Hughes Fund, etc. In other words, the local property tax pays about \$17,000 of this year's expenses.

These savings in expenditures have created a 32 per cent reduction in the total costs of the school since 1930-31. This saving has been done with relatively no reducing of service rendered to the pupils of the school district. The teaching staff has been reduced by one and the enrollment has increased 10 per cent in the last two years. The regular course of school subjects has been maintained in its entirety except High School Music and Art.

EMMER COLEMAN DIES AFTER TWO YEAR'S ILLNESS

Former Farmington Township Man Succumbs At Detroit Residence

An exceptionally large funeral marked the passing Monday of Emmer Coleman, 68, former Farmington resident, who died in Detroit Saturday morning.

After an illness of more than two years, he had not been well since suffering a stroke of paralysis about two and a half years ago. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Viola Coleman, 401 Coplin street, Detroit. An adopted daughter, the only child, is dead. The funeral was conducted by Reverend David of Redford. Burial was in the Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Coleman lived for a number of years on a farm in the northeast part of the township on the Twelve Mile Road, one-half mile east of Orchard Lake Road. The house in which he was born burned about two years ago. For the past several years he has occupied a house at Redford, with the exception of the past two winters, when the family lived in Detroit.

CHIMNEY FIRE SUBDUED

Fire started Friday night in the chimney of the James Season home, Parker Avenue, was subdued before any damage had been done. The Farmington Fire Department was called at 10:30 p. m. and quick action prevented the spreading of the fire and heavy damages.

The fire is thought to have started by a choking up of the flue with a large accumulation of soot.

Mrs. J. C. Gravin who has been on the sick list for the past few weeks has improved.

5 Crash, 2 Hurt At Cut-Off And Farmington Road

Fears For Safety At Intersection Confirmed By Week-End Wrecks

Three wrecks, causing injuries to two men who were taken to hospitals for treatment, and the loss of hundreds of dollars in wreckage of four automobiles and three trucks and their loads, stand as the toll of two accidents at the intersection of Farmington Road and the Grand River Cut-off, a spot that has been termed as a "death trap" in newspaper articles and by citizens and officials since the opening of the Cut-off. A stop sign light was to have been put up at the intersection, instead of a "flicker light," the only signal that has been used.

The first accident, involving two automobiles and a truck, occurred Friday afternoon at the intersection of Farmington Road and the Grand River Cut-off. Melvin H. Krueger R. R. 1, Millford, driving a truck east on the cut-off, was hit by a Buick Sedan driven by R. E. White, 180 Chipewick St., Pontiac. The truck overturned and struck and damaged a Ford coupe driven by James Tehen of Detroit, who had stopped at the intersection.

The truck, carrying a load of 60 bags of potatoes, was damaged when it overturned. Twenty bags of the potatoes were destroyed by gasoline, oil and bruising. Elmer E. Krueger, riding in the truck with his brother, was rendered unconscious. He suffered deep lacerations over the right eye and a broken collar-bone. He was taken home by his brother.

White, who was uninjured, stated that although the accident was his fault he did not see the light at the cut-off. He was driving approximately 35 miles an hour. The driver of the truck swerved in an attempt to avoid the collision, which caused him to turn over and strike the other car when hit by White's automobile.

Investigation showed that a truck involved in the wreck on Grand River cut-off at 9:45 p. m. Saturday, was part of an estate which as yet has not been settled. The truck also was carrying license plates that had been issued to another truck of a different make.

Walter C. Mayer of Detroit, driving east in a Marquette sedan on the Grand River cut-off, was involved in the wreck and two trailers as he attempted to meet and pass the truck. Mayer's statement reads that the truck carried only one headlight when he approached and that he was driving close to the right edge of the road. He asserts that he was struck by the first trailer when the driver of the truck swung his vehicle back into the center of the road.

Three wheels and the fenders on the left side of Mayer's car were torn off, the car overturning in the ditch. The truck careened over to the side of the road into a field where it came to a rest after it had uprooted a large elm tree.

Walter C. Mayer, driver of the truck, was injured and taken to the hospital. Mayer, his wife Mabel, his two children Warren, age 8, and Merab, age 6, escaped unharmed from the demolished automobile. The truck carried a single green lantern on the rear, Mayer said.

The driver of the truck, on a plea of going for the police, fled from the scene of the accident, and since has not been apprehended. The identity of the missing driver is unknown, his employer stating that he has worked for them only a few days. A blank "John Doe" warrant has been issued for his apprehension and arrest for leaving the scene of an accident. The investigation is still being conducted, and the truck is being held for license plates and the appearance of the driver.

Frank Cromwell, 195 Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, driving a Buick coupe east on the Cut-off at six a. m., crashed into the rear of a Ford truck which had stalled on the highway. The truck is owned and operated by Mike Skaff of Grand Rapids.

According to Skaff and a witness to the accident, the truck carried three green warning signals on the rear, all of which were burning. The truck was stalled just over a small grade in the road, and it is unknown whether Cromwell saw the truck too late to avoid the collision. Cromwell was taken to the Redford branch

Have You Seen A Girl With Bright Red Hair?

Anyone in Farmington or vicinity who has engaged a girl or young woman for work on Monday or early this week, is asked to communicate with the Enterprise. A young woman who was in Farmington seeking work Monday has not communicated with her relatives for several days, and they are worried and desire very much to get in touch with her.

The girl is of rather slight build, and has red hair. She wears a red and white check collar and a small tan hat. Information will be appreciated, and the source will be kept confidential.

Livonia To Have Lively Primary

Decade Of Quiet To Be Shaken With Nearly 200 Petitions Out

After a decade in which contests for major offices have been the exception rather than the rule, Livonia Township is to have what appears likely to be one of the liveliest primary elections in this section on March 6. Nearly 200 petitions have been given out by Township Clerk John Harlan, on requests of candidates and citizens. It is believed that a number of additional petitions may have been circulated by others who did not apply to the clerk for blanks. Supervisor Jesse Zeigler, without opposition for some ten years as head of the township government, may have opposition on the Republican ticket at the primary, although it is not certain. He is sure to have a contest in the election, however, with two men already in the field for the Democratic nomination. They are Frank Dyer and Fred Schmidt. Petitions have been reported in circulation for Highway Commissioner Arthur Trapp for the Republican nomination, and supervisor, against Zeigler. It is also reported, however, that Trapp has decided not to run.

Last year a stir was created by reports that Supervisor Zeigler would have no contest in the election, a candidate to run against him on stickers. Work was done for an opponent, and there was considerable talk but on election day the opposition failed to appear.

Clerk John Harlan, it appears likely, will have no opposition in the primary. He has not been opposed for office in a number of years. However, in the election he will have a contest, with John Aittama a candidate for the Democratic nomination.

Treasurer Daniel McKinley will have no contest for the Republican nomination for another year. However, William Lons of Newbury is reported a candidate for the Democratic nomination.

Four candidates are in the running. It is reported, for highway commissioner, they are Charles Wolfson, John Redding, Henry Livranes, and Rosby McKinney.

The job of constable looks good to a lot of aspirants. Petitions are reported in circulation for 14 candidates, with four to be elected. It is known that at least six or seven will actually enter the race. There are seeking office of justice of the peace, with one to be elected, for full term.

Furniture For Nine Room House For Sale

Newly-weds should take notice of the offer in an advertisement on page three to sell complete furnishings of a nine-room house to the first party making a reasonable offer. The purchaser of the entire household goods might save moving expense also as the home may be left intact and the house rented.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Beard, 8230 Valley View, Farmington, owners of the furniture and present occupants of the house, are planning to leave about February 20 for an extended motor trip, possibly settling in Southern California. Possession of the house may be had earlier than February 20 if desired.

of the Receiving hospital, where he was treated for severe lacerations of the face, caused by flying glass.

Ruling Ends Plan For Township's Voting At Hall

Township Primary On March 6 To Be At Bond School For Precinct 1

Farmington Township's plan to use the Town Hall in Farmington City as a polling-place for the primary election on March 6 cannot be carried out, it appears following receipt of an opinion from the office of the Attorney-General at Lansing. Steps may be taken, however, in an effort to make possible casting of ballots in the hall at the election in April.

As a result, electors of Precinct No. 1 will cast their primary votes in Bond School, as they have done in recent years.

The opinion, which is from Deputy Attorney-General Gerald K. O'Brien, makes no reference to the constitutional amendment used on the people on November 8 last. It was by taking advantage of a clause in this amendment that the Township officials hoped to make voting more convenient for the electors and reduce expense through use of the Town Hall. The clause reads: "And provided further, that the legislature may provide by law that the electors of a township may cast their ballots at a township polling-place located within the limits of a city which has been incorporated from territory formerly a part of the township." The provision was unquestionably designed to aid in just such situations as that of Farmington Township.

Mr. O'Brien in his reply cited no statute or cases, but merely referred to a previous opinion handed down a little over two years ago. Replying to a letter from Township Clerk Willard Campbell, he enclosed a copy of his earlier opinion, which was printed in the Biennial Report of the Attorney-General of Michigan for the period of 1932. The opinion, prepared in October, 1930, by Wilbur M. Brucker, then attorney-general, covered the law and the cases up to that time in detail, and concluded that township elections could not be held within a city, even though the city had formerly been part of the township.

This is still the law in Michigan, it appears from Mr. O'Brien's reply, which says: "This proposition is discussed on page 49, of the Biennial Report of the Attorney-General of Michigan, for the period of 1932. We are enclosing a copy of this opinion."

"It would seem that the holding in this opinion precludes your holding the primary election in the hall within the city limits."

Mr. O'Brien was not specifically asked about the amendment voted on in November.

The opinion handed down two years ago and relied upon by the new Deputy Attorney-General cited an article of the Constitution, which states that one voting must be a resident of the State for six months and in the township or ward in which he or she offers to vote for 20 days preceding such election. The opinion recited an instance in which the Legislature attempted to pass a law to set aside a similar clause in the Constitution of 1850, but its attempt was held illegal by the supreme court.

Farmington Scouts Win Honor Award

The Farmington Boy Scout Troop is now eligible to carry the special troop streamer designated as the President, Hoover Award, having met special requirements during the past year to qualify for the honor. Fifteen awards in the Oakland Area Council have passed the requirements and will be awarded the streamer.

To win the award a troop must have promoted a complete program looking toward carrying out the 10 year project of the Boy Scout organization and must have had a larger enrollment by December 31 of last year than at the close of the previous year.

The streamers, to be attached to the troop flag staffs, are blue in color. They are to be presented to the winners at the annual spring round-up scheduled for next month.

Mrs. Jessie Alexander entertained Edythe Wilkinson over the week end.