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## Cellars Flooded, City Fire Truck Pumps All Night

Record Rainfall Causes Damage  
To Bridges, Roads; Fire Department Active

Streams were swollen, cellars were flooded, and roads were blocked Sunday night by the heaviest rains experienced in this section for many years, and Farmington officials and fire department spent the entire night in emergency work.

While Rouge River dam between Northville and Plymouth was threatened by the rapidly rising waters, Farmington had its own problems as the cellars of houses in the Farmington Road-Shiawassee district were filled with water as high as four or five feet.

The flood in this part of town centered, for some undetermined reason, in the basement of the late Adolph Nacker residence, which had four feet of water. The occupants notified Mayor Warner who took a look at the basement and called for the fire truck, summoning Commissioner Hutton, in charge of sewers. Mr. Hutton drove the truck to the Nacker residence and the pumping apparatus was put into play, with a long line of hose running down Farmington Road toward Grand River. Commissioner Oldenburg, William Maas, Harvey Blough, Fire Chief Norman Lee and Harold Grace were soon at the scene and at work.

The water rose steadily before the pump was put into action, and 150 jars of canned goods were threatened. When the flood was within three inches of the jars and their removal was decided on, the pump started in earnest, and the water began to recede.

When the Nacker basement was almost emptied and plugs were removed, water rushed in again, and it was observed that the depth in nearby cellars was increased, so the pump was left in the Nacker basement and by that means the others were drained. Pumping continued for seven hours, from 10 p. m. to 5 a. m. Mrs. Nacker served coffee and food to the men from midnight until 4 a. m.

In two other nearby basements, oil burners were threatened with water within a few inches, but were not reached by the flood. At least one burner was covered, however in a home on Grand River, but no harm was apparent. One house on Shiawassee street had five feet of water.

The creek east of Brookdale overflowed its banks and covered the flats on both north and south sides of Grand River avenue. Grand River was impeded by two large sheets of water and a third deep on the westbound artery between Redford and Telegraph road, and Monday all traffic was diverted to the southern side.

The greatest local damage occurred at the J. E. Ward and Joseph Schaefer homes on Drake road. Two bridges connecting the two large houses with the road were swept away.

The two cars owned by the Wards have been marooned by wash-out of the bridges, and neighbors' machines have been borrowed each day to get the Ward children to and from school. One foot of water covered the Cut-off pavement near the Children's Hospital until Monday morning, and 2 stretches, 200 feet long, of newly-laid shoulder were completely washed out.

## City To Save On Audit By Retaining Local Man

A large economy was effected by the City Commission Monday night in an arrangement for the annual audit of the City's accounts next month.

Accountants brought from out of town have cost the City \$150 a year in the past. W. C. Carpenter will do the auditing for \$100 a year, \$75 of which will be applied to back taxes due and the balance will leave the treasury. He also makes complete quarterly reports on the treasury.

## DIES IN MINNESOTA

Died Monday May 1, at his home in Minneapolis, Minn., John M. Pinkerton, well known here at one time. The deceased was born in Novi, just over the line from Farmington. He married Louisa Power, sister of Nathan H. Power. Two children and the widow survive.

## Legal Beer May Bring Back Activity To One-time Scene Of Large Industry

What was once the power-center of an extensive industry in recent years has been only a huge empty place of idleness may soon be a spot of busy activity again—if plans made public at the meeting of the City Commission Monday night are carried through. Use has been found at last for the big power-house on the old Detroit and Northwestern Railway, on the south side of Grand River just west of Farmington Junction.

The big building, with its tall red chimney that is a landmark visible for miles in every direction, is to be converted into a beer-garden, where the public is to be made one of the most attractive places of its kind in this section of the State. Interested in the plans are Carl G. Hogle of Farmington and associates. Mr. Hogle stated to the Commission his intention of applying for a beer license when

## Burden Of Poor Relief Lessened

Situation Slightly Improved As  
Four Families Leave List  
April Costs Lower

With the removal of four families from the city welfare list and a lessened expenditure for April, relief as compared with March was a relief. The city welfare list for April was 22 in number, as against 26 in March. The cost for the month was \$278.00, as against \$315.00 in March.

Expenses for the month, according to the report, came to a total of \$278.00. Included in this are \$15 for milk tickets and payment for kerosene, ten tons of coal, and food expenditures for March were \$400.00. The fact that there were only 18 families on the list in April as against 22 in March is looked on as encouraging, especially since it is expected that at least one young man from the Farmington welfare list will be chosen by the federal authorities to enter the Reconstruction camp at Camp Custer, Michigan. The first call for applicants was made Wednesday and two local candidates went to Pontiac for examination.

Help is expected in the loan by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to the City for welfare purposes. Application was filed for \$400 for May and \$350 for June.

## GILDEMEISTER SAYS TRADE BOARDS ARE BIG AID TO FARMER

Describes Methods Of Marketing  
Grains In Talk Wednesday  
Before Exchange Club

The "art of milling," the function of the grain Board of Trade, and how grains are converted into food, were phases of an interesting talk given at Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon by Leo Gildemeister. Many little-known facts about the great grain growing and milling industry were detailed by the speaker.

That a substantial shortage of grains after years of surplus is possible in the near future, that prices are almost certain to continue upward, and that the Board of Trade is a necessary medium rather than a big gambling place as some people believe, were points emphasized by Mr. Gildemeister. Besides samples of various grains, interesting displays were made of the grain products shipped to the government in 1918 at the war prices then prevailing. Mr. Gildemeister's talk was in part as follows:

"We have listened to many interesting and varied speeches here, but I have never heard much said about the most common and this country's most important products, namely the grain crop.

"You hear, particularly in this section a lot about our great and wonderful auto industry, but very little about this country's, even Michigan's most important product, grain. I should like to talk about how they are grown or how they are marketed, and about the future grain markets and also the art of milling wheat into flour and other products.

new State regulations permit. What purpose the old building could be used for, has been a puzzle to many citizens of this section, who have felt for years that a building of such size should be put to some use, rather than being allowed to stand idle. Years of disuse have had their effect. Thoughtless youths, being destructive without thought of the costliness of their acts, have broken most of the hundreds of windows in the place. It will cost several hundred dollars, Mr. Hogle said, to replace the glass alone.

Dancing Planned The building has a floor which is of fine hard maple and which, in earlier years, have made an unexcelled dance-floor. Whether it can be used or must be replaced, has not been determined yet.

Other conditions are regarded as ideal for the business proposed. A large parking-space under cover is available. The convenient location on Grand River is regarded as a great advantage in attracting people from Detroit, as well as transients. Serving of food is contemplated, with music for dancing.

One other notification regarding a beer-license application was received. Eugene S. Grace gave notice that he would apply for a beer license as soon as the time arrives.

However, it was reported that approximately one-third of the audience at the meeting, which numbered eighteen, were citizens who are said to be interested in obtaining beer licenses, but who did not give notice of intention to apply.

## MRS. WEBSTER IS INDUCTED AS HEAD OF EASTERN STAR

Mrs. Selma Brown, Worthy Grand Matron, Presides At O. E. S. Ceremony Tuesday

Installation of the new officers of Farmington Chapter, O. E. S., was headed by Mrs. Gertrude Webster as Worthy Matron, took place before a capacity audience at Masonic Temple Tuesday evening.

Installing officers were: Worthy Grand Matron, Selma Brown; Worthy Matron, Arthur Cox; Past Matron, Sandra Sanborn; Past Matron, Patricia chapter, Chaplain; Mary Johnson, Past Matron of Farmington Chapter, Marshall.

The Past Matrons were escorted to the east and formed the gates of the temple for the elected officers to enter. Gladys Boucher, organist, Lottie Walters, Past Matron and June Johnson were soloists. During the ceremony, special music was given by the Harmonies of Farmington, Mrs. Winnifred Beam and Virginia Trites of Milford.

The complete list of officers installed is as follows: Worthy Grand Matron, Selma Brown; Worthy Matron, Arthur Cox; Worthy Past Matron, Sandra Sanborn; Worthy Associate Matron, Allie Cox; Associate Matron, Ralph Auten; Associate Past Matron, Adda Bond; secretary, Lillian Zwalhen; treasurer, Gertrude Walters; chaplain, Loretta Cox; associate conductress, Josephine McGee; chaplain, Iva Hatton; Marshall, Elaine Auten; organist, Adda Ida Worsfold; Ruth, Margaret Burns; Esther, Madeleine Maas; Maria, Robbie Hatten; Electa, Laura Holloway; Warden Mable Eckler; Sentinel, Joe Himpelcamp.

Children assisting in the floral work were Irene Dennis, Laura Anne Auten, Marie Vollenkuehn, Frances Hatten and Joyce Heeney. They presented baskets of flowers to the five points and eight girls formed an arch of flowers in the east. Margaret Webster, daughter of the new Worthy Matron, accompanied her mother to the dais and presented her with flowers, a gift from the chapter. Dolly Westfall and Dorothy Baker assisted and presented the officers with flowers.

The retiring matron, Mrs. Mae West was presented with a jewel from the chapter by past matron Sandra Sanborn. Allie Cox presented her with a jewel from the chapter. A luncheon was served by the officers. Her son's gift was a basket of flowers. Worthy Matron Gertrude Webster was presented with gifts from her family and several gifts from friends. Many of the officers received gifts and flowers. Ice cream was donated by Farmington Dairy and cake by Past Matron's Club.

## New Budget Cuts Running Expense Of City A Third

Proposed 1933-34 Appropriation  
Makes Reductions In Nearly  
All Items, Saving \$8,877.50

Farmington City's operating costs for the next fiscal year will be one-third lower than for the current year, if the budget submitted to the City Commission Monday evening is adopted. Sweeping reductions in practically all departments will result in savings totalling \$8,877.50. A substantially lower tax rate will result providing valuations are unchanged, and city taxes will be much lower regardless of alterations in assessments, since there is less money to be raised for city purposes.

The proposed budget, submitted by the Mayor and Clerk, sets up operating costs of \$17,580 as compared with \$26,220 for the present year, a reduction of \$8,640, or 33 per cent. This saving is

## City Executives Slice Their Pay From Budget

The Mayor and the City Commissioners of Farmington will work for nothing next year under the proposed budget submitted by the Mayor and Clerk Monday evening. The first item listed under "Salaries" is "Commissioners and Mayor," and opposite that listing is the word "None."

The Commissioners have been receiving \$3,000 a meeting, this being a reduction from the \$4,000 provided in the City Charter.

accomplished despite the necessity of making two additions for the coming year. One is an item of \$750 to be paid for work on the assessors' plats begun last fall, with the first payment of \$750 due in July. The other is making an appropriation for a full year of poor relief of six months, as in the 1932-33 budget. The sum of \$2,500 is appropriated for welfare, \$1,000 for six months in the first three months alone of this year, after the City took over the work on January 1.

By effecting savings totalling nearly \$11,000 in the everyday running expenses, however, the addition of \$2,250 for these two extra items is overcome and the reduction of one-third is made possible.

The following cuts are proposed in operating expenses as compared to the fiscal year 1932-33: light and power, cut from \$7,000 to \$3,200, salaries from \$500 to \$300, streets from \$1,500 to \$1,000, library books from \$150 to \$100, fire department upkeep from \$700 to \$400, cemeteries from \$200 to \$100, audit of books from \$150 to \$100, city buildings, lights and fuel from \$500 to \$300, and general funds from \$6,000 to \$4,000. Sewer funds remain at \$500.

Salary cuts suggested are as follows: commissioners and mayor, from \$400 to nothing; superintendent of public works, from \$1,500 to \$1,080, assistant superintendent of public works, including house rent and fuel, from \$1,200 to \$720, police from \$3,000 to \$1,150, city clerk from \$540 to \$300, city assessor from \$450 to \$350, city treasurer from \$500 to \$280, and Town Hall janitor from \$200 to \$120. The librarian's salary remains at \$150.

Fixed charges, consisting of bond payments and interest, are nearly the same as for the current year. They total \$8,646.25, while for 1932-33 they were \$8,837.75. These figures bring the total 1933-34 budget as proposed to \$26,226.25, as compared with \$35,103.75.

Estimated revenue from water department is \$4,000, and from licenses \$25,000, leaving about \$22,000 to be raised by taxation. A public hearing will be held on the budget in the latter part of May, and at its first meeting in June, the Commission will take up the budget and vote on it. Changes may be made either upward or downward, but the Commission cannot increase any item in the budget as submitted. It is expected that the budget will be adopted as presented, a two-thirds vote.

Rev. Sidney D. Eva and Mrs. Eva of Mt. Clemens were dinner guests of M. B. Pierce and family, Sunday. Mrs. F. M. Warner was also a guest.

## New Justice Is Well Known In Farmington



Supreme Court Justice-Elect George E. Bushnell, Jr., of Detroit, who has many friends in Farmington, received more votes than any other candidate in the recent State election, figures just released show. (Story on page 5.)

## Further Cuts In City Cost Made; To Issue Notes

Commission Votes Salary Slashes  
For Police, Engineers, And  
Municipal Labor

Resolutions authorizing issuance by the City of negotiable interest-bearing notes up to \$2,000 and making further sharp slashes in city salaries were passed Monday night by the Commission, in an effort to cut down a large indebtedness and maintain operations for the next two months.

The notes, which are to be used as currency in the city, will bear 3 per cent interest and are to be retired at the end of six months. They will be negotiable when endorsed and will be accepted by the city as payment for all future taxes and water bills.

Action on the note resolution followed a report on the city's indebtedness and a report by Commissioner Leo Gildemeister on the refusal of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to lend the City \$4,000 on its holdings in closed banks.

Approximately \$700 is in the treasury and indebtedness now stands about \$175; the report showed. In discussing ways of meeting the crisis, Commissioner Gildemeister read a communication from the R. F. C. in Washington. The letter pointed out that the Corporation makes loans for projects which would provide labor and be self-liquidating, but is not empowered to make a direct loan to the city.

Commissioner Gildemeister then moved the issuance of city notes in denominations of one, five, and ten dollars, to be signed by the mayor and city clerk, up to an amount equal to \$2,000, backed by holdings on closed banks and anticipated taxes. The measure was passed unanimously.

The salary cuts which were made for May and June included reduction of the city engineer's pay to \$80 a month, the assistant engineer's to \$55 a month and quarters, and all labor to 30 cents an hour, with the mayor, clerk, and commissioners receiving no pay for the two months.

The day policeman was cut to \$50 a month, and the service to be discontinued after June 1; the night policeman was cut to \$50 a month, and relief officers to \$2 a day.

The motion on cutting police department expenses by discontinuing the day man after June 1 and reducing the pay of the night man was the first on which the new Commission has split, and the first on which the new Mayor has been called upon to vote. Commissioners Gildemeister, Sanborn and Hatten voted "aye," and Commissioner O. H. Oldenburg, and Hamlin nay, tying 3 to 3. Mayor Warner cast the deciding vote in the affirmative, carrying the motion by 4 to 3.

Offer Of Garden Plots  
Still Open; Many Apply

A number of the gardens offered to citizens last week have been assigned to people applying for them, but there are still a large number of vacant lots that may be used this summer by any person interested in the cultivating of flowers or vegetables. Lots are given to all applicants as near as possible to their homes. They may be secured by communicating with Mayor Howard Warner, Rev. P. C. Johnson or the Enterprise.

## Stop Light Removed

The traffic light at Grand River and Orchard Lake Roads which has caused much annoyance to Farmington people and to motorists for months, has been turned off, standing now at amber, instead of alternating red and green. Efforts of city officials communicating with the office at Plymouth brought about the change.

The light was turned off once before, several months ago, but after a few days was turned on again and has operated ever since, until last week.

## Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barrie of Detroit were Saturday evening guests at the George Checketts home.

## Davis Improves Rapidly At Hospital In Detroit

William Davis, city worker who was seriously injured April 19 when a truck crank struck him in the head, is reported as very much better. He returned to his home Thursday.

X-ray photographs showed last week that he had suffered only small skull fractures, and he is now so much improved that he has been able to get up several times. No doubt is held about his complete recovery, except for the eyes, which is responding very slowly to treatment. A large bruise was detected behind the eye by the X-ray, and while Davis can see a little out of it the pupil is not under control.

Mrs. Clarence Bickling spent several days in Grand Rapids.