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May Make Test Of Northwestern Highway Legality

Taxpayers In Assessment Area Hold Protest Meetings To Consider Suit

Action to test the legality of the building of Northwestern Superhighway, 240-foot highway through Southfield and Farmington Townships, is possible in the near future, as a result of a series of meetings held by property-owners of the assessment district. Several meetings have already been held and another will take place next Wednesday evening, at which time it is expected that sufficiently definite information may have been obtained to enable those interested to decide on their future course.

Preliminary surveys indicate, it has been stated, that the required 66 per cent of signatures of property-owners asking for the construction were not obtained, neither of contract purchases nor deed-holders. According to the statement the reports are that only 53 per cent of one group and 44 per cent of the other signed the petitions for the road.

A report of the meetings held was made to Farmington Township Board Tuesday evening by Justice Ward Eagle, who said that if action is taken, the Township would have a large interest in it. He inquired if other members of the Board would view this in this light, and the unanimous opinion was that if information indicated that the construction and assessment were illegal, the Township should be interested in the matter. It was calculated that the Township-at-large taxes on the road would amount to perhaps \$75,000. The highway extends for about 3 1/2 miles in Farmington Township.

The meeting Wednesday evening will be held at the home of Mrs. Iva Wilhelm, Northwestern and Twelve Mile Roads, where the previous meetings have occurred.

The property-owners have been encouraged in inquiring into the Northwestern Highway petitions, by the verdict a number of months ago of Circuit Judge Frank J. Kelly in ruling illegal the construction of pavement on North Adams Road, in the northeastern part of the County. The Judge found that the required number of signatures had never been obtained for building under the Covert Act, and that some signatures were forged. The assessments against the property-owners along the road were thrown out by the verdict, from which the County authorities may yet appeal to the State Supreme Court. The appeal period continues until next October in the Adams Road case.

Township, City To Pass On 3.2 Permits

Further licensing of 3.2 beer in Farmington was indicated this week when meetings for consideration of applications were announced by the City Commission and the Township Board. Two were passed and another was tabled at the meeting of the Board Tuesday night.

Only three establishments in the Farmington area had received their permits on the opening day of 3.2 Thursday, May 11, and since that time six applications have been filed with the two bodies for consideration.

Those approved Tuesday night by the Township Board were for Edith M. Gager and at River west of the city, and Maxwell J. Smith, Clarenceville drugist. The application made by Franklin Hills Golf Club was held over for consideration at the next meeting by vote of the board. A special meeting will be held, some night next week.

Next Friday night has been set by the City Commission as the time for a meeting to consider the applications received so far, those from Gus Pappas and Ernest Schwelm. Several others may be entered in time for the meeting, it is expected.

Those now under consideration by the Township Board, besides Franklin Hills, application, are from Homer Norris for a restaurant west of the city and from Steven Monkean for a beer garden on Twelve-Mile and Middle Belt Roads.

Mrs. Otis Jensen is reported to be in better health.

Old Resident Tells Junior Women Of Travel In Early Farmington Days

At the meeting of the Farmington Junior Woman's Club Monday evening, Mrs. Theobald Ross recalled memories of 1892 and took the members sightseeing in the old-time Farmington.

When people travelled in the old stage coaches from Detroit to Farmington, they stopped to change horses at the Old Sand Hill (now called Redford) and then journeyed on over the old plank and gravel road. Half of the road was gravel and the other half planks so the traffic law in those days was that all light loads had to get over on the gravel to let the heavy ones pass. If two heavy loads met the one going to Detroit had the right of way, according to Mrs. Ross.

Grand River was not the main street in those days but the old Indian trail which is now called Chivasse Avenue.

There was an old grist mill at the bottom of McGee hill and the Post Office where the A. and P. store now is.

The town boasted an hotel at that time which had a ball room on its second floor. It stood on the corner where the Warner bank building now is, and has been moved back to the Kroger store and remodeled into the apartment house which stands there now.

Instead of a gas station on every corner there was either a wagon or blacksmith shop, according to Mrs. Ross' description.

After the meeting was adjourned the hostess, Mrs. E. Hutton, served tea and cake. Mrs. Ross poured the tea.

The Junior Woman's Club is planning a bridge party Friday evening, May 26. The place has not yet been decided upon but further notice will be given before then.

Attention of citizens of Farmington will be directed twice in the next few weeks to matters of city finance which will be discussed at public hearings.

Taxpayers are asked to be present at 7:30 p. m. next Wednesday, May 24, at the City Hall hearing on the new \$26,000 city budget for 1933-34. June 6 and 7 have been set for a hearing on the assessment rolls before Farmington Board of Review.

The budget which will be considered at the meeting next week was presented May 1 to the City Commission by the Mayor and Clerk and represents a slash of approximately one-third in operating expenses. Fixed charges, consisting of bond payments and interest remained virtually unchanged, but running costs were cut to \$17,580 from a 1932-33 total of \$26,220. The final result, if the budget is passed, will be that the city's total expenditures will approximate the operating costs alone of the year before.

In spite of the heavy reductions made in almost all departments, the proposed budget adapts itself to the demands of the time by providing a well kept appropriation ranging of \$2,500, or an increase of \$1,500 over the past year.

After public opinion has been expressed at the hearing next week the Commission will pass finally on the budget. Changes in appropriations may be either upward or downward in any of the appropriations, but no item can be increased without two-thirds vote of the Commission.

Township Man Fined For Tapping Electric Meter

Bert A. Cowan of Farmington Township was brought before Justice of the Peace, John J. Schulte, Thursday for tapping wires and using Detroit Edison electricity illegally. Sentence was suspended until May 27 under the condition that Cowan pay \$10 to the electricity company and \$10 costs.

Complaint was made by Douglas Christiansen of the Detroit Edison company and Marie Pettibone was the investigating officer. Further probing into the illegal use of electricity by residents is expected.

GARDEN CLUB TO MEET

The Garden Club of Farmington will meet May 24 at the home of Mrs. Netta on Orchard Lake Road. The speaker will be Mr. Smith of Swift and Co.

Smith will speak on "Soils and Plant Feeding." Anyone bringing in a half-cup full of soil may have it tested for acidity by him.

RECOVERS QUICKLY

Former County Road Commissioner Isaac Bond has recovered from illness which confined him to his home for several days.

Funeral services will be held Thursday and Friday afternoon at 1:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. C. P. Rogers, father of the former Clarenceville plumber, Charles Rogers.

Ask Indigent To Aid Themselves; Meeting Monday

Township Voters Asked To Weigh Means Of Cutting Down Welfare Costs

A mass meeting of welfare families of Farmington Township, Township officials and other citizens is scheduled for Monday night, May 22, in Oddfellows' Hall, Clarenceville, for discussion of ways and means of meeting the Township welfare problem in the coming year. The gathering is called especially to consider suggestions for self-help on the part of the welfare families, through plans offered for co-operative canning of garden stuff, and other foods.

The meeting was suggested by Justice Ward Eagle at the Township Board meeting Tuesday evening, and agreed to by other members of the Board. Notices of the meeting will be posted in the welfare store to notify those receiving aid.

In bringing the matter before the Board, Mr. Eagle said that there could be no doubt the funds being supplied for aid would cease to come sometime in the near future, and that it would be good judgment for the welfare families to prepare now for next winter. He said this should be made known to them to give them the opportunity to prepare, and that they ought to be accorded as much encouragement and help in this work as possible.

Co-operative canning of family groups was mentioned as a method, with gardening to as great an extent as possible. Whether the Township will engage in planting a large garden such as that of last year, from which much produce was obtained is under consideration, one argument offered against it being the cost of supervision.

CUES AND BADGERS SCORE VICTORIES IN SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Hall Hits Homer, Shuts Out The Wolverines 16-0; Badgers' Keep Lead

The Cubs handed the Wolverines a smashing 16-0 defeat Wednesday in the Business Men's softball league game. Curtis Hall, pitching for the winners, allowed only four hits and poled the first meeting run of the season.

In Monday's game, the Badgers scored their second win, turning back the Wildcats, 6-3.

Standings To Date

Team	W	L	Pct.
Badgers	2	0	1.000
Cubs	1	1	.500
Wildcats	0	1	.000
Wolverines	0	1	.000

Mrs. J. A. Harding, Once Farmington Resident, Dies

Mrs. J. A. Harding, at one time a resident of Farmington, passed away May 7 at her home in Glenside, Penn., after an illness of three weeks.

Mrs. Harding left Farmington four years ago after eight years of residence. She was an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 35 years.

She is survived by her mother, her husband, and two brothers, Frank and William.

SECOND YOUTH TO CAMP

A second Farmington City youth has joined the reforestation camp groups at Camp Custer, leaving a few days ago. This makes possible taking of another family from the City's welfare rolls. Two others, dependent on mothers' pensions, are now receiving the pension money again and are no longer requiring aid, reducing the welfare load appreciably.

LICENSED FOR BEER

Rosemond Hills Farms, near Northwestern Highway, noted for its dinners, is among the dining places which have been granted licenses to sell 3.2 beer, having begun dispensing the beverage to patrons. The place is in Southfield Township, just over the Township line, and is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Tibbits.

DINNER PLANNED

Salem Evangelical Church will hold its annual Mother-Daughter banquet next Wednesday, May 24, at 6:30 p. m. Mrs. Breitenbach, wife of the new pastor, will be the speaker.

Tells Exchange Group How Co-Operation Pays



REV. SIDNEY D. EVA

The various types of business men found in every community and how these types determine progress or failure to progress, was the subject of an interesting talk at Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon by Rev. Sidney D. Eva of Mt. Clemens, former pastor of Farmington Methodist Church.

One of the great lessons to be learned by all business men with in any community is co-operation, said Rev. Eva, and an essential is the development of a mutually helpful spirit. He emphasized that many a business man feels that the others can prosper only at his expense, and vice versa, and thus rivalry is unproductive rather than co-operation. The real truth, said the speaker, is that only rarely can any one business institution prosper greatly in a town if the others do not, and when all co-operate it helps the others and the entire community. The aim of every modern businessman, he said, is to help build up rather than hurt his neighbor's business, building as a whole and developing the community as a trading center.

Rev. Eva was the guest of Floyd Nichols.

75 ASSEMBLE TO EXTEND WELCOME TO NEW PASTOR

Informal Event Is Held At Evangelical Church; Addresses Are Given

Seventy-five men and women of Farmington and vicinity gathered Monday evening in Salem Evangelical Church to welcome to the community the new pastor of the church, Rev. W. H. Breitenbach and Mrs. Breitenbach.

President Leo Gildemeister of the church council was in charge, having been introduced by Joseph Himmelsbach. The program which followed introductions was opened with prayer by Rev. Roy J. Miller of West Point Park. Brief talks welcoming the new minister and his wife were given by Mayor Warner, City Clerk Power, President Earl Viver of the Exchange Club, Supt. of Schools John D. Timpyle, Rev. Miller, A. R. McDonald, Mrs. Emma Nacker, president of the Ladies' Aid Society, Erskine W. Evans, superintendent of the Sunday School and George K. Checketts. Both Rev. Breitenbach and Mrs. Breitenbach responded.

An instrumental number was given by Mrs. Florence Edgar, and a vocal solo by Mrs. Evans. Ice cream and cake were served.

Native Of Farmington Dies In North Dakota

Guy Walton, a native of Farmington, died at Carrington hospital in Foster County, North Dakota, May 4, at the age of 63. He was the cousin of Clyde Chamberlain, Farmington jeweler, and the nephew of the latter's mother, Mrs. Sarah Chamberlain. He leaves also two brothers, a sister, and seven children.

He was born in Farmington in 1869, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walton, and moved to North Dakota with his family when he was 13. Pneumonia was the cause of his death three months.

Mrs. Bertha Westfall and family and Miss Elizabeth Schupeter attended the graduation exercises of Miss Helen Westfall at the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital, Detroit, Thursday, May 11. Miss Westfall has been studying nursing.

City Avoids Scrip, Gets \$3,000 Cash By Settlement

Conference With Officials Of County Results In Readjustment

Farmington City's financial situation turned suddenly from darkness and trouble to a rosy hue within the past week, and as a result, issuance of city scrip is avoided and in addition, the City has over \$2,500 available for use in paying salaries and bills.

The cash which is now ready for the City's use will take care of outstanding obligations to date, and make it possible, it is believed, for the City to carry through to the end of the fiscal year without resort to scrip or other unusual means of weathering the financial troubles.

A further happy circumstance is that Farmington School District No. 5 will receive \$400 in cash with which it can pay off some of its obligations. The total cash made available is over \$3,000, and is in the keeping of City Treasurer L. C. Thayer.

A week ago the city's outstanding indebtedness made the issuance of scrip appear a necessity, with a large volume of accounts payable and no money on hand. However, a number of conferences between Treasurer Thayer and Mayor Warner and officials of the County Treasurer's office, in connection with the treasurer's annual settlement of accounts, resulted favorably for the crediting of items on the books as due the city, which will enable the City to retain the sums held by Mr. Thayer and also leave the City a credit on the County books of \$4,097.55. However, the County will retain delinquent taxes paid hereon to balance accounts. Figuring in the settlement is the reassessment ordered by the Circuit Court on the City-Farm.

Mr. Thayer's report to the County treasurer shows that about 35 per cent of the State and County taxes in the City of Farmington have been paid this year.

ENGLISH ACTOR IS ADDED TO LIST OF ANN ARBOR STARS

Robert Loraine To Play In Robert Henderson's Festival; Opening May 22

In addition to the list of stars for the Ann Arbor Dramatic Festival, which already includes Miss Jane Cowell, Tom Powers of the New York Theatre Guild, Violet Heming, the dancer Angia Enters, Edith Barrett, Ross Hobart of stage and screen fame, Violet Kemble-Cook, Rollo Peters and Geoffrey Kerr, Robert Henderson has just engaged Mr. Robert Loraine, the distinguished English star.

Mr. Loraine was finally engaged several days ago for the Dramatic Festival, to be presented from Monday, May 22, through Wednesday, June 21, in the Lyndia Mendelssohn Theatre. Mr. Loraine will appear in the role of Mr. Jellwell, created in the New York production by Nigel Bruce, in Benj. Levy's light comedy, "Springtime for Henry," which will open Friday matinee and night, May 26, as the second production of the theatre festival.

Mr. Loraine is regarded as one of the foremost stars of the London stage, having created John Tanner in the original production of Bernard Shaw's "Man and Superman," and also the role of Cyrano de Bergerac in Rostand's masterpiece for its first English production.

Recently Mr. Loraine has been starred in Strindberg's "The Father," which he played in both London and New York.

On Monday, May 22, the Festival will open in Ann Arbor at the Lyndia Mendelssohn theatre with Edith Barrett and Tom Powers in "Another Language." Six performances of "Another Language" will be given on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday matinee and night, Thursday night and Saturday matinee, May 27. Benj. Levy's "Springtime for Henry" opens at the Friday matinee and night performances on May 26 with Violet Heming, Tom Powers, Rose Hobart and Robert Loraine.

J. J. Dagg has moved into the William Pangborn home on Oakland Avenue.