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Building Program Is Presented To City Commission

Would Receive Assistance From Government; Petition State For Highway Widening

Plans for a construction program to be undertaken by the city of Farmington with money received from the national government under the new Federal system of grants to municipalities initiated by the Roosevelt administration were presented by Street and Sewer Commissioner Emory Hutton and Mayor Howard Warner at a meeting of the Farmington city commission Thursday night. Six projects were listed in the tentative plans, including: 1. Sewer connections between Wilmarth and Grand River; Wilmarth and Oakland; Farmington Road and Thomas street; and Farmington Road and Oakland. 2. Cleaning up of an open ditch on the Farmington Road. 3. Sidewalk construction, particularly on Brookdale and Lakeway. 4. Sidewalk repairs at various points. 5. Roadwork, particularly on Shiuwassee and McGee hills. 6. Bridge work on Shiuwassee and Nine Mile Road.

The total cost of the construction work would be between \$6,000 and \$8,000. The government, if the plans were approved, would pay 30 percent in a direct grant. The remainder of the money could be borrowed from the government at a low rate of interest. Welfare labor would be used on the projects, the men thus employed being, at least temporarily, removed from the welfare rolls. No action was taken on the program but the commissioners were in agreement on its general provisions.

A resolution was drafted by Commissioner Hutton which he forwarded to State Highway Commissioner M. D. VanWagoner with the approval of the commission asking that the project proceed with the widening and rebuilding of Grand River from Farmington Road to the Cut-off, a distance of about two and one-half miles. Among the reasons for the project listed in the letter were: 1. Public necessity. 2. Additional work for unemployed. 3. Immediate alteration necessary. 4. Plans have already been prepared. 5. People of the city were promised this improvement at an early date. 6. Funds now available through the grants of the United States government.

The commission decided to remove the street light from the point in front of the Vivier lighting station and to put on the lights in front of the Lee Hardware and Cook store.

Two beer licenses, already granted by the Liquor Control Commission, were approved by the City Commission. They were to the Hamlin Red and White store and the A and P store.

COUNTY MAY HAVE RADIO SYSTEM FOR CRIME DETECTION

Would Also Be Used To Report Accidents; Meeting To Be Held Soon

A county-wide police radio system may be established in Oakland county, according to plans being drawn up by sheriff Roy Reynolds and City Manager William P. Edmondson of Pontiac. A meeting of the city officials of the various municipalities will be held soon to discuss the proposed plan. The plan would call for the placing of sets in patrol cars which would be connected with the central broadcasting agency. In this way it would be possible to send out an alarm quickly to any part of the county in the event of a crime or an accident.

The matter may be taken up at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors which is to be held some time this month.

Hamlin Buys Out Stock Of Farmington Market

Delos Hamlin, proprietor of the Red and White store, last week purchased the stock of the Farmington Market from W. C. Murray who has run the establishment since December. Murray is going into business in the northern part of the state. He purchased the business in December from Henry Pauline who had conducted the store for many years under the name of "Pauline's Market."

Better Times Bring Decline In Indigents

The township of Farmington has felt the effect of the return of better times. Hubert W. Earle, director of welfare for the township reports that 15 to 20 persons are being taken from the welfare rolls each week.

The reason for the decline in the number of indigents lies in the increased activity of the factories in the Detroit area and the increase in farm prices. Other townships and communities have reported similar relief in their welfare burdens.

The decline comes at a fortunate time for the township since the new sales tax has increased the price of food. If the old number of indigents had been maintained, the higher costs would have presented a real problem to the welfare department.

School Districts Vote Next Week

Elections On Board Positions Will Be Held; 13 Members' Terms Expire

All school districts in the Farmington area will hold their annual elections at meetings on Monday night. The terms of at least one member of the board will expire in each of the districts.

The members of the boards whose terms are expiring are as follows: Thayer No. 3, Mr. Lewis Fendit; Fairview No. 4, T. Gibson; Bond No. 6, fractional, James Tolman; Pierson, John Harlan and Albert Nacker; Noble No. 6, Charles Erwin and Miss Martha Noble; Walled Lake, M. E. Bradley and Bert Wallace; Novi No. 1, Edward Seelye; and Novi No. 2, William Mairs and J. O. Munro.

At Walled Lake, the board will be faced with the problem of picking a successor to Harry Nesman as superintendent.

WOLVERINES WIN AGAIN; TIED FOR SECOND POSITION

Cubs Now Occupy Cellular Alone; Four Run Rally Decided Wednesday Game

The rejuvenated Wolverines, apparently doomed to finish in the cellar of the Farmington softball league, two weeks ago, continued their upward swing with a victory over the league-leading Badgers, Wednesday, 7-4 and tied with the Wildcats for second place. The Wildcats gave the Cubs their final shove into sole possession of the cellar position with a 7-5 decision on Monday.

The Badgers drew first blood in the Wednesday game, pushing across one tally in the first inning but the Wolverines came back to score twice in the same frame. The Badgers tied the score in the fourth and took the lead in the fifth. In the last half of the fifth, however, the Wolverines stored the four runs which clinched the verdict. Westfall got on on a fielder's choice. Gilmester flied out. With two out, Burns was safe on an error. Moss, Plumton and P. Spaller singled to put across four runs. N. Spaller flied out to end the inning.

The Wolverines scored one more in the sixth and a four-run rally in the seventh was stopped at one run. A freak home run was scored by H. Moss in the game, the ball going down the foul line into the school cellars where it was impossible to retrieve it.

Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Badgers	5	3	.625
Wildcats	4	4	.500
Wolverines	4	4	.500
Cubs	3	5	.375

Rev. Longfield Takes Pulpit Of M. E. Church

Rev. Victor Longfield, formerly of Pontiac, assumed the pulpit of the Farmington Methodist church last Sunday, succeeding Rev. Floyd C. Johnson who was transferred to the pastorate of the First Methodist Church of Pontiac.

Rev. Adolph Hahnke presided at the inaugural service of the new pastor and introduced him to the congregation. Rev. Johnson is still living in the parish house at Farmington but will move to Pontiac next week.

Six Residents Of Farmington Area Taken By Death

John Switzer, John Mast, Albert Ferguson, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Witt, Clarence Smith Pass

Six residents and former residents of the Farmington area were taken by death during the past week.

JOHN SWITZER

John Switzer, 76, died suddenly at his home on Middleboro Road early Wednesday morning. The cause of death was a heart attack. Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. at the residence. Burial will be in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Switzer is survived by the widow, one daughter, Mary Bramer of Novi; and four sons, John, William and Walter of Farmington and Anton of West Point Park.

MRS. LUDWIG SCHROEDER

Rev. W. H. Breitenbach, pastor of the Farmington Lutheran church, officiated at the funeral services Wednesday, June 28, for Mrs. Ludwig Schroeder who died at her home on the Seven Mile Road in Salem, the preceding Monday. She was married in the home with interment in Northville cemetery. Mrs. Schroeder was a member of Rev. Breitenbach's parish.

Mrs. Schroeder was born in Weltzin, Germany, Nov. 22, 1864, the daughter of Henry and Minnie Reine Bendt. She was married in 1893 to the late Ludwig Schroeder, settling in Detroit. Later, they moved to South Lyon and Salem. Mrs. Schroeder preceded his wife in death by ten years.

Mrs. Schroeder had been confined to her home for the last three years by illness. Since she was unable to attend the church in Farmington her religious needs were ministered to by the pastor of the Congregational church, Rev. Lucia M. Stroh. The funeral service was conducted jointly by Rev. Breitenbach and Rev. Stroh. Rev. Breitenbach taking the German part and Rev. Stroh the English.

Mrs. Schroeder is survived by four sons, Gustav, Sherman, and Frank of Salem; and Albert of Detroit; and three daughters, Mrs. Elsie Dudley of Salem; Mrs. Martha Defer of Detroit; and Mrs. Lillian Hix of Wayne.

ALBERT FERGUSON

Albert D. Ferguson, a lifelong resident of Oakland county, died suddenly at his home in North Farmington, early Friday following a stroke. Funeral services were held Monday at the residence and interment was made in Franklin, Michigan.

Mr. Ferguson, a native of Bloomfield township, was 76 years old. He had been a farmer all his life, retiring two years ago. He is survived by the widow, Mary McCarthy Ferguson, and seven children: Mrs. Bessie Drake and Mrs. Inez Randall of Farmington; Mrs. Catherine Mudge, and Raymond Ferguson of Birmingham; Joseph and Leslie Ferguson of Detroit; and Floyd Ferguson of Royal Oak.

Brothers and sisters surviving include: Miss Tillie Ferguson of North Farmington; Edward Ferguson of St. Paul; and Frank Ferguson of Minnesota.

MRS. AUGUSTA WITT

Mrs. Augusta Witt, 57, a lifelong resident of the Farmington area, was taken by death at her home in West Point Park, Friday after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Sulkowski, at Smiths Corners. Rev. Peters of the Wayne Lutheran church officiated.

Mrs. Witt was born at Clarenceville and attended the Clarenceville schools. She was married to Mr. Witt on February 1, 1888. The family lived at various times in several places in the area around Farmington and Northville.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Witt is survived by eight sons and three daughters. The sons are: Edwin of Bedford; Louis, Frank, Earl and Norman of South Lyon; Albert of Flint; Samuel of Northville; and Frederick who is attending the Wajumaga training school near Lapeer. The three daughters are: Mrs. Mary Smith of Farmington; Mrs. Mary Smith of Farmington; and Mrs. Mary Smith of Farmington.

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Nesman Resigns Walled Lake Post; Goes To Lansing

Superintendent Is Picked By Dr. Voelker For State Office; Record Rewarded

Harry E. Nesman, superintendent of the Walled Lake Consolidated School, announced his resignation last week and left immediately for Lansing where he took a post in the state department of Public Instruction. The appointment was made by the new State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Paul Voelker, who took office on Saturday.

The appointment of Mr. Nesman to the higher post came in the nature of a reward for his outstanding work in the Walled Lake school.

The progress which the school made under his leadership attracted statewide attention. He came to Walled Lake nine years ago as high school principal and was appointed superintendent three years ago. He has been a close student of educational administrative problems.

Mr. Nesman is a graduate of the Michigan State Normal College. He received his master's degree from the University of Michigan recently with a study of school systems. So rigid was the economy program initiated by him at the Walled Lake school that the district was one of the few in the county which did not find that its activities would be curtailed when and if it were compelled to live under restrictions imposed upon it by the decrease in the property-tax allocation made by the County Tax Commission.

FARMINGTON TEAM SPLITS IN LEGION BASEBALL GAMES

Way Pitches Three-Hit Game; Fans Eight Pontiac Batsmen; First Contest Slugfest

After losing a 15-14 decision to Hazel Park in the first game of the district Legion junior league game Saturday, the team representing the Grove Park post of Farmington came back to win from the highly-touted Pontiac aggregation on the Fourth by a score of 5 to 2. The game was originally scheduled for Sunday but was postponed to Tuesday on account of rain. It was played on the State Hospital grounds at Pontiac.

In contrast to the slugfest on Saturday, the Tuesday contest was very much of a pitchers' battle. Lawrence Way, pitcher for Farmington, allowed only three hits. Grogan, on the mound for Pontiac, gave up four bingles, two of which were collected by Wagner, one a home run. Way issued but three bases on balls and struck out eight Pontiac batsmen. He was given able assistance in the field, the infield executing two double plays. His control was matched by Wagner's potency at bat. All five Farmington runs were batted in by this one slugger.

The box score for the game between Farmington and Pontiac, which was played on the Fourth:

	Farmington	Pontiac
Himmelsbach	4	1
Owen	3	1
Kelley	3	1
Hamilton, Harney	4	0
Hamilton, Harvey	4	0
Waddell	4	0
Smith	4	0
Way	3	0
TOTALS	33	5

AB R H
Benedict 4 1 0
Gillis 4 0 1
Caverly 4 0 1
Kelp 4 0 0
Hill 4 0 0
Kenny 4 1 1
Hemingway 4 0 1
Dean 4 0 0
Grogan 4 0 0

TOTALS 36 2 3

The Farmington team will play at Northville Saturday and at Hazel Park on Sunday.

Born, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. David Robinson of Orchard Street, July 6. Dr. Norton was in charge.

Takes State Post



HARRY E. NESMAN

State Decides Not To Close Parks

Change Of Policy Made After State-Wide Protest; Dodge Park Affected

The conservation department's plan to close 30 of the 54 state parks has been abandoned according to word from Lansing, Thursday. Among the parks which had been listed for closing was the Commerce Dodge park in the Walled Lake area.

Governor Comstock declared that the state did not have the funds available for the operation of the parks but that some plan would be devised whereby it would be possible to transfer funds from another part of the parks division.

Thousands of protests were made to the department after the announcement of the closing order, the newspapers of the state leading in the fight. The parks were crowded during the Fourth of July week end. A particularly large number of persons visited the Dodge park.

RAINSTORM BRINGS FARMERS AND HEAT SUFFERERS RELIEF

Long Drought, Hot Wave Ended; Holiday Crowds Have Ideal Weather

A heavy rainstorm which broke the long drought Sunday was hailed as a 'million dollar' storm by farmers in the Farmington area. The precipitation had been awaited for a long time and if it had not come just when it did, many crops might have been ruined.

The rain also brought relief from the extreme heat wave which prevailed the greater part of last week. As a further treat, holiday crowds at beaches, picnics and other outdoor amusements were given a perfect day, with fair weather and moderate temperatures. Not until Thursday, did the temperature rise to anything resembling the torrid readings of the previous week.

Last Vacation Bible Class On Friday Night

The Daily Vacation Bible School conducted at the Baptist church during the past three weeks will close Friday night with a program and exhibit of all the work done by the students. The exhibit will be held in the new building while the program will be held in the church auditorium at 7:45.

The program will consist of songs, drills, songs acted out, memory verse dramatization. The demonstration will give the members attending an opportunity to see how such a school is conducted and how much has been accomplished in the present session.

The average daily attendance of the school has been 80, the children coming from all of the churches in Farmington. All friends and relatives of the children are invited to attend the program.

Second Free Movie To Be Given This Week

A second free movie will be presented to Farmington residents on Saturday night of this week on the Town Hall square.

The picture is an educational film dealing with poultry husbandry. It was produced by the Larrowe Milling company of Detroit. It is being presented locally by courtesy of Farmington Mills.

Deputies' Office Transferred To Farmington City

Change Provides More Central Location; Gives Greater Protection To City

The Oakland County sheriff's officers' headquarters for the Farmington area was transferred Thursday from the township welfare store in Clarenceville to the police booth in Farmington city. The change, while giving added protection to the city residents, will also provide a more central point for the sheriff force activities in the township.

The only regular officer who will be stationed at the booth will be Joseph DeVriendt. William Gregor, who is employed as a special deputy, will work with Officer DeVriendt. Under the change, Farmington city will dispense with its regular police force and only night patrolmen will be employed by the city. At the present time, this night duty is being divided between Lee Doyle and Thomas Armstrong.

The township board approved the transfer of the officers at its last meeting. Arthur Lee, speaking for the board at that time, said that the officers were under no obligations to the township and that the township officials had considered the coming of the officers to Clarenceville as a purely voluntary move on their part and that they were free to go at any time. He added that he believed the central location would be more advantageous to the residents of the township as a whole.

Mayor Howard Warner welcomed the arrival of the officers in the city and said that the city would be very glad to have the added protection which their presence would insure. The facilities afforded the officers by the police booth are one reason that the step is being taken.

Although Officer DeVriendt will be at the booth only during the day, he will be on 24-hour call and may be reached at his home, Phone 84, at any time during the night. The number of the police booth is 36.

DEALERS DEVISE VARIOUS METHODS OF APPLYING TAX

Bracket System Is Most Popular; Chains Include Tax In Price Lists

Slight increases in price on all commodities have gone into effect during the past week with going into effect of the state sales tax. Several systems of applying the tax have been adopted by Farmington merchants.

The most popular method of collecting the tax from the consumer is the bracket system. It has been adopted by a great majority of the stores. Under this system, the merchant charges no tax on articles priced less than 17 cents. A one cent tax is charged on articles to 49c; two cents from 49c to 83c; three cents from 83c to \$1.16. Above \$1.16, the process is repeated.

Other stores, including, particularly, the chain groceries, have found that the bracket system will work a great inconvenience because of the large numbers of stores whose returns would need to be computed. In these stores, blanket increases in price have been made on certain goods. No effort is made to keep the tax money separated from other returns and the district pays the tax out of the entire amount taken in. The store managers have received lists of the price increases and do not need to consider the tax in their reports.

A few merchants have decided to absorb the tax themselves, and are not charging any extra amount to their customers. Other increases in price have been noted this week in addition to those made by the sales tax. The price of bread has increased because of the new processors' tax and unfavorable weather conditions.

The sales tax applies only to tangible goods and has not affected the cost of services such as repair work, hair-cutting and medical aid.

WALTERS REUNION

The annual reunion of the Walters family will be held next Sunday at Riverside Park in Plymouth.