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Plans Submitted For City Public Works Program

Blue-Prints And Estimates Filed By Engineer; Authority Given

Farmington's proposed part in the great federal public works program for relief of unemployment is moving forward with a series of blueprints and details of proposed improvements drawn up preliminary to submission to the higher authorities. The blueprints and estimates were submitted Monday night to the City Commission by Bruce Buchanan, consulting engineer.

Mr. Buchanan's estimates indicate a greater cost than had been contemplated for the work proposed, his total running to approximately \$21,000. This is largely due, he stated, to the fact that a sharp increase in wages on the unemployment projects is to be required by the federal government. Just a few days ago he said, an order came through directing that labor on these jobs be paid not less than 50 cents an hour.

The blueprints and estimates of the work include the widening of the north Farmington road bridge, widening of the Shiawassee street bridge, widening of the Power avenue bridge, replacing of culvert on Nine Mile road west of Farmington road and the culvert on Ten Mile road west of Power avenue, State street, Farmington road, Cass avenue and Wilmarth relief sewers. An Oakland avenue catch basin and manhole cover and a sidewalk on Grand River avenue.

The projects listed are those already determined upon by the City officials. Others that may be suggested will also receive consideration, but any further projects considered must be submitted soon, due to the desire to get the work under way as soon as possible.

Mayor Warner and Clerk Powers were authorized Monday night to make the application to the Federal relief administration for granting of funds for the work and to determine what sort of arrangement can be made for the financing.

It is believed that all of the families receiving City welfare aid can be taken from the rolls by the proposed work, there being no families on the list now. Mr. Buchanan said that 40 per cent of the expenditures would go directly to local labor.

ARTHUR COE NAMED TO MAKE SURVEY OF AGED PERSONS

Announcement has been made by the State Welfare Department that in view of putting into effect a bill for old age pension a survey is being made in each county to determine the number of persons, men and women, who are seventy years of age or over. In order to facilitate this survey, the various welfare units of the separate counties are being used to conduct the investigation independently.

Supervisor Coe has been placed in charge of the survey for the township.

All persons residing within the township and who by their age of seventy or over are eligible for this pension, are advised to get in touch with Mr. Coe or with H. W. Earle.

Tom Edmondson Named Ford Agency Manager

Tom Edmondson has been named general manager of Olin Russell, Inc., Farmington Ford Dealers, to succeed Malcolm Van Avery. Edmondson has had ten years' experience in Ford business and for the past four and a half years has been with Ford dealers in Detroit. He was recently with the Universal Credit Corporation, the company handling the financing of Ford cars.

Four Friends Offered Their Blood For Utley

Gratitude of relatives of Carlisle Utley, who died August 29, at Receiving Hospital in Redford, extending to four young men, friends of Utley, all of whom offered blood for the transfusion to save his life. Besides Albert Riley, Arnold Bingham, Clayton Currin and Ray McCrumb proffered their assistance.

Active in athletics and young people's affairs, was a member of Franklin soft ball team, rather than of Walled Lake team, as previously published.

Farmington 12th Annual Gala-Day Features Introduction Of Pet Parade

The twelfth annual Gala Day, celebrated on September 4, brought the citizens of Farmington and surrounding communities together for a day of sport and gayety marked by a number of new events.

The feature event of the day was a pet and doll parade. As it was the first time in the history of Gala Days that such an event had been included on the program the parade proved the most popular as well as the most spectacular activity in the day's happenings. For sheer amusement from the spectator's point of view it tied the water race.

The prize for the best float was captured by Harold Kutschke with his cabin in red, white and blue drawn by a goat. The award for the largest pet, the parade went to Ed Garthway with his gray pony while the smallest pet was adjudged to be a rooster owned by William Carpenter. A turtle was claimed by the judges to be the water race.

Taxes At Half Plan Is Unlikely

Bond Purchase Idea Submitted To Officials

A plan outlined by representatives of a Detroit concern, whereby Farmington citizens could pay back taxes at about 50 cents on the dollar, appears unlikely to be put into effect in Farmington although it is reported to have worked well in Birmingham.

The proponents of the plan appeared before the City Commission Tuesday night. The company takes advantage of the low quotations on city bonds and buys them in the market. Then delinquent taxpayers are advised and offered the opportunity to pay their taxes by sharing in the bonds. The company enrolls taxpayers who wish to pay are located the bond is retired. The city benefits by retirement of the bond, and the taxpayer by his lower cost.

The fact that Farmington's financial condition is better than that of many makes adoption of the plan less likely. Farmington bonds bring a higher price, making the plan less attractive. Also the volume in default is so small as to make the possibilities in the work are rather limited.

EIGHT GAMES ARE SCHEDULED FOR '33 F. H. S. GRID TEAM

With seven of last year's regulars returning, Coach Curtis Hall is optimistic over the prospects of the Farmington High School team this season. Practice began Tuesday at 10 a. m.

Four home games and four games away are included in the schedule for the season. The opening game, to be played on the home field, will be against Belleville on September 22. The seven games are as follows: Sept. 23, Madison at home. Oct. 7, Berkley, away. Oct. 13, Trenton, at home. Oct. 20, Van Dyke, away. Oct. 27, Melvindale, at home. Nov. 3, Walled Lake, away. Nov. 10, Northville, away.

Constable's Second Resignation In A Month 'Takes'--Pettibone On Again

For the second time in a month, "Tom" Armstrong resigned as Farmington City constable Monday night, and this time his resignation was effective. Mr. Armstrong, constable in his place, and that too, is in accord with the wishes of his predecessor.

Last month Mr. Armstrong, who had been in the constable's office at the election in April, sent in a letter of resignation to the City Commission. But the resignation had strings attached. It was to be effective, Mr. Armstrong stipulated, only on the condition that Mr. Pettibone would be appointed in his place.

That didn't set so well with the Commission, some of them, who voiced objection to "a man resigning and naming his own successor." The resignation was tabled for a month.

On Monday evening another letter from Mr. Armstrong was read, offering his resignation but with no condition. It was accepted and immediately thereafter a letter of application from Mr. Pettibone applying for the place was read. There was discussion as to whether Ed Thayer, who was constable last spring, would care for the job. Three members said they had been told by Mr. Thayer he did not want it.

A motion was made by Commissioner Osmus to lay the matter over one week to give Mr. Thayer an opportunity to state formally his desires, but the motion failed by a vote of 2-1. Then Commissioner Gildemister stated that he had opposed accepting the first Armstrong resignation last month because of the provision, but in view of the unconditional resignation, he would move appointment of Mr. Pettibone. The motion carried, and Mr. Pettibone, who has made a business for years of serving public, was appointed.

The prizes for the most original costumes went to Gordon Hogle for boys and to Lois Goers for girls. Hogle was dressed in a novel hunting costume. Miss Goers was made up to represent a Dutch girl. The largest doll in the parade was carried by Norma Saperst and the best dressed by Frances Hatton.

Special prizes were awarded to participants for novelties, especially the judges' eye. A lucky house watch was to Roland Smith for his airplane supporting the N. R. A., four school tablets fell to Eugene Brigham with his kitten from Vassar; one dollar in cash each to Sara Nelson who paraded the course with a buggy that is reported to be thirty-five years old, and to Dot Eisenrod and Lorraine Smith for their unusual baby buggies.

Estimates of the event furnishing the most fun must be given to the water battle staged by the firemen of Northville, Novi and Farmington with the first two named arranged against the latter. Many spectators, in their eagerness for a close-up view of the battle, had their enthusiasm dampened by receiving a lot of the water meant for the participants.

In the softball tournament Novi team came out on top out of the six teams entered. In the morning games, Farmington defeated Parkers, the Baptists won from the Buttons' and Novi from Northville. In the afternoon the Baptists drew a bye and watched Novi defeat Farmington only to suffer the same fate, a little later.

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ATHLETIC EVENTS

50-yard dash for girls under 16

1—Bertha Lockridge.

2—Catherine Sommerville.

3—Viola Wolfe.

LADIES WALKING RACE

1—Lillian Thomas.

2—Mrs. F. Prew.

3—Mrs. Wilcox.

PUB. EATING CONTEST

1—Austin Gray.

2—Stan Nelson.

MARATHON RACE

1—Wm. Cairns.

2—Wm. Welch.

100-YARD DASH FOR BOYS

1—Douglas Gaurie.

2—Ralph Banfield.

3—D. Chapman.

100-Yard Dash for men over 21

1—Bud Newcome.

2—H. Welch.

3—J. Leavenworth.

Ladies Slipper Kicking Contest

Vigorous Court Fight Looms In Blanchard Case

Director Of Peoples Bank Presumes Defense, Engages Counsel

A vigorous and intensely interesting court battle looms ahead in a contest between the Receiver of Peoples State Bank of Farmington and one of the leading directors of the Bank. On opposite sides in Circuit Court at Pontiac will appear John N. Daley, receiver of the Bank, and Ernest V. Blanchard, prominent Farmington citizen and farmer living on Grand River in the Township.

Through his attorney, A. Floyd Blakeslee of Pontiac, Mr. Daley has filed suit charging that Mr. Blanchard used his position as a director to withdraw funds from the bank after limitations had been placed on withdrawals by depositors. He asks that conveyances by Mr. Blanchard be set aside and restitution made possible.

Mr. Blanchard, while stating that he did wish to go into details of his side of the matter for publication at this time, indicated that he will fight the case vigorously and with every resource he can command. He has retained Clinton McGee of the law firm of Peltor and McGee of Pontiac, as his attorney, and it is expected that an answer will be filed soon.

Mr. Blanchard intimated that his version of the case when presented on the witness stand will afford quite a different picture of circumstances from that given by the bill filed by Mr. Blakeslee a few days ago.

Blanchard was a member of the board of directors of the bank and its chairman. It is charged that in that capacity he had an opportunity to learn the bank's condition and that he profited by it and got a preference for himself and others in whom he was interested.

Daley asks an injunction to prevent Blanchard, his father, Volney Blanchard, sisters, Vera L. Blanchard and Genevieve Forey; the Gusts Hedberg, and Evar P. Hedberg, from disposing of any of the property involved in the suit until further order of the court.

The receiver sets forth in his bill that Blanchard gave a mortgage to the bank covering lands in Wayne county which the bank was holding on June 25, 1931, when it put a 90 day limitation on withdrawals. A custodian was appointed May 2, 1932, and the bank received appointed Aug. 18, 1932.

Daley asserts that although Blanchard knew the bank was insolvent as early as June 25, 1931, that he withdrew \$184,640 from his own account and enough more from the accounts of his relatives and employees to pay the \$3,976.60 mortgage discharged on Sept. 11, 1931. It is further charged that Blanchard owed the bank a note for \$2,019.38 which, Nov. 9, 1931, he transferred to his father, Volney Blanchard, and then withdrew from the father's account a sum sufficient to pay the note.

The receiver asks the court to set aside both transactions and compel the defendants to return to their respective accounts the sums that were in them back in 1931.

Brief Brush Fire Sweeps Fields, Perils Stores

A grass and brush fire which threatened buildings on the south side of Grand River avenue, immediately east of Farmington, was put out by the Farmington Fire Department Wednesday afternoon after a fifteen minute tussle. The fire, of undetermined origin, was serious enough to demand the use of the hose as well as brooms and other beating weapons.

The fire was first noticed in the field just north of the Voss residence and from there under the impetus of a strong south wind the flames swept north until they came dangerously close to the Chevrolet garage and adjacent buildings. Put out by the fire department on the north, the fire turned east and crept within a few feet of several old barns behind the Earl Vivier garage.

Local Exchange Club Resumes Its Activities

Farmington Exchange Club will resume its activities next Wednesday noon, September 13. The meeting has been called by President John J. Schulte, Jr.

School Roster Higher



Beginning another year as superintendent of Clarenceville Schools, N. J. Bies directs an enlarged enrollment of pupils, largest in the school's history.

Two Burglaries Stir Authorities

Adjoining Homes On Warner Ave. Robbed

Police are still seeking the person or persons who broke into and robbed two Warner street homes sometime early last Sunday morning. The home of George Hendricks was ransacked and antique jewelry, old coins and two guns, a shot-gun and a rifle, were stolen. The loss was discovered Sunday morning when the Hendricks family returned from a week end stay.

A later discovery brought to light the second robbery. Robert Buras arrived home Wednesday morning and found that his home had also been ransacked and a rifle, three suits of clothes, and jewelry and groceries taken. Entrance to both homes was gained in the same way, through a rear window.

Residents of the neighborhood claim to have heard sounds of the breaking in but thinking nothing of them, failed to report them to the police. For this reason, Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVries has made an appeal to the people for co-operation. Anyone hearing or seeing anything of suspicious nature is asked to get in immediate touch with the police. Further robberies may be prevented in this manner.

AUDIT OF CITY'S 1932-33 BOOKS IS BEING STUDIED

A complete audit of Farmington City books is being studied by officials following presentation of the audit Monday evening by William C. Carpenter to the City Commission. The report, perhaps the most thorough and comprehensive ever obtained by the city, reviews the city's financial matters for the fiscal year ended last June 30.

Due to the fact that no audit had been made for a long period, and to the setting up of a more detailed system of accounts, the task required many weeks of work on the part of Mr. Carpenter, assisted by Treasurer L. C. Thayer and Clerk N. H. Pewer.

Mr. Carpenter's work segregates the city's accounts more than ever before, making it possible to know the exact condition of every department, its cost for 1932-33, and where the expenditures were used.

Several copies of the report were filed with the Commission.

Farmington Boy Wins National Calf Award

Russell Bachelor of Farmington has been issued a Certificate of Merit by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America in recognition of satisfactory Calf Club work carried on by him. He is the 3,614th member of the junior organization of the world's largest dairy cattle association and he is entitled to all privileges of the organization except voting until he is 21 years old. Pedigrees of Holsteins owned by him will be registered and transfer of ownership will be made at members' rates, which is one-half of that charged non-members.

GARDEN CLUB TO MEET

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish House at 2:30 p. m., next Wednesday, September 13.

NRA Campaign Opens Next Week In Farmington

Leaders Chosen For Local Movement At Meeting In Hall

NRA has come to Farmington as a local movement, with formation Wednesday evening of an organization to bring it home to the people.

Selected to head the Farmington group are the following: Kenneth Loomis, chairman; Norman C. Lee, vice-chairman; William C. Carpenter, secretary; Mrs. Mary Johnson, lieutenant-general of the women's division and Mrs. R. C. Burns, lieutenant. These officers will choose assistants to work with them.

The city-wide campaign is to begin next Thursday, Sept. 14. The Farmington NRA branch is to cover the city only.

At the first meeting of the leaders Thursday Spencer Heene and Emory Hatton were selected to be in charge of the employers' group and information department.

A score of business-men attended the meeting in Farmington Town Hall. John Mitchell, in charge of Oakland County work for the NRA, took charge of the meeting after being introduced by Emory Hatton, president of the Retail Merchants' Association. Mr. Mitchell addressed the meeting, as did Frank Fortino, of Pontiac, who accompanied him.

Mr. Mitchell explained that the first work will be a canvass of the town to ascertain if all business-places have the Blue Eagle. Following this will be the consumers' campaign, in which a house-to-house canvass will be made to obtain consumers' pledges to support NRA.

A warning against use of pressure was issued by Mr. Mitchell, who told those present that "you are not to adopt any antagonistic spirit or threats whatever. You are not policemen or detectives," he said. "The method of this movement is co-operation entirely, the co-operation of everyone."

Mr. Fortino stated that NRA has come about as a means of combating depression, and pointed out that other countries, in the extremity of hard times, have adopted fascism and communism, both thrust upon the people of those countries by small groups, whereas NRA is a co-operative movement of the whole American people.

SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTS STAFF AT WALLED LAKE

The Walled Lake teaching staff has been announced by Supt. Taylor as follows: E. C. Hansen, principal and mathematics; Waldo Proctor, agriculture; Harold Hursh, coach and manual arts; Harold King, English and history; Margaret Heinz, commercial subjects; Ruth Bills, Home economics; Gladys Myers, Latin and French. The elementary grade teachers will be the same except for the absence of Miss Stubber.

Harold King and Gladys Myers are new members. Mr. King is a graduate of Olivet. His father is president of the college. Miss Myers is a graduate of Ypsilanti. Many post graduates are expected and French has been added for their benefit.

School will begin next Monday September 11.

Bottle Substitution Brings \$50 Court Fine

Edward Behm, proprietor of a Rochester Dairy was tried and found guilty by a jury in Justice John J. Schulte's court Thursday afternoon on a charge of using milk bottles from another dairy in place of his own. He was fined \$50 or 60 days. Behm paid the fine.

The charge was brought by the State Department of Agriculture as a violation of the pure food laws. The prosecution was handled by Prosecutor Arthur Bogue.

A similar charge was brought against Luray Miller at Justice Schulte's court last Thursday. Miller pleaded guilty and was fined \$10. Behm was arraigned at the same time but demanded a jury trial. The jury which found him guilty was composed of: W. C. Carpenter, Kenneth Loomis, Ben Myers, Tom Conway, N. Spaller and C. Harrison.