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New Foundation Put Under Walls Of Power House

Two Residents Of This Vicinity Get Work At Whinery Site

After decades of resting upon foundations laid when the building was erected, Farmington's former D. U. R. power house will soon be supported by a new concrete base. Work begun within the past few days is expected to be completed by next Wednesday, when the entire new cement wall under the west wing is to be finished.

One Farmington resident and a Fourth District man have been given employment in the work now going on, the Farmington man being G. E. Grimme. They began work Saturday.

Following excavating of the earth inside the building to a depth of more than eight feet, niches have been dug at intervals along the walls and filled with concrete. As soon as these holes have been dried out, the earth adjoining has been dug out, and concrete will be poured into these openings. The entire wall could not be dug out, due to fear that it might fall.

More Work Awaited

As soon as the concrete underpinning has been completed next week, it is anticipated that other Farmington men will be given employment in the work now being done in preparation for the concrete floor and bases for the casks.

The concrete is being hauled to the site of the new whinery by two concrete trucks which mix the cement as the trucks travel from the yard to Farmington. The trucks are provided by Julius Forath and Son.

About half a dozen men in all are being employed at the site at present, those aside from the Farmington men being contractors' employees.

HARGER WINS IN SUIT WITH LAING OVER FURNITURE

The furniture in the home of L. Clark Harger reposes there with the cloud of doubt as to ownership dispelled, as a result of a verdict rendered by Justice Byron Lapham in the Harger-Laing replevin suit. When the plaintiff and defendant reported that they had reached no agreement, at the end of a period stipulated by Judge Lapham, the latter rendered a verdict in favor of Harger.

The decree was given last Friday evening with both parties in court. Upon ascertaining that there had been no agreement, the justice gave his decision with reasons therefor. He decided the case upon the question of ownership, rather than upon the bill of sale exhibited in court, which Laing had obtained from Mrs. Harger prior to her departing from the Harger residence.

During the hearing of the case Harger offered to reimburse Laing for the \$50, the price mentioned in the bill of sale. The court ruled the matter could not be handled thus during the trial, however. After the trial, it is understood, Harger reconsidered and declined to make the offer again during the "conciliation" period. The furniture had been back in Harger's home since he replevined it from Laing's house some time ago.

Forty-Seven Attend Anniversary Party

Mr. and Mrs. C. Wendenstors celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary last Sunday. Forty-seven guests were entertained. They came from Plymouth, Redford, Royal Oak and Detroit.

A large table was laid beneath the spreading branches in the front yard; a hot lunch dinner was enjoyed by all. One feature of the occasion was the fact that four other couples were celebrating their wedding anniversaries within the week.

ON MOTOR TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield of West Point Park are leaving for a motor trip through the New England states, where they will visit old friends and relatives, also make the acquaintance of a great, grand-daughter. Mr. and Mrs. George Strassburger will join them in making the trip.

Dr. Grace Among Scientists Chosen To Greet Marconi, Father Of Radio

Honors have come piling thick and fast upon Dr. Sergius P. Grace, Farmington's native son, especially in recent years. None has exceeded, probably, that accorded him on Monday of this week when he was chosen among a select few as one of the guests to attend a welcoming luncheon given for Guglielmo Marconi, the father of radio, at the Blackstone Hotel in Chicago, where the great inventor visited the World's Fair.

On the guest-list were the leading scientists and industrialists in the field of communications, an inclusion among this group again gave recognition to Dr. Grace of his rank among the outstanding scientific men of the generation in his field. An article in the Chicago Daily Tribune read:

"Scientific leaders and heads of the some of the world's largest

Held For Trial In Traffic Case

Base Line Man Bond To Circuit Court

C. L. Harrington of Base Line Road is facing trial in Circuit Court at Pontiac on charges of leaving the scene of an automobile accident, following an examination Wednesday before Judge C. Russell Holland at the County seat. Harrington was bound over to Circuit Court, and bail of \$500 continued.

Two nurses at the Children's Home of Michigan are still recuperating from injuries received the night of September 15, when they were struck by Harrington's machine. They were unable to come to the court yesterday, although they have been released from the hospital.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Patrick Lynch appeared for the prosecution, and Clarence H. Aylesworth, a vigorous cross-examination of witnesses occurred at the examination. Among the witnesses was Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt, an oil company construction superintendent, was said by officers to have asserted that his nephew, Floyd Ashcomb of Oakwood, was driving the car and that he himself had been intoxicated at the time of the accident and did not know what had occurred. His car was traced by license number.

Returned Native Sees Vast Changes In Town

Smith Horton, an old time Farmington boy, was in our city last week visiting relatives and acquaintances. He was the first who is now known as the Petzold farm on the old Pontiac road, in 1858. The house is still standing.

Hix Horton was born in the town of Smith, his mother. Both came from well known families in the township. His father was supervisor in 1875, the year preceding the building of the Town Hall. He held other positions of trust and responsibility and was one of the leading citizens of the town. He died in 1876.

Buildings Gene Smith Horton left Farmington in 1857. Time, ever busy, has made many changes in the old town since he went away. There are not half dozen buildings that place since unchanged. The Horton family, once numerous in Farmington have all passed on and not one of that name remains.

Horton visited Mark Daines, a cousin whose grand-mother was a Horton, and Mrs. Steven Treadway, whose aunt was Mr. Horton's mother. Mr. Horton has returned to his California home. N. H. P.

Halloween Arrives Early At His House

Halloween seems to have come earlier this year than usual in the opinion of H. Reed Webster who lives on Shawasssee Avenue. Mr. Webster returning home late one evening found that several pumpkins had been placed such as the kind usually found after Halloween night. Another house on the same street met with the same experience. No damage was done and no evidence as to where the pumpkins might be could be found.

Mrs. George Clark left on Wednesday for Chicago where she will attend the World's Fair.

City Program Is Commended; Add Road Surfacing

Engineer Calls Projects "Practical And Needed"; Schedule Goes To State

Farmington City's proposed public works program prepared in accordance with the National Recovery Act, and praised as a highly practical and well-balanced program, is being forwarded for consideration with the multitude of other municipal projects throughout the nation, following completion and formal approval Monday night.

"I think that these projects are unusually well thought-out and practical ones," said F. C. Miller, engineer, in commenting on the list approved by the City Commission. Mr. Miller, who has charge of engineering for numerous municipalities in preparing their public works programs, said that he was sure Farmington would win State and Federal approval without question. "These are all needed and should go through," he observed.

Street Work Added

An appropriation for resurfacing of Farmington Road from Grand River to Shawasssee, and of Shawasssee from Grand River to Warner street, is included in the program having been favorably passed upon by the Commission. The plans of the engineer provide for an asphalt surface, at a cost of \$6,000. Earlier it was planned to surface the two streets with the kind of top used on the Novi-Walled Lake Road, which would cost less than the asphalt type. The engineers doubted the practicality of improving the streets here with the same type of surface as the Novi road, but if it should be found that this type can be put down, enough funds would be left to extend the work to other sections of street in the city.

The addition of street work brought the total of city work planned to \$29,000. The Federal government contributing one-third, except for engineering costs. Mr. Miller said that Farmington's request was conservative in comparison with other towns, and rather less in proportion than many communities are preparing for.

HAS 20-lb WEIGHT ON BROKEN LEG AFTER ACCIDENT

With a 20-pound weight bearing on his leg, William Pauline, Jr. is recovering at his home on Grand River in Farmington from injuries suffered last Saturday evening when the car he was driving turned over three times on Grand River and Base Line Roads. He has a severe fracture of the left leg between the hip and knee, and bruises about the back.

Mr. Pauline was brought home from Receiving Hospital, Monday morning in the Heenev Ambulance. Efforts to set the break at the hospital were unsuccessful, due to the nature of the fracture.

Mr. Pauline was driving home from Redford Saturday night. It was raining, and at the Base Line intersection, his car struck a deep puddle of water. A large quantity of water splashed over the windshield, and just at that moment, a car came across the corner with bright headlights. Mr. Pauline, blinded by the light, turned toward the curb for safety, but pulled over too far. His car went over the curb and overturned, going over three times. He was thrown out of the car and onto the dirt. The car was wrecked.

A gasoline station man who saw the accident obtained help. Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner has been in attendance.

JUNIOR WOMENS CLUB HOLD FIRST MEETING

Mrs. William Irish was hostess to the Farmington Junior Women's Club Monday evening. It was the first meeting of the season and the club had as its speaker Mrs. Carl Harrison.

Those wishing to join the club must be out of High School and between the ages of seventeen and twenty-five, and have their names submitted to the club by one of the members.

Farmington Chapter No. 239, O. E. S. Will Hold Its Regular Meeting On October 10th.

The officers will practice for the meeting.



CLARENCE VLIET of Birmingham, speaker at Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday.

Choice Of New Officer Awaited

Interest Keen In Coming Appointment

Interest is keen throughout Farmington City in the forthcoming appointment of a night officer to succeed Thomas Armstrong, officer for several years until last Friday. Armstrong was dismissed on that day by Police Commissioner Emory Hatton for conduct unbecoming an officer. He turned in his effects Friday afternoon.

Since that time Ed. Thayer has been serving as temporary night officer. Applications are being considered by Commissioner Hatton, who indicated it may be some little time before the piece is filled.

The position pays \$60 a month. Commissioner Hatton reported on the development to the governing body Monday evening. Armstrong recently resigned as constable.

CITY OFFICIALS FOLLOW INJURY INSURANCE CASE

Question which has been raised in reference to the status of William Davis of Power Avenue, who was injured while working for the City last spring, has caused City officials to request Schultz and Pare, attorneys, to follow up the matter of Davis' insurance claim. The Commission Monday night agreed upon the instruction of attorneys in view of the questioning by insurance company officials.

Davis was hurt last April 19 at the City dump. When the truck carrying refuse stopped Davis went around it release the crank and it fell on him. The crank slipped and struck him in the eye, knocking him to the ground. For some time his condition was critical, but he rallied and recovered.

Davis was cared for under the direction of the insurance company which covers city employees. An award in the form of regular payments was understood to have been agreed upon, but recently, it was reported, the insurance company has considered opposing continuance of the award, on the ground that Davis did not have the status of city employe. A hearing is expected soon.

City officials believe there can be no real doubt as to Davis' status as a city-paid worker, and it will follow the case through the attorneys.

Schoolgirl Falls From Hood Of Car; Is Unhurt

A Farmington high school girl narrowly escaped serious injury on Monday noon when she fell forward from the hood of a car on which she was riding. The incident occurred at Grand River and Farmington Road, where a hearing is expected soon.

The school boy driving the car brought it to a sudden stop near the corner. The girl had been sitting on the hood and was thrown forward over the top of the radiator. Fortunately her dress caught on the radiator cap, preventing her from falling and striking her head. She dangled in the ground for a moment, unable to help herself until the occupants of the car got out and lifted her up.

Tax-Saving Plan For Farmington Available Soon

Tax Lists Made Up, Bond Purchase Is Being Sought By Company

Purchase of a Farmington City bond of \$1,000 from one holder of such an obligation expected within the next few days, will definitely put into action the tax-saving plan for payment of city taxes, Clarence Vliet of Birmingham told members of Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon. Mr. Vliet represents the organization which is instituting the tax-saving plan in various municipalities of Oakland County.

One holder of \$9,000 in Farmington City bonds has been contacted, Mr. Vliet said, but declines to sell any of the bonds unless the entire lot is purchased.

Purchase may be made from other owners of bonds providing that holder still declines to sell only one bond.

"First In History"

This is the first time in the history of taxation in Michigan, Mr. Vliet said, that it has been possible to pay taxes at less than 10 per cent.

Property owners will find it doubly advantageous if they can pay up at once under the plan, the speaker pointed out, because on November 1, penalties of approximately 11 per cent will be added to the delinquent tax levies. Thus the property-owner who participates in the program not only saves the reduction in his taxes, but also the 11 per cent penalty.

It is expected that a saving of at least 40 and possibly 50 per cent on past-due city and school district taxes can be effected in Farmington as has been done elsewhere. Farmington bonds are somewhat higher on the market than some others, but it is believed that they can be purchased for cash at a figure sufficiently low so that a marked saving is possible, Mr. Vliet stated. His company, Cutler, Moeller and Hubble, when purchasing the bonds against which taxes are applied, buy at the lowest possible rate in order to make the plan as attractive as possible to the property-owner.

Tax-lists for Farmington are being prepared with due place of property on which taxes are due, being listed together with the amount of taxes for each year still unpaid. As soon as a bond is obtained from the lender, notice will be given and taxpayers will be advised of the reduced amount for which they can settle their delinquent taxes and obtain a paid-in-full receipt.

Following his talk, Mr. Vliet answered a number of questions asked by members of the Club. Mr. Vliet has been 15 years superintendent of schools at Birmingham, taking up the tax work only recently.

Drug Store Offers Below-Cost Values

A new merchandising feature is being offered starting this week by Stanley F. Smith, Farmington druggist. Gaining this Friday and Saturday, and every day thereafter, Smith's store, after Farmington Drug Co. will offer a limited number of "deep-cut specials" in much-used articles available at his store.

The special prices on these articles will afford far more of a reduction in price than the usual "cut-rate" quotations. They will be sold below actual cost as less or values. Unlike special offerings, these will not consist of slow-moving or "dead" numbers, but of well-known items in demand every day. Examples of this are the Peppodent, Antiseptic, Petrolagar, and Listerine offered in the advertisement in the upper left hand corner of page 3. Each will be given in the drug company advertisement. Prices quoted will compare with those offered by anyone anywhere, in the drug merchandising field. In addition regular cut-rate prices will remain in effect every day at the drug company.