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Editorials

Farmington Youth "Scales The Heights"

The editor of the Rochester Clarion, remarking that Farmington's old D. U. R. power house is to be converted into a winery, laments that the power house and car barns which formerly stood in his community were razed some years ago. He suggests that some use might have been found for the buildings, and that even the big smokestack by itself, might have been utilized for a worthwhile purpose. He writes:

"Then, too, that beautiful cement smokestack, towering into the heavens and seen for miles around, might some day in the near future hold a beacon light to guide airplane travel, a thing not at all impossible."

"Or, if no other reason, why not retain it as a fitting monument to one of our city's greatest industries for more than a quarter century. It speaks volumes as it stands—removed it is soon forgotten."

This generation, even more than most others, doesn't seem to have much use or reverence for monuments. But the mention of the smokestack "towering into the heavens," brings to mind an amazing thing that has been told about the smokestack at the Junction here in Farmington.

Not only have the windows of the old power house been smashed by the dozens, but the fine slate roof has been the object of vandalistic attacks, and a number of holes have been made in it. If you will look closely at the top of that chimney, 100 or so feet above the ground, you will see that a considerable number of bricks are missing from the very rim of the stack. The reports are that Farmington youths have amused themselves in recent years by climbing that perilous, narrow iron ladder to the top and pulling loose the bricks, then tossing them down on the roof to see just how many holes they could punch in it.

When one looks at the windows, or the holes where the windows were, it is not hard to believe that wilful destruction has been worked upon the roof, too. But it seems difficult to credit the story of the boys making that highly dangerous climb as a pastime—one of the several engineers who have been around the job has said he wouldn't care to go up the top even for a goodly sum. Yet the story is vouched for and the holes in the roof confirm it. Probably more than one young man in the vicinity could offer personal proof. One wonders if the climb and the attitude, way up there at the top, would not provide as potent an effect upon the mind as any of the products that may ever come forth from the casks in the days to come. And somewhat similar.

Taxes At A Discount

Out of the troubles of business depression come such phenomena as the taxes-bond trade plan which will soon be put into effect in Farmington, and which appears to offer one of the few possibilities of clearing up the delinquent tax situation in Oakland County. It offers to the property-owner a considerable measure of relief from one of his heaviest burdens of cutting down the amount needed to free his property of past-due taxes. For the municipality it helps to reduce expense by lessening the interest burden, one of the largest items in the budgets of many governing units.

Already applicable to municipal and school district taxes, the plan offers still greater possibilities if it can be made workable for county taxes. County taxes are much smaller items than the local levies, but they all go to make up the total. And the more relief that is offered the taxpayer, the greater the success of the plan will be.

Some question may be raised as to the constitutionality, but it is quite conceivable that in this, as in many other instances during the past year or two, constitutionality will give way before the urgent expediencies of the moment. Things that a few years ago would not have been attempted, because a thousand legislators and attorneys would then have arisen at once, unanimously to declare them unconstitutional, are now put into effect every day, and justified because of "conditions." There is little reason to believe that these obligations of governing bodies will be treated so differently from the way individual obligations have been—have had to be, if survival was to be had at all.

Undoubtedly taxpayers of this community will welcome and take advantage of the opportunity offered, as have those of Birmingham and other towns, to "pay taxes for half or less." In regard to constitutionality, it is advised that those who wish to pay, act quickly, since it is even less conceivable that any "trades" made and completed before the inevitable test case, would be upset, even though the plan were to be declared illegal. Thus it would seem wise to be "an early bird," for all those who are fortunate enough to be able to pay at the reduced figures now made possible.

Miracles Ended?

"What do you mean, the age of miracles has ended?"
"A dog barks into a microphone at Schenectady, New York, and is barked at by its own voice which has traveled the globe by means of a radio, traveling a distance of 25,000 miles in almost less time than it takes to tell it."

"Men speak into space and are heard, and answered by their neighbors on the other side of the globe in about the time light travels."

"A demonstration occurs in Paris on Wednesday and photographs of it appear in the American newspapers on Thursday."

—Public Service Magazine.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the City Commissioners of Farmington, held October 2, 1933.

Called to order by Mayor Warner at 8:05 p. m.
Commissioners present: Hamlin, Gildemeister, Staman, Osmus, Oldenburg and Hutton.
Mr. E. C. Miller of the Bruce Buchanan Co. of Pontiac spoke to the Commission in regard to the application for a loan from the Federal Government for the Construction of Bridges, Culverts, Sewers, Sidewalks and paving.

The following resolution was read.
RESOLVED That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to make application to the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for a loan for surfacing Farmington Road and Shiawassee Street in accordance with the Consulting Engineers estimates of \$6,000.00, this item to be in addition to the projects authorized September 5, 1933. The total amount of the loan requested is to be \$28,000.00 less any amount received as an outright grant under the provisions of the National Recovery Act.

RESOLVED FURTHER That general obligation bonds of the City of Farmington in the amount of \$22,000.00 be offered as security for that portion of the loan not obtained as an outright grant from the Federal Government.

Moved by Hutton, seconded by Hamlin that it be adopted. Yeas: Gildemeister, Hamlin, Staman, and Hutton. Nays: Osmus and Oldenburg. Carried.

The following bills were read:
L. F. Fendt, sand\$1.13
Crane Co., water valve72
E. C. Grace Store, kerosene, welfare1.00
Mich. Bell Telephone Co., fire hall4.05
Mich. Bell Telephone Co., police booth13.25
Delos Hamlin, groceries welfare150.48
Kroger Grocery, welfare25.00
Olin Russell, inc., gas, labor,5.50
Farmington Lumber and Coal Co., coal, fire hall16.50
Lapham Oil Co., gas9.96
Lapham Oil Co., kerosene welfare8.00
City Treasurer's office4.00
Farmington Hardware, mds.14.87
Farmington Enterprise, printing35.98
Bruce Buchanan Consulting Engineer, survey plans166.00
W. C. Carpenter, bookkeeping, trial balance, etc., July10.00
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The following bills, salaries, etc. have been paid by the Clerk since September 16:

William C. Maas45.00
Harvey Blough30.00
Tom Armstrong30.00
W. C. Carpenter, audit cash24.40
September 30
William C. Maas45.00
Harvey Blough30.00
Tom Armstrong26.00
Ed. Thayer, police relief4.00
Eugene Edwards10.00
L. C. Thayer40.00
James L. Hogle31.25
N. H. Power25.00
Fred Staman, school patrol11.25
Roy Brown, school patrol6.25
Firemen Salaries18.00
Harold Grace10.50
Harrison Johnson15.00
Norman Lee15.00
Waters L. Lee18.00
Fred Maas9.00
Harold Oldenburg15.00
Howard Osmus13.50
Ed. Thayer15.00
G. H. Williams9.00
Marl Pettibone18.00
Norm Spaller9.00
Commissioner Staman reported \$217.95 welfare bill for September.

Bond of Marl Pettibone was read. Moved by Hutton, seconded by Staman that it be accepted. Carried.

Motion made by Gildemeister, seconded by Hamlin that the offer of W. C. Carpenter to post the books of the city and issue a monthly trial balance and an annual audit at the end of the year for \$150.00 be accepted. Carried.

Mayor Warner appointed a committee consisting of Oldenburg, Fire Chief Norman Lee and Ed Thayer to confer with Livonia Township officials in regard to unpaid fire calls due the city.

Commissioner Hutton made a statement concerning the police situation. Tom Armstrong is no longer connected with the department. Ed Thayer is acting officer temporarily. It was left with Commissioner Hutton to name the permanent officer.

Adjourned 9:15 p. m.
N. H. POWER,
City Clerk.

Stonewall Jackson
Stonewall Jackson had made a march to Hooker's flank and rear, and was cutting him off from his line of retreat. Jackson was returning from a reconnaissance when his party was mistaken by his own men for enemy soldiers and fired upon. He was so severely wounded, but might have recovered if pneumonia had not set in. He died May 10, 1863.

CHURCHES

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. John J. Larkins, Pastor
Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. 10:30 a. m. and 12:00 noon.
Benediction after 10:30 mass.
Daily masses at 7:30 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor
10:10 Prayer Service.
10:30 Morning Worship.
11:4 Bible School.
6:30 Young People's Hour.
7:30 Evangelistic Service. Sermon subject: "A Guest."

Clarenceville Methodist Church
O. J. Lyon, Minister

Rally Day Services will be observed next Sunday morning at 10:30 with a program by the Sunday School, under the direction of Miss Gladys Robertson.
Percy S. Morgan is the new Superintendent.

Methodist Church
Rev. F. A. Lendrum, Minister

Dr. F. A. Lendrum, Minister
10:45 a. m. Morning Worship.
"The Supreme Need" will be the sermon theme.
9:30 a. m. Church school. Miss Emily Butterfield, superintendent.
6:30 p. m. Epworth League.
Wednesday.
7:30 p. m. The mid-week service.

Evangelical Church
Rev. W. Breitenbach, Minister

Church Service, 10:15.
Sunday School, 11:15.
Mrs. Florence Edgar, organist.
Erskine W. Evans, Sunday School Superintendent.

WEST POINT PARK
Mrs. William Zwahlen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. DeBore and two children, Annette and Jack, of Detroit were guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gould.

Mrs. Floss Fretz and her son, Tom and Harvey Overly of Detroit were guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gilbert, Sr. Miss Shirley Zwahlen was the Sunday dinner guest of Miss Katherine Richardson of Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Livingway and little daughter with about twenty couples from Detroit attended a house party Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Riley at New Hudson.

Mrs. Lucian Gilbert and two sons L. B. Jr. and Howard were guests Wednesday of her mother, Mrs. Charles Pankow in Detroit. Miss Stella Vandenberg of Clarenceville accompanied by Frank Stray of Detroit were Sunday evening guests of Miss Shirley Zwahlen.

Robert Atkins of Detroit was the guest Saturday of L. B. Gilbert Sr., who is still on the sick list.

Mrs. Ethel Middlewood and George and Homer were Sunday dinner guests of the former's cousin, Mrs. Gertrude Gribbell in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gould were dinner guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. J. DeBore in Detroit.
Mr. and Mrs. L. Frank Bradley moved Monday from their farm on Seven Mile Road into the Ernest Ash house on Zaida Ave. E. Ash and family will have a part of Bralley's farm in exchange.

Mr. Anna Smith and Ralph Carter of Detroit were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gilbert, Sr.
Rev. Roy Miller of West Point Park Presbyterian Church met Friday evening with the trustees and members of the church to discuss ways and means for the coming year.

The Young Peoples of the Epworth League of Farmington Methodist Church gave a weenie and marshmallow roast Tuesday evening in Mrs. Middlewood's woods.

Walter Berchem of Detroit visited his father, A. Berchem, over the week end.

Miss Dorothy Gerge, accompanied by William Malloy of Detroit, were guests Saturday of the formers parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerge.

Mrs. H. W. Woodworth entertained the troop of Girl Scouts Friday evening at her home, Mrs. Charles Pierpont and daughter Marjory of Northville were also guests.

The regular meeting of the P. T. A. will take place next Thursday evening in the Pierson school. The officers, teachers and members attended the Wayne County Council at Rosedale Gardens Tuesday evening to get new ideas.

The president and her officers met at Livonia school, Wednesday afternoon with Mr. Morrow, head of the Red Cross, to receive the relief work for the Red Cross of this district.

Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock of Detroit were guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. R. Woodley.

Notice To Water Consumers

Please pay water bills at Farmington Hardware, the Peoples Bank or to the city clerk. Last discount day, October 16.
N. H. POWER,
City Clerk.

NEW TELEPHONES

New telephones installed in Farmington, last week are: Pauline Market, 33409 Grand River 122; Geo. J. Smith, 21030 Newcount day, 351F3; Edmund Appelhof, 23100 Maple, 185.

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