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Officials Shown Plans For A New Township Hall

Building Would Be Constructed As A CWA Project, With Some Local Cost

Plans for a new Farmington Township Hall, which would be constructed under the WPA, with the Federal Government supplying most of the funds, were presented to the Township Board at its meeting Tuesday night. The plan as presented would come within about \$1,600 of CWA limitations on material cost, this to be provided by the Township.

If the plan was adopted, at the estimates offered, it would be necessary for the project to have a vote of approval by the people. Purchase of a site would also have to be approved by popular vote.

The plans provide for a two-story brick building, the first floor to contain fire apparatus space and township officials' quarters, with an auditorium on the second floor.

Cost Estimated

The cost of the building is estimated at \$1,731.00 of which \$5,031.00 would go for material and upward of \$6,700 for labor. Since the CWA allows only 30 per cent to be for material, the projects fully paid for by the Government, there is an excess in this instance of about \$1,600. However, those most interested in the proposed building point out that the labor cost stipulated does not include pay for foremen superintendent. When these are added, this would cut down the discrepancy by making the labor a greater percentage of the total cost, which would, of course, be increased somewhat. It is believed that this adjustment of figures might bring the Township's expense down to approximately \$1,000.

The building would be of rectangular construction, 44 feet, 9 inches wide and 32 feet deep, short wing on one side of the front portion would extend the width of eight feet in front. On the first floor the plan provides for three offices and a vault, besides the fire-truck room and washrooms. The auditorium on the second floor would be 33 x 50 feet.

The plans provide for a steam heating apparatus.

But Where Would It Be?

The building plans provided for very definite specifications, but when the question was asked as to where the new township hall would be located, no one present could venture a guess. When several years ago, there was much agitation for building a new township hall, so many sites were immediately proposed and so many sharp diversity of opinion developed overnight that it was apparent immediately that selection of a site might prove a hopeless task, or at least might involve various sections of the township in such a turbulent battle over locations that the harm might outweigh the benefit. Then along came economic difficulties and vast tax delinquencies and the matter was forgotten.

Close Store

Meanwhile the Township Board has voted to discontinue occupancy of the former welfare store as an office for Clark Willard Campbell, the sole occupant since the welfare went to the county system. Mr. Campbell will continue in the store on Grand River until February 1, when he will again have his office in his residence on Pearl street.

Funeral Service Held

For Mrs. W. Ruthenbar

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at Salem Evangelical Church for Anna Ruthenbar, 57, wife of William Ruthenbar, who died Tuesday morning. She had been an invalid for eight years, her illness covering the past 12 years.

Surviving are three sons, Charles, Arthur and Earl, a daughter, Mrs. Viola Thiede, two brothers, two sisters and six grandchildren.

Mrs. Ruthenbar had been a member of the Evangelical Church Ladies Aid Society.

TO PROVIDE BLANKS

Harry J. Durbin, Detroit contractor sponsoring a plan for subsistence homesteads north of Farmington, expects to have ready in a day two application blanks for would-be owners to sign. He expects to take his plan to Washington next week.

County Men Chain Truck, Township Officials Get Court Writ -- Take It

Governments, being made up of a multitude of individuals are like individuals, or at least, not so different from them as some might believe. Sometimes they get into disputes with their neighbors, and when they can't settle things between themselves, they even go to court about it.

And so, next Tuesday in Judge John J. Schulte's court in Farmington, there will be heard one of the strangest suits in years. Farmington Township and the County Welfare Administration will fight it out to see who owns a rapidly-aging automobile truck.

But that is not all—neither the

Drain Cost Put At Over \$100,000

Richland Gardens Project Details Completed By Engineers

Specifications and estimates for the big drain proposed for the Clarenceville section of Farmington Township under CWA auspices are ready for submission to higher authorities and Supervisor Cee has been authorized to file the petition for building of the drain.

The estimated cost of the system is placed at \$111,483.60, of which \$3,353.60 is allotted to materials and \$80,110 for labor. This brings the project within the CWA 30-70 per cent requirement.

A vast amount of work would be provided by the project, with 154,000 man-hours of unskilled labor estimated and 2,000 man-hours of skilled labor.

Officials are hopeful that the project will be approved in the allotment after February 15, but it is generally conceded that projects will not be approved so readily and hastily as they were in the first allotment of work now being done.

PLAN F. D. BALL FOR FOUR TOWNS AT NORTHVILLE

President's Ball January 30 at Northville.

Couples from four communities, Northville, Farmington, Plymouth, and South Lyon are invited to unite in the Northville program, Tuesday evening, Jan. 30, celebrating Franklin D. Roosevelt's birthday.

The celebration, taking in the four towns as well as the farm, is a big dance to be held at the Northville high school gymnasium. Northville, Patterson's orchestra of Plymouth, a well known and liked musical organization, will play both old time and modern dances for the large crowd that is expected. The gymnasium will be appropriately decorated for the occasion.

Over 5,000 dances will be given that evening in cities all over the country and proceeds will be turned over to a permanent endowment fund for the nation-wide work of the Warm Springs Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The executive committee in charge of the Ball locally is composed of N. C. Schrader, chairman of the event, Dr. L. W. Snow, Northville village president, Charles E. Rogers, Rotary club president, and Dr. H. J. Sparling, Exchange club president.

All of the organizations represented by the committee-men are co-operating to make this dance one of the big affairs of the year in Northville with the assistance of surrounding communities. Roosevelt boosters in Farmington, South Lyon, and Plymouth are urged to make Tuesday, January 30 a memorable date in this part of the state by attending the Ball and contributing to the worthy cause.

The admission fee will be nominal.

Farmington Dairy Is Among Radio Sponsors

Farmington residents will find more interest and entertainment than heretofore in listening each afternoon to "Uncle Neal" over the radio. Part of his program has to do with "Dare-Rich" Chocolate Milk, and Farmington Dairy, Inc., is one of the sponsors.

Uncle Neal's broadcast over WJR is one of the best known daytime radio features in this part of the country.

beginning nor the end. For before the matter got that far, there were demands and refusals and chaining of the truck wheels and obtaining of a writ and putting up a bond and calling of an officer—and all the rest that goes with a justice court case.

It started last winter when the Township took over its own welfare fare work, assisted by loans from the RFC. During the first few weeks of the new system, there appeared need for a truck, and a new one was bought for \$300. Of this amount, one-third was from the general fund of the Township, one-third from the highway fund, and one-third from the welfare fund.

All was well until welfare went back to the County system some time ago. Along with other paraphernalia, the truck went over to the new County office on Seminole near Eight Mile Road. It was used there for welfare work until this week.

Then Wheels Chained

Then Highway Commissioner Joseph Graham asked for the truck to be used on the highway. The north end of the Township, just when the first requests were made is disputed, whether last week or early this week. At one time a request Monday night was not favorable, and Mr. Graham advised other Township officials. Tuesday morning it was found that the rear wheels of the truck had been chained overnight so that it could not be moved on the highway. The Township officials took the stand that since the Township had bought the truck, and is obligated to repair it, the RFC could not take at least two-thirds of the vehicle belongs to the Township, even though the money did come from the Federal Government which is now administering the relief being given at present. The County welfare men seem to hold the opposite view.

Need \$600 Bond

Finding that they could not get the truck by just going and taking it, the Township officials went into a huddle and picked their formation. Mr. Graham was encouraged to appear before Judge Schulte and ask a writ of replevin. Just like individuals, sometimes they go to court for it.

"Yes," said Judge Schulte. "But wait a minute, how much did that truck cost?" The amount being \$300, bond of \$600 was required, and Mrs. Loree Cox was called to sign the bond for the Township's safekeeping of the truck. But there had to be a surety. So Mr. Graham put his name down as security for the Township of Farmington.

Deputy Joseph DeVriendt was summoned and down they went to Eight Mile Road. There stood the truck with about 20 bushels of potatoes that had just been loaded for transfer. Clyde Seely, the driver, had to unload the 20 bushels and Township officials took the truck on Tuesday.

Will Buy Or Sell

At the Township Board meeting Tuesday evening, Township officials, discussing the matter with H. W. Earle, welfare investigator, said they would buy or sell what they view as the Township's interest for two-thirds of the appraised value. But the Township doesn't want the truck, has little use for it. It wants to sell—and what's wanted is cash.

The one sad fact thus far is that the incident appears to have endangered one man's job, which no one is eager to see him lose.

Club Hears Report On Forming Credit Body

Extended consideration was given to the proposed establishment of a credit bureau for Farmington and vicinity, at the Exchange Club meeting Wednesday evening. A comprehensive report on the work of the Birmingham bureau, and means of forming an organization in this community, was made by Joseph Himmelspach, who interviewed the manager of the Birmingham bureau.

A meeting of the Exchange Club committee on formation of a bureau is being called for Monday evening, to go more thoroughly into details outlined by Mr. Himmelspach, and to consider plans for organization.

Mrs. Evelyn Boice is spending a few days with her son Harmon Boice.

Liquor-by-Glass Fails Of Passage In The Township

Board Members Indicate Sentiment Against Retail Whiskey, And No Motion Appears

Sale of whiskey by the glass is unlikely in Farmington Township, and will not be permitted unless there is within the next few weeks a reversal of sentiment expressed by members of the Township Board at their meeting Tuesday night. Two members indicated that they might oppose a motion if it was offered, one indicating definite opposition to sales by the glass at all, and another stating very positively that he would vote against it only under conditions which would provide the strictest supervision and regulation.

Since the law was passed by the Legislature requiring affirmative action by the local governing body within 60 days in order to legalize sales by the glass, and the Township body will not again hold a regular meeting until February 20, by which date by which the day-period will have expired, the absence of approval Tuesday night is almost certain to be decisive. There is, however, the possibility open for those favoring sales by the glass, of circulating a petition for a vote of the people on the question.

Deciding Factor

It was the existence of this provision in the law that appeared to determine the matter Tuesday night. The discussion was not extended, and terminated shortly after one member contended that "since the provision exists for a vote of the people, and it is a public question, it ought to be decided by the people." It will not come to vote, however, unless those favoring it get up a petition and obtain sufficient signatures to put the issue on the ballot.

The Board member who qualified his opposition by insisting upon strict regulation was vigorous in his contention for prevention of sales to minors.

During the discussion, the fact was alluded to that Farmington City will have sales by the glass and that those wishing to buy by the glass will not have to travel more than a few miles to get it.

A 3 to 1 vote would have been required to carry the issue before the Board.

HENDERSON TALK HOLDS ATTENTION OF HIS AUDIENCE

An inspiring address was given by professor W. D. Henderson of the University of Michigan to an appreciative audience in the Universalist Church last Friday evening.

The subject was "Human Nature and the Changing Social Order," and the Professor dwelt mainly on the changing order, showing that while history recorded many such similar periods as the present, the general rule of civilization has been upward. The speaker demonstrated his ability in handling the subject in a masterly way and while at times he spoke very strongly, he interspersed his remarks with illustrations of a humorous nature which kept the audience in a very receptive state of mind.

He commended the present Administration very highly for its work in connection with the Civilian Conservation Corp. and other projects, stating that while at first he had doubts as to the sincerity of the President's campaign promises, he began to think that they were made in sincerity and were being carried out. The speaker did not attempt to forecast the future, but he did think that it was a step in the right direction.

Miss Helen Hard acted as chairman of the meeting. The meeting was arranged by the Economic Discussion Group, who are seeking to bring to the public of this community an opportunity to hear capable speakers and to engage in free discussion of timely subjects.

MASONIC LODGE PLANS

FATHER AND SON DINNER A Father and Son banquet will be held by Farmington Masonic Lodge Monday evening, February 5. An interesting program, including capable speakers and a surprise for the sons, is included. Tickets will be sold at the Farmington Hardware, Delos Hamlin's Fred L. Cook and Co. and Farmington Dairy, Inc.

Beginning Made In Plan For New Bank

HAILED AS GREAT BOON TO THE COMMUNITY

Subscriptions Are Being Received; Oakland County Takes \$5,000 Worth Of Stock; Early Signing Will Hasten The Opening

Progress is reported this week in the receipt of subscriptions pursuant to the plan for a new bank in Farmington. In the days that have elapsed since announcement of the program last week, a number of depositors have signed agreements to purchase shares in the new institution.

A fair amount of subscriptions is reported thus far, and it is believed that the capital quota, \$37,500, can be reached and the 35 per cent dividend distributed, if all do their part and do not delay in bringing in their agreements.

Among those who have agreed to take stock in the

Dairymen Will Assemble Here

Secretary Of State Association To Be Speaker

Dairy farmers from various parts of southwestern Oakland and northwestern Wayne counties are to gather next Wednesday afternoon, January 24, in Farmington Town Hall, in a combined assembly of three locals of the Michigan Milk Producers Association. B. F. Beech, secretary of the Association, will speak, as well as other members of the Association and the Dairy Council.

The locals which are to meet are Farmington, North Farmington, and Starkweather. The membership of the three units totals about 450. The meeting is scheduled to start at 1:00 p. m.

Dairy farmers having questions which they wish answered are asked to write out their queries and bring them, for a question box following the addresses. Verbal discussion will also follow the speeches of the day.

A large attendance is urged by leaders of the Association in this vicinity. A good crowd is anticipated because of the keenness of the dairy situation recently in this part of the State, among developments being formation of another dairy farmers' organization. The latter's activities have not appeared so intensive recently.

MISS D. WURSTER IS MARRIED TO AN OHIO RESIDENT

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Wurster of Route 2 Farmington, announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorsey, to Joseph Van Sickle, son of Edgar Van Sickle of Canton, Ohio. The ceremony took place November 25th in Canton.

The bride was attended in white satin and carried a corsage of red roses. Her attendant, Mrs. Bessie Kemorling, wore an attractive fall ensemble.

A luncheon for the couple was served at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. C. D. White of Canton following the ceremony.

Dinner was served at the home of the bridegroom's father.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Van Sickle are residing at 1315 2nd Street, N. E., Canton, Ohio.

Farmington Man Heads County Lincoln Club

Mayor Howard Warner of Farmington is the new president of the Lincoln Republican Club of Oakland County, having been elected at a meeting of the directors last Friday afternoon at Pontiac.

The Club's chief activity is the annual Lincoln banquet, held on or about Feb. 12 each year, at which honor is paid to the Great Emancipator. Plans are under way now for the 1934 banquet, at which it is hoped Sen. Vandenberg will be the chief speaker.

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Melow of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ruth Melow, to Mr. Charles VanVleet of Detroit. The wedding will take place in the early spring.

new bank in addition to the de-

positors, are several citizens who have agreed to purchase stock outright for cash, paying the money in upon completion of the stock subscriptions. In agreeing to put in new capital, they expressed the opinion that a bank is so vital to the future welfare of the community that it is well worth while to put in new cash to help assure establishment of a bank.

All Stock In Cash

One of the most advantageous features of the new bank, and one that is exceptional, is the fact that every dollar of its capital and surplus will be paid in all cash. The entire capital stock of \$37,500 and the surplus of \$12,000 will be in cash. No stock is to be sold on note or agreement to purchase.

Among those who have signed agreements for stock in the new bank are a number of the larger depositors, both within and outside the community.

One of the most joyously received portions of the announcement that the new bank had been planned was the arrangement of distribution of about \$225,000, a 35 per cent dividend, immediately upon opening of the new institution.

In view of the fact that from 45 to 50 days would be required for legal technicalities in getting the new bank started, and in preparation for the distribution of the 35 per cent dividend, it is important that depositors do not delay in signing and bringing in their subscriptions.

Would Shorten Time

It is necessary that depositors bring in their agreements to the bank as soon as possible, inasmuch as there is no means by which each one may be called on personally. To call on each one to obtain the subscription would be a huge and expensive undertaking, resulting in indefinite delay.

Some subscriptions have been received by mail, and are acceptable in that manner, if depositors do not find it convenient to come to the bank. By acting quickly, delay in getting the organization under way and obtaining money from the RFC for the dividend will be avoided.

Several depositors, enthusiastic over the possible ending of many months without a bank in the community, have volunteered their aid in hastening the subscriptions, bringing in those of some friends as well as their own.

Endorse Plan

Farmington Exchange Club, at its meeting Wednesday noon, unanimously adopted a resolution offered by Judge John J. Schulte, Jr., expressing the Club's hearty approval of the plan, and pledging it all possible support. The resolution was passed after President Earl Grosvenor had called for opinions on the plan, himself urging that all lend a hand toward putting the plan over and restoring banking facilities to Farmington.

FARMINGTON O. E. S. TO HOLD SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of Farmington Chapter No. 239, O. E. S. will be held Tuesday, January 23rd, for the conferring of degrees. The officers of Orient Chapter, Northville, will be guests of the evening and will confer the degree on two candidates.