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## Tax Penalty Will Begin After July 31

City of Farmington general tax statements in the amount of \$20,775, scheduled to be sent to the taxpayers Monday, July 1, were not to be mailed until Thursday or Friday of this week according to City Treasurer, George C. Gilde, master.

Delay was caused by the change in the water department books. In the past, it has been the custom to have the City Clerk handle all the books and send all the bills for the department.

The change, necessitating a new and complete set of books, has taken almost all of the City Treasurer's time. The slight delay will in no way affect the previously announced schedule of collection. July 31, is still the deadline for paying the 1935 general tax without penalty. From August 1 to August 31 a two percent penalty will be added to all taxes paid during those dates. After September there will be a four percent assessment on all unpaid taxes.

This system of collection and penalties is in accordance with provision 22 of the City of Farmington charter and was suspended last year only as an emergency measure. Last year a two percent reduction was allowed during the first month as an inducement to pay current taxes because of the City's dire need of funds. It was believed that the reduction would be an incentive to the taxpayers. The excellent financial condition of the City at the present time has brought about the return to the former system.

## GRAND PRIZE CHOSEN FOR GALA HOMECOMING EVENT

Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion, and the Exchange Club of Farmington, have selected as grand prize for the Gala Homecoming Celebration a new Chevrolet which will be given away the last night of the three day celebration, beginning Saturday, August 21, and extending through Monday, September 2.

Meetings of the Legion and the Exchange Club will be held each week from now until the opening of the Celebration. Plans are being made to make this celebration the biggest and best since a similar occasion in 1930.

The site chosen for the Celebration is the grounds behind the police booth extending from Grand River to Farmington Road. Stands and concessions will be erected for the convenience and entertainment of all those who attend. There will be races, vaudeville acts and free movies in addition to many other diversions to make the occasion one that will be remembered by everyone.

Handbills, on which will be printed the entire program for each day of the Celebration, will be distributed throughout Farmington.

While the automobile is the featured prize, those who attend will have an opportunity to win. Since there will be thirty other prizes offered. The nature of the additional prizes remain to be decided at one of the meetings of the Exchange Club and the Legion.

Tickets for the Gala Homecoming Celebration will go on sale Saturday. Approximately 1000 persons from Farmington and vicinity are expected to attend.

**Clarence Gilkey Dies of Heart Attack**

Clarence Gilkey, 65, died suddenly last night at his home, 33355 Shawansee, after being stricken by a heart attack while he was in bed.

## Heeny Re-elected Trustee At School Board Meeting



SPENCER J. HEENY

Spencer J. Heeny will serve another term on the Farmington City School Board No. 5 as a result of his re-election Monday evening at the annual meeting for the election of officers which was held at the Farmington High School.

Heeny was elected to the School Board trustee in 1932 and elected president of the board the following year.

The annual report of the School Board was read at the meeting. Notable was the fact that the financial standing of the school district is better than it has been in a number of years.

The trustees will hold their regular meeting Thursday evening at which time officers of the school board will be elected for the coming year.

Other members of the School Board are Mrs. Florence Lee, Howard Warner, Dr. Z. R. Anchen, Brenner and Arthur J. Smith. Mrs. Lee and Mr. Smith served as secretary and treasurer respectively during the past year.

## 8 Penalized For Traffic Violations

Proving that the aim of the law is long and that attempts to evade it are unprofitable for some people, and other maxima expressive of the watchful readiness of local police authorities, several residents of Detroit and one of Pontiac returned to their respective homes July 4 with less money than they would have had had they abided by the traffic regulations.

While there is no intention on the part of the Farmington police to make a speed trap of the City, they are determined to reduce the dangers occasioned by careless drivers by seeing to it that traffic rules are heeded. Judge John J. Schulte tried the cases that were brought before him by Deputy Joseph DeVriendt.

The most numerous violations consisted of cutting in and out of traffic. Ralph Elmore, 7655 Chalfont, Detroit, was fined \$5 for this offense. Others fined for cutting traffic were: Bonny Feenwick, 6122 Talbot, Detroit, \$5; and Albert Ford, 3165 East Jefferson, Detroit, \$5.

Kenneth E. Vaughan, 6647 Hartwell, and Walter Huesing, 213 W. 11th, both of Detroit, received suspended sentences for cutting traffic on the South Power Avenue sewer.

For failing to heed red lights, Walter Ferrill, 2322 Glenview, and Walter K. Groff, 4875 Courville, both of Detroit, paid fines of \$5 and \$6, respectively.

Maynard Quirk, 20 So. Padouck, Pontiac, was arraigned by Deputy DeVriendt before Judge John J. Schulte for not having an operator's license and for driving an automobile with defective brakes.

Quick's automobile was held until the brakes were repaired and he made application for his operator's license.

## CENTURY OLD WINE CASK HAS HISTORY

Differing from the "Old Oaken Bucket" in shape, size, content and purpose, but similar in the water receptacle immortalized in song in that both are made of oak, there stands on the lawn of the LaSalle Winery, Grand River and Farmington Junction, an "Old Oaken Wine Cask."

Without knowing the exact age of the smaller receptacle we venture to say it is very much younger than the wine cask because the latter's age has been approximately 95 years, which is a pretty good age.

The cask was built in the United States and remained in this country until the beginning of the prohibition era. It was then taken to the Canadian branch of the LaSalle Winery where it was kept until it was brought to its present location a few weeks ago.

## Projects Include Bridge Widening

E. O. Hutton, Commissioner of public works in Farmington, is awaiting action upon his application for public work relief funds which he has submitted to E. J. Skelton, county relief administrator.

Oakland County will be allowed \$1,000,000 of Federal funds for various work relief projects. Hutton has applied for approximately \$12,000 as Farmington's share of the amount. Before any funds are distributed, engineers will be sent to the County to determine the exact costs of the various projects.

The amount which Farmington will receive will represent 20 percent of the cost of materials in addition to the entire cost of labor. The remainder of the cost will be borne by the City.

A total of six projects has been planned. The first project to get underway after funds for the work have been received will be a new sewer on the Interceptor. Lines, part of Grand River, following this project, a new section of water main will be constructed in Town Hall Park. The third job of this nature for which plans have been made will consist of work being done on the South Power Avenue sewer.

New pipes will be added to the water mains on Nine Mile Road and on Cloverdale Avenue.

The remainder of the work relief projects will consist of widening bridges. The bridge on Shawansee Avenue will be widened by 10 feet. Also, the bridges on Farmington Road and on Powers Avenue will be widened by 10 feet.

Although all the projects which have been planned are equally important and essential, those that will be most noticeable will be the widening of the bridges. The widening of the bridges at the present time are such that they create a traffic hazard for automobiles coming from both directions. When the bridges have been widened they will eliminate the possibilities of accidents as well as permit vehicles to travel at a faster rate without creating danger to drivers coming from the opposite directions.

The laying of new water mains and the repairing of others will be a great improvement in that they will be built to care for the population that has increased in Farmington since the existing sewers were built.

It cannot be said as yet with any degree of certainty, owing to the large number of public work projects which have been planned throughout Oakland County, when work will begin on the various projects in Farmington. However, it is hoped the work will get underway by October 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Billings have moved into their new home on Grand River Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. William Chamberlain and mother were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wagner of Northville.

Mrs. Albert McDonald returned Thursday evening from the house party of the Missionary Society of the Baptist Church, held at Hillsdale, this week.

## Trial Set For Traffic Violators

Azel Bonecutter of South Lyon will be tried in Municipal Judge John J. Schulte's court July 26 on a charge of reckless driving, excessive rate of speed and car not under control.

The complaint, made by Glenn Sallow of Farmington, states that a car driven by Bonecutter smashed into his car at Eight Mile and Leek Roads on June 23 and that it was demolished.

Bonecutter was arraigned before Judge Schulte and stood mute when the charges were read. A plea of not guilty was entered for him by the court.

**Must Pay or Go To Jail**

Frank Boswell must pay \$25 to Erling Lindgard within 30 days or go to jail was the order of Judge Schulte when Boswell was tried on a charge of reckless driving entered by Lindgard.

Boswell was found guilty of driving on the wrong side of the road and hitting Lindgard's car. The accident occurred at the Cut-off on the C. F. Smith hill.

Boswell was fined \$25 court costs but sentence was suspended for thirty days to allow Boswell to settle with Lindgard for the damages to his car.

**Fight Leads To Trial**

Three revelers charged with being drunk and with disorderly conduct are being sought by police.

One of the men, General Lenford, has been arrested and released pending trial July 16. The three sought are Sherman Lenford, J. C. Ledford and Charles Burdick. They are charged with fighting with beer bottles at a beer garden on 12 Mile and Middlebelt Roads.

## WALK REPAIRS HINGE ON PROPERTY OWNERS' CONSENT

Repairs on sidewalks in Farmington will not get underway until property owners have indicated to Leo Gildemester, Commissioner of sidewalks, their willingness to pay their share of the cost.

After a meeting of the City Commission last week, it was resolved that sidewalks throughout the City of Farmington will be repaired on a 50-50 basis, the City paying half of the cost of the work and the private sidewalk owners, and property owners paying the remaining costs.

New sidewalks are to be paid for by abutting property owners. The present practice of the City Commission is to have the property owners to assess taxpayers the entire cost of the repairs made to the sidewalks on their property. A resolution was passed some years ago by the Commission to the effect that the City should be responsible for the entire cost of the repairs made to the sidewalks should be repaired with taxpayers being assessed for the entire cost, unless, by two-thirds vote, the Commission should decide to shoulder part of the cost.

A method that can be used to collect the assessments on taxpayers for repaired sidewalks consists of placing a lien on the property belonging to the person whose walk is repaired.

Taxpayers of Farmington are fortunate in that the 50-50 basis for sidewalk repairs has been adopted. This method was adopted because of the financial position of the City which is better this year than it has been in former years. However, the finances of the City are not such that it can afford to bear the entire cost of the repairs.

Contracts for repairing the sidewalks will not be given out until the City knows definitely the extent of the repairs which property owners want. It is estimated \$700 will be expended on the work. This amount will be sufficient provided all repairs can be done at once.

Work on the sidewalks will begin on September 1, if Gildemester knows by that time the exact amount of work which is to be done.

## Plumton-Loomis Will Open New Store

Farmington will have a new place of business added to its shopping district when Kenneth and Dorothy Plumton open their new hardware store in the old Delos Hamlin headquarters on Grand River Saturday, July 13.

The store, virtually unrecognized at its start, is of a more modern and complete type of development but it is assured according to the two proprietors that all will be in readiness by Saturday.

## Search For Historical Data Centers In Farmington Area

What will undoubtedly prove to be one of the most valuable and authentic pieces of material found in the state-wide attempt by the University of Michigan to locate and record historical data for research purposes in a diary found in the possession of Nathan H. Power of Farmington.

Plans of the University of Michigan to begin a state history museum and to locate historical material throughout the state will center in the section around Farmington, Northville and Plymouth. It was learned from Professor Lewis G. Vander Velde of Ann Arbor, in charge of the project.

Professor Vander Velde and his assistant Arthur Raymond Kooker are searching this section for old documents and other material bearing on Michigan history. They are interested in all letters, diaries and miscellaneous data.

Kooker is especially anxious to find material of the anti-slavery movement in Michigan before the Civil War. Professor Vander Velde, on the other hand, is desirous of the C. F. Smith hill.

## Local People Featured in Play

Many Farmington persons will have parts roles in the musical comedy "Listen To Me," which will be presented in the Farmington Town Hall by the Salem Educational Ladies Aid Society Wednesday and Thursday evenings, July 17 and 18.

The entire action of the play takes place in the lounge of the Shelton Hotel. Bullheads and mads are described in the lounge as creditors who are ushered in, and another. The person who will play the comedy role, manager of the hotel, has not been chosen yet, while his slightly befuddled secretary, Elbert Twiss, will be played by Edward Alexander. Alvin Richard, the young co-heritor to the hotel, will be played by Geraldine Zebornick and Bill and Billie, bellhop and maid, who are the victims of Hank's never paying any of his help, are Bob Schulte and Miss Fannie Brown.

Other characters will appear in the following order: Mrs. Sylvester, the sweet and gossipy old lady will be played by Mrs. Emory Hutton. Mr. Weldon, who schemes to get the hotel for himself, played by Howard Kalkreuth; Miss Stuart, who tries to help Weldon, played by Miss Marie Walling who will be remembered for her former character as Mrs. Stella Tatum, general chairman; Mrs. Leo Gildemester, advertising chairman who is assisted by Mrs. Netie, Mrs. F. H. Haas, and Mrs. Woodruff.

The following committees have been selected and have made every effort to make the show successful. Mrs. Stella Tatum, general chairman; Mrs. Leo Gildemester, advertising chairman who is assisted by Mrs. Netie, Mrs. F. H. Haas, and Mrs. Woodruff.

The members of the ticket committee are: Mrs. Bertha Westphal, chairman, Mrs. Brettenbach, Mrs. Noble Kahl, and Mrs. E. Haas. Mrs. Kurz will be in charge of the properties.

The dancing and singing choruses for the show will be composed of the following persons: The Misses Pauline Johnson, Donna M. Johnson, June Whipple, Betty Schulte, Helen Schulte, Helen Schwelmer, Edith Kahl, Dorothy Miller, Edith Wilkinson, Ervantine Drake, and Ellen Jean Hunt.

Between the two acts of the show, there will be twenty minutes of specialty numbers. Mrs. Gladys Voucher will tap dance and her daughter Dolores will do a special tap dance. Mrs. Leo Gildemester will present a vocal solo. Doug Parker's orchestra will play during the intermission as well as for some of the musical numbers in the show.

Tickets may be purchased at the box office either night of the play or at various stores in Farmington.

John Tihnan of Northville spent Wednesday afternoon and evening with M. B. Pierce.

Mrs. Hlman Nichols and baby spent part of this week with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Nichols.

Mrs. Minnie Dohoney of Detroit spent Wednesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Lapham and family.

## Reform Seen In City Water Department

Prospects of further marked improvement in Farmington City's financial condition appear to lie just ahead, with indications that the water department may soon provide a sizeable additional revenue to the municipality's treasury.

With re-financing and other of the more serious problems satisfactorily disposed of, officials have turned their attention to lesser, but still important details in various departments. Studying the water department in recent months, officials have discovered possibilities for greatly improving conditions and increasing the revenues which will accordingly be of considerable help to the City's general financial status.

## 10 Per Cent Not Met

It has been discovered that a large percentage of places using water in the City are not equipped with meters—in fact, approximately one in ten users are without meters. They have been paying the minimum rate of \$2.50 per quarter, with discount of 10 per cent for prompt payment.

This absence of meters is believed to be costing the City considerable sums each year, in as much as some, at least, of the users are known to be large ones and using far above the quantity allowed for minimum rates.

In some cases, if not all those discovered, it is believed that meters have never been installed, while in a few the meters are reported to be out of order.

Investment in sufficient additional meters to provide every outlet in the City with a meter would, it is believed, be quickly repaid by the revenue received.

What the loss to the City has been over the past few years through absence of meters on many outlets, officials cannot even guess, but indications are that it has been a considerable amount every year. This added to the annual income, will help to reduce taxes for all taxpayers of the City.

The users not on meter, who have been using as much water as they required, have of course been enjoying an advantage which other citizens have not had, and for them the placing of every home and business place on meter service means larger bills and greater taxes unless the keep their demands within the minimum rates.

## Stroke Fatal To Mrs. Haas

Mrs. Catherine Haas, 73, died last Saturday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Becker, 23309 Farmington Road.

Mrs. Haas had been ill for several weeks as a result of a stroke which she suffered some time ago. The deceased was survived by a daughter, Mrs. Fred Becker, a son Joseph E. Haas, two sisters Mrs. Casper Keils, Detroit, and Mrs. Emma Weidner, Cleveland, and by a brother, Fred Epling, Mt. Clemens.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington. Interment was at Oak View Cemetery, Royal Oak.

Donald Ross and Edward Fink spent Wednesday night in Mt. Pleasant.

Children of Farmington who plan to attend the "Sunshine Special" will assemble in front of the Inter-Delaware at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Transportation will be provided and the group will proceed to Six Mile Road and Grand River where it will meet the group from Redford, Northville, Brighton and West Lawn. From there the groups will parade at 1:30 o'clock to Edgewater Park.

Tickets will be distributed to those who attend which will be distributed to the members of the Park as well as to free refreshments. Also, there will be games and other amusements.