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Board Votes Kindergarten For School

Increased tuition rates, together with the addition of a kindergarten class to the Farmington public school system, are the two important changes which will go into effect in September as the result of the annual meeting of the School Board of District No. 5 held last Thursday in Farmington High School.

A recently enacted law to the effect that the state stands ready to pay tuition up to the amount of \$65 was the motivating factor for the School Board voting an increase of \$5 over last year's \$60 rate. The increase will in no way affect parents in Farmington or in the outlying school districts, since the state assumes the cost for pupils' tuition which was paid last year by the district. With the higher rate, the school board anticipates a saving of about five dollars on each pupil.

New Kindergarten
Children of the kindergarten will have the opportunity to attend school at the beginning of the fall session.

Objections have been made in the past to the kindergarten in the Farmington school on the ground that there was not enough room. This obstacle will be removed when pupils in the lower grades will be absorbed by the new Catholic school which is expected to open in the fall.

A teacher, whose experience and education qualify her for instructing young children, will be added to the teaching staff of the Farmington school for the kindergarten class. The session will be in the morning.

Officers The Same
The Farmington School Board will consist of the same officers this year as were in office last year with Florence Heene, president, Mrs. Spencer Lee, secretary, and Arthur Lamb, treasurer. Mr. Heene was re-elected to the annual meeting for the election of Board members held July 8. At the meeting of the School Board held July 11, Mr. Heene was re-elected president.

Walled Lake Elects
Newly elected trustees on the Walled Lake school district board are E. V. Murray and Mrs. Clara Stettin. Cecil Cox, president, William Glover, secretary, and Kenneth Ryel, treasurer continue in the same offices.

In anticipation of increased enrollment, one new teacher was hired for the district and the Bentley School districts for assistance to the Walled Lake district are being considered by the Board.

Repairs Planned
Extensive repairs, including the installation of new heating system, are planned for the district No. 2. At the June meeting of the School Board, Ward Eagle was re-elected treasurer. There was no change in the other officers.

Another district in which the school house will undergo improvements is Nichols. The district No. 2, which is being received for roofing and for making other needed repairs to the extent of \$300 which has been allowed for this purpose by the School Board.

The only election that took place at the June meeting in the Nichols district was that of Mark Bachelor who was elected director to fill the unexpired term of Percy (Continued on back page)

Wring Bottles Bring Fine To Milk Peddler

In the future, Ben Mogro, employed by the H. A. McDonald Dairy, Detroit, will realize that carrying milk bottles, other than those belonging to the dairy for which he works, is unprofitable if they are found by a representative of the State Department of Agriculture.

Mogro pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and \$5 costs by Judge John J. Schutte when he was found to possess 62 "foreign" milk bottles which were discovered in Keego Harbor by Floyd Skiver, employed by the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Harger and son Vance of Rockford spent Monday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Harger.

Guest Speaker



REV. GEORGE GULLEN

In the absence of Fred C. Leonard, pastor of the Farmington M. E. Church, Rev. George S. Gullen, brother of Lloyd Gullen of Farmington will occupy the M. E. Church pulpit on Sunday, July 28, as guest speaker.

Rev. Gullen is pastor of the Mayflower Congregational Church in Detroit. He has spoken to Farmington audiences at various times in the past and has always been enjoyed. He was scheduled to be the principal speaker at the M. E. Church father and son banquet a few months ago, but was ill at the time.

TREASURY SHORTAGE SET AT \$3,565.71

With estimates ranging from \$3,000 to \$5,000, the exact amount of the shortage in the City Treasury, for which the City of Farmington is suing John Chamberlain Harrison Johnson, has been definitely set at \$3,565.71.

The amount was set forth in the bill of particulars filed at Oakland County Circuit Court on Saturday, July 13, by Earl L. Phillips, attorney for the City of Farmington and the law firm of Schutte and Pare, of counsel.

The bill of particulars was requested by Archie Leonard, attorney for Chamberlain and Johnson, following the filing of the bill of complaint by the City.

Instead of answering the bill of complaint, the defendants asked for a bill showing each shortage and the exact amount. Since this has now been furnished, it is expected that within a short time the defendants will file their answer to the complaint. The case will not be tried until September, at the earliest.

Until the time the bill of complaint was filed, the exact amount of the shortage had not been officially intimated. It was estimated by city officials and others close to the case that the amount was between \$3,000 and \$5,000.

In spite of the filing of the shortage, it is probable, according to officials, that there may be additional instances of paid taxes where credit was given on the tax records that have not come to light as yet.

MRS. MARY ROWE DIES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER

Mrs. Mary Rowe, 66, died last Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Albert Owen, on Arlington avenue.

Mrs. Rowe had been ill several weeks as a result of a stroke she suffered some time ago. Born in Tilsonburg, Canada, Mrs. Rowe came to Detroit when she was 17 years old. At 25 she was married to John Rowe.

Mrs. Rowe is survived by her husband, four daughters: Mrs. Albert Owen, Mrs. Austin Ault, Mrs. Ralph Voorhees, all of West Point Park, and Mrs. Norman Gedig of Detroit; a son, Sidney, and a sister, Mrs. Mabel Henkel, both of Detroit. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Rowe last Saturday afternoon from the Arlington avenue home of her daughter, Rev. John Adams of Mason read the service.

Independence and Originality Characterize Building of House

Henry Reavette, living on the road one block east and north from Orchard Lake and Ten Mile roads, is well known for the fine quality painting and decorating which he does in the vicinity of Farmington. Mr. Reavette's skill is not confined to his work as a decorator; he is a talented writer of advertisements as well as an expert builder.

Many readers of the Enterprise have noted with interest the series of ads which Mr. Reavette has been running in the paper. The brevity and the originality of an advertisement distinguish them.

Mr. Reavette prepares his ads months in advance of their publication. He jots down his ideas as they come to him.

Although they are submitted for publication, he makes careful revisions and corrections.

Unique Home
While there are many satisfied customers who will testify to the thoroughness and originality with which Mr. Reavette goes about his work, even those people cannot fully appreciate those qualities until they have visited the Reavette home.

With the exception of the plastering, Mr. and Mrs. Reavette built their entire house themselves. The house was begun in 1924 when the couple was living in Detroit. From that time until two years ago they worked during their spare time on their home until it was at last ready for occupancy.

The dwelling, a two story rectangular structure, is made with shingles and clapboards. Five green gables lend a distinctive appearance to the Reavette home.

Although the house is unfinished, enough work has been done on it to indicate its final appearance. Mr. and Mrs. Reavette plan to replace (Continued on back page)

Interest Wanes In Indoor League

Farmington's indoor baseball league is slowly but surely crumbling. The teams, with the exception of one, or possibly two, are disorganized, disinterested and discouraged. Players, especially the business men, are not turning out for the games and, upon being questioned, they all give the same answer: "We can't compete with the younger boys who have and have 'taken over' the evening game."

And, according to reports, they have good reason to complain. "It isn't that we are afraid to rough it up," the older players say, "it's just that we can't afford to be hurt. Most of us have jobs to hold. A broken bone would be an expensive injury."

Another reason at every game, one or both teams scheduled to play are short of men, so that those who turn out for the game will get a little exercise, spectators are chosen to fill the vacancies. Consequently the same few who are present at every game get a chance to play in most of the contests and on all the teams until now the lineups are so mixed up that no one knows what teams he plays on.

In a single instance, one man pitched for three different teams all in the same week and in what were supposed to be official games. Often one of these "borrowed" players has been instrumental in beating a team which has his official lineup on the field and the result has been several disputes.

As the season has progressed, fewer and fewer of the regular members of the teams have turned out so that now the games are virtually "one-sided" affairs. Between those present, with no semblance of the lineups announced at the start of the season.

The original plans were to divide all the men wishing to play into five groups of equal number, and, so far as possible, of equal strength. A month was then allowed to trade players, sign new players and organize the squads. After this date the personnel of the teams was to remain the same with no additions or changes.

This rule was violated almost from the start and objections were heard but nothing could be done since the league has no head. There is no one to whom the team can refer and receive a decision. There is no referee to arbitrate such matters.

No standings can be announced since no one knows which games are official and which were not. Are the contests to be counted, or ruled out because of violation of rules? Who has the power to rule a contest void? Such are the questions asked by players, spectators and the team sponsors.

The concern is that at least one answer is available: something must be done for the Farmington Indoor Baseball League will go to an inglorious, natural "death."

INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Two occupants of an automobile suffered painful injuries Saturday at 10:30 p. m. when their automobile ran off the Walled Lake road about a mile from Walled Lake, and was wrecked in a ditch.

Youth Missing Since Sunday

Residents in the vicinity of Farmington are requested to aid police in their search for William Wipp, 23, Wisom, Michigan, who is still missing since his disappearance last Sunday night when he left his two companions at Waack's beer garden, Grand River and Middlebelt roads.

According to the description furnished police of Farmington and Walled Lake, Wipp is described as being five feet seven inches in height and weighing 140 pounds. When last seen he was wearing a brown suit and a blue shirt. He was hatless.

Scared Forehead
Wipp can be identified easily by a prominent scar on the right side of his forehead and face, the result of a fractured skull when he suffered several years ago in an automobile accident in Nebraska. It is believed by his mother that he may have been affected by amnesia which led to his mysterious disappearance.

Until last Sunday, Wipp was employed on a farm near Hudson, Michigan. Without revealing his plans or giving any reason for his decision to quit working, Wipp, after receiving his pay which amounted to about \$70, packed his suit cases and said that he would not return to work.

With two friends, Wipp went to Waack's beer garden where they spent the evening. While they were there, friends said, Wipp acted rationally and gave no indication which might have led his friends to suspect he was planning to run away.

Near closing time the three friends left the beer garden, intending to return to their respective homes. Leaving his suit case in the automobile, Wipp claimed he had forgotten something and would return to the car immediately.

The continued absence of Wipp alarmed his friends.

Their calls for Wipp went unanswered. A party was organized to search the vicinity of Waack's establishment. Failing to locate the missing person, Wipp's friends sought the aid of Farmington and Walled Lake police.

No Clues
Questioning by the police revealed nothing which might be helpful to them in locating Wipp. Another thorough and extensive search of the vicinity proved as unsuccessful as the first.

The fact that Wipp was carrying about \$70 when he was last seen, together with the statement of his mother that he may have been suffering from amnesia at the time, lead authorities to believe he may have obtained a ride on a passing motorist and is now stranded some place unable to recall his name.

Mrs. William Irish and Miss Mildred Adams were the hostesses of a party given by Alice Tuttle and Miss Ruth Tuttle, Wednesday.

Mrs. T. E. Allen and sister, Miss Sadie Heaney spent Wednesday visiting Mrs. Jim Harper and daughter, Mrs. Stewart of Los Angeles, California, who are spending some time in Detroit.

Try an Enterline Liner.

Oakland County Dogs Quarantined

Under dog quarantine provisions effective in Oakland County July 3 to September 25, inclusive, owners of dogs are prohibited from letting them run at large or take them from the County without written permission from the Commissioner of Agriculture or his authorized representatives.

Cases of rabies have been discovered in Ferndale, Royal Oak and Pontiac and reports of others are being traced. The quarantine measures are necessary to prevent rabid dogs biting and otherwise contacting persons and contaminating dogs which have not been affected. The restrictions will also be helpful in rounding up stray dogs which might prove dangerous if allowed to run loose.

Vaccination Necessary
Before dogs may be allowed to run at large, owners must get permits which may be obtained from the sheriff of Oakland County. For such permission a certificate signed by a graduate veterinarian, showing that the dog in question has been vaccinated six months prior to the issuance of the permit, must be presented.

Dogs which are permitted to run at large must be muzzled, while all other dogs must be chained or otherwise confined.

Section 6 of Michigan State laws empowers the Commissioner of Agriculture to take necessary measures to prevent the spread of animal diseases. It further provides: "Any dog found at large in contravention of terms of such a quarantine or order may be killed. It shall be the duty of the sheriff of each county in the district affected by such quarantine to cause the same to be enforced. Any officer killing a dog pursuant to the provisions of this act shall not be subject to any liability therefor."

Penalties consisting of fines and prison terms are provided in Section 25 of Michigan State laws for violations of quarantine restrictions.

At the present time, Oakland County, Washtenaw and Monroe counties are under dog quarantine.

Cooperation Needed
A dog quarantine was in effect in Farmington March 14 to April 4. When Dr. J. W. Norton ordered it issued, it was expected it would last longer than it did. However, the splendid cooperation of the citizens of Farmington in keeping their pets confined so they would not come in contact with rabid dogs made it possible for the quarantine to be lifted a few weeks after it went into effect.

While the present quarantine is County-wide Farmington will remain in effect until the official date of its expiration, dog owners of Farmington can cooperate to a great extent by abiding by its provisions so that the restrictions will not be made to apply for a longer period.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Snyder were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Snyder, Sunday evening.

Miss Arlene Blander of Detroit and Miss Arlene Flinck spent Tuesday night as the guests of Miss Betty Dawn Dunfee.

POSITION OF CHIEFTAIN GOES TO FRITZIE HATTON FOR PRODUCING "A DAY AT CAMP"

Recognition of her managerial ability as a result of "A Day at Camp," which she produced this spring, comes to Fritzie Hatton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hatton of Farmington, in the form of her selection as chieftain at Camp Camell where she is spending the summer.

Long before the camping season was officially opened Frances was formulating her plans for the summer with the hope that she would be assisted in pursuing them by her parents. Although she had given sufficient indication of her knowledge of camping life by staging "A Day at Camp," she read what literature she could get on the subject. Consequently, when she went to camp Camell, her familiarity with the routine was for her the position of chieftain.

Elected President



LYNN D. ALLEN

Lynn D. Allen of Pontiac, Oakland County Clerk, will be president of the Michigan State Association of County Clerks for the coming year. He was elected to the office at the concluding session of the organization's convention in Pontiac, Wednesday. He succeeds Robert Daly of Mackinac County in the office.

Township Files Drain Projects

Work relief funds to the amount of \$17,000 may be expended on a drain project for which the supervisor of Farmington Township was authorized to file an application at the regular meeting of the Farmington Township Board held Tuesday.

The Board also passed a resolution to hire Colegrove, Murphy and Angell to make a monthly audit of Farmington Township accounts. The construction of the drain, which will take approximately 10 months, will make it possible for 100 acres of lowland to be put into cultivation. If the application is accepted, the project will get underway as soon as a survey can be made of the land.

Beginning in the vicinity of North Farmington road, the drain will extend to the area between Twelve and Fourteen Mile roads.

DAISY COVERED VALLEY PRESENTS WINTER EFFECT

Snow in Farmington in the middle of July? Preposterous! Impossible! Unbelievable! So the answers would have run, had someone said that there was a field in Farmington covered with snow. An argument might have started, proof might have been asked, and given. Both sides would have been right. It wasn't really snow but it looked like it.

From a distance the mirage was perfect. The valley north of the McGee Hill and running east and west along the stream truly gave the appearance, all last week, of being covered with snow. The "snow" was daisies, millions of them as far as the eye could see. They were solid in the valley and up to the crest of the hills on both sides.

The realization that tourists and vacationists travel hundreds of miles to witness such sights made the scene even more beautiful. It might have been a pastoral setting in southern France or a view from a mountain in sunny Italy instead of being only a few feet from Farmington and a short drive from the fourth largest metropolis in the United States.

"A Day at Camp" was staged in Frances' own garden under her sole direction. Persons who attended the picnic paid for the various attractions with pennies.

By far the most popular of the amusements was a broken-down pony whose coat had seen its best years. All day long he dragged himself around and round, with each trip adding to the profit for which Frances was realizing on her original undertaking. Finally, the work proved too strenuous for him and he "folded up," much to the dismay of those who had not had the opportunity to ride.

While the pony may consider Frances' idea unprofitable, it proved itself successful to her by increasing her cash on hand and by winning her a position of importance at the camp who is attending.

Bondholders Sue School District No. 5

Hearing of two suits filed against the Farmington School District No. 5 by bondholders to compel the District to pay principal and interest on bonds, now in default, was resumed again, having been renewed by Judge Frank L. Duty of the Oakland County Circuit Court at Pontiac Monday.

The cases were adjourned until such time as all the parties may conveniently be present. The first suit was filed by Mrs. Murel J. Sanceran. She asks the school board to account for expenditures made from 1931 to 1934 inclusive, of tax money with a view to determining if any money held for debt service has been used for other purposes, and if so to compel its return to the debt service fund.

The plaintiff also asked an injunction to restrain the school board from accepting tenders from bondholders of the school district on what is the lowest state bid for the school fund. The school board was forced to accept tenders June 20 that it would receive tenders Thursday evening, July 8, on how much bondholders were willing to take and indicated that it had \$5,000 with which to pay off bonds.

Indemnity Secured
The indemnity was secured and served on Spencer J. Heene, president of school board of Farmington District No. 5, but was not necessary since no tenders were received at the Board meeting.

The plaintiff claims to hold a number of bonds of a series issued in 1922 and another series sold in 1927 some of which are past due. She asserts a sufficient amount of money was levied from 1931 to 1934 to take care of the annual debt interest payments but that the money was not for purposes other than to retire the bonds.

At the hearing it was pointed out by Archie Leonard, attorney for the school district, that there was never any special debt fund until a state law was passed in 1933, and that since that time the service levy money has been segregated and used for the purpose of retiring bonds and paying interest, etc.

It was also pointed out that prior to 1933 all the money collected was needed for the operation of the schools and that at times the district was as much as a year behind on teachers' salaries. For some time members of the faculty received only half of their pay. Delinquent taxes were not being made it difficult to keep the schools open, it was asserted by the defense. During these trying times, it was explained, all the money was put in a general fund and there was any money left at the end of the year, it was used to pay off interest and principal on bonds.

Legality Questioned
On the question of the legality of the school board asking for tenders to the plaintiff states that the 1933 state law permitting governing bodies to refinance applies only to special assessment districts. The defense claims that school boards are among those bodies given permission to refinance under the act.

A similar suit was filed in Circuit Court by Luman W. Goodenough representing the Gray estate. The mandamus suit is to compel the school district to pay two bonds of \$1,000 each and interest were also said to be paid to the plaintiff.

The plaintiff declares the district has enough money on hand to pay the bonds.

BONDS ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT OF DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bond, Farmington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ethel Marie, to Mr. Harlow Henderson Morris, son of Mrs. Henry C. Bach. Miss Bond is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is now teaching at the Central School in Pontiac. Mr. Morris attended the University of Detroit.

The wedding will take place the middle of August.

Mrs. Taylor of Salem was a Sunday caller at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Adams.