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Supervisor Shows Need For Building

Property owners in Farmington and elsewhere in Oakland county will vote at a special election, November 25, on the question of the county's issuing bonds for the construction of a new county building which would be erected in Pontiac.

At a recent meeting of the Exchange club of Farmington, Paul W. Eaton, a member of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, stressed the county's need for the building as well as the economy it will make possible, the operating costs of the present county building and the outside space before greater than those of the new structure, according to the figures which Mr. Eaton cited.

Concluding his analysis of the counting costs prepared for the Oakland county Board of Auditors, Mr. Eaton said:

In considering the erection of this new building, it should be kept in mind that the plans call for foundation and columns of sufficient strength to carry an additional four stories if ever desired. It is very possible that the value of the Court House site might some day make it advantageous to the county to sell the property and add to the building now being proposed.

Your attention is also directed to the fact that the erection of the building will be by a reputable contractor, under bond, who retains the right to control his own organization. It is not a WPA project which requires inexperienced workmen.

The engagement of Mary Elizabeth Hart, daughter of Mrs. Jennie Smith Hart, of Villa Vista estate, Farmington, to William P. Brennan, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Brennan, LaSalle boulevard, Detroit, is announced by the former's mother. Although no date has been set for the wedding, it is expected to take place in the spring when Mrs. Hart returns from Florida.

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WEST POINT PARK CHURCH TO TRY EVENING SERVICES

The West Point Park Presbyterian Church, Seven Mile near Farmington road, announces an experiment in Sunday evening services.

Ever since the Church was established some eight years ago, the services have been held in the mornings. Now evening programs are to be tried out until Christmas.

For nearly three years the minister, Rev. Roy Miller, has been holding his time between West Point and Rosedale Gardens Churches. Each Sunday morning he has preached a sermon, conducted Sunday school and taught a Bible class in West Point.

Masons to Hold Special Meeting in Detroit

Members of Farmington Lodge No. 151 of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan will convene on a special communication of the constituent Lodges of the Detroit Metropolitan District in Wayne, Southern Oakland and Southern Mecomb Counties at the Ionia Temple Auditorium, 5091 Grand River, Detroit, Monday November 18 at 8:00 p. m. to hear Frank J. Buckingham of St. Louis, Missouri, speak.

Fire Razes Southfield Home

Mr. and Mrs. John Watts, Farmington and Lincoln avenue, Southfield township, are recovering from burns and injuries suffered when a fire caused by a defective chimney, broke out early Wednesday morning and destroyed their house and furnishings with damage to the extent of \$2,500, before it could be checked by the Redford township fire department.

Mr. Watts, 61, was struck by a falling brick while he and his wife were making their escape upon discovering the blaze shortly after 1 a. m. He was taken to Redford Receiving hospital where several stitches were taken in his head, while Mrs. Watts was treated for minor burns.

The blaze had made considerable headway before firemen were summoned. It had been burning for a half hour before they arrived. Although it was too late to save the Watts home when the fire department arrived, the fire raged with a strong wind, was brought under control before it could spread to surrounding buildings.

Damage to the house was estimated at \$2,000 while replacement of the furnishings will cost \$500. The loss is not covered by insurance.

This is the second fire which has occurred in Southfield township within the past six months, the first being on Negawan avenue, where a house was damaged to the extent of \$2,000.

Dr. Clyde McGee Honored For Serving Church 25 Years

Celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. Clyde McGee, native of Farmington, members of the Bethany Union Church, Chicago, honored Dr. and Mrs. McGee with a series of events beginning Friday, November 1, at a Harvest Home dinner and extending to November 8, when intimate friends including many notable people, were invited to a special dinner for Dr. and Mrs. McGee.

Rev. Charles W. Gilkey, dean of the University of Chicago Chapel, delivered the address of the evening at the Harvest Home dinner. Dr. McGee preached the anniversary sermon at a special Jubilee service on Sunday.

Both the Union church is the oldest community church in the middle west, having been organized by 14 members of 6 denominations in 1872. Since then the congregation has increased to 700 members of 30 denominations.

At the reception November 8, Victor E. Mariotti, director of religious education of the Chicago Congregation Union, paid tribute to Dr. McGee in the following speech and poem:

On November 1st, Dr. Clyde McGee completed twenty-five years of ministry with the Bethany Union Church of Chicago. The church began its celebration of that event with a banquet held on the anniversary night. Other occasions were planned for a week's celebration but no other occasion could surpass in intimate exchange the night when Dr. McGee's congregation and friends, from various parts of the city, gathered to do him honor. Two hundred and eighty-four people sat down to the supper and some of the guests were how to do itself.

Dean Charles W. Gilkey, who gave the chief address of the evening, remarked that this anniversary had all the earmarks of a golden wedding—a pastor and his people united together in a happy union, lasting over the years. Some beautiful presents were bestowed upon the pastor and his wife. There was a spirit and atmosphere of the occasion that testified more strongly than any gifts to the mutual regard and comradeship that maintains in this happy relationship of pastor and people.

As one of the men of the church said in presenting the gift, "that night we are going to tell you just what we think of you. We know that it will be rather painful to you for you never seek praise, but we are going to take advantage of the occasion to give you the mutual regard and comradeship of the praise that is in our hearts, of which this gift and this speech are but poor and inadequate expressions."

Clyde McGee went to this twelfth when young man in his twenties. For a quarter of a century he has been with the same church. Very few pastorate of like duration and still continuing can be pointed out in the Chicago area. One of the points stressed by Dr. McGee in his response, was that this church had always accorded him the right of a free pulpit. Those who know Dr. McGee best, know that he will accept freely any question to his right he has never transgressed this privilege. He has spoken with candor and freedom on the issues of the day but never has his congregations questioned his right, although some might have differed from his opinion. Nothing could witness more eloquently to (Continued on back page)

Singing, Evangelist



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SCHOOLS HOLD EDUCATION WEEK PROGRAMS

Farmington, Redford and other schools throughout the area are observing American Education week which will conclude Sunday, November 17.

The programs which have been conducted follow an outline distributed to the schools by Eugene B. Elliott, superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction. Although differing somewhat in the manner they are carried out, there are certain broad principles upon which the programs are based. Each day a certain theme is discussed to point out the important part played by the school in relationship to the pupil and democracy.

In connection with Armistice Day, the subject discussed was the School and the Citizen. On successive days the following subjects were discussed in one way or another. The school and the State; The School and the Nation; The School and Social Change; The School and Country Life. In regard to the School and Recreation, the program includes part of the report of the National Commission on Enrichment of Adult Life: "To meet the challenge of the new life, a comprehensive and practical program of education is needed, both for children and adults. One point is fundamental. As the machine age progresses, the emphasis in elementary and secondary schooling must be shifted more and more from vocational to avocational objectives. Children must learn not only how to earn a living, but also how to enjoy life, and this is accomplished only by a comprehensive program of education which includes the physical, the mental, the social, the moral, and the spiritual. The program must be given each evening by Evangelist Heekath.

JOHN TAMM DIES FOLLOWING LONG ILLNESS

John Tamm, 82, 13 Mile and Hiltstead road, died after a long illness November 9.

Born in Germany in 1853, Mr. Tamm came to Farmington at the age of 17 where he took up farming, an occupation to which he devoted the remaining years of his life.

Beer Garden Owner Jailed For Assault



Frank Schwelm, 23, Farmington, proprietor of a beer garden at 3329 Grand River near Farmington road, is serving 30 days in Oakland county jail on a charge of assault and battery arising from the injuries which, police say, he inflicted upon Leonard Husby, also of Farmington, employed at Ben Meyer's barber shop, Sunday afternoon during a fight in front of Schwelm's establishment.

Schwelm pleaded guilty in Pontiac municipal court before Judge John J. Schulte, Jr., Tuesday. Judge Schulte pronounced the sentence without giving Schwelm the option to pay a fine. In addition to the jail term, Judge Schulte directed Schwelm to pay the bill for Husby's injuries or spend an additional 30 days in jail.

Deputy DeVriendt, who made the arrest, recommended to the liquor board that Schwelm's license to sell beer be revoked. He stated that Schwelm had repeatedly disregarded warnings which had been given him. The outcome of Deputy DeVriendt's recommendation is pending action by the liquor board.

DR. JOHN SLEVIN GIVES TALK ON U. S. BABY BONDS

United States Government "Baby Bonds" are the safest investment for American people means, was the message given by Dr. John H. Slevin of Detroit, Wednesday noon before Farmington Exchange club.

With investments of nearly every kind which were made by a large proportion of all the people either entirely or partially through the Federal Government, the depression, the federal government is a safe investment. Dr. Slevin enumerated the following:

1. Bonds may be bought in any denomination from \$25 up to \$1,000. A \$25 bond may be bought for \$18.75, and gradually increases in value, until its face value is reached at maturity, 16 years. A \$50 bond may be bought at \$37.50, and increases in value steadily until it is worth \$50 at maturity. The same ratio holds good for higher value bonds.

2. The bond may be cashed at any time, and is not subject to fluctuations of the market, since the bonds will not be on the market. If money is required for an emergency, it is only necessary to turn in the bond and get what was originally paid plus whatever has accrued since the date of purchase. In the case of a \$25 bond, for which \$18.75 was paid, the owner after 16 years could turn it in and get \$19.00, with greater increase as each year passes.

3. The bonds pay compound interest, figured at 2 1/2 per cent. Although the bonds may be stolen, lost, burned or otherwise destroyed, the owner need not worry, since all bonds are registered by the government, and bonds will be re-issued to replace any that have been lost, stolen, or destroyed.

4. That the bonds are for the benefit of the small investor is assured by the rule that no more than \$10,000 may be bought by any one person in one year.

5. The full faith and credit of the United States government which has never defaulted an obligation, and never will, is behind every bond. "Over the years, the government by force is the only conceivable contingency which would make these bonds worth less than 100 cents on the dollar, and in that case everything is lost."

Dr. Slevin was introduced by Paul A. Pare.

Farmington '11 To Play Redford

Farmington High School football team will wind up its 1935 season Friday, November 15, when it meets Redford Union in Farmington. Although this is not a league game, it is expected to furnish more excitement than any of the previous games.

Farmington has played in view of Walled Lake's victory over Farmington last Friday. The players are anxious to try and make up for their loss. By losing to Walled Lake, Farmington lost its chance to remain in the running for the championship of the Oakland County League.

This came as a great disappointment to those who had been following the team's progress as well as to the players and Coach Kammerer. However, anyone who witnessed Friday's game will agree that the Farmington players should be praised for their efforts, regardless of their defeat.

Farmington, accustomed to holding the upper hand, was unable to grasp the new situation. It was feeling, "Their opponents prevented them from doing very much on their own hook by amating them with a series of reverse plays. Walled Lake's scoring of 43 points to Farmington's 6 was featured by end runs, off tackle plays and short passes. What happened when Walled Lake had the ball usually surprised the spectators as much as the opponents.

However, Walled Lake's exhibition was not so amazing as to conceal from the spectators the persevering attempts of several Farmington players who tried "like everything" to prevent the inevitable.

In the opinion of many who saw the game, Ross, Smith, Hamson and Himmelspach played excellent football and the entire team did as well as might be expected against such opposition as the opposing team afforded.

The Farmington lineup consisted of the following players:

- De Young—r. e.
- Rose—r. t.
- Liskater—r. e.
- Huot—c.
- Smith—l. e.
- Hobbs—l. t.
- Field—l. e.
- Hamilton—q.
- Davidson—b. b.
- Gary—b. b.
- Himmelspach—f. b.
- Farr—l. g.
- Turner—l. e.
- Davis—h. b.
- Mahoney—l. t.
- Clark—c.
- Turner—h. b.
- Farr—l. g.
- Lee—q.
- Mitchell—l. e.

M. E. Church Tower Club Elects Officers

Officers elected by the Tower Club of the M. E. Church are: President: Pearl Brown; Vice-president: Edith Wilkinson; Treasurer: Tonya Shanon; Secretary: Betty Smith; Corresponding Secretary: Mary Power. The officers were chosen at a meeting of the club held in the home of Miss Mildred Adams Tuesday evening.