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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 plus rental of outside space being greater than those of the new structure, according to the figures which Mr. Eaton cited.

Concluding his analysis of the operating costs prepared by 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 for 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 well-paid labor. The government cost of \$106,691, is an outright gift and not one cent must be paid back. The money is there for the taking, either by us or some one else. We are not asking for a building that will not approve of the principle behind its being made available.

If we are to make ends meet next year, I am aware that unessential expenses must be cut or eliminated. It is not for the first time I am paying the excesses of the past and the misfortune of the banks. Therefore, I, for one, need no misguided purveyor of political information to tell me that I do not know what it is all about or that I am crazy to ask the people to approve the bond issue.

The erection of this building is vitally necessary to the county. With offices scattered in various locations, a great amount of wasted time is spent running back and forth. Increased personnel is required. The crowded condition of the present building is such that this does not permit efficient handling of the work. All this waste runs into thousands of dollars each year.

Also keep in mind that we have a massing of years of records in our old records—a subject which means little to the average person until he wants to find some fifty year old birth record. Storage space is needed and it is almost impossible to accurately locate old documents. When one sees a record vault built next to the boiler room—because that is the only place left, it is well to stop and think what would happen if a fire were to destroy the records of our treasurer, clerk or register of deeds. It is impossible to gauge the chaotic result of that calamity, clear from the standpoint of lost records or the cost involved to rehabilitate the departments.

I was originally doubtful of the advisability of erecting this new building. I believed that, regardless of the ultimate benefit to the county, it might call for an additional yearly expenditure of cash, and I frankly felt that the financial condition of the county did not warrant it. However, from the standpoint of comparing the advantages to be derived from the new building, as against the county situation which actually exists today, I am satisfied enough with my own investigation to feel that this is a proposition which should go through. Unless the bond issue is approved, we might as well reconcile ourselves to the fact that a county building will some day have to be built at a much greater cost to the county.

Mrs. John Dellinger was guest of honor at a surprise party on Sunday, November 10, on her seventy-fifth birthday anniversary. The party was given at her home by her two daughters, Mrs. Mark Wixom, Mrs. James McCafferty, five grandchildren, two nieces and one grand-niece.

Engagement Announced



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. I. 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.

Mrs. Hart graduated from Marygrove College last year. She attended high school at St. Mary's academy in Monroe.

Mr. Brennan is a graduate of the University of Detroit school of engineering. At the present time he is associated with his father at the Brennan Storage company.

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. If the attendance warrants it, they will be continued throughout the winter.

For nearly three years the minister, Rev. Roy Miller, has been dividing his time between West Point and Roseville Gardens Churches. Each Sunday morning he has preached a sermon, conducted Sunday school and taught a Bible class in West Point. Then he has driven to Roseville Gardens where he has delivered a second sermon; and in the evening supervised a Christian Endeavor Society.

Now, with improved employment opportunities and with many new homes being erected in West Point Park, an effort is being made to enlarge the Church program. This will be done with the addition of an evening preaching service conducted in a most informal manner. An old fashioned hymn sing will feature the opening of the service, beginning at eight o'clock.

On next Sunday, the 17th, a visiting choir of ten or more voices will lead the singing. Mr. Miller will preach on the character development of the Apostle Peter, "From Sandrock to Stone."

Masons to Hold Special Meeting in Detroit

Members of Farmington Lodge No. 151 of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan will convene at a special convention of the constituent Lodges of the Detroit Metropolitan District in Wayne, Southern Oakland and Southern Macomb Counties at the Ionia Temple Auditorium, 6041 Grand River, Detroit, Monday November 18 at 8:00 p. m. to hear Frank J. Buckingham of St. Louis, Missouri, speak.

Mr. Buckingham has made several extended visits to Russia and to other European countries where he has made an intimate study of the conditions. This is the first of a series of lectures which the speaker will deliver to the Masons.

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BAPTIST CHURCH TO HEAR SINGING EVANGELIST

Special evangelistic meetings will begin at the First Baptist Church, Farmington, Sunday, November 17 and will continue until December 8 under the direction of singing Albert E. Heekath, Hamilton, Ontario.

Both as a singer and as a forceful speaker, Mr. Heekath is well known throughout the country. While at the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago he organized a male quartet known as the Evangel Quartet which traveled all over America singing at Bible conferences and at Chautauques in the summer. He has organized and directed many large chorus choirs, which have assisted him in meetings similar to those he will conduct while in Farmington. He has received many requests to sing over the radio.

The meetings will be open to the public. They will consist of a young people's council held each evening at 7:15 under the direction of Mr. Heekath, a prayer meeting at 7:15 in charge of the pastor, Rev. Miles, and the evening program of song services, special music which will include solos, duets, quartets, choruses, visiting choirs, and the gospel message to be given each evening by Evangelist Heekath.

Several church choirs from Detroit and Dearborn have been invited to participate in the program.

JOHN TAMM DIES FOLLOWING LONG ILLNESS

John Tamm, 82, 13 Mile and Hixson 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.

He is survived by his widow, Augusta; three sons: Edwin, William and Fred; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Salem Evangelical Church with Rev. Dreilenbach officiating. Interment was in Farmington Cemetery.

Mrs. William S. Konyon spent Wednesday with friends in Detroit.

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, fanned by 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 the house since it was built. The first, within the past six months, the first being on Negawan avenue, where a house was damaged to the extent of \$2,000.

SCHOOLS HOLD EDUCATION WEEK PROGRAMS

Farmington, Farmington and other schools throughout the city 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 importance of the school in the 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, a life of self-fulfillment and significant living."

Quoting John Milton, the program summarizes Education and the Good Life: "I call, therefore, a complete and generous education, that which fits a man to perform justly, skillfully, and magnanimously all the offices, both private and public, of peace and war."

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Singing Evangelist



Albert B. Iustoth, Hamilton, Ontario, will conduct a series of singing evangelistic meetings at the First Baptist Church in Farmington beginning Sunday, November 17.

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.

Bethany 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 of memory and earnest devotion the supper and some of the guests who had gathered to do him honor. Two hundred and eighty-four people sat down to the supper and some of the guests who had gathered to do him honor. Two hundred and eighty-four people sat down to the supper and some of the guests who had gathered to do him honor.

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 people who had 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, "To 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 express to you 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 town when a 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 would accept justly and gratefully any such privilege. He has spoken with candor and freedom on the issues of the day but never has his congregation Vicepresident. Although though some might have differed from his opinion. Nothing could witness more eloquently to

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EIGHT OFFICERS ELECTED BY O. E. S. CHAPTER

With eight members of the Farmington O. E. S. chapter Tuesday evening to occupy offices the coming year, the remainder of the vacancies will be filled according to the appointments which are to be made by Mrs. Georgia Walters, secretary.

The following were elected: Mrs. Georgia Walters, Worthy Matron. Ralph Auten, Worthy Patron. Mrs. Loretta Cox, Associate Matron. Mrs. Loretta Cox, Associate Matron. Mrs. Loretta Cox, Associate Matron.

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 Sharen; 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.



DR. CLYDE MCGEE

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. The players are anxious to try and make up for their loss to the upper and some of the guests who had gathered to do him honor.

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 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 amassing them with a series of reverse plays. Walled Lake's scoring of 43 points to Farmington's 8 was featured by end runs, off tackle plays and 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, Hamilton and Himmelsbach 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. Linklater—r. e. Huot—t. Smith—l. e. Hanson—l. t. Danfield—l. e. Hamilton—g. Davidson—b. b. Gary—b. b. Himmelsbach—f. b. Farc—l. g. Turner—l. g. Davis—b. b. Mahoney—l. t. Clark—c. Himmelsbach—f. b. Farc—l. g. Turner—l. g. Davis—b. b. Mahoney—l. t. Clark—c. Himmelsbach—f. b. Farc—l. g. Turner—l. g. Davis—b. b. Mahoney—l. t. Clark—c.

Beer Garden Owner Jailed For Assault

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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 to him. The outcome of Deputy DeVriendt's recommendation is pending action by the liquor board.

X-rays disclosed that Husby was suffering from a fractured nose, a fractured cheek and a badly injured eye.

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

United States Government "Baby Bonds" as the salesmen for American public means, was the subject of a talk 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 in part, Dr. Slevin pointed out the depreciation in the depression, the federal government is a case in point.

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Among the salient features of the program of "Baby Bonds," 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 one year 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 any 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. "Overthrow of 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.