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City W P A Projects Delayed

Indication of the increased employment throughout Michigan and in Oakland County is found in the difficulty experienced by Commissioner Hutton, in charge of streets in Farmington, in getting his applications for relief projects attended to by state relief officials.

In the early part of the summer, Commissioner Hutton compiled a list of projects for which Farmington was to be allotted public funds. It included road repairs and a bridge widening, as well as construction and repairs to water mains and sewers. The list was forwarded to Lansing for approval.

Although the approval of the various projects was obtained from county officials, none of the work could begin until state officials investigated the projects in an effort to determine the exact amount of money which would be required. The work has been held up owing to the delay of state relief officials in examining the projects.

The difficulty is attributed to the increased number of public projects in the state and to the decreasing number of relief cases. Within the past few months there has been a constant decline in the relief rolls owing to improved industrial and agricultural conditions.

Government officials are not the only ones who are finding it difficult to handle the jobs which they have scheduled; farmers throughout the county are having the same trouble in finding enough men to take care of their harvests.

O. E. S. DELEGATES TO ATTEND ANNUAL SESSION

Farmington members of O. E. S. who will attend the annual session of the Oakland County Association of O. E. S. when it meets at Royal Oak, Michigan, Temple, Thursday, October 31 are Mrs. Mary Johnson, Mrs. Allie Cox, Mrs. Iva Hutton, Mrs. Isaac Bond, it is expected Farmington will be represented by 15 to 25 members in addition to those whose names have been obtained.

The primary business of the meeting will be the election of officers for the coming year. The registered delegates will vote at noon.

The morning session is scheduled to begin at 9:45 and will be followed by the afternoon session opening at 1:30. Mable M. Wells of Berkley will preside at the meetings.

At a special meeting Tuesday, the Farmington Chapter honored charter members, Past Matrons and Past Patrons with a dinner and a program prepared especially for the occasion.

The program consisted of an address of welcome by Mrs. Allie Cox, Worthy Matron, to which Mrs. Josephine McGee, Past Matron, responded. Ralph Auten, Worthy Patron, gave a toast to Past Patrons and Arthur Cox, Past Patron, responded. Mrs. George Walters, Associate Matron, gave the welcoming address to charter members; John Thayer, Past Patron, responded.

The present officers of the Farmington Chapter are: The Order of the Eastern Star officers:

Mrs. Allie Cox Worthy Matron
Ralph Auten Worthy Patron
Mrs. Georgia Walters, Asst. Matron
Jas. Van Volkenburgh, Asst. Patron
Mrs. Ada Bond Secretary
Hazel Lynch Treasurer
Mrs. Loretta Cox Conductress
Mrs. Gladys Boucher Asst. Con.
Mrs. Josephine McGee Chaplain
Mrs. Iva Hutton Marshal
Mrs. Elaine Walfall Organist
Miss Viola Walters Usher
Mrs. Margaret Burns Ruth
Mrs. Ida Worfield Father
Mrs. Robbie Harrison Martha
Mrs. Hessel Diamond Electa
Mrs. Mable Eckler Warden
Charles Perry Sentinel

OAKLAND COUNTY COW MAKES RECORD

A Guernsey cow owned by C. E. Sorenson of Farmington, has established a new official record for production which entitles her to entry in the Advanced Register of the American Guernsey Cattle Club. This animal is the five year old General's Marston 21862 producing 17,250 pounds of milk and 578.0 pounds of fat in class AA.

Favors Safe Driving; Says Old Timers Surpass Younger Dancers

Well, sir, it sure is funny the way the fates throw our affairs do things sometimes. I notice in last week's Enterprise an article about how the State officials came down here and handed our town a big bouquet on the safety proposal. They said Farmington was just about the only town on a main road that hadn't had a serious accident to a school child in years and years. That makes us feel pretty swell. Mr. Editor—not the State officials saying so, nice as that was, but that don't count a hoot compared to the saving of our kiddies so that not a one of them was harmed and not a home destroyed because a little lad or lassie has been sacrificed on the altar of speed.

And then what do those dog-eared officials turn around and do next minute? Just the minute they're through telling us how fine everything is here and how nice

we got it under control, they ups and asks us, do we want help to take care of our traffic better? Now fancy that! Wouldn't it seem that they'd be going and asking that question and offering help to some of the towns that have trouble with their traffic and where bad things are happening, instead of to us folks where there isn't anything wrong? I just can't make it out and maybe somebody can explain it to me. I guess I just too plumb dumb to understand.

But then, shucks, maybe I ought to apologize to them State fellows after all. What they offered was to come down and help us Sunday afternoons if we wanted it, to hold down the speed, and instead of getting mad at 'em, and kind of blushing and saying thank you for it. You can't tell—something might happen right next Sunday afternoon on Grand River, I kinda think it will be two of them plumb dumb fellows that'll be the ones that'll get it, but it might just possibly be another kind—maybe one of 'em will strike one of our little folks on the way home from Sunday school, or maybe one of our little folks we can get—because even if I was foolish at the start, this safety business ain't no foolin' by any means. I ain't never enjoyed no doings in a cemetery, except one Fourth of July speech that was the only one I ever heard that wasn't too danged long—and I got a sneakin' suspicion that the least enjoyment of all in a curfew is when the players themselves, each team scored a touchdown in the last quarter of the game, Farmington, by recovering Clarkston's ball over the goal line in the first quarter of the game, and Clarkston, intercepting a short pass and tying the score after a 85 yard run within the last four minutes of play.

Farmington '11 To Play Milford

With two victories and one tied game to its credit, the Farmington High School football team is out to "take" Milford, according to the prediction of coach Kammeyer. The two teams will meet in Farmington Friday, October 25. The Clarkston game is considered the most spectacular game of the season, with both teams scoring when it was least expected. By the spectators, or, for that matter, by the players themselves. Each team scored a touchdown in the last quarter of the game, Farmington, by recovering Clarkston's ball over the goal line in the first quarter of the game, and Clarkston, intercepting a short pass and tying the score after a 85 yard run within the last four minutes of play.

Farmington Holds Edge
After the first quarter, the Farmington team held a distinct edge in the play although Clarkston showed the strength expected of the Farmington and Clarkston downs as against Clarkston's four. Neither team threatened very much during the first half, but in the second half Farmington, after a down on Clarkston's 45 yard line, made considerable "progress" into Clarkston territory.

Early in the last quarter, Alvin Rose of Farmington blocked a Clarkston punt which sent Farmington to recover the ball over the goal line for a touchdown. Clarkston had been forced to kick from its own end zone by Bill Davidson's punt which went out of bounds on Farmington's three yard line. Bob Davis failed in his attempt for extra point.

A few minutes after making the first score of the game, it seemed as though Farmington would make another touchdown until the third down when a short pass was intercepted by a Clarkston man on his own ten yard line.

As soon as the ball was put into play, Clarkston went on a 85 yard run by a pass just over the right side of its line. The play started as though it might be a play around left end. Consequently, the Farmington team was completely out of position. However, the receiver was almost stopped in his tracks, but Harvey Hamilton, overly anxious to get back when he saw his mistake, slipped and fell.

Harvey Hamilton continued his outstanding performance as an all around player. Bill Davidson punted beautifully and showed up very well on offense. In the line, Carl Smith, who had a five cent Linklater displayed remarkable strength in helping to make the Farmington line one against which no team has been able to make very much headway.

The Farmington lineup consisted of the following members of the team:
De Young, S.—r. e.
Rose, A.—r. t.
Linklater, H.—r. e.
Hunt, H.—l. e.
Smith, C.—l. g.
Robinson, L.—l. t.
Clark, R.—l. e.
Hamilton, H.—q.
Davis, Bob—b.
Gary, Russ—b. b.
Davidson, Bill—b. f.
Substitutions: Turner for Davis, Mahaney for Smith, Mitchell for Clark, Hanfield for DeYoung, Pers for Robinson.
Quarter 1 2 3 4
Farmington 0 0 0 6
Clarkston 0 0 0 0

Speaks to Shrine



Mrs. Rose Reid, urging the cooperation of members of the White Shrine of Jerusalem in a drive to raise funds for helping children with defective vision, spoke to Shrine delegates at a meeting recently in Northville. (Article in another column on this page).

Winery Reaches Production High

With the rush season occasioned by the grape harvest on full swing at the LaSalle Winery on Grand River and Orchard Lake road, work is progressing in the making of 350,000 to 400,000 gallons of wine, the greatest volume of business which has been scheduled for the winery since its location in Farmington.

To assist in handling the increased business, ten men have been added to the payroll, increasing it to 40 employees. The figures show that employment has increased 50 per cent since this time last year.

It is estimated 1,500 to 2,000 tons of grapes have been unloaded at the winery within the past two weeks. On occasion there have been as many as eight trucks standing at one time in front of the winery awaiting their turn to be unloaded. Night and day the trucks have arrived and will continue to do so until the required stock of grapes has been imported.

Owing to heavy frosts in the Michigan, Lower and New England districts which are the chief grape growing regions in the State, the growers claim their losses will be heavy in spite of the abundance of the crop. However, in most cases orders for grapes have been filled before the damage was done.

Date Set for Clover Trial; Victim Recovering

With the trial of Lewis Clover postponed until October 30, Mrs. Ruby Canady, who has been in Pontiac General hospital since October 1, as a result of wounds inflicted by Clover with whom she had been living on Eleven Mile and Seelye road, is reported improving.

Clover is charged with attempted murder pending the outcome of his victim's injuries. The trial was postponed from October 23.

Elected President of Public Works Association



Mark B. Owen, formerly of Farmington, superintendent of the Department of Public Works in Dearborn, is the newly elected president of the International Association of Public Works. The announcement of the election has been made by officials of that organization who met in Cincinnati, Ohio for their sixteenth annual convention last week.

Voters to Decide Bond Question

Officials of Farmington Township and City will start soon to make preparations for the special County election to be held November 25 to determine the issue of erecting a new County building as a PWA project, of which the Federal government will pay nearly half the cost. The election will be on the question of bonding the County for \$125,000, with the Federal government furnishing \$100,000 as a direct grant.

The building would be erected on the site of the present Court House annex, an old building in the rear of the Court House.

Proponents of the plan assert that the project will be self-liquidating, that the new building would provide the equivalent of interest and some principal payments on the bonds, in addition to maintenance.

Under a recent amendment to the Constitution, only property-owning voters, their wives and husbands will be permitted to vote at the election. The decision to give the County an opportunity to vote on the question was made by unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors.

A large number of supervisors favor the construction of the new building stating it will save the County money in that it will be self-liquidating. Now, they say, the County is obliged to pay for rental space in several buildings which costs more money than the estimated maintenance costs of the proposed structure. They believe the building will have paid for itself after 15 years.

The annual expense of outside office space has been estimated by Paul Eaton, supervisor of Pleasant Ridge, at \$20,305. A special building committee of the Board of Supervisors prepared a detailed plan for maintaining the new building which is determined at \$16,890. This was considered in view of the fact it included \$7,700 for operating elevators which are planned at the time. The building will be installed in the building when floors have been added.

WHITE SHRINE MEMBERS HEAR PRIESTESS

Urging the cooperation of members in a drive to raise funds for children with defective vision, Mrs. Rose Reid, Supreme Worthy High Priestess of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, spoke to a large gathering of Shrine delegates from Farmington, Port Huron, Royal Oak, Pontiac and Detroit at special session of Trinity Shrine in Northville Thursday night.

In her address to the Soljourner, the Supreme Worthy High Priestess pointed to figures that showed an appalling number of children in the United States suffering from a condition bordering on blindness. She stated every Shrine is being asked to make a certain amount of money to aid in improving this condition.

In closing the meeting, Mrs. Reid invited the delegates to attend the next convention which will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, Soljourner Bickling of Farmington, prated Worthy High Priestess of Trinity Shrine not only for her work but for the admirable manner in which she conducted the meeting.

Farmington Girl Aids In Plans for Party

Members of the Liggett Athletic Association will stage a special program for upper classmen at Marygrove College in Detroit, Friday evening, October 25. Dorothy Warner, daughter of Mrs. Thomas Edwards of Farmington is one of the board members representing sophomores. Representatives from all of the classes will act together in making arrangements for the party which will be held in the Liggett gymnasium. The room will be decorated to represent a cabaret scene.

Complimented



DEPUTY JOSEPH DEVRIENDT

Recognition to be Given DeVriendt

Recognition for maintaining a unique traffic record, in that there have been no accidents of a serious nature since 1934 in the four townships which he patrols, will come to Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt in the November issue of "Safety Signal," the official publication of the Michigan Safety and Traffic Directors' Association.

The information was recently disclosed upon the visit of representatives of the Association who personally complimented Sheriff DeVriendt for his excellent work. Considering the magnitude of his territory which includes Farmington, Novi, Southfield and West Bloomfield townships, officials stated Sheriff DeVriendt's record is one which is not likely to be surpassed by any other officer in the state whose district is comparable in population and size.

In contrast to this year's record of no fatalities and only one accident in which injuries have been reported, in the 1934 record which shows 12 deaths in the Farmington district.

Sheriff DeVriendt's picture, accompanied by an article describing his work and the record which he has maintained for Farmington will be published in the "Safety Signal" which is sent out each month to the officers throughout the state.

CHEVROLET CARS TO BE READY FOR PROMPT DELIVERY

Orders received for new 1936 Chevrolet prior to Nov. 2, the announced date, will be given preferred classification for quick delivery after the announcement, V. E. Halsey of George P. Conine, stated today. This prompt fulfillment of orders, he said, is due to the substantial production headway which Chevrolet has made in getting out cars in advance of its announcement date. The entire quota for the local dealership will be on hand before Nov. 2, according to word from the factory, and additional shipments will be available as required to meet local demand.

"We are better prepared than ever before to take care of our purchasers' requirements," said Mr. Halsey, "Chevrolet got off to an early start in its production of the new line, and also in the training of the service personnel. Our shop employees have been thoroughly schooled in every detail of service on the new Chevrolets, and the stage is all set for the most successful introduction we have ever made."

"Listen to Me" is scheduled to appear soon at Farmington Town Hall. Water for opening date.

The Enterprise Nears Half Century Mark

With this issue, The Enterprise has reached the half-century mark in its service to the people of Farmington. This issue being number 52 of volume 47. It was back in the autumn of 1888 that Edgar R. Bloomer founded Farmington's newspaper, choosing for its motto, "A Permanent Journal of Progress." Over many changing years, through many vicissitudes, the newspaper has continued without interruption to provide a medium for the people, although the founder has long since passed on.

Farmington To Distribute Auto Plates

Official announcement is made this week of the establishment in Farmington of a branch office of the Secretary of State for the distribution of automobile license plates. This will not be a temporary station for issuing of plates during the year-end period, but a year-round full-time branch office, fully equipped to efficiently serve the public.

The new branch office is viewed as likely to prove a highly favorable factor to the community, not only in providing greater convenience for all motor-car owners in this territory, but also as likely to bring to town a large number of auto-owners who have been forced to go elsewhere for licenses, and who would undoubtedly find it convenient to trade in town while they are obtaining licenses.

The movement for the branch office has had the support of automobile dealers, officials and leading citizens of the town. V. R. ("Vic") Blakeslee, manager of George P. Conine, Inc., has been appointed manager of the branch office, which for the present will be located in the Chevrolet garage on Grand River avenue half a block east of Farmington road.

The conveniences of the Farmington office to all the surrounding territory is made more noteworthy because of the closing some time ago of the branch formerly operated in Highland. With the discontinuance of that office some time ago, it became necessary for motorists to go far down Grand River in Detroit, or to Pontiac or Plymouth to get licenses. This inconvenience has been eliminated, and instead of hundreds in this section going out of town to obtain licenses, they will be able to obtain them here and many in the surrounding area.

Plates for '36 have arrived and are now being distributed at the new branch.

BEULAH GULLEN TO BE MARRIED SATURDAY

The marriage of Miss Beulah Gullen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd S. Gullen of Farmington, to Curtis Franklin Barker of Lansing, son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Barker of Lake Odessa, will take place Saturday at 4:30 in the Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. Dr. Fred A. Lundrum and Dr. George E. Gullen, the bride's uncle, of Detroit, will officiate.

The bride will be attended by her mother, Miss Bethel and Miss Jean Gullen.

John G. Barker of Detroit, brother of the groom, will act as best man. James Weir of Lansing and Harold Haskin of Detroit will be groomsmen.

A rehearsal dinner will be given by the bride's aunt, Mrs. John A. Van Edmond in her home on Sunderland road, Rosedale Park, Friday evening.

Following the ceremony Saturday there will be a reception at the Hotsford Tavern for the immediate families of the couple.

Farmington Lodge Confers Third Degree

Farmington Masonic lodge conferred the third degree upon Donald Walters, Ralph Witlock and Harold Bailey at a special meeting Monday night.

Opening at four o'clock in the afternoon, the meeting extended into the evening with dinner served at 7. Rev. George Gullen of Detroit was guest speaker and was to attend business in connection with the new postoffice in that city.

Congressman Dondoro Visits in Farmington

Congressman George A. Dondoro of Royal Oak, representing the seventeenth district of the State of Michigan at Washington, D. C., visited in Farmington Friday enroute to Plymouth where he was to attend business in connection with the new postoffice in that city. Mr. Dondoro is one of the most informed men on the life and public service of Abraham Lincoln. Having material pertinent to Lincoln's life in his hobby of the congressman which has resulted in his making a valuable collection of objects pertinent to the life of Lincoln.