

New, Larger Band Stand Considered

Prospects appear favorable for the erection of a new band stand in Town Hall Park, to replace the present structure, following an appeal made by Director Ralph Banta at the meeting of the City Commission Monday night. Banta pointed out the floor space of the stand is inadequate to accommodate the 45 members of the band. The Commissioners indicated a favorable attitude, and Mayor Warner appointed a committee to study the recommendations set forth by Director Banta. Members of the committee are Commissioners Hamilton, Oldenberg and Bagnall.

Buy New Uniforms
Purchase of new uniforms to replace the badly worn and faded caps now worn by the band is now under way. At a recent meeting of the school board, \$600 was allotted for this purpose.

Concerts to Begin
With the drop of the baton, wielded by Director Ralph Banta, the band will open its regular summer concert Thursday night, June 24, at 8:00 p. m. The concert will be a feature of the summer season for the past several years. They are held in Town Hall Park and are presented weekly.

Enter Contest
The Senior Band has entered a band marching contest which is to be held at Jefferson Beach Saturday, June 26. The contest is sponsored by the St. John's Day League, a Masonic organization. First prize is a cup and \$100 for class "D" bands. Farmington band is in this class.

Alumni to Meet
Alumni band members will meet at the school Monday evening, June 21, for the purpose of organizing an Alumni Band to play at summer concert.

Urged to Register
There is still time for students to register in the summer band classes to be conducted at the high school, Ralph Banta, instructor of the classes, reports a number of new students have enrolled to date and, in addition, members of the Junior and Senior bands also registered for summer instruction.

Concert Program
Following is the program for next Thursday's concert:
1. Poulter March Fillmore
2. Little Overture Karol
3. March of Youth Ollivand
4. Selections from "The Merry Widow" Lehner
5. Selections from "Bohemian Girl" Balfe
6. March Lento Losley
7. Selections from "Carmen" Bizet
8. Circus Parade Yoder
9. Bridal Rose Overture, Lavallee
10. Exposition March Goldman
11. Star Spangled Banner.

BUILDING NEW SHOW ROOM
Clare Grace is building a new automobile showroom between the Grace Hotel property and the Ford Garage on Grand River. It is expected the place will be used as a Packard agency.

Father's Day and Graduation Gift Shopping Made Easy

Solutions to the Father's Day and new graduate gift buying problems are to be found in the stacks of merchants whose advertising appears in this issue. Cook and Company offer a variety of gifts Dad is sure to appreciate, at a price to meet your purse. Burnett Brothers Service suggest some item for the car as an appropriate gift. A visit to Von Ditz, the Redford Jeweler, is a means of solving both problems. They offer a wide selection of men's gifts and carry a complete stock of graduated specialties. Dad out for a good time on his day. The Meadowbrook Inn is the place. They hold their grand opening Saturday night and offer gifts to all those attending the occasion.

Patience Farmington Hardware presents another array of timely spring house and garden specialties. The Detroit Edison Company voices the merits of electric cooking, reminding Mrs. Housewife she can cook a complete meal at one time. The new Olla Russell, Inc. invites you to drive the "lowest priced Ford in years." Dickerson

Switzer Estate Made Wild Life Sanctuary

Acceptance of the 90-acre tract surrounding the country home of Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Switzer, as a Michigan Wild Life Sanctuary has been announced by the State. The farm is located at the corner of West Maple and Old Plank road, in Milford Township.

For the past three years the land has been protected and the predatory animals, both wild and domestic, have been controlled. Dr. Switzer stated that through the cooperation of the Department of Conservation and the Audubon Society of Michigan, the trapping will be prohibited on the grounds for the next five years.

Unusual Birds
A few of the more unusual birds to be found in the sanctuary are the following: the Snow Plover, a native of the Arctic region; the Blue Heron; the Hungarian Partridge; the Chukar, and a pair of Barn Owls, known as Monkey-face Owls.

During the past winter, approximately 15 bushels of feed were fed to the birds on the grounds of the house. Quail, pheasants, rabbits,

together with all song birds in season, gather there in set spots and eat their meals in perfect harmony.

Since the closing of the land to hunters and trappers three years ago, all small game native to the area have increased in number. Song birds have also increased to the extent as to make adequate housing facilities a real problem. Dr. and Mrs. Switzer resided in this community until three years ago. Dr. Switzer has continued his medical practice in Farmington though having moved to his country home.

Save Property
In discussing the sanctuary and the birds to be found there, Dr. Switzer pointed out the conservation of wild life not only affords the pleasure of having song birds and wild animals become almost tame to those protecting them, but it pays in a very real way in savings to fruit growers and property owners. The birds of the sanctuary are the birds of the future, and the birds of the future are the birds of the present.

Tractor Turns Over, Man Killed

Crushed as the tractor he was attempting to get out of the mud turned over, plunging him beneath, Clarence Tucker, 29, 3210 Seven Mile road, was instantly killed shortly after noon Monday, June 14, at the same address; the farm hand employed by Tucker, witnessed the accident and hurried to neighboring farms for aid in removing the tractor. County police officers Anthony Kaczynski and Anton Elmer, who arrived on the scene a few minutes after the mishap occurred, reported the victim dead upon their arrival.

Tucker was pulling the field prior to the accident. The tractor becoming stuck in the mud, he resorted to the chain-and-log method in an attempt to free it. Couch, the hired man, with him at the time, cautioned him as to the danger of this procedure. Tucker ignored his warning and the accident followed.

Tucker was a resident of the area for the past five years, and worked at the Ford plant before purchasing the land he was farming at the time of the accident. Deceased is survived by his mother, a resident of Detroit. He was divorced.

Meadowbrook Inn Opens On Saturday, June 19

Grand opening of the Meadowbrook Inn, on Ten Mile road, one and one-half miles west of Grand River avenue, is scheduled for Saturday, June 19. An orchestra will be on hand to supply music for dancing and singing. The inn is under the management of Mrs. Gertrude Peters, who has lived in Redford for many years.

New Members Of Our Community

New residents of the community who have moved into their new home after months of preparation are Ralph and Mrs. Finneren and family of Detroit. On Tuesday they occupied the residence on the corner of the Ford Motor Co. plant, on Farmington Road just north of Ten Mile Road. The Finnerens have three children, Jack, 15, Ruth Ann, 13, and Jerry, 12. Mr. Finneren is partner owner of the lunch concession business in the Ford Motor Co. plant. Mr. Finneren purchased the 76-acre farm overlooking the Rouge valley some time ago, and has spent over \$10,000 enlarging and remodeling the house, which now has six bedrooms, three baths, oil heating, air conditioning and other modern conveniences. The Finnerens are retaining their Detroit home on Wilmore avenue for the present at least.

Push Drive On Double Parking

Another more determined of the many attempts made in recent years to prevent double parking on Grand River in the business section of Farmington, with its attendant danger and congestion, is under way. Deputy Sheriff Joe DeViendt, seeking widespread cooperation in an effort to conquer the difficulty. Increased traffic on Grand River following the making of the Cut-off a one-way road, and approach of the tourist season, has intensified the problem. This will be the first summer season in which all westbound traffic is forced to travel on Grand River through Farmington, since the Cut-off was built.

Traffic Aid Sought
Deputy Sheriff DeViendt appeared before the City Commission Monday evening and sought aid in handling the double parking problem. DeViendt asserted the utter disregard of the city ordinance governing the parking of cars on the streets of the city will have serious consequences if not at once. He stated the increase in tourist traffic, added to the already large number of commercial vehicles and local traffic, is making the situation more acute daily.

DeViendt proposed marking off the sidewalks with a yellow line parallel with, and a curb width from the curb. In addition, he requested the erection of parking signs along the curb. "There is no excuse whatever for the double and angle parking of cars in the business district, as the city maintains parking lot behind the police booth for the parking of cars," DeViendt stated.

Approve Part of Plan
Commissioners present agreed to the placing of the yellow line on the street, but withheld their approval on the erection of the signs. Some of the commissioners were of the opinion the erection of signs was unnecessary, stating the people are familiar with the law and would just have to be reminded of it. As a part to be remedied, the double parking now being conducted by DeViendt, first offenders are to be cautioned and second offenders fined.

Redford Man Killed At City Limits

Eugene Sweetring, 32 years of age, 11709 Kentucky avenue, Detroit, employed by the Redford Bank, was instantly killed Thursday, June 17, as the car he was driving left the road and crashed into a telephone pole in front of the Sorenson Farm, west of town. Five persons riding in the car with Sweetring were injured, one seriously. Alice Kraft, 1609 Delaware street, Detroit, was taken to the Redford Receiving Hospital. Those riding in the car were of the belief Sweetring suffered a heart attack while driving and lost control of the car. They said he had been troubled with a heart ailment for some time.

Two Accidents
Two accidents Friday night on Grand River avenue, resulting in the injury of five, one seriously, added to the ever mounting accident toll in the Farmington area. Elmer Lynch, 16 years old, of Detroit, was taken to the Redford Receiving Hospital, suffering from a brain concussion, following a crash of his car and one driven by George F. Wohlar, 18350 Garfield street, Detroit, at the intersection of Grand River and Tucker road. Wohlar was making a turn from Tucker road into Grand River when the crash occurred. Lynch's condition was termed "temporarily serious" at the hospital. Wohlar was uninjured.

Fall 20 Feet
Swooning to avoid hitting a car which stopped in front of him, Harold Sheets, 16 years old, of Detroit, drove his car over a 20-foot embankment, injuring himself and three other occupants of his auto. In front of the C. F. Smith estate, west of town. Those riding with Sheets were: Betty Bittner and Mildred Voss, of Detroit, and Louise Brown, of 7 Oxford boulevard, Pleasant Ridge. They suffered face cuts and bruises, but were sent home after receiving treatment at a physician's office. The driver of the other machine continued after the accident without stopping. Deputy Sheriff Joe DeViendt investigated the accidents.

SCHOOL DISTRICT PLANS ADDITION TO BUILDING

Proposed building of an additional room on the present school building, was discussed at the West Farmington No. 4 fractional district school board meeting and election held Monday night. Action on the proposal was continued in a special meeting to be called in the next few weeks.

Unopposed re-elections of three district school board members were held Monday night. One director and two moderators' posts were decided.

Mrs. Gertrude Johnson retained her position as moderator in the West Farmington No. 4 fractional district. J. Button is the director of this district and Harry McCracken is the treasurer.

In the Nichols No. 2 district, Max Bacheler was re-elected for another three year period. John Graham is the moderator in this district, and Stanley Drake, treasurer. George Leet continues as moderator in the German No. 1 fractional district, having been re-elected to that position. Mrs. Ed Sturman is the director and Ward Eagle, the treasurer of the district.

Firemen Extinguish Blaze in Car

Farmington firemen were called to extinguish a blaze in the interior of a car parked in the lot opposite the LaSalle Winery, Thursday noon. A. W. Hartwig, 1488 Grand River, Detroit, owner of the car, had parked it there earlier in the day while on business at the winery. Hartwig expressed the belief that the fire might have been started by ashes from a cigarette he had smoked shortly before leaving the car. Firemen advanced the theory a short circuit may have been the cause. The interior of the car was destroyed.

Fruit Growers Plan Central Storage Plant

Crystallization of an idea discussed for a number of years—"putting on the map" this apple growing region, making the Detroit and southeastern Michigan market "conscious" of the importance of this territory as one of the great fruit centers of the country—appears likely of achievement as a result of activities under way and planned for the immediate future by growers of this district.

Building of a large central storage plant with grading, packaging, and marketing facilities following as a matter of course, is to be decided Friday evening at a general meeting of growers living throughout this vicinity. The meeting is to be held on the farm of Jay Blunt at Twelve Mile Road and Hagerty Highway. Through substantial credit afforded by the federal government, resources among their own group, and interested citizens' co-operation, the plan of the growers hope to bring about construction of the plant this summer. The contemplated structure would handle 150,000 bushels of apples; and it is reported that more than that capacity is already spoken for.

Estimate, Cost \$75,000
While it is realized by those active in the program that the undertaking is a large one, and while the movement is still in the early formative stages, the plan holds so many advantages that an optimistic group is at work. It is estimated that the cost would be about \$75,000, of which 55 per cent would be provided by loan from the federal bank which aids co-operative activities.

Numerous factors have brought about the movement. For years the growers in the southwestern part of Oakland and northwestern corner of Wayne counties have faced serious loss of market and income. Slowly they have faced being crowded out, through the use of lower millstones. The former is the western apple, with its superior grading and appearance, which has enabled it to capture practically all of the higher price market, despite inferior taste and lower quality. The latter is the stone is the influx of Indiana and Illinois apples of lowest grade, taking away the trade in the lower price brackets. High speed trucking and lack of uniformity, grading and modern packing methods have contributed to the situation.

Present Movement
The present movement, coinciding with a state-wide program begun last year to advertise Michigan apples, began recently as an effort to obtain better price and a steadier market through rigid grading and attractive packaging according to modern merchandising methods. Growers saw at once that uniform grading and packaging would be impossible without centralization, the product being scattered over scores of farms. The result has been the loss of numerous warehouses in Detroit. Study of this problem brought the keen realization that for many years growers have expended huge sums in trucking to and from Detroit warehouses, which might be saved had there been a storage plant in the midst of the apple region. Out of this developed agreement that the first need was a central storage plant, where grading, packaging, and other modern merchandising methods could later be instituted. Reports of growers in the sums paid for storage to Detroit plants indicate that such a structure in the apple-growing region should maintain itself. Savings in trucking would be clear gain to the growers.

Artistic Arrangements
It is believed also that the proposed storage plant and market would provide the best possible advertising for the region as a fruit-growing area, by providing a central place where Detroit people could come for fruit and be assured of uniform high quality. It is anticipated that steps will be taken Friday night toward consideration of a site, financial program, and management plans. It is reported that already several offers have been made of contributions of necessary land, by property-owners aware of the possibilities of the program. At the Friday night meeting it is expected to be determined whether sufficient enthusiasm and support exist among growers of this vicinity to encourage going ahead and undertaking the project. (Continued on back page)

Commencement Speaker



Rev. Aulenbach, of Christ Church, Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, delivered the commencement address at the graduation exercises of Farmington High School, held in the M. E. Community Hall Wednesday night. His topic was "The Importance of Adversity." A capacity audience attended the exercises. Principal Robert C. Burnes presented diplomas to 20 young men and women comprising the class. This number is just three under the record class of last year.

The exercises included the following: playing of professional high school band; invocation given by Rev. Gilbert Miles; Salutatory by Gordon Hoppe; valedictory by Ernest Ham; valedictory by Gerald Grace; address by Rev. Aulenbach; presentation of diplomas; benediction by Rev. Delmore Stubbs; selection by high school band.

Letters Awarded F. H. S. Baseball Players

Awarding of letters to members of the Farmington High School baseball team was the order of business at the last meeting of the student body, held in the school assembly hall Wednesday. Fifteen players were presented with school letters for their work on the baseball team.

Those who received letters are: Bob Werschin, captain, baseball outfield; Bob Davis, shortstop; Ray Clark, pitcher; Stan DeYoung, pitcher; Wayne Hoffman, pitcher; Ralph Banfield, outfielder; Warren Werschin, captain; Harvey Foree, outfielder; Bill Dwyer, outfielder; Bill Pink, outfielder; Don Lee, first base; Red Collins, third base; Howard Turner, first base; Terrence McKelvey, infield; Karl Hunt, infield.

The first five named are seniors. Charles and Mrs. Miller, received a surprise visit from their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. E. of Canton, Ohio, over the weekend.

Garden Club Flower Show Award Winners Named

Farmington Garden Club's annual flower show, held Saturday at the M. E. Community Hall, was attended by a large number of residents of the Farmington area. Talks were given on subjects relative to gardening, and the exhibits judged. Following are the winners in the various classes:

SECTION A (Flower Arrangements)
Class 1—Mrs. Andrews, honorable mention.
Class 2—Mrs. F. J. Nash, first; Mrs. Frank Sinks, second; Mrs. Henry Trombley, third.
Class 3 (b)—Mrs. Elmer Dohany, first; Mrs. C. M. Andrews, third.
Class 3 (c)—Mrs. Frank Zebornick, first; Miss Susan Slocom, second; Mrs. Max Hulet, third; Mrs. Ora Joy, third.
Class 4—Mrs. Karl Ritter, second.
Class 5—Mrs. Grace Adams, first; Mrs. Ora Joy, second; Mrs. Frank Zebornick, third.
Class 6—Mrs. F. J. Nash, first; Mrs. Karl Ritter, second.
Class 10—Mrs. Karl Ritter, first; Mrs. Frank Zebornick, third; Miss Barbara Nash, third.
SECTION B (Artistic Arrangements for Special Places and Occasions)
Class 11—Mrs. J. Dalrymple, first; Mrs. Karl Ritter, second; Mrs. Alice Warner, third.
Class 13—Mrs. F. Zebornick, second.
Class 14—Mrs. Johnson, first; Mrs. Dalrymple, second; Mrs. Elmer Dohany, third.
Class 15—Mrs. F. J. Nash, first;

City Holds Tax Rate At \$15.00

Despite rising costs in all directions and the addition of a new item of \$3,000 for bridge widening in the 1937-1938 budget, Farmington City Commission has good news for taxpayers in the announcement that the municipality's tax rate for the ensuing fiscal year will remain unchanged. The rate of \$15 per thousand dollars' valuation, in effect for several years, was adopted Monday evening, along with a budget that presents striking evidence of the city's excellent financial condition.

Although provision has been made for increasing salaries of city employees and officials in accord with rising living costs, and allowance made for substantial increases in other items of expense as well, the City will be able to carry out its improvement program while raising by taxation only \$18.50 more than during the year now ending. The total to be raised by taxation for 1937-38 is \$19,607.00, as compared with \$19,585.50 during the current year.

One of the large items which has made this possible is reduction in the interest to be met, over \$1,500 being saved in this manner. This in turn was made possible by the skillful financial management which has brought the city to the best financial condition in its history, the municipality having purchased during the past year some of its own bonds and thereby saved interest payments for many years to come.

Helpful Factors

Other factors which enable the city to not only maintain but improve public services are increase of anticipated revenues, including \$500 in the expected water collections, \$1,000 in delinquent taxes, \$325 in fees and licenses, and \$600 additional in the treasury as compared with the bank balance a year ago. An increase of \$200 is provided for next year for firemen's salaries and department upkeep, \$100 for cemetery, \$300 for buildings expense, and substantial amounts for higher pay for city employees. The clerk, treasurer, and assessor are granted increases in keeping with the trend of higher prices, as are also the superintendent, assistant, and night watchman.

The budget total for 1937-38 is \$35,107.00, as compared with the appropriation bill for 1936-37 amounting to \$32,563.50, but increased revenues and cash standing bring the new budget down to almost the same amount as last year's.

Mrs. Elmer Dohany, first; Mrs. Max Hulet, third.
Class 16—Mrs. Frank Zebornick, first; Mrs. Max Hulet, third.
SECTION C (Children's Arrangements—6 to 11 years)
Class 17—Tommy Nash, first; Susan Slocom, second; Mary Gray, third.
SECTION D (House Plants)
Class 18—(children's arrangements, 11 to 16 years) Barbara Nash, first; Christine Bickling, first; Susan Slocom, third. Ruth Tilly received honorable mention for attractive garden box planting.
SECTION E (Specimen Blooms)
Class 22—Mrs. M. Andrews, first; Mrs. Frank Sinks, first; Christine Bickling, third; Mrs. Phoebe Ross, honorable mention.
Class 20—Mrs. Phoebe Ross, first; Mrs. Max Hulet, second; Susan Slocom, third.
SECTION F (Flower Arrangements)
Class 23—Mrs. Frank Sinks, first; Mrs. Grace Adams, second; Mrs. Karl Ritter, third.
(a) Mrs. Elizabeth Neale, first; Mrs. Grace Adams, second.
One exhibit of Spanish iris by Mr. Patterson. No exhibit received honorable mention.
(b) Miss Christine Bickling, second; Mrs. Elmer Dohany, third; (c) Susan Slocom, first; Christine Bickling, third.
Class 24—Mrs. Max Hulet, first; Mrs. Elizabeth Neale, second; Mrs. Frank Sinks, first (rhododendron).