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## Rebuilding Of Trailer Plant Begun

Rebuilding of the plant of The Traveler Company, located on Eight Mile road east of Grand River, recently destroyed by fire, is under way with all employees of the plant assisting. The day following the fire, which leveled the plant at a loss of \$35,000, employees appeared at the office of J. P. Malley, president, and offered their services to aid in rebuilding the plant. They offered to work without salary, but Malley put them to work at a salary.

Two large buildings were purchased by the company and moved about a mile to the plant site in order to continue production and keep up to schedule.

According to Malley, plans for the erection of a new building are being rushed. Insurance covered \$15,000 of the loss, and this amount is to be used to aid in the construction of the new building.

All equipment in the building was destroyed by the flames, in addition to a scope of recently completed trailers. It is believed a great deal more of the property destroyed would have been saved if the fire trucks responding to the alarm had not been hampered by cars parked on the roads in the vicinity of the blaze. Curious motorists parked their cars in places for four rows deep, making the passage of fire-fighting equipment impossible. Not only did the drivers park their cars on the roads, but in some cases locked the doors and the machines could not be pushed off the road.

## "BOTTLE NECK" TIES-UP GRAND RIVER TRAFFIC

Deputy Sheriff Joe DeVriendt, with the aid of a State Police Trooper, worked three hours Sunday afternoon to unswarm the mass of cars which choked Grand River avenue, halting traffic for miles on roads leading to Farmington and resulting in a number of rear-end collisions.

DeVriendt stated the tie-up was due directly to the "bottle neck" at the west end of the city—the spot on Grand River avenue where the pavement narrows to 20 feet. Absence of any warning signs to caution motorists of the narrower road results in their proceeding at the same rate of speed as on the wider stretches and then having to slacken speed before entering the narrow portion. The result is that a number of cars approaching there at the same time causes congestion and accidents.

Complaints have been received by police officers from residents in the vicinity of the "bottle neck" of the noise caused by impatient drivers blowing their horns and only add to the problem.

All of the accidents taking place as a result of the congestion, only one resulted in property damage of a serious nature. Cars driven by Earle Lee and Thomas Smith, both of Farmington, collided head-on at Middle Belt and Grand River avenue late Sunday night. No one was injured, but both cars were damaged.

## Farmington Couple Are Married

Geraldine Kitten and Walter Hofmann, both of Farmington, were married Friday at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, by Father Dione. June Whipple served as the maid of honor, and Irvie Hofmann, brother of the groom, was the best man.

Following the ceremony, the newlyweds left to spend the week-end at the Alpena Club House. They expect to make their home in Ferndale.

## Three Detroiters Face Traffic Charges

Don Allen Middleton, of Detroit, arrested by State Police for passing cars on a hill, July 4, was fined \$5.00 by Judge Schulte at his trial held Monday afternoon.

Walter J. Wornick, of Detroit, was fined \$5.00 for driving against traffic. He was arrested July 4 on that charge.

Edward Nida, of Detroit, received a suspended sentence when brought before Judge Schulte on a charge of driving against traffic. Nida was arrested on that charge Sunday.

## Continues on Board



Walter Headerle retains his position on the No. 5 (fractional) Clarenceville District school board. He was re-elected to membership on the board by the district electors at their annual meeting held Monday night. Mr. Headerle has served as president of the board for the past three years.

## Interest Waived On Assessment

Adoption of a resolution waiving the six per cent interest due on the City of Farmington on special assessments of the years 1926 and 1928, was made at the meeting of the City Commission Monday night. The action was taken following information received from county officials that a number of neighboring cities had taken similar action within the past few months.

City Treasurer George Glidemeister reports that all but \$25 of the total amount of the special assessments has been collected to date. The special assessments were issued on the Court road and the Drain Tax.

Inasmuch as the special assessments are practically paid up, the resolution adopted will not benefit Farmington taxpayers as similar resolutions have benefited residents in Royal Oak, Milford, Royal Oak Township, and other localities. It is reported the special assessment lists in these towns are large, and the waiving of the six per cent interest will result in substantial advantage to the taxpayers owing assessments in the districts named.

## Exchange Club to Play Birmingham Wednesday

Members of the Farmington Exchange Club will play hosts to Birmingham Exchangees at a bridge and golf tournament to be held at Glen Oaks Country Club next Wednesday, July 21. The golf matches are to start shortly after noon and members not able to participate in them are urged to come later and play in the bridge tournament. Dinner is to be served.

Art Power, recently elected president of the club, is handling arrangements for the affair. The Birmingham club will be paying a return visit Wednesday; the Farmington Exchangees having traveled to their town for a bridge tournament in the spring of this year.

Miss Jeanie Hill of Middleville has returned to her home after spending two weeks at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Otis and Mrs. Jensen.

## Hot Weather Specials Feature Business Week

Farmington merchants continue their hot-weather specials for another week. Dollar-wise shoppers can make some real savings by visiting the advertising merchants and viewing their stocks of money-saving values.

The Detroit Edison Company announces a new electric service; full details may be found in their ad on page six. Hatton's Farmington Hardware offers another array of house and garden specials. Olin Russell, Inc., sells the car that "eats miles, not gallons." They urge you to stop in for a demonstration today.

Dickson Hardware announce their appointment as a distributor for R. and S. electric water pumps and sump pumps. Farmington Mills offer a complete line of Larro Feeds, at money-saving stock prices. Farmington Lumber and

## Commission Approves Band Stand

Farmington is to have a new band stand. Tentative plans for the new stand proposed to be erected in a corner of the school athletic field "bowl" on Shawness street, were approved by the City Commission at its regular meeting held Monday night.

Construction costs, including materials and labor, will be slightly over \$1,000, according to Commissioner Hamlin, chairman of the committee handling arrangements for the building of the stand. Chairman Hamlin and Commissioner Oldenburg and Bagagli, comprising the remainder of the committee, are seeking approval of the school board of the site selected for the erection of the stand. The proposed spot for the location of the stand in hand that has been leased by the school board. Should the board give their approval, it is believed the stand will be ready for use in a month's time.

Plans drawn by Marcus R. Burrows, Detroit architect whose home is in Farmington, call for a structure 22x33 feet, with a sloping back of modern design.

All Approve The commissioners present were unanimous in their approval of the athletic field site selected for the erection of the stand. The new location would provide a greater seating and parking capacity and would reduce the danger of children being injured in traffic. Another advantage of the new site would be in the reception of the music. It is pointed out the athletic field "bowl" is a natural amphitheater. The acoustics of the spot are known to be unusual at least as far as volume is concerned.

In addition the stand would be used by the band during athletic events held on the grounds.

## Last Rites Held For Arthur Koss Wednesday

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the Halsey Funeral Home, Detroit, for Arthur Koss, 55, brother of Albert Koss, of Base Line road. Koss died from a heart attack at his brother's home Sunday. He was recovering from injuries received in an accident six weeks ago, at the time. Burial was in St. Charles Cemetery, Detroit.

The deceased is survived by a daughter, three sons, a sister, and a brother.

## Hope Chapel Observes First Anniversary

Members of Hope Chapel observed the first anniversary of the founding of the church at a special service held Sunday. Rev. Williams, pastor of the church, commended the members for their devotion accomplished in a year's time. An active and growing Sunday School and a Women's Service Union have been organized. In addition, a Boy Scout troop is sponsored.

The church has secured a building site on Six Mile road, where they plan to erect a new building shortly. Details of the building project are not available at the present date.

Mrs. Nellie Fuller of Detroit was a guest at the home of Mrs. Frank Bradley on Thursday.

## Profits Of Winery Gain; Report Shows

Doubling of the company's net profit for the current fiscal year as compared with the previous year is revealed in the annual report to the stockholders of LaSalle Winery and Champagne Incorporated of Farmington, made by the board of directors, Thursday, at the annual meeting. A net profit of \$5,193.89 is reported for the current fiscal year. This compares with a net profit of \$3,652.93 for the preceding fiscal year.

The company has nearly completed the erection of a new bottling room, which will also give a much needed increase in production and storage capacity.

New products together with new packages have been instrumental in giving the company a sales increase during the past year, and present indications are that this increase will be continued during the coming year.

Dividends—Up Dividends of 39 cents a share on the company's outstanding capital stock are to be paid stockholders this year, as compared with a dividend of 16 cents paid last year. Working capital increased \$61,599.72 during the year. Net sales totaled \$176,885.42.

All figures given are exclusive of the operations of the subsidiary company located at Windsor, Ontario. Valuable wine storage casks formerly at the Windsor plant are being moved to the Farmington plant.

LaSalle Winery and Champagne is the largest wine distilling plant in the state; and is one of the larger plants of the nation. Numerous additions have been made to the plant; and due to increased production, work is to start shortly on more.

## Northwestern Highway Widening Is Completed

Northwestern Superhighway has been widened by the addition of 10 feet of concrete on each side of the divided roadway making two 30-foot concrete roadways and will be in its entirety in a few days. Wayne County Road Commissioner Edward N. Hines announced this week. Curbs and cross overs were also constructed. This widening job was a P. W. A. project. Docket No. 1111-D and was built by the Frank J. Knight Company.

The total length of this project from Wyoming Avenue to Base Line Superhighway is 3.6 miles and involves a total of 44,619 square yards of concrete.

The total contract cost amounts to \$101,065.68. Wayne County's share totaling \$59,375.60 and the Federal Government's grant amounting to \$41,690.00.

Traffic was maintained on the old concrete roadway during construction, stated Mr. Hines. Later on an additional 10 feet of concrete also curbs, will be added bringing this important superhighway up to its Master Plan width of 40 feet.

## Band Receives \$100 Donation From League

Receipt of a donation of \$100 to the band has been announced by Director Ralph Banta. The donation was made by the St. John's Day League in appreciation of a concert played by the band at the Festival held recently by that organization at Jefferson Beach. The band had originally planned to play there as an entrant in a band contest the League had scheduled to stage. For various reasons the contest was called off, and the League then invited the Farmington Band to play a concert.

The money received is to go into the instrument fund of the band, according to Director Banta.

## 12 Mile Road Section Receiving Black Top

Work was begun Tuesday on four miles of 12 Mile road west of the Orchard Lake - Farmington road. Plans call for the laying of a three inch mat of black top surfacing.

This is the only section of the 12 Mile road not paved with concrete, and a heavier coat of black top is to replace the paving that has been broken up. Laying of the prime coat on this section was begun the latter part of the week.

The work is being done by the Oakland County Road Commission, under the direction of Luther D. Allen.

## Board Members Retain Posts



Mrs. Florence Lee and Howard Warner continue to serve on the Farmington No. 5 School District board, having been re-elected at the annual meeting of the district electors Monday night.



Mrs. Lee is secretary of the board and has served in that capacity for a number of years. Both were re-elected without opposition.

## Supply Salesman's Being on School Board Questioned

An issue of interest to electors in all school districts is the subject of vigorous controversy in School District No. 3, Southfield Township, where an hour's bitter debate was devoted to the question at the annual meeting Monday evening. For a time it appeared as though the only settlement would be by recourse to court action, which would attempt to compel the school board to acquiesce in seating a trustee chosen by the electors. However, this prospect faded, in whether the fact that a citizen is a salesman for a concern selling janitor's supplies and equipment to schools generally, bars him from membership on a school board, even if he does not sell the supplies.

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## FLAMES LEVEL BATES' HOME EARLY MONDAY

Fire of unknown origin swept the home of Clyde Bates, 38700 Grand River avenue, early Monday, leveling the home and three outbuildings adjacent to it. The Farmington Fire Department responded to the alarm and succeeded in removing the greater part of the household goods, until hampered by lack of water and intense heat, they were forced to abandon any efforts to save the home or its furnishings.

Three children asleep on the second floor of the building when the fire started, were aroused by passersby led to safety.

Bates have occupied the house for the past three years. Mr. Bates has carried on a painting and decorating business for that time. The property is owned by Douglas Lathrop, of Saginaw.

In addition to the household furnishings lost in the blaze, a small amount of money was destroyed. The exact property loss could not be determined, pending contact with Mr. Lathrop.

## Mark Bachelor, Ex-Township Clerk, Critically Ill

Mark Bachelor, well known resident of the Farmington area, and former Farmington Township clerk, lies in a critical condition in his home at 28104 Farmington road. He collapsed at work July 1, and was rushed to a hospital. X-rays taken there revealed serious injuries to his head and spine. He believed the result of a blow on the head received a few days previous when a cover of his insulated milk box fell and struck him.

A number of doctors were called in for consultation on his condition Tuesday and Thursday, the last being due to the severe heat his condition has become worse.

Latest reports indicate a slight improvement in his condition. Mr. Bachelor's daughter, Viola, of Detroit, is assisting in caring for her father.

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## Electors Of Eleven School Districts Meet

Re-election of trustees to 10 of the 11 district school boards holding elections Monday night bears out pre-election forecasts made in all the districts. Walled Lake was the only district in which a present member was not re-elected. Kena Rye, treasurer of the board, decided to accept another term and Claude B. Lawrence was named to succeed him. Cecil Cox, president, and William Glover, secretary, are to continue in their official capacities.

State \$5,000 A fund of \$5,000 was set aside at the meeting for a building fund. Tentative plans call for the addition of four rooms to the west side of the present building. In addition, the board approved the plan of annexing immediately the Union Lake district. This would mean an additional 80 pupils in the Walled Lake Schools. The school building in the district named would be used as a primary school. This annexing plan becomes effective as soon as the Township Boards give their approval.

Reduced Bonding In No. 8 Novi District, Ford Brooks and William D. Flint are to continue in their trustee positions. Charles Perry and Eric Slusser declined nominations. The financial report of Secretary William Mairs, showed that \$6,000 in bonds have been retired in the past year. This leaves \$41,000 set to be paid. Fifty were in attendance at this meeting. Other members of the board are: Walter Tuck, William Mairs, and Alfred Gow. There will be a nine and one-half month school year next year.

Other members of the board are: Spencer Heesey, Arthur Lamb, and Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner.

Discuss Building Walter Headerle was re-elected in the Number 5 (fractional) Clarenceville District. The board discussed the proposed building of an addition to the present school building. No definite action was taken on the proposal. Tuition rates for the coming year are to comply with those to be set by the state. About 100 members were present. Setrak Ujlayan, Fred Lah, Elmer Dobany and H. W. Earle, are the other members of the board.

Electors of the No. 3 (Thayer) District re-elected Joseph Graham to the position of member. A special business session was taken up at the meeting, at which 12 electors were present. The director of this district is A. V. Barber and the treasurer, L. V. Vines.

Durfee Re-Elected Fred Durfee is again as secretary of No. 1 Novi District, having been re-elected to that position Monday night. Ten electors attended this meeting. James Drwin is the director of the district, and Earl Banks, the moderator.

The treasurer's position in the No. 4 Fairview District is again to be filled by Ernest Blanchard. A library refurbishing proposal was to be discussed at this meeting. Three electors were present. Mrs. Pearl Dugan is the director, and Guy Dugan, the moderator of this district.

70 Present In No. 6 fractional Bond District Robert McCrumb was re-elected trustee, and Lawrence Brown was named auditor. Arthur H. Huk, about 70 electors were present. Arthur Coe, Isaac Bond, and Archie Leonard are the other members of the board.

Thirty-five electors were present at the No. 2 Livonia (Perry) district meeting to re-elect Ernest Ash and Fred Garchow to their positions on the board. Other members of the board are: Jesse Zeigler, Adolph Nacker, and Martin Breitmeyer.

Smith and Fred Wilkinson are to continue as members of the No. 6 Noble District. No special issues developed at the meeting. Charles Ewing, Miss Martha Noble, and Samuel Plink, are the other members of the board.

FARMINGTON YOUTH RECOVERS FROM INJURY John Price, 19, 33729 Oakland avenue, Farmington, has recovered from an injury received when a firecracker exploded in it during a July 4 celebration. He was taken to the Redford Receiving Hospital following the mishap, and was treated for burns and released.



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