

Walled Lake Consolidation Approved

Annexation of Commerce school, District No. 10, Fractional of Commerce Township to the Walled Lake consolidated school district was approved Tuesday night by the directors of the Walled Lake district, meeting at the Walled Lake schoolhouse.

The annexation adds to the Walled Lake district a valuation of \$500,000 to the previous valuation of nearly \$1,000,000, giving the district the highest valuation of any consolidated district in the state, and placing it third highest in student enrollment of rural consolidated districts.

Commerce school district No. 10, comprising a school building and a reserve fund of \$1,500. The present Commerce building will continue to be operated with teachers for the six lower grades, about 15 seventh and eighth grade students will be brought into the Walled Lake school, and high school students will continue at the Walled Lake school as before.

The Walled Lake Board of Education voted Monday to add two additional teachers to staff, a high school and elementary grade teacher. The new additions to the faculty will bring the total up to 20.

The present crowded condition of the lower grades in the local building is the result of increased residents here, according to school officials. There are 75 students in the first grade of which 60 reside in the village.

STATE FAIR OF 1937 WILL BE IN THE BLACK

There will be no deficit attached to the completion of the Michigan State Fair this year.

Placed under the management of Frank N. Isbey who shocked politicians with his statement that it could turn in a profit rather than a loss record, the fair during its first five days produced revenues which exceeded by \$90,000 the estimated cost.

Two years ago it was operated at a loss of \$80,137 and last year the deficit was \$75,324.

Isbey's first act after taking over the management was a flat and absolute prohibition of free passes and his edict was made to apply even to the highest of state officials. The result in the first five days of operation that the net paid attendance was 270,033 compared with 140,030 for the same period a year ago.

With an operating profit safely in sight, the new manager relaxed his vigilance at the turnstiles to the extent that the closing days of the affair were open to children's groups.

State Boosts Car Description Fee

Because of the marked increase in the volume of requests for details concerning motor vehicle registration, as it pertains to financing and car "historics," Department of State officials at Lansing have increased the fee for furnishing this information.

Previously a charge of 5 cents per car description was made; the new price is 15 cents, made imperative if the Motor Vehicle Division is to be self-sustaining in this respect.

No charge is made for information sought by any branch of government anywhere, nor for information sought by a limited degree, by attorneys and others whose business would entail the necessity for such information. Business firms frequently submitting lengthy lists of cars are billed monthly for the service rendered, when charge accounts with the Department are opened.

The increase in motor vehicle registration has increased the car description fee in the daily records, frequently by automobile finance firms checking such matters as liens and other details of automobiles passing through their hands.

QUEEN ESTHER CIRCLE MEETS TUESDAY EVENING

The Queen Esther Circle of the Methodist Church will meet Tuesday, September 21, at 8 o'clock at the home of Miss Mildred J. Adams. All members are requested to be present, as plans for the coming year will be under discussion.

City Awards Contract For New Sewers

The contract for the construction of the new additions to the city's sewer system was awarded to the Miller-Gregory Construction Company of Farmington at a special meeting of the city commission Tuesday evening. The work, calling for the construction of three additions to the sewer system, involving the laying of nearly 2,500 feet of pipe, will be done at a cost of approximately \$53,322.

A total of nine bids were tendered the commission at their regular meeting Monday evening. The four low bids were held until the special meeting Tuesday at which time the commission, meeting with Bruce Duchanin, Pontiac engineer, reviewed the bids and awarded the contract.

The bids tendered the commission at the regular meeting Monday night, ranged all the way from over \$9,000, the bid of the Frank J. Knight Company down to \$4,500, the bid of the Miller-Gregory Company which was \$52,722.

At the special meeting of the commission Tuesday it was found that the sewer system of 300 feet of pipe and the construction of a man-hole on Grand River avenue was unnecessary, consequently cutting down the amount of the original bid.

Work on the new project is planned to start Monday, according to Mr. Gregor. A part of the pipe to be laid is expected to arrive in Farmington Friday. Although the work will be held until the week in which to complete the construction of the sewers, it is likely that the work can be completed within thirty days, Mr. Gregor said.

Farmington Youth Plans Amateur Show

Plans are being made at present by Carl Smith, Farmington youth, for the staging of an amateur show to be held Saturday, October 2, at 8:00 p. m. at the Community Hall. A number of local talent has been signed for the show including members of the Harjorie Hall's Dancing School, the recent Gala Days celebration, Betty Goetz, headliner of the Gala Days celebration and various other instrumental, singing and dancing acts.

An award of \$10 will be given to the person selling the greatest number of tickets to the amateur show. Tickets may be secured at the Michigan State Fair, the Hi-Speed Service Station. All persons wishing to enter the show must communicate with Box 243, Farmington before Friday, September 24.

Jobs for 4,045 Found Within Two Weeks

Despite the curtailment of its monthly budget, withdrawal of all quota allotments and reduction of its personnel, the National Research Service found and placed 4,045 jobs during the past two weeks, according to a report issued this week by Major Howard Starret, State Director.

Men sent to work numbered 2,895, including 193 war veterans, women numbered 1150. During the same period there were new applications taken from 2221 men and 1,050 women, the men including 104 war veterans.

Only 17 per cent, or 69 of the jobs filled were to security wage work relief projects, which is an all-time low mark for this class of placements, the report showed.

The files containing registrations of active jobseekers throughout Michigan show 122,983 persons, of which 95,863 are men and 23,120 are women.

CIVIL SERVICE ANNOUNCED EXAMINATIONS

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Associate medical officer, \$3,200 a year, for general practice in Detroit's well known sanitarium, Winfield Holdt, will sing, accompanied by that prominent artist, August Maelberg, at the organ. At this service the Rev. W. Hamilton Aylmer will represent Detroit which has given the Nancy Brown Sunrise Society, topic being "The Spiritual Significance of Bells." Following the service at five o'clock there will be another of the very popular carol recitals given by Anton Brex, carillonneur at Duke University and Bok Tower.

Exchange Club to Hold "Ladies' Day"

"Ladies' Day" will feature the Wednesday, September 22, meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club at which time the club's former warden of the Jackson prison, will talk to Exchange Club members and their wives on the subject, "Lifers I Have Known." Mr. Hubert is very well known throughout the state as an interesting speaker on the subject of crime and criminals. All members and their wives are urged to attend the "Ladies' Day" meeting.

At the September 15 meeting of the Exchange Club Mr. Fred Lawton, composer of the University of Michigan "Varsity" song and also composer of various songs known throughout the state, was the principal speaker. Mr. Lawton's talk was on "Michigan Spirit as I Have Known It," an interesting comparison of the college spirit of yesterday and today.

U.S. To Purchase Michigan Apples

Fruit-growers of the Farmington area will benefit greatly, it is expected, by an action of the U. S. government, to be taken shortly. The federal government has agreed to buy 600 carloads of Michigan apples on the open market for distribution among relief recipients, the Michigan Apple Institute Inc., purchases will be part of a nationwide plan to buy up 5,000,000 bushels of apples and to support the fall apple market.

The institute named three regional committees to help locate apple supplies. These are: Southeastern—W. K. Bristol of Almont; Howard McCracken, of Farmington, and Louis H. Spicer, of Farmington.

Southwestern—Edward Layman, of South Haven; Carl Steimle, of Sodus, and Trevor Nichols, of Fenwick.

Western and Northwestern—A. J. Rogers, of Traverse City; W. C. Brownrigg, director of the Michigan Grand Rapids, and Elmer Morse, of Shelby.

Civil Service Choice Is Highly Praised

Appointment by Governor Murphy of William Brownrigg, formerly of Manistee, as the first director of Michigan's new state civil service system is hailed, by friends of the merit system as the best choice the executive could have made.

Brownrigg, director of the California state system, has been "loaned" to Michigan for a year. In commenting upon his selection the Governor said that Brownrigg has demonstrated the success of his methods in the western state and that "the standards he has set in California are thus far considered second to none."

The Michigan civil service commission, headed by George Birken of Arbor, made this comment: "The members of the commission are deeply grateful that the governor has suggested for this position a man who has the technical knowledge and experience necessary to give this very important movement a proper start in Michigan, it is hoped that Mr. Brownrigg will be available at the earliest possible date so that the preliminary work may proceed without delay."

Farmington Women Appointed on Board

According to an announcement made this week by the Nominating Committee of the Oakland County chapter of the American Red Cross, Mrs. James Martin and Mrs. Joe DeVriendt have been elected to the board of directors for the Farmington area. Mrs. Lynn Everett has been elected to the board from the Southfield area.

The Nominating Committee of the Oakland County Chapter consists of Mrs. Joe Haas, Holly; Mrs. H. H. Robinson, Berkley and Dr. Harold Furling of Pontiac.

CHRIST CHURCH GRANBROOK TO PRESENT PROGRAM

Next Sunday afternoon, September 19th, at four o'clock worshipers are invited to the service, Winfield Holdt, will sing, accompanied by that prominent artist, August Maelberg, at the organ. At this service the Rev. W. Hamilton Aylmer will represent Detroit which has given the Nancy Brown Sunrise Society, topic being "The Spiritual Significance of Bells." Following the service at five o'clock there will be another of the very popular carol recitals given by Anton Brex, carillonneur at Duke University and Bok Tower.

School Enrollment Sets Record

With an increase of 132 students over last year, a record-breaking enrollment of 749 pupils are in classes this week in Farmington schools, according to figures released by Superintendent R. C. Burns. Registration at the high school increased 28 students over last year, bringing the total to 224. The complete enrollment is as follows:

Kindergarten, 32, as compared with 27 last year; first grade 51, second grade 43, an increase of 10 students over last year; third grade, 44, an increase of 16 pupils over last year. Students enrolled in the fourth grade numbered 32, two less than in 1936. Eight more students are enrolled in the fifth grade than there were last year, bringing the total of fifth grade students to 42. Sixth grade students numbered 35, as compared with 51 last year. The greatest jump in any of the elementary grades occurred in the seventh grade. Registrations last year totaled 35 which were now increased to 41 students. The eighth grade gained 14 students over last year, bringing the total to 55.

Senior Class Smaller

According to the figures released by Superintendent Burns, 41 of the members of the graduating class of 1938 will be somewhat smaller than last year, as only 76 students come under the Senior classification this year as compared to 81 last year. Juniors increased 12, seniors are fewer by two, as 80 registered this year against 82 last year. Freshmen students increased in number from 65 last year to 65 at the present time.

Additional space will be provided this year for students as kindergarten children are occupying the large semi-basement room recently vacated by the band who intend to move to the newly renovated "music school" on School street and Grand River avenue.

The problem of transportation for children living without the city limits is still an acute one. No money has been allocated at present and it is likely that the overcrowding of present buses will have to be permitted until such a time as arrangements can be made for better transporting of the students.

Map Safety Campaign

A safety campaign is being mapped at present by Superintendent Burns in an effort to impress upon both students and parents the importance of safety regulations during the hours that the students are in school. While no definite plans have been made as yet, Mr. Burns is endeavoring to secure a speaker from the traffic division of the Detroit Police Department who will deliver several talks to both students and parents on safety regulations.

FRY WARNS OF NEW TAXES IF LOAD ADVANCES

Warning that the people of Michigan cannot expect added services from the state government without facing the immediate prospect of new or additional taxes was issued by State Treasurer Theodore I. Fry in an address before Democrats of the 10th Congressional District.

The treasurer pointed out that each succeeding legislature has voted to grant additional assistance to the local communities in the form of welfare, high school and other aid until at the present time there are not sufficient revenues left to finance the operation of state departments and institutions.

"The fact which we are continually aware of," Fry said, "is that the costs money in government has increased and there is no overflowing well down in Lansing from which dollars gush in unlimited quantities to meet any and all requirements."

Load is Astounding

"There is an increasing inclination by the cities, the counties and the school districts of Michigan to lean more and more upon the state for financial aid. Functions which used to be considered wholly a matter for local financing now are being dropped into the lap of the legislature and the load is now astounding."

Bill and Mrs. Tydings of Detroit, Kenn and Mrs. Loomis and Fred and Mrs. Green of Milford entertained Mac and Mrs. McNeill of Detroit at the home of Mrs. McNeill Sunday, in honor of Mr. McNeill, who recently graduated in law, and plans to take the bar examination at Lansing next week.

Four Arrested on Burglary Charge

With the arrest of four youthful hoodlums by Roseville police, on a charge of breaking and entering business establishments in both Roseville and Farmington areas including the burglarizing of Moffet's Sausage Service Station and Louis Waack's Beer Garden last Monday night, definite progress was made in solving the series of burglaries extending over a period of several months.

The four youths arrested were: Americo Zorola, 21; Dominic Troublano, 22; Joe Bender, 23 and Mike John, 19, all of Roseville, Zorola, Troublano and Bender, pleaded guilty to various burglaries, including the breaking and entering of Moffet's Service Station, over August 12, according to Deputy Sheriff Joe DeVriendt, who went to Roseville Tuesday to question him.

Should the three youths now out on bail be found not guilty of charges preferred by Macomb County authorities, they will be held for Oakland County officers for questioning relative to the series of burglaries in this area. John, who has been refused bail because of his former record, is being held at the Macomb County Sheriff's office.

Local police are working on the theory that the gang robbed both Moffet's and Waack's the first night of their series of burglaries last Monday night, but believe that the second burglarizing of Waack's establishment was the work of local youths.

DEATH TAKES ADA BUTTON TUESDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Ada Chapman Button, pioneer Farmington resident, who died Tuesday following a long illness at the home of her son, Don Button, were held Thursday, September 16 from the S. J. Heehey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Button was born February 9, 1857 at the Chapman homestead south of Novi. After her marriage to Charles W. Button on March 11, 1880, the couple came to live on the farm north of Farmington which was Mr. Button's birthplace. On that farm, which has been in the possession of the Button family for over one hundred years, were born three sons, Don, Jay C. and Aelro. Besides her sons, she is survived by eleven grandchildren, a brother, Floyd Chapman of Ann Arbor, and numerous nephews and nieces. Mrs. Button died in 1933.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Delmore Stubbs of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Burial was at the North Farmington cemetery.

Frances Brown Gets County Promotion

Miss Frances Brown, of Farmington, has recently been appointed Deputy County Clerk by Lynn D. Allen, Oakland County Clerk.

Miss Brown, formerly employed in the Detroit Police Department several years, received her appointment following the resignation of Mrs. Lois Butler, who has accepted a position with a Detroit firm. Miss Brown's new position carries with it a salary increase, from \$1,250 to \$1,500 per year.

City Merchants Urge Buyers To Prepare For Cold Weather

With the present cool weather serving as a warning for the wintery blasts soon to come, Farmington merchants this week are urging you to prepare now for the winter months. The Fred L. Cook Company are offering a complete line of warm-giving blankets at a wide range of prices and urge you to come in and make your selections early. The Farmington Lumber and Coal Company in their ad on page four list the September prices on various sizes and brands of coal and coke. Fill your coal bin now.

Your furnace is in need of cleaning or repair it isn't too early to call the Dickerson Hardware Company for a first class job of overhauling to insure the best performance of your furnace during the coldest months. And now with winter coming, an additional supply of hot water will be needed frequently. Why not let the Consumers' Power Company install an automatic gas water heater in your home? Its cost is but a few cents a day.

The Farmington Hardware Company are offering a number of specialties which are intended to aid the housewife in her fall house cleaning. The Farmington Mills Company again are specializing on the sale of well known poultry feeds of which they carry a complete line.

Frequent schedules, low fares and comfort characterize Blue Goose Buses. If you're planning on taking a trip in the near future get in touch with the local agent for complete information. You'll be surprised at the minimum cost of traveling the Blue Goose way.

The Penniman-Allen Theatre at Northville offer a double-feature program over the week end, and two excellent changes of program to remainder of the week.

Highway Department Opens Field Office

With the arrival of seven officials of the State Highway Department in Farmington to supervise the work on the widening of Grand River avenue, a branch field office has been opened on the second floor of the Peoples State Bank Building. Mr. George Bengtson, a member of the State Highway Engineering Department, is in charge of the office.

Work on the widening of Grand River avenue is progressing as fast as possible. This week a new storm sewer is being laid along the north side of Grand River in order to afford a proper drain for the newly constructed highway when it is completed.

The old concrete, now being removed from the road bed is being dumped on the north side of Shawcasee street, between Farmington road and Water street. Contractors men are employed at the place banking and leveling the debris.

Construction Record Set

At the close of the last fiscal year the Michigan state highway department looked back on a four-year period of record-breaking highway construction. A total of \$48,000,000 was expended by the department.

At the head of this construction program extending into every Michigan county, and involving 1,810 miles of highway, 95 bridges, and 49 grade separations, was Murray Van Wagener. In spite of a shortage of state funds and a maze of rules and regulations the records show the program completed without a cent of new debt for the state and without scandal.

Of the \$48,000,000 spent on highway improvements during the four-year period, approximately \$40,000,000 was granted to Michigan by the Federal government as part of the nationwide relief program. In most instances the grants were direct but with the provision that all right-of-way and other costs not incurred in actual construction must be paid by the states. In a few cases the Federal appropriations had to be matched by the states. This put a strain on state, highway finances which had been hard hit by inflation returns to the counties ordered by the legislature. Sufficient state money was saved to meet Federal requirements.

Since the objective of the Federal government is allocating funds to the various states for highway construction it is intended to be completed during the depression years, speed in getting work under way was essential. At the same time, rules regarding labor and the type of work to be done were set up by the Federal government and had to be strictly observed. Programs and individual projects were subject to the approval of the United States Bureau of Public Roads although Commissioner Van Wagener was responsible for framing the programs and planning individual projects. While keeping the records free from error, Michigan led the nation in securing approval for construction programs and in placing work under construction.

Kenneth Bisbee of Detroit visited in Farmington Tuesday.

CASS THEATRE TO PRESENT "HONOR BRIGHT"

"Honor Bright," a new play by Micaela O'Hara, featuring Katherine Alexander of stage and screen fame and a brilliant cast of 35, opens a one week engagement at the Cass Theatre, Detroit, on Sunday evening, September 19th, prior to its Broadway premiere. It is the unusual story of the untold side of a school teacher's life.

A short time ago newspaper stories and a banner headline proclaiming "teacher dismissed because of a charge that she taught students to mix drinks," "teacher dismissed for teaching evolution" and others of a similar sort. "Honor Bright" plays wrought from these headlines of today and the stories of tomorrow.

In Miss O'Hara's play, however, it is not cocktails but the drama of what happens to a teacher who falls in love with one of her own students which brings on the conflict. But "Honor Bright" is more than the story of a love affair. Its characters are a roll call of any city.

For this, their first production of the new season the Messrs. Shubert have assembled a cast of distinguished and experienced performers. Miss Alexander is returning to the stage after three and a half years in Hollywood. She is remembered on Broadway for her outstanding performance in "The Left Bank," "Little Accident," "Hotel Univers," "Struggle of War" and "The Party's Over."

Giles Gellong is also a Hollywood recruit. His latest picture is "The Road Back." Roman Bohnen, one of the shining lights of the Broadway stage, appeared in "Awake and Sing," "Waiting for Lefty," and "Men in White." Mary McQuade made a Broadway hit in "Remember the Day." Francesca Lenze supported George John in "Fulton of Oak Flats." John Alexander was last seen in "Swing Your Lady."

Among the other Broadway favorites are Kathryn Givney, Edwin Mills, Linda, Lannan, and Leslie Blagham.

The play was staged by Louis M. Simon.

Pierson Ross of Detroit visited friends in Farmington this week.

Commission Approves Liquor Sales

Acting with only a few days remaining in which to take action, the City Commission of Farmington has voted for continuance of liquor by the glass in the city. The resolution was passed by a unanimous vote at the regular meeting Monday evening.

Petitions filed with City Clerk Harry Moore, signed by 148 residents of Farmington asking that no action be taken by the commission until the question had been voted on by the people were given precedence prior to passing the resolution.

The wording of the petitions is as follows:

"We, the following residents of Farmington, request that no further action be taken by the city commission, relative to the granting of licenses for the sale of liquor in our city until the people have opportunity to vote on the question."

Consideration of the question had by the commission followed discussion of the merits of the liquor question or sales by the glass. In the brief consideration of the resolution, the reasoning was advanced that in the last general balloting in Farmington asking that some years ago, when repeal of the 18th Amendment was before the people, a substantial majority favored repeal of the prohibition law. Accordingly, it was reasoned that a small body of men to act contrary to the last expressed will of the people might be regarded as an over-reaching assumption of authority, especially in view of the fact that the way remains open to grant much difficulty for bringing about a vote of the people on the question, if such a vote should be desired.

The form of resolution passed by the city commission follows:

Resolved, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 55, Act No. 8 of Public Acts of 1933, Extra Session, as amended, the sale of spirits for consumption on premises in the City of Farmington, Michigan, under Michigan Liquor Control Commission for that purpose, shall be and is hereby authorized in the City of Farmington, County of Oakland, State of Michigan. This resolution shall be effective immediately."