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Defer Action On Highway Drain Plan

Action on the proposed Shawlwaes sewer to drain the territory west of the Oakwood Cemetery, Grand River and which is planned to eventually serve areas in the City of Farmington has been deferred by the City Commission until their regular meeting, March 7.

The Commission met with State Highway Department Representative Louis Miller and County Drain Commissioner H. W. Wedge Wednesday night to try to determine if a more favorable percentage could be charged to the City. Under the present setup the City will pay 40 per cent, the State Highway Commission 50 per cent and Township taxpayers whose property adjoins the new drain will pay 10 per cent.

Nearly Mile Long
The total footage of the sewer under the new plan is 5,214 feet, just short of a mile. If the sewer is built along Shawlwaes street it will be used in the distant future as a drain for that area of the City. However at the present time there is no immediate need in the City of Farmington itself for the project.

The estimated cost of the project had been around \$30,000, but at the meeting Wednesday it was decided that the cost would probably exceed \$20,000 after bidding had taken place. This figure would put a cost of about \$3,000 on the taxpayers of the City to be spread over a three year period.

The City Commissioners expressed the idea that this might place a burden on the taxpayers at this time, but would benefit the City in the future.

Mr. Wedge was advised to find out the possibility of issuing bonds which would spread the assessment over a ten year period.

The Commission was asked by Mr. Miller to decide what per centage if any would be favorable to the City of Farmington and whether there would be a favorable reason by the City Commission to a bond issue.

City Has Benefited
Mayor Warner expressed the idea that the City should co-operate with the Highway Commission in any way since the City has benefited during the past few years because of co-operation of the Department with the City.

The City of Farmington, even though the Cut Off is intended to be the main branch of the highway, by the Commission, with small cost to the tax payers, is cited as evidence of what can be accomplished by good working agreement with the State and City.

The Commission desires that any taxpayers who have any ideas on the matter should get in touch with the commission and offer suggestions at this time. The value of the sewer to the City at the present time would be slight but for future use the City would probably save considerable money in the long run is the sentiment of the Commission.

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ISSUES WATER WARNING

The Oakland County Health Department issues a warning this week to all whose private wells are flooded from the recent rains to be sure and boil all water until such a time as an analysis can be made on the water.

The analysis will be made on request by the County Health Department or the Michigan Department of Health. There is no charge for this service.

Anyone desiring this analysis can call for sterilized bottles in which tests are made at the Oakland County Health Department or by writing the Michigan Department of Health at Lansing. Only water in sterilized bottles is tested.

Well-owners are warned that drawing up the well does not necessarily indicate that the well is free from pollution and the water safe for drinking. All water should be boiled until a test has been completed.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED FOR MASONIC BALL

The Committee for the Masons' Ball, March 1, is announced today. Arthur Lamb is general chairman. He will be assisted by Joe Himmlersbach, Ed Alexander, Mrs. Mable Eckler and Mrs. Mae West. Music will be furnished by the Hubbard & The Decorative Band at the Brotherhood Dance which will be used for the Ball.

Reaction Varies To Merit Of Community Hall Proposal



JOSEPH HIMMLERSBACH

Delay Hearing On Covert Suit

Another week's delay in the hearing of the Covert Road Tax suit was caused this week when former Judge Glenn Gillespie, representing Farmington Township filed a motion to include the Township in the order to show cause that was originally scheduled to be heard January 31, but which had been postponed until Monday. The hearing will now take place Monday, February 21 before Judge From L. Doyle, of the Circuit Court of Oakland County.

Mr. Gillespie also later filed a petition to include the County Road Commission in the original bill. The hearing on this phase of the question will also be held next Monday.

Under the original bill the City of Farmington named the Auditor General of the State of Michigan, George T. Gundry; the Oakland County Treasurer, Charles M. Sparks and Farmington Township as defendants of the suit to recover \$14,000 in Covert Road taxes claimed to have been erroneously assessed to the City between the years 1925 to 1931 inclusive.

The City petitioned that the Auditor General and the County Treasurer show cause why further taxes might be collected for these years and whether property declared delinquent because of failure to pay taxes for these years might be sold at the 1932 tax sale.

The City claims that the tax total should have been assessed to the Farmington Township rather than to the City.

The original delay in the hearing was caused by a petition submitted by Robert D. Heitsch, Oakland County Civil Counsel.

LAW TEACHER THROWS LIGHT ON WORLD CHANGE

Members of the Farmington Exchange Club have a clearer understanding of the tremendous changes being wrought not only in economics, but in the very nature of the world as we know it, as a result of the address given them Wednesday noon by Alvin D. Hersch, Detroit lawyer and law teacher.

If freedom of thought, action and belief are not to vanish from the earth, the individual citizen must think clearly in these days of great crisis and cataclysmic change. Mr. Hersch told his audience. He discussed the vast upheavals going on in almost every country of the globe, with delirious threatening the continuance of democracy everywhere.

Mr. Hersch pointed out that within the past few decades there has arisen "the questioning attitude," as compared with the complacent outlook on life of the average citizen until the turn of the century. Now the "questioning attitude" extends not only to economics and religion, but to the very government itself, he said. He did not condemn this "questioning attitude," but rather pointed out that progress must occur and it is desirable to make changes as indicated by altered conditions, rather than yielding to them only after long struggle.

However, the speaker emphasized, many if not most of these changes carry with them the possibility of a loss of the certainty of a breaking down of democratic freedom, and thus they must be examined with the utmost care by every citizen. Mr. Hersch, whose talk was nominated upon by some as "the best ever heard here," was the guest of Paul A. Pare, one of his former law pupils.

Viewpoints are varied upon the proposal made by Joseph Himmlersbach to the City Commission in regard to rebuilding the Town Hall into a possible Community Hall which would house the Township and City offices as well as furnish a recreation center for the people of the City and Township.

While all agree that there is an urgent need for a recreation center in Farmington and adequate headquarters for Township and City offices, opinion is divided as to whether it would be advisable to use the present Town Hall with reconstruction plans or to build a new building.

Himmlersbach suggested that the City, Township and the Masons, who have a 999-year lease on the site of the building, make a further effort to settle their interests, and all co-operate toward a Community Hall.

Some Approve
It was proposed that the organizations take advantage of the possible increase in W. P. A. projects and build two wings on the present building, raise the building and build a basement which would accommodate a gymnasium and dance floor.

Opinions Differ
Some residents have given their hearty approval to the plan outlined by Mr. Himmlersbach, but many others think that the present building is too old and has seen too much service to adequately fill the needs of a growing community. "alterations" have been contemplated.

The overflow crowd at the Evangelical Brotherhood Dance Tuesday evening again emphasized the fact that some recreation center is necessary.

A suggestion has been made that arches be built connecting the proposed new wings with the present dance floor so that the floor space could be enlarged when necessary.

Another group believes that the heart of the problem lies in the building of a new high school, which would have an adequate gymnasium and dance floor.

Revenue Basis
The Community Hall would be put on a commercial basis under a management plan and would be built to serve the needs of the Community. If the people thought bowling alleys and a swimming pool were advisable this would be done.

The establishment of an adequate library in the building to serve the needs of the residents of the Community has also been urged. The present library is open only Saturday afternoon and evening and consequently cannot serve the community to the best advantage. Many think it would be cheaper in the long run to pass over the idea of remodeling the present building and to build a new structure.

Meanwhile the suit to settle the dispute over the ownership of the present building is moving ahead. A meeting between a group representing the City Commission and the Masons, respectively, has been called by the lawyers representing the Township, to be held at Pontiac, February 25, to try to bring about a peaceful settlement.

Municipal Judge John J. Schulte is representing the City in this case and Paul Pare represents the Masonic Lodge. The law firm of Polton and McCree are handling the case for the Township.

Notes Sent to Parents About Mumps Scare

Robert Burns, Superintendent of Schools, and Robert Stewart, Grade School Principal, late Thursday, sent notes to parents whose children were believed to have been exposed to mumps. Five children were taken home from school Thursday morning, Stewart said, but it was believed no more children showed symptoms of the disease.

Mr. Burns said that one pupil came to school with the mumps about 10 days ago and exposed several other children. The parents of the child were not at fault because they had no way of knowing the child was infected.

Mr. Stewart pointed out that it is much better to keep a child out of school if he shows the least sign of being sick than it is to spread the disease. The officials believe that sending the five pupils home stopped further threats of exposure.

New Mail Route To Begin Mar. 1

Division of the new rural mail routes are announced this week by Postmaster Norman Lee of the City of Farmington. Beginning March 1, the rural areas will be served by three mail routes instead of two. The addition of the new route is expected to speed up service on the former routes and give additional people mail service from the Farmington post office.

The new number three route will include everything west of Truck Road, except Randall avenue, and south of Grand River. Truck Road is to be the dividing line on the rural routes although all lines will overlap to a certain degree.

The route number three will extend as far west as the North Walled Lake-Northville road and as far north as the 12 Mile Road. Mrs. Ethel Middleton, who for years has had one of the longest mail routes in the State, will carry the mail on this new route. On her former route, Mrs. Middleton served more than 1100 boxes. On her new route there are about 450 boxes.

Route number one will take care of the rural area north of Grand River. Route number two under the new setup will be east of Truck Road and south of Grand River. The route will go north on Farmington Road to 12 Mile Road and back to the Post Office by way of Drake Road.

Charles Bernheim, who has been substitute carrier, will be the temporary carrier for the new number two route. Mr. Bidwell will carry route number one.

The new service will make mail delivery on all rural routes much better. Some rural residents who have been getting their mail around dusk will be served at about 11 o'clock in the morning.

About 17 miles has been added to the rural mail service by the addition of the new route, and all routes will be somewhat shortened. Most of the residents on the new routes have been notified of their change of address. However Postmaster Lee said that they have not been able to notify many of the residents for various reasons. All however will be notified before the new addresses go into effect.

NAME SIX MAN ELECTION BOARDS IN PRIMARIES

Six persons instead of the customary five will serve on the election board during the Farmington Township Primary election March 7. The extra judge will explain the new secret ballot which will be in force for the first time. Members of the election boards announced Tuesday night at the Township Board meeting are:

Precinct 1—Mrs. Susie Sealey, Mrs. Little McIntyre, E. V. Blanchard, Jay Button, William Morris and Frank Steale.

Precinct 2—Willard Campbell, Louise Brown, Mitchell Durham, Charles Heise, Mrs. Frances Billings and Walter Hederlie.

The new ballot prevents the election board from knowing the party affiliation of a voter. A voter obtains two ballots from the election board, but uses only one, dropping the blank ballot into a second box. Under the old law the primary election voter asked for a particular party ballot, thus divulging his affiliation.

The law providing for the new ballot was passed at the last session of the State Legislature and made effective for the spring primary of Farmington Township and other townships in the County.

Candidates are to be chosen for the offices of Supervisor, Township Clerk, Township Treasurer, Highway Commissioner, Overseer of Highways, Justice of Peace (full term), members of the Board of Review and four Constables. Polls will be open from 7 a. m. E. S. T. to 5 p. m. E. S. T.

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish to Hold Party

A card party will be held by Our Lady of Sorrows parish in the basement of the new school, Grand River and Money avenues, Friday evening. The party will replace the bingo parties which have been previously held. The ladies of the parish have been holding their parties on Sunday evenings, but they will be held on Friday evening hereafter. Pedro, Bridge, 500 and Pinochle are played usually, but other card games will be played if necessary.

Farmington Escapes With Little Damage From Floods

Although Oakland County is in such a short period in many years. The electrical storm also did some damage in the Community. A prize ball on the Sorensen Farm was killed by lightning and an electric stove at the home of Mrs. E. A. Fink on Grand River avenue was damaged when it was struck by lightning Saturday night.

Residents in the Oakland Hills Orchard near 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road report that flood damage has been a little worse there than in other sections because of inadequate sewer facilities. A petition for a sewer has been circulated in the district.

No delay in mail service either in the City or the rural area has been caused by the recent storm according to Postmaster Norman Lee. The roads have drained well enough to allow good travel.

In areas surrounding Farmington however there has been some flood damage reported. Because Farmington is situated on a little higher area than most of the County the damage has not been local.

Where basements are filled with water, home owners were given the following instructions which proved successful in the aftermath of other floods. As the water recedes, clean off walls before mud and silt become hard. Wash down walls, floors, pumps and other apparatus with a solution of Chloride of lime and water. Chloride of lime is obtainable from any grocery store. Canoeing fruit which has been submerged may be used safely after the cans have been washed in hot soap suds.

State and Local Health Departments will give information in regard to chlorination of polluted wells.

FRED SKINNER SERIOUSLY INJURED IN ACCIDENT
Fred Skinner of 13 Mile Road and Haggerty highway is in a very serious condition as a result of being seriously injured while driving home from Milford Wednesday evening. His car left the road on Milford and Wilcox Road crashing into a tree. Fortunately a motorist was driving a short distance behind Mr. Skinner and rushed him to General Hospital in Pontiac, where he was found to have several broken ribs and his leg fractured in several places.

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The hall was decorated so successfully that the decorations will remain until the next event. The hall will be locked in the meantime.

George Nacker, general chairman, said he was grateful to those who helped make the dance successful.

A party of thirty friends surprised Mrs. Gust Pappas in celebration of her sixty-sixth birthday anniversary, last Tuesday evening, when they held a dinner in her honor at the Victory Restaurant. The dinner came as a complete surprise to Mrs. Pappas, who was out for the first time after being ill with influenza.

Arthur Coe, Supervisor of the Township Board, arrived at the Salem Evangelical Church Tuesday night in time to get his car smashed. Mr. Coe left the Township Board meeting shortly before 12:30 Wednesday morning and parked in front of the Atlantic and Michigan Hotel. A few minutes after he entered the Town Hall a man, who later said he witnessed the accident, went to the hall and announced a license number, saying that a truck had run into the car bearing that number. The left rear fender of Mr. Coe's car was badly dented, the tail light and the back bumper were smashed and the back of the body was slightly damaged.

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Farmington Gathering-Place For State, County Democrats

Headed the list of speakers booked some time ago to come to Farmington for the gathering Thursday night is Draper Allen, director of the sales tax administration, who as the party's nominee for Congress from this district in 1936, came within a few hundred votes of victory and is expected to be in the field again next autumn. Other officials who some time ago signified their intention of coming to Farmington included George T. Gundry, State Auditor-General, members of the staff of the Precincting Attorney Franklin Morris, Charles P. Webster, in charge of State Highway Department work at Pontiac, Probate Judge James H. Lynch and others.

Officials of the Democratic Club reported a demand for tickets that surprised them and exceeded their expectations.

Although scheduled as the year's principal rally for Democrats of all the southwest part of Oakland County, the Farmington dinner was also planned as an opening of the campaign for Farmington Township officials on behalf of the state of party candidates completed this week.

Candidates Named For Primaries

Two party associates in campaigns of former years will oppose each other for the Republican nomination for treasurer of Farmington Township at the Primary on March 7. Two other citizens of the Township who have also been running-mates in other years will be competitors for the office of Justice of the Peace.

No contests exist for nominations on the Democratic ticket, for which a full slate has been filed, and there is competition for but one other place on the Republican list.

Mrs. Loretta F. Cox, treasurer of the Township for a number of years, will be opposed by Highway Commissioner Clayton Goers for the Republican nomination for treasurer. This is regarded as likely to prove one of the most interesting Township contests in some time.

Former Running Mates
Through a number of years the two candidates have appeared together on the Republican ticket, along with other party candidates, and have co-operated with each other and the rest of the ticket in the election campaigns.

In the two other contests for Republican nominations, Clerk Harry McCracken will be opposed by Hubert Earle, as last year, and Justice Ward Eagle will have an opponent for the nomination for Justice of the Peace, William La Forge.

Supervisor Arthur P. Coe is without opposition for the nomination. Heading the Democratic ticket is Harvey Perry, who will oppose Supervisor Coe at the April election.

Charles A. Bardwell is the only Democrat to file a petition for the office of Township Clerk. Ward C. Smith is seeking the nomination for the treasurer's position on the Democratic ticket. She is also unopposed.

Floyd D. Hallock, is seeking the nomination for Justice of Peace. But Albert H. Koss seeks the nomination for the Board of Review membership. Both are Democrats. Don D. Button is the only Republican seeking nomination for the Board.

Louis A. Hensch is the Republican's only candidate for the office of Constable and Leo Vodyko is unopposed on the Democratic ticket for the same office.

There were no Democratic petitions filed in Livonia Township, Wayne County, although all except two offices have more than one candidate on the Republican ticket.

Justice Ziegler and John T. Howell are seeking the nomination as Supervisor of Livonia Township. Harry S. Wolfe and John N. Campbell seek the Clerk nomination.

Arthur Trapp and Calvin L. Roberts have filed petitions for nomination for Justice of Peace. Charles S. Wolfrom is unopposed as Highway Commissioner. Miles Helm and Homer K. Baddinger seek the nomination for full term as Justice of Peace. Thomas H. Beach and Charles E. Smith seek the term nomination for Justice of Peace.

Albert Nacker is unopposed for the nomination for Membership on the Board of Review. Six candidates seek the Constable nomination. They include John Whitehead, Charles Canfield, Edward Howard, Ray Owens, Emmett E. Shaffer, and John Hubensmith.

All incumbents in Novi Township are seeking re-nomination except Frank Dunderberg, a member of the Board of Review. His position is sought only by Alice Christiansen.

The present officers in Novi Township include: Frank Clark, Supervisor; Charles E. Earl, Justice; George Simmons, Treasurer; William Mairs, Highway Commissioner; La Rue Bogart, Edward Yerkes, Bernard Kilton and Albert L. Hill, Justices.

Township to Get New Fire Truck

The Township Board is making plans to replace the township fire truck. The discussion now is only in the preliminary stage. The Board discussed the question briefly at the regular meeting Tuesday night, but reached no conclusion. The members of the present truck was too old for efficient use. A representative of a fire hose company was present and displayed several samples of hose.