

Township To Seek WPA Projects

Farmington Township Board members at their regular Tuesday evening meeting authorized the Supervisor and Township Clerk to take initial steps preparatory to the submission of proposed WPA or PWA projects. The principal project under consideration was the proposed Township Hall.

Ed Harding, speaker for the township, presented proposals for discussion and action by the board. About 50 township residents attended the meeting.

It was moved that the "Township Hall" be located on Superior and the Township Clerk to take all the necessary steps to locate a building site, engage the services of an architect, to set up plans and specifications for a new Township Hall in the Township of Farmington and that the costs of the site and building be determined, the same to be set up in a WPA or PWA project, so called, and that when the same is complete return to the Township Board for complete action.

To Hire Appraisers
The board also passed a resolution that two competent real estate appraisers be hired to appraise the present Township property.

An unofficial estimate of the possible price for an adequate township hall is \$5,600 for materials it was disclosed at the meeting. A 60 foot by 80 foot concrete block building, with pressed brick front, a store window and two floors high, were the basis for those figures it was stated.

Two other projects to be submitted for WPA consideration included a complete drainage and ditching system.

Resolutions to fully insure the new township fire truck and equipment and partial coverage on the township truck were passed. The fire truck has not arrived, but the board expects its arrival shortly. Also at the meeting it was moved that an additional \$25 dollars be used as the township's share in the reorganizing of the Library.

DETROIT CIVIC CENTER ERECTION SEEMS CERTAIN

The plan to erect a Civic Center in Detroit appears closer than ever to realization with the endorsement of the project recently by Senator Prentiss M. Brown.

Senator Brown said: "For many years I have been interested in the comparison between Detroit's waterfront and that of other cities on the Great Lakes. Chicago and Cleveland have greatly improved their lake fronts and Milwaukee has to some extent done the same. The Detroit River is one of the most beautiful rivers in America, but certainly man has not improved it. The City possesses in Belle Isle one of the greatest parks in the world, but the City's front door, the foot of Woodward avenue, has long been an eyesore.

"Lake fronts and river fronts have always had an attraction for me. I seldom visit the City of Detroit without taking the time to go down to the river at the foot of Woodward avenue. Long ago I hoped that proposals to improve this area would bear results. In my judgment the time has now come when it can be done."

"Now that it is probable that we will indulge in a spending for the purpose, first, of taking up the slack in employment and, second, for the construction of permanent beneficial public works, I think that not only the citizens of Detroit and Wayne County but the citizens of the entire State should get busy and improve the river front of the metropolis of Michigan."

Northville Riding Club Sponsors Horse Show

Members of the Northville Riding and Hunt Club will hold a two day horse show this week end, which the general public is invited. Seventy-five to 100 horses will be judged.

The Northville Riding and Hunt Club is located on Stevens Mile Road, between Haggerty Highway and Newburg Road. Starting time for the show on both days is one o'clock.

Admission will include horses from Michigan State College, Northville, Rochester, Detroit, Grosse Pointe, Birmingham and Ann Arbor.

Keith Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Johnson, has been very ill at his home this week.

Graduate Nurse



Miss Marvella C. Auten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Auten of 33435 Shawwassee, was one of 83 graduates to receive a diploma from the Grace Hospital Training School of Nursing, Detroit, on May 12. Commencement exercises were held in the First Congregational church of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten and children attended the ceremonies and the reception that followed the exercises.

Marvella was a member of the 1933 graduating class of Farmington High School.

Legion To Hold Memorial Rites

America's War dead will be paid their annual tribute by the Farmington residents on Decoration Day, May 30, when members of the Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion will hold their Memorial services at Oakwood Cemetery.

On the morning of Memorial Day members of the Legion and others who will be asked to participate in the services will gather at the Legion headquarters at 6 o'clock. The parade will start at that point and march down Grand River to the cemetery in the west end of Farmington.

Marchers will be paced by a band and by a bugle corps. Archie G. Leonard, of Farmington, will deliver the memorial address.

W. C. T. U. To Hold Ida Steele Memorial Service

Miss Helen Hight, 23915 Wilmarth, will be host to members of the W. C. T. U. Christian Temperance Union at their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 24.

Devotional exercises will be led by Mrs. McDonald. The subject of discussion will be, "The Destructive Influence of Alcohol upon the Environment of the Child."

A short Memorial Service for Miss Ida Steele will be held at Oakwood Cemetery immediately following the meeting at four o'clock. Any friends of the Union are invited to join in the service.

Fire Destroys Johnston Chicken Brooder

Firemen responded to two calls this week, one of them a false alarm.

Fire broke out in a chicken brooder at the Frank W. Johnston residence, Shawwassee and Middle Belt Roads, at 2:30 Monday afternoon, and was quickly quelled by the consuming flames. Besides the loss of the brooder more than 100 chickens were killed.

Damage was estimated at \$5 dollars by Johnston. He carried no insurance, he said. Origin of the fire has not been determined.

The shrill, piercing blast of the fire siren awakening many of the sleepers in the neighborhood in several blocks of the fire house Saturday morning at 5 o'clock. Firemen, who responded to the call discovered there was no fire. In the darkness of the night the button that sets off the alarm was pressed in place of the light button.

NOTICE

The Commissioners of the City of Farmington will hold a public hearing on "The Annual City Budget" Monday evening, June 6, 1938 at 8 p. m. in the City Hall.

The Mayor requests citizens and taxpayers to be present to offer any suggestions in regard to the various items.

H. W. Moore, City Clerk.

Edgar Guest To Speak Here June 6

Exchange Club members will hear two distinguished speakers from diversified fields during the first week in June, when poet Edgar A. Guest and Jay C. Newman, special agent of the Detroit office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice will appear on separate programs.

Edgar A. Guest, popular poet, will appear on the evening of June 6. Newman will address the group at the first meeting.

Due to Guest's regular Wednesday broadcast from Chicago the June 8 meeting date was changed to the sixth. Confirmation of the date was received Wednesday by Arthur Boyer, who is in charge of the program arrangements.

Student Groups
For the special Guest appearance the Exchange Club members decided to make June 5 Ladies Night. A dinner meeting will take the place of the regular noon luncheon.

High school seniors and juniors will be invited as guests of the club on June 1 to hear Newman speak on "Modern Crime Prevention." The F. B. I. agent will include in his lecture details of the solving of the Grand Rapids and Mayville bank robberies.

"Rhythm Band" will furnish the entertainment for the next regular meeting, Wednesday, May 25.

FEDERAL JUDGE ISSUES LONGEST TERM SENTENCE

When Judge Edward J. Moines Saturday sentenced two men, one of them from Farmington, convicted of bank robbing and kidnaping, each to 65 years in hard labor in a federal prison. It was the longest terms in years ever meted out in a Michigan federal court.

John Simunov, of Farmington, and Homer C. Price, of Lansing, on April 29 were convicted by a jury of robbing the Metropolitan State Savings Bank of \$2,892 and kidnaping Cashier Fred Donner early last January. Simunov is in his 30's and Price, a factory worker in his early 40's.

After receiving Judge Moines' long term sentence the pair Saturday afternoon were taken to a Federal Prison at Milan, before being transferred to prison. They were arrested last Friday.

Identified by Donner
The 65 year sentence was made as follows: 40 years in prison for the bank robbery and an additional 25 years for the kidnaping. Fred Donner, 48, the cashier, who identified the two men, last January was forced to open the Metropolitan State Savings Bank vault, from which the \$2,892 was taken, and to get into the auto with them. He was driven to Pontiac, where, unharmed, he was released.

Judge Moines upbraid the duo for their records. Price has been arrested more than two score times.

ANNUAL NINE DAY CIRCUS TO BEGIN ON MAY 28

Circus Days! Magnetic are those words, for youthful minds love the pageantry and hilarity associated with it.

Farmington's annual circus festival will be sponsored by Our Lady of Sorrows Parish and will be held on the parish school grounds from May 23 to June 5. Members are cooperating to assure circus patrons who are not members of the parish will be pleased by the organization.

Arrangements have not been completed, but spectacular entertainment is promised. Boxing and amateur shows are now complete. It is expected that the parish hopes will please participants and spectators.

Rides for thrills and laughter will be offered. The merry-go-round and ferris wheel will run their revolutions to the delight of young and old, committee members promise.

The chicken dinner and Children's Day are two special features of the nine day festival. Beginning the weeks before the circus, June 4 has been designated as Children's Day, when children will compete among each other in various contests. The chicken dinner will be served out on Sunday and Monday, May 29 and 30.

Legion Auxiliary To Sell Poppies Friday and Saturday

Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21, are the official Farmington Poppies Days. On these two days members of the American Legion Auxiliary of the Groves Walker Post No. 346 will ask each Farmington resident to remember the "boys who fought over there" and to buy a poppy.

Soldiers saw poppies grow wild on the fields of Flanders in 1918. In memory of their "buddies" who died fighting for their country, many of the disabled veterans each year make and sell the symbolic red poppies.

Auxiliary members have been active this year to insure a successful campaign. The money raised will be used primarily to aid them in their welfare work.

They have sponsored a "Poppy poster contest" among the Farmington school children, they have set up a special attractive window display, and during the two Poppy Days they hope to canvass the city and neighboring countryside. To stimulate the gathering of collections the poppy saleswomen are divided into two camps.

Mrs. Mattie DeVriendt and Mrs. Helen Elendorf will captain the two teams. The losing group will take the victors at a dinner at their next meeting.

Many attractive posters were entered by school children in the contest. Some of them captured the thought exceptionally well, and expressed it in vivid fashion.

First prize in the high school division was awarded to Thaddeus Brykalski, a senior. William Kargeta and Russell Rozenboom, two sophomores, were awarded second and third prizes, respectively. John Redson was given honorable mention.

In the seventh to ninth grade group Dorothy Goers, an eighth grader, and Clotildis Moran and Susan Slocum, two seventh graders, were the winners in that order.

Jeanne Pover, a fifth grader, Nellie Poir, a sixth grade pupil and Richard Fournier, a fifth grader, won prizes for fifth and sixth graders. Honorable mention was awarded to Mary Jane Smith and Betty Chisholm.

The winners were named last Friday by Mrs. Lulu Loomis, Miss Helen Hird, and Mrs. William Irish, the judges.

125 Attend Woman's Aid Second Annual Banquet

The second annual Mother-Daughter banquet, sponsored by the Woman's Aid of Hope Chapel at West Point Community Hall last Friday night was attended by 125. Members of the Brotherhood, assisted by church members, cooked and served the meal.

Mrs. William Foster led the community singing. Mrs. Robert Ford, clerk, who was presented with a beautiful air bouquet of roses, snap dragons and carnations, was the speaker for the evening. There were songs by the quartet and solos by Mrs. Tamm.

Potted plants were presented to the oldest mother, youngest mother and the mother of the largest family. Small bouquets were given Mrs. Auli, Mrs. Heichman and Mrs. C. Wolfe.

Famous mothers were portrayed by the following members: Mrs. William Horie, Pioneer Mother of America; Mrs. W. Foster, Whistler's Mother; Mrs. Dallas, mythical Mother; Mrs. Tamm, World War Mother (Madame Schumann-Heineck); and Carol Dallas, the future mother.

Tributes were paid to foreign mothers on Finland, Ireland by Mrs. Spicer; Scotland by Mrs. Martin; France by Mrs. Benoit; Germany by Mrs. Parrish; Holland by Mrs. Stuart; England by Mrs. Veria and America by Mrs. Clark.

Redford Furniture Co. Opening To Be Friday

Redford Furniture Company announces a grand opening on Friday and Saturday of this week, with flowers awaiting the ladies and cigars for the men who call at the store. A gift is also making for each customer making a purchase.

Governor Murphy To Attend Scout Camporee June 10

Governor Frank Murphy will attend the Boy Scout Camporee in Farmington on Friday, June 10, according to word received from members of the Scout Executive Norman Hill in a long distance telephone conversation with Camporee Committeeman Joe Himmelpesch Wednesday confirmed the June 10 date and added that the Governor would be enthusiastic to see the Camporee and promised to be in Farmington from 5 to 5:30 p. m. on that date.

Development and display of boy initiative will be the keynote of the June 10 to 12 Camporee according to committee members who are planning the final phases of the program. Complete instructions will be given the whole committee at their meeting next Tuesday, May 24, at 7:30 p. m.

"The whole Camporee program is set up on the basis of boy initiative," says General Chairman John W. Hunt. "The executives are simple there to control the boys and to judge their initiative according to points."

Room For 1,000
Steps in the initiative display have been taken. Warner Field, an acre parcel on the corner of Grand and Grand River roads, has been mapped out to provide 40 foot square plots, making room for 1,000 scouts. One patrol of eight boys is to be assigned to each lot.

Members are to parade on their own initiative, but each scout is expected to erect his own shelter, cook his own meals and perform his own scout activities without the aid of the scoutmaster. Points will be awarded on the basis of originality. Scoutmasters and high executives will have a corner of the field for themselves.

No confirmation date has been received from University of Michigan Athletic Director Fielding H. Yost or Coach Fritz Critzer, the committee reports.

Arrangements are being made for a band concert for the night of June 10 and 11. A feature exhibit will be the Scoutcraft and Handicraft work by the Crippled Children's Hospital Troop, who rank in the Oakland County scouting activities.

Farmington Members Attend O. E. S. Meeting

A group of Farmington members attended the spring meeting of the Oakland County Association of O. E. S. at the Birmingham Community House Wednesday.

Those in attendance from the Farmington organization were John H. Thayer, Mesdames Ida Worsfold, Florence Ramsey, Gertrude Webster, Gladys Burham, Mae West, Grace Himmelpesch, Mrs. Rose Grace Rainey, Lena Oldham and Miss Margaret Webster. Mrs. Ramsey assisted in conferring the degrees of the Order and Mesdames West and Webster in the initiation of the new members.

Grace L. Caterfield, of Flint, the Worthy Grand Matron, gave an address. Dinner was served at the Baptist church.

New York World Fair Snail Preview In Farmington

Tree snail collections that will be viewed by 1939 New York World Fair spectators will be displayed in Farmington this week at the Hardware store. Hardware store collector Clarence Aldrich, Farmington nurseryman, who has hunted, traded and bought tree snails during the past three years will show his treasures on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 20 to 22.

Aldrich has in his possession thousands of beautiful and rare specimens of tree snails, but he will limit his stock and display to 40 different species. These range in color from pure white to jet black. Some are plain, some are striped and some speckled.

Snail collecting is a hobby with the Farmington nurseryman, and it is almost becoming an obsession with him he claims. Like all hobbies a definite value cannot be set on the shells. In the collector's market individual shells will sell for from one cent to three dollars, and the set to \$300.

A visit to Aldrich's small office will be a revelation, and the nurseryman welcomes the curiosity of any visitor except on Friday. The store is under management of his son, Leonard T. Lewis, widely-known Pontiac merchant, and S. A. Robinson of Detroit.



GOVERNOR FRANK MURPHY

School Recovers Stolen Goods

Arrested on a charge of breaking into and entering the Clarenceville High School on the morning of May 9 two youths are in the County Jail awaiting sentence.

Joseph O'Rourke, 26, and Knox Robbins, 18, both of Detroit, when arraigned in Circuit Court Monday pleaded guilty. Sentence was deferred a week. Previously the two valued examination before Judge John J. Schulte.

Superintendent M. J. Beiser, of the Clarenceville school, reported that three typewriters had not been located as yet. His personal property, including a gift onyx Parker pen and pencil set, 11 typewriters, the adding machine, and some of the smaller items have been returned to the school. Damage to the machines is negligible, and only minor repairs were necessary. Beiser reported.

Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt and the state highway police collaborated in the apprehending of O'Rourke and Robbins. An accident in Monroe in which a car driven by O'Rourke was involved led to the arrest of the pair.

Detroit Physician Addresses Woman's Club

Dr. Russell N. Wright, Detroit physician, addressed the Farmington Woman's Club on "Keeping Healthy" at their bi-monthly meeting Wednesday. Mrs. Bertha Steele of Eleven Mile Road was the hostess.

Mrs. Laura Hottoway reviewed the final chapters of "Middletown" the book which the club discussed this year. Mrs. William Irish delivered the annual memorial address.

Plans for the June 1 annual "President's Day" at the Dearborn Inn are nearing completion. Mrs. Florence Healey is chairman of the ticket committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis of Redford were Tuesday afternoon callers at the home of Clyde and Mrs. Adams.

Special Vote To Be Held Monday

Whether or not the sale of hard liquor by the glass will be permitted within the Farmington city limits after May 1, 1938, is to be decided by the voters who will go to the polls on Monday, May 23. Registration ends Saturday, May 21.

Polls will be open in the Town Hall from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. Election board members are Arthur Power, Carl Goers, Mrs. Thomas McGehe, Mrs. Anna Brown, and City Clerk Harry Moore.

All registered voters of the city of Farmington are eligible to vote. People who desire to vote and who have not registered as yet have until Saturday to do so.

Registration Hours
City Clerk Harry Moore is in charge of registration. He will be in his office in the Farmington State Bank on both days from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. and on Saturday at his home at 23732 Grand River from 8 a. m. to 9 a. m. and from 3 p. m. until 5 p. m.

The voters' decision will settle the issue for four years. Sale of liquor by the glass was brought before the present issue. Selling of beer and hard liquor by the bottle will not be affected.

Call of the special election was the result of a petition bearing 140 signatures, which was brought before the City Commission on April 5. According to the law the calling of the election is mandatory upon the city clerk, because more than 20 per cent of the number who voted for secretary of state at the last general election signed the petition.

STATE GROUP PROPOSES PHONE ZONING SYSTEM

A hearing on a proposed toll zoning system which will save Farmington subscribers an estimated \$2,150 a year if acted upon, will be held in Lansing on May 25. The proposal was made by the Michigan Public Utilities Commission on April 29.

According to the setup now in use the toll rates for suburban subscribers are determined by the air-line distance to the main post office location in Detroit. Instead of basing rates from 28 exchanges listed in suburban Detroit, the Michigan Public Utilities Commission suggests that a zone rate based on the average distance from the various central offices be employed. There are 21 central offices listed.

Notices Mailed
Notices of the hearing were mailed last week to 450 city and village clerks, organizations and individuals having filed complaints on existing rates and chief executives of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

Whether or not there would be a saving of \$2,150 to Farmington subscribers would depend on the traffic volume. Similar benefits would be in store for subscribers within the 30 mile radius of Detroit.

Approximately \$95,750 dollars would be saved by subscribers in this area the Commission estimates. Of this \$57,030 would be saved by suburban subscribers, \$38,740 by the Detroit subscribers.

Garden Club Members To Give Dessert Bridge

Members of the Farmington Garden Club and their friends will meet on Friday, May 20, at a Dessert Bridge. The affair will be held at the Ridge View Tea Room on Shawwassee from one to five.

A wishing well flower arrangement will be the feature prize. Tickets are being sold by members.

DR. NORTON TO ATTEND NATIONAL CONVENTION

Dr. Joseph Norton, Farmington physician and surgeon, received word this week that he has been selected as a delegate to the National convention of the American Osteopathic Association. The meeting will be held in Cincinnati during the week of July 10. There will be no other delegates from the state of Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Goude of Linbrest, New Jersey, and Mrs. Taylor of Salem spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Adams.

Mrs. Bertha Steele was hostess to the Woman's Club, Wednesday.

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