

The Farmington Enterprise

Town Hall Proposition Made To City

The City of Farmington's reaction to the proposition made this week by the Farmington Township that the City buy the Township's share of the Town Hall, is a matter of conjecture.

A letter stating the resolution adopted at a special Township Board meeting Monday night was received Thursday morning by Clerk Harry Moore. Mayor Howard Warner, who was out of town, could not be reached for a statement. Township officials declined to discuss the matter.

Monday's special Township meeting was called because the appraisal was completed. Reports by Holden and Reame, Inc., of Detroit, appraisers, were read.

Before any definite action can be taken a vote of the people would be required, one official stated.

Township Board members went on record at their June meeting in favor of hiring the Township Revenue Unit to make the appraisal. This firm is governed by the Detroit Realty Board. They estimated that their fees would be approximately \$100.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND MEMBERS TO GET CONCERT VACATION

A vacation is in store for the faithful high school students who have been attending regularly band rehearsals and concerts since school closed in mid-June. The first summer program, featuring old time favorites, being played Thursday night concludes the concert season.

Director Alvin Donner is giving the youthful musicians a well earned rest. Early in the afternoon they will again start rehearsing for the school term. They will also practice marching in preparation for the on-rushing football season.

Marihuana Is On Display At Booth

Included in this week's personal column should be an item concerning the new clothes sported by the City Police Booth. Busy workmen have presented the building's exterior with a glistening new white coat.

Brush maneuvers have also been going on within the office, which promises to remove the drabness in favor of brightness. The walls and ceiling are being painted white and the woodwork will be varnished.

Another personal title should be given about John Law, with which not so many people are acquainted. THE POLICE BOOTH IS A BOTANICAL MUSEUM.

Framed Exhibit
Housed in the Law's headquarters is a framed exhibit of the dread weed, Marihuana. Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt invites inspection of the display.

The Deputy has arranged his exhibit so that the spectator can be acquainted with the Marihuana seed, leaf and stem. To satisfy the curiosity of the visitor DeVriendt will tell him in true botanical profession style that Marihuana is also known as Cannabis, Indian Hemp, and Loco Weed. He will relate how botanists have come to the conclusion that the outlaw weed was given its start in this state in all probability through the medium of the canary seed, which contains Indian Hemp. To quiet their curiosity he will state that the exhibited weed is not found in this immediate vicinity, but near New Hudson.

Officer DeVriendt said he received various calls during the past weeks from citizens who were convinced they had discovered the narcotic weed. Checking these calls he says he invariably finds the weed is not Marihuana.

Every citizen should be acquainted with the drug weed which thrives in Michigan's climate, the majority believe. When people are familiar with the sight of the real weed, they are not so apt to make unnecessary reports.

"Invite the people to see the Marihuana weed," DeVriendt said. "After they know what it looks like, they will know what weed to report."

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Froot and family of Karl avenue are visiting relatives in Canada and Boston, Massachusetts.

Accident—Fire Victim Vanishes

Who is the principal character in the accident-fire drama which took place on Farmington Road and the Cut-Off Wednesday night at 10 o'clock? Firemen, police and spectators are wondering.

An outline of the case can be summed up briefly. A man driving a truck struck a telegraph pole, the truck burst into flames, a passing motorist rescued the driver, Farmington firemen put out the blaze, and the man disappeared.

Where did the driver go? What is his name? How did the accident occur? Was he alone, or was someone else riding with him? These are the questions that cannot be answered by the 50 year old, close cropped stranger who was dressed in work clothes.

No Witnesses
Apparently no one saw the accident occur. A motorist who was driving south on Farmington Road, and who gave his name as Howard Dor, of 27624 Long Road, Redford, arrived at the Cut-Off and saw the accident delivery truck blazing at the moment it struck the telegraph pole on the Southeast corner. Rushing to the scene he pulled the driver out of the flames which surrounded him.

When the stunned stranger opened his eyes he uttered something that led Dor to believe there was another passenger. The Redford rescuer, and others who had gathered by this time, set the truck on fire, but no traces of another man were found.

Firemen responded to an alarm which was turned in at about 10:15. In a short time the blaze, which could be seen a long distance from the street, had consumed 100 spectators were attracted by the flames and alarm.

Deep Gash
The stranger received a cut on his left cheek and a deep gash over his left ear, where broken glass from the windshield evidently struck him. He refused to have firemen take him to a doctor. As he walked around apparently stunned he worried about his driver's fate. The candidate of his truck after placing a box of tools inside.

His answers to questions were vague. He stated, however, that he was on his way to visit his daughter in Detroit. A spectator claimed to have seen him earlier in the day at Strawberry Lake, near Brighton.

As spectators and firemen milled around the stranger was lost in the crowd. Firemen searched a nearby cornfield, but he had disappeared. Thinking that perhaps some motorist had taken him to the Redford Receiving Hospital police telephoned there an hour later. The accident victim had not been admitted, hospital authorities advised.

The truck carried a half-year license plate bearing the number 77725. A checkup with police records showed that the license had been issued to a Margaret Nygaard, of Route 3, Howell, for a Ford delivery truck.

Spanish War Is In Franco's Hands Father Larkin Told

Memories of his religious and educational work will long remain with Father John J. Larkin, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church. When he has found time to assemble a group of young men to attend lectures on what he has seen and heard.

Summary Rev. Larkin reflects, "The Eucharistic Congress was spiritually magnificent." A sense of depression was in most of Europe, and "The Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor was a welcome sight of relief."

Sailing from New York on the Italian liner, Volcania, at midnight on May 7 with 200 other pilgrims including Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia, and Father Gillis, Catholic University Radio Orator, the first portion of the voyage was uneventful save for the appearance of Almeria, and traveling to the Azores, which was considerably south of its general course.

Press Wrong
The group arrived May 14 at Almeria, where the Spanish Civil War first began, and inquiries conducted there that reports of the American Press were anything but truthful. Christians were persecuted, a reliable source told them, and Franco was fighting for their rights. The veteran observer predicted that the war would end in early Winter, and that already the War was in Franco's hands.

Rome was the chief port of religious call before Budapest. The pilgrims reached there after leaving Almeria, and traveling to Algiers, Africa, Palermo, Sicily, and Naples, Italy.

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REV. JOHN J. LARKIN

62 Per Cent City Taxes Collected

No penalty will be placed on residents who may pay their city taxes in August. City Commissioners made that motion Monday night, but they reminded local citizens that the 4 per cent penalty will be exact starting September 1.

City Treasurer George C. Gildemeister reported to the Commission that as of July 31 of this year \$10,788.11 had been collected. The total roll for 1938 is \$20,562.53. This means that 52.4 per cent of the levy had been collected to that date.

The present July collection showed an increase of 23.4 per cent over July of 1937, according to the Treasurer. Last year's books showed that \$5,759.91 had been collected as of July 31, 1937. The levy for that year was \$19,769.52.

Collections, including all taxes for July of this year amounted to \$13,756.02. During the first eight days of business of August of this year, city tax collections totaled \$13,756.02. This brings the total 1938 collection to \$13,756.10, or 62 per cent of the total levy.

Heaviest collections last year came in August when \$9,061.17 or 75.1 per cent of the total, had been collected.

LIGHTNING BOLT HITS RADIO WIRE DURING STORM

The ground is still well soaked from the intermittent rains which fell during the middle of the week, although heat lightning flashed during parts of the storm last night.

One daring bolt of lightning which cracked across the sky at approximately 11 o'clock Wednesday morning threw a scare into some local residents. One man who reported to have dropped a harness from momentary fright, and another resident saw sparks flash as the bolt severed his radio antenna.

William Voss, who was with his wife at the home at the corner of Farmington and Orchard Roads reported he was sitting in his living room when he saw flashes outside his house. Believing that his house might have been struck, he made a dash for the rooms upstairs. Finding no such signs he went outdoors and saw his aerial wire, which was stretched from a pole on the garage to his house, had been split by lightning.

Edison and City officials reported that only slight damage had been done to trees and wires.

Camp-High Oakers Schedule Puppet Show

Camp High Oak attendees will make puppets at their next meeting in preparation for their play in the near future, which will mark the season's end. Each group selected the story which they want to portray, and the individual members will make the various characters.

The following girls completed their animal study at this week's gathering: Shirley Joen Rousseaux, Kathleen Roberts, Mary Jo Gale and Isabelle Davis. Several of the girls gathered, across, fastened screw eyes in the stems, strung them on cord, and sheathed them. The following will use the acorns for buttons: Pearl Kroecker, Mary Jo Gale, Glenn McIntyre, Isabelle Davis, Kathleen Roberts, Marjorie Barlow, Shirley Joen Rousseaux, Patricia Cale, and Dorothy Paschke.

Joanna Pomeroy, Mary Hester and Christine Blakely made charm bracelets from their acorns.

Who Let In The Bat? It's Season's Leading Mystery

Farmington's number one mystery of the season remains unsolved. People are curiously awaiting the answer to "who let the bat in?" No confessions have been recorded.

Although the villain is still at large the ugly bat is in a state of decomposition. He wasn't a baby either. Veteran bat observers, in fact, called Farmington's bat the grandmaster of all bats. He had a wing spread of 15 inches.

Culprit Laughs
The hunted culprit is laughing up his polo shirt, no doubt, but should he sport enough to sneak into this little blonde boy's mother? A rabies injection would have been required.

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Members of the Ladies Aid of the Loony Corner community will hold corn roast Friday, August 19. Guests of honor will be the newly elected officers, chosen at the last meeting. Mrs. Robert Fredericks will serve the second presiding. Mrs. Helen Dixon is secretary; Mrs. Hermie Benoit, vice-president; and Mrs. Linda Thomas, treasurer.

Nina Jean Cathman will spend the week end with her aunt, Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt.

Finished fashion, and children were rushed into another room. A call through the window brought aid. The bat was chased, but would not be conquered.

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Commission Makes Plans For Sewerage

Whether or not Farmington will construct a sewerage treatment plant hinges on several factors it was revealed at the Monday night City Commission meeting.

Engineer Bruce Buchanan is now working on plans to be submitted to PWA officials. If the allocation is granted a special election will be held to determine whether citizens favor general obligation bonds. Then if the City approves actual operations must begin before January 1.

A complete treatment plant would cost approximately \$30,000. It has been estimated. Of this share the Federal Government would make a \$14,000 grant, and the cost to the City would be \$16,000. The deadline for filing all construction plans is September 30.

Under the PWA setup the City would have to let a construction contract. The City would also have to adopt a minimum wage scale, which would have to meet PWA approval.

Construction Engineer Buchanan informed the Commission that he had submitted a bridge plan for WPA consideration. The estimated cost is \$28,915.84. The bridge would be constructed on Shwassee street, and the road would be surfaced, graded and widened from Power avenue to the top of the hill. This would necessitate taking out the sharp curves. The bridge itself would be of concrete and steel construction, and abutment would be built above the top of the road. A guard rail would be installed.

The plan calls for 80 men, including the Superintendent. It would cost approximately five months to complete. Plans were filed two weeks ago.

Contributions from the Federal Government would total \$24,558.84, including \$22,557 for labor, and \$2,001.84 for materials and equipment. The city share would amount to \$13,273.99, including a special fund of \$700 for the Supervisor, \$1,963.50 for materials and labor, and \$1,410.50 for equipment rental and \$50 for miscellaneous items.

Property Lines Cause Concern

Various property owners are showing concern over the lines. Some of these appeared before the City Commission Monday night in an effort to have their affairs untangled, but in most cases legal procedure will probably be necessary.

A group of interested parties, with Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Farrand leading the discussion, told of their dissatisfaction with the 1935 McAlpine survey of the property on the north side of Grand River between Farmington Road and Yamer street. According to the citizens, this survey, compared to an older survey, shows a property line shift of two feet.

Mrs. Imogene Biebing petitioned to have a strip of property, known as Orchard Lake Boulevard, east of the farm owned by Mrs. Addis M. Ely, her mother, vacated, to clear up the boundary line.

Third Dispute
H. Reed Webster was the third of the group to speak before the Commission, concerning a boundary dispute.

Glenn Lelaud presented his audit report and recommended several changes. The books are in good shape, he said.

H. F. Brennan asked for a donation for prizes and permission to hold a three-day baseball tournament during the Gala Day program. It was recommended that he confer with Legion officials.

Lt. Spensen of the Metropolitan Secret Service suggested that Farmington have a city policeman. The matter was not acted on.

Having Summer Menu Trouble? See Ferrier

"These are the days when housewives rack their brains with the question, 'What shall we eat?'" says local A. & P. Manager M. K. Ferrier. "They do so needlessly. They just go out all their menu problems."

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Landscape Plans Receive Support

Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagener will include a Farmington landscaping plan in his next project, he promised citizens here this week.

Petitions bearing approximately 500 names from the City of Farmington and Farmington Township, were presented Tuesday to the Commissioner by Mayor Howard Warner and Howard L. Richards. Van Wagener heartily approves of the beautifying program, according to Mr. Richards, and he promised to push such a program wherever he could be assured of a water supply.

The petition requested that the parkway from the Light Mile Road to the Cut-Off, and the curb ways from the Cut-Off through the City limits be landscaped.

Water Supply
"That portion of the project through the community of Charceville will be done if means of water supply can be furnished," Richards commented. "Such a project naturally entails a large amount of hard labor and the whole program should give this community a temporary and a permanent benefit."

"The matter of a water supply in the City of Farmington can be definitely assured, he continued, and I plan to investigate the possibility of a source of supply outside the City limits so that the project may be extended as far as possible."

"Farmington has long needed its airport beautified, and this movement, which was originally sponsored by the Farmington Garden Club, appears to be almost certain of becoming a reality." Explaining the need for water, Richards stated, "Such a project would be financed entirely by State and Federal funds and will represent a large sum in labor and shrubbery, and therefore, there must be assured a source of water. A means of watering can be furnished."

Three Local Men Go On Airport Tour

Whether or not Oakland County will have a fully equipped, mile square airport remains to be seen. During the preliminary inspection trip held Tuesday afternoon two Farmington City Commissioners and one Farmington Township official were present.

Mayor Howard Warner, Farmington Supervisor, and his guest, Sidewalk Commissioner Leo Gildemeister, and Farmington Township Supervisor Arthur Coe, were passengers on the American Airline flag ship Washington. Some 60 people made the flight, which necessitated three trips, including 33 of the County's 58 Supervisors.

The flag ship Washington attained a speed of 155 miles, and reached an elevation of 5,000 feet during the trip, which lasted 40 minutes. The plane circled around the Detroit City Airport, the Wayne County Airport, and two proposed sites from which the Oakland County Airport may be selected. If plans are completed, American Airlines pilot also flew over the Detroit River and Belle Isle.

MOTHER OF FRANK H. SHOOP PASSES AWAY TUESDAY

Relatives and friends are mourning two mothers who died during the past week.

Mrs. Anne Soop
Mrs. Anne Soop, mother of American Legion Commander Frank H. Soop, and wife of Frank C. Soop is being buried Thursday afternoon at Oakwood Cemetery. Services are being conducted by Rev. Delmore Stubbs, of the Methodist church, at the Spencer Heene Funeral Home.

Mrs. Soop, who lives with her husband at 2759 Lovv Road, Detroit Route 3, died Tuesday, 7 days after she had reached her 69th birthday. She was born August 2, 1869, at Erie, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Atkinson.

Mrs. Ida Burkowski
Mrs. Ida Burkowski, 50 years old, of 2030 Purlingbrook Road, is survived by her husband, Otto, three daughters, Mildred, Pearl and Mrs. Lillian Miller, of Novi, and one son, Walter.

Mrs. Burkowski was buried Saturday at Glen Eden Cemetery. Services were held at 2:30 p. m. at St. Paul's Lutheran church with Rev. Paul Graupner in charge. She died Wednesday at 5:55 p. m.

The deceased was born in Germany, December 12, 1887.

Mrs. R. C. Burns was a guest of Mrs. Eric Adrians at a bridge luncheon Wednesday afternoon. Other guests were ladies from West Point Park.

Upon entering the rooms no bat could be seen or heard. He had mysteriously disappeared. They hunted for him under the bed, table and in the china closet. Perhaps the villain had called for him, they thought.

Suddenly the silence was broken. Mrs. Bat was very much present, as he flew at hubby who was reading the evening paper. The hunt was on. The broom swished. The culprit was at bay. One more swing and the bat was stunned. He was recovered.

In case you haven't heard, The excitement occurred in the C. S. Browne second floor apartment on the corner of Grand River and Farmington Roads.