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Begin Work On School Building

Work on the new Farmington public school building will move ahead at full speed following an official approval received Tuesday from the Chicago office of PWA. Working on conditional notice, contractors have already begun preliminary operations. With the official approval received, formal signing of the contracts will be completed shortly.

The contract for general construction was awarded to Norman A. Starr Co., Detroit. Heating and plumbing equipment will be installed by W. Wilbur White Co., Detroit, and the electrical work will be done by Decker Engineering Co., of Detroit.

Meanwhile contractors have put up a shed for the housing of equipment. The next step will be to survey the foundation for the new building and to build it up to ground level.

The heating and plumbing contractors will also start work shortly with the building of a septic tank.

Bids for bonds on the new school will be received Monday evening and the money, when received, deposited in the building fund. Following this several days will be required for the attorney for the new building bond company to legally approve the bond issue. As soon as this approval has been received the construction contracts will be signed.

Have High Rating
School board members expect attractive offers from bond investors. The building school district 5, has a high credit standing among bond houses. On the \$150,000 worth of bonds which were sold last fall for the school building, the interest rate is only two and a quarter percent, a very low rate for school bond issues. In addition there was received a premium of \$37.00, making a total payment of \$45.67 for the \$146.67 of bonds. The school district's bonds sold above par before being issued.

JUNIOR HIGH TEAM OPENS BASEBALL SEASON MAY 3

The baseball team of Farmington junior high school will open its season May 3. The team has been practicing ardently for the past week in order to get into shape for their first game. Rain and bad weather have hampered workouts recently but Coach William Drucker has called extra sessions on Saturdays as an effort to whip his somewhat green squad into first-class shape for their opener with Detroit Country Day school.

Most of the candidates who have reported this year are inexperienced. Drucker announces that the burden of the pitching will be assigned to Ernie Mitchell, Fred McFarlane, and Richard Pauline. While the catching job will be divided between Fred Humphrey and Russell Rote.

Other boys who are likely to see action this spring are: Alfred Walker, Norman Stewart, Richard Miller, Oren Mitchell, Bill Windmill, Douglas Bell, and John Rackov.

Four games will be scheduled so far, with prospects of at least two more. On Wednesday, May 3, the Farmington team will play at Detroit Country Day and on Wednesday, May 10, Chippewa will be their high school foe. On Wednesday, May 17, Country Day comes here for a game, and on May 31 the Farmington nine goes to Chippewa. Two games will be played junior high also will be scheduled.

GIVES LUNCHEON

Mrs. James D. Parker entertained several ladies at luncheon Tuesday in honor of her sister, Mrs. Lillian Muir, of St. Petersburg, Florida. Mrs. Muir has been visiting her father in Detroit for several weeks, but will soon return to her home.

Guests at the luncheon were Mrs. Norman Barrons, Mrs. A. L. Ross, Mrs. Harry Smith and Mrs. Albert Grinwald of Farmington, also Mrs. James Rote and Miss Harold West of Detroit, sisters of the honored guest and her hostess.

O. E. S. TO HOLD CARD PARTY

Farmington Chapter No. 239, O. E. S. will hold a card party Tuesday evening, May 2, at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Hall. Table and door prizes will be given and refreshments served. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Essay Tells How a Bank Serves Its Community

Ardis Greenman's essay on "How a Bank Serves Its Community," which won first place among those submitted by seniors at Farmington High School, may win for her a scholarship to Michigan State College. Winning essays in the state-wide contest will be judged by a committee in Lansing, and the writer whose essay is named the best will enter Michigan State next fall for the 1939-40 term. The contest was sponsored by Michigan Bankers' Association.

In her essay Miss Greenman tells of the many ways in which a bank is invaluable to the citizens of a community through loaning of property, savings accounts and checking accounts. She points out the tremendous influence a bank has on the business of a community through loaning and the convenience of handling matters through the bank.

Farmington Man Dies In Wreck

Another resident of this community has been added to the list of traffic victims of 1939. Injuries received in an accident on Grand River Road, a half mile east of New Hudson Saturday afternoon proved fatal Monday to Urko Juntunen, 29, of 21623 Inkster Road, Farmington. The accident occurred when the car collided with one driven by Mrs. Margaret M. Friday, of Lansing.

Mrs. Friday told police that she had swerved to the left in order to avoid the car when her automobile crashed head-on with the one driven by Juntunen, which was coming from the opposite direction. Mrs. Friday escaped with slight bruises.

Two ambulances which arrived on the scene shortly after the accident took the occupants of the cars to Northville. Juntunen was later removed to the Redford Receiving Hospital where he died at 5:22 p. m. Monday.

Fred Taylor, of Farmington, and Fred Derrick, of Oakton, riding with Juntunen, suffered slight injuries. Mary Lehman and Mary Richardson, both of Lansing, were passengers with Mrs. Friday but were not injured.

Plan To Discuss New Theater Possibilities

A meeting will be held Friday, April 28, at 8 p. m. in the basement of the Farmington Bank Building, for the purpose of discussing the building of a movie theater in Farmington.

Many merchants feel that the location of a movie house in Farmington would prove a draw for the town, which would bring many benefits to the city. The problem of adequate support of a theater as well as other sides of the proposition will be discussed by those present Friday evening.

Ample notice of change of address should be given when moving. Notice should be given before changing if possible.

Say you saw it in The Enterprise.

Farmington Merchants Join Clean Up Parade

This week is Clean-up Week! With the proclamation of Tuesday, May 2, and Wednesday, May 3, as "clean-up days," the cleaning bug has bitten Farmington for fair! Just take a trip through the Farmington stores and you'll see how the merchants are bringing many benefits to the city. The problem of adequate support of a theater as well as other sides of the proposition will be discussed by those present Friday evening.

You can help the looks of the town as well as your own front yard, by putting in a few hours. Maybe the grass in your lawn is getting dry and dusty looking. If it is you can assure yourself of a fresh, green, inviting lawn by getting your grass seed at Dickerson's Hardware Company. It's guaranteed to grow.

This clean-up campaign isn't limited to streets, sidewalks and lawns. It applies just as strongly to the inside of your home. The interior of your home can be made 100 per cent brighter by fresh, new curtains. Don't forget, curtains can be seen from the outside as well as the inside of your home. And the Fred L. Cook Co. had this in mind when they decided to run

bank which could not be accomplished any other way.

The essay follows in full: A Bank serves and is important to its community, because it is an individual part of a system by which the financial needs of business, industry and agriculture of the nation are satisfied. As a local institution it meets these needs in our community. Its activity in loan, investment and other services has a direct relationship to business conditions in general.

Banks are considered by the majority of people principally as safe places in which to keep their money and they do not need immediate use. The ordinary workman possibly does not realize that the Bank in his community may be a very important factor in promoting the business of his employer as well as affording a de-

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Judge Completes Cemetery Quiz

Municipal Judge John J. Schulte of Farmington expects to complete Friday the first phase of his one-man grand jury investigation of affairs in various parts of Oakland County. This phase has to do with handling of the affairs of the cemetery in the Village of Holly. Whether indictments will follow, or any action be taken, will be made known until after the inquiry into this part of the probe is finished.

Upon completion of the Holly angle, Judge Schulte expects to start at once upon the investigation into alleged practices charged in years ago in governing the sites of future homes, business places, and industrial locations, and the Commissioners feel that it is desirable that residents who have expressed their views do so now, before the ordinance is passed and placed on the books. The City Commission has postponed their regular monthly meeting for one week and will hold it this evening as the hearing on the zoning ordinance.

CAPITAL LABOR UNITE FOR EXHIBIT AT WORLD FAIR

Hailed as one of the most significant documents that ever harmonized capital and labor, a contract has just been signed for a joint exhibit at the New York World's Fair 1939 by the United States Pottery Association and the National Brotherhood of Operative Potters. To help their members in this project the Brotherhood has subscribed \$30,000 of its long-accumulating "strike fund."

The signatories were: The Association's president, W. H. Lockwood; James H. Duffy, president of the Brotherhood; John McGilivray, the Brotherhood's secretary-treasurer; and Grover A. Wilson, president executive of the Pottery Association. According to the latter, the exhibit will unite employer and employee for the first time in the history of trade unionism behind a single promotional enterprise.

The exhibit, costing \$105,000, will occupy 2,316 square feet of space in the Home Furnishings Building. It will dramatize not only the story of American pottery but also those of native china and other earthenware. Four designers are collaborating on the project for which both the Brotherhood and the Association are preparing materials in East Liverpool, Ohio, the nation's seat of the pottery industry. Plans call for elaborate murals.

For sixteen years the pottery industry has had no labor trouble whatever. And during the Brotherhood's fifty years of existence it has called only two strikes.

MEET TO FORM MAGGABEE HIVE

A meeting will be held Thursday evening, May 4, at eight o'clock for the purpose of forming a new bee hive in Farmington. This organization formerly had a hive in Farmington and it is hoped that a new group may be built. Mrs. Dora Nicholson, district manager, has been working for some time toward this end, and will be present at the Thursday evening meeting, which will be held at 3339 S. Silas avenue. A. A. Those interested are asked to please attend this first meeting.

TRINITY SHRINE MEETS

Trinity Shrine No. 44 meets in regular session Thursday, May 4, at eight o'clock in Masonic Temple. As this is an important meeting, it is requested that all members attend.

Plan Final Hearing on Zoning Code

Another public meeting has been called for Monday evening, May 5, by Farmington City Commission for discussion of the proposed zoning ordinance.

All citizens who are interested or who have any suggestions to make concerning the ordinance, are requested to attend the meeting which will be held in the Farmington State Bank building at 8:00 p. m.

Under the terms of the ordinance, the City is zoned into residential, industrial, and business districts, with each district graded. Accompanying the code is a map illustrating the various boundaries of the zones. The Commission feels confident that the ordinance, which has been prepared by members of the Commission and Paul Schreiber, will fully meet the needs of the growing community, and are eager that citizens be on hand Monday night to express their views. A meeting was held some time ago for discussion of the ordinance but it was decided that minor changes would be desirable.

Believed Model Measure
Since then several changes have been made and it is believed that the proposal as it now stands represents a model zoning ordinance. It is a measure which will have an important effect on Farmington in years ahead in governing the sites of future homes, business places, and industrial locations, and the Commissioners feel that it is desirable that residents who have expressed their views do so now, before the ordinance is passed and placed on the books. The City Commission has postponed their regular monthly meeting for one week and will hold it this evening as the hearing on the zoning ordinance.

Fishing Tackle Stolen From New Home

Police are searching for the burglar who entered a partially finished house at 29205 Grand River Road, east of Farmington, Tuesday night and stole \$50 worth of fishing tackle and other valuables. Police say the thief entered the house through a second story window by means of a ladder.

The house is owned by Edward Keller. State police, who entered the case Wednesday morning, believe that identification of the thief might be possible if fingerprints are found on either the window sill or the ladder.

GARDEN CLUB MEETS TUESDAY

The Farmington branch of the National Farm and Garden Association will meet at the home of Mrs. Charles Halsted, 28325 Halsted Road, on Tuesday, May 2, at 2 p. m. The speaker will be Mrs. C. Halsted, who will give a lecture on seeds and the new annuals.

Members planning to attend the National Convention to be held in Detroit are asked to please send in their names to the Farmington branch of the association.

ATTEND MEETING
Several high school teachers have planned to attend the annual Schoolmasters' Club at Ann Arbor, Michigan, Thursday afternoon, Friday, and Saturday. Those making the trip are: Superintendent Burns, Grady McKay, Lynn Rohrer, Charles Baker, Ben Ewer, and Emory Griffith.

WOLFE SENT TO MINORS

Following a two-week try-out period with the Cincinnati Reds, Harry Wolfe, Jr., of Farmington, has been shipped to Durham, North Carolina, a farm team of the Cincinnati club, by Manager Bill McKechnie.

New Mail Carrier Named; Shift Is Made in Routes

A new Farmington mail carrier will begin his duties on Monday, May 8, having been selected by the Government at Washington from among the three highest remaining after the civil service examination for the position. He is Rudolph E. Johnson, 45, of 24400 Orchard Lake Road, near Ten Mile Road. He will carry mail on Route 2.

A complete shift of carriers will also go into effect on the date Johnson begins traversing his route. Almeron W. Bidwell, who has handled Route 1, will become carrier on Route 3. Francis H. Hultz will shift from Route 2 to Route 1, receiving at the same time an increase of \$220 in salary, both bidwell and Hultz receiving \$2200 per year.

Hultz passed first in the civil service examination held in connection with the Farmington opening. With the splitting up of the former two routes, dividing them into three, and the death of Mrs. Ethel Middlewood, there was room for a new applicant. The next three highest in the examinations after Hultz were Johnson, Lee Campbell, and Homer Arnett. Johnson's appointment was made this week, when Postmaster Norman Lee received official notification of the selection.

The new carrier is an ex-serviceman, 45 years old. He saw service in the World War. At present he is employed in Detroit. He is married and has a daughter, Dorothy, a student in Farmington High School.

George M. Middlewood, who has been serving as substitute carrier in recent months, will terminate his work on Saturday, May 6.

Mad Dog Cases Are Increasing

The number of reportedly mad dog cases in the Farmington area is increasing rapidly and residents are warned by Deputy Joseph De-Vriendt to be on the lookout for stray dogs since any dog running loose might be infected with rabies. Authorities in this district will redouble their efforts to curb the mad-dog menace which is sweeping the lower portion of the state. Under a strict quarantine laid down by state health authorities, all dogs must be kept on a leash at all times.

Harizon Johnson had a narrow escape from being bitten by a mad dog Tuesday, at his former residence on Farmington Road. Johnson saw the animal, a large yellow dog, muzzling a small girl living in the house. Grasping a club, he tried to fight the dog off. The dog made for Johnson, ripping his trousers from knee to cuff, but he managed to escape without being hurt. Deputy De-Vriendt arrived on the scene and killed the dog as it charged at him.

Belief that the rabies may have spread to some of the cattle in this area was confirmed this week when a cow belonging to Bill White, Halsted Road, died of the disease. It is feared that unless the cause of infection is traced to the care of livestock, the infection may spread further. All warm-blooded animals, De-Vriendt declared, are susceptible to the disease. It can only be transmitted, however, through one infected animal biting another.

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Retention of Principal Asked

Petitions asking that the Farmington Board of Education tender a teaching contract for next year to Principal Max Thompson of Farmington High School, have been circulated this week, one among students of the school and the other among parents. Circulation of the petitions followed a meeting of the Board last Friday evening at which proffer of contracts to all present members of the teaching staff except Thompson was authorized.

Meanwhile, signing the large number of applications for the post of superintendent has gone forward. More than 30 applications have been received, and the caliber of the applicants is reported to appear as unusually high. A committee of the Board has selected a number of the applicants when they regard as the best, as a means of simplifying the final choice. However, each member of the Board has had personal interview with nearly all, if not all of the applicants.

New Books Received At Public Library

Quite a large number of new books have been added to the shelves of the public library within the last month, for both adults and juveniles. The following books are available to readers: Second Reader, by Woolcott; The Wall, and The Bat, by Rhinhardt; Importance of Living, by Lin Yutang; Picaresque Island, by Meredith; Now We Are Six, by Westcott; Modern Guide to Successful Grading, by Katus; The Nile, by Ludwig; Middle Window, by Goudge; Disputed Passage, by Douglas; The Patriotic, by Buck; Now We Are Six, by Westcott; Cape Code Yesterdays, by Linneen.

For juveniles: Snow Baby, by Peary; Panick, Eskimo Dog, by Macchentanre; Black Beauty, by Sewall; Now We Are Six, by Westcott; Modern Guide to Successful Grading, by Katus; The Nile, by Ludwig; Middle Window, by Goudge; Disputed Passage, by Douglas; The Patriotic, by Buck; Now We Are Six, by Westcott; Cape Code Yesterdays, by Linneen.

County Gets New Farm Supervisor

Mrs. J. W. Wagner, former County RR Supervisor of Oakland County for the Farm Security Administration has been transferred to Ingham County, Michigan. Mr. Wagner's place in Oakland County will be taken by Mr. Manley E. Young, former County RR Supervisor of Calhoun County.

The office of the Supervisor at 911 Peoples State Building, Pontiac, Michigan. Mr. Young states that this office is for the purpose of assisting low-income farmers of Oakland County who can qualify as to farming ability and who have received the major portion of their income from farming in the past year.

Interest Shown In New P. T. A. Chapter

Considerable interest is being shown throughout the community in the proposed organization of a new P. T. A., the first meeting scheduled for Thursday evening in the high school assembly room. Such a group, it is believed, could do a long way toward promoting a keener understanding and a spirit of co-operation between parent and teacher.

OAKLAND CITIZENS LEAGUE TO MEET ON MAY 10

The Annual Meeting of the Oakland Citizens League of which Mayor Howard Warner of Farmington is treasurer, will be held on Wednesday, May 10, at 8:00 p. m. in the Board of Commerce Building, Pontiac. Those who have supported it through active membership as well as other civic-minded citizens are urged to attend and celebrate the notable progress it has made during its first year.

Miss Ruth Greenman returned Wednesday morning to her studies at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, after a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. David Starkey. Mr. and Mrs. John Grace arrived home Wednesday, after spending the past winter in Texas.

Heavy Vote Expected on Town Hall

Indication of a heavy vote on the proposed construction of a new town hall building is shown in the mounting interest among resident property-owners throughout Farmington township.

Three propositions will be voted upon in the special election next Thursday, May 4. Besides the town hall construction issue, property owners will also decide whether or not they wish to borrow the sum of \$10,000 and issue bonds for the purchase of a site for the building and for the construction. The third measure at stake will be the decision as to a site for the proposed edifice.

The location proposed on the ballot is a tract of land 100 acres in size, situated on Orchard Lake Road between Ten and Eleven Mile Roads. Cost of the land would be \$15,000.

In order to purchase the site, erect and furnish the building, township property-owners must approve an increase in the total amount of taxes which will be levied on property, of up to 17 mills, or \$17 per \$100 valuation of all property in the township. This measure is expected to be the focal point of the objections against the proposed building, in spite of the fact that \$27,000 would be provided for construction by WPA. A two-thirds majority is needed in order to approve this measure. On the other two propositions only a majority of the total votes is necessary.

FARMINGTON BALL TEAM CALLED TO PRACTICE SUNDAY

The Farmington Merchants Baseball Organization will again be in the field with a team this year and will hold the initial practice next Sunday afternoon on Warner field at 2 p. m.

All candidates for the team are requested to report at that time for a practice session. It is hoped that new timber will be uncovered, this season. This is the 100th anniversary of baseball and plans are being arranged to have Farmington well represented with a strong nine competing against teams from the towns of Milford, Howell, Walled Lake, Redford Union, Plymouth, Hartland, Novi, Berkley, Farmington, Northville and Brighton.

Manager H. P. Brennan will again be in charge and has asked that all former players with skill in the game report to him as well as all new candidates who wish to try out.

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Money can be obtained to purchase feed, livestock and machinery, if the borrower can qualify as to moral character, farming ability, health, and must be on, or able to locate, a farm suitable for agriculture.

The loan is for five years for recoverable goods; such as, livestock, machinery, and two years for non-recoverable goods; such as, feed and seed.

This is a wonderful opportunity for young married people who intend to make farming their life work. Anyone who is interested and believes they can qualify for one of these loans should see Mr. Young at his office.

CITY TO CLEAN UP

Full co-operation on the part of Farmington residents is being asked by city officials in the "Clean-up Day" campaign which will be held next Tuesday, May 2, and Wednesday, May 3.

Letters to the editor are always welcome by this newspaper.

Send in your news items.