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Approval Given for New Drain

At a meeting of the Farmington Township Board Tuesday evening approval was granted for the laying of a surface drainage system in the Stecker and Huff subdivision of the Township. A 12-inch creek type of drain will be laid on Alton avenue from Grand River avenue to Liberty avenue, a distance of about 1400 feet. Construction is expected to begin within a few days.

The Board stipulated, however, that if the drain is put in, residents of the subdivision must agree to make all payments on delinquent and current taxes by October 1. Residents of the district have signified their willingness to make payments on taxes this fall, providing a drainage system is built.

This subdivision has been developed considerably in recent months. Between 50 and 60 homes are now situated there, and it is felt that if a drainage system is built, an impetus to future growth will be provided.

Property owners of the subdivision will be required to give the township a note covering the cost of the drainage system as a token of good faith that tax payments will be met next fall. Upon payment of taxes, the note will be returned.

In addition to the creek line catch basins and manholes will also be provided, it was agreed. The Board signified its intention of providing similar drainage lines to other subdivisions of the township when possible. Several other districts have asked that similar improvements be made.

STUDENTS ON HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL ANNOUNCED

The honor roll of Farmington high school has been announced from the office of Principal Max Thompson. Included on the list are 65 students of our district of the total students of the school. Following are the names of the students, listed by classes:

Seniors
Jean Adair, Dick Barron, James Burnham, Opal Campbell, Don Coolman, Virginia Dietrich, Ardis Greenman, Mary Jane Hewitt, Therese Himmelspach, Dorothy Johnson, Mary Morvett, Shirley Miller, Shirley Nicholas, Bill Pink, Leone Rayner, Dick Reid, Simone Van Hulle, Warren Worschell, Arlene Rose.

Juniors
Tom Bacon, Frank Barber, Robert Carter, Gladys Edwards, Ruth Eust, Bryce Green, Arthur Grisdale, Mary Himmelspach, Zora Himmelspach, Bill Kargetta, June Koss, Bernad Matreal, Lois Nelson, Betty Paged, Mary Redding, Russell Rosenboom, James Schulkin, Betty Worsfold, Lois Bell.

Sophomores
Elmer Born, George Brykalski, Ned Fischer, Paulette Gamber, Barbara Knight, Patricia Lapham, Damon Nash, Gordon Nelson, James Norton, Ethel Pink, Virginia Ragsdale, Norma Washburn, Arnold Werschtin.

Freshmen
Irene Brykalski, Bill Carpenter, Therese Gamache, Dorothy Geer, Robert Gulien, Helen Haggard, Mary Hanson, Annabelle Hupert, Donna Kahrl, Judith Oates, Hugo Pascoe, Charles Sullivan, Leroy Withoughby, Marjorie Collins.

Maccabees Plan Meeting Friday Night

At a meeting of the Maccabees, held Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Fred Becker in Farmington Road, twenty-five persons gathered and discussed ways and means of furthering the organization of the group.

An institute will be held on Friday evening and officers will be elected. The charter will be held open for thirty days, to allow members to transfer their membership from other tentatives, and new members' names to be approved. This meeting on Friday night will be a closed meeting, open to Maccabees only. It will be held at the Becker home, and will start at 8:30. Attention is called to the fact that this meeting is a day later than originally planned, but had to be arranged for Friday night, in order that the district manager might be present.

Poppies are Memorials To World War Heroes

Poppies, memorials to American soldiers who died in the World War, will be sold in Farmington by members of the American Legion Auxiliary, Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20. The money raised from the sale of the little red flowers, will be used to care for disabled veterans of the war. The idea of wearing the Poppy as a memorial flower for the world war dead—as a reminder of them and in remembrance of their sacrifice—sprang up as naturally as the little poppy grew in the fields of France and Belgium.

Because these little poppies continue to grow unafraid on the battle front during the entire pangs of the conflict; because they stand their little red heads high leading courage to those who were left to go on; because they grew over the fresh battle graves, symbolizing the spirit of the men who rested there, the poppy took on a sacred significance.

Because of these appealing and sentimental reasons a replica of the poppy was chosen to be worn over the heart of every individual on Poppy Day—in glorious memory of the sacrifice our World War heroes made for the triumph of justice; to express our gratitude to our soldierly dead, and to remind us of the lessons of devotion to duty and to country they so gallantly taught us.

These Who Lived
Memories of the war dead bring thoughts of those who did not die, but came back still making a sacrifice more glorious than the giving of life itself. Plentiful is the memory of those who, daring to die, survive, but survive to suffer the torture and adversity. For them the roar of the cannons, and the firing of guns ceased with the signing of the Armistice—but for them the war has not ended—for the sorrows, sufferings and hardships incident to that tragic conflict during its continuance, and on the very trail of its aftermath are still vivid in the minds of them all, as they silently, without protest or complaints, day by day pay the price of that liberty which is so dear to us.

More than 37,000 new names will be on the roll of America's dead defenders on Memorial Day this year. During the past year, World War veterans have been dying at the rate of 103 per day, meaning that 37,395 have passed on since last Memorial Day.

Increased Burden
This heavy toll is paid to among men who served in the World War has placed an increased burden upon the American Legion and its branches.

As President of the University of Michigan School of Music, Charles A. Sink has been instrumental in bringing many famous musical artists to the University campus.

Of great interest is the unusual instrument which Mr. Baganz owns and plays. It is claimed to be the last of the harp-makers art, and is said to be constructed of wood and harp-like strings. The "Stradivarius of harps." It was produced especially for exhibition at the Century of Progress in Chicago and was there shown as the finest ever built. It is worthy of the name. The harp is made of wood and the difficult passages were well handled.

Mrs. James McCafferty Died Saturday Morning

Friends were shocked to learn Saturday morning of the death of Mrs. James McCafferty. Mrs. McCafferty was 65 years old and had been a resident of Farmington all her life. She had been ill for some time previous to her death. She is survived by her husband and three children, Avis, Virgil, and Bobbie Jean.

Farmington O. E. S. To Attend County Meeting

The Oakland County Association O. E. S. will meet Thursday, May 25, as guests of Berkeley Chapter No. 483. The meeting will take place in the L. O. O. P. Hall at Twelve Mile Road in Berkeley. The morning session will start promptly at 10 a. m., the afternoon session at 1:30 p. m.

Plan Alumni Banquet For Saturday, June 3

The Farmington high school Alumni Association will hold a banquet evening and officers will be elected. The charter will be held open for thirty days, to allow members to transfer their membership from other tentatives, and new members' names to be approved. This meeting on Friday night will be a closed meeting, open to Maccabees only. It will be held at the Becker home, and will start at 8:30. Attention is called to the fact that this meeting is a day later than originally planned, but had to be arranged for Friday night, in order that the district manager might be present.

June 9 Set As Last Day Of School

Friday, June 9, will be the last day of school for Farmington public schools. The classes in the high school are completing plans for various school-end events, exams, Commencement and Baccalaureate programs. The Senior Class, always the busiest at this time of year, are thinking of exam schedules, graduation day announcements, and a class banquet.

Class Night, which in past years has been held near the end of school, has been discontinued this year. School authorities are of the opinion that the school has outgrown this type of program, and have decided to substitute a banquet this year. This will be held in conjunction with the Baptist church banquet on either Monday, June 5, or Tuesday, June 6.

The Seniors will take their examinations on Wednesday, May 31. Other class exams have been scheduled for June 1 and 2.

Commencement Day exercises will be held Thursday, June 8, at the Methodist Episcopal church. The speaker will be Dr. Luther Perdue, of the University of Michigan.

Baccalaureate services will be held on the Sunday preceding Commencement Day, June 4, and the address will be given by Rev. Gilbert A. Miles.

The school term this year is about two weeks shorter than last year.

Noted Harpist To Give Concert

Otto Baganz of Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin, one of the leading harpists in the United States, has been engaged for a concert on May 23, at 8 p. m. in St. Paul's Lutheran church, of which the Rev. Paul Graupner is pastor. The general public is cordially invited. No admission will be charged, but a free will offering will be taken.

Mr. Baganz is widely known as a very talented and skilled musician, who through many years of faithful application has acquired a marvellously brilliant technique on an instrument which is known to be one of the most difficult to master. He began playing the harp at the age of nine years. He is a pupil of Enrico Tramonti, who is recognized to have been the world's greatest harpist.

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Seniors Teach Classes In School "Shake-up"

Seniors at Farmington high school got a taste Thursday of what it's like to be a teacher. The regular teaching staff at the school abdicated their positions for the day and turned over their classes to the Seniors.

All this took place in celebration of Senior Day. The graduating class was given a free hand by Principal Max Thompson, in the matter of instructing the other classes in their studies and the regular teachers were given a one-day vacation.

The Seniors appointed a committee to decide which students were qualified to teach the various classes and Thursday morning the new instructors went enthusiastically about their duties.

The position of Superintendent fell to Dorothy Johnson. Thompson's job of principal was usurped by Fred Lauritzen, and Jean Adair was secretary—Wanda Dickerson, Sociology—Bill Pink. Citizenship—Shirley Nicholas.

Principal—Fred Lauritzen. Superintendent—Dorothy Johnson. Assembly—Wanda Dickerson, Edith Mechanical—Dick Brown, Edith Shop—Bob Plettenberg and Bob Hogle. Arts and Crafts (Girls)—Jean Reid. Algebra—L. Erwin. Latin II—Dick Reid. Sanskrit—Opal Campbell. Citizenship—Arlene Rose. Physics—Don

Two Apartments Ransacked

Police have been unable to find a suspect to the identity of the burglar who entered two Farmington apartments early Saturday afternoon and took pocketbooks containing money and valuables.

One apartment was the east duplex, Mrs. Eldora McCaskill on Grand River just above Irene's Apparel Shoppe. The thief entered while Mrs. McCaskill was in another room telephoning, and escaped without attracting her attention. Later Mrs. McCaskill's purse was found empty on the street near the corner of Macomb and Oakland avenues.

The other robbery took place in the home of Jack Burman on Oakland Avenue. In this case, all four families who reside in the apartment were downstairs cleaning curtains when the money was taken, and again the thief escaped unnoticed.

The fact that both robberies took place at about the same time, 1:30 p. m. and in the same manner, convinces police that one person was responsible for both burglaries.

DR. ADAMS SPEAKS

Dr. Frank D. Adams of Oak Park, Illinois, will preach at the Farmington Universalist church on Wednesday evening, May 24, at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "The Difference Between Behaviour and Conduct." The public is cordially invited to attend.

Merchants' Bargains Will Make a Hit With Shoppers

With Spring in the air and Summer just around the corner, baseball is once more getting into full swing. Many a home and housewife will find it increasingly difficult to keep their minds on their work and off the baseball diamond.

Farmington merchants are scoring big this week with their displays of high-quality merchandise at special low prices. The lineup includes some of the most tempting bargains ever offered in Farmington and shoppers will do well to make a trip downtown and take notice.

Home-owners who never seem to have enough hot water to go to, may easily overcome this difficulty by having a new Mirro-Shell Gas hot water heater installed in their home. It's a double-bargain for it gives more hot water and costs less to operate.

See them at the Consumers' Power Company. Dickerson Hardware Company is catering this week to garden-minded residents. They have a line of garden tools, lawn mowers, etc. with prices that will please the thrifty purse.

O. E. Dunkel Gets School Appointment

The Farmington Board of Education, this week announced the selection of a new superintendent of Farmington schools. He is Orville E. Dunkel, formerly superintendent at Manchester public schools.

After giving over Mr. Dunkel's recommendations carefully and studying his background as a superintendent and a teacher, the Board was confident that the Manchester man is able to fill the requirements of the Farmington position.

The Board members made their selection at a meeting Monday evening at the high school. At this time they held personal interviews with four candidates who still remain in the running. They were originally about 30 candidates for the position, but through careful elimination, the field was narrowed down to four men who were considered eligible.

All four of the men were considered by the board as highly competent and able, but the selection of Mr. Dunkel came because of his excellent record as an educator in the Manchester schools, where he has built up the school system to one of the finest in the state.

Mr. Dunkel acquired his early college training at Western State Teachers College, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. He earned his Master of Arts degree at the University of Michigan.

After leaving the University of Michigan, Dunkel accepted a position as superintendent at Sand Creek, Michigan, where he worked from 1922 to 1925. In 1925 he was hired as superintendent at Manchester.

Dunkel will succeed Robert C. Burns, whose resignation as superintendent was accepted by the school board several weeks ago.

CONSUMERS POWER ADOPTS 40 HOUR WEEK SCHEDULE

Adoption of the 40-hour week for office and clerical employees of the Consumers Power Company was announced this week by Division Manager B. G. Campbell.

About 3,200 employees are affected of whom approximately 175 are in the Pontiac office. The company's service area includes most of the Lower Peninsula outside the Detroit and Thumb areas. Operating employees generally are already observing the 40-hour week.

The new working schedule for office and clerical employees will become effective next week. "Office and clerical employees have been working a 40-hour week," Mr. Campbell said. "Henceforth they will receive the same compensation for working only 40 hours."

"To the greatest extent consistent with the company's obligations of rendering a satisfactory service to the public, the 40-hour week will consist of five eight-hour periods, from Monday to Friday inclusive. The local office will be open on these days from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m."

"Commercial offices will remain open Saturday morning, with a minimum force on duty, to permit our customers to make service applications, purchase appliances and pay bills. In order that the Saturday working staff may be kept as small as possible, the bookkeeping department will be closed. Discounts on bills due Saturday but which customers find it inconvenient to pay on that day will be allowed the following Monday."

Employees who work Saturday will be given the same pay as on other days of the week. Mr. Campbell explained, and in so far as possible this will be on Monday, in order that these employees also may work a longer week-end.

Mr. Campbell emphasized that the change will not affect Consumers' continuous trouble service or special service in emergencies.

ATTEND INSTITUTE

In place of their regular meeting, the members of the Farmington Woman's Christian Temperance Union will attend the Institute of the Royal Obedience held at the M. E. Church, 7th and Washington streets, Royal Oak, on Friday, May 26. There will be no regular meeting on Tuesday.

The Institute will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning and will continue through the afternoon. Luncheon will be served at the church.

Woman's Club To Hold President's Day Luncheon

The Farmington Woman's Club is holding their annual President's Day luncheon on Wednesday, June 7, at one o'clock, at the Round Inn. Reservations for this affair may be made at the next meeting or by calling Mr. March Todd, who is chairman, or either of her assistants, Mrs. Irene Costock, or Mrs. Frances Wray.

The regular meeting of the club will be held Wednesday, May 24, at the home of Mrs. Elsie McCullough. A Child Welfare program will be given, with Mrs. Mary Johnson and Mrs. Martha Broderick acting as the committee in charge. Roll call will be answered by giving bright sayings of children. A memorial service will be held with Mrs. Anna Cook in charge. Anyone desiring transportation to this meeting is asked to call Mrs. Georgiana Bagall.

P. T. A. TO MEET MONDAY

The date of the P. T. A. meeting will be changed from Tuesday, May 23 to Monday, May 22. All members are urged to attend. The meeting will be held at the high school and will begin at 8 p. m.