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Ten Schools To Elect Trustees

Directors of ten school districts will hold their annual meetings in their respective buildings, Monday, July 10 when the election of school board members will take place.

Meetings will be held in the following school districts: Farmington No. 5, Noble No. 6, Thayer No. 3, Bond No. 4, Fractional, Novi No. 8, Fairview No. 4, Livonia No. 2, Clarksville No. 5, Fractional, Southfield No. 9, and Novi No. 2.

Five board members have been elected in annual meetings in three school districts. Stanley Drake was re-elected in Nichols No. 2 district, Mark Bachelor and John Graham are the other members of the Nichols board.

Mr. Tutton and Ed Baker were named to the board of West Farmington No. 4 Fractional. Baker replaces Mrs. Mildred Johnson. Harry McCracken is the other member of the board. At Walled Lake Cecil Cox was re-elected and James W. Adams replaced William Glover, who declined to run. Other Walled Lake members are Mrs. Cham Stoflet, E. V. Mercer, and Claude B. Lawrence.

EXCHANGE HEAD URGES SUMMER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

An active effort to increase the membership of Farmington Exchange Club by stimulating interest during the summer recess, is being urged upon members of the club by Bayard Tupper, who took office as president for the fall term, at the closing meeting Wednesday noon.

Carl Smith is new secretary of the club, having been elected when the board of control's nominee, Roy Plimpton, declined the nomination. Mahlon Bradley was elected vice president and Emory Hutton, treasurer, all choices being unanimous. Dr. Lee Halsted and Delos Hamlin were elected to the board of control.

Two members of the Northville club were present. Carl Ely, who is well-known to a large number of Farmington people, and Fred Van Atta, both spoke briefly to urge active interest in the national Exchange organization's sponsorship of the model airplane contests for boys. The Farmington club raised and contributed \$90 for the boys' airplane project.

JEAN MARROW BECOMES BRIDE OF FLOYD BOND

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Alden Bond spend the next few days of a honeymoon motor trip through the Upper Peninsula, following their marriage Thursday afternoon in the University of Michigan League Garden in Ann Arbor.

The bride, Jean Evelyn Marrow, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Sinclair Marrow, of Detroit. Floyd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bond of Farmington.

Rev. Dr. Charles W. Brashers, of Ann Arbor officiated. The bride wore a gown of embroidered organza with a fitted bodice and full skirt and carried white roses and lilies of the valley. Her fingertip length veil was circular and of double net, being banded with white carnations. Miss Marian Durst, cousin of the bride was her only attendant and wore a pale green organza dress, with a large matching hat. Miss Durst carried pink roses.

Mr. Jack Marrow of Detroit was Mr. Bond's best man and the usher was Robert Hottel of River Rouge and Gardner Peterson of Burt, Iowa.

Mrs. Marrow chose for her daughter's wedding a full length beige net dress with lace insertion and wore a large brown hat. Mrs. Bond wore a full length aquamarine lace dress and a large white hat. Both wore corsages of tallies roses. The garden was decorated with palms, ferns and large baskets of white flowers. The altar was decorated with white roses and green foliage and the chairs were marked with white ribbon with large bows on each end.

A reception at the garden followed the ceremony and at 6:30 o'clock a wedding dinner was served in the Grand Rapids room of the Michigan League.

After their motor trip the young couple will make their home in Ann Arbor, where Mr. Bond teaches in the Economics Department of the University.

Find Misuse of Public Funds



PROS. CHARLES L. WILSON

Band Prepares For Concerts

The Farmington high school summer concert, so popular last year with Farmington residents, will be continued again this summer, according to Alvin Benner, director of the band.

There will be a total of six concerts presented during the summer, from the band shell located just north of the high school at the west end of the athletic field.

Made is provided by members of the Farmington school band. They will soon begin work on their first presentation, the date of which has not yet been announced.

The band received a substantial boost this week when the City Commissioners decided to appropriate a sum of \$150.00 to defray expenses. Benner made an appearance before the Commissioners at their meeting Monday evening, stating that it would be practically impossible to continue with the concert this summer unless financial aid were granted. From time to time during the series, guest players from the University of Michigan band and other organizations will participate in the programs.

MERCHANTS WILL MEET OAK GROVE; WIN 17-0 SUNDAY

The Farmington Merchants baseball team will meet Oak Grove in Howell, Sunday, July 9, in a return game. In the first encounter the Merchants defeated the Oak Grovers.

The Merchants trounced the River Rouge colored Legion aggregate in a baseball game last Sunday on the high school field to the tune of 17-0.

The game started off to be a close one. Pitcher Bill Watling of the Farmington nine struck out 11 of the first 12 opposing batters to face him. He struck out 14 during the game and allowed them two hits.

Joe Jarrett, the Farmington second baseman, made some good catches and was the batting star, although all the Farmington players hit the visiting pitchers freely.

Re-appointed Pastor At Methodist Church



Rev. Delmore C. Stubbs, minister of Farmington Methodist Episcopal church, received notice of his re-appointment to the church this week. This will be Rev. Stubbs' fourth year as pastor of the Farmington church.

Open Four-Day Tourney Saturday



JUDGE JOHN J. SCHULTE

Grand Jury Issues Report

A striking illustration of how indifference on the part of citizens, coupled with a lax attitude toward observance of various laws enacted to safeguard public funds, may result in misuse of public money, with great loss to the taxpayers, is afforded by a report this week of Municipal Judge John J. Schulte of Farmington on his recently completed one-year grand jury investigation of affairs in the Village of Holly, instituted on petition of Prosecutor Charles L. Wilson.

Although no indictments were issued, Judge Schulte and Prosecutor Wilson pointed the way for citizens of Holly to bring about action, and offered all assistance to such endeavors. Both civil and criminal provisions were found, the report states.

Fund Dissipated

Dissipation of a century fund so that it shrank from \$16,000 to less than \$5,000 in ten years, shenanigans in the war department, and other instances of misfeasance in office are recited, together with an exhaustive report on the building of a water improvement system and the loss suffered by the Village in connection therewith. Some instances of the latter were the contracting for items of equipment which the investigation shows were never delivered, and failure to obtain a refund from the contractor of \$1,100 for the Village, to which it was entitled when drilling did not reach the depth contemplated in the contract.

The grand jury's findings of fact in part, and the conclusions, are as follows:

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
BEFORE: HONORABLE JOHN J. SCHULTE, JR. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, Acting in Holly Township, Oakland County, Michigan.

In the Matter of the Petition of Charles L. Wilson, Prosecuting Attorney of Oakland County, for a Grand Jury.

This petition, in proper legal form, in this cause was filed on the 12th day of April, 1939, by Charles L. Wilson, duly elected to the office of Justice of the Peace of the County of Oakland and State of Michigan.

After a thorough investigation, and from testimony introduced before the Grand Jury, the one man Grand Jury finds as a matter of fact that there was both civil and criminal negligence in the handling, investment and expenditure of public moneys belonging to the Village of Holly and the Latent Cemetery Association, a cemetery located in the Village of Holly. That, as a result of this civil and criminal negligence, a great loss in money was suffered by the taxpayers of the said municipality and governmental corporations. From the record, the Grand Jury finds evidence that the Village and cemetery, for a period of ten years or more, was controlled and operated by one party whose word and action was as absolute and dictatorial as the action of those leaders for the totalitarian states of Europe and South America.

The Grand Jury further finds that, in many cases, the elected and appointed officials were weak, inefficient and criminally and civilly guilty of nonfeasance in permitting, without objections, the one man and village trustees control, and the village and cemetery, for a period of ten years or more, was controlled and operated by one party whose word and action was as absolute and dictatorial as the action of those leaders for the totalitarian states of Europe and South America.

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Large Scout Enrollment Expected at Agawam

Picturesque Camp Agawam, yearly meet of the Boy Scouts of the Clinton Valley Council, will open its third and longest period, Monday, July 2.

Enrollment for the camp has just started and is expected to be the largest in recent years. More than 100 boys have registered for the third period, which will last two weeks, and at least that many are expected to enroll over the final period, which is scheduled to last one week.

Farmington Troop 45 will send two boys to the camp for the third period, Jack Samuelson, who received an Eagle award, Scouting's highest rank, at the recent Camp O'Ree in Holly, and Johnny Hunt, son of John Hunt, Sr., Farmington Neighborhood Scout Council member. The boys and Scoutmaster, Mr. Lee, will leave Sunday for the two weeks of camping, fishing, swimming and many other diversions which Agawam offers.

To Attend Final Period

Another Farmington Scout, James Youngblood, will attend the fourth and final period, which begins July 16, and closes July 22.

The camp will be under the direction of Scout Executive Herbert N. Watson, assisted by an experienced staff.

Lee Meates, Scoutmaster of Troop 45, expects to visit the camp during the week-end of July 8, 9, to inspect the camp, and see how the Farmington youths are getting along.

Sun May Enroll

"There are some openings left for the final period," stated Meates, "and parents of Farmington scouts who wish to send them to camp still have time to do so."

Among the improvements noticed at the camping site this year are a number of freshly painted buildings. New mattresses have been purchased. The boats and dock are freshly painted. New appliances have been added to the kitchen including a dish washing machine, sink and a new hot water system.

Camp Agawam is located about one half mile south of Lake Orion, and two miles west.

Walled Lake To Get New Teachers

With the beginning of the school term in September, six new teachers will be added to the Walled Lake Consolidated school system, according to an announcement made by Superintendent C. A. Hoffman.

Three Upsland Normal school graduates have already received contracts to teach in the lower grades. They are Helen Lloyd of Dearborn, sixth grade; Wilhelmina Holly, first grade; and Hazel Robinson of Reading, sixth grade.

According to Mr. Hoffman, the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grades will be divided into two sections. Teaching arrangements and schedules are to be completed later. An important change will be the appointment of Floyd Cheven, high school instructor to a post of principal of Union Lake school.

League. The Redford Mascot team will have Harry Way, a very good pitcher, and the team should be a very well contented one by the spectators stand-point.

There will be a small admission charge for all games. Mayor Howard M. Warner has been asked to pitch the first ball to start the tournament, and all Farmington residents are invited to attend.

Merchants Will Make Your Holiday a Success

With the Fourth of July holidays just around the corner, many Farmington residents are making plans for a gala weekend of picnics, parties, and traveling. The Farmington merchants are also preparing for the holidays. They are marshalling their forces to help pleasure seekers get the most out of an enjoyable week end, and the specialties which they are offering this week can help you and your friends in many ways.

If you are planning a trip for the holiday, you'll find your pleasure doubled if you make that drive when you shop at the A. and P. Food Store.

Can't beat those new Fords for luxurious comfort and driving economy. They are built to give you maximum service the year round. Stop in at Gills Russell, Inc., and ask for a demonstration.

Bring On The Food

Pleasant friends, attention! There's nothing more important on an outing than the food. You'll want the very best in delicious meats, fruits, buns, rolls, etc. when you pack your picnic basket, and you can be sure of getting just that when you shop at the A. and P. Food Store.

And the big headquarters for all camping and sports supplies is Hampton's Farmington Hardware.

Perhaps you are planning on staying at home over the holidays, and entertaining friends. This means that there will be a lot of cooking to do, and cooking in hot July weather is no fun, even under the best conditions. However, your cooking problems will be reduced to a minimum if you use a gas range, such as the ones that are on display at Consumers Power Co. Using one of these beautiful ranges can make your holiday cooking a pleasure!

How Are Your Tires?

Motorists, be sure your tires are in good condition before you start out on a trip. You can hardly afford to miss the significant sale of tires now being offered at Earl Vivier's Shell Service Station. Buy one Goodrich tire at regular price and you get the second tire at half price!

The Fred L. Cook Co. has a sale this week on just the sort of clothes you'll want for your Fourth of July vacation and for the remainder of this summer. This is the place to shop when you buy vacation clothes.

Ice Cream Is Healthful

No matter where you go or what you do over the holiday you'll get real enjoyment out of the tasty, flavorming ice cream on sale at Farmington Dairy Stores. Ice Cream is a healthy summer treat. Farmington Dairy makes it in many delicious flavors. Remember, there's a flavor for every member of the family.

Move To Stop Free Shows

A determined movement is underway by the various factors in the community to put a stop to the outdoor weekly free movie show in Farmington which has been the object of continuous criticism and protest from various quarters in recent years.

Partial loss of the sight of an eye, perhaps permanently, by a spectator last Friday evening, has brought to a head the numerous criticisms that the shows are a focus of danger, creating a serious traffic hazard as well as other problems. The type of show exhibited has also been the object of criticism.

Horace Yules, a resident of Fenoli Road near Gill Road, is the victim of an accident to his eye. He was struck in the left eye by a stone thrown during a recent show. He was first treated by Dr. Lee Halsted, and now is under care of an eye specialist in Detroit. There is a dislocation of either the lens or retina. Yules has reduced partial sight of the eye, but the condition is serious.

Other less serious accidents, such as firecrackers being exploded close to spectators, have been reported.

Put Before Club

Dr. Halsted placed the matter before the Exchange Club Wednesday noon, with the remark that "if someone is not killed it is going to be a miracle. The traffic hazard, particularly to boys and girls riding bicycles to the show, was emphasized, and various members supported Dr. Halsted's view. Rev. Delmore Stubbs of the Methodist Church raised the question of the type of pictures shown, from the standpoint of influence on young minds, as being one of the most important considerations. Business men in the club also reported that they had long since stopped contributing to the show, and comment indicated that the show company's support consisted of only a few stores, as compared with more than 20 originally backing the movies several years ago.

The Exchange Club went on record as being opposed to the continuation of the shows. Action by the City Commission was discussed. The shows had been the object of informal discussion by City Commissioners following their meeting Monday evening, when the injury to Yules was mentioned by one of the members.

SHIPMENT OF NEW BOOKS EXPECTED SOON AT LIBRARY

A shipment of new books, including several current bestsellers as well as children's and young people's books is expected to arrive at the Farmington public library within the next few days, according to Mrs. Florence Leach, librarian.

Included in the list of books to come are "Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck; "Fighting Angel," by Pearl Buck; "Hurricane," by Nordhoff and Hall; "Of Human Hearts," by Howard Mearns; "Complete Short Stories," by DeMaupassant; "The Campers Guide," "Steele of the Royal Mounted," by James Oliver Curwood; "Plague Curve," by Carter Dickson; "Sons of Wharf," by Howard Pease; "Sue Barton—Son of Nurse," "More Tish," by Mary Roberts Rinehart.

"Honor of the Bir Snows," by James Oliver Curwood; "Lives of a Bengal Lancer," by Yeats-Brown; and "Toscanini," by Paul Stefan.

A book of interest to all readers of this section is Mickey Cochran's new book on Baseball, which has recently been added to the library shelves. Two other books which have been recently added to the library are "The Mischief Maker," by Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf," and "Grapes of Wrath," by John Steinbeck.

Boy Who Formerly Lived Here, Drowned Tuesday

Oscar Sukowski, Jr., 17, who, with his family, was a former resident of Farmington Township, was drowned Tuesday in Murry Lake, near Plymouth. He was the eldest of ten children.

The water in which the boy was swimming was very deep, with a sharp drop on the floor of the lake. A companion was swimming about four feet from Sukowski when he went down, but Sukowski disappeared so quickly that the friend was unable to save him.

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Pass Building, Zoning Codes

New homes or buildings in Farmington, on which construction is started after July 17, will come under the regulation of the Building Code and the Zoning Code, both of which were given their final readings and passed at a meeting of the Farmington City Commission Monday evening.

The Building Code provides rules and specifications relative to the construction of commercial buildings and residences, materials to be used, etc. It also provides that a building inspector be appointed to make inspections of new constructions.

Under the Zoning Code the city is divided into several districts with provisions as to the types of homes and commercial enterprises which may be located in each district. It sets up rules concerning the keeping and raising of domestic animals, manufacturing of certain products, character of business houses, and many other activities which affect the valuation of city property.

Both ordinances were drawn up by the city commissioners. Assisting with the Building Code was Bayard Tupper, manager of Farmington Lumber and Coal Co., and with the Zoning Ordinance, Paul Schreiber, instructor at McKean's high school, Detroit.

Auto Racers To Compete At Milford Sunday

The Oakland County Fair Grounds, at Milford will sound like the well known hornet's nest for the third time this season, Sunday, July 2, when the big racing season will make more attempts to conquer time and distance.

Six events will make up the program, Sunday, including four elite lap elimination races, twenty lap feature races, time trials will start at 11 a. m. and the first race will get under way at 2:30 p. m.

New State Secretary For County Clerks



LYNN D. ALLEN

The appointment of Lynn D. Allen, of Pontiac, Oakland County clerk, as temporary secretary of the Michigan County Clerks' Association, was announced recently by Allan Hyde, president of the association. Allen succeeds Edmund Gibb, of Ann Arbor, who resigned recently as Washtenaw County clerk during an investigation of his office.