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School Board Elects Its Officers

Farmington Board of Education is ready to proceed energetically on its work for the coming year, which will see completion of the new auditorium-gymnasium among important elements of the year's program.

Acting on advice of its attorney, the Board accepted recognition as a member last Thursday evening to Paul Schreiber, and proceeded to organize with Dr. Z. R. Achen-Brenner chosen as president. The new president has been a member of the board for six years.

Mrs. Florence Lee was re-elected secretary and Trustee Howard M. Warner was chosen treasurer.

Decision to install a complete new book-keeping system which will with time provide ready a complete picture of the financial status of the district, as well as a permanent record of all transactions, was the first action of the newly-organized board. The step was urged by the Board's Auditor Glenn H. Leland in an annual audit and report for the past year presented to the board. Mr. Leland was authorized to proceed at once with the installation of the new system.

The Board also voted to establish a finance committee whose special work will be to inquire into the entire financial situation of the district and also to constantly study the financial status in order to be able to recommend action which will be of benefit to the district as time goes on. The committee will consist of Mr. Warner, as chairman, Mrs. Lee and Mr. Schreiber.

Archibald G. Leonard, attorney for the Board, presented a written opinion in which was outlined the basis for ruling that Mr. Schreiber was entitled to the trusteeship despite lack of a majority vote at the school election. H. F. Brennan asked whether there might be some question of the legality of Board's actions with Mr. Schreiber participating, but Mr. Leonard stated that the action of the board in seating Mr. Schreiber would hold good unless and until invalidated by court order.

Former Trustee Arthur Lamb, who had served 12 years and whose place on the Board was taken by Mr. Schreiber, said prior to the organization meeting that he had no thought whatever of contesting the seating of Mr. Schreiber, that even though a contest might be successful he did not consider it worthwhile and that the welfare of the community would be best served by dropping the matter as soon as possible.

MAN HURT WHILE TRYING TO CROSS GRAND RIVER AVE.

Harold True, widely-known Detroit radio announcer and news commentator, stands exonerated of blame in a Farmington traffic accident, following investigation.

Thomas McFall, of Hamburg, Mich., an employee of Detroit Edison Co., in Ann Arbor, suffered a broken hip and cuts about the face when he was struck by a car Sunday evening at 10:15 o'clock. He had started to cross Grand River avenue just east of Farmington Road, became confused and stepped in front of a car driven by True who lives at 16304 Wildwood St., Detroit.

McFall was taken immediately to the office of Dr. Lee Halsted where he was given first aid treatment. Shortly afterwards he was removed by ambulance to University Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt reported that True was driving at about 25 miles per hour at the time of the accident and was not to blame.

New Home on Prospect

Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Borden are new residents of Farmington, now occupying their newly-completed home at 2231 Prospect street, near Shawassaw avenue.

The Borden family formerly resided at 5394 Woodside avenue in Detroit. Mr. Borden is employed in sales and advertising work for a Detroit concern. His hobby is gardening, and a little golf when time permits.

COUNTY RADIO STATION

A dispatch from Washington Thursday reported that a license had been granted to a company composed of eight Oakland County citizens, for construction of a new radio station to serve Oakland County, the station to be located in Pontiac.

Golden Wedding Reception To Be Held on Monday

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. M. Byron Pierce, for 50 years residents of Farmington, will be the occasion for a celebration at Botsford Tavern next Monday afternoon, July 31. Invitations have been sent out to more than 100 friends to attend the reception, from three to five o'clock.

"Mrs. Pierce, who was Anna Ernestine Kennedy before her marriage, was born in Bedford and moved to Detroit with her parents at the age of seven. She lived in Detroit until 1889, the year of her marriage to Mr. Pierce. For several years she taught at the new school in Detroit.

A Native of New York, Mr. Pierce came to Farmington at the age of nine years. His first job was in the general store owned by Tom France, which was then located near the southeast corner of Grand River and Farmington Road. He opened a barber shop in Farmington in November 1878, and operated the shop until 1889 when he was appointed postmaster, a position which he held for 21 years. At that time the post office occupied a building which stood on the site now occupied by Hutton's Hardware.

Married in Detroit

In 1889 Mr. and Mrs. Pierce were married at the home of Mrs. Pierce's mother by Rev. Frederick

Guest Coming 600 Miles For Golden Wedding

From the farthest tip of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, 600 miles away, a guest is coming to Farmington especially to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. M. Byron Pierce next Monday afternoon. In a day or two Dr. Sidney D. Eva, former pastor of Farmington Methodist church and now secretary of the Detroit Area of the church, will leave Eagle Harbor, near the point of the Keweenaw Peninsula, interrupting his vacation amid the breezes that cool the rocky shores of Lake Superior. Since he is interrupting his vacation, the jovial minister will actually be traveling 1,200 miles just to spend the day with his old and devoted friends.

Wolfeenden, an Episcopal minister. They came to Farmington, moving into Mr. Pierce's home on Grand River avenue near the corner of East street. They lived there for several years before moving into their home at 3328 Grand River, where they have resided for 15 years.

Botsford Tavern, scene of the anniversary celebration Monday, has played an interesting part in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce. Before it was purchased by Henry Ford, it was owned by Mr. Pierce's uncle, Miller Botsford. Sixteen years, until it changed hands, the Tavern, or Botsford Hotel as it was known then, was owned by members of the Botsford family. Assembling in welcome guests here had a meal at the time of his arrival in Farmington, was at the "Hotel." "There have been great developments since we were married," Mr. Pierce recalled. "Why, I remember that when we first came to Farmington, there was only one telephone in town, at the drug store about four blocks from our house. We had to go out there when we wanted a call."

"There are almost no buildings or stores left now that were here when we first came," added Mr. Pierce. "They've all been torn down and replaced. My barber shop was located at first on the corner of Grand River and Farmington Road. Prices for haircuts then were ten cents for children and 25 cents for grown-ups. I worked on Sundays then to make ends meet, but living expenses were much lower."

Assembling in welcome guests Monday will be the couple's two children, C. Ernestine Pierce and Edgar S. Pierce, whose business is now in the same building where his father began more than half a century ago.

Residents Again Reminded of New Mail Schedule

Postmaster Norman C. Lee wishes to again remind residents of the new schedule of mail dispatches now in effect at the post office. The new schedule also affects incoming mail. The mail which used to come in at 5 p. m. now arrives at 2:15 p. m. On Saturdays there is no more incoming mail until the next day. This applies to Saturdays as well as other days.

Mondays through Fridays mail is sent out at 6 a. m., 1:30 p. m. and 6 p. m. The extra dispatch replaces the one that formerly went out at 4:30 p. m. On Saturdays, there are two dispatches, at 6 a. m. and at 1:30 p. m. All packages, letters, etc., to be mailed must be in at least 15 minutes before the deadline of each dispatch.

The Ely reunion will be held at 10 o'clock, Sunday, July 30, at the City picnic grounds, just east of the high school athletic field, and at the foot of the Ely hill on Shawassaw avenue.

Spencer J. Heene's six years as president of Farmington Board of Education have been climaxed the past year by starting of the new gymnasium-auditorium building. Mr. Heene having vigorously led the campaign for public approval of the project. He continues as a member of the Board, having been re-elected a year ago for his third three-year term.

Mr. Heene became a member of the Board in 1932, a year later was elected president, and held the office continuously until this year's organization meeting, when the chair was assumed by Dr. Z. R. Achen-Brenner, who came to the Board a year after Mr. Heene, in 1933.

On School Board



Paul R. Schreiber has begun a three-year term on Farmington Board of Education, the Board having accepted his qualifications on advice of its attorney, at an organization meeting which had been postponed while the question of necessity of a majority vote of electors was considered.

Southfield Board Fight Dropped

Because school district funds are undoubted would be used by the board of education to defend court action brought to terminate the validity of an election, Oscar Mullins, defeated candidate for re-election to Southfield district No. 9 school board, will not contest in court the seating of a rival candidate by the board. Mullins said he did not wish to cause use of school funds for such a purpose.

The former treasurer of the board was defeated in a three-way contest in which none of the three nominees received a majority of votes.

"I have just learned through an attorney," said Mullins, "that if I took action, the school board, under the law, could use school money to finance a court defense. I don't want to see money taken out of the school for this purpose. For that reason, and that reason alone, I am dropping the matter."

Mullins stated that he was confident that if the case were taken into court his point would be substantiated. Meanwhile the members of the board held their regular organization meeting Saturday and elected officers for the coming year. Those elected were: Roland Charpentier re-elected president and Mrs. Ollie Kallman re-elected secretary. Mrs. Eva Tesch was elected treasurer to succeed Mullins, who was defeated for a place on the board by Elmer Harlow.

Find Summer Relief By Shopping in Farmington

This is dedicated to those who like to find relaxation in the outdoors when the thermometer rises. It may mean a trip to a far-away lake or just stretching out in the shade of a tree in the backyard. No matter which is your favorite way of seeking relief from rising temperatures, you'll find that Farmington's stores are prepared to help you in every way.

If you're planning a trip somewhere this summer, why not take it in one of those beautiful Ford V-8's? If you'd like a demonstration, stop in at Olin Russell.

Aids and equipment for pleachers and vacationists are a specialty at Hutton's Farmington Hardware. Whoever you go stop in at Hutton's before leaving.

If the summer cabin is in need of a little "touching up" you can get the best materials obtainable at Farmington Lumber and Coal Co. They have a full line of screen doors, lumber for repairs, etc.

It would be nearly impossible to replace the many and varied services which your bank offers. When you plan to be away from home for an extended period don't leave valuables around the house—put them in a safe deposit box at Farmington State Bank.

In the summer it's important that you eat healthful food, properly balanced for hot weather apathy. Shop at A. and P. Food Store, where every day is bargain day.

This week the Free & Co. Clothing store is featuring special values on men's clothing. Shoes, shirts, trousers, socks, and everything else for the man are being

Probate Judge Reveals How Child Care Is Slashed

(Editor's Note—The effect upon Oakland County of the drastic slashing of State appropriations for Aid to Crippled and Afflicted Children by the 1939 Legislature is graphically revealed by Probate Judge Arthur E. Moore, who has charge of this work in the County. Judge Moore's report, which follows, shows how the care of unfortunate children has been so sharply curtailed as to provide a major problem in the State.)

It is of considerable importance that wide spread information be given as to the present and future situation of the Aid to Crippled and Afflicted Children in this County and State.

Since the enactment of Enrolled Act No. 162 of 1939, approximately 60% of the amount previously available for medical care and hospitalization to Crippled and Afflicted children has been wiped out leaving only about 40% of the previous amount of funds available for this purpose during the State fiscal year beginning July 1, 1939.

The change in the money available is as follows: Michigan spent for Afflicted Children for the year beginning July 1, 1939 ... \$500,000.00

Michigan spent for Crippled Children for the year ending June 30, 1938 ... \$1,497,575.08

Michigan made available for this work in the year beginning July 1, 1939 ... \$300,000.00

The act provides that the Crippled Children's Commission shall divide the appropriated money among the counties of the State, and that any expenditure in the county above the appropriation must be paid by the County, and that the Auditor General from paying any bill in excess of the appropriated amount of any of the counties.

The allotment for Oakland County is as follows: Afflicted Children Allotment ... \$16,339.28

Population Basis ... \$16,339.28

Monthly Allotment ... \$1,361.61

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It is obvious that at the present time only the worst or most needy cases can be considered and that

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City Tax Collections Shoot Up

Collections of city taxes in Farmington have shown a large gain in the first four weeks, according to a report issued by City Treasurer George C. Gildemeister. Collections for the period of July 1 to 27 amount to \$18,084.29, an increase of 20 per cent over collections made in the same period in 1938.

More than a third of the total tax money for this year has already been paid. This is a substantial increase over the percentage collected in the same period last year. Collections made since July 1 represent 37.47 per cent of total to be collected. In 1938 only 31.20 per cent had been collected by July 27.

The total amount of taxes spread this year is slightly higher than in 1938. Residents this year were assessed a total of \$21,593.59, as compared to last year's figure of \$20,562.58.

Because of the increased amount of tax money which has been collected so far this month, it is believed that the total per cent of collections may exceed the 1938 mark. Last year 84 per cent of taxes were collected by July 27.

For those who pay their taxes before July 31 there is no penalty. Beginning August 1 and until August 31 there is a penalty of two per cent. Those who wait until after September 1 to pay their taxes will be assessed a penalty of four per cent.

Jane Grosvenor To Be Married Here Saturday

Miss Jane Grosvenor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Grosvenor, will become the bride of Leon Robinson, of Farmington, at a ceremony Saturday evening, July 29, at eight o'clock, at the home of her parents on Grand River avenue. A large group of friends and relatives will attend the wedding. The bride will wear a gown of white tulle, and the bridesmaid, Miss Vivian Grosvenor, will wear a two-tone dress of pink and blue net.

Dave Robinson, of Pontiac, will assist his brother as best man. Following a short motor trip through northern Michigan, the young couple will be at home after August 7, to their friends at 23719 Shawassaw avenue, Farmington.

BAND TO PRESENT FINAL CONCERT OF SUMMER SEASON

Farmington school band, under the direction of Alvin Benner, will present its last concert of the summer series Thursday evening, August 3, 7 and 8 p. m. at the program each Thursday evening for the past five weeks, and each one has been attended by enthusiastic music-lovers who accorded the players much applause.

The program for the final concert:

"Choral—"Komm, Sumer Tod" ("Come, Sweet Death") by J. S. Bach. This piece is a folk-song, a simple proof of the greatness of Bach, for no composer ever surpassed him in beauty of workmanship and reverence of spirit.

"March—"Thun Donner," by Hubert. A peppy march throwing the attention on the bass section of the band.

Overture—"The Calph of Bagdad," by Bellini. An introduction to the charm of Mozart. The allegro beginning softly and brightly in crisp rhythmic gives way to vigorous passages that alternate with the lovely, responsive melody. The ending is decisive and brilliant.

A Brahms Waltz

Waltz—"Waltz in Aflat," by Brahms. One of the best melodies of all time. This little song, full of lyric beauty, shows us the warmer side of Brahms and is as much a test of his genius as one of his elaborate symphonies.

"Novelty—"Starlight," paraphrased by H. Alfred. A modern version of the familiar violin solo, "Fandango," by E. Lomax. Another popular number derived from the same source is "Moonlight and Roses."

"Selection—"Kiss Me Again," by Victor Herbert. The notes of Victor Herbert are some of their popular appeal and this one taken from his light opera "Mile. Modiste" is no exception.

"The Steel Men," by Belsterling. Dedicated to the Joliet High School Band, Joliet, Illinois.

"Star Spangled Banner."



Probate Judge ARTHUR E. MOORE

F. Steele Robbed By Gypsies

Frank Steele, Farmington Township justice of the peace and new member of the Township Board, one of the best-known citizens of this section, reported Monday to Officer DeVriendt that four gypsies had robbed him of a wallet containing \$150.00. Steele said that the gypsies stopped him while he was driving his car and asked him the way to Valley Lake. When he arrived home, Steele said, he discovered that the wallet was gone. DeVriendt had a broadcast sent out to police cars to patrol the roads in the section, but no trace was found.

Although gypsy bands that used to roam the country in large numbers in the "horse-and-buggy days" have now largely disappeared and the "gypsies" are said to be vanishing, lake regions in summer appear attractive to them and severely a summer passes without their giving the police some trouble. At least one or two instances of gypsy thefts are reported to the authorities in this area every summer.

In many cases, reports indicated that sums were taken much larger than lost by Mr. Steele.

Mr. Steele, principal of a high school in Detroit, was driving north from his fruit farm at Eleven Mile and Drake Roads when the robbery occurred.

New Service Station To Open On Farmington Rd.

The opening of a new service station on Farmington Road just south of Grand River avenue has been announced by Nolan and Campbell, Detroit. The station, to be known as "Campbell Bros. Service Station," will carry a full line of tires, tubes, and other auto accessories, in addition to gasoline and oil. The station will carry the Gulf brand of gas and oil. The Campbell brothers expect to be ready for business by the middle of next week.

Continues Secretary



Mrs. Florence E. Lee is starting her twelfth consecutive year as secretary of Farmington Board of Education. Elected to the Board in 1928 and immediately made secretary, she has been re-elected to the office at each year's organization meeting. She is the senior member of the Board in point of service.

Otho Dewitt of Imlay City was an overnight caller in Farmington Tuesday night.