

Novi Probe Continued to October 31

Examination of three men on charges growing out of Justice John J. Schulte's one-man grand jury investigations of Novi cemetery affairs will be continued until 9:38 a. m. on October 31.

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Funeral Services Held For Former Resident

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Heeney Funeral Home for Don M. Conroy, 65, a former resident of Farmington. Mr. Conroy died Thursday in Detroit. He was born in Southeast Township, lived for several years in Farmington, and for a number of years had lived in Detroit.

He was a widower. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. George Welton, of Detroit, and Mrs. Howard West, of Commerce, Michigan.

Rev. Gilbert Miles officiated at the ceremony. Burial was in Oakland cemetery.

Dr. C. C. Little To Speak At Cass H. S.

Farmington residents are invited to hear a lecture by Dr. Clarence C. Little, managing director of the American Society for the Control of Cancer, at Cass Technical High School, Monday evening, October 30.

The talk is under the auspices of the Maternal Health League of Michigan, and is entitled "The Relation of Birth Control to Democracy." Admission is free.

Oakland Juvenile Home to Offer Three New Services

Judge Arthur E. Moore, of the Oakland County Probate Court, announces three new services as a part of the County Juvenile Home program. The services have been established as an aid in better understanding the individual child who becomes a ward of the Juvenile Court.

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Farmington Stores Offer Many Bargains to Hunters

With the opening of the hunting season, hundreds of men from the Farmington area are taking down their guns, getting into their heavy hunting clothes and heading for the open field. One thing that all good hunters know is that it doesn't pay to start out unprepared.

That's why most of them are making trips to the Farmington stores before they take to the road. One place that is most of the smartest and best place to stock up on hunting hardware, headquarters for all hunting supplies, from "shooting irons" to the license.

A convenient way to reach your favorite hunting grounds is by your own car. The Farmington Hardware provides convenient and fast transportation to all points north.

Food They'll Enjoy What's the most important thing on a hunter's trip? The food, of course. Hunters' appetites are notoriously large, and they find it's a hard day's trip and eat a meal of food from Hamlin's Food Market.

For preparing meals at home you've never seen anything like these modern gas ranges at our sale. And you'll get a long way towards safeguarding your health. Order it and other dairy products from Farmington Dairy.

Stock up on real right now for the cold season ahead. Free prompt delivery call the Farmington Lumber and Coal Co.

Township Votes Down Survey Plan

Members of the Farmington Township Board, at their meeting Tuesday evening, voted against a plan of proposed sewer interceptor line to Wayne County.

The rejected resolution provided that Farmington Township and Farmington City divide equally the cost of a surveyor's report on the sewer line. Total cost for the report would amount to approximately \$500.00.

The proposed interceptor would run from the eastern limits of the city of Farmington through Farmington Township along Rouge Creek, to an existing sewer main in Wayne County located on Seven Mile Road near Inkster Road. The cost of the project, as outlined by Bruce Buchanan, consulting engineer, would be divided between the Township and the City, and would be designed to take care of City sewage as well as to benefit present and future residents of the southeastern portion of the Township.

In a general discussion of the project at the board's meeting several points were raised. One of these was a question as to whether a sufficient number of Township residents would benefit from the sewer line to warrant the Township's assistance in financing it.

Another pertained to the size of the pipe. The project calls for a 18-inch pipe, but several residents expressed their doubts that this would be large enough, especially, they pointed out, if the population of the affected area increases.

The motion lost by a vote of three to one. The affirmative vote was given by Supervisor Arthur Cox, while Mrs. Loreta Cox, Harry McCracken, and Ernest Bianchedi voted against the issue. Justice Frank Steele was absent.

ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM PLANNED BY O. E. S. Farmington Chapter No. 239, O. E. S. will celebrate their fortieth anniversary on Tuesday evening, October 24. At this time, he party matrons will be honored.

The meeting will be opened at eight o'clock, after which past officers will conduct the ceremony of initiation. At the close of the meeting refreshments will be served. All members, old and new, are urged to attend and help in this celebration, and enjoy the evening of fellowship and reminiscence. Invitations have been sent to all chapters in the Oakland County Association, and a large gathering is expected.

Grady McKay, public speaking and debate teacher at Farmington high school, is chairman of the Speech Department of the Michigan Education Association's Sixth District meeting, which is to be held Thursday and Friday, October 19 and 20 in Detroit.

Mr. McKay will have charge of the Speech Department's meeting which will be held Friday morning at 9:30 in the Founders Room of the Book-Caulfield Hotel. A program of talks and discussions on the subject of speech and debate in high schools, is planned. Included will be a half-hour demonstration of a radio debate, presented by four Lansing high school debaters. This is under the direction of Phillip G. LaFollette, former director of Mr. McKay will also be heard.

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The usual pot luck dinner will be served at 12:30 p. m. Mrs. Herald Cox and Mrs. T. H. McGee are in charge of arrangements.

European War To Affect Christmas Mails, Says Lee

The European war may have an effect on Farmington residents' plans to send Christmas parcels to friends and relatives in the belligerent countries, according to Norman C. Lee, Farmington postmaster.

Persons who wish to send Christmas packages to England, France, Germany, or other European countries should mail them right away," declared Lee. "The mail schedule from the United States has been irregular since the war began and the parcels will probably be delayed in sailing."

There are quite a number of parcels sent to Europe each Christmas. Most of these go to England, Germany, France, and Poland. Packages mailed a month before Christmas would reach their destination on time under ordinary conditions, except for the shipping restrictions, and the added care with which inspections are made, the parcels will undoubtedly be delayed this season.

The attention of postmasters has been called to the fact that the government will no longer pay indemnity for the loss of registered articles in the regular mails addressed to foreign countries within ten days of their departure due to "force majeure" (causes beyond control). Thus the government disclaims responsibility for articles which are lost through the sinking of vessels, or the seizure of cargo on a contraband.

Lee also suggests that any Farmington resident who intends to send a parcel to a European country, set in touch with him first, to learn of the latest regulations. Different restrictions as to what may be received through the mail.

An interesting note is the postal ruling that letters addressed to prisoners of war need no postage. Postmaster Lee has received no instructions yet concerning the mailing of first class letters, or Christmas greeting cards, to foreign countries. Until further notice, he stated, he will not accept any letters, in order to be sure that they arrive on time, it is advisable to mail them as soon as possible.

FARMINGTON TEAM WINS 13-0. KEEGO HARBOR NEGO. Farmington high school football team, undefeated in three games so far this season, will meet Keego Harbor next Friday afternoon at Keego Harbor.

Two touchdowns scored by Tom Dwyer, hardhitting Farmington fullback, and a margin by which the Farmington team defeated Northville high school last Friday. Dwyer scored the first touchdown after an extended drive had placed the ball on the four yard line.

The other score came when he took a Northville punt and galloped 70 yards to cross the goal standing up. Farmington held the upper hand throughout the contest, winning by a score of 13 to 0.

The Farmington line, doubtful at the start of the game, is developing in fine shape, according to Coach Paul Shoemaker. Two fine players after the last game were Tom Dwyer, who met the highest bid, either by paying cash or entering into a contract for payment over a period of ten years, with interest at 10 percent on unpaid balance. He had interest in the property at the time of the May, 1938, tax sale has this right to meet the bid.

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Farmington Women Attend O. E. S. Session. The seventy third annual session of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, Order of the Eastern Star, was held in Grand Rapids last week. Mrs. Robert Harrison, Farmington, and Mrs. Ida Worford, Attending Matron, attended as voting delegates from Farmington Chapter No. 239. Other delegates were Mrs. Florence Ramsey and Mrs. Elsie Darling. Mrs. Harrison was honored by being appointed one of the Grand Matrons retiring. Worthy Grand Guardians by Mrs. Florence Ramsey. This year's session was colorful and very impressive, having been called "The Chapel Session."

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PTA Committee Members Named

The October meeting of the P. T. A. was held Tuesday evening at the high school with an attendance of ninety parents and teachers. A new ways and means committee was appointed, with Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt, chairman, and Mrs. C. G. Coors, Mrs. Ed Faulkner, Mrs. Carl Redding, Charles Elkin, Ed Alexander and Grady McKay as the other members.

O. E. Dunckel, superintendent, extended an invitation to parents to visit the school. He stated that the enrollment in the Farmington schools, to date, is 738, which shows an increase of 28 students over last year's enrollment on the same date. A new teacher, James F. Baker, has been engaged to take care of the large enrollment in the Commercial department.

Mr. H. A. Tape of Ypsilanti was the speaker of the evening, and gave a fine talk on the subject, "Why a P. T. A.?" Community singing was conducted by Lynn Rohrer, and refreshments were served at the close of the program. The next P. T. A. meeting will be held Tuesday, November 14.

Mrs. F. J. Nash, president, has requested that members please bring any odd cups and saucers, or silverware that they may have at home, to be used in the present time for any equipment in serving refreshments at the P. T. A. meetings, and until such time as the organization is able to purchase the necessary supplies. The contents of dishes and silverware will be greatly appreciated.

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Land Sale May Affect 21 City Lots

Unless the owners of 21 parcels of land in Farmington pay certain delinquent taxes before November 3, their property will be taken over by the State, to be sold at auction next February, according to Lloyd S. Gullen, Farmington real estate dealer, who will act as a broker for the state in the sale.

Taxes incurred in 1935 and prior must be paid if the owner wishes to keep title to his property. There are 135 tax-delinquent parcels in Farmington Township. Through-out the county there are approximately 733,000 of these parcels.

Ownership of these properties was taken over by the State in May, 1938. Owners were given until November to pay their taxes and redemption money. The State will take over full ownership of all property on which taxes have not been paid by November 3. In February the State will conduct a gigantic "sevensaver sale" in which parcels will be offered for sale, either to the former owner or to other parties.

Mr. Gullen signed a contract with the Tri-County Land Agency, to act as a broker for a district comprising the townships of Farmington, Novi, Northville, Plymouth, and Livonia, and the cities within these townships. Owners were permitted to pay their taxes up until October 1 without penalty. Full penalties are added, however, to tax payments made between October 1 and the November 2 deadline.

Mr. Gullen advised all Farmington Township and City property owners who have any doubt whatever about the taxes on their land, to consult the County Treasurer as soon as possible.

The February sale in this district will probably be held at the County Treasurer's headquarters in Pontiac. Mr. Gullen announced, although official announcement of this has not yet been received, that the law provides that no bid at the land sale in February may be accepted for less than 25 percent of the assessed valuation on the last assessment on which the property was assessed. The successful bidder will receive a certificate of purchase. Any city, township, county, school district or other taxing unit may bid at the sale for any lands intended for public purposes.

Any person who at the time of the original tax sale had any interest in the parcels sold shall have the right for a two fine period after the auctioneer sale to meet the highest bid, either by paying cash or entering into a contract for payment over a period of ten years, with interest at 10 percent on unpaid balance. He had interest in the property at the time of the May, 1938, tax sale has this right to meet the bid.

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