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NEW TOWN HALL LOOKS MYTHICAL

Bids Much Higher than Expected—Committee and Board Like \$6,000 Limit.

Monday night, at the called meeting of the Township Board and the building committee of the Masonic Lodge, for the reception of bids for the addition to the Town Hall, nothing was done further than to open two bids and take an adjournment until the following evening. On Tuesday evening, the two bids received were again considered, and rejected.

The lowest bid received to date, was presented Monday evening, and was for \$7,575.00, as per specifications. As this does not include furnishings, the total, if this bid were accepted, would doubtless run over \$8,000. No member of the committee nor the board seems inclined to consider any bid over \$6,000, and it was at first believed that the addition could be constructed for \$5,000.

The way the matter now stands, it looks very much as though the whole proposition would fall through, and the hall be left as is. Some of the Masons have expressed a belief that the lodge could better afford to purchase a new lot and construct a cement building, with store rooms below and the lodge hall above, believing they would have less difficulty in raising funds for such a building, than the addition to the present hall, as contemplated.

In fact, the Town Board does not feel overly enthusiastic about the proposition, in face of some strong opposition that has developed since the appropriation was passed at the Township meeting. It is known that many believe that the matter should have been submitted to a direct vote, instead of passing it in the manner employed.

The Masonic committee is composed of Dr. J. A. Miller, Amos Otis Isaac Bond, Thomas Lytle and Arthur Lamb, while the Township board is represented by James L. Hogle, H. A. Schroeder, Fred Stamann and J. H. Johnson. It is strongly intimated that some pressure against the addition has been brought to bear on both committees.

The probabilities now seem that the addition will not be built, at least for the present, as while the bidding is still open, it is not believed that any bidder will be able to meet the price expected by the two committees.

It is of course understood that the Masons would be willing to dispose of their interests in the present building to the Township, but the latter in turn has no use for the upper floor, and there the matter rests.

While we believe that the addition is badly needed, it looks very much as though the matter will be compelled to go by default.

Card of Thanks

We wish to sincerely thank the many neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us during the recent illness and death of our father, Henry G. Higby, and especially those who so kindly furnished auto flowers, sympathy and consolation.

Harry G. Higby,
Chancey D. Higby,
Elsie M. Higby.

The village of Redford is trying for a five cent rate to Detroit according to the record, claiming that the volume of business for the D. U. R. would more than double as a result of the reduced fare.

MANY BANQUET AT PARK GARAGE

Carl Ely Celebrates Completion of New Addition—160 Seated at Banquet Table.

In November 1912, just about two and one half years ago, the first cement blocks for the building which now houses the Park Garage, were made. At that time the garage was doing business mostly as a blacksmithing establishment, in an old frame building. Today, the original building with two big additions stands complete, occupying 5,400 feet of floor space, and housing the latest improved machinery, and probably the largest stock of auto supplies and machines between Detroit and Lansing, and known as the most flourishing garage on the route.

To celebrate the completion of the final addition, a monster banquet was arranged and carried out in the garage building last Friday evening, when 160 patrons and friends of the genial proprietor enjoyed an ideal hospitality and social evening.

The lodge rooms, above the garage, and owned by Mr. Ely, were the scene of the banquet, the rooms being tastefully decorated for the occasion.

The march to the banquet hall, led by the Farmington band, took place at 8:30 o'clock, where a corps of 15 or 20 waiters, awaited, as did a sumptuous banquet, consisting of meats, salad, rolls, cheese and coffee, followed by the dessert course of ice cream with strawberries and cake. With the conclusion of the serving of the final course, cigars were passed and lighted.

The last flaming match was the signal for the opening of the program, and Harry N. McCracken, in a few well chosen words, introduced the toastmaster for the evening, Mr. John Power, whose well known ability was again pronounced, in "keeping things moving", and laughing. In the introduction of each contributor to the program following, Mr. Power was "reminded of another", and proceeded to tell it in his inimitable manner.

Among those on the program for impromptu speeches, a story or a musical number, were H. N. McCracken, John Power, Harley Bickling, Murray Moore, Rev. Stevenson, Rev. Stange, E. M. Moore, Mr. Grant of Miller Rubber Co., Mr. Fleming, of U. S. Tire Company, Jas. L. Hogle and Mr. Beryman.

The all too short an evening closed at a late hour with three cheers and a tiger for the host. Before departing, however, the guests took advantage of the occasion for offering sincere congratulations and best wishes to the host, which are echoed by the community in general.

Methodist Church

Morning worship at 10:30 A. M. (Eastern time). Subject, "Come and See."

Sunday evening at 7:30 the Baccalaureate sermon to the High School Senior class.

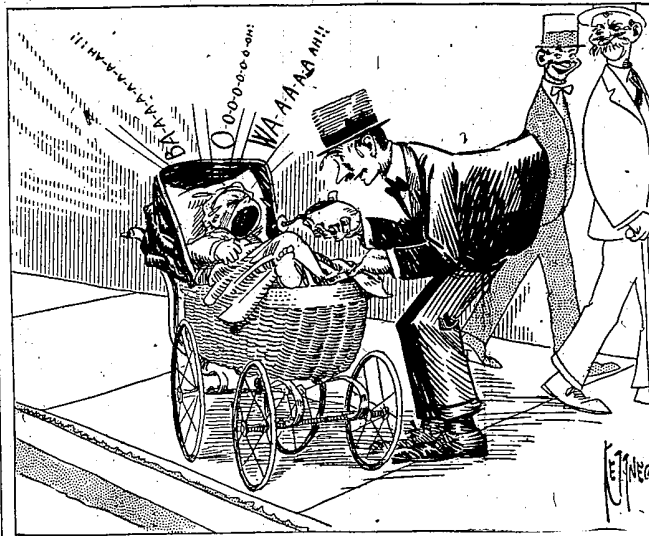
A welcome to all.

R. R. Stevenson, Pastor.

To sleep Well in Summer

Slight inflammation of the bronchial tubes causes a distressing cough and makes sleep impossible. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound stops that annoying tickling and relieves the racking, tiring cough. Good for all coughs, colds, croup and bronchial affections. For Sale By T. H. McGee.

HEROES IN EVERYDAY LIFE



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No Change in Village Tax

Following the meeting of the Board of Review at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the village council held a meeting the same evening to fix the tax levy for the coming year.

The valuation was fixed at approximately \$620,000, and the tax rate will be the same as last year, 1.15.

There is some outstanding indebtedness to be paid off with interest, many improvements and extensions to be made, and the council does not anticipate any difficulty in disposing of the money raised.

The village treasury at the present writing is in mighty poor condition, only about \$200 being on hand, and this already owing for labor and expense already incurred. Until tax money commences to come in after July 1st, the treasurer will not be overburdened with any exertion from "toting" the village pocket book.

The total amount of money to be raised from taxation this year amounts to approximately \$7,130.

Decide on Card Admission

In arranging plans for the annual Commencement exercises to be held at the M. E. church next Wednesday evening, when Congressman Patrick H. Kelly will deliver the principal address, many former precedents and traditions heretofore in vogue, have been waived and set aside.

The officers of the class, realizing the limited capacity of the church, and the many who would desire to hear Mr. Kelly, finally concluded that the only satisfactory method that could be employed to reserve seating accommodation for relatives and intimate friends, has issued in the neighborhood of 300 invitations. With each invitation has been sent a ticket entitling the holder thereof to admission, which is to be presented at the door.

The regular class day exercises were this year abandoned, the class play recently presented taking its place.

The invitation list includes relatives and intimate friends of the graduates and faculty and alone will doubtless tax the capacity of the church auditorium.

Don't fail to see the children in "Mother Goose" at the Town Hall tonight.

Option Case Hearing Yesterday

The Supreme Court on Thursday afternoon heard the arguments in the local option case for Oakland county, presented to that tribunal in the form of a writ of certiorari asking that the Board of Supervisors rescind their action in declaring Oakland County "dry".

Prosecutor F. L. Doty appeared for the Board of Supervisors, and Attorneys Matthews and Fred L. Baker for Neal Alward, in whose name the writ was asked.

The arguments lasted about two hours, and the Court now has the matter under consideration. It is hoped that an early decision will be given.

Mark Owen was home from Ann Arbor Saturday for a short visit.

Concert Draws Big Crowd

The first of a series of Saturday night summer band concerts was given last Saturday evening by the local band, in the new band stand, and was greatly enjoyed by a large crowd who arrived early and spent the evening in the village.

The band is rapidly making strides forward, and each public appearance is showing marked improvement.

The concerts will be looked forward to with much pleasure generally.

Through an error in last week's issue, we stated that the Eighth Grade exercises would be held at the M. E. church. The exercises will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, June 22.

EXERCISES BY EIGHTH GRADE

Graduates From Grades Have Prepared Fitting Observant Exercises.

On next Tuesday evening at the Town Hall, at 8 o'clock, central time, will occur the annual Eighth Grade Graduation exercises, when a class of seventeen will receive diplomas, entitling them to entry into the High School the coming year.

The complete program is as follows:

Entrance March.....Orchestra
Invocation.....Rev. Stevenson
Salutatory.....Geo. Gildemeister
Recitation "The American Flag".....Lynn Taylor
Essay "Advantages of an Education".....Helen Dohany
Recitation "Washington's Birthday".....Pauline Pickett
Music.....Orchestra
Essay "A Lincoln".....Vera Rinke
Recitation "The Boys".....Fred Goers
Recitation.....Lacie Thornton
Recitation.....Marks Daines
Essay "Deathbed of Benedict Arnold".....Anna Robertson
Music.....Orchestra
Essay, "America's Progress".....Rvelyn Price

Recitation "Not One Child to Spare".....Almeda Travis
Essay "Books".....Viola Owen
Class History and Prophecy.....Leo Hendryx
Music.....Orchestra
Gettysburg Address.....Howard Stamann
Review of European War.....Norma McLeod
Recitation.....Arthur Goers
Valedictory.....Lloyd Pierson
Presentation of Diplomas.....

R. J. Auten
Benediction.....Rev. Stange
Music.....Orchestra
Miss Marion Prindle was a passenger for Detroit Saturday evening for a visit with relatives.

FARMS AT ALL PRICES

Also Some Residence Property in the Village

If you want to buy or sell your farm or village property come in and see us. We have inquiries every day.

Here is a Partial List of Property Priced Right

20 acres, 3 miles north of village	\$2,200
10 acres just off Grand River on Orchard Lake Road	\$2,750
40 acres in Livonia Twp., with first class buildings	\$5,500
40 acres 1 1-2 miles west of village—new buildings	\$6,200
20 acres, practically adjoining the village—level	\$3,000
10 acres, 1 1-2 miles southwest of the village	\$1,700
New residence property on Grand River, a bargain	\$3,800
First class 8 room residence with fine lot on Grand River	\$3,000
Fine home just completed, on Grand River	\$3,560

A nicely located Cottage at Walled Lake

for quick sale - - - - - \$1,200

Wanted—Good house and lot in the village at about \$2,500

Wanted—30 to 40 acres with buildings, near car line

J. A. PRICE, - - Farmington, Mich.