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FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP VOTES FOR GAS

The voters of Farmington township showed that they are progressive and anxious for modern improvements and conveniences by confirming the gas ordinance by an almost unanimous vote at the special election held last Saturday.

The vote stood:
First precinct—53 yes; 1 no.
Second precinct—43 yes; 2 no.
With a franchise granted in Farmington township the Consumers Power Co. now has right of way and franchises in all territory between its plant in Pontiac and the City of Farmington. On November 16 the question of confirming a franchise granted by the City Commission a few weeks ago will be submitted to the electors.

It is safe to predict a decisive affirmative vote here as a gas supply service is much needed in the development of the city as a most desirable suburban residence district. The surrounding territory, in which are many fine subdivisions, will be equally benefited.

P. T. ASSOCIATION

The Parent-Teachers Association of Farmington schools held its first meeting of the year at the meeting of October 7, in the High school assembly room with Mrs. Norman Lee, chairman, presiding.

The meeting was opened with the singing of two appropriate and delightful community song numbers.

The members heard some very interesting and inspiring talks given by Mrs. Emil Roos on "A Mother's Viewpoint of the P. T. A.," Miss Lydia Tapio on "A Teacher's Viewpoint of the P. T. A.," Miss Ada Safford on "A Nurse's Viewpoint of the P. T. A.," and Mrs. E. F. Evans on "A Superintendent's Viewpoint of the P. T. A.," and Mrs. E. F. Evans on "A Father's Viewpoint of the P. T. A.," Officers for the ensuing year were elected:

Mrs. E. N. Roos, president.
Miss Helen Boorman, vice-president.
Mrs. William D. Ross, secretary.
Miss Lydia Tapio, treasurer.
A social half hour followed which was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting of the Association will be held Thursday afternoon, October 28 in the High School building.

The program committee has selected a splendid subject for the afternoon, "Leisure Time of Our Children." Mrs. B. E. Storms, Mrs. V. B. Evans and Mrs. E. F. Dunlap will participate in the discussion.

We urge all mothers and interested ones to be present.

Mrs. W. D. Ross, Sec.

STATE GRANCE MEETS AT EAST LANSING

The fifty-fourth annual meeting of the Michigan State Grange will be held at East Lansing Oct. 26 to 29, with the East Lansing People's church as headquarters for the convention. About 350 delegates are expected with a total attendance of 500.

Mrs. Dora H. Stockman, State Grance Lecturer, is chairman of the local committee in charge of the arrangements. Other members of the committee are Miss Jennie Howell, N. P. Hull, and C. H. Bramble.

W. K. A. R. of the M. S. C. radio station, will broadcast the programs of the meeting on Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday afternoon and Wednesday evening.

An old fashioned hay ride will be a feature of the program when the college will conduct an inspection tour for the visitors with teams and wagons taking in the points of interest about the campus. The college committee is composed of Ralph Tenny Thomas, Gunson, J. B. Hasselman, and A. H. Lavers.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Fourth League will give a Halloween Party in the basement of the Methodist Church on Saturday evening, October 30 from 7:30 to 10:30. All members and friends of the church are cordially invited. Prizes will be awarded.

WHERE BEST PICTURES ARE THE RULE

The Penniman-Allen Theatre at Northville and Plymouth are rivalling the screen fans of this section a fine run of the very best "cinema" productions. At these theatres the latest pictures are presented and can be enjoyed without the inconvenience of a Detroit trip.

This Saturday night at the Northville Penniman-Allen will be shown "Lorlon River," one of Zane Grey's latest and best stories with Jack Holt, Raymond Hatton and other notable screen stars in the principal roles. It is a Paramount picture which means shows and is that type of western play so popular with all. A "burn 'em up tale of the western country."

SECURE RESERVED SEATS FOR LYCEUM COURSE

The Progressive Class of the M. E. Church will place on sale next Monday at F. L. Cook & Co.'s store reserved seats for the winter Lyceum Course. The public is urged to secure season tickets at an early date so that reservations can be made as soon as possible.

Church Notes

Farmington Methodist Church, Rev. Edward F. Dunlap, Pastor
10:30—Worship and sermon.
The subject of the morning sermon by the pastor, "A Shepherd Song."

11:50—Sunday School.
6:30—Epworth League.
7:30—Evening service.
Special music by the choir.
The subject of the evening sermon by the pastor "Positive Folks."

Evangelical Church

Rev. J. G. Bollen, Pastor
10:15—Services, German.
11:45—Sunday School.
Wednesday, October 27, Y. P. L. Social.
Friday, Choir rehearsal.
Saturday, 9-11:30, Instructions.
Sunday, October 31, Reformation festival, Lord's Supper, German.

First Baptist Church

Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor
10:30—Morning worship, Junior and Senior sermons. The message for this week will be the sixth of a series of the churches of the Rock of Revelation.
11:45—Sunday School. We are hoping every class will have a 100 per cent attendance.
6:30—B. Y. P. U.
7:30—Evening service. We have a splendid song service, led by our orchestra. The sermon subject is "Dying on Third."

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville

(At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor
9:30—Sunday School.
10:30—English service.
When President and Mrs. Coolidge drove from Paul Smith's, N. Y., to Saranac Lake this summer and attended the morning service of the First Presbyterian Church word spread quickly among the inhabitants of the town that the Chief Executive was at church and the crowd of two or three hundred outside increased until that number were present when the President and Mrs. Coolidge entered their automobile after their service to return to the camp.

Whether on vacation from his multifarious duties or at home in the midst of them, the President's never too busy or too lazy to go to church on Sunday. Other Presidents have set the same good example. Why, then, is it that so many supposedly Christian people find it the easiest thing to stay away from church on Sunday morning? "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it."—Luke 11, 28.

Regular meeting of the O. E. S. this Friday evening at 7:30.

DEAL HOME LOCATION ASSOCIATION AIM

It was a well attended meeting of the board of directors of the Greater Farmington Association held at the Book-Cadillac Hotel in Detroit last week Thursday, when many matters of interest to the association and this vicinity were discussed. There were short talks by the president, F. D. Fleming, Rev. E. W. Palmer and W. G. Malcomson. Mr. Malcomson, who is one of the prominent architects of Detroit and who for many years has been identified with the development of that city and community building, commended the Association on the steps taken by it to make of the Greater Farmington area a truly ideal residential district.

Hal E. Thompson, R. A. Welch and Rudolph Schmittlidl were chosen as an executive committee with power to appoint necessary sub-committees for the purpose of carrying out work and plans outlined by the board of directors.

For the purpose of conducting a membership campaign among the citizens of this locality a committee composed of Don Dickson, H. D. Warner and John Fitzpatrick was appointed. Citizens will be urged to become active or associate members.

"Our association wants the people of Farmington to know exactly what we are doing for them," Mr. Thompson declared after the meeting. "We had hoped to have a report this week from Harley Warner on what the committee on pushing the widening of Grand River avenue is accomplishing, but Mr. Warner was not present. This report will undoubtedly be forthcoming at an early date."

The organization through its officers and committees will cooperate with the City Commission and citizens in every possible way to promote the welfare of Farmington.

The next meeting of the board of directors will be held at the Book-Cadillac Hotel on November 1st.

CRYSTAL WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. George Gildemeister were host and hostess at a family gathering Thursday at their home on Division street honoring the fifteenth wedding anniversary of Mr. Gildemeister's sister, Mrs. Earl Gullen and husband of Detroit. The guests were Mrs. Emiline Gildemeister, Leo Gildemeister, Mrs. Sophia Pentt, Miss Emma Gildemeister, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Pauline all of Farmington, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gildemeister, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gullen and family of Detroit.

The event was a complete surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Gullen who received many gifts of crystal in remembrance of the occasion.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP A GOOD CAUSE

The German Protestant Home for Orphans and Old People is asking for a donation of potatoes, apples, vegetables, canned fruit, etc.

The truck of this institution will come to Farmington October 30. All donors are kindly requested to deliver articles before this date at the Evangelical Church.

A SPECTACLE OF BEAUTY

At about sunrise last Friday morning an atmospheric spectacle of surpassing beauty was observed here. A copper colored glow fringed with purple appeared in the southern sky. No rain was falling at the time yet in the spectacle appeared a brilliant rainbow. The phenomenon lasted but a few minutes.

O. E. S.

Farmington Chapter O. E. S. was well represented at the Oakland County O. E. S. Association meeting held in Birmingham Wednesday of this week. Those attending were Mrs. Norman Lee, Mrs. Harry Harding, Mrs. Beed Webster, Mrs. George Gildemeister, Mrs. J. A. Miller, Mrs. T. H. McGee, Mrs. Howard Osmus, Mrs. Henry West, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bond, Mrs. Adolph Nacker, Miss Minnie Maas and Mrs. Ruth Baker.

It pays to advertise.

THE SILENT POLICEMAN NOW ON DUTY

The installation Monday of Farmington's first automatic traffic signal at the intersection of Grand River avenue and Division street created considerable interest among the curious, all of whom no doubt had seen these devices blink many hundred times but not in Farmington, where traffic congestion at times is as great as will be found most anywhere.

With manifest impatience, the strain of which was occasionally eased by "wise cracks" about traffic signals in general, the curious watched the workmen as connections and adjustments were made and when the first flash appeared, accompanied by the familiar tinkling of the alarm bell, the watchers heaved a sigh of relief. It worked.

LADIES AID

The regular meeting of the Ladies Aid of the M. E. Church was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. F. Holcomb. There was a good attendance and plans for the year and their banner were discussed.

The ladies have divided themselves into four divisions.

Mrs. A. L. Ross is chairman of the "Harmony" division which met last Friday at her home. They will meet again with her this Friday afternoon, October 22.

Mrs. V. B. Evans, chairman of the "Zippers" announces a meeting at her home next week Friday, October 29. They met last Friday at the home of Mrs. F. L. Cook.

Mrs. E. F. Holcomb is chairman of the "Golden Rule" division. Next Thursday afternoon, October 27, Mrs. William Richardson will open her home to its members and the division will have home made candy at the movie held in Community Hall next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Norman Barrons is chairman of the "Booster" division. They are planning a sewing bee at the home of Mrs. Harold Daines this Friday afternoon, October 22.

LOCAL NEWS

Regular O. E. S. meeting this Friday evening.

Miss Rose Good is spending some time with her sister and family in Detroit.

Mrs. Harold Daines and sister, Mrs. Edward Keith of Union Lake spent the day Thursday in Detroit.

Commerce Chapter, O. E. S. will entertain Farmington Chapter next week Tuesday, October 26, Farmington Chapter putting on the work.

Sunt. A. G. Leonard attended a meeting of the Oakland County Schoolmen's Club at Pontiac Thursday evening. Mr. Leonard is president of the club.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Turner and family motored to Northville Friday to see Mrs. Turner's mother, Mrs. Caroline Spaller and sister, Mrs. John Lockwood.

L. E. Wenzel left Thursday night for a trip to Listowel, Ont. for a few days visit with his parents. Mrs. Wenzel and daughter go to Port Huron for a visit until Mr. Wenzel's return.

Fire of unknown origin partially destroyed the home of Charles Rogers at Clarenceville, Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers were on their way to Florida when recalled because of the fire. The house will be rebuilt.

A birth notice in the paper last week stated, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vivier at Pontiac City Hospital. The young lady made her initial bow to the world at the parents home on Orchard street, hence the correction.

Charles Tuck, prominent farmer, living three miles southeast of Milford, who has been seriously ill for the last week, was reported Tuesday morning to have shown some improvement and now has a chance of recovery. Mr. Tuck is the father of Mrs. Elmer Switzer of Farmington.

Hospitals are filled because people disregard commonest rules of health and safety.

OAKLAND COUNTY'S FINE SYSTEM OF ROADS

E. Y. Watson, staff writer on the Detroit News says in Sunday's issue of that newspaper: Oakland county during the last year has added approximately 50 miles to its improved road system including 37 miles of concrete not including any of the mileage on the new Wilder Woodward avenue. Coupled with this comes the report of a survey of traffic on the widened Woodward artery between Detroit and Pontiac which shows that traffic on the first of the super-highways has doubled in the last year, bringing it in the class which challenges any other highway in the world in vehicular travel. The Oakland County Road Commission has a count made recently which showed that 21,706 motor vehicles passed over the highway between Pontiac and Birmingham in a period of 14 hours. The heaviest travel, according to the Commission's figures was shown between Royal Oak Lake, Detroit, in 14 hours on Sunday, August 22, this stretch carried 38,852 vehicles which included 36,435 passenger cars.

Oakland county now has 554 miles of improved highways of which 182.7 miles is concrete, according to Leon V. Belknap, county engineer.

In their report of the year's construction, the commissioners Ross Thomson, chairman and Thomas Lytle and Luther D. Allen, thus describe it:

"During the season of 1926 there has been considerable mileage of improved roads added to our county system. While all of these roads are not as yet finally completed, it is expected to have them finished before the end of the year. Briefly the roads which have been under construction are as follows:

Twelve Mile road from Southfield road to Orchard Lake road.
Orchard Lake road south from Walled Lake to the North Farmington road.
Coolidge Highway from Eight-Mile road to Woodward avenue.
Stephenson Super Highway from Eight-Mile road to the Eleven-Mile road.

Ten-Mile road (completion of easterly two miles).
Plant street in the village of Orion.

Sixteen hundred feet of pavement in the village of Waterford.
Long Lake road east of Woodward, two miles.

Middle Belt road, eight miles to Grand River road.
Dublin Lake road from the Cooley road to Elizabeth Lake road.

Ormond road from the Elizabeth Lake road to the White Lake road.
White Lake-Davisburg road from the White Lake road to the Davisburg road.

Bushman road from the Clarkston-Orion road to the Seymour Lake road.

Campbell road from the Eight-Mile road to the Twelve-Mile road.
Ridge road from the Eight-Mile road to the Ten-Mile road.
Lathrop road from the South Lyon road to Grand River road.

"The total accurate mileage completed and under construction is 49.4 miles. Of this 36.7 miles is cement and 12.8 miles is gravel.

A great increase in traffic through Oakland county has called for an unusual outlay of money for maintenance purposes, and especially is this true of gravel roads.

"Maintenance of gravel roads is accomplished by means of tractor graders, stationed a few miles apart, that do continuous floating on the surface. Heavy tractors with graders and scarifiers occasionally go over sections that are rough when the lighter equipment does not produce a smooth surface.

"The maintenance of concrete consists of tarring all cracks and joints and the patching of all broken portions of the slab. Weeds and brush are cut during the summer season. All our roads are kept open in the winter by means of truck plows and where snow drifts are unusually heavy large caterpillar tractors and heavy snow plows soon open the roadway.

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PREPARING FOR A BUILDING CAMPAIGN

The Hal E. Thompson Co. which is handling the Farmington Woods subdivision for the C. W. Burton Co., is making preparations for an aggressive campaign in the sale of property in that subdivision. As stated last week many fine houses will be built and all streets and drives improved with walks and roadways.

It has been decided to change the name of Botsford Drive to Ely Drive, in honor of Charles Ely, whose farm comprises the subdivision. There will be a small park at the intersection of Ely and Marblehead and Rickett Drives to be known as Ely Park.

The Detroit Local News says of this new subdivision: "Farmington Woods is indeed a masterpiece development, offering future opportunities that may even surpass previous records of other subdivisions. Farmington Woods is being developed along the same fine lines and restrictions as Palmer Woods. The tract is within the city limits of Farmington, served by Grand River super-highway, further bounded by Ten-Mile road (paved); Shawnee road (to be paved in 1927); Orchard Lake road (paved); and Powers road (to be paved in 1927). Within the 17 mile circle from the City Hall, this tract of 198 acres is 350 feet above the Detroit River; high rolling country, heavily wooded; further, a tree is planted every ten feet on other property not so wooded. Two and 1/2 miles of fine cement sidewalks and now installed and the entire tract will be ably served by an advanced type of "sound proof paving" active work on which is under way this fall.

"The present building program embraces the completing of 30 distinctive homes, the minimum cost of any one is \$10,000. All home building is highly restricted both as to price, size of structure and type of architecture, with plans to be submitted for approval. The Burton Building Co. will be an aggressive factor in this home building program, active building work starting about October 15. Several prominent contractors of Detroit also will start private work for their own interests on choice home sites in the Farmington Woods development."

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point and hundreds of new homes are being erected. Thousands of people are attracted to our lakes and hills and are purchasing property with a view of making it their homes. All of this is made possible by the construction of adequate highways. Highways are not of the width of the old wagon days but of the new means of transportation—the automobile.

The program concluded with the reading by Esther Davon of several bright and timely excerpts from up to date magazine articles.

Helen L. Hard,
Cor. Secy.

It is easier to trust to luck than to acquire information.

Liner ads, page 6.