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"WHEN" WILL MICHIGAN WAKE UP?

Having observed the effect of a practical move to combat predatory crime made in New York, the Jackson Citizen Patriot says: "Governor Moore of New Jersey, alarmed at the influx of criminals following the enactment of the Baumes law in New York, is studying that measure with the purpose of submitting similar reforms to the legislature of his state.

"When New York wearied with the bandits, gangsters and thieves who had long considered that state a happy hunting ground, the legislature appointed a commission instructed to revise the antiquated code and simplify the laws to expedite criminal prosecution and make the going harder for the wicked. The Baumes law was the result; it was enacted by the last legislature and went into effect July 1. Results are already most satisfying to New Yorkers, but unpleasant to the Jerseyites. After a short demonstration of the efficiency of the new law, the wicked, afraid to operate in New York, transferred their field of operations to New Jersey, where the laws and criminal procedure, like those of Michigan, are cumbersome, slow and not very dangerous. There has in consequence been an unpleasant increase of crime in New Jersey, moving the governor to action.

"When will Michigan wake up? When will it decide it is better and cheaper to reform its criminal law than to build new prisons?"

WEST POINT PARK

A goodly number of ladies of the community met at the home of Mrs. John Mercer last Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of forming an organization to help carry on the Community work. We organized under the name of Ladies Community Club with the following officers: President, Mrs. B. C. Thomas; Vice President, Mrs. John Mercer; Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Zwalhen; and Treasurer, Mrs. John McIntosh. We plan to hold bazaars, suppers and various entertainments in the near future. Every lady in our community is welcome. Come, join us and help our cause along. The next meeting will be held Nov. 10th, the second Wednesday in Nov., at Mrs. Lloyd Gullen, Sherwood avenue, Farmington, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ault and little daughter have closed their home out here and gone back to Detroit for the winter.

Mrs. Marvin Addis, Mrs. Emerson Ault, and Mrs. Gordon Way motored to Lansing last Friday to attend the Michigan State College. The trip must have been to much for Mrs. Addis as she is now on the sick list, although we hope nothing serious.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. John Ault has had a slight stroke, although he is able to be up.

Our Rally day last Sunday was a great success, as we had a good attendance and a good program. Mr. Gullen's topic was "The Don'ts that Do their Duty."

Misses Ernestine and Lucile Wolfe with their parents visited in Detroit, Friday evening, being present at a High School Halloween party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gullen for Mr. Harold and Miss Emily.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Zwalhen and daughter Shirley, and Mrs. Margaret J. Davis were dinner guests Tuesday at Mrs. H. F. Davis' of 863 Glynn Court, Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hill spent Saturday and Sunday at Marine City.

Don't forget our regular P. T. A. meeting Friday, Nov. 5th with Mr. McGinnis as the speaker. Mr. McGinnis is from Northwestern High School, Detroit.

On Friday, November 2, the P. T. A. are giving a Play entitled, "The Best Book Folks," after which Mr. A. G. Leonard of Farmington High School will give his opinion on Best Books. Don't forget the Date, Nov. 12.

SCHOOL GETS ORGAN

Mrs. Lyons of Redford, formerly of West Novi, presented an organ to the West Novi School. The school board accepted the instrument and the teacher, Miss Esther Woodworth and pupils expect to make use of it—Pontiac Daily Press.

EVENING'S AUTO RIDE ENDS IN DITCH

An evening's auto ride was brought to a sudden end for Floyd Seely and Steven Keith last Saturday when the Buick being driven by the former swerved and went through the railing at the creek crossing on Grand River avenue. Both of the young men received bruises and considerable damage was done to the car.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Senior High School class will commence November 15 collecting articles for its rummage sale and continue it until the 19. The sale will be held on the 20.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION AND REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR SUCH ELECTION

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON:

NOTICE is hereby given that a special City Election will be held at Farmington Town Hall, in said City, upon the 16th day of November, 1926, at which there will be submitted to the vote of the electors of the City, the question of ratifying a certain public utility franchise contained in an ordinance adopted by the City Commission at its meeting held upon the 4th day of October

1926, which said ordinance is entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right and authority to acquire, lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the streets, avenues, alleys and other public places, and to do a local business in the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, for a period of thirty years.

On the date of said election the polls will be open at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as may be, and will be kept open until 8 o'clock P. M., when they will be finally closed.

The City Clerk will be in his office upon the 23rd day of October, and the 30th day of October, 1926, said dates being the fourth and third Saturdays, respectively, preceding the date of such election, for the purpose of reviewing the registration and registering such of the qualified electors as shall appear and apply therefor, which registration may be made upon said dates between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M.

N. H. Power, City Clerk.
By Order of City Commission.

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The City of Farmington Ordains:

Grantee
Section 1. That wherever the word "Grantee" occurs in this ordinance, it is hereby intended, to designate, and shall be held to refer to the Consumers Power Company, a corporation duly authorized to do business in the State of Michigan, its successors and assigns.

Rights Granted
Section 2. The right, power and authority is hereby granted and vested in said Grantee to acquire, lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the streets, avenues, alleys, and other public places, and to do a local business in the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, for a period of thirty years.

Obstruction of Streets
Section 3. No street, avenue, alley or public place used by said Grantee, shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same good order and condition as when such work was commenced. No part of the streets, avenues, alleys or other public places of said City shall be permitted to remain in a dangerous or unsafe condition by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the Grantee, and it shall be liable for such damage as may be suffered by any person or corporation by reason of its negligence in the use of such streets, avenues, alleys or other public places, and shall save harmless said City from all damage and liability on account thereof.

Rates
Section 4. The Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said City for gas, the rates as shown by the schedule now on file

in the office of the City Clerk, unless and until the Michigan Public Utilities Commission or its successors, to which Commission the authority and jurisdiction to fix and alter gas rates in said City is hereby granted and conferred, shall fix and establish different rates, in which case the rates so fixed and established, if just and reasonable, shall prevail. Such rates shall be subject to review and change at the end of every ten years' period during the life of this franchise, and at any other time, upon petition therefor being made by either the City of Farmington, acting by its duly authorized representatives, or by said Grantee.

Bills Payable Monthly—Meters
All bills for gas furnished by the Grantee shall be payable monthly at its office in said City. The Grantee may charge the minimum rates as specified in said schedule. The Grantee shall also furnish and maintain commercially accurate meters to measure the gas so furnished, and it shall, by its representatives, have at all reasonable times, access to the premises of its consumers, for the purpose of reading, inspecting, removing and replacing such meters.

Extension of Mains
Section 5. Said Grantee shall extend its mains to said City during the year 1927, and shall commence such work as early as practically during each year. Grantee agrees to install mains, so as to make gas service available to at least one hundred houses in the City of Farmington during the year 1927. Grantee's agreement to perform such work at the time aforesaid, shall be deemed to constitute the consideration and a fair compensation for the franchise hereby granted. It shall construct and extend its gas distribution system within said City, and shall furnish gas to applicants residing therein, whenever the amount of gas to be furnished thereby shall provide an adequate and reasonable return upon the cost of making such extensions and providing such service.

Franchise Not Transferable
Section 6. This franchise shall not be leased, assigned, or otherwise alienated by said Grantee except with the consent of the Michigan Public Utilities Commission or its successors, and in the manner and subject to such conditions as said Public Utilities Commission or its successors may impose.

Not Exclusive
Section 7. The right and authority herein granted are not exclusive.

Subject to Rules of M. P. U. C.
Section 8. Said Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of service not herein fixed, be and remain subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Utilities Commission or its successors, applicable to gas service in said City.

Obligations of Grantee
Section 9. In consideration of the rights, authority and privileges herein granted, all of which shall vest in the Grantee for the period of thirty years, as aforesaid, Grantee shall continue to provide gas service in said City during the term of this franchise, and shall faithfully perform all things required by it herein, and such performance by the Grantee shall be in lieu of all license fees and charges of every kind and nature, except lawful taxation upon its property, which the City might otherwise levy or impose. Franchise Grant Subject to Approval by Electors

Section 10. The franchise granted by this ordinance is not subject to revocation, and shall be and become valid and binding only upon its approval by the affirmative vote of at least three-fifths of the electors of the City voting thereon at a general or special municipal election to be held in the manner provided by law. Such franchise shall not be submitted to the electors unless the Grantee shall, within 30 days after the adoption of this ordinance, file with the City Clerk its written acceptance thereof subject only to such approval; and such franchise, when accepted by the Grantee and approved by the electors as herein provided, shall constitute a contract between the City and the Grantee, and shall be in force and effect for the term of thirty years from and after the date of the approval thereof by the electors as aforesaid.

We hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance, duly enacted by the City Commission of the City of Farmington, Michigan, on the 4th day of October, A. D. 1926.

WELLS D. BUTTERFIELD, Mayor.

Attest:
N. H. Power, City Clerk.



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