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CHANGE IN POLICE SYSTEM VOTED BY CITY COMMISSION

Night Watchman Believed Sufficient When Third Deputy Is Stationed Here

Changes in police work in Farmington are to be made shortly as the result of action by the City Commission Monday night, in expectation of the stationing of a third deputy sheriff at the Farmington booth. The Commission voted to terminate the present arrangement with Officer Herman Kreager on March 10, and has under consideration measures that will provide ample protection for the city, in co-operation with that afforded by the sheriff's men.

Officer Kreager's present employment includes both daytime and night work, and the opinion among the commissioners was to the effect that with three deputies in the Farmington booth, watchmen service at night will be sufficient.

The deputies are to give 24-hour service, and Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes, who discussed the police situation with the commissioners, gave assurance that his men would aid in every possible way. "We will do everything except try the doors," Deputy Stokes said.

The growing problem of parking and enforcement of traffic regulations was discussed. Deputy Stokes advised that the present system, for complete enforcement, required a number of signs properly placed to prevent violations. He also suggested that parking be restricted to perhaps one hour along Grand River avenue throughout the "day" and to one-half hour on Saturdays between 4 and 10 p.m.

Deputy Stokes said that the entire situation in Farmington city and township is being carefully studied and preparations made to thoroughly handle all phases. He stated that enforcement of such violations as passing the "red light" signal at Grand River and Division will be checked up and halted, as soon as the plans for the territory are worked out.

BUSINESS-MEN ADD FORECASTS FOR A PROSPEROUS YEAR

Prevailing Opinion Is That 1928 Will Be More Active Than Any Previous Year.

Farmington business men, prominent in various lines of endeavor, during the past week added their expressions of optimism for a prosperous 1928 in this section, to those whose forecasts were printed in last week's issue of the Enterprise. With few exceptions, business men here look forward to the most prosperous year in some time.

Opinions obtained during the past week are as follows:

Carl Hodge: "We are already figuring on an unusual number of jobs for the coming months. There seems to be exceptional activity in our business, and I believe this indicates a general upward trend. This should be a big year."

W. F. Goers: "Things have started out exceptionally strong, and I believe this is going to be the banner year. We are planning on the biggest year in our history."

Al L. Ross: "Our business in the past few weeks has shown that cash is more plentiful, and many more people seem to be at work. I believe this will be a good year."

Paul Foss: "Contractors appear to be starting unusually early this year with their construction. With a number of buildings already planned, it seems like a big year ahead."

A. C. Wallbank: "Our business in the last few weeks has been surprisingly big, and much larger than ever before at this time. Everybody appears to be preparing for a big year."

Henry Oamus: "We are hoping for a good year, and believe 1928 will be very good."

S. A. Engel: "My optimism for increased prosperity and development of business in Farmington is based on Wider Grand River, modern improvements in the community, resumption of street-car lines (Continued on Page Seven)

Catholic Church Boundaries Are Announced: Large Area Included

Parish boundaries established recently for the Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington give to the new Catholic Church a large area in this section of the county. The boundaries extend eastward as far as Berg road, northward as far as Orchard Lake road, westward through Novi, and include a large territory to the south and southeast as far as Middle Belt and Six-Mile roads. Rev. E. J. O'Mahoney, pastor of the church, announced.

The church limits worked out since the church was established in Farmington have recently been confirmed by the higher church authorities. Enrollment in the two church societies and the extent of the territory included, indicates that the church serving this section will undoubtedly have a large membership in the near future.

The official boundaries of the church are announced by Rev. E. J. O'Mahoney, pastor, as follows:

Southern boundary of parish: Six-Mile road to Middle Belt, then northward to Seven-Mile road, eastward to Telegraph road, then to Eight-Mile road, eastward to Berg road, north to West Maple road, west to Orchard Lake road, left to Orlando, Fla., Lake, around Orchard Lake to Walled Lake on the Walled Lake road, southward through Novi, to South Lyon road, thence diagonally northward to Middle Belt and Six-Mile roads.

The enrollment of the Holy Name Society, the men's organization, is announced as 58, and of the Ladies' Altar Society, as 68, by Rev. O'Mahoney.

AUDIT SYSTEM FOR ALL CITY WORK IS TO BE INSTALLED

City Commission To Keep Check On All Jobs; Committee Now At Work.

Farmington's city government is to be put on a "strict business" basis in the near future, with an auditing system that will provide a check-up on all city work. The City Commission, on Monday, voted to vote for such a plan, in approving the recommendation of Mayor Wells D. Butterfield for a system of this kind.

There is at present no method of determining how much each city job costs, or how much time is spent upon it. The new plan, according to the recommendation, is to provide a system which will include monthly reports to the commission showing all labor employed by the city, the number of hours, job and wage rate of each city employee.

Installation of such a system now is regarded as economic wisdom in keeping the city accounts, and also as a forward-looking measure. It is considered that the growth of the city will require added employees, and that a check-up system, inaugurated now, will involve less difficulties than would the installation of one later, when it became imperative.

SANITARY MEASURE IS RIAD BUT NO ACTION IS TAKEN

Ordinance Requiring Modern Plumbing In All Buildings Submitted to Commission

A sanitary ordinance, proposed some time ago, and designed to protect the city against unhealthiness, was presented to the Farmington City Commission on Monday evening, by Judge John J. Schulte, corporation counsel. The commission, however, deferred passage of the ordinance until a more thorough inquiry could be made into the possible difficulties resulting for a number of property owners, and into the immediate effects of the ordinance.

The older buildings of the city would be particularly affected by the ordinance, and business places, as the provisions of the ordinance require modern plumbing wherever sewers are available.

It was suggested that six months or a year be allowed building owners of property to make necessary changes, when the ordinance is adopted. It was also suggested that plumbing and building codes will be advisable in the city soon, and that the ordinance read Monday night would become a part of the plumbing code of the city.



REV. E. J. O'MAHONEY

SEEKING SUMMER PLAYGROUND HERE

Expert To Speak In Farmington Next Wednesday; Will Be Asked To Aid

Possibilities for a summer playground program in Farmington are to be discussed at a meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association next Thursday evening, January 26. William Robinson, a playground expert, will deliver an address.

Mr. Robinson is one of the secretaries of the National Playground Association of America, and is one of the leading authorities on this type of recreation work. Mr. Robinson will come to Farmington from Jackson.

Farmington has been handicapped heretofore in playground work by limited space and facilities. Officers of the Parent-Teacher Association will seek Mr. Robinson's co-operation in establishing playground work during the coming summer.

Because of the prominence of the speaker, a large audience is anticipated. The Parent-Teacher Association hopes to interest every citizen in the community in the movement for improved playground work here.

FARMINGTON FIVE HANDS BEATING TO NORTHVILLE, 32-18

Northville Completely Outplayed In First Half, Stages Rally In Later Periods.

Farmington High School basketball team won its second league victory Thursday night, January 12 by completely outplaying the Northville five, winning by a score of 32 to 18.

The first quarter ended 5 to 3 in favor of Northville, but during the second quarter Farmington awakened, Northville found it almost impossible to stop Middlewood, and the half ended 14 to 7 in favor of Farmington.

Farmington did some excellent passing during the second half of the game, Northville displayed a burst of speed that put them within two points of the Farmington mark, but Farmington managed to outpoint them running the score up to 32 to 18. The lineup:

• Farmington FG FT PF

Otis, rf..... 2 0 0

Catherman, Capt. If..... 2 0 0

Middlewood, c..... 10 0 0

Rosenboom, G, rg..... 0 1 0

Rosenboom, E, rg..... 0 0 0

Starkey, lg..... 0 0 0

Total..... 15 2 5

Northville FG FT PF

Watts, rf..... 2 0 0

Ely, If..... 0 0 0

Leavenworth, If..... 0 0 0

McCardle, c..... 4 1 1

D. Ware, Capt. rg..... 0 0 0

Tiffin, rg..... 0 0 0

C. Lefever, lg..... 2 0 0

Goodale, lg..... 0 0 0

Totals..... 8 2 5

DANCE!

To good music by Coe's Orchestra at the Bond School, Friday, January 27. Given by P. T. A. Association. Save the date!

GRAND RIVER GETS EXPRESS--EXPECT CARS HERE SOON

Coach Order By Detroit Street Railway Commission Will Release Trolley Cars

The outlook for the extension of auto express service from Detroit to Farmington is viewed as considerably brighter, following an announcement that the new express service of the Detroit Department of Street Railways is to be inaugurated on Grand River avenue. It is believed that the extension of express service to Farmington will follow closely the starting of the Grand River express.

Just how soon the Detroit department will be able to institute this service is problematical. At a meeting of the street railway commission of Tuesday, Oct. 2, D. J. Smith, general manager, was authorized to begin negotiations for the purchase of a large number of motor coaches. These motor coaches, it is understood, are to be used for local service, while the trolleys would afford express service. It is inferred that the department has not enough cars available now to spare any for express work, and still leave sufficient to take care of local service.

Although there has been much discussion of express service for Grand River, the action of the railway commissioners on that day was the first official move to that end. Assurances have been given that Farmington will be considered at the earliest possible date for service.

CITIZENS WILL BE CHOSEN TO ADVISE ON CEMETERY WORK

Mayor Butterfield To Appoint Committee To Offer Suggestions On Care

A movement that will provide proper care for the Oakwood Cemetery in years to come, and afford opportunities for its extension, got under way Monday evening, with the probable result that the care of the cemetery will be turned over to an organization outside the city commission.

The father of the city approved Mayor Butterfield's recommendation that the government body look into the fire-fighting facilities. Mayor Butterfield recited the difficulties experienced in getting a stream of water playing on the burning house, and after some discussion, it was decided to make the question a special order of business next Monday evening.

The present organization of city job approved the recommendation that the committee be authorized to recruit a committee of citizens to advise the best administrative methods of caring for the cemetery and also concerning their future care and development.

The opinion was expressed that

the cemetery was frequently best carried on by quasi-civic bodies. In Pontiac, it was pointed out, the cemetery is competently handled by a commission of citizens, appointed by the governing body.

Mayor Butterfield has not yet appointed his committee, which will consist of front two to five citizens, but is expected to do so within a few days.

CATHOLIC SOCIETY TO GIVE ITS FIRST DANCE WEDNESDAY

Farmington Town Hall To Be Scene Of First Social Affair Of Church Group

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic church will hold its first dance in Farmington Town Hall on Wednesday evening, January 25.

Arrangements are in charge of Frank D. Davis, chairman, assisted by Joseph Karle, William T. Shell, R. J. Guerin and A. M. Jones.

This is the first of a series of dances and parties to be given by the Holy Name Society, members of which invite their friends in this section to attend.

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ENTERTAINMENT PLANNED IN COMMUNITY HALL AT WEST POINT PARK JAN. 25

An entertainment will be given in the Community House, West Point Park on January 25. An elocutionist will give several speeches and Owen P. Mullins will sing in addition to local talent.

There will be a dance after the program.

A self-service lunch will be prepared from 6 to 8 o'clock.

A welcome is extended to all.

City Commission Takes First Step Toward Paving Program

Highway Commissioner Frank F. Rogers Assures Mayor Butterfield And Supervisor Bond Wider Grand River In City Is Being Considered

The first official step toward a paving program in Farmington was taken Monday night, when the City Commission adopted the recommendation of Mayor Wells D. Butterfield, submitted a week earlier, calling for the drawing up

TEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL IS HIT BY A MACHINE ON GRAND RIVER AVENUE

Ten-year-old Lucile Bryden, narrowly escaped serious injury on Grand River avenue near her home Tuesday afternoon, when she stepped from a bus on Grand River avenue and was struck by an automobile as she crossed the street. She suffered a severe shaking-up and was bruised about the head.

The child, who lives east of Farmington Junction, is still at home, recuperating.

SEEK BETTERMENT IN FIRE-FIGHTING

Improved Equipment And Larger Personnel Believed Desirable By Commission

A complete survey of Farmington's fire-fighting capabilities is scheduled for the near future with an exhaustive study into the possibilities for developing personnel as well as means of improving the equipment. The study is to be made by the Farmington City Commission.

Following the first at the Smith residence on Grand River avenue on January 11, Mayor Wells D. Butterfield on Monday evening presented to the City Commission a recommendation that the government body look into the fire-fighting facilities.

Mayor Butterfield recited the difficulties experienced in getting a stream of water playing on the burning house, and after some discussion, it was decided to make the question a special order of business next Monday evening.

The present organization of city job was accused, and it was the opinion that despite their excellent work, there should be a larger number available, and that some inducement should be held out to the men. It was stated that the old village arrangement was for a monthly drill by the men, who were to be paid for each drill-period, but these payments were not made in full, it was asserted, because of muddled accounts.

Mayor Butterfield favored attempting to interest more citizens in the organization and offering them an inducement to join the group of volunteers, while other commissioners expressed the necessity for regular drill.

Mayor Butterfield's recommendation to the commission reads as follows:

To the City Commission:

Some months ago a committee was appointed to report on the condition of our fire equipment and to state what is needed to make it effective: First, for service in the City, and second, for service in adjoining territory.

But as yet nothing has been done toward improving this equipment.

Too much credit cannot be given to the volunteer crew for their services. Within two minutes from the time the siren sounded its first note of alarm last Wednesday, two of the men had come nearly three blocks and had the fire truck on the street. But it required six minutes more to get a stream playing on the building, which is one-half mile from the engine house.

In the first place it is necessary for the truck to make an awkward detour to reach Grand River avenue. The tires are not adapted to the surface required. In many ways the whole system should be improved and I recommend:

That the commission make an exhaustive study of the situation and that consideration of the same be given at the next regular meeting.

That there be a dance after the program.

A self-service lunch will be prepared from 6 to 8 o'clock.

A welcome is extended to all.

EXCHANGEITES ARE HOSTS TO WOMEN AT LUNCHEON

Members of the Farmington Exchange Club were hosts Wednesday noon, to members of the Farmington Woman's Club and wives of the Exchangeites.

President Frank Weaver led in group singing and a representative of a Detroit concern spoke on the "conservation of estates."