

GANSNER, FIELD SERVICE OFFICER TO VISIT LEGION

Official of State Organization Coming to Farmington on November 1

A pleasant surprise was enjoyed by members of the Farmington American Legion last Thursday, when they found the clubhouse had gone through a "house-cleaning," with a new rug on the floor, new gas heater installed, precision shelves for war trophies, and waxed paper flowers resembling the poppies of Flanders adorning the walls.

Commander Harley Schroeder conducted his first meeting, members being present who had not been there for some time.

The entertainment committee was appointed as follows: Adjutant, Charles Lucke, Vice-Commander, Marj Pettibone, and Comrade A. Smith.

The entertainment committee reported that the seven-reel film released by National headquarters will probably be one of the greatest pictures ever brought to Farmington. It is released only to American Legion Posts. Dates are being arranged.

Comrade Erwin Wagner was appointed chairman of delegates to the Oakland County Council meetings.

Vice-Commander Myron Carrier and Historian Herbert Lindstrom were appointed by the commander to act as the eligibility committee for the ensuing year.

Any ex-service man desiring to join the Groves-Walker Post can do so by getting in touch with this committee at the "Log Cabin."

At the next regular meeting November 1, A. H. Gansner of Bay City, Michigan Field Service Officer of the American Legion, and Senator from Sixth Congressional District, and Robert Byers, adjutant of the Department of Michigan, will be the guests of the Groves-Walker Post. All members are urged to attend and take part in discussion of several matters of great importance which will be brought to attention at this meeting.

Business-Men Buy New Suits For High Team

Farmington's High School football team will no longer suffer whatever handicap it is to take the field against a team better clad for the gridiron battle.

Spencer Heeney, Farmington business-man, impressed with the plucky battles being fought by Farmington's light team, and also with their somewhat forlorn uniforms, started out Tuesday morning to get them some new ones.

The necessary \$85 was overhauled by business and professional men within a few hours, \$110 being collected. The surplus will be used for new uniforms in other sports.

Mr. Heeney asked the Enterprise to make public the following list of donors to the fund:

Warner Dairy Company and Farmington State Savings Bank, \$25; Peoples State Bank, \$25; Spencer J. Heeney, \$10; Amos Otis, \$10; Frazer Staman, Dr. G. F. Weaver, H. Levinson, Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner, Howard Osmus, Stanley Smith, Dr. E. F. Holcomb, and Arthur Lamb, each \$5.

CORRECTION

The Enterprise wishes to correct an error of last week, in which Supt. R. B. Baker of Farmington Schools was quoted as saying that the Bond School had "143 pupils" in attendance. Supt. Baker's statement was that "the Bond School has about 120 pupils, and that the first grade attendance in Farmington schools is 43."

Mrs. Isabelle McCrumb, principal, stated Monday that the highest attendance recorded at the Bond School this year was 115, and that the attendance is now 105.

An error was also made in the report that the Farmington Board of Education "discussed" buses, two makes, each costing about \$2,200. The figure should have been "\$1,200."

MILE OF TROLLEY WIRE TAKEN DOWN; WORTH \$400

An important part of the work of dismantling the old trolley line which formerly connected Farmington and Northville was completed within the past week, when the trolley wire was taken down and rolled up, along the stretch between Base Line road and the Farmington business section.

Men at work on the salvaging of the trolley wire said that the mile of wire was worth \$400 to the company.

NOTICE

Helen Fitzgerald, a Detroit vocal teacher, will open a studio at the home of F. DeVeze Fleming. All interested will meet there October 29.

CLUB DISCUSSES ILL EFFECTS OF NOISE ON HEALTH

Life And Work of Edwin Markham, Apple-Lore, Subjects At Woman's Club

The regular meeting of the Farmington Woman's Club was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Steele Wednesday, October 24.

The program was opened by Mrs. R. G. Adams. She reviewed a recent article in the "London Times," concerning the detrimental effects upon health, especially in cases of nervous disorders, of unnecessary noise.

Mrs. C. W. Wilber, who substituted for Miss Sprague, followed with a review of the life and work of Edwin Markham. Miss Hard and Mrs. McGee won the prize in a short contest concerning apple-lore.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 31, at 2:30 p. m. sharp, at the home of Mrs. R. G. Adams. The program, Present Political Issues, a most timely subject, will be in charge of Mrs. Meriah Andrews, aided by Mrs. Pettibone and Mrs. Hinber.

Several members have signified their wish to attend the yearly meeting of the Oakland County Federation of Women's Clubs to be held in the Congregational Church on E. Huron street, Tuesday, October 30. All reservations for luncheon must be made before noon Friday, October 26.

Helen L. Hard, Cor. Sec'y, F. W. C.

Crack Of Guns Heralds Opening On Small Game

Hunting season "opened with a bang" around Farmington Thursday morning, and the crack of guns was frequently heard by residents on the outskirts in the early morning hours.

So great was the call for licenses that Norman Lee, one of those issuing the papers, ran out of them and was forced to go to Pontiac. Emory Hutton reported that the call for licenses was heavier than usual, 300 having been issued by him up to Thursday morning.

Norman Lee, Howard and Homer Eisenold, Fritz and Otto Schaeper, left early Thursday morning for Webberville to hunt pheasants. Besides pheasants, woodcocks and fox squirrels were hunted from now to October 31st.

Picked Up At Random

By Contributor

All proposed constitutional amendments are not prompted by public necessity nor from motives single to public weal, as will be discovered by a close study of the provisions of one which will be on the ballot November 6, relative to compensation of members of the Legislature.

After spending much time in a futile effort to boost their own salaries by Legislative enactment, the 1927 members of the Senate and House adopted a resolution calling for submission of the proposition to the electors. The amendment as offered does not state frankly that the salary of each member will be \$2,200 for the term of two years, but is very cleverly worded with evident intent to obscure that fact and at the same time create the impression that the Legislature of 1927 was composed of "clever and guardian" of the public treasury bent upon securing for the State a valuable service at minimum cost.

The amendment provides that "that compensation of members of the Legislature shall be three dollars per diem during the term for which they shall be elected, and they shall receive no other compensation." when the Legislature is convened in extra session.

There is economy for you. Legislators all working for \$3.00 a day and so tied up that they can not possibly get any extra money out of the State.

That the impression formed on a first reading, but a little study is quite apt to remove that impression. The members now receive \$800 for the two-year term and \$5.00 a day for service while the Legislature is convened in extra session, not exceeding 20 days, making an approximate total of \$900 for a scant 100 days service. The number of days could be reduced with profit and benefit to the State.

The adoption of the amendment means the salary expense of members will be raised from \$120,000 to \$300,000 for the term.

The State is now paying a sufficient amount for time members spend in Lansing as legislators and for the service rendered.

This amendment should be defeated.

Paving Amendment To Charter Ruled Legal

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Attorney-General Brucker's reply is as follows:

Mr. Hyman Levinson, Publisher, The Farmington Enterprise, Farmington, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Levinson: This will acknowledge your letter in which you say:

"Under the present charter, it is impossible to make a special assessment on property for street improvement, in an amount exceeding 25 per cent of the valuation of any particular piece of property at the last preceding tax roll. This provision in the charter we understand to conform to the State law and Home Rule Act (at least for fourth class cities). Farmington is a fifth class city. It is proposed to eliminate entirely this provision in the charter and substitute an amendment without such restriction as the 25 per cent clause mentioned. We should like to have your opinion as to whether this may legally be done without conflict with the State Law. In order that you may have a clear understanding of both the present provision and the proposed amendment, enclosed herewith is a copy of both. You are advised that Section 5 of Chapter 24 of Act 215 of the Public Acts of 1895, as amended, (fourth class city act) provides:

"In no case shall the whole amount to be levied by special assessment upon any lot or premises for any improvement exceed twenty-five per cent of the value of such lot or land, as valued and assessed for state and county taxation in the last preceding ward tax roll; any cost exceeding that per cent which would otherwise be chargeable on such lot or premises shall be levied from the general funds of the city."

I believe this is the provision to which you refer. There is, however, no such provision in the Home Rule Act and the provisions of the fourth class city act do not apply to cities organized under the Home Rule Act, except as they are incorporated in the charter of the city.

Subdivision 10, Section 4 of Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of

1909 (Home Rule Act), as amended, authorizes cities to provide in their charter "for assessing and re-assessing the costs, or any portion thereof, of any public improvement to a special district."

I am, therefore, of the opinion that the amendment which you propose may be adopted legally and that it does not conflict with any state law.

Very truly yours,
Wilber M. Brucker,
Attorney General.

Butterfield Outlines County Building Idea

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in the city or outside of the city requested this of me and no person outside of my office knows what I have to present.

"I am a taxpayer in three of the southern (or near southern) townships and also in Farmington. I am paying taxes in Pontiac but only on two small residence lots. You will see that I am viewing the problem in a broad way. I am doing so sincerely and intensely with the purpose of reaching with you its best solution."

"Pontiac is the County's capital and we are interested in its development, not necessarily its commercial and financial interests but in all that makes a capital city beautiful and attractive."

"So, as we face this important undertaking, let us realize that we have the opportunity of making a wonderful group of buildings that will be ample for our executive and legislative requirements and also a dominating and outstanding factor influencing the generations of citizens coming after us."

Referring to the Mt. Clemens site as an example of one which lends itself for illustration, said:

"Had I known beforehand just what the committee would report I might have drawn this map somewhat differently. It includes more territory than the committee outlines but that is not very material. I became interested in this problem some time ago and had chosen this location as lending itself to illustration of the possibilities of a joint group of buildings. The grouping of buildings indicated on the map are merely suggestive. I am not attempting to show a perfected plan. A landscape architect might chance the

entire arrangement, but it shows at least a possibility, with the court house in the center of the ground the city buildings, auditorium and others at the side of further back.

"Another possibility that will illustrate the feasibility of a city center is a site mentioned in the paper by some citizen recently. It includes an area bounded on the north by East Pike, by Auburn on the south, Perry on the west and Hill street on the east. (Showing map of same.) After working out the design showing provision for a court house, city hall, city library and possibly an auditorium, if it seemed to have used up too much of Pontiac's territory, some 25 to 30 acres, then I condensed it as follows:

Bounded by east Pike, Auburn, Packe and Hill (showing map of smaller area). This would be about four acres and still it would cover four of the community center idea, the south half of the area could be acquired by the city for a city hall, library, museum, auditorium or other buildings needed."

"Showing at this time large birdseye view. On this blackboard I have attempted to visualize the possibility of this or a smaller site. Let me emphasize again that it is not the site I am interested in but the idea of a combined undertaking—the civic center idea."

Mr. Butterfield stated that he may furnish other visualizations of the possibilities as the sites are considered.

Smith Tells Of Grand River Service Plans

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territory suffered by the extension.

"When we had the 'Tooner-villes,' one citizen said, 'We had better service. Since the extension to Farmington, it has not been so good, not that we object to the cars going to Farmington, but our service has not been so frequent.'"

"When the letter is put in at Five Points," you will find the service much better," answered Mr. Smith. "It has also been improved recently. In rush hours, we have a car to Five Points every 15 minutes, counting cars going through to Farmington. It will be better through the day, too when the loop is in."

"We believe," Mr. Smith said, "that Detroit and the communi-

ties around it should be viewed as a composite whole. These outlying communities really are Detroit, as much as the city itself. We think that when they ask service which we are able to give, that we should, as the duty of a transportation system, extend the service to them. They have business and social relations with us, and we cannot build a wall between them and us."

The Seven-Mile road buses from Grand River to Woodward will be started as soon as new buses, expected within the near future, are delivered, according to Mr. Smith.

Association members were asked by Mr. Smith how many they thought would use a "de luxe" parlor car service from Five Points downtown. The weight of opinion was that such a service would not be successful.

Mr. Smith said that plans for two relief routes for commercial vehicles during rush hours would, if adopted, speed up traffic on Grand River in Detroit.

SOUTHFIELD PLAYS UNBEATEN DETROIT TEAM TO A 0-0 TIE

Several Scoring Chances Lost By Southfield Squad; Detroiters Unable To Gain

Playing the Lawndale Merchants team of Detroit, which has not been beaten in five years, Southfield Community Association's football team on Sunday battled their opponents to a scoreless tie, and several times came close to the score that would have meant victory. Southfield outplayed their opponents throughout the game, the Detroit team being unable to make a single first down.

Although not beaten, Southfield lacked the drive which has characterized the team in previous games, losing the ball frequently in the enemy territory.

Stearns was forced out of the game in the second quarter with a broken hand, and will be out for several weeks. In the last quarter, Meyers was carried from the field with an injured leg.

Southfield sported new uniforms of green and gold for the first time.

Next Sunday Southfield journeys to Ford City, Ontario, to meet the crack "Rob Roy" team.

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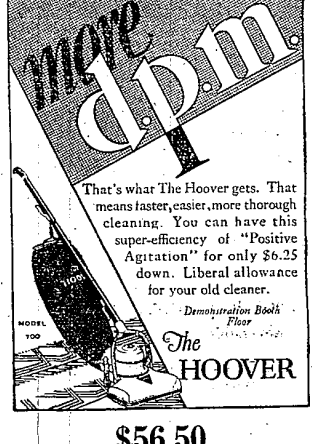
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