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Sixth District Will Meet Again For New School

Heard, Calls Another Special Meeting For Vote On Proposition

Residents of School District No. 5, Farmington Township, last Friday night voted down a proposal to build a new \$55,000 school building. So convinced, however, are members of the School Board and other supporters of the project, of the necessity of the new building, and that the majority of voters in the district are in favor of it, that another special meeting has been called for next Monday evening, November 26.

Expense was the principal objection manifested at the meeting Friday evening. The proposal to bond the District was defeated by two to one, about eighty being present. It was suggested that instead of a new school, small portable buildings be purchased to relieve overcrowding. Members of the Board believe that some of those present at the meeting Friday will change their vote at the coming election. Ray Oldham, secretary of the Board, made a talk on the school situation in the District, which apparently convinced a number of opponents of the new school of the necessity and desirability of a new school structure.

Mr. Oldham pointed out that the school census of last June totaled 199, and that the attendance in the two buildings at present is 156. Eight more attend parochial schools and 13 attend high school, making a total in school of 157. "Between 25 and 30 more wish to attend and should attend school," said Mr. Oldham. "But there is no room for them. While a few won't go to school, most of those not attending probably would go if additional facilities were available. Our two teachers in each school are trying to handle eight grades, in each building and it is a heavy burden. Pupils can't get the proper amount of attention."

"We are in good shape to consider a new school," Mr. Oldham said further. "Our rate is \$13.37 per thousand dollars of valuation, as low as any in Oakland County. Our valuation is \$1,213,000. Compare this with a nearby district, whose rate is \$38."

A number of speakers, all conversant with school conditions, were expected to talk at the meeting Monday evening.

CITY POLICE TO BE INDEPENDENT OF COUNTY MEN

Commission Votes To Put Local Officer Directly Under City Control

Discussion of conditions that have obtained in Farmington's police force brought about a decision of the City Commission Monday night for a change in administration of police affairs.

Two motions to effect the change were made by Mayor Wells D. Butterfield, who called Commissioner Carl Hogle to the chair while he offered the motions. Prior to that he addressed the Commission, stating that he had advocated the system that has been used for a number of months, and therefore he believed it should be the member to take the initiative if a change appeared necessary.

"I had an active part in the decision to combine the work of the City department with that of the County officers," said Mayor Butterfield. "I am convinced, however, that the system doesn't work not that the County men are not efficient, but the plan itself has not worked out very well. Therefore I move that from this time on the City act independently in regard to its police force." The motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Butterfield then moved that "temporarily, Commissioner Gildemeister be considered head of the police force." This motion also was carried.

F. L. Cook Holds Undisputed Title of Farmington's First 'Printer's Devil'



FARMINGTON'S FIRST "PRINTER'S DEVIL"

Union Services On Thanksgiving

Baptist, Evangelical And Methodist Churches To Unite; Rev. Schoen To Speak

Union Thanksgiving services, of the three Farmington churches, will be held in the Baptist Church on Thanksgiving Day. Rev. A. A. Schoen of the Salem Evangelical Church will deliver the Thanksgiving Day message. Rev. Elmer Palmer of the Baptist Church and Dr. H. Addis Leeson of the Methodist Church will take part in the program. The Baptist Church hopes to have special music by its choir as an added feature of the program. Rev. Schoen has not announced his subject, but will deliver a sermon on the spirit of Thanksgiving.

The union service this year is in accordance with the custom of the three churches for some years to unite on Thanksgiving Day, alternating the churches and the pastors who deliver the sermons of the day.

RUMOR OF OPENING CAR BARN HERE IS—JUST A RUMOR

D. S. R. Officials Know Nothing Of Reports That System Will Use Junction House

Some excitement was caused among a few residents and business-men of Farmington this week when it was reported that the Detroit Street Railways was making plans to utilize the old car-barns of the Detroit United Railways at Farmington Junction.

Further strength appeared to be added to the report by the fact that several men, believed to be railway officials, were seen inspecting the barns Tuesday. Investigation of the report at the offices of the Detroit Street Railways in Detroit revealed no definite denial but that no officials could be found who had heard anything of the idea.

Men with railway experience point out that it is entirely possible that the Detroit Street Railways, rather than build a car house farther in toward the City, might find it less expensive to utilize the barns here. If this should come to pass it would mean a great deal for Farmington, since it would bring many jobs to the town. At one time 120 men employed by the Detroit United Railways lived here.

For some time work has been going on toward the elimination of the barns at the Junction, and disposing of the old cars. The big advantage of having the Farmington car-house in operation would be that it is possible of eliminating the necessity of returning late cars to the house below Redford.

"NIGHT SCHOOL" TURNS

A large attendance is hoped for by the Parent-Teacher Association Tuesday evening, November 27, which will be visiting night for parents. Classes will be in session beginning at 7:00 o'clock just as in school hours. All parents are urged to attend and see how the school classes are conducted.

"We next present a man who needs no introduction to Farmington," is the way this story might be begun by an experienced toastmaster at a banquet. Banquets are not due until next Thursday, but we do have the privilege of presenting to you now Mr. Fred L. Cook, Farmington's first "printer's devil."

Mr. Cook admits it is even proud of him—but it would be useless for him to deny, anyway, for the evidence in his case was obtainable elsewhere.

It ought to be said before going further that Mr. Cook knows nothing whatever about this. The man who 40 years ago helped print the first paper in Farmington will, we hope and believe, be more surprised than any other reader to find in his copy of the paper this week our section devoted to the Enterprise's fortieth birthday—and his own picture on this front page.

True, Mr. Cook did help us immensely. A year ago last summer he showed the Editor his copy of the first issue, carefully kept in the big safe in his store for many years. A number of weeks ago, he consented to loan it to us, and with it a copy of an issue six years later, containing the review of Farmington business at that time, which has been made part of the anniversary section.

Mr. Cook's part in the production of the first paper is interestingly described by Mrs. Helen Bloomer Fifield, who, as daughter of the publisher, ought to know. "I don't doubt that Mr. Cook could have been old enough 40 years ago to help with the paper as assured that Mr. Cook was very, very young indeed."

He's still young, as accompanying picture shows. Even that's a secret too, for Mrs. Cook handed it to us with a solemn promise not to tell her husband. And "Bob" took a similar vow.

We trust that both have kept their word.

REPEAL OF CITY SIGN ORDINANCE TO BE CONSIDERED

"Enforce Or Repeal" Is View At Meeting Attended By Citizens

Farmington's sign problem is still a problem. The presence of a number of citizens interested in the question, at the City Commission meeting Monday night, failed to bring about a decision, in the absence of two members of the governing body.

The discussion appeared to have resulted, however, in an engagement that the ordinance should be fully enforced or repealed. A motion to repeal the measure was withdrawn, in view of doubt as to whether such a motion was in order.

Mayor Wells D. Butterfield, addressing the citizens present and the Commission, stated that he would recommend the choice of one of the two alternatives. Earl Vivier spoke against enforcement of the ordinance, as a hindrance to business.

A suggestion was made that those signs which are now in use be permitted to continue, but that no new ones be allowed beyond the sidewalk line, as stipulated in the ordinance. Mayor Butterfield protested against this as unfair, declaring that "the mere fact that one has had a sign up for some time gives him no claim on the City to permit its being maintained."

Commissioner Carl Hogle made the motion to repeal, for the purpose, he stated, of getting an expression of opinion from the citizens. Judge John J. Schulte, looking through the Charter, said he could find no provision for repealing an ordinance, and that time would be required to determine the method of proceeding.

Mayor Butterfield promised present that the matter would be allowed to drag along, and that he would keep it before the Commission for an early decision.

COME AND BRING

Your friends, including the ladies, to the FEATHER PARTY given by Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, in Farmington, Tuesday evening, November 27. "Feathers" of all kinds—Adv.

Baptist Church Planning Sunday School Building

New Structure Adjoining Present Church Would Be Started In Spring

Plans for a new Sunday School building two stories in height and adjoining the present church structure, have been drawn up for the Farmington Baptist Church, the members of which hope for completion of the new building within the next year.

Leaders of the Church have been working on the plan of the addition for some time, and have determined on a building as large as the present church, located in such a way that when a new church structure is to be built, it can be added to the new Sunday School building now contemplated.

The new building will include a large auditorium room for every department of the Sunday School, and a furnace-room. It will be of frame construction, with a "lap-over" allowed to permit of brick veneering on the exterior to adjoin the present building on the east, and will all be on the Church property.

On the first floor will be the auditorium and social-activities room, with movable chairs to permit of the holding of banquets, etc. It will have a seating capacity of 180, and an ample kitchen to provide for the dining-room. The junior and intermediate Sunday School classes will also be provided space on the first floor, where will also be a cradle-roll and nursery room.

The second floor will be built with balcony effect, with classrooms grouped around the balcony.

Starting of the construction work early in the Spring is hoped for by the church leaders, who are occupied with details of the preparatory work.

PROPOSE NEW BUS LINE TO 5-POINTS FROM FARMINGTON

Backers Ask City's Approval Of "Jitney" Service; No Action Taken

Plans for a proposed new bus line were laid before officials of Farmington early this week. The men who seek to establish the service, between Farmington and the Detroit City limits, are Fred Bueller and Frank Reuland, of Route 1, Farmington.

According to the idea of Bueller and Reuland, the cars would be sedan automobiles, like the "jitneys" of Detroit, and would run as often as every five minutes between Farmington and Five Points, Grand River and Seven-Mile roads. The men appeared before the City Commission Monday evening and asked permission to operate through the City.

It is also understood that the backers would like to obtain the permission of Township officials. Members of the City Commission advised the backers of the project that they would undoubtedly find it necessary to go before the State Public Utilities Commission for permission to operate.

While no action was taken by the Commission, the members indicated that in view of the great effort put forward to obtain the "jitney" service, the Detroit Street Railways, and the very satisfactory service that has been afforded, it would hardly be consistent or good policy to approve a transportation system which would go into direct competition with the street-cars.

Ben Storms Brings Home The First Deer

The honor of bringing home to Farmington the first deer of the season went to Ben Storms, who went hunting last week with Ralph Auten at Hubbard Lake. The deer was a fine one, weighing 175 pounds, and was brought to Farmington Saturday.

Morris Graham, who went hunting for the first time last week, had "beginner's luck." He bagged a buck deer in forty minutes after the hunt began.

Shotgun Fire Stops Speeding Liquor-Car Near Cemetery

Two Tires Torn By Shots, Driver Stops After Attempt To Escape; Pleads Guilty To Charge; Chase Second In Week

Shotgun fire that ripped two tires from his automobile brought to a halt at the Quaker Cemetery in Farmington Wednesday night Carl Lung, 30 years old, of Beulah, Mich., who had attempted to escape officers pursuing him on suspicion of transporting liquor. Lung was chased from Grand River avenue south nearly a mile over the dirt road at the west end of town. It was the second chase in less than a week in which the officers fired shots to stop liquor suspects.

Arraigned before Judge John J. Schulte in Pontiac Thursday morning Lung waived examination and bail was set at \$1,000. He was at once bound over to the Circuit Court, and taken before Circuit Judge Frank L. Doty. He pleaded guilty to transporting liquor and sentence was deferred until next Monday.

Five hundred and fifty-two pints of beer and ten quarts of wine were said by Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes of Farmington which Lung drove. Officers picked up the sedan in Farmington and followed it west. At the City limits, they pulled alongside and ordered Lung to stop. Lung halted his car, but as the officers shifted their car to permit east-bound traffic to pass, Lung suddenly turned south, and his car shot down the dirt road. The officers started in pursuit, Deputy Stokes driving, and Deputy Mark leaning out and firing a shotgun.

Both tires on the right side of Lung's car were torn off before he stopped. With him the officers found a woman who said she lived in Benzonia, Mich. She gave her age as 28, and said she is married. Lung is also married and father of two children.

When Lung pleaded guilty, the woman was released. Deputies Stokes and Marek reported that they had been forced to shoot half a dozen times to stop a car driven by Edward Hickens, of Saginaw, on Grand River avenue west of Novi last Friday evening. According to the police, Hickens carried in his car four half-barrels of intoxicants. He was charged with transportation of liquor, and bail set at \$2,000. Examination is set for November 27.

Deputy Stokes reported that the chase for Hickens continued for three miles, west from Novi. Traffic Is Held Up

Traffic on Orchard Lake road between Twelve and Thirteen Mile roads was blocked for some time Wednesday night when a body-truck became stalled in the detour near the Bond School, made necessary by paving of the Thirteen-Mile road at the intersection. The truck, loaded with automobile bodies, was mired deep in mud, in a short turn, and traffic could not pass in either direction.

Deputy Les Doyle, who was called to the scene, about nine o'clock, stopped all traffic on the mile stretch, routing cars around the detour. It was midnight before the blockade was cleared and traffic resumed on Orchard Lake road.

Man Is Hurt

Joseph Papilinski, of Ruth, Mich., suffered a broken leg and bruises when struck by a machine at Grand River and Switzer road Tuesday evening. The driver, William K. Camden of Detroit, took the injured man to Harper Hospital.

Between Acts, Miss C. Ernestine Pierce and P. Owen Pauline sang several duets, in the manner which has made the Farmington's favorites. They were accompanied by Miss Gladys Baker.

Receiving commendation equal to that accorded the members of the cast was the work of Howard McCracken and Charles Lacer in building and painting the setting, and William Pauline, Jr., in the electrical work.

Harmon E. Boice, Jr., business manager, stated this week that the receipts had more than covered the expenses.

FRAZER-STAMAN GOES TO NORTHVILLE A & P STORE

After three years of conspicuous success as manager of the Farmington A & P Tea Co. store, Frazer W. Staman on Thursday morning left to assume charge of the same company's store at Northville.

Mr. Staman's work in building up the business of the Farmington store brought the opportunity to manage the larger one at Northville.

The Parrot Failed Farmington Players

An odd circumstance attended the presentation of the Farmington Players' first play last Friday night. The plot called for a parrot, who could respond to conversation of members of the cast.

Mrs. David Ross had such a bird, and agreed to loan it to the Players, who were delighted. They had become reconciled to using a wood imitation arrot. And in the end they had to. Scarcely more than 24 hours before the play was to begin, Mrs. Ross' parrot died.