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Petition To Join District 6 With Farmington Filed

Special Meeting Required To Discuss Proposal; Four New Board Members Elected

At the same meeting at which four new members of the Board of Education were elected in school District No. 6, Farmington Township, Tuesday evening, a petition was brought in to dissolve the District as a unit and make it a part of Farmington District No. 5.

As a consequence, the first important act of the new Board is to call a special meeting for the purpose of discussing the consolidation proposal. The meeting must be held in not less than six weeks and not more than twelve days, it being understood that the petition contained a sufficient number of signatures to require the special meeting.

Only one or two brief exchanges regarding the cost of school buildings marked the meeting. Fred Wilkinson was the first elected, defeating Mrs. Minnie Robert 48 to 14, and William H. McCullough was chosen by acclamation. Arthur Spaller was elected over Ellis R. Dickerson by a vote of 44 to 25, and William Whitney defeated Harry Schoenberger by 53 to 32. The four members will choose another to succeed George Schulkins, president, who resigned after presiding at the election.

The argument of the previous meeting, over the cost of the Farmington School, was repeated again. After turning over the keys of the Noble and William Grace Schools, Mr. Schulkins said, "Now that we have a real Board, let's back them up. But one more word—investigate before you knock. When a man comes here and says that the Farmington School only costs \$85,000, he don't know what he's talking about. And I can back it up."

At this point Amos Otis and Arthur Lamb of Farmington entered the crowded room and declared, "No, he can't back it up." Mr. Schulkins said he had been told the Farmington School cost \$77,000, to which Mr. Lamb replied that that is the amount of the bonded indebtedness, and that included other indebtedness. After some further argument, Mr. Wilkinson, who had been named temporary chairman, stepped forward and said that there should be no further discussion of Farmington School, and that District No. 6 was the only one to be discussed.

After a demand had been made by A. Ray Oldham, acting secretary of the Board, the electors voted to have a detailed audit made of the District books for the last three years.

The petition for consolidation with Farmington was signed by 14 men and women, for a meeting to discuss whether the District "shall consolidate with the School District of Farmington, for school purpose only."

An amusing incident occurred in the very warm meeting room in William Grace School, when someone suggested opening the window from the top. "I don't know whether we can or not," said Mr. Schulkins, "The whole thing is falling to pieces."

Mr. Schulkins himself swore in the new Board members. Mrs. Helen Gregor acted as temporary secretary.

FARMINGTON FIREMEN CALLED TO GATES HOME

Fire that started from an oil stove called the Farmington Fire Department Monday noon to the home of Mrs. Jess Gates, on Grand River avenue, west of Farmington.

The fire was extinguished by men about the place before the truck arrived. Damage was small. Mrs. Gates was in the kitchen at the time.

COUNTY LEGION COUNCIL HAS ITS MEETING HERE

Oakland County Council, American Legion, held its monthly meeting Wednesday evening, followed by a dance in the Town Hall, for the benefit of Groves-Walker Post's Welfare Fund. A number of Legionnaires from other parts of the County were present with their wives. It was the first County meeting in Farmington in some time.

Dr. Boice 'Luckiest Man in Farmington'

Here's luck for you! Three ducks and a 13-pound goose, plus a Plymouth Rock rooster, were the winnings of one man at the American League Thanksgiving "feather party" in Farmington Town Hall.

The lucky man was Dr. H. E. Boice of Farmington and he was the first to go to a local market and traded all he won for one nice big turkey. The "feather party" was a big success.—for Dr. Boice at least.

10-Mile Extension On 1929 Program

County Road Commission Includes Project In Next Year's Calendar

Extension of the Ten-Mile road into the City of Farmington is the 1929 Oakland County Road Commission program announced this week by the Oakland County Road Commission. The distance is given as three-quarters of a mile, which is said to be slightly less than the actual measurement.

Inclusion of the Ten-Mile extension project in the County's program is taken to mean that far from abandoning the idea, as has been supposed, the officials have not changed their intention of carrying the improvement through, over the McGee Hill route, which was surveyed last summer.

Activity on the Ten-Mile extension apparently ceased early in the fall, following a visit of a delegation of Farmington citizens to the Commission at Pontiac. At that time it was stated that a roll would be prepared showing the cost of the improvement to every property-owner in the assessment district, according to the estimated cost.

It is understood that making-up of this roll has been delayed because the fair weather has given the engineers opportunity to work on the road, and that it will be completed as soon as possible during the winter. Other roads in this section, which are on the 1929 program, are the Northwestern Highway, a one-mile extension of Lathrop with two 20-foot strips on the 204-foot right-of-way; Base Line road, six miles of which will be paved between Division road and Grand River; and the Lathrop road, a three-quarter mile stretch between Grand River and the South Lyon road, west of Farmington.

MASONIC LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS MONDAY EVENING

Erskine Evans To Retire As Master; Eastern Stars To Have Card Party

Farmington Masonic Lodge No. 151, will have its most important meeting of the year, Monday night, when the annual election of officers will take place in the lodge rooms. Members are expected to gather in large numbers for the occasion.

Erskine W. Evans, Worshipful Master, will retire as head of the Lodge at the meeting. Other officers of the Lodge are as follows: Erskine W. Evans, W. M. Ralph J. Auten, S. W. Argens L. Ross, J. W. John H. Thayer, Treasurer. William H. Zvahlen, S. D. Harry Wolfe, J. D. St. Clair Hamlin, Steward.

Osmond D. Yerkes, Steward. Albert Grimmerda, Assistant Steward. Kenneth R. Loomis, Steward. Joseph Himmepach, Marshal. Rev. E. W. Palmer, Chaplain. Frank L. Lee, Tyler.

O. E. S. Plans Card Party

Farmington Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, which will hold its regular meeting Tuesday evening, is planning a card party to follow the meeting. The card party will begin about 8:30 p. m. and all Masons, members of the Eastern Star, and their friends are cordially invited. There will be no charge. The Eastern Star regular meeting will start promptly at 7:30 p. m.

Witnesses Tell Different Stories, Case Held Over

Testimony In Chaney-Grand River Option Case Conflicting; Four On Stand

Witnesses for the defense contradicting testimony of the complaining witness for the State, two hours of examination Thursday afternoon before Judge John J. Schultze, Farmington, failed to bring about either a dismissal or a decision to hold for trial, in the case of Oscar L. Chaney, real estate broker charged with obtaining an option on property for the Grand River widening, by falsely representing himself as an agent of the State Highway Department. The hearing was continued two weeks to allow the Grand River widening project time to go over the record and offer motions.

Four witnesses were called, Harry A. Mack of Clarenceville and George Lee of the State Highway Department by the prosecution, and the defendant and William Shaw of Clarenceville by the defense. The hearing was attended by a number of prominent figures, including Mr. Lee, Peter E. Bradt, and Mr. Paul of the State Highway Department, County Road Commissioner Isaac Bond, Prosecutor Underwood and Judge West of Detroit, said to be members of the jury.

The conflict in testimony occurred in relating the conversation in Mack's home in the course of which Mack signed a form of option on his property, with a stipulation of five per cent commission for Chaney. Mr. Mack said that Chaney had told him he was "authorized by Mr. Lee to get options." He said, "Mr. Mack testified, 'I made the price right and I'll put it through in 30 days.' I told him \$8,000 and he said to make the price high enough so I could pay him a commission. I said that \$8,000 was five per cent, and the second option, it was for \$8,500." Mack reiterated his account in the complaint, that Chaney had come back to him and said "they would not accept an option with five per cent commission, and that Chaney then submitted another paper for him to sign, the option being made out to 'Frank F. Rogers, Trustee.' Mack said he turned the paper over to his personal attorney, Judge Baxter.

On cross-examination by Veno E. Sacre, counsel for defense, Mack said he made the complaint on advice of a Mr. Egan of the State Department of Public Safety. He said that Mr. Shaw had introduced Chaney to him as a representative of "the good roads," but that this was corrected by saying that Chaney was "authorized by Mr. Lee to get options through there."

Mr. Lee testified that he met Chaney several times before, in reference to another piece of property, and that Chaney had asked him if he had any objection (Continued on Page Five)

Farmington Makes Fine Showing In Roll Call

The twelfth annual roll call for American National Red Cross throughout the United States, closed November 29.

The Farmington Chapter of the Oakland County division submits the following report:

286 Annual members at \$1	\$286.00
3 contributing members at \$5	15.00
3 sustaining members at \$10	30.00
1 supporting member at \$25	25.00

Donations: Farmington State Savings \$250.00 Peoples State Bank 5.00 Individual donations 19.00 Total \$405.00

Mrs. Frank N. Steele, in charge of the roll call, issued the following statement: "I wish to thank the willing workers who made a house-to-house call for renewals and new members for the Red Cross; also those who gave to this great and noble cause, and the workers in our two banks who received the cash and kept the records."

"If for any reason you have not become a member of the Red Cross for 1928, and wish to do so, please leave your name and money at either Bank, and it will be promptly sent to our Chapter."

Collection Of Taxes Here Again—Already!

Collection of taxes in the City of Farmington has begun, and Farmington Township collection is scheduled to start next Monday. City Clerk N. H. Power was first to issue his assessment. Supervisor Harry N. McCracken this week issued the following statement regarding Township taxes: "The 1928 tax rolls have been completed by the Supervisor. The taxes run practically the same as last year, with the exception of the County tax, which is about one-third higher throughout the County."

Meningitis Fatal To Youth Of 18

Don Karker III Only Four Days With Spinal Disease; Home Quarantined

Spinal meningitis which had attacked him only four days previously caused the death on Tuesday afternoon of Don Clarence Karker, 18, of Shiawassee street, Farmington. The home of the boy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes, has been quarantined.

The youth was stricken Saturday, and was removed to a hospital in Pontiac. His eighteenth birthday would have fallen on Wednesday, the day after he died in the family are also a sister and two small brothers of the deceased.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning, with burial in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington. Dr. H. Addis Leeson of Farmington Methodist Church officiated.

Don Clarence Karker was born in Union City, Mich. December 5, 1910. He was an active member of the Boy Scouts since 1916. He leaves to mourn his loss his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes, one sister, Virginia, and two brothers, Alfred and Cleve Holmes.

Spenced J. Heeny was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Auxiliary Of Legion Donates To Hospital

The American Legion Auxiliary of Farmington is nicely underway for the year 1929 with Minnie Maas as president. They have made the following donations since the beginning of the year in October to American Legion Hospital at Battle Creek:

Fifty cases of fruit, 2 pair pajamas, 1 bathrobe, \$10; to soldiers hospital, \$100 at Battle Creek, 13 cans fruit, American Legion Bill at Otter Lake, 12 cans fruit, pr. slippers, 2 pr coversalls, \$5 gift for every child's birthday. To the Red Cross, 6 pair blankets and 6 sheets.

Bea Lewis, Mrs. Maas, president, the following officers were installed: Elizabeth Schaepter, vice-president; Isabelle Lueke, secretary; Hattie DeVriendt, treasurer; Lillian Fisher, chaplain; Bertha West, agent-at-large; Ada Goers, historian; Berntha Schroeder, chairman of Welfare Committee.

The Auxiliary meets the first Monday in month and would welcome new members, mothers, wives, sisters or daughters of a member of the American Legion.

'I Want Either Paving Or a Boat' Says Resident of Thomas Street

Mayor Butterfield and Commissioners Johnson, Gildemeister, Hogle and Staman in a short Commissioner's session Tuesday evening transacted considerable routine business, discussed city affairs and were again brought to a standstill by many things being left undone, but hesitated upon taking definite action on account of the depleted condition of the city treasury.

The real question of Thomas street under discussion brought out several expressions of opinion, mostly to the effect that paving was the only remedy. John Thayer, who was an interested spectator at the meeting on who owns property abutting on Thomas street, when asked what he thought, about paving, it facetiously replied, "I want either paving or a boat."

Pasadena Park Appeals To Court In School Dispute

Residents Of Subdivision Ask Probate Court To Put Area In Bond School District; Hearing Expected Soon; \$200 Bond Filled

Residents of Pasadena Park this week met the refusal of the Farmington Board of Education, District No. 5, to set over their territory into the Isaac Bond School district, by filing an appeal in the Oakland County Probate Court, asking that the Court take the action which the Farmington Board declined to consider favorably. It is understood that a hearing on the appeal will be held within the near future.

De Luxe Buses Speed Grand River Service

De Luxe bus service on Grand River avenue in Detroit, a transportation development of interest to all in this section, is scheduled to be extended to Lathrop road in Redford within a short time.

With D. S. R. street cars making good time from Farmington to Redford, a fast transportation service to downtown is anticipated for those who wish to make the change at Redford.

Stops To Repair Light, Is Killed

Clarenceville Youth Crushed To Death Same Day Sister Is Born; Older Man Victim

A few hours after a baby girl had been born in his home, Wednesday morning, with burial in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington, was killed Monday evening in Lansing. He had stopped to assure safety by adjusting the tail lights of his truck, when an automobile crashed into him.

The young man, who had turned his truck into a narrow sidewalk, was crushed between the rear end of his own truck and the automobile radiator, and lived but a few minutes. The woman driver of the car escaped injury, as did her child riding with her in the front seat, but her father-in-law, in the rear seat, was instantly killed.

The young man is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Carsthrup, a brother, Donald, and three sisters, including the one born Monday morning. He had attended the Noble School.

NEW SCHOOL BUS STARTS ON ROUTE; 40 CARRIED

The new school bus for Farmington City District No. 5 was put into operation for the first time this week. It traversed the area south of Farmington, Parkers subdivision and Farmington, and went north on Orchard Lake avenue to Eleven-Mile road. Nearly 40 pupils are being carried.

Supt. Ralph Baker and Curtis Hall, instructor, have alternated driving the bus temporarily, and it is expected that a regular driver will be appointed to go on duty next Monday.

NEW CURTAINS IN HALL

New curtains adorn the Methodist Community Hall, the hangings were in public view for the first time at the Exchange Club "Ladies' Night" program Monday evening.

Christmas Savings Club Checks Are Mailed Out

Christmas Savings Club checks are being mailed out this week by Farmington banks to residents of this section who have been fortunate enough to maintain a year of "systematic saving." The total is understood to be appreciably greater than that of last year. Christmas Savings Clubs for 1929 are now open at both banks.

EXCHANGE CLUB BANS ALL TALKS ON 'LADIES' NIGHT'

Musical Program Exclusively Features Annual Event Of Business-Men's Group

A large and varied musical program featured the annual Ladies' Night celebration of Farmington Exchange Club Monday evening in Methodist Community Hall. Speeches were banned, and the rule appeared a popular one.

Vocal solos were rendered by P. Owen Pauline and Edward Eaton of Farmington and Charles Hutton of Walled Lake, and a vocal duet by Miss Ernestine Pierce and Mr. Pauline. The "Motortown Trio" of Detroit offered instrumental selections. Mr. Eaton several violin solos, and Miss Gladys Baker gave several readings. All were heartily applauded.

Dr. H. Addis Leeson acted as toastmaster, being introduced by President Arthur Lamb.

Dinner was served by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church, the following volunteering their services:

At the tables: Jane Johnson, Thelma Garlick, Elaine Auten, Marvel Auten, Virginia Otis, Roberta Russell, Florence Alice Cook, Elizabeth Holcomb, Viola Lamb, Mary Ellen Fink.

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