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## Farmington Man On Committee Of Supervisors

Supervisor McCracken, One Of Group Probing Charges Against Auditors

Work was started in earnest Thursday by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, investigating committee, of which Supervisor Harry N. McCracken of Farmington Township is a member, to ascertain the truth of charges made against the County Board of Auditors by Fred Dornberger, a former member of the Board. Mr. McCracken said that the decision of Prosecuting Attorney Norman C. Orr, that the committee has no authority to compel witnesses to testify in the investigation, will not impede the work. The investigation is expected to proceed with all possible speed, another session being called for Friday. The committee will adjourn from day to day, according to present plans.

Advance information as to the progress of the investigation, or its possible outcome, is unlikely to reach the public, as the committee decided, Mr. McCracken stated, that no information be given out by the members of the committee until the completed report is ready.

The Dornberger charges were made some time ago, purporting to point out alleged irregularities in the work of the Board of Auditors. Mr. Dornberger left the Board December 31.

### Defends Session.

Supervisor McCracken stepped to the fore as the Board of Supervisors on Monday of this week when it was charged by one of the Supervisors, John Grant of Pleasant Ridge, that the Board was violating the law in holding sessions more than 25 days. Supervisor McCracken pointed out the unusual circumstance of Oakland County's exceptional growth, and that from a practical point of view, it was impossible to set a definite time limit within which governing bodies in Counties under widely different conditions could handle their work. The question resulted in a rather spirited debate and finally in a motion to expunge the entire discussion from the records of the Board's proceedings. The motion carried.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 6 TALKS OVER JOINING WITH No. 5

Consolidation Discussed At Meeting But No Action Taken; Baker Speaks

Discussion of a possible consolidation of Farmington School District No. 6 with District No. 5, was held at a meeting of representatives of the two districts, held at the home of Mrs. E. W. Wenzel on Monday evening, December 23. Probable advantages were taken up and talked over by those present.

No decision was made, but was taken, as the meeting was called for discussion only. Superintendent of Schools Ralph B. Baker of Farmington Schools was a speaker at the meeting.

The trend of remarks indicated some inclination in favor of consolidation with Farmington, but many appeared to be undecided on the matter. The vigorous difference of opinion which has characterized previous meetings was absent. Attendance was smaller, also. The meeting was held at the William Grace School.

## SCHOOL TRUSTEE HURT IN DETROIT TRAFFIC MISHAP

James McCullough, New Member Of District No. 6 Board, Injured About Head

James McCullough, who was recently elected to the Board of Education School District No. 6, figured in a serious accident at Detroit this week.

While driving his car South on Third avenue, another car traveling at a rapid rate ran into Mr. McCullough's car, injuring him severely about the head. He was taken to the Receiving Hospital where his injuries were dressed, and then removed to the Michigan Mutual Hospital. He was brought home on Tuesday and is improving.

## Link With Pioneer Days Broken In Death of Mrs. Beulah Noble at 100



MRS. BEULAH NOBLE

## Sidewalk Mail Box Is Installed

Farmington Gets Much-Needed Letter And Package-Box At Post-office

Through the efforts of Congressman Grant M. Hudson, of the Sixth District, Farmington has a new sidewalk mail-box, of large capacity, which will handle packages as well as letters when the Post Office is closed.

The new box arrived last Friday morning and was being set in place in the sidewalk Thursday at the north end of the Post Office window, by direction of Postmaster Thomas H. McGee.

Two months ago, the Editor of the Enterprise asked the assistance of Congressman Hudson in obtaining such a mail-box, in the following letter:

October 27, 1928  
Hon. Grant M. Hudson,  
 Lansing, Mich.  
 Sir:

This letter is to ask your assistance on a matter which is comparatively small, but which considerably interests the people and particularly the business-men of Farmington.

A number of the business-men have reported to me an experience which myself have had, namely that after the closing hours of the local postoffice, it is sometimes impossible to mail a letter, or particularly an envelope of larger size. There is no outside box, the small inside box quickly becomes full, and often the very narrow slot is clogged, so that nothing can be put in at all. I believe there is nothing the postmaster, Mr. McGee can do to remedy the situation.

I feel, however, that you might be able to do something for us in the way of getting us one of the outside boxes which stand on the sidewalk and accept of packages as well as letters. I know that what ever you could do would be very much appreciated by the business-men as well as the citizens of Farmington.

Congressman Hudson replied in a few days as follows:

November 6, 1928  
Mr. Hyman Levinson,  
 The Farmington Enterprise,  
 Farmington, Michigan.

My Dear Mr. Levinson:  
 I am this day in receipt of a reply from the Post Office Department in reference to the placing of a large mail box outside the post office in your city where it is received by mail carriers. It will be mailed after closing hours.

The Department is requesting a full report of the facts from the postmaster and as soon as his report will be taken. I feel confident that such action will be favorable and satisfactory to all concerned. As soon as the Department reports on further developments, I shall be glad to pass the word on to you.

Very sincerely yours,  
 Grant M. Hudson.

The arrival of the mail-box in Farmington followed this letter by just two months.

## NOVI RESIDENT DIES

Edward Halstead, of Novi, passed away at his home Wednesday morning. He is an uncle of Charles Halstead of West Farmington.

## Large Gathering At Last Rites For H. Schroeder

Funeral Services Held In Salem Evangelical Church For Business-Man

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Herman A. Schroeder, one of the best-known and most highly-respected business men of this section, who died at his home in Farmington early Friday morning, January 4, of pneumonia. Burial took place at Oakwood Cemetery, following services at Salem Evangelical Church, in charge of Farmington Masonic Lodge.

Herman A. Schroeder, youngest son of Jurgen and Louise Schroeder (nee Virgils), was born in Farmington Township February 10, 1870. After the death of his father, he and his mother moved to Farmington where he entered the meat business which he followed for 33 years.

Mr. Schroeder was married May 1908 to Martha Spaller, who survives, together with two daughters, Ruth and Doris, two nephews and two nieces, Louis and Harley Schroeder, Mrs. Lillian Fisher, all of Farmington and Mrs. Ralph Hoffman of Indiana.

He was well-known throughout the vicinity, having served eight-and-a-half years as Farmington Township clerk, besides holding other public offices. He was a member of the Farmington Evangelical Church, of Farmington Lodge No. 151 F. & A. M., of Fythian Lodge No. 100 F. & A. M. and was a director of the Farmington State Savings Bank.

The funeral was held from the Evangelical Church Sunday, January 6, at 1:30 p. m.

## RESIDENT OF THIS SECTION 45 YEARS CALLED BY DEATH

F. Dieterich, Native Of Germany, Dies At Age Of 78; Leaves Six Daughters

Frederich Dieterich, well-known and highly esteemed resident of this section passed away Tuesday January 1.

Frederich Dieterich was born in Germany in 1851, served in the German army in 1871 when it took Lorraine from the French. He was united in marriage to Miss Frederica Miller, and with their two daughters, Miss Bertha Dieterich and Mrs. Minnie Sommers, came to this country in 1884.

He lived in Detroit two years and had lived around Farmington 44 years, occupying on his farm on Seven-Mile road about 3 1/2 acres. Mrs. Dieterich died in 1922.

Mr. Dieterich was laid to rest in the Clarenceville Cemetery Friday, January 4 and is mourned by his six daughters, Miss Bertha Dieterich and Mrs. Minnie Sommers of Farmington, Mrs. George Collins, Mrs. Arthur Zimmerman, Mrs. Earl Peck of Detroit.

## Where Was 'Judge' All Day--Send for Sherlock Holmes--and Watson, Too

If you like mystery stories, read this one. It isn't full of high-power thrills, but it's a baffling one, and you will find in the magazines, or "best-seller" thrillers. Even the "author" can't unravel it and tell how it all happened.

It's about Dr. H. Addis Leeson's beautiful, sedate appearing black and white collie dog, well-named "Judge." Since Dr. Leeson came to Farmington a few months ago, "Judge" has become a familiar figure.

Wednesday morning, as usual, Dr. Leeson released "Judge" for his morning airing, at 8 o'clock. But when 8:30 came, "Judge," whose habits are as regular as the tide, failed to come back into the house. Diligent search failed to locate him.

"Dr. Leeson, much worried, asked members of the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon if they could suggest something.

## Illness Decreases During Past Week

Marked improvement in the health situation in Farmington has been noted within the past week. New cases are considerably fewer, and many who were ill have recovered. No serious new cases have been reported.

## 'Old Dobbin' May Clean The Walks

City To Clear Sidewalks In Case Of Heavy Storm; Otherwise Residents Do It

Old Dobbin may have a chance on the streets, or rather the sidewalks, of Farmington after all, if it snows hard enough this winter. Horse-power is still the most efficient method of cleaning narrow sidewalks, the City Commission was told Monday evening.

Considerable discussion took place as to whether the City should shoulder the burden of clearing off the snow. It was pointed out that the tractor used in the past, being too wide for the walks, had broken off the edges and thus caused considerable damage.

It was reported that one man had offered to clean the walks and cross-walks throughout the City for \$8 per each block cleaned. The City's cost for labor, it was said, to clean the cross-walks in the business-section, had been greater than this amount.

Commissioner Carl Hogle declared he believed the City ought to clean the streets, too, and cited the condition Saturday afternoon and evening, when, he said, it was almost impossible to cross the streets uptown.

It was tentatively decided that in case of light snowfall, the residents should clean their own walks, and when there is a heavy fall of snow, the City will do the work. Commissioner Hogle will have jurisdiction over the walks, and Commissioner Harrison Johnson over the streets.

## JUDGE J. J. SCHULTE BUYS LEONARD WENZEL HOME

Three Farmington families will move into new homes soon as the result of realty transfers reported within the past few days.

Judge John J. Schulte Jr., has purchased the home of L. E. Wenzel on Oakland avenue, and will occupy it soon. Mr. Wenzel and his family will move to a new residence on the Seven-Mile road. Deputy Sheriff Lee Doyle, who has sold his home on Grand River avenue to Goodson E. Stowe of Detroit, will move into the home now occupied by Judge Schulte. Mr. Stowe's family are now living in the former Doyle residence.

## New Township City Agreement On Fire Sought

Commissioners To Confer With Town Board On Change In Arrangement

A new arrangement in regard to fire calls in Farmington Township, with a possible co-operative plan between the City and Township, is being sought following discussion of the fire situation by the City Commission Monday evening, begun by a report from Fire Chief, Harvey Blough.

Discussion brought out that the present arrangement is a costly one for the City, causes the City to be, without protection when there is a Township fire, and is of little if any advantage to the Township.

By the agreement now in force the City firemen answer Township calls, the Township paying the City \$20 for each call. It was pointed out, however, that with the new truck and newly-reorganized department that amount does not cover expenses, the pay to the volunteers on each call being near, and sometimes exceeding \$20. In addition, it was stated, the travel of the truck is costly, and further, that the new truck is practically useless in the Township.

Fire Chief Blough said that when the City firemen had arrived at the scene of several Township fires, they could do little but stand and watch the blaze, no water being available.

It was suggested that the Township might desire to take advantage of the City's volunteer department, and purchase a light chemical truck, capable of high-speed and able to travel on any kind of road. This, it was suggested, might be housed in the City, as a central location, and with a number of firemen available at a moment's call. Under this arrangement, it was pointed out, the Township would own its own truck and need not pay for the truck going to each fire. At the same time, the City's truck would remain available in case of a fire within the City limits, some firemen also remaining behind to meet such an emergency.

Commissioners Russell and Staman were named by Mayor Buttefeld to confer with the Township officials in regard to the fire calls.

Fire Chief Blough reported that in the last fifteen months, the City volunteers have answered 7 calls in the Township, an average of nine men going out on the calls.

Chief Blough also asked on behalf of the men that the City's insurance of the volunteers against injuries, while fighting fire, be increased.

## EXCHANGE CLUB 'GOLF TOURNAMENT' PRIZES AWARDED

Harley D. Warner "Presented" With Cup Won By Him For Third Time

The Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon rewarded its members who last summer won prizes in the golf tournament sponsored by the Club. The presentations were made by Edgar S. Pierce, chairman of the golf committee.

The winner's cup was "presented" to Harley D. Warner, club champion, but the cup itself was not present, it being at Mr. Warner's home. Permanent possession now rests with Mr. Warner, he having won the trophy each of the three years since it was first offered. In order to obtain permanent possession, it was necessary to win the cup three out of five years.

Mr. Warner announced that he would offer a new cup next summer for the club championship. Dr. G. F. Weaver was awarded his prize for the low gross score, the award being a carton of cigarettes. Handicap golfers won prizes of greatest value. Harrison Johnson being awarded eight dollars as the winner's prize, Earl Vivier five dollars as runner-up, and third prize going to Arthur Lamb, the award being three dollars.

Friends of Erskine Evans will be pleased to hear that he is slowly improving.