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Editorial

A CREDIT TO ALL

Farmington Township may look back with pride upon its first primary campaign and election. From first to last it was a dignified though none the less active and interesting one.

The winners of contests may well feel gratified over the confidence placed in them. For the losers it may be said that in every case but one, this had been the first time they were before the people of the Township, and they may look forward with hope that the axiom may prove true for them, that "the better we get to know a man, the more we like him."

The one incumbent who lost, Highway Commissioner Joseph Graham, need not regard his defeat as a criticism of his work in office. The figures show that distribution of gravel, the highway commissioner's chief work, was greater during his year's tenure than during any similar period in Township history. Not unlike of or opposition to Mr. Graham defeated him, but rather the universal popularity of his young opponent, Clayton Goers, in the latter's home precinct decided the issue by a comparatively few votes. Mr. Graham has the satisfaction of knowing that his home section, too, supported him in tremendous majority and when one has the respect and support of one's nearest neighbors there is nothing for which he needs to be ashamed.

Those elected will, we feel sure, bear in mind during the coming year that they serve the whole Township, rather than merely those by whose support they were elected; and those who were defeated will with equal loyalty lend their aid to the furthering of the best interests of the Township.

"Hungry Girl to Seek Beauty Honors."—Headline. Reducer says they have to be to win 'em.

WHO WILL BE FIRST?

We are very glad, indeed to hear from Corporation Counsel John J. Schulte Jr., that contrary to an editorial appearing last week, residents of Farmington who desire paving on their streets may petition for it and have it approved without having to wait for it to be included in the Mayor's annual message to the City Commission the following January. The editorial was based on an opinion reported from the attorney who drew the charter, but if the opposite is correct, progressive citizens welcome the news.

The residents of what street will have the honor of offering the first petition for paving in Farmington?

WHAT IT IS

Some weeks ago there appeared an account of a speech by Archie G. Leonard at a father and son banquet, in which Mr. Leonard declared his belief that the blame for "Whoopee" among the younger generation rests in part upon the parents.

It may occur to some among the older generation, to wonder

just what "Whoopee" is. It's a hard thing to define—it's more abstract than material. It's largely a state of mind.

But there are concrete evidences, as an automobile trip down Grand River discloses. For instance, the tire covers on the rear of cars give us a pretty good idea of "Whoopee."

"Whoopee" is paying \$25 for a picture of a bathing beauty hand-painted on the muddest part of an automobile. It is also painting upon the tire-cover, such paraphrases well-known advertising slogans as: "Winning and holding 'hot mamas'."

That's "Whoopee."

"HOW LINDY SAVED ANNE"

The best paragraph we have read in some time appeared in a weekly magazine the week after Col. Lindbergh's engagement was announced. In discussing the extremes to which metropolitan papers had gone in prying into the private affairs of the much-rassaged young man, the journal said: "The tabloids seized upon this pearl with their usual delicacy."

Those not familiar with the tabloid papers of New York might not appreciate this to the fullest extent. We haven't any tabloids in our big neighboring metropolis—but still we cannot have missed a great deal. For instance, the day after the airplane accident encountered by Lindbergh and his fiancée, we find in four-inch type across the front of a delicately-tinted page, "How Lindy Saved Anne." Following were all the most minute details, including what he said to her and what she said to him, and what he said to the first man who came up, and what she said—and so on. The only thing that was omitted was what he said the next morning when he read the papers.

In a world of a million and three quarters people, the biggest news of the day for a million and a half people was, "How Lindy Saved Anne."

Spring is here. First robin? No. March winds? No. Muddy roads? No. First woman seen riding tandem behind a man on a motorcycle? Yes!

DOES MODERN DRESS AID WOMEN TO ESCAPE FROM ACCIDENTS IN TRAFFIC

Believe it or not, those dainty silken-clad limbs which protrude below the lower extremity of lady's dress have become an important factor for consideration by those whose occupation it is to investigate the causes of automobile accidents. This startling information is disclosed by John J. Schulte Jr., local representative of the Standard Accident Insurance Company.

The question is, which arises as a result of the change in the length of the feminine skirt. Mr. Schulte says, and is just this: Do short skirts and the resulting exposure of silken limbs cause more or less automobile accidents?

According to Mr. Schulte strong arguments are available on both sides of the question. It may be said that the longer skirts of previous years were cumbersome and made it less possible for their wearers to exercise the needed agility in avoiding the ever-present motor car. In line with the same argument, short skirts allow their wearers more freedom and make the light-colored vogue in hose which they expose make them more visible to motorists for both day and night driving.

On the other hand, does this visibility, and we might say, attractive-ability of feminine limbs cause drivers to pay attention to them to the point of neglecting to observe the other traffic dangers that beset them on every side.

CITY TAX NOTICE

Taxes may be paid, with 4% collection fee, during the remainder of February. On March 1st both the 1928 City and 1928 State and County Tax Rolls will be returned to the Oakland County Treasurer.

A \$2.00 penalty will be charged on each dog tax applied for after February 28th.

Collections will be made at the Farmington State Savings Bank.

HINMAN G. NICHOLS,
City Treasurer.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the Commissioners of the City of Farmington held March 4, 1929.

Called to order by Mayor Butterfield at 7:38 p. m. Commissioners present, Johnson, Staman, Hogle, and Gildemeister.

Minutes of the meeting of February 18 read and approved.

The following bills were approved by the Auditing Committee:

American Oil Co.	\$143
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	85
Curly's Electric Shop	2.76
Farmington Greenhouse	10.00
Northville Sand and Gravel Co.	13.50
Olin Russell	75.44
Farmington Lumber and Coal Co.	96.05
Turner & Clark	51.00
C. O. Lueke	36.00
Standard Oil Co.	1.38
Earl G. Vivier	6.00
Central Mutual Auto Ins. Co.	130.92
Fred Crow	11.00
Good's Service Station	6.32
Lee Hardware Co.	3.78
Farmington Hardware Co.	3.46
Herman Goers	10.00
Farmington Enterprise	68.70
Detroit Edison Co.	658.90

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Gildemeister that bills be paid as read. Carried.

A communication was read from Winterstrater and Glaser in regard to auditing the City books. The Clerk was instructed to notify them that audit is desired April 15 next.

City Attorney Schulte reported that in his opinion the office of Mayor and City Assessor cannot be combined and submitted the following report, which was concurred in by the Deputy Attorney General.

Farmington, Michigan.
March 1st, 1929.

To the Mayor and City would be Commission of the City of Farmington.

Gentlemen:
With reference to the petition filed to consolidate and combine the offices of Mayor and Assessor and which was turned over to me for an opinion, I wish to advise, it is my opinion that this cannot be legally done for the following reasons:

1. Under Chapter XIII, Section 2, the compensation of the Assessor is fixed by the Commission and as the Mayor by virtue of his office is a member of the Commission we would have the situation of the Assessor fixing his own salary.

2. The Mayor by virtue of his office is also a member of the Board of Review and the Assessor, if he were Mayor would be passing upon his own assessments, something that the law does not contemplate, as it is guaranteed to every one a fair and impartial assessment of his property. We also have the Mayor voting on the proposition to borrow money in anticipation of the collection of assessments, assessed by himself.

We find also that the Mayor is a member of the Board of Estimates, who together with the City Clerk passes upon the budget which includes the salaries of all City officers, even his own, were he both Mayor and Assessor.

If both offices were combined we would have the Assessor, as Mayor and Commissioner, passing on the validity, irregularity or informality of his own assessment. (See Section 21 of Chapter XIX and pages 46 of Charter.) Comp. Laws, 1915, Section 36 (3339) page 1270. No provision of any city charter shall conflict with or contravene the provisions of any general law of the State.

Under the heading of Act 279, 1909, page 497, effective September 1, 1909 we find the following: An Act to provide for the incorporation of cities and for revising and amending their charters.

Subdivision (3306) Section 3 on page 1254 of the Comp. Laws of 1915 under the above heading we find the following: Compulsory provisions of all charters. Each city charter shall provide: a. For the election of a Mayor who shall be the Executive head, and a body vested with legislative power, and for the election or appointment of a clerk, a treasurer, an assessor or board of assessors and a board of review.

This would appear to preclude the merging or combining the two positions.

Yours very truly,

John J. Schulte, Jr.
Corporation Counsel.

Motion made by Hogle, seconded by Gildemeister, that a charge of \$50 be made for all fire calls outside the City limits. Carried.

Adjourned. N. H. POWER,
City Clerk.

Questions is often asked, Why girls leave home? One reason why many of them leave is that their parents decline to obey them.

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