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New Committee Acts Quickly On Wider Gd. River

Conference Held With Oakland County Road Commissioners And Engineer Belknap

Farmington's new Commission selected with citizens committee to work for early widening of Grand River to Farmington, lost no time in getting into action after their appointment Monday evening. Commissioner Emory Hutton, chairman, on Tuesday sought an appointment with the Oakland County Road Commission, and Wednesday afternoon took his committee to the Road Commission offices for a conference.

With the chairman went Commissioners Amos Otis, Leo Gilde-meister and Fred Staman, and Howard Warner, one of the citizens appointed by Mayor Lamb. A two-hour conference with Road Commissioners Luther Allen and Isaac Bond and County Engineer Belknap resulted in the County officials stating that they would take an active part in the efforts to bring about as early start as possible in the widening in Oakland County.

Road A "Disgrace"

Mr. Hutton, describing conditions along Grand River between Farmington and Eight-Mile road, declared that that piece of pavement carries more traffic than any other in the State, that it is a "disgrace," and that it is a "crime" to let that road stay as it is. He said that "the thing has become a joke on our community."

Various phases of the widening problem were discussed. Numerous owners of property, it developed, have already deeded frontage to the State and have been paid for their damage.

The Farmington men following the conference expressed themselves as pleased with the helpful attitude of the County officials, and hopeful that early action might be expected.

TO INSTALL NEW OFFICERS OF O. E. S. TUESDAY EVENING

Appointive Officers Announced By Worthy Matron, Mrs. Ethel Middlewood

Installation of officers of Farmington Chapter No. 239, Order of the Eastern Star, will be held next Tuesday evening, April 23, at the Masonic Temple.

The appointive officers selected by the worthy Matron, Mrs. Ethel Middlewood, were announced this week as follows: Allie Cox, chaplain; Louise Bollens, marshal; Gladys Baker, organist; Loreta Cox, altar; Anna Addis, Ruth Evelyn Hines, Esther Margaret Bollens, Martha; Muri Hogle, Electa; Edith Tolman, Warder; Frank Lee, sentinel.

The ceremonies Tuesday evening will include a program and the installation of Past Grand Esther, Mrs. Beulah Cohen of Detroit, Mrs. Winifred Beam of Milford, County Association Marshal, will be installing marshal. Mrs. Minnie Hogle will assist as chaplain, and Miss Martha Staman as organist.

Invitations have been sent to all County officers. Refreshments will be served.

MRS. CHARLES PEELE DIES FOLLOWING A LONG ILLNESS

Farmington Woman Is Survived By Husband And One Son, Parents And Sister

A long illness resulted in the death last Thursday, April 11, of Mrs. Charles Peelle of Farmington, at the age of 33.

Mrs. Letha Sawyer Peelle was born at Cliffton, Oxford County, Mich., on July 13, 1891. She was married to Charles Peelle on July 11, 1914. One son was born to the couple, Doyle Peelle.

Surviving are her husband, Charles Peelle, son Doyle, and the deceased's father and mother and one sister, besides other relatives.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the home, followed by burial in North Farmington Cemetery. Spencer J. Reaney was in charge.

Again A Publisher



W. N. MILLER

W. N. Miller Buys Paper At Leslie

Former Owner Of Enterprise Re-Enters Weekly Publishing Field This Week

After two years in retirement from publishing, William N. Miller, former owner of the Farmington Enterprise, has purchased the Leslie, Mich., Republican, and this week assumes charge as editor and publisher.

Extensive improvements and additions to the Leslie plant will be made immediately by the new owner. Leslie is about midway between Lansing and Jackson, on the main road between those cities. It is a community about the size of Farmington.

Mr. Miller is one of the veteran publishers of Michigan, and not many men have as many years of daily field have as many years of continuous service in newspaper work to their credit.

Mr. Miller has owned many papers, mainly in Michigan, and established the Tawas City Herald. He owned the Farmington Enterprise from 1922 to 1923.

Mr. Miller will spend weeks in Farmington, Mrs. Miller and their daughter, Frances, planning to remain here for the present.

MRS. ELIZA UTLEY, 85 YEARS OLD, IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Long Illness Fatal To Pioneer Resident Of Farmington Township

One of Farmington's oldest residents passed away Sunday morning when Mrs. Eliza Utley, 85 years old, of Switzer road between Twelve and Thirteen-Mile roads, Farmington Township, expired. Mrs. Utley had been ill for a long time.

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday afternoon, followed by burial services and interment at North Farmington Cemetery.

Despite her advanced age, Mrs. Utley went to the polls at the election last fall and cast her vote. She also voted at the Farmington Township primary in March.

A son, Clarence J. Utley, with whom Mrs. Utley made her home and a daughter, Miss Myra Utley, survive, besides three grandchildren. Her husband died a number of years ago.

Farmington Man Shows Speech Delay By Wire

Once more Sergius P. Grace of Farmington, has performed for noted engineers a remarkable demonstration of electrical engineering. Last Friday evening Mr. Grace, assistant vice-president of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, in Philadelphia, showed how a word spoken over a telephone wire could be delayed, so as to be received two seconds later, and that better transmission results.

Mr. Grace demonstrated his "bottling up" of telephone conversation during an address, in which he said that the delaying principle was useful for long distance and trans-oceanic communication, to make telephone conversation more distinct, and to overcome echoes.

New Department Heads Appointed; 8 Named Firemen

City Commissioners Assigned By Mayor Lamb; New Public Works Head Chosen

Appointment of William Maas as superintendent of public works for the City of Farmington was voted at a special meeting of the City Commission Thursday evening. The salary was set at \$175 a month.

Farmington's new City Commission went at its job energetically Monday evening, discussing a number of topics which had been under consideration by the previous Commission; and some new ones which they believe important to the welfare of the community.

Heads of various departments were appointed by Mayor Arthur Lamb, who also designated a special road committee to push the widening of Grand River. The fire department was reduced from 10 to 8 men, and a new superintendent of public works appointed.

Mayor Lamb announced the selection of the following Commissioners as heads of the departments named: public buildings, Goers; fire, Staman; finance, Hogle; Hutton; lights, Goers; parks, Gildemeister; police, Hutton; poor, Otis; ordinances, Gildemeister and Hogle; sidewalks, Hogle; sewers, Hutton; streets, Otis; water, Staman; cemeteries, Gildemeister; special roads committee, Commissioners Hutton, Gildemeister, and Otis, and the following citizens: John Fitzpatrick, Howard Warner, Olin Russell, W. W. Goodenough, Charles Talbot.

Thayer Fire Chief.

The fire department personnel was named as follows: Ed Thayer, chief; Bernard Bandfield, assistant chief; Harvey Blough, driver; Norman Lee, Harrison Johnson, Claude Lee, Norman Spaller, John Mahaney. The fire department consisted of 14 men, since the arrival of the new truck last summer.

Both the Commissioners' appointments and the naming of the firemen were confirmed by the Commission by unanimous vote. The Commission also voted unanimously for an audit of the City's books as soon as possible.

Mayor Lamb recommended the appointment of Harold Oldenburg as superintendent of public works at \$2,400, and of Harvey Blough as assistant at \$1,500 plus the use of the fire-hall living quarters. Commissioner Emory Hutton moved to confirm the appointment, but Commissioner Gildemeister stated that two men had applied to him for the position, and he wished to present their names. He then moved to amend the motion by substituting the name of William Maas for that of Mr. Oldenburg, and changing the salary to \$2,000 per year.

Commissioners Otis, Staman and the amendment, or on the amendment, the Commissioner Hutton voted "no," and Commissioner Hogle and Goers did not vote. It being apparent that the amendment could not carry, Commissioner Gildemeister offered to withdraw his "yes" vote, and was followed by Commissioners Otis and Staman.

The original motion, to appoint Mr. Oldenburg, was then carried, with Commissioners Gildemeister and Hogle voting "no."

"Cleanup Days" Set

Mayor Lamb announced that the Spring Cleanup would be made on Wednesday, May 2, and that all rubbish should be placed at the curbs by the morning of that day. The Mayor also declared his belief that alleys should be cleaned at once and debris removed.

The new executive also inquired as to whether any help had been given the sheriff in the matter of enforcing the quarantine on dogs. The matter was referred to the police commissioner, Emory Hutton.

On Tuesday it was reported that Mr. Oldenburg had changed his mind about accepting the appointment as superintendent of public works. A special meeting was called for Thursday evening to make another appointment.

Two Farmington Men Hurt In City Crash

W. G. Jubb and William H. Hart of Farmington are recovering from injuries suffered in Detroit last Thursday, April 11, when the car in which they were riding was struck by another machine. Mr. Jubb is confined to his home with a dislocated hip.

Mr. Hart's injuries were less serious than that of Mr. Jubb, and he was able to be around the next day. Mr. Jubb was in receiving hospital, Detroit until Friday.

Township Accepts Memorial Park

Plan For Large Burial-Place Accepted, With Taxation Provision

A plan for building a memorial park of several hundred acres at Halsted and 14-Mile roads, in Farmington and West Bloomfield Townships, was approved by the Farmington Township Board at a special meeting Saturday night, when the plan was formally accepted.

Construction work is expected to be started soon on the memorial park, which will occupy land on both south and north sides of the 14-Mile road. The portion on the south side, in Farmington Township, will be called "Forest Hills Heaven," and that on the north side, in West Bloomfield, will be known as "Forest Hills Sanctuary."

In addition to the burial spots, there will be a number of public parks, with shade trees, within the grounds.

The Farmington Township Board accepted the plan with the express agreement, on the part, that the land is not to be exempted from taxation for special improvements, such as paving, drainage, etc., and that it is to bear assessments for such purposes exactly as if the property were not exempt from taxation as a cemetery. West Bloomfield Township Board accepted the plan for the northern portion some time ago.

It is expected that the memorial park will employ a large number of men.

ACCIDENT VICTIMS BROUGHT HERE; DEAD ON ARRIVAL

Excitement Created Sunday Evening Following Triple Crash West Of Novi

Farmington residents were treated to some excitement Sunday evening when victims of a fatal accident on Grand River avenue west of Novi were brought to the office of Dr. H. E. Boice, and one was found to have died on the way to Farmington. Others were slightly injured.

Archie Dilks, 23, 652 Bethune avenue, east, Detroit, who had married Miss Thelma Markham only three days before, died of a fracture at the base of the skull, Dr. Boice pronouncing him dead on arrival of the party in Farmington. Mrs. Dilks suffered injuries not serious.

The Dilks were returning to Detroit after their honeymoon visit to Lansingburg, Mich., Mrs. Emaline Loeb, of Detroit, driving west, attempted to pass another car going west, according to Deputy Lee Doyle of Farmington, and caught the rear end of a car driven east by John H. Woodruff, Detroit, who had turned out to avoid collision. The Loeb car was swung around, however, so that it struck Dilks' car.

Mrs. Loeb is charged with negligent homicide.

BAPTIST CHURCH WILL HAVE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Farmington Baptist Church will be held next Wednesday evening, April 24. Election of officers for the church and reading of the annual report will occur.

The annual banquet and election of officers of the Farmington Peoples Union will be held Friday evening, April 19, at 3:30 p. m.

Bill In Legislature Affects Farmington School Contest

Measure Introduced Tuesday By Rep. Miller Of Walled Lake Would Change Law And Give Probate Court Jurisdiction

A bill which may, it is believed, have an important bearing on the Pasadena Park school controversy in Farmington, and which might even prove the deciding factor in the determined

Farmington Men Favor Jail Site Courthouse

The Special Court House Committee of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, of which Mayor Arthur Lamb of Farmington is a member, recommended on Wednesday to the Board that the old jail site at Pontiac be used as the site for a new county courthouse. The committee was unanimous in its report, which was adopted by a vote of 34 to 3. Both Farmington representatives, Mr. Lamb and Supervisor Harry McCracken, voted for the proposition.

To Have School Nurse 12 Months

Board Of Education Votes Contract For Entire Year Instead Of 10 Months

Farmington Public Schools will have a nurse for twelve months of the year, instead of the months as heretofore, as the result of action taken by the Board of Education at its April meeting last Thursday evening.

The Board voted to offer the present school nurse, Miss Rosetta Barbour, a new contract for twelve months with vacation periods totalling one month. The full year arrangement was viewed as important to the welfare of the children, because of the fact that many minor operations, such as tonsils, are recommended to be performed during the summer months, rather than during the winter. Previously, the school nurse has been unable to be in Farmington when these are performed and her presence is considered advantageous.

The time for signing of teachers' contracts was extended to April 15 by the Board. The teachers signed remain the same as before, however, it was reported Tuesday.

An offer of a contract for driving the school bus for next year to Elmer W. Palmer was voted unanimously.

A report to the board indicated that the new athletic field probably cannot be made ready for sports during the coming season.

YOUNG BEAUTY PARLOR TO BE CLOSED APRIL 24, 25

Proprietors of the Elsie Young Beauty Parlor on Grand River avenue announce that the beauty parlor will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, April 24 and 25, for re-decorating. It will be re-opened Friday morning.

Introduces School Bill



REP. PHILEMON J. MILLER

battle, was introduced into the Michigan House of Representatives at Lansing Tuesday by Representative Philemon J. Miller of Walled Lake. The bill, as it is interpreted locally, would change the present law so as to give the Judge of Probate authority to alter the boundaries of school districts such as Farmington District No. 5. The judge of probate would have that authority now, it is contended, if it were not for the fact that Farmington is a city of less than 5,000 inhabitants.

The latest step in the long contest is being taken while the matter is still in abeyance before the Oakland County Circuit Court. The case is in that court on petition for an injunction, filed by the Farmington District No. 5 Board of Education, asking that the judge of probate, to whom the Pasadena Park petitioners appealed, be restrained from deciding the case.

The Farmington District places its reliance on a provision in the law which says that where all or part of the school district involved is in a city of 5,000 people, the judge of probate does not have the jurisdiction which he is admitted to possess over other school districts.

Three Could Appeal

Rep. Miller's bill, however, would amend the act so as to provide that any three or more tax-paying electors of a graded district with a population of less than 5,000, may, if the board of education refuses a petition to change the boundaries, appeal to the judge of probate, who would entertain the appeal and decide the case. The bill provides that the petitioners must wait 30 days, and if the board refuses or neglects to act on the petition, the appeal to the judge of probate must be made within 60 days.

Rep. Miller's bill must wait five days before it can come up for consideration by the House of Representatives.

FARMINGTON MEN FIND AUTO USED BY THREE GUNMEN

Deputies Lee Doyle and Bernard Meyers Discover Wrecked Sedan

Two Farmington deputy sheriffs, Lee Doyle and Bernard Meyers, patrolling this section Tuesday morning, at 4:45 a. m., discovered the car in which three young bandits had been previously shot at Ann Arbor policeman, and later wounded a Birmingham officer, had narrowly escaped being killed. The car was overturned in a ditch on the Franklin road, about a mile north of the Twelve-Mile road.

In the rear of the car they found doctor's instruments, and Deputy Doyle read the report of theft of a car from Dr. H. A. St. John of Pontiac ten days ago. The car proved to be the physician's machine.

Deputy Doyle had the car towed to the Stone Front Garage, Orchard Lake and Maple avenues. The bandits are still at large, although two are believed to have been hurt in the crash.

FARMINGTON WOMEN SEW FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Twenty sun-suits and 100 pillow-cases were made by 15 women of Farmington, members of the Golden Rule Circle of the Methodist Church last Thursday for the Children's Hospital of Michigan. Two visitors were present.

Members of the Ladies Aid Society were engaged Thursday at the hospital on similar work.

Two hundred and twenty children are now at the Hospital, five new ones having arrived last Thursday.