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Committee Working On Site For Plane Factory, Airport

Detroit Aircraft Manufacturers Favor Locating In Or Near Farmington If Building Site And Landing Field Can Be Provided

With a formal proposal from a Detroit aircraft corporation to build an airplane factory in or near Farmington if a suitable building-site can be provided and a community airport established, a committee appointed by the City Commission, and seeking the aid of the Farmington Township Board, is at work endeavoring to work out a method by which the industry can be brought to Farmington.

A plan viewed as most likely of realization is for leasing of the necessary acreage by the community for a period of ten years, with option of purchase.

Aircraft Men Pleased With Field Near Dye's

Walter S. Brown and Charles J. Azcona of the Aircraft Corporation of America, of Detroit, came to Farmington Thursday afternoon and viewed possible airport sites with John Lathrup. Mr. Lathrup reported they were enthusiastic over the property known as the "Washington West Farm," east of Dye's Inn, are to fly out in one of their planes and land upon the farm Sunday afternoon.

The property would be exempted from taxation during that period, and at the end of that time, it is considered, with the industry established here, the community will have grown sufficiently to be able to afford purchase of the land. All but the ten acres asked by the aircraft company for its building would remain always the property of the community at large.

The company would start with an employment of 40 men, and plans to increase production to a plane a day, requiring possibly 500 men, according to Walter S.

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TOWNSHIP VOTES TO LIGHT 13-MILE; L. FENDT RESIGNS

Change In Present Policy Advocated By Justice Eagle; Graham Men Overseer

Lighting of the 13-mile road, paving of which will soon be completed between the Orchard Lake and Tibbits roads was voted by the Township Board at its meeting Tuesday night. At the same time a question arose as to the further application of the Township's present policy, which is lighting of all paved roads in the Township.

Justice Ward Eagle said that the item has become so large in Township expense that he believes "it means the spending of altogether too much money by the Township Board, without a vote of the people." He said that his contention had nothing to do with the merits of road lighting but merely with the size of the expenditure without vote of the taxpayers.

Justice Eagle supported the 13-mile lighting proposal, but said that he thought it present a good time to give the matter serious consideration, with no new paved roads under way.

Fendt Quits Road Job After a number of years as road overseer of District No. 3 Farmington Township, Louis G. Fendt on Tuesday evening submitted his resignation to the Township Board. Press of other business was given as the reason for his resignation.

The Board accepted the resignation with regret, and asked Mr. Fendt to recommend a successor. He named Joseph Graham, former highway commissioner, who was immediately appointed by unanimous vote of the Board.

FARE IS REDUCED
A reduction of fare from ten cents to five cents is announced by the Farmington Jitney Line this week. Extension of service to Novi and Walled Lake may be made soon.

Better Township Fire Protection Planned; Add Men

City Committee Confers With Town Board On Co-operative Effort

Beginning of a co-operative effort on the part of Farmington City and Township officials to improve the Township's fire protection, and addition of two men to the city fire department following resignation of one veteran fireman were rapid developments of the past few days.

At a conference of Commissioners Staman and Hutton with the Township Board Tuesday night, the fire situation in the Township was reviewed and possible improvements discussed. Further developments are expected after the City committee reports to the Commission at its meeting on May 20.

Reconsideration of the City's recent increase of the charge for fire calls to \$50 was suggested by the Township officials, who pointed out a provision in the agreement made when the City and Township became separate units. The agreement was that the Township should pay \$20 plus the cost of the men. Supervisor Harry McCracken said he believed the Township should have been consulted before the raise was made effective.

Commissioner Hutton told the Township Board members that he was not a member of the Commission which voted the increase, but that he believed the present Commission would be glad to reconsider the matter and agree to any reasonable basis.

Suggest Lighter Truck
All officials present agreed that the City's new fire truck is unsuited for work in the country. Commissioner Hutton suggested a lighter truck carrying 300 gallons of water and stated that if the Township wished to purchase a truck, and might be able to use the old City truck either in a trade or to salvage part of the equipment, the City would be glad to give it over to the Township Board.

It appeared to be the general opinion that both the Township and City would benefit by close co-operation in the matter of fire protection as well as in other affairs.

John Mahaney Resigns
Resignation of John Mahaney, for 15 years a volunteer fireman, at the City Commission meeting Monday night provided a dramatic situation for the score of citizens present. After Fire Commissioner Staman had reported that there was some dissatisfaction in the department, Mr. Mahaney, addressing the Commission, declared, "You have broken up our organization. I served 15 years as a volunteer fireman. In that time I got \$152, and lost three suits of clothes, and I don't know how many pairs of shoes. When the men were paid this year the new men got just as much as the old ones. I got \$56, and some got as high as \$84."

"The older men were going to quit when the new men had learned the work," Mr. Mahaney went on. "I intended to resign next year. But unless our organization is put back, I'll resign tonight."

"Then you don't want to go on, John?" asked Mayor Arthur Lamb. For answer, Mr. Mahaney walked to the Commission's table and threw down his badge. Returning to his chair, Mr. Mahaney spoke again, denouncing the surprise for what he declared an incorrect report of a recent fire.

Three Men Named
The Commission discussed the personnel of the fire department, and Mayor Arthur Lamb appointed three men to the department, one to replace Mr. Mahaney and two additional men. The men appointed were Howard Osmus, Meredith Steele and Harold Oldenburg.

"BIG" ATTENDANCE—ONCE
For once at least the City Commission had a right to feel that citizens are interested in its work. More than 20 were present at the meeting Monday night. Many left, however, after the affairs in which they were particularly interested were disposed of.

To Discuss Grand River Widening With State Heads

County Road Officials And Farmington Representatives Go To Lansing May 20

As a result of a meeting of officials of the Oakland County Road Commission, and Farmington City and Township Tuesday morning, a conference will be held on Monday, May 20, with the Highway Committee of the State Administrative Board at Lansing on the widening of Grand River.

At the meeting Tuesday, progress of the County road men in their efforts to bring about the widening of Grand River to Farmington this summer were reviewed in detail. The probable attitude of State officials was also discussed.

That the attitude of owners of property along the highway has proved a discouraging factor to State road men is beyond all doubt was revealed at the meeting. "Real estate interests," at whose door is laid attempts to obtain large sums of money in damages from the State, through the widening, figure largely in the apathy that has overtaken the project, it was declared.

Present at the meeting were Road Commissioner Isaac Bond, County Engineer Belknap, and from Farmington City and Township Emory Hutton, Supervisor Harry N. McCracken, Amos Otis, Howard Warner, Olin Russell, John Fitzpatrick and Elmer Palmer.

NEW NUMBERING IN TOWNSHIP AND CITY STARTS SOON

Governing Bodies Request Detroit Edison Company To Undertake Work

Re-numbering of all houses, business places and lots in Farmington Township and City in accordance with the Detroit Master Plan will be started about May 20, as the result of action taken Monday and Tuesday evenings by the City Commission and Township Board. Both bodies voted to request the Detroit Edison Company, which has done similar work elsewhere, to do the work.

T. M. Holmes and Earl Governor, manager of the Farmington Edison Company office, attended the meeting and outlined the plan in use in the Detroit area. They explained that it would provide for future expansion and that the company is glad to co-operate.

The Edison representatives also showed that the numbers would be thoroughly standardized, with a number for every 20 feet and approximately 1,000 numbers to a mile in the rural sections. The numbers will be of aluminum, three inches high, and will be furnished and placed without charge by the Edison Company in the interest of better service. Livonia Township is to be included in the re-numbering.

Mr. Holmes will be in direct charge of the work, which will require about six weeks.

Longest Race In History Starts At M. E. Church, Ends At Navin Field

The longest race in history is over. And the most peculiar. For surely any race in which losers win and winners lose, and which has its finish at the start of a game and its beginning at the finish of a luncheon, is as odd as anything can be.

And long! Compared to this race all the others since time began have been mere warm-up sprints. That run of Philpides from Athens to Sparta before the battle of Marathon, 140 miles in 36 hours, is hardly to be mentioned. Even the notorious three-months long "Bunion Derby" of C. G. Pyle from New York to California fades into insignificance.

This Farmington race lasted for 17 months. It had its origin in a suggestion by Harley D. Warner at the Exchange Club in January, 1927. It was an attendance con-

State Senate Passes School Bill Allowing Court Appeal

Telegrams From Farmington Citizens and Appearance Of Delegation At Lansing Fail To Hold Bill In Education Committee

Taxpayers seeking to have the Pasadena Park territory taken from Farmington School District No. 5 and transferred to the Isaac Bond School District won an important round in their battle Wednesday when the State Senate just before adjournment passed the Miller bill which would permit three taxpayers to appeal from a decision of the Board of Education.

The bill was reported out of the Senate Committee on Education, of which Senator Charles Sink, representing this district, is the chairman, on Tuesday. Previously, it had been regarded as likely that the Committee on Education would kill the bill by holding it in committee until after adjournment.

Two dozen telegrams expressing vigorous opposition to the bill were sent to the Committee by Farmington citizens last week. A delegation of Farmington men went to Lansing and appeared before four of the five members of the Committee, last Friday morning. They told the Senators they were against the bill, and asked that it be held in Committee.

The action of the Senate left only the signing of the bill by Governor Fred W. Green necessary before it becomes law. The Pasadena Park residents could then appeal to the Circuit Court from the decision of the Farmington Board of Education, which has refused to set them over into the Bond District.

The bill, which is House Bill No. 474, read as follows when introduced, the amendment having substituted the words "circuit court" wherever the judge of probate is mentioned.

To amend section 5 of chapter 3 of the public acts of 1927, entitled "Public Acts of 1927," to provide a system of public instruction and primary schools; to provide for the classification, organization, regulation and maintenance of schools and school districts; to prescribe their rights, powers, duties and privileges; to

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Commission Changes Things—Votes For Oil
For the first time, Farmington's City Commission Monday night rescinded an action of its predecessor, voting use oil on the streets as a dust-layer this summer. Last spring the Commission passed a resolution that oil should not be used on the streets again. Salt was used last summer. Street Commissioner Amos Otis' motion to rescind the action of a year ago carried, with Commissioner Carl Hogle voting "no." It was voted to buy a carload of oil at \$5.90 per 100 gallons.

Young Folk In Cast Of Comedy
Jean Gullen, John Lapham and Norman Barrons, Jr., Drafted For New Play
With three young players recruited from Farmington schools, having interesting parts, the cast of characters for the Farmington Players' next offering, "The Family Upstairs," is announced this week. Jean Gullen, who has appeared in Bonstelle school productions at Detroit, John Lapham who secured a success in the opera, "The Belle of Barcelona," and Norman Barrons, Jr., will be members of the cast.

The play will be given in Farmington Town Hall on May 21 and 22. So successful was the first play given by the Players last fall, so many urged another performance, that it has been decided to present the new play twice.

The cast of Farmington Players who will be seen in the organization's next play, "The Family Upstairs," is announced this week.

The cast of characters for "The Family Upstairs" is as follows:
Joe Heller, father
G. Gerald Parker
Emma Heller, mother
M. Marie Walling
Louise Heller, elder sister
Frances Brown
Willie Heller
Johnny Lapham
Annabelle, sister
Jean Gullen
Chas. Grant
P. Owen Pauline
Mrs. Grant, his mother
Dorothy Ingalls
Herbert, his brother
Norman Barrons, Jr.
Miss Callahan
Adeline Wixom

F. L. Cook & Co. are having a special sale for Friday and Saturday only.

PLAN ADDITION TO HOUSE CELLS AT POLICE BOOTH

Speeders To Be Curbed By Deputy Sheriffs; Dog-Catchers Out With Cage

Building of an addition to the police booth to house the two cells now in the City building, which would greatly facilitate the work of deputy sheriffs stationed here, is under consideration by a committee of the Farmington City Commission and the Township Board.

The police officers have been handicapped by being forced to take prisoners to Pontiac, due to the State law which prohibits leaving prisoners where no one is available to their call. Commissioner Emory Hutton recommended including an item in the next City budget to provide for an addition which could be easily moved, in case of change in the present situation.

Mr. Hutton placed the proposition before the Township Board at its meeting Tuesday night, and indications were given that the Board would approve it. It was agreed that estimates should be obtained as to cost.

Speeders, Beware!

No longer will fast drivers speed along Grand River at will. Mr. Hutton reported, for Deputies Doyle and Tamm have agreed to patrol the town and enforce the limit. Signs designating the speed regulations will be erected at each end of the City.

Commissioner Hutton reported that the Health officer asked assistance. Two men were assigned, but though they borrowed a cage and cut from nearby police, caught nothing on their first foray. They're going out again, he stated.

Commissioner Hutton also recommended that the City buy badges for its constables.