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'One Mail A Day' Schedule Causes Strong Protest

Postmaster Acts On Arrival Of Afternoon Mail One Hour Later

A change in the schedule of incoming mails at Farmington postoffice, the practical effect of which is to give Farmington but one incoming mail a day, has aroused a vigorous protest on the part of the citizens who have learned of the change. Postmaster Thomas H. McGee has taken the matter up with higher officials of the Department and is awaiting a report.

The change was made "this week without notification to Mr. McGee, as has been customary when changes were made in the past. Part of the difficulty is believed to be due to the fact that the Farmington postoffice is under the jurisdiction of the chief railway mail clerk but transportation of the mail from Detroit to Farmington is under jurisdiction of the Detroit postoffice.

The mails apparently come into the Detroit headquarters at the same time in the afternoon, but the truck which takes the Redford and Farmington sacks to Redford station, where they are picked up by the Farmington carrier, started coming one hour later this week. As a result, the Farmington carrier arrives with the mail about 6:45 p. m., instead of from 5:30 to 5:45 p. m.

This leaves only 15 minutes for the postoffice force to open and sort the mail before the office closes, at 7 o'clock. But little of the evening mail can be put in boxes before closing time.

Chief Clerk Jeffries of the railway mail service, when informed by Postmaster McGee of the protests in Farmington, said he had no knowledge of the change, and advised Mr. McGee to dispatch the afternoon mail at the same time, 4:45. In response to a request from Mr. McGee, he promised to take the problem up with the Detroit superintendent of mails.

An odd feature of the situation is the fact that the Redford postoffice, in spite of the change, is now being closed earlier than before, at 5:45, or before the afternoon mail arrives there under the new schedule.

NEW HUDSON AND ESSEX CARS ARE ON DISPLAY HERE

Lake Drive Garage Shows Hudson "Great Eight" And New Essex Super-Six

Two new cars of much interest to the people of this vicinity are being shown by Lake Drive Garage, Farmington Junction, Hudson and Essex dealers in this territory.

Hudson is now an eight—the Great Eight.

This new car, although it surpasses all Hudson achievements of the past, sells in Hudson's well-known price range.

Power and economy and, without the penalty of overweighted mechanism is provided by the new Great Eight motor, designed to give the maximum in smooth, quiet performance. It is a straight eight.

The car is ultra-modern but in its roominess body lines and down to the last detail of upholstery, fittings and appointments.

Two chassis are available, the standard wheel base being 119 inches, and the larger size, 126 inches.

There are 10 body types. The coach, sedan, coupe, phaeton, roadster and sun sedan are on the 126 inch chassis; the larger, 126 inch chassis, carries the touring sedan, seven-passenger sedan, brougham and seven-passenger phaeton body types.

An entirely new Essex—from bumpers to tail light is presented.

Longer wheelbase, wider, roomier bodies distinctly different in line and finish, more power, faster getaway and smoother performance are the outstanding improvements which blend into what Essex officials declare to be the finest balanced, easiest handled automobile they have ever produced.

There are eight body styles: Coach, standard sedan, coupe, touring sedan, brougham, phaeton, roadster and sun sedan.

The six-cylinder high compression motor is entirely new.

Importance Of Home Viewpoint And Health Emphasized At Meeting

Banfield Now Chief

Of Fire Department

Appointment of Bernard Banfield as chief of the City of Farmington fire department was made Monday evening by Mayor Arthur Lamb. Mr. Banfield has been acting as chief since the resignation of Ed Thayer as head of the department.

Mr. Banfield was assistant chief during the time Mr. Thayer was chief.

Committee To Buy Street Signs

Forty Markers Estimated For This Year; Type Considered Cost \$9 Each

Purchase and erection of new street signs in the City of Farmington was virtually decided upon Monday evening by the Farmington City Commission, following a showing of various types of signs by a representative of the sign company. Commissioners Emory Hutton and Amos Otis were designated to make a survey of the City with the sign representative and determine how many would be needed this year. They plan to make the survey early this week. The committee are empowered to purchase.

The signs recommended to the Commission are of heavy construction, similar to those being erected by the City of Detroit. They would cost about \$9 each, delivered in Farmington, and are guaranteed for ten years.

The cost of erecting, which must be done by the City, is estimated at about \$2 per sign, the poles to be set in concrete. Commissioner Hutton said that a list of interested parties had been indicated that about 40 signs would be needed. The City would be allowed to pay for the signs after the start of the next fiscal year, and following collection of summer taxes.

Commissioner Carl Goers opposed the motion providing for the signs, on the ground that with the Grand River and Ten Mile paving projects still to be completed the right location for signs could not be determined at present. He also expressed the opinion that the funds required could be better expended for other purposes at this time. The other Commissioners voted unanimously for the signs.

CEMETERY LOTS SALE RESULTS IN SUIT FOR FRAUD

Return Of \$6,900 Cash And Voiding Of \$46,000 Contract Asked By Colemans

Fraud and misrepresentation involving \$52,900 are charged by Mr. and Mrs. Emmor Coleman, well-known residents of Farmington Township, in a suit against Heston Associates, Inc., Milton J. Enell, a salesman, and the Michigan Memorial Park.

Return of \$6,900 in cash and voiding of a contract involving \$46,000 more is asked by Mr. and Mrs. Coleman.

According to the complaint, Enell sold the lots to Mr. and Mrs. Coleman in July, 1928, on a promise to resell them not later than a year from that time.

Colemans gave him stock for \$2,500 and \$750 in cash. Later payments in cash totaled \$6,150, according to the complaint.

It was stated that the Colemans were threatened with a lawsuit if they did not keep up their payments, although, it is charged, the salesman told them to disregard the payments.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman were granted an injunction by Judge Ormonde F. Hunt, restraining the defendants from disposing of the lots or disposing of the lots.

Those who control the destinies of the Northville Fair have decided that there will be no more free fairs. The free fairs were not a success, it is reported, and moderate admission charges are planned in the future.

Home attitude determines the child's manner of play, was the theme of a paper by Mrs. A. R. Crawford, read before the P. T. A. at their regular meeting, Wednesday.

The paper, which was prepared by Mrs. Crawford, but read by Miss Hyde in her absence, stated further that the parents usually consider themselves too old to devote their time to such childish activities, but by keeping "open house" for their children's playmates they might tactfully help their children to avoid harmful acquaintances.

Mrs. Crawford summed up by saying "Know your children's playfellows, and keep open house for them."

Mrs. Schoen in a very interesting talk on "The Health of the High School Student," emphasized that sufficient rest, wholesome food, and invigorating exercise were essential factors in the hygiene regime of the pupil.

"A physical examination should be given the child about every six months by a competent physician," said Mrs. Schoen. The teachers can be a great help in suggesting the harmfulness of alcohol, tobacco, etc.

"An ounce of prevention is far better than a pound of cure," stated Mrs. Schoen in concluding. "And good health is the key to all beauty."

Preceding these talks a discussion was held on the present reforestation drive, and an open discussion was held immediately following the talks.

MRS. M. LOCK IS BRIDE IN DETROIT WEDDING EVENT

Resident Of Maple Avenue, Farmington, Is Wedded To Mr. George Kenneth

Of very great interest to all residents of Farmington and vicinity is announcement of the marriage at noon Wednesday, of Mrs. Margaret Lock, of Maple avenue, Farmington, to Mr. George Kenneth of Detroit.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Edward F. Dunlavy, formerly pastor of Farmington Methodist Church, at the parsonage in Detroit. Following the ceremony, a wedding dinner was served to 20 guests at the Book-Cadillac Hotel.

The couple will leave soon, it is understood, for a honeymoon trip to Florida.

CLARENCEVILLE SCOUTS WIN 2nd PLACE IN COUNTY

Troop 44 First Rural Group To Achieve Second Honors In Area

Boy Scouts of Clarenceville Troop 44, Oakland County, are highly elated over the report of the yearly award of county trophies. Troop 44 won second place in the yearly efficiency record.

This is the first time in the history of scouting in the Oakland area Council that a rural troop has ever attained this average. The first ten troops ranked as follows:

St. James, M. E., No. 17. Clarenceville, No. 44. New Hudson, No. 34. All Saints Episcopal, No. 6. Keego Harbor, No. 26. Bethany Baptist, No. 7. Presbyterian, No. 18. Wilson Foundry, No. 10. St. Michael's Cath. Church, No. 16.

Bagley School, No. 21. Children's Convalescent Home, Troop No. 46, is highly commended on their rating which was eighteenth. Part of these Scouts are in bed, others in wheel chairs but they pass their tests with regularity and with a smile, thanks to the conscientious labor of John Kaufman, their leader, under Scoutmaster Glen Swanson.

It is hoped by those interested in Scout work that Farmington will get together and have a troop that may enter this competition in the near future.

Action Taken On Maple Sewer By City Commission

Commissioner Outlines Four Sections As Needed In Near Future

Action toward the laying of a new sewer in the Maple avenue section, and possibly also in other parts of the City, was taken by the Farmington City Commission at its meeting Monday evening.

Commissioner Emory Hutton, in charge of sewers, was authorized to have an engineer run a line in the Maple avenue section and furnish an estimate as to the probable cost of the work. The action following filing a petition by residents of Maple and Brookdale avenues, asking that something be done to provide adequate sewer facilities. Eighteen property owners' names were

Farmington Drain

'To Be Long Delayed'

The proposed \$900,000 Farmington Storm Sewer Drain is not likely to be built for a long time to come, according to a statement made Monday evening by Mayor Arthur Lamb.

Mayor Lamb quoted Arthur Spencer, County Drain Commissioner, as saying that the Drain would be delayed as long as possible, because the people of Oakland County are already taxed so heavily.

signed to the petition. When discussion of the sewer question was opened, Commissioner Hutton was ready with a survey; he had made on the probable sewer needs of the town in the immediate future. A brief study, he stated, indicated to him that four sewer jobs are needed at present. The first, the Maple avenue section, would cost, he estimated roughly, about \$5,000.

Three More Needed

The other three jobs he deemed necessary within the near future are as follows: a drain in the section of Fowler avenue north of Grand River; a Farmington road section; continuation westward of the sewer already laid in Thomas street, which now runs only part way west from Warner avenue.

The cost of all four jobs, Mr. Hutton estimated at about \$30,000. Of the four, that on Farmington road would probably be the largest.

It was indicated that if this work were done, it would not be affected in any way by the Farmington Storm Sewer drain proposed by the County. If the larger drain is built, the four sewer recommendations would follow out in a general way the plans made by the County for those sections.

Ask For Action

The petition presented to the Commission reads as follows: "The undersigned property owners residing on Maple and Brookdale avenues respectfully petition your honorable body for some action in providing a sewer large enough to take care of present and future demand."

Lee G. Hemmings, Manley Newman, Carl A. Goers, W. G. Chamberlain, Anna Richardson, Harley A. Schroeder, Homer J. Eisenlord, Olin Russell, Mrs. E. H. Stoddard, Mrs. M. A. Lock, L. R. Foy, E. Koller, Tracy Harvey, DeLoe F. Hamlin, George L. Augur, Maude Kent, G. B. Reading, J. J. Wilcox.

Commissioner Carl Goers, a resident of Maple avenue, stated that on residents on the street has a furnace but is forced to use a stove for heating her home because the water in the basement puts out the furnace fire.

Store Owner Sees

Way 3 Hold-Up Men

Ward Schuyler, proprietor of a grocery and confectionery store at Seven Mile and Farmington roads, was surprised last Friday night by a hold-up by three holdup men. Schuyler had turned out on his lights shortly before, and was standing on the register warming himself when he heard the glass being broken out of his back door.

He rushed to the bedroom and grabbed his revolver and fired a number of shots. The men fled.

Students Near Goal In Tree-Fund Drive

Farmington High School's Student Council has raised within in \$17.50 of the \$100 required to plant 40 acres in Michigan reforestation campaign, it was announced Thursday morning. Other assistance is being sought of the amount required.

One Week Remains To Pay City Taxes

One week remains in which to pay your taxes—If you are an owner of property in the City of Farmington. The time for payment without penalty expires on Friday afternoon January 31.

Taxes will be accepted through Friday without additional charge; the extension granted by the City Commission having been "through January 31. Taxes are being collected by Treasurer George C. Glidemeister at the Peoples State Bank.

City To Act On Assessors' Plats

Decision On Work To Be Made At Next Meeting On Feb. 3rd

Farmington's City Commission will probably on February 3 whether it will authorize the making of new assessors' plats to cover property in the city not now described according to modern methods. A bid for the work will be accepted or rejected not later than February 3 was received Monday evening from George H. Ruhling.

Mr. Ruhling proposes to make seven or eight new plats of property, as required mainly in the west section of town, to re-establish block corners in the older subdivisions, and to make a new map of the city after the work is completed. The total cost of this work is placed at \$1,000, provided the bid is accepted so that work can be started the first week in February. Payment could be made in August.

After the work is completed, maps would be furnished to individuals at \$10 each, on paper and \$13 each, on cloth, according to Mr. Ruhling. The maps would be about 42x48 inches, and would make it easy to locate and identify any piece of property in the city.

The cost of the work for the city is divided as follows: making of plats, \$1,000; re-establishing old boundary lines, \$200; making of map, \$400. Two maps would be furnished the city officials, on cloth. The scale of the maps would be 100 feet to the inch.

BROTHERS HELD FOR RECEIVING STOLEN GROCERIES

Loot Of Clarenceville Store Said To Have Been Found In Detroit

Examination of two brothers charged with receiving the groceries stolen from the A. and P. store at Grand River and Eight Mile roads when it was burglarized some weeks ago, was held before Municipal Judge John J. Schulte Thursday afternoon in Farmington.

The two brothers were arrested following a reported confession by one of the burglars. It is charged that an adding machine, three cartons of cigarettes and 250 pounds of butter were stolen from the Clarenceville store were found in their place of business.

The two brothers are Thomas and Joseph Mahfey. When arraigned after their arrest by Deputy William Tamm they stood mute and both were set at \$1,000 which they furnished.

Charles Menery, arrested by Detroit police on other charges, is said to have confessed the burglary and implicated the Mahfey brothers. He was named as a witness against them. Two other men reported to have participated in the burglary are still at large.

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Township Plans Hall Conference; City Asks Offer

City Officials Favor Township Making Proposal; Date Set For Meeting

Farmington Township officials are proceeding with plans for a joint meeting of representatives of the Township, the City, and Farmington Masonic Lodge, to endeavor to work out a settlement of interests in the Town Hall. At their meeting Tuesday evening, the Township Board set February 6 as the date for a meeting.

Meanwhile, the City Commission Monday night, had voted to ask the Township officials to make a proposal for consideration by the City and the Masons, rather than hold a meeting.

Mayor Arthur Lamb stated to the Commission that he saw no advantage in a conference of the officials, inasmuch as the committees appointed over a year ago had failed to agree. He expressed the opinion that the only outcome would be a series of meetings at which no decision would be reached. He stated that he believed the Township should make some sort of offer to the two other parties, as to what it would be willing to accept for its share, and that if there was no objection from the members of the Commission, this course would be followed.

Commissioner Amos Otis said that he also believed a conference would be useless, and that the next move should be "up to the Township." He stated that during the earlier discussion, the Township was considered as having the largest share, but that recently he had obtained information which led him to believe that the Masonic Lodge interest in the property would legally be 60 per cent.

Other members of the Commission acquiesced in the plan of Mayor Lamb and City Clerk N. H. Power was instructed to write the Township Board, asking that they submit a proposal for settlement.

At the Township meeting Tuesday night, it was decided to call the proposed meeting for the evening of Thursday, February 6, in Farmington. Supervisor Harry McCracken was authorized to make arrangements for the meeting.

Worshipful Master A. L. Ross has appointed William Way, James L. Hogle, Howard Warner and Howard Bond to represent the Masonic Lodge at the proposed conference.

FUNERAL SERVICE IS HELD FOR MRS. FRANK ROBISON

Resident Of Thirteen Mile Road Succumbs To Illness; Was 57

This community was shocked by the death of Mrs. Frank Robison, a resident of the Thirteen Mile road last Friday, January 17. She had been in ill health for some time.

Mrs. Lillian Robison was 57 years of age and lived in and around West Farmington all her life. The funeral was held on Monday at her home on the 13-Mile road with interment in West Farmington Cemetery with Christian Service services.

Surviving is the husband, Frank Robison and five children: Arie Robison of Detroit, Mrs. Smith Green of Pontiac, Mrs. Eliza Roshford of Arizona, Harvey and Lillian of Farmington and six grandchildren.

New Skating Pond At School Field Finished

A new skating pond which has been under construction for some time by Farmington Schools has been completed and will be flooded.

The new rink is alongside the athletic field in back of the school. The cement in the dam has set hard enough to permit flooding and as soon as the right weather conditions prevail it will be done.

The pond is quite large and will permit a great number of people to skate at once. There also is sufficient space to permit hockey games.