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Change In Name Of Gill Road To 'Quaker' Opposed

Petition Is Filed With City Commission Against Proposal; Action Is Deferred

A protest against a proposed change of the name of Gill road by the Farmington City Commission, was filed with the Commission at its meeting Monday evening. The change had been advocated by the legislative committee of the Farmington Woman's Club, which favors the name "Quaker Road," in commemoration of the first settlers of Farmington.

The petition of protest received Monday night was placed before the City Commission by Commissioner Leo Gildemeister, who said it had been put in his hands by the signers. It contains the names, he stated of every resident between the Wayne County line and the Farmington City limits.

The Commission received the petition and placed it on file. No action was taken. The petition, with the names of signers, is as follows:

We the undersigned are the residents and property owners on Gill road and we wish to say to you that we do not want the name of Gill road changed to Quaker road or any other name, as it has been known as Gill road for a long period of years and it would cause inconveniences and losses in business matters, etc., as our present addresses in all directories among friends and business associates are known and advertised as Gill road. And why change the name and cause the disturbance merely to satisfy a whim?

Thanking you and hoping that your honorable body will give this matter your kind consideration.

Marie Dingfelder
John W. Dingfelder
John Arthur
Margaret Arthur
Olive Lord
Emil Gittel
Mable Gittel
Louis G. Fendt
Eva Fendt
Mary Rathe
Norme Bowers
Louis Bowers
Clisde Fendt
Leo F. Fendt
R. G. Adams
Kenneth Lord
Minnie Bore
Joseph Woodard
Henry Wick
Mrs. Henry Wick
F. W. Sinks
Freeman Fitzgerald and Sinks
Mrs. Melvina Pickett
Claude Leach
William Holmes
J. W. Lathrup

MASONIC LODGE PAYS HONOR TO FORMER LEADERS

Large Gathering At Dinner And Degree Work Sessions; Detroiters Speak

Past Masters of Farmington Lodge No. 151, over a hundred members of the Lodge and more than a score of visitors gathered Monday afternoon and evening for the annual Past Masters' Night, one of the outstanding events of the year for Masons.

The Past Masters occupied the chairs at degree work in the afternoon, followed by dinner at the Methodist Church dining hall. After the banquet, the Past Masters and visitors were welcomed by Worshipful Master A. J. Ross. Each Past Master was asked for a two-minute talk, followed by an address by Rev. M. J. Van Zant of Detroit.

At the evening gathering, Past Master William C. Way presented to Ralph J. Auten, retiring master, the past master's jewel. Master work followed, the Lodge Fellowship team assisting the past masters. Past Master Ernest Ash acted as worshipful master.

Preparations are completed for the card party to be given by Farmington Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star next Tuesday evening in the chapter dining room. An unusually large attendance is expected, and an exceptionally attractive group of prizes is offered.

Receives Jewel



Ralph J. Auten, retiring master of Farmington Lodge No. 151, F. & A. M., was presented with a past master's jewel at the annual Past Masters' night of the Lodge Monday evening.

Officers To Be Elected By P. T. A.

Leaders To Be Chosen Next Thursday; Mrs. Pettinill Coming In March

Farmington Parent-Teacher Association will elect officers for the coming year at the February meeting of the Association, to be held in the school building next Thursday afternoon, February 27. The meeting will be called in the kindergarten room at 3:30 p. m.

Miss Emma Hyde, instructor in home economics, will present a paper on "Vocational Effectiveness." The coming of Mrs. J. K. Pettinill of Lansing, president of the State Association, has been deferred until the March meeting. In order that as many as possible may hear Mrs. Pettinill's address, the meeting will be held in the evening, on March 27th.

OFFERS ARTICLE TO OFFSET RUMOR ABOUT APPLICANT

Letter From Mason School Board, Newspaper Article, Submitted By Trustee

To offset rumors which he states have come to him regarding an applicant for the position of superintendent of schools in Farmington, Trustee Frank L. Macomber of the Board of Education on Thursday brought to the board a copy of an article and a letter regarding the applicant, Carl E. Demeritt.

Mr. Macomber states that the rumors have to do with Mr. Demeritt's departure from Mason, Mich. The letter from the president of the Mason Board of Education, dated Thursday, and the article which appeared in the Ingham County News of Mason, on February 9, 1929, shortly after Mr. Demeritt's resignation, have been tendered, are as follows:

February 20, 1930.
Mr. F. T. Macomber,
Member Board of Education,
Farmington, Michigan.

Your inquiry directed to the board of education, this city, regarding the qualifications of Mr. Carl S. Demeritt, a former superintendent in our schools, and his intention to be on the board and school, has been referred to me for reply.

The regard in which Mr. Demeritt was held and the success which marked his service in the local schools are best set forth in the accompanying newspaper article taken from the files of the Ingham County News, and published the week in which his resignation was tendered. In other words the resignation came at the regular meeting of the board held on Monday, February 6. The article appeared Thursday, February 9, 1929.

Very truly,
V. J. Brown, President.
Mason Board of Education.
We, the members of the board of education of Mason Public (Continued on page 8)

District To Vote On Eliminating Grades 9 and 10

Pierson School To Decide Friday Night On Question; Discussed At Meeting

A special election to determine whether or not the ninth and tenth grades will be eliminated in Pierson School, will be held Friday evening in the School building.

The question is brought before the electors of the School District as the result of a petition signed by the required number of electors of the District and filed with the Pierson Board of Education. The Pierson School has approximately 110 pupils and five teachers. It has had the ninth and tenth grades for about four years.

A meeting of residents and taxpayers of the District, to discuss the proposal, was held on Wednesday evening in the school. About 50 men and women attended, members of the Board being present.

The discussion, which lasted over two hours, took up various questions. All electors were urged to turn out and vote on the issue involved.

The election will be held from eight until ten o'clock Friday evening. It is understood that a two-thirds vote is required to dispense with the two upper grades.

The question which will be before the electors Friday night was voted on at the annual meeting in June, 1928, the electors at that time voting to retain the two upper grades.

Members of the Board of Education of Pierson School are: Zeidler, president; Earl Wolfe, secretary; Emerson Ault, treasurer; Albert Nacker, Elmer Garchow, trustees.

TWO VISITORS IN THIS SECTION ARE TAKEN BY DEATH

Mrs. Sarah Hall Of New York And S. McGath Of Ohio Expire

Two deaths of visitors in this section occurred recently, one in Novi and one in North Farmington.

Mrs. Sarah Hall, 79, of New York, passed away while visiting her sister, Mrs. Anna Chilson, in Novi. The body was shipped to New York under direction of S. J. Heeney.

While visiting his son-in-law, J. L. Thompson of North Farmington, Seymour McGath was taken by death. He was 71 years old. The body was shipped to Williamsport, O.

Preparations for burial were in charge of Spencer J. Heeney.

EXCHANGE CLUB WINS IN BOWLING, TIES AT BRIDGE

Three-Year Record Of Victories Is Kept Clear By Defeat Of Brightmoor Club

Farmington Exchange Club bowlers kept unmarred their record of three years' competition, when they defeated the Brightmoor Club in a three-game match Wednesday afternoon at Brightmoor.

Farmington lost the first game, 854 to 837, but won the last two, 800 to 770, and 800 to 777. Olin Russell, John Clark, Howard Osmus, Arthur Lamb and Spencer Heeney were the bowlers. A return match will be rolled at Redford later.

Farmington Exchange bridge players tied Northville Club members in a bridge tourney at Trossack's inn on Seven Mile road Wednesday night. Players for Farmington were Dr. Z. R. Ashenbrenner, Olin Russell, Harry Warner, Dr. G. F. Weaver, Gale Collins, J. J. Schulte, S. J. Heeney, Howard Osmus, Harrison Johnson and Arthur Lamb and Earl Viver.

A return tournament will be played next Wednesday evening, February 26. Members who did not play this week and wish to play next Wednesday are asked to notify Mr. Heeney as soon as possible.

Postoffice, Banks To Close Saturday

Farmington's postoffice and both banks will be closed all day Saturday. There will be no rural delivery.

The former schedule of afternoon mail went into effect again Wednesday, except that the mail is now dispatched at 4:30 instead of 4:45 p. m. The incoming mail from Redford will be brought in immediately thereafter, and the window opened about 6:00 o'clock, as before.

Township Names Vote Inspectors

Governing Body Selects Men And Women To Be In Charge Of Election

Election inspectors who will have charge of the Farmington Township primary Monday, Mar. 3, were tentatively named by the Township Board at its meeting Tuesday evening. A number of the inspectors of last year were named for service again this year.

The election inspectors named for Precinct No. 1 at the Bond School, are George Leet, Ernest Blanchard, Ray March, Charles Ervin, Roy Howard, John Clapson. The inspectors for Precinct No. 2, at the Oddfellows Hall, Clarenceville, are Charles Heise, Mrs. Fred Menke, Walter Headler, Charles Rupert, Mrs. S. L. Fevre, Donald Fouse.

New ballot boxes will be used in the election precincts, in accordance with a law passed by the last Legislature.

Candidates and their friends have been active during the past week, and with the primary only on days away, it is expected that lively campaigning will be in evidence from now until the day of the primary.

TWO BANQUETS TO CONCLUDE FATHER- AND SON EVENTS

Large Attendance At The Salem Evangelical Dinner; Baptist Banquet Feb. 27

Father and son banquets of two churches in this area on Friday and Wednesday evenings, and another to be held next Wednesday evening, conclude the year's events of this kind in the vicinity.

Fathers and sons at the Evangelical Church event filled every available seat in the church auditorium. Rev. A. A. Schoen acted as chairman. Music was furnished by the members of the high school band who attended the Evangelical Church. P. J. Owen accompanied by Miss Ernestine Pauline.

"Counseling the Boy," was the subject of a talk by Erskine Evans, who was followed by Olin Wilkinson, reciting a poem, "It's Easy To Quit."

The main address of the evening was given by Rev. Armin Haussler of Grosse Pointe. He told of his experiences with boys whose home lives had been unfortunate, and of the good results obtained by proper supervision and guidance.

John E. Matthews, magician, astonished and delighted those present with an exhibition of mystery and fun.

Women of the church were in charge of the dinner, the committees being as follows:

Dining room: Ida Nacker, Lena Oldham, Nellie Lauritzen, Mary Maas, Emma Maas.

Kitchen: Clara Sallow, Eva Fendt, Anna Maas, Tressa Goers, Emilie White, Augusta Morris.

Coffee: Louisa Maas, Sophia Westfall.

At the fifth annual Baptist Church father-and-son banquet next Thursday evening, Rev. A. Allen of Jefferson Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, will deliver an address. The dinner will be served in the church's new dining room. All men and boys of the city are invited.

Petitions Ask Appointment Of Crawford As School Head

Promotion Of Principal Urged In Petitions To Be Presented At Special Meeting Of Board Of Education Friday Evening

Petitions requesting the promotion of Principal Arthur R. Crawford to the position of superintendent of Farmington Schools are in circulation among residents of the school district. A large number have already signed the petitions, to be presented at a special meeting of the Board Friday evening when, it is expected, a choice will be made.

Circulation of the petitions was begun several days ago. Mr. Crawford's appointment was urged before the Board at its regular meeting last Thursday evening. Later in the evening, a motion was passed by the Board, in executive session, to the effect that the Board would eliminate from consideration all men who would not be in possession of a master's degree by the time school

Township Board To Go On Fire Tour

Farmington Township officials will make a tour of inspection of fire equipment and organizations in this part of the State on February 26 or 27, with a view to deciding on the best plan for Township fire protection.

Accompanying them will be E. A. Watson, representative of an equipment company, who attended the Board meeting Monday night and took part in a discussion of Township conditions with reference to fire-protection.

'Killer Of Eight' Taken Near Here

Man Wanted For Murder In New York Nabbed At Farm On Halsted Road

The farm of Newton Roy, on Halsted road, 1½ miles north of Grand River, northwest of Farmington, was the scene Wednesday night of the arrest of a man who has been hunted by police of New York for a year, and who has since his arrest confessed to the poisoning of eight persons, according to the police.

The accused, James Baker, 25, was arrested by Deputy William Tamm of Farmington, as he tried to run out the back door of the Roy home, when Detroit officers approached the front of the house and had worked at the Roy home since last May, and, according to Mr. Roy, had avoided meeting people and had never left the farm for even a few minutes.

In recent months, Mr. Roy said, he tried to get Baker to leave, and had not paid him, but Baker insisted on staying. Police were hunting him as murderer of Henry S. Gaw, night watchman at the Guggenheim laboratory in New York December 8, 1928. He said to have confessed this poisoning, and seven others, since 1921.

Baker told police a gun he had had was in possession of a girl. When police obtained it, they found eight notches on it.

Baker said he had experienced "a funny sort of mental satisfaction" in seeing his victims die.

PLAYERS BEGIN REHEARSALS FOR THREE-ACT PLAY

"Kempy" To Be Presented March 13 And 14 In Town Hall; Cast Yet To Be Chosen

Farmington Players have begun preparations for their next offering, a 3-act comedy entitled "Kempy" which will be given at Farmington Town Hall on March 13 and 14.

The cast for the play will be announced next week. The play is by J. C. and is reported to be unusually amusing.

Thirteen members of the Players group went to Detroit Wednesday night and saw the motion picture version of the play, which is entitled "Wise Girls," at a Detroit theatre.

Rehearsals will continue under the direction of Lloyd Gullen, with preparations made to revamp the sets as required for the proper presentation of the play.

cover cost of the meal.

George E. Gullen, George E. Gullen, Jr., Dr. M. C. Pearson, were speakers at the West Point Park Church banquet Friday evening. Charles L. Wilson was toastmaster. Mr. Gullen led singing, and Albert Owen offered solos. The "B. B. Bawlers" also sang.

Pupils Have Own Crawford Petition

Pupils of Farmington Schools have a petition of their own asking that Principal Crawford be made superintendent. Their petition recites "his profound interest in every student and every school activity and his ability to work with students."

It was reported that over a hundred pupils had signed the petition by Wednesday afternoon.

opens next September. Mr. Crawford has not a master's degree.

In Executive Session

Several citizens attended the meeting last Thursday evening. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Emil Roos, president, who stated that "We will listen to the delegation first, after which we will go into executive session."

After a considerable pause, Mrs. Ben Storms arose. She said she believed these present did not consider themselves "delegation," but had come merely to listen to proceedings of the Board. She stated, however, that she would be willing to speak for them, and that they were interested in having Mr. Crawford made superintendent. Mr. Crawford, she stated, had the confidence of the parents and the liking of the students.

"We will consider the matter in executive session," said Mrs. Roos. "But if we should not do as you request, would you still believe that we were acting for the best interests of the school?"

Mrs. Storms assured Mrs. Roos that she was confident the Board would act for the School's interest.

Mrs. Roos then stated that all present except Superintendent Baker would be excused, he to remain for a few minutes. At this point Trustee Lloyd Gullen arose.

"Wish Of People"

"I have been elected to the Board of Education by the people of this District," said Mr. Gullen. "And I feel that it is my duty to act in accordance with their wishes. I am not able to be in Farmington as much of the time as I would like. But I have had this matter brought to my attention very recently. Until the last 48 hours, I had not realized the strong sentiment that exists in the community for Mr. Crawford. A number of people have telephoned me and come to my house within the last two days. They want Mr. Crawford as superintendent, and I move that he be appointed."

"Mr. Crawford has worked in our schools for four and one-half years," he continued. "Mr. Gullen. 'His record is excellent. I know that it has been said that he has no master's degree. But he is within four summers of a master's degree, and he has other advantages to more than overcome this lack of a degree.'

"First, there is his character, which we all know. He has shown ability as an executive, and his worth to the School is beyond question. One of the members of this Board made the statement in a meeting that 'Mr. Crawford has carried the high school on his back for the past two years.' 'Most all it is the children (Continued on page five)