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Assessments On 9-Mile Told; Cost Above Bond Issue

Total is \$394,801.88; Front Acreage Assessed At \$60, Back At \$30 For Paving

Assessments that will be levied for paving of the Nine-Mile road from Southfield road to Grand River were revealed by the Oakland County Road Commission at a hearing Wednesday morning. The total cost of the paving is placed at \$394,801.88, of which the assessment district is to pay 50 per cent, the County 25 per cent, Southfield Township

Comes A Long Way For Road Hearing

P. R. DeLieu, who moved to Louisville, Ky., some time ago after representing the Bushnell and Irwin realty interests at Clarenceville for a number of years, came hundreds of miles to attend the hearing on assessments for the Nine Mile road paving Wednesday morning.

Mr. DeLieu came in the interest of his firm, after having received a copy of the Enterprise and read of the hearing just in time to make arrangements for the trip. His company is interested in much property in the district, and he planned to make a detailed study of assessments before returning to Louisville.

15 per cent and Farmington Township 10 per cent.

Meanwhile, the third call for bids on the bonds for paving had been received Tuesday afternoon. The bond issue is for \$355,000, or nearly \$40,000 less than the amount given as cost of building the highway. The best of two bids was made by R. D. Baker, the contractor who is paving the road.

The average assessment for paving upon property within the assessment district is about \$44 an acre, the abutting property being \$60 an acre and that in the rear \$30 an acre. The district extends half a mile north and south of the road.

Gets Reduction

A few changes in assessments resulted or will result from the hearing, one property-owner saving \$700 by putting in an appearance. He was Robert Churches, of Southfield Township. Mr. Churches, who has several pieces of property in the district, pointed out that he had been assessed \$1,180 for 16 acres, or over \$70 an acre, for property that does not abut on the highway. The assessment was changed to \$480. Mr. Churches claimed that since his property was on Telegraph road, which is also paved, the 9-Mile paving does the property no good. Road Commission members said the levy had apparently been a mistake.

Typical assessments for the paving as called for by property-owners are as follows:

Justin Jenks, Section 28, Southfield Township, 5 acres, \$260. Justin Jenks, Section 32, Southfield Township, 66 acres, \$3,230. Robert Churches, Section 29, Southfield Township, 7 1/2 acres, \$4,280; 6 acres, \$670. Section 32, (Continued on page five)

Lincoln Park Pastor Assigned To The Farmington Methodist Church



REV. F. C. JOHNSON

Death Verdict Is 'Cause Unknown'

Jury's Decision Places No Blame For Fatal Accident On Cut-Off Road

After 45 minutes' deliberation, a coroner's jury rendered a verdict Saturday noon which had the effect of exonerating Henry W. Smith from any connection he might have been supposed to have had with the fatal accident August 23 on the Farmington Cut-off, which resulted in the death of Mary Margaret Essex, 18, of Detroit.

The jury declared that Miss Essex came to her death in an automobile accident due to a cause unknown to them.

The verdict followed the third session of the inquest, which failed to provide any sensational testimony, but did result in still greater animosity between counsel for Mr. Smith and for relatives of the girls in the death car. An offer to come out and put on the gloves was the highlight which rewarded spectators for their attendance.

Garage Man Testifies

A surprise was provided by the appearance of a garage attendant from Detroit, who testified that he was responsible for the marks on the right rear fender of Mr. Smith's Cadillac coupe, that he had scraped a post in the garage while moving the car, some weeks before the accident on the Cut-off.

Ed. Grimmer, whose testimony, it was reported, might be of considerable importance was called first, but his story was less significant than reports had indicated it would be. He said that a Cadillac coupe, which passes him nearly every morning, had gone Farmington road to the Cut-off. He said he has seen the car since, but that he could not say who was driving the coupe that night. He testified further that he did not know whether it was that particular Cadillac coupe which passed him that morning, inasmuch as "they all look alike."

Cross-examination was taken up by Daniel H. Cronin, counsel for Evelyn Barter, a companion of Miss Essex, who was injured in the crash. Mr. Cronin asked the witness if he had not told Dorothy Anderson, driver of the girls' roadster, that he knew who the driver of the car was. Mr. Grimmer replied that he had told (Continued on page five)

Paving Forces City To Lay New Mains For Water

Grading Down Grand River Necessitates Lowering Water Pipes

New water mains must be laid by the City of Farmington along the east end of Grand River avenue, from the River Rouge to the east city limits, it was learned this week. The grading down of the new pavement makes it necessary for the City to lower the pipes through which the water supply flows.

The City Commission has already acted to take care of the (Continued on page eight)

Leave For State G. O. P. Convention

Farmington Has Four Delegates; Township Nearly Loses Representation At Meet

Four Farmington delegates to the Republican State convention left Thursday afternoon for the convalesce at Grand Rapids. The delegates are Isaac Bond, Arthur Lamb, Ben Meyers and Howard Warner.

Farmington had a very liberal share of delegates, but this generous allotment came only after it looked for a time as though Farmington Township would be "left out in the cold," at the County Convention in Pontiac last week.

The delegates at the County convention from Farmington were Howard Warner from the City and Isaac Bond from Farmington Township. Mr. Warner was elected in the first close balloting for delegate in the City in a long time, receiving 30 votes to 26 for Mr. Lamb, 14 for Judge Schulte, and 7 for Mr. Meyers. Mr. Bond headed the list in Precinct No. 1 of the Township and Willis Roberts in Precinct No. 2. Non-Delegates Named

When the important business of naming delegates to the State convention was brought up at the Pontiac gathering, the nominating committee presented a list, three-quarters of whom, it was said, were not even delegates to the County convention then in session. Farmington Township and Pleasant Ridge and perhaps some others were left out entirely, without a single delegate.

Protests were made against the list, and culminated in a vigorous attack by Walter Gehke of Pleasant Ridge. Following Mr. Gehke's speech, a motion was offered to reconsider the list of delegates. The motion presented a rare situation, an open split in the County Republican ranks.

On roll-call, the motion carried, 51 to 19. Farmington's representation went for the motion to reconsider. Mr. Warner saying "yes," and Mr. Bond not voting. A new nominating committee was selected, and the new list of delegates, made up mostly of County delegates, resulted.

Had the first list prevailed, it would have marked the first time in a number of years that Mr. Bond would not have represented Farmington Township at the State Republican convention.

Bank Suicide Dazes Walled Lake; Inspect Books Monday

Auditors To Start Checking Books Of Financial Institution Monday Morning; Shocked-Community Prepares For Funeral Saturday

Residents of Walled Lake village and vicinity, dazed beyond expression by the suicide Wednesday afternoon of Clarence Chafy, cashier of the Peoples Bank of Walled Lake, are speculating upon possibilities arising from reports that difficulties with the Federal Reserve System in Detroit might have had something to do with the suicide. The community is crushed and grief-stricken by the loss of an active citizen and intimate friend of many.

Apparently nothing can be discovered as to the bank's condition until Monday morning, when a firm of auditors retained by the Board of Directors will open and inspect books of the bank. The bank did not open Thursday after the suicide. The opening Monday will not be for business, it is understood, but for work on the books only. Meanwhile, preparations are going forward for the funeral of the dead cashier, which will be held Saturday afternoon at his home in Walled Lake village, at 2:00 o'clock.

Jobs Board Head To Be Here

Head Of Mayor Murphy's Unemployment Committee Will Address Club

One of the outstanding events in many months for the Farmington Exchange Club is anticipated next Wednesday noon when the Club will have as its speaker of the day G. Hall Roosevelt, head of the unemployment committee appointed by Mayor Frank Murphy of Detroit to aid in providing work for the jobless.

Mr. Roosevelt will come to Farmington as the guest of John Clark. His visit has been anticipated for some time, and his coming particularly at this time is of special interest in view of the important place he holds in Detroit public affairs.

Philip Hildebrand Is Taken By Death

One of Farmington's respected citizens, Philip Hildebrand, passed away Monday at Oakland Co. Hospital, and was laid to rest on Thursday afternoon in Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit. Mr. Hildebrand was 63 years old. He had been ill for more than a year.

Mr. Hildebrand is survived by his wife, Mrs. Amanda Hildebrand, and two daughters, Loreta and Mrs. Anna Harp. The I. O. O. F. Lodge was in charge of the funeral.

NO DEGREE WORK

There will be no degree work at Farmington Masonic Lodge next week evening, A. L. Ross, worshipful master, announces.

Collection Of Canes From All Over The World Shown Club

One of the most curious and interesting exhibits ever brought to Farmington was shown to the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon by Mayor Robert Allen of Birmingham, who displayed a collection of unique canes which his father had gathered in visits to many parts of the world.

Mr. Allen's father was a minister, and in his travels had picked up dozens of canes made from unusual materials and finished in

TIBBITS RECEIVES OFFERS OF HELP IN TAXES BATTLE

Farmington Township Man Gets Response From Many On Covert Law

Any doubt which might have existed that Karl Tibbits of Farmington Township "started something" when he began his campaign against high taxes and particularly the Covert Road law, was swept away this week with a growing response to his drive against heavy burdens upon real estate.

Numerous letters and an editorial in the Detroit Saturday night headed "Larceny By Taxation" provided Mr. Tibbits with considerable encouragement. Chief among the letters is one from Arthur C. Whitcomb, County Tax Commissioner of Wayne County, who expressed the hope, in writing Mr. Tibbits that "we will succeed in having the Covert Road act repealed in the near future." He states that he intends to take the matter up with the Wayne Board of Supervisors.

Farmington Girl 'Drops In' For A Visit, At Controls Of Airplane

Pauline ("Polly") daughter of Mrs. A. J. Pickett of Grand River avenue, Farmington, provided a pleasant surprise for her mother early Thursday afternoon when she dropped down out of the sky in an airplane and landed near the Pickett residence. She remained for only a short time before starting the return flight. Pauline, who is completing her training as an aviator, flew to Farmington from the Detroit city airport. She was accompanied by the owner of the plane, a small ship with a capacity of

Farmington Young Man In Play At Shubert

An unusually large number of Farmington residents are expected to be theatre-goers next week when "Strike Up The Band" comes to the Shubert-Detroit Theatre. P. Owen Pauline of Farmington is a member of the company, being a member of the chorus and understudy to the juvenile lead.