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Bill May Alter Township Fire Truck Situation

Act Before Legislature Would Legalize Purchase Of Fire Apparatus

A bill, which if passed, may have an important bearing on the Farmington Township fire protection situation was introduced this week in the state legislature by Representative Philomen J. Miller of Walled Lake. The measure is House Bill number 100.

The bill would legalize contracts which townships have for purchase of fire apparatus and which have not been submitted to the electors for approval, as required under present law.

The bill amends this law to permit special election on fire apparatus bond issues to be called on the filing of petitions signed by 100 taxpayers of the township, instead of one-third of the residents as now required. Several townships in Oakland County are affected by the measure, Miller said.

Await State Ruling

Township officials are still awaiting a requested ruling from the State Attorney-General as to the legality of the contract which has been made with the City of Farmington, providing for a truck and fire protection service. They expect to receive this ruling before next Tuesday night when the next regular meeting of the Township Board will be held at Oddfellows hall in Clarenceville. [The Township Board has invited the citizens to attend and express their opinion on the fire protection question at this time. The expression of sentiment at the meeting will have an important, and perhaps decisive bearing on disposition of the fire truck question.]

PERMANENT AID GROUP IS FORMED IN CLARENCEVILLE

Amount Raised By Dance \$125; To Continue Welfare Work

Having raised \$125 through the unemployment benefit dance given January 29 at Oddfellows hall, the group of Clarenceville men and women in charge of the dance have decided to continue the work as a permanent welfare organization.

A meeting was held last Thursday evening at the home of Floyd Hallock, and permanent organization effected under the name of Clarenceville Co-operative Association. Mr. Hallock, who was chairman in charge of the dance, was chosen to head the new organization. The committee remain the same as before.

Four organizations are co-operating in the movement. A number of families are already being aided, and any one knowing of others requiring aid, is requested to communicate with Mr. Hallock.

DETROIT PASTOR TO SPEAK HERE, ON HOLY LAND

Dr. Edgar Faust, pastor of the Calvary Evangelical church of Detroit, will lecture on the Holy Land, Tuesday evening, February 24 at 7:30 p. m. at the Methodist Community Hall.

Four reels of pictures and 100 slides will be shown. This program is sponsored by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Farmington.

HOLD TEST

The Young People's League of the Salem Evangelical church of Farmington has started an attendance contest. Captains of the two teams are Alice Westfall and Emily Maas. Betty Edgar is a new member of the Y. P. L.

Miss Emily Butterfield spent the week end in Lansing.

Fortune Said To Await Heirs Of Couple Wed In Farmington In 1850

Called For Grand Jury, Are Excused

Two Farmington residents were called for and excused from duty on the Oakland County grand jury at Pontiac during the past week. Lionel Fendt of Farmington Township and Mrs. Ethel Thayer of Farmington City were those summoned from this section. It is unlikely that any others from this area will be drawn.

State Pays City \$8800 For Sewer

Check Received From Highway Department Pays For Drainage on Grand River

A check for \$8,863.39 was received Saturday from the State Highway Department by City Clerk N. H. Power of Farmington to compensate the City for building its sanitary sewer on Grand River avenue large enough to include the storm sewer facilities for the new Grand River avenue pavement.

City officials are highly pleased with the remittance, which is nearly \$3,000 more than was originally estimated as the State's share. The extra amount was realized through the alertness of the City's sewer committee in taking care to see that the State paid its just proportion of "extra's" which developed on the sewer job. The check had been delayed for some time and was finally obtained after persistent effort and many appeals by Commissioner Emory Hutton, chairman of the sewer committee.

Cost Below Estimate
Receipt of the check brings the cost of the City's sewer far below the amount estimated and requested in the bond issue. The total cost of the work done last summer is approximately \$59,000. Deducting the State's portion brings the City's cost to about \$50,000. This, however, includes \$3,500 expended for new water mains made necessary by the new Grand River paving. Thus, the net cost of the sewer system is approximately \$46,000, or about \$6,000 less than the bond issue. It is likely that about \$2,800 of the money received from the State will be utilized to build an interceptor demanded by the Michigan Stream Control Commission, between the Grand River avenue outlet and the trunk line about 600 feet south.

TELLS OF BIRTH OF CONSTITUTION, AID GIVEN SLAVES

Township And County Politics Of Years Ago Reviewed By Power

Another of the enjoyable hours which members of Farmington Exchange Club anticipate when one of their fellow-members, Nathan H. Power, presents the program took place Wednesday noon, when Mr. Power read a paper on the Constitution, Slavery, the "underground railroad" and politics following the Civil War.

In a fascinating manner Mr. Power discussed the events leading up to the drafting of the Constitution, and the personalities of the leaders. From this he proceeded to the anti-slavery movement, revealing that Farmington had the principal station in Oakland County of the "underground railroad" by which escaped slaves were aided in reaching Canada. A most interesting narrative of township and county politics concluded the reading.

The principal parts of the paper will appear later in the Farmington Enterprise.

Rev. Floyd Johnson proposed that a garden show be held and also a merchants' fair. Committees were appointed to consider both suggestions.

The descendants of a man and his wife who lived in Farmington 80 years ago may be sitting right in front of a "pot of gold"—if they only know it and can prove that they are the right people. It's one of those things that most people are convinced "would never happen to me."

The Enterprise has been asked to aid in a search for relatives of Emily Ingersoll and Joseph Mills, who were married in Farmington in 1850 by Rev. E. P. Ingersoll. A company in Chicago, describing itself as an "international probate service," says that "a substantial estate is involved, to which we are trying to locate the heirs."

According to the company's information, Emily Ingersoll was born in 1827, one of a large family. She had brothers and sisters by the names of Erastus, Melania, Eliza, Daniel, Eliel, Orville Alexander, Truman, Egbert, Louise and Harley.

The Chicago company suggests that it might be of advantage if it were known to what church Rev. E. P. Ingersoll was pastor.

Historian Asked
The Enterprise naturally turned to the community's historian City Clerk N. H. Power. Mr. Power said he "knows" very little about it, but, as usual, it was immediately apparent that he knows quite a little "about it," probably much more than anyone else.

According to Mr. Power, one Harley Ingersoll about the time mentioned operated a large store on Shawassaw street, then the main thoroughfare of the town. He sold this store, Mr. Power states, and went to Lansing, where he became the owner of one of the largest dry goods stores in central Michigan. His sister, according to Mr. Power, was the wife of Mark Arnold, an attorney who practiced in Farmington.

A family by the name of Ingersoll, Mr. Power said, once owned a large farm on the Farmington-Nowi Town Line road between Grand River and South Lyon road. They sold it to another Ingersoll family to whom they were not related.

"Mills" Family Unknown

Of the Mills family there is apparently no information at present available. Mr. Power said that the only Mills of which he knows in Farmington was one James Mills, a Negro, who was an escaped slave and who worked on a number of farms and enjoyed a good reputation in the section. A family named Mills lived in this community some time ago for a number of years, but moved away, and it is evident, says Mr. Power, that neither was the Mills sought. Anyone having information about relatives of the parties mentioned may communicate with the Enterprise, which will be glad to furnish the name and address of the company seeking the heirs.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Turner and son, Rupert, and Fred G. Ferris of Clarenceville, who held guests at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

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Livonia Township Will Have First Primary March 2

Supervisor Ziegler And Clerk Harlan Unopposed; 3 Fight For Treasurer

Election in Livonia Township this year will bear little resemblance to plebiscites in the past. For the first time in history a primary will be held supplanting the old-time caucus. The Town Hall will give way as a polling place to two new locations.

Supervisor Jesse Ziegler and Clerk John Harlan are unopposed for nomination on the Republican ticket, the only one in the primary. There are three candidates, however, for treasurer, Herbert Liverance, incumbent, William Garchow and Daniel McKinney. High way Commissioner Arthur Trapp is opposed by Nelson Bennett.

Are Unopposed

Justice Joseph Grace is unopposed for re-election for the full term, and Levi Clemens is the only candidate to fill a vacancy for a three-year term. Three present road overseers are unopposed, Carl Wanda in the northeast quarter, T. J. Levandowski in the southwest quarter and George Wolfrom in the southeast quarter. There is no candidate in the northwest quarter.

Herman Johnson has no opposition for re-election to the board of review. Three men seek to be constables. They are August Barrand, John W. Walker and Clarence Hoffman.

Two Precincts
For the first time there will be two polling-places, one in Rose-dale Gardens, probably at the Sheldon real-estate office, and the other in the vicinity of Seven Mile and Farmington roads. The exact locations will be announced later.

CHURCHES UNITE TO TAKE CANVASS OF FARMINGTON

Plan Will Give Idea Of Number Of Church-Going People

The workers of Farmington churches are conducting a house to house canvass of all the homes in and around Farmington. The purpose is to have an idea as to where people are now attending service and if unaffiliated to try and interest them in the local churches.

On Wednesday evening of this week more than 75 workers gathered at the Evangelical church and heard the three co-operating pastors outline the plan. These same workers are now busy calling on the homes assigned them. The next get-together of all the canvassers will be Monday night, February 16 at the Baptist church when all cards are to be turned in and checked. The program for this service will begin at eight o'clock and be in charge of the pastors. Different ones will tell of their own experiences. The entertaining church will serve refreshments and it is hoped a general social hour will be enjoyed. Workers are urged to be present.

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Banquet Speaker



Rev. J. A. Halmhuber, Pastor of Westlawn Methodist church, Detroit, speaker at Farmington Methodist church Father and Son Banquet Thursday evening.

Father And Son Banquets Start

Five Churches Of This Section Participate In Annual Affairs

Plans were completed this week for father and son banquets to be held during the next two weeks by five churches of this section. [The first is scheduled for Thursday night at the Farmington Methodist church with Rev. J. A. Halmhuber, pastor of the Westlawn M. E. church of Detroit as principal speaker.]

Friday night, February 13 the Clarenceville M. E. church will hold its annual father and son banquet at the church. The affair will start at 6:30 p. m. Jay C. Prescott, principal of Clarenceville schools, Mr. Van Avery, professor in the Redford High school, and John Kauffman senior of Redford High School, will be the speakers. A varied program has been arranged.

Wednesday, February 18 is the date set for the Salem Evangelical banquet to be held in the church. Judge Theodore J. Richter of the Circuit Court of Wayne County will be the principal speaker and also show pictures of his European trip following the talk. Supt. J. A. Dalrymple of Farmington schools will also speak. Paul Niehus will sing. The ladies aid society will serve the dinner. Tickets for this affair can be obtained at Cook's, Farmington Dairy, Farmington Mills, home of Rev. A. A. Schenck and from Mrs. George Nacker of Clarenceville.

The West Point Park Presbyterian church will sponsor a banquet Friday, February 20. The speaker for this affair has not yet been definitely decided.

The banquet of the Baptist church of Farmington will complete the series of banquets honoring father and son weeks. This will be held Tuesday, February 24.

Dr. Albert G. Johnson of the Temple Baptist Church of Detroit will be the principal speaker.

Bus Continuance To Be Decided Monday

A definite decision as to the permanency of the Eastern Michigan buses on Grand River from Farmington to Redford, is expected at the meeting of the City Commission Monday night when officials of the Eastern Michigan Railway are expected to attend the meeting and report the result of the two weeks' service.

At the last meeting of the Commissioners two weeks ago, General Manager R. L. Radcliffe and H. G. Walker of the Eastern Michigan Company told the Commission that the service would be run on two weeks' trial.

Mrs. John Ash of Redford visited here, nephew, Mrs. Alice Mulla, who is spending the winter with her nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bickling.

23 Are Seeking Ten Farmington Township Offices

Largest Field Of Candidates In History In Primary Election Race

Twenty-three candidates, the largest number in the history of Farmington Township, are seeking ten offices at the primary election, March 2. One more candidate would have been in the field had his petition been presented in time.

The race for supervisor is confined to Arthur P. Coe, present incumbent, and Ward Eagle.

There are three candidates for clerk, Willard Campbell, incumbent, Mrs. Ina Sturman and Geo. Schulkins. Herbert Lindstrom's petition was presented too late.

Mark Bachelor is unopposed for treasurer, but Arthur C. Spaller and George Leet are arrayed against Highway Commissioner Clayton Goers. Justice Walter Headerle of Clarenceville is a candidate for re-election, opposed by Leroy Currin of the northwest quarter.

11 For Overseer

Eleven candidates are seeking the four road overseer jobs as follows:

Northeast quarter, William Sager, incumbent; George Merritt, Lewis Schmidt; northwest quarter, Albert Ferguson, incumbent, Frank Lohr, Clarence Ortwin; southwest quarter, John L. Thom as, incumbent, Fred Rienas; southeast quarter, J. W. Currie, incumbent, Louis Kaiser, Raymond E. Winters.

Charles Helise is unopposed for re-election to the board of review.

Registration of voters has been exceptionally heavy. Saturday, February 14 is the closing time for registration.

Petition Late

Clerk Willard Campbell Thursday morning expressed regret that the duty had fallen upon him to refuse to accept the petition of Herbert Lindstrom for clerk, particularly because the petition is for the same office which Mr. Campbell holds, and to which he seeks re-election. Through an unfortunate error the last date for filing petitions was published last week in a news item as being February 14, although the official township notice gave the correct date of February 10.

Mr. Lindstrom presented his petition to Mr. Campbell Wednesday evening. Mr. Campbell stated that in view of the explicit instructions from the County Clerk to accept no petition after 5 p. m. Tuesday, he felt that his duty required him to refuse the petition. He suggested to Mr. Lindstrom that the latter consult the County Prosecutor to see if something could be done.

The Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. church meets on Tuesday, February 17th at 8:00 o'clock at the home of Miss Louise Porter. Members are requested to bring their mite boxes.

Only 1 F. H. S. Regular On Floor In Game

When Farmington High School's basketball team took the floor Tuesday evening against St. Frederick's of Pontiac, only one of the five positions was filled by a regular. Despite this handicap the four substitutes and one regular held the visitors to a one point victory, 24 to 23.

The four absent "regulars" were members of a group of eight high school boys disciplined for "skipping school Tuesday afternoon, to attend a theatre at Redford." The school authorities decided on keeping the basketball players from the game, as their punishment.