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## Townships May Battle County On Covert Tax

Farmington Board Joins Others In Refusal To Make Up Unpaid Tax

Refusal of ten or more townships in Oakland County to pay to the County Treasurer this year Covert Road-at-large taxes assessed but not collected by the township treasurers, and a possible legal battle over this matter, is indicated in an action of the Farmington Township Board Tuesday night.

The Farmington Board voted unanimously to instruct Mark Bachelor, township treasurer, to pay the County Treasurer only the Covert Road-at-large tax actually collected, although State law requires it all to be paid. It was used of 1929 school tax money to pay the County road tax which led to Farmington Township's present situation of indebtedness of \$45,000 to the eleven township school districts, with no money to pay them.

Treasurer Bachelor reported that of the Covert Road-at-large tax of approximately \$32,000, only about 40 per cent has been collected. The Board's resolution includes the engaging of Attorneys Donald Porritt and Clark Adams to protect the township's interest, providing at least ten townships join the action and share the legal expenses.

It is anticipated that when the townships refuse to pay the tax they have not collected, the County Treasurer will withhold the delinquent tax money he would ordinarily return to the townships from time to time, whereupon the townships will sue for the delinquent tax, thus bringing the question before the courts.

## FUNERAL SERVICE HELD IN DETROIT FOR JOHN ALLYN

Mackenzie High Student Expires In Detroit Hospital Following Operation

Funeral services were held on March 10 for John Lloyd Allyn, 19, who died of appendicitis three days previous in Woman's Hospital, Detroit.

John Lloyd Allyn was born in Farmington, March 7, 1912. He attended public school in Farmington up to the sixth grade, when his parents moved to Detroit. He attended Noble school and later Cooley high school, Detroit, having been in the eleventh grade where he was held in high esteem by the faculty and students. He took part in the Junior and Senior orchestra, playing the violin. He transferred to the Mackenzie high school just a month previous to his death.

Services were conducted by Rev. Lord of Westlawn M. E. church and burial was at Grand Lawn March 10, under the direction of Spencer Heeney of Farmington. Deceased is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Allyn and Carlton, Fred, Ruth, and Robert Allyn.

Mrs. Louise Allen of Detroit spent Monday with Mrs. D. R. Prindle.

## Delinquent Tax List At The Enterprise

Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the various Oakland County properties for sale this year by the State of Michigan, because of delinquent taxes, may do so by calling at the office of the Farmington Enterprise. The list published in 'The Birmingham Economic', consists of over 86,000 descriptions, many of which are subdivision lots in the southern part of the county. This year's list is one-third larger than that of a year ago.

## Heads Trinity Shrine



Mrs. Ada C. Bond of Farmington is new Worthy High Priestess of Trinity Shrine No. 44, Northville, of the White Shrine of Jerusalem. Story on page 5.

## Lower Bus Fare Again Requested

City Commission Repeats Requests That Grand River Rate Be Reduced

A renewal of request for reduction of fare between Farmington and Redford was made by the Farmington City Commission Monday evening when H. T. Walker, divisional superintendent of the Eastern Michigan Railway, reported on receipts of the bus line. Comment by the Commissioners indicated that they intend to insist upon a lower fare, the alternative being permission to a jitney line to operate on Grand River.

Mr. Walker reported a substantial increase for the week ending March 7, the revenue being \$285.97 as compared with \$236.27 the previous week. This is almost \$100 more than was collected during the week ending February 7.

Mr. Walker was asked how much higher the revenue must go before a reduction in fare would be granted. He replied that he could not say, that the matter would have to be discussed with higher company officials.

A jitney bus line representative was present and renewed his previous offer of a 15-cent fare to Five Points, with three five-cent zones.

## WHERE ARE THEY?

The Public Library would like to know the whereabouts of the following books:

"The Rise of the American People," by Roland G. Usher.  
"Tom Swift and His Air Glider," Tom Swift, and His Air Scout," Appleton.  
"Forlorn River," Zane Grey.

## Long Hike Reward Of High School Boys 'Skipping' To See Tournament

A long, weary hike of ten miles or more was the reward of two Farmington High School boys when, in their eagerness to see the regional basketball tournament at St. Clair, they "skipped" school last Thursday afternoon. Another "reward" was suspension from school for several days, which has since been lifted.

Meanwhile, in the comment which followed the two boys' adventure last week, it became known that shortly after the episode when eight high school boys "skipped" to attend a theatre in Redford one afternoon, last month, something like an "equal suffrage movement" developed among girls of the high school, some of them members of the girls' basketball team. A number of them joined in a similar escapade. What punishment was meted out to the girls has not become public knowledge.

The two boys who walked out

## Added Contests Arouse Interest In City Election

Rumors Of Contest For Mayor Unconfirmed; Six Candidates For Commission

New petitions filed this week, more than in all the previous period, put a different aspect on the approaching Farmington City election, and made certain a number of interesting contests.

Although there were persistent rumors Thursday that efforts would be made to put Amos Otis into the field for mayor, nothing appeared to confirm the report. Mr. Otis, when interviewed, indicated that he is not seeking the place, and that any movement to place his name on the ballot is without his knowledge.

Other contests were made a certainty by filing of petitions this week. Three are named for treasurer, George C. Gildemeister, Hinman G. Nichols and Mrs. Berntha Westfall.

Six candidates are already in the field for the three places on the City Commission. Commissioners Carl Hogle and Fred Stan, Bernard Banfield, Charles Ely, Delos Hamlin and Ben Meyers.

A contest for justice of the peace is indicated. Judge John J. Schulte's petition for re-election being filed and one being in circulation for John H. Thayer.

Petitions have been filed for Joseph H. Karle and Harrison Johnson for board of review. Petitions are also on file for James L. Hogle and W. Allen Nelson for assessor.

A petition has been circulated for Edgar S. Pierce for board of review but Mr. Pierce has indicated he would prefer that it not be filed.

Three seek the two constable offices, Marl Pettibone, Thomas Armstrong and Fred Schaeper. City Clerk Nathan H. Power remains unopposed.

The City Commission has set March 26 at 6 p. m. as the time limit for petitions.

## City Receives Offer On Assessors' Plats

An offer to make seven needed assessors' plats of Farmington City property for approximately \$2,200 was made to the City Commission Monday evening by L. M. Wrenn, Pontiac engineer. Mr. Wrenn also made an offer to make the plats separately, at no increase, provided the City contracted to give him the remaining work when the municipality should be ready.

Mr. Wrenn's was the first offer the City has received to make the plats separately. It was indicated that the two most necessary plats might be made for less than \$500.

## Bandits Wreck Youth's Car, Rob Injured Victim

Thug Smashes Windshield Of Car When Driver Refuses To Stop

A kind of holdup new to this vicinity and desperate in character, appeared early Monday morning on Base Line road, to terrorize motorists of this section.

While Lester Evert, 22, was driving west on Base Line road just west of Farmington road, at 1 o'clock, he found himself approaching a car parked diagonally across the highway, with two men on each side signalled him to stop. Fearing a holdup, Evert sped up his car, driving at two feet of the men and past the halted vehicle. As he passed, one of the bandits threw a rock or fired a gun through the windshield.

## Hit In Head

The missile struck Evert in the forehead, rendering him unconscious. His roadster went out of control and overturned, throwing him out. As he lay there semi-conscious beside a fence, Evert was aware of men going through his pockets. He later found that his money, \$13, had been taken.

Evert recovered sufficiently to arise and struggle to the home of Henry Wick nearby, where he was given first aid. Then he went to his home, a short distance down Base Line road. Several stitches were taken in his forehead.

After overturning, Evert's car had righted itself, run as far as a culvert, where it was again overturned and came back on its wheels a second time, finally stopping. The car was badly damaged.

Evert was returning home from Saginaw, and was alone.

## PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION TO ELECT OFFICERS

Clarenceville Scouts And Leader Included On Program Arranged By Club

The Farmington P. T. A. has planned an elaborate and interesting program for their next meeting, Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock in Community hall. The meeting was to have been held Thursday evening but was changed so as not to conflict with the Senior play, Thursday and Friday evenings.

A short business meeting and the election of officers will be under the direction of the president, Mrs. Lee Hill.

The high school and glee club and high school chorus will share honors with the Clarenceville and Farmington Boy Scout troops and the leader.

The Boy Scouts will demonstrate various phases of their work. Floyd Hallock, scout leader, will speak.

## City's Insurance Of Firemen Is Illegal

Insurance taken out by the City of Farmington for their volunteer firemen is illegal and renewal of the policy, which expires April 16, would be useless, the City Commission learned on Monday evening.

An act is before the Legislature, however, to bring all volunteer firemen under the Workmen's Compensation Act. It is expected to pass and have immediate effect. Meanwhile, the City has no means of insuring its firemen.

## TO IMPROVE ALLEY

Grading and cinderling of the alley from State street north, east of the Farmington Mills property, where the tracks were recently removed, was suggested by Commissioner Amos Otis Monday evening. The suggestion was approved by the Commission, the property being a public alley.

## First Child Auto Tragedy Brings Sorrow To Community

Funeral To Be Held Saturday For Elizabeth Fisher, Killed Wednesday Afternoon On Grand River; Driver Released After Statement

The shadow which has for years hung over parents of Farmington school children living south of Grand River and east of the school—that of Grand River

## Report Henry Pauline Greatly Improved

Friends of Henry Pauline were pleased to learn this week that Mr. Pauline had taken a sudden turn for the better, and his condition is reported to be "improved 100 per cent," with much greater chances of complete recovery. A serious infection which puzzled doctors has been overcome.

## Will Ballot On Fire Protection

Petition Filed With Township Clerk To Put Question On April 6 Ballot

The question of fire protection for Farmington Township will be decided by vote of the people on April 6, following filing of a petition with Clerk Willard Campbell asking that the proposition be placed on the ballot. The proposal requires 51 per cent in order to carry.

A score of Township citizens attended the meeting in Oddfellows hall, Clarenceville, of the Township Board Tuesday night.

Township officials stated that the cost of the fire truck would be about 12 cents per \$1,000 of valuation, but that they were certain that the saving through the township's owning its own apparatus would be more than this amount. It was stated that unless the Township voters approve the proposition, April 6 there would be no fire protection whatever, since the City of Farmington cannot continue to send its only truck out of the city.

The only voice raised against fire protection at the meeting was that of Howard Taylor, who lives in Livonia Township, but owns several buildings in Clarenceville. Mr. Taylor said that he would profit if his buildings all burned down, since he has insurance and could rebuild them for less money.

## SENIOR CLASS TO PRESENT POPULAR PLAY NEXT WEEK

'Man Or Mouse' To Be Given At Town Hall March 26 And 27

The Senior class of Farmington High School will present their annual class play 'Thursday and Friday, March 26 and 27 at the Town Hall. 'Man or Mouse' by Owen Lee, has been selected for presentation.

Two themes of equal importance dominate the action; the arbitration of disputes and the overcoming fear. Members of the cast are:

Bob Gaff, John Lapham, Roderick Howarth, Dorothy Owens, Hedwig Schoen, Don Ross, Joe Sperkowski, Leroy Taggart, Francis Drake, Thelma Garlick, June Johnson, Rosetta Cairns, Alvin Nicholson, Betty Gullen, Joe Gravelin, Edward Menall.

A good performance is promised, as this play has proved to be one of the most popular for high school production in the past two years.

Friends of Joe Koenig will be grieved to hear of his death which occurred Wednesday evening. His wife is a niece of Mrs. William Spaller, Orchard street.

the shadow which has for years hung over parents of Farmington school children living south of Grand River and east of the school—that of Grand River traffic dangers—descended swiftly at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon, snuffing out in a few moments the life of seven-year-old Elizabeth Fisher, and plunging the entire community into grief. The child will be buried Saturday afternoon.

Darting out from a group of children which included her sister, Virginia, 10, Elizabeth dashed across the pavement at Grand River and Maple avenues, and directly against the left front fender of an automobile driven by Peter P. Mueller, 35, 1270 Hinkle avenue, Detroit. The car threw her to the pavement, fracturing her skull, and the girl was dead when Mueller arrived with her at Redford Receiving Hospital.

All of Farmington was shocked Thursday morning when news spread of the first death of a child by an auto in its history. Parents of the section in which the girl lived took their boys and girls to school Thursday in their automobiles.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. at the residence, with Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery.

Children of the Hill, Macomber, Starkey, DeVriendt and Miner families had been waiting with the two Fisher girls to cross the pavement from north to south. All the others waited, but on a sudden impulse Elizabeth left the others and started across. The driver stopped the car within a few feet of where the girl had been struck. Mueller picked up the girl and Elizabeth Hanley, 50 Rhode Island, Highland Park, who was with Mueller, held the child in her arms while Mueller raced to the hospital.

Driver Overcome Mueller was overcome with grief at the hospital. He accompanied Constable Marl Pettibone to Pontiac, where he made a statement to Assistant Prosecutor Herman B. Selden and was released.

The wheels of the car apparently did not pass over the girl, an autopsy Wednesday night at Wayne County morgue having shown no broken bones. Statements tended to show that Mueller was not driving fast.

Chief of Police Lee Doyle took charge of the investigation, questioning witnesses.

Elizabeth, who was in the second grade at school, was an unusually alert and active child, popular with her playmates and grownups alike. She lived with her mother, Mrs. Lillian Fisher, at 22831 Maple avenue.

Spencer J. Heeney is in charge of funeral arrangements.

## M. E. Progressive Bible Class Elects Leaders

Mrs. M. B. Pierce entertained about twenty members and friends of the M. E. Progressive Bible class at her home Monday, March 16 at a pot luck luncheon. A business meeting and election of officers followed. Plans for improving the grounds at the rear of the church were discussed. The following officers were re-elected:

President, Miss Meriah Andrews.  
1st vice-president, Mrs. E. F. Holcomb.  
2nd vice-president, Mrs. H. N. McCracken.

Secretary, Mrs. W. Chamberlain.  
Treasurer, Mrs. M. B. Pierce. The class is hoping for a larger attendance at Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard S. Kenyon spent Friday in Port Huron.