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## Pierson Board Acts To Reduce School Expenses

### Plan Of Retrenchment Expected To Last Only Through Present Year

The board of Education of Livonia Township, district two, has been forced to enter upon a plan of retrenchment for the coming year, according to an announcement Thursday by John Hazian, secretary of the board. The district finds itself in poor financial circumstances and after conferring with state officials members of the board adopted the retrenchment plan.

The plan was submitted to the school board by C. W. Price, approved by Mr. Goodrich of the State Board of Education, and adopted by the Livonia School Board at a special meeting August 26.

Important points outlined by State officials included the elimination of the kindergarten for this year and that the school be reorganized temporarily so that grades be taught under the direction of three teachers. Formerly there were five teachers in this district. It was pointed out that as soon as the financial situation was relieved, the board would be expected to return to the former organization.

Recommendations of the officials are:

(1) That the beginners or kindergarten group be eliminated for the present year and until which time as circumstances will permit its organization with the suggestion that the board of education pass a resolution for the discontinuance of this grade under authority given in paragraphs 1, 2, 11, and 15 of section 14, chapter 5, part II, act No. 319 of the public acts of 1917 found on pages 94-95 of the Compiled School laws.

(2) That you organize your school for the current year so that the ten grades may be taught by three teachers as follows:

Primary room: Grades 1, 2, and 3, approximately 41 pupils.  
Intermediate room: Grades 4, 5, 6, and 7, approximately 47 pupils.  
High school room: Grades 8, 9, and 10, approximately 25 pupils.

## BOICE—APPLIN SPEAK VOWS IN DETROIT WEDDING

Miss Irene Applin And Harmon Boice Spoke Vows Last Friday

Miss Irene Applin of Detroit and Harmon Boice, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Boice of Farmington, were married last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Streamer in Detroit. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson of Farmington. Mrs. Boice was attended by Mrs. Dora Streamer and Mr. Boice by John Churchill Frazer of Detroit. Dr. and Mrs. Boice and Mrs. Johnson were the others who witnessed the ceremony.

A reception was held at the Boice residence Saturday evening for the young couple. Among those who attended were Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Charles Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Bauer, and Gerald Parker of Farmington, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Streamer, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Enger, Mr. and Mrs. H. Haskins, R. J. Coates, and Carpenter Devereaux of Detroit, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Wickett, Miss Elizabeth Wickett, Alfred Wickett, and Herbert Mack of Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Boice are well known in Farmington. Mr. Boice has attended the University of Michigan.

## EXCHANGE CLUB MEETS

Farmington Exchange Club will hold its first meeting since the summer adjournment Wednesday, September 2, at the Methodist Community Hall. Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner, president of the club, will preside at the meeting.

## Miss Mary Green Is Honored By Students Of Winterhalter School

Miss Mary Green of Elizabeth Lake former Farmington resident was honored in the Admiral Winterhalter school of Detroit yearbook recently. Miss Green is a teacher in that school and the staff of the publication dedicated it to Miss Green.

To quote from the publication, "The admiral!"

"To Miss Mary Green, in appreciation of her unselfish service this Admiral of June, 1931, is sincerely dedicated. It seems fitting that she has elected to teach Nature Study, as all that is beautiful in nature, birds, flowers, trees, as well as beautiful ideals

are treasured by her. She is to all of us a beautiful example of educated womanhood."

"Mary Shaw Green was born in North Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan. She comes from a family of teachers. Her father, mother, and grandmother were teachers in Michigan and New York. Her high school and normal school training were in Ypsilanti and the Michigan State Normal College. Miss Green taught in elementary, rural schools in Oakland County, and in high school at Bad Axe and at Marcellus, Michigan.

She began teaching in Detroit in 1917, teaching in the Burton, Houghton, Ravenwood and Winterhalter schools. Miss Green is interested in colonial history and early pioneer history of Michigan. Her hobby is the study of genealogy and the collection of records and anecdotes of early settlers of Michigan. She is a member of several historical societies, including the Daughters of the American Revolution.

## Elaborate Plans Made For Show

Classifications Embrace More Than Forty Individual Classes Exhibits Encouraged

Sponsors of the Third Annual Farmington Flower and Vegetable show to be held at the Farmington Methodist church afternoon and evening, Friday, September 11, have announced the classifications for this year's show. Prepared by J. L. Van-Volkenburg, the list of classifications embrace six divisions with more than 40 individual classes in which exhibitors may compete.

According to the list as announced by Mr. Van-Volkenburg, first and second prizes will be awarded in all instances, except where commercial growers are competing, and third prizes when the number of entries warrant. Commercial growers are invited to show but will not participate in the awarding of prizes as the sponsors of the show desire to encourage the exhibits of amateur growers.

Mrs. Thomas Armstrong heads the committee in charge of the 1931 show and states that the list of judges will be made known next week.

This show is being produced in conjunction with the Sixth Annual Flower show sponsored by the Countryside Improvement (Continued on page eight)

## MORE THAN SIXTY ATTEND REUNION AT REHAHN HOME

Many Detroit Guests Help Reahn Family Observe Annual Reunion

The annual reunion of the Reahn family was celebrated last Sunday at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. Walter A. Reahn. Church service at 10 o'clock was followed by a pot luck dinner on the lawn. About 63 were present. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Russell of Utica, Mr. and Mrs. Berth Shaw of Coarse, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hardy and family of Garden City, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reahn and family Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reahn and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reahn and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reahn and family, Mrs. Anna Reahn and family, George and Edward Reahn and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Raber and Miss Hannah Sylvester, all of Detroit.

## Young Man Learns That Want Ads Pay

A young man placed an ad in the Farmington Enterprise last week asking for a place to board. Thirty minutes after the Enterprise was off the press the telephone starting ringing, not to cease until more than ten persons had made inquiry and offered boarding places.

Through this small want ad this young man obtained just what he was looking for, and as he told the Enterprise, "I never got more for 35c in my life."

## Farmington Not Included In New Round Trip Rates

Must Go To Detroit Or New Hudson To Gain Reduction In Round Trip Fares

Lower bus fares were placed in effect last Saturday on all interurban divisions of the Blue Goose buses of the Eastern Michigan system. From Farmington to Detroit the rate is now 50 cents with \$1.75 to Lansing and \$3.55 to Grand Rapids. On the other division serving Farmington rate is 80 cents to Ann Arbor, 30 cents to Northville 35 cents to Plymouth and 45 cents to Pontiac.

In connection with the lower on-way rates there is also a reduction of 15 per cent on round trip tickets for sale only at established ticket offices but not on the buses. The new rates are labeled excursion rates and are good daily and upon all trips.

It is understood that there is no way provided for Farmington residents to avail themselves of the opportunity to buy round trip tickets at reduced rates. The new ruling specifically states that round trip tickets must be purchased at established ticket offices. Since there is none in Farmington, under this arrangement the only way in which Farmington travelers may buy round trip tickets is by waiting until they reach a station which is provided with this service. New Hudson and Detroit are the two nearest stations to Farmington provided with this service.

Many Farmington residents have expressed themselves as feeling this arrangement is unjust. One or two of the spokesmen of this group believe that Farmington is entitled, not only to the reduced round trip rate, but also to a regularly established waiting room here.

With this reduction of fares including Farmington the trip to Detroit and back would be reduced to 85 cents, 15 cents less than the rate now charged, while fare to Lansing with round trip rates available would be lowered 50 cents from the present rate.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS THREE CALLS IN AS MANY DAYS

Grass Fires Kick Fireman Busy During Forepart Of Week

The first three days of this week saw the Farmington Volunteer Fire department experiencing its full quota of calls, three alarms having been turned in in as many days.

Sunday the department was called to the farm of George Bostwick, 33515 Nine Mile road to extinguish a grass fire. The run was quickly made and the fire put out without damage.

Monday, shortly after noon, the department was again called to put out another grass fire, this time on West Oakland. There was no damage.

The third call was Tuesday afternoon from a settlement west on Farmington road, just north of Eight Mile road. Here a grass fire had gained considerable proportions before members of the department were able to extinguish it. Fanned by a strong north wind, the fire for a time threatened several tents and homes located around burnt-over fields but the effort of the Volunteers, favored by an east and west wind which had a tendency to stop the progress of the flames confined the fire to the fields.

## LEGION ELECTS OFFICERS

Officers recently elected by Groves-Walker Post No. 346 of the American Legion, Post No. 346, were: Fred Schaeper, commander, Norman C. Lee, first vice-commander, Charles O. Lueke, second vice-commander, Guy Morell, and Alfred Smith, adjutant.

Fred L. Cook & Co. are carrying their sale of one-third off on ladies' dresses next week.

## W. H. Wieand Greeted Friends In Farmington

There were free cantaloupes in Farmington Wednesday.

W. H. Wieand, a former Farmington resident and Civil War veteran, came to Farmington this week to visit old friends before joining the remaining members of his regiment in a reunion at Pontiac.

Mr. Wieand now makes home in Coldwater but remembered many of his friends with samples of his own garden when he stopped here. He is staying at the home of Mrs. Pettibone while here.

## Gala Day Plans Made By Legion

Ball Games, Races, Auto Show And Band Concerts Are Arranged

Labor Day will be Gala Day in Farmington.

Groves-Walker Post No. 346 of the American Legion is planning its Tenth Annual Gala Day celebration for Monday, September 7. According to Marle F. Pettibone, commander of the Post and acting as general chairman for the event, no efforts are being spared to make this celebration rank at least on a par with previous events.

The day's activities will begin at 9:30 in the morning with the firing of an opening salute. From then on there will not be one minute of the day that is not utilized for carrying out the varied program prepared by committee.

The morning ball game promises to hold more than passing interest among Farmington residents especially among the older people. Novi is to meet a team called the Farmington Old-time All-Stars and it is understood that special arrangements have been made to gather many of Farmington's former baseball stars for the game.

West Point Park baseball club will play the Plymouth Haggertys in the afternoon in a feature attraction. A band concert, outdoor movies and the awarding of prizes will help to fill out the afternoon.

One of the novelties of Gala Day is said to be the Ping Pong tournament. This will be an innovation in Farmington.

The grand prize of the day will be a \$25 barrel of groceries on which the legionaires are now selling tickets. More details concerning the many events featured may be found on another page in the Enterprise.

All desiring to enter the Ping Pong tournament must notify Spencer Heeney by September 5.

## DETROITERS PAY FINES IN COURT OF JOHN SCHULTE

Three Arrested For Appearing On Streets In Bathing Suits

Three Detroiters were fined last week in Justice John J. Schulte's court room for appearing on the streets of Walled Lake in bathing suits, without other covering, as required by a township ordinance. All three complaints were made by Officer W. C. Lowry.

Those who were arraigned were John O'Leary, 1570 Ash St., Detroit; Bertha Hoffman, 2031 Taylor ave., Detroit and Doris Slashefski, 2710 Elmhurst Ave., Detroit.

All pleaded guilty and were assessed fines of five dollars each or five days in jail. They paid the fines.

## Townships Win Covert Tax Suit; May Be Appealed

Farmington Township May Receive Over \$11,000 From County Treasurer

Farmington Township may shortly obtain more than \$11,000 in delinquent tax money which has been withheld for months by the county treasurer as a set-off against moneys due the county by the townships for Covert road-at-large tax.

Ten townships, including Farmington, brought suit against the county treasurer disputing his claims and on Thursday Circuit Judge John C. Gillespie at Pontiac returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs. It is expected that this decision may be appealed by the county.

Albert W. Willson, county treasurer, maintained that inasmuch as a township was delinquent in its payment of Covert road-at-large tax, it was right to withhold whatever money came into his hands through payment of taxes on property in the township. The townships claimed that they could not be expected to make up from their general fund taxes which had not been collected for road purposes. For a number of years the townships did pay the county in full but with the enormous growth of tax delinquencies in the past three years, they found it practically impossible to do so.

Last spring was the first time that the situation became general and the county treasurer, handicapped by the absence of these tax payments from the townships, began to withhold the delinquent tax receipts which would ordinarily have been returned to the township treasurers. For a time the county treasurer contended that he could withhold the entire returned tax, including school funds, but after a few weeks he conceded that school funds were on a different basis from other tax moneys and would have to be paid directly or the school districts as soon as received.

Judge Gillespie in a lengthy opinion holds it was never the intention of the farmers of the state law to compel townships to turn over road money that was not collected.

"Upon the expiration of the time for collecting taxes it is the duty of the township treasurer to notify the county road commissioners of all delinquent taxes," reads the closing portion (Continued on page five)

## FOUR CASES HEARD IN JUSTICE COURT

Automobile Drivers Are Main Offenders Arraigned In Farmington Court

Every other day seems to be the accepted time for hailing law violators into Justice John J. Schulte's court. At least that is the indication from cases recently reported from his office.

Garnet H. Thomas, 844 Delaware ave., Detroit, was arrested August 13 by W. C. Lowry on a charge of reckless driving. He pleaded guilty and he paid \$25 or 30 days in jail. He paid \$10 and made arrangements for the balance.

August 15, William Ressenan of Commerce Township was brought into court on a charge of theft of \$34.75 from Mike Inkeneen, Officer Coe serving the warrant. Ressenan paid costs of \$3.50 and the complaint was with drawn.

William Hogar, 8472 Kenny St., Detroit, was arrested August 17 by Conrad Konetsky on a charge driving with improper lights. He paid costs of \$3.25.

The fourth case in Justice Schulte's court was that of the People versus Charles Johnson, August 19, charged with speeding east of Novi on Grand River by Americo Sonaglia. He pleaded guilty and was given a suspended sentence.