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Commission To Consider New Budget

How much money the City of Farmington will spend during the coming fiscal year will be determined at a special public meeting of the City Commission which will be held at the Farmington State Bank Building on Monday evening, May 25, at 8:00 p. m. to consider the budget.

All taxpayers and others interested are urged to attend. The decisions concerning the amount of money to be raised by taxes during 1936-7 will be open to discussion by anyone present who may want to make comments.

Essentially the proposed budget as drawn up by Mayor Howard Warner and Nathan H. Power, City Clerk, will be the same as last year with possibly a slight reduction in the total amount. The amount to be raised for interest on the City's general obligation bonds will be smaller due to the reduction of the debt through the calling and payment of bonds during the year.

It is probable that the tax rate will continue at 15 mills as last year. Taxes will be levied on the basis of the lower assessed valuation of the City as announced by City Assessor James L. Hogle.

Last year's valuations were real estate, \$1,095,020 and for this year the assessed valuation of real estate is \$1,094,800, a reduction of \$220. Personal property valuation last year was \$292,296 and for this year is \$295,985, an increase of \$3,689 making a total reduction of \$84,531.

To all persons liable to assessments for taxes in the City of Farmington, notice is given this week of a meeting of the Board of Review which will be held at the Farmington State Bank all day Monday, June 1, and Tuesday, June 2, for the purpose of reviewing and receiving complaints relative to assessments on the tax roll. Any assessment which is unfair will be heard by the board and the correction made.

Ben Storms and George Checketts comprise the Board of Review.

FARMINGTON HIGH TEAM OUT OF LEAGUE RACE

Except for a miracle, Farmington High School will not win the baseball championship of its league this season, in spite of the fact that the Farmington team, off record, is admittedly one of the best assemblies in the number of years and in the opinion of many, the best team in the league.

For the second time in league games, temperament has reared its ugly head. The head coach, the Farmington players and balanced the scales in favor of the opponents.

A large portion of the responsibility for the two defeats the Farmington team has suffered is directly traceable to the attitude "can't be beaten," entertained by a number of the Farmington players.

Beaten by Wallied Lake

End of league title hopes came when Wallied Lake whipped Farmington 7-1 at Wallied Lake last Friday. According to Coach Harold Kammerer, the Farmington team was outwitted and outplayed by Wallied Lake.

At no time during the game was the Farmington team ahead. Wallied Lake started, out strong and scored four runs in the first inning. The first batter hit a slow dribbler, down the first base line and Hunter, who has not been practiced for some time because of an injured hand, muffed it to allow the runner to get safely to first on the error.

The next batter flared out. The third man up hit a perfect double play ball to Davis at shortstop who somehow let it get through him, putting a man on second and third with only one out. The next two men hit safely and two more got on base safely, one on a hit and the other on another Farmington error to account for the four runs.

Strike-outs Spoil Rally

Farmington's two rallies, one in the second inning and the other in the last inning were both "nipped in the bud" by the umpire. In the second inning with the bases loaded and no one out, he called two Farmington players out on questionable strikes and the third out was a pop fly. Again in the last inning he called two men out on pitches that brought batters from the crowd and especially the Farmington bench.

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Mayor Proclaims May 23 "Poppy Day"

Saturday, May 23, is designated as Poppy Day in a proclamation issued by Mayor Howard Warner. The proclamation urges all citizens to observe the day by wearing memorial poppies in honor of the World War dead. It states:

"Many of the city's young men were called into the armed services and some of them were called upon to sacrifice their lives in that service, dying with thousands of other brave young Americans upon the battle fields of France. There, over their graves, a little flower sprang up and bloomed, nature's tribute to the heroic dead. It was the poppy, and their comrades ask Americans to wear a poppy in their memory, one day of each year."

"Therefore, I, Mayor of the City of Farmington, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 23, to be Poppy Day in the City of Farmington, and I urge all citizens observe the day by wearing the memorial poppy in order that the inspiring memory of those who made the highest patriotic sacrifice during the war may be recalled to every mind."

Howard Warner, Mayor.

Narrow Road Causes Accident

Narrow pavement and the blinding glare of headlights were responsible for an accident early Sunday morning on Orchard Lake road south of Eleven Mile road in which a Farmington township woman was hurt and the two automobiles involved were badly damaged.

One of the cars, driven by Robert Boynton, 20 year old University of Michigan student, of 415 V. Irons avenue, Pontiac, was driving north on Orchard Lake road and the other, driven by William Reddig of Orchard Lake and Eleven Mile road, Route 1, Farmington, was going south. The two cars side-swiped and each automobile was thrown into the ditch. According to the police report of the accident, Reddig was blinded by the headlights of the oncoming car and edged slightly into the ditch. The road is so narrow at this place that there is not more than eight to ten inches clearance between passing cars. It was sufficient to cause the accident.

The left front fender of Reddig's car struck Boynton's car at the left front fender and tore off practically the whole side of Boynton's car.

Woman Hurt

The impact threw Mrs. Rose Howes of Route 2, Farmington, who was riding in the rumble seat of Reddig's car, up against the metal back of the seat and knocked her unconscious for some minutes.

She was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital by Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt, who answered the accident report. She was released after treatment for serious bruises about the head.

None of the other occupants of either car were hurt. Also with Reddig was Emmett Howes of Route 2, Farmington. Max Straussner, (Continued on back page)

PROMPT PAYMENT OF BILL SAVES FARMINGTON MAN EMBARRASSMENT

It pays to pay your bills promptly at The Enterprise. It even pays to pay them early in the morning, and it's a mighty good proposition to visit The Enterprise first of all.

Your calls in the business section. This is not a high-pressure advertisement. It is the fact that a well-known Farmington citizen who came, not to the drug store, but to The Enterprise first, and is very, very happy that he did.

For he may have saved himself not only a day's headache, but a Friday, but perhaps has avoided having "one of those things" follow him all the days of his life, as well it might, if it were told about the town. For one among those "things" of life is the fact that although the newspaper's business is to disseminate news, a newspaper office is one place that "won't tell." At least, we won't tell his name, which is what matters most.

The "one of those things" of life is too good to keep.

Bright and Early

Bright and early on Friday morning the gentleman came down town. All was well in his life. He was in the business section was at The Enterprise office, to pay for an ad inserted in the paper a couple of days before.

"How much do I owe?" he inquired. Wallied Lake pitcher, held Farmington boys to four hits while Wallied Lake batters were collecting ten from Mitchell's offerings. Wallied Lake played errorless.

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Bank Ends Second Year Tuesday

With a statement showing multiplication by more than ten times the assets of the opening day two years ago, the Farmington State Bank will celebrate its second birthday next week.

In a financial report issued by the bank at the close of business Tuesday, it is revealed that the past year has been one of outstanding achievement and a credit to the people of Farmington who support co-operation and loyalty have made the exceptional showing possible. The report is printed in this issue.

Opened May 13, 1934, mainly for the purpose of restoring banking service to the community rather than with any thought of becoming a large institution, The Farmington bank has grown far beyond the expectations of the most optimistic official or depositor. Considering the size of the community and the adverse economic conditions during which the organization was completed and most of the record secured, the bank has achieved success second to none in the state.

A review of the financial statements of the bank for each quarter of the year shows the institution has enjoyed a substantial gain in each period.

Officials of the bank are extending their thanks to the depositors and stockholders who have shown their faith in the future of the institution.

Observer Writes, "Town Hall Lawn Riot of Color"

The City of Holland is preparing for its annual tulip festival beginning Saturday. The streets of the city will display eight miles of fall colored tulips.

Residents of Farmington are unenthusiastically having a tulip "show" that is providing soul-satisfying beauty. It is fitting that, with all the country preparing to honor the war dead on Memorial Day, tulips be bed around the Soldier's Monument in the Town Hall park should be in full bloom and a riot of color.

The brightness of the tulips and the verdure of the lawn as a background complement each other most favorably. The Town Hall lawn, tulips in the desert. With the rows of tulips in a dress, as all observers are aware, having been landscaped last fall.

The tulip bed was planted by the Spring Brook Gardens, while the landscaping was done by the Farmington Garden Nursery.

Another spot of beauty in the business section which has attracted much attention is the rock garden of the Farmington Dairy. It has often been remarked since the garden was built that it is like an oasis in the desert. With the rows of stores and buildings in the vicinity, the rock garden affords a pleasant scenic change.

The same business firms are responsible for the rock garden construction.

MELBA KEECH AND WENDALL BRANSON MARRIED FRIDAY

A wedding of interest in Farmington was celebrated on Friday when Miss Melba Keach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keach of Hancock road, was married to Wendell Branson of Pontiac at the home of the Rev. George Cole.

The bride's wedding gown was of yellow lace, made princess style, with a short jacket and long sleeves. The dress had a turned up collar. She wore white accessories. Her bride bouquet was of gardenias and forget-me-nots.

Mrs. George Tait of Flint, the bride's sister, was the only attendant. She wore eggshell net with brown accessories. Her flowers were Brown Eyed Susans.

The groom was attended by Ralph Branson of Detroit.

Following the ceremony, the parents of the bride served a buffet lunch at their home for the wedding party.

After a short honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Branson will be at home to their friends at 66 Pingree Street, Pontiac.

Mrs. Branson, before her marriage, was employed by the Farmington Dairy Company.

BIBLE CLASS TO HOLD BAKE SALE MAY 15

Members of the Progressive Bible Class will hold a bake sale Saturday, May 16, at the Dickerson Hardware Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gullen and family of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gildemester of Detroit called at the home of Mrs. Emily Gildemester on Mother's Day.

Former Bishop of India To Speak At Exchange Club Ladies Day

For ten years Bishop of the M. E. Church of India with official residence at Calcutta, India, Dr. Frederick B. Fisher, now pastor of the Central M. E. Church of Detroit, will be the guest speaker at the next luncheon meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday afternoon, May 20.

In addition to the distinguished orator scheduled to appear, importance is added to the occasion by the fact that it will also be the annual Ladies Day. Usually celebrated by a dinner or dance in the evening, the Ladies Day celebration this year will be held in conjunction with the luncheon meeting.

It is the consensus among the Exchangeites that the club will be fortunate in having as its guest for Ladies Day a man in such demand and of such universally recognized ability as Bishop Fisher.

Rev. Fisher will speak of his experiences and observations abroad. He has traveled extensively in Europe and Asia and is an expert on foreign customs and peoples.

His ten year administration of the M. E. Church in India qualifies him to speak authoritatively of missionary work in that country and the ever-smoldering Indian-British situation. He is a personal friend of Mahatma Gandhi and the great Indian poet Tagore.

During his frequent visits to Europe, the most recent of which was in the summer of 1935, he has spent much time in Russia gathering first hand information on Communism, Hitlerism and Fascism.

Indians Write Book

Fourteen of the most respected native Christian leaders of India have written a book of tribute to Bishop and Mrs. Fisher commemorating their years spent with them. Throughout the book, the most repeated phrase is "His unceasing love for India and the Indians."

In one section they pay him tribute in saying "in the withdrawal of Bishop Frederick B. Fisher from the Episcopacy, India has lost a great prophet of the New Dispensation."

Since 1910 he has been in intimate touch with all of the great movements in the church, including attendance of World Missionary Conventions in Scotland, India, China, Japan and Switzerland.

Following his incumbency in India, which was from 1920 to 1930, he accepted the pastorate of the First M. E. Church in Hancock and served there until 1934 from which time he has held his present pastorate.

He is the author of numerous authoritative books on India and Russia. One, "That Strange Little Nation, India," has brought him international fame.

Residents who may be interested in hearing Dr. Fisher are cordially invited to attend; and should make reservations with Rev. Cole officiating, due to the limited seating capacity. Arrangements for Dr. Fisher's visit have been made by Edgar S. Pierce.

Doing Intersections

The present work is being done on the intersections where automobiles starting and stopping have caused the most trouble.

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Auxiliary Announces "Poppy Day" Plans

Poppy Day will be observed in Farmington this year on Saturday, May 23, when memorial poppies will be worn in honor of the World War dead. The Auxiliary will be distributed throughout the city by the Groves-Walker unit of the American Legion Auxiliary. The Auxiliary women are making extensive preparations for the observance of the day under the leadership of Helen Eisenold and Hattie DeVriendt, Poppy Day chairman.

The poppies, made of crepe paper by disabled veterans, will be distributed by volunteers and workers from the Auxiliary unit and cooperating organizations. "Poppy girls" will distribute the flowers in the business district throughout the day, and will also be in the outlying shopping centers. Contributions for the welfare of the disabled veterans and needy families of veterans will be asked in exchange for the flowers.

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To effect the change, the sign at the east end of the Cut-off which upon its installation so vexed Farmington businessmen, will be removed. This sign indicates that Grand Rapids traffic should go via the Cut-off, which is a road winding along Grand River indicates Farmington-Lansing. It is expected the complicated set of lights which were intended to guide the crisscross traffic but have instead resulted chiefly in confusion, will be removed.

The Highway Department's decision was made known in Farmington by an assistant to Commissioner Murray D. Haggan, under whose predecessor the Cut-off was built some years ago. It has been known for some time that the present highway administration not only has not thought very highly of the cut-off with its dangerous grades and curves, but has found it to be one of the most perilous stretches of road anywhere along U. S. 16.

The new plan, as announced by the highway department, is to remove the sign from the point made by the intersection of the cut-off and Grand River and erect a new one on Grand River 200 feet east of the crossing. It is also planned to change the wording to "Straight Through For Lansing and Grand Rapids" in an effort to divert traffic through Farmington.

It is pointed out by the highway department that the new placement of the sign will not, in any way, make the cut-off an unused road since all drivers who have traveled the route regularly will take the cut-off if they so wish. The new location of the sign and the revised wording will merely mean that tourists or motorists unfamiliar with the route will be directed through Farmington.

Along with the plan to return through traffic to Grand River, a program of zoning the road within the city limits, to care for modern driving speeds and at the same time provide safety for residents of the community.

Tentatively, and subject to the approval of the City Commission, the zoning will consist of speed limit signs from the city limits on the east of Farmington to the west city limits. It is suggested that from the east end of the Cut-off, a 30 mile an hour zone, from Power avenue to Warner street, a 35 mile an hour zone, from Warner street to Oakland, which would include the business section, a 20 mile an hour zone. The same procedure, under the plan, would be followed on the west side of the city. From Oakland to Wilmarth avenues would be 35 mile an hour zone; and from Wilmarth to the west city limits, a 45 mile an hour zone.

City Must Sign

The state highway department has offered to erect the speed limit signs for each of the zones provided the city will pay the cost of the signs.

Indications are that the plan will meet with the approval of the Commission. Some months ago the same question was tentatively discussed by the Commission and several members were in favor of the zoning as the only effective method of slowing traffic down through the business section.

No decision, however, has been reached as to the nature of the signs. It is believed however that they will be of the "reflector" type for night driving.

May Zone Cutoff

Although nothing definite could be learned, there have been rumors of zoning the cut-off. No confirmation was forthcoming from the highway department. It was however explained that under the state law, a speed limit on the cut-off would be impossible to enforce even though part of it is within the city limits because it runs through undeveloped property. In the opinion of Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt, even though a speed limit could not be enforced, the presence of speed limit signs would automatically slow traffic down.

Announcement of the change is expected to be made with enthusiastic approval.

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DOG OWNER COMMENDED FOR CO-OPERATION

"Residents of Farmington are to be complimented for the spirit in which they received the warning published in The Enterprise last week relative to the dog quarantine" was the comment of Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt, when questioned about whether or not dog owners were keeping their pets up.

When the quarantine was first announced, no actual cases of dogs with rabies had been reported in Farmington. Consequently residents did not take the proclamation seriously and allowed their dogs to run loose. Within a few weeks however a startling number of dogs around Farmington were discovered to be infected, with the result that a woman was bitten and serum treatments were necessary.

The final plea issued last week brought the desired results. Few, if any, dogs without vaccination permits have been running loose the past week and no additional cases have been reported.

If dog owners continue to co-operate with the police and health officials, there is a possibility that the danger will be lessened to a point where the quarantine will be lifted before August 15, the expiration date already set.

For those whose dogs were vaccinated against rabies at least six months prior to April 15, the day the quarantine went into effect, permits to let those dogs run loose were being issued from Deputy DeVriendt. When securing the permit, proof must be shown that the dog was vaccinated within the proper time limit.

SATURDAY MORNING CEREMONY UNITES POPULAR COUPLE

Miss Vivian Addis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Addis of West Point Park, and Harold McVicar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McVicar of Bay City, were married Saturday morning at the parsonage of Our Lady of Sorrows Church with the Rev. Father John Larlin officiating.

For the occasion, the bride wore a gray suit with pink accessories. She was attended by Miss Mary Fanzl and Mrs. James Schulte. Miss Fanzl wore a green boucle dress with gray accessories, and Mrs. Schulte was attired in Navy blue with pink accessories.

The groom was attended by Robert Schulte and Max Bergin. A wedding breakfast at the home of the bride's parents, 20320 Remington road, followed the wedding ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. McVicar left on a trip to Bay City, home of the groom.

Although Mr. McVicar's home is in Bay City he is well known in this section. Both the bride and the groom are popular among the younger set and will be at home to their many friends after the honeymoon. They will reside in West Point Park.