

City Drain Plan May Go Through

Construction of a new sewer main west end Farmington City along Shilavasse street to Grand River road west of town, and State Highway Department providing the major portion of the costs, awaits only approval of the City Commission in order to have work begun.

The improvement will serve the combined purpose of drainage of Grand River road west of town, and of the area around the former Methodist Children's Home as well as providing adequate sewage facilities along Shilavasse street for an indefinite time to come. It also will provide relief for residents along Shilavasse street now experiencing difficulty in weather due to insufficient sewer facilities.

Bruce Buchanan, County Engineer, in a letter to the Commission, said if the City would pay for 40 per cent of the material, the State Highway Commission would pay 60 percent. The labor would come under a WPA project and the former plan for a special assessment contract would be dropped. The cost of material will be about \$7,600, expense to the City when the complete cost is figured probably would be about \$4,000.

Under the former proposal the City would pay 40 percent, the Highway Commission 50 percent and Township taxpayers owning property adjoining the new drain 10 percent. An assessment district also was to have been set up.

Action was deferred on the plan when the Commission met with State and County officials February 16 because they could not agree.

The sewer will be 52 1/2 feet long.

CHILD EDUCATION IS WEAPON AGAINST 'ISM' GOVERNMENTS

The following story was submitted this week to the Enterprise by the public committee of the Groves-Walker Post No. 346 of the American Legion of Farmington.

"Children's education is the Legion's weapon against Communism, for your sons and daughters are the ones that America must look to for government leaders in the future. They must be shown how far America has gone on the sound and tested principles of a democratic government. Compare United States with other nations who are much older, show them what their chances would have been if they had been born in any other country. They find these sound and tested principles have made this the greatest country in all the world but that does not mean they must accept them as a Utopia in government. They will have new and modern ideas as they go on. Let them build to those that have been given them cautiously, so as not to weaken the foundation as the isms teach them, but first treat them as a master builder would do. Put them into all the practical things to see if they will make projects more valuable to the people who must use them. Teach them that the Constitution is a sacred document written by the ablest men of their day. Teach them that the polls is the place to put across their ideas in a free country, not on a soap box. Teach them that while they would like something changed to fit their individual needs it would not do to change things in a haphazard way. To resist the other would is a practical and Godly way to live. Teach them that the government is more or less like their football team; it must have discipline, discipline and team work to make it a championship team and not each player playing his own game running in all different directions as the Communists try to make them believe. More of this education next week.

DALE BUTLER SENTENCED TO 90 DAYS IN JAIL

Dale Butler, 24, of Nine Mile Road, is serving a sentence imposed Monday in Circuit Court. He must serve 90 days in jail for his part in planning the robbery of a hardware store at Walled Lake, November 15. Butler was found guilty last Friday morning after the case had been given to the jury late Thursday. Sentence was deferred until Monday.

The court told Butler he should have been given a prison sentence. He was convicted of a misdemeanor instead of a felony. This was due to absence in the record of any testimony concerning the value of the seven guns and ammunition stolen from the store. To convict Butler of a felony, the prosecutor would have had to show the stolen property was worth more than \$25. Assistant Prosecutor Delaney attempted to reopen the case after the conclusion but the court sustained the defense objection.

Steve Sailer and Victor Cuny, convicted of the robbery which Butler helped to plan, are serving terms in the Michigan Reformatory at Jonia. They testified against Butler at his trial.

Miss Margaret Greene is ill at her home this week with influenza.

They Meet Again



HARRY N. MCCRACKEN



HUBERT W. EARLE

Work Starts on New Gas Station

Workmen are making preparations this week to build a new Hi-Speed filling station at the corner of Grace street and Grand River. Immediately it is expected to be completed and be completed by May 1.

The Hi-Speed company with headquarters in Toledo, Ohio, bought property from Marie Pettibone and Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner to provide space for the new station. The house on the corner, now occupied by Mr. Pettibone will be moved to the next lot east, owned by Dr. Aschenbrenner. The station will be constructed on the Pettibone lot.

A company field representative said the new station would be built with white stucco or white brick with a high white tower and neon signs. It will be furnished with complete new equipment, including lifts, wash rack and a high pressure lubrication system.

Bill White, present manager of the Hi-Speed station next door north of the Enterprise, will manage the station, the representative said.

TENNIS PLAY TICKETS ARE GOING FAST

Tickets for the Senior class play, "Growing Pains," are going fast, and may be gone before they are wanted to see the play. The chances to buy them are few and far between. The play will be staged Thursday and Friday, March 10 and 11, in the Town Hall. "Rehearsal files" (a name not quite so rude as it sounds that is applied to theatre-hungry citizens) make a habit of dropping in on play rehearsals so "Growing Pains" certainly will be a hit of the year and may prove to be the best high school play given in Farmington for many years.

The 3-act comedy portrays youth's funny and frightful battle with fate. Take George, an awkward 17-year old youth, for instance. In the first place he is teased by his prosaic father for mistaking and mispronouncing six bit words. In the second place he develops a "titane, simple titane" case over a bewitching sorceress who feeds him popcorn balls right after he has had his meals removed. On top of that he is forced to take to THE party, not the bewitching sorceress, but the bashful, nervous and nearsighted daughter of a domineering neighbor.

This terrible calamity, coupled with his sister's persistent efforts to "get around civilization" make an amusing picture of adolescent problems.

Charles Baker, art teacher, and his class are building a modern set for the play, laid in the garden of a California bungalow. French doors, swinging garden gates and an outside stairway to the second floor of the bungalow are features.

Students in the play include James Gibbs, Belle Edison, Shariette Dulliver, Irving Walker, Irene Schweitzer, Robert Light, Bertha Kurze, Paul and Agnes Barab, Harry Kall, George McNeill, Bill Waldron, Lorna Bell, June Davidson, Helen Schwin, Don Gould, Betty Geary and Dorothy Fairbank. Grady McKay is director.

FORNER PASTOR TO PREACH HERE THURSDAY, MARCH 10
Rev. Frank Adams, former pastor of the Universalist church will preach at the church Thursday night, March 10. His theme will be "Are Reason and Religion In Conflict?"

"Growing Pains" at the Town Hall Thursday and Friday.

Township To Decide Three Races Monday

Only three contests are offered in the Farmington Township primary election Monday, March 7, but they are expected to provide plenty of interest. An estimated 1200 voters will cast their ballots. All three are on the Republican ticket. Every Democrat on the ballot can reach the general election in April on only one vote.

The three races are between Loretta E. Cox and Clayton H. Goers for Treasurer; Harry N. McCracken and Hubert W. Earle for Clerk; and Ward Eagle and Will F. Forge for Justice of the Peace.

Republicans without opposition in the primary are Arthur P. Coe, Supervisor; Don B. Burton, Board of Review; and Louis A. Hersch, Constable. Democrats are Harvey W. Perry, Supervisor; Ethel C. Smith, Treasurer; Floyd D. Hallock, Justice of the Peace; Charles A. Bardwell, Clerk; Albert Koss, Board of Review; and Leo Wedyke, Constable.

Voters will write in the names of three other persons for Constable, three Township Commissioners and one Highway Commissioner.

New Ballot Faces Test
The question asked last week regarding the second or blank ballot box was answered this week by the Oakland County Clerk. By a rule of the Prosecuting Attorney the box will not be opened. The question was raised at a meeting of the Township Board and no one seemed to know the answer.

The extra ballot box will be used in connection with the new secret ballot which will be in force for the first time. Made effective by action last summer of the State Legislature, the new ballot prevents the election board from learning the party affiliation of a voter. Instead of asking for a ballot of a particular party, as in the past, voters now will receive two ballots but will fill in only one. The un-filled ballot will be dropped into the second box. This requires an extra judge to the election board to explain the new system to each voter.

Several candidates believe the new ballot will cause trouble. One is the absentee voter as an illustration. Because the election board cannot open the ballots, the absentee voter must necessarily mark them to show which is voted and which is blank. The law says no distinguishing marks may appear on any ballot. The only plan the candidate could suggest to prevent this is to ask the absentee voters to clip a separate piece of paper to the ballots telling which is voted and which is not. Then a member of the election board can remove the separate paper without the voter's party affiliation being revealed.

Voting, as in the past, will take place in two separate precincts. The poll of Precinct 1 is in the Town Hall in the City of Farmington; Precinct 2 in the Township Office building, 2374 Grand River.

Livonia Township
No Democratic petitions were filed in Livonia Township, Wayne County, although all twenty-two offices have more than one candidate on the Republican ticket.

Jesse Ziegler and John T. Howell are seeking the nomination as Supervisor. Harry S. Wolfe and John N. Campbell are running for Clerk.

Arthur Tripp and Calvin L. Roberts are on the ticket for Treasurer. Charles S. Wolfson is unopposed as Highway Commissioner. Miles Helm and Homer K. Boddinger are on the ticket for full terms.

Seek the nomination for full terms on the Board of Review are Thomas R. Beach and Leo Nye; seek the Justice of Peace short term nomination.

Six candidates seek the Constable nomination. They include John Whitehead, Charles Canfield, Edward Howard, Ray Owens, Emmet E. Shaffer and John Hubensmith. Albert Nacker is unopposed for the nomination for membership on the Board of Review.

Novi Township
All incumbents in Novi Township are seeking re-nomination except Frank Durpee, a member of the Board of Review. His position is being contested in Novi Township include Frank Clarke, Supervisor; Earl Banks, Clerk; George Simons, Treasurer; William Mair, Highway Commissioner; La Rue Bogart, Edward Yeakle, Bernard Kline and Albert L. Hill, Justices.

Polls will be open from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. E. S. T.

Originality Highlights High School Craft Display

Proof that even a lowly tin can has elements of beauty is in the east window of the Hutton Hardware store where samples of the work done this year by the arts and crafts class of Farmington High School are on display. The attractive flowers in the center of the display once were parts of a tin can and stove wire. Miss Virginia Pitts made the transformation.

This is the first year the high school has offered instruction in industrial arts. Considering this and the fact that the range of tools

and other facilities is limited, the work is surprisingly well done. In fact, one observer said it was hard for him to believe most of the work was not done by students with several years of instruction.

Charles Baker, Wayne, a graduate of the State Normal College, Ypsilanti, teaches the class. This is his first year of teaching.

The number of articles in the window have accumulated over a period of about 10 days. Leighton Moates, hardware employe, said. The article made by Betty Ready was the first to come in. Miss Ready's article is a magazine rack of unusual design. The one-compartment rack is built on a small stand with streamlined legs. A feature of the construction is the lack of nails. Only a few small nails are used to hold the rack together. The rack is fastened to the stand by pegs.

Besides Miss Ready and Miss Fisher, 11 students have 13 pieces in the display. Dan Davis and Ed West have two each. Davis built a 2-compartment magazine rack of more popular pattern, but his best work is the blue and white book ends. West's tool chest is a fine piece of workmanship, but his most attractive work, too, is a smaller article. It is an ash tray, shaped like a coal bucket and painted black and gold.

Misses Audrey Brate, Margaret Brodel and Helen Clark contributed weave baskets to the collection. Miss Clark constructed a sewing basket and the other two girls flower baskets.

Next to Miss Fisher's tin can flowers are two candle sticks that Frank Fanzini shaped from copper. They also attract attention because of the original design.

What's?
The triangular piece of woodwork bearing the name of Clifford Tilghman might stump the average observer. The article contains three circular edges and varying sizes and looks as if it could be used for almost anything. It can, Tilghman calls it a "Whatnot."

John Vartiogian's contribution is the interesting medieval style lamp with a distinctly modern touch. It is wired for electric lighting.

A spice shelf and a spice cabinet are examples of the variety in design which features the display. James Collins and Cecil Bedson are the builders.

Coffee Can Bird House
The observer would never guess that the fundamental part of Jim Barron's bird house is a coffee can. The can is not visible, unless the house is inverted, because Barron built the rest of the house without detaching from the looks or stability of the article, by using the can instead of going to the trouble of building a box. If the bird will live in it, Barron can consider his work done.

Mr. Moates says the craftsmanship as a whole is about the best he has seen, emphasizing the short time the students have been working and the limitation of equipment.

MISINFORMATION IS CORRECTED ON MAY TAX SALE

Auditor General, George T. Gundry has asked the State press to aid in correcting some misinformed information concerning the May tax sale.

Gundry stated that he believed most of the difficulty lay in a misunderstanding of tax sale procedure in other counties. The County Treasurer (or Auditor General) who issued the receipts will withhold your property from sale if your taxes are not paid, go to your County Treasurer for instructions, or other County or Township official can possibly give you an accurate information or advice.

The Auditor General explained that the tax sale preparations were now complete, the compiled records were in the hands of the publishers in every County in the State. He also reminded the taxpayers that they may still pay their taxes up to midnight of May 2nd, the day before the sale.

Lower court decisions had held priority inoperative since the abolition of the township road system in April, 1937. They had held that cities—next priority—were entitled to this money.

Do sure you see the Senior Play.

No Solution In Town Hall Controversy

Whether solution of the Farmington Town Hall problem is any nearer as a result of the conference held last Friday afternoon by attorneys and representatives of the various interests, appears to be almost as much of a question as the main problem itself.

Some apparent gains are reported from one standpoint, but in general the conferees appeared to have come away with the impression that the problem is still a problem.

The one accomplishment which might have been realized is a little nearer approach toward agreement on some points that might provide basis for agreeing on certain points in case court action is undertaken.

One of these is that the title is in the name of the Township, and on this basis it developed that the Township claim in court, at least as a legal position, that the Township is the sole owner of the property and the City has no interest whatever, since there was no arrangement made for presentation of the property when "73-27" settlement was reached at the time of the City's incorporation. Whether the officials or people of the Township will seriously pursue this contention was not made apparent by the conferees.

It did appear, however, that the City's claim must rest on the fact that the municipality was a part of the Township when the Town Hall was built, and therefore that the property was subject to the same apportionment as all other assets and liabilities were.

Relative to the Masonic Lodge interest, an opinion of ex-Gov. William M. Brucker, represented what was Attorney General, to the effect that the township has entire ownership and the Masons' lease is void because the Township had no right to make such a lease, was presented. The attorney, however, the question appears as to whether either the Township or City would care to question possession of "some rights by the Lodge."

Thus the situation remains about where it was before the conference. Probate Judge Lynch made it clear that he continues to abhor the idea of a court contest because of the bitterness the facts might be engendered, but he stated positively that for this reason, he would not participate in court controversy in the matter. He suggested that the community approach the problem and settle it "as best they can."

Meanwhile, the further complication of the monument to the veterans was brought up and discussed.

Illustrative of the complications of the problem is the fact that it was suggested the Township and City each have appraisals made of the property, but then it immediately was pointed out that appraisals are made on the purpose for which the property is intended. As commercial property the valuation would be much different than for use as a park or stadium grounds.

All Interests Represented
Representatives of all three interests were present at the conference. City Commission representatives were Mayor Warner, Commissioners Hatton, Hamlin, Nacker, Gildemeister and Judge John J. Schutte and Earl Phillips, the Commission's legal representatives.

Representatives of the County were County Treasurer (or Auditor General) who issued the receipts will withhold your property from sale if your taxes are not paid, go to your County Treasurer for instructions, or other County or Township official can possibly give you an accurate information or advice.

The law protects you. If you hold proper tax receipts no law in Michigan will permit a cloud upon your title for tax reasons. You do not need to take your receipts to anyone.

Exchange Club Members Take a Lesson in Speech
For 30 minutes members of the Exchange Club went through exercises in enunciation, gestures and correct breathing as a sample of a public speaking course at the popular club luncheon Wednesday noon.

Dr. Vergil V. Phelps of Lewis Institute, Detroit, who spoke to the club, was the instructor.

Dr. Phelps pointed out that the first requisite of a successful speaker is to whip self-consciousness is to whip self-consciousness.

Members of the club are planning to take a full course from Dr. Phelps. Only a few more enrollees were needed, but the required 12. The course will consist of 16 lessons.