

The Farmington Enterprise

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Commission Will Meet Friday Night

City Commissioners will hold a special meeting Friday, September 23, at 8 o'clock in the Farmington State Hall to discuss the various phases of the proposed Zoning and Housing ordinances, which have been prepared by Paul Schreiber and Bayard Tupper, respectively.

The preparation of these codes is a long and difficult task, because these people drafting them must have a constant eye to the future, when the ordinances will be more of a necessity even than they are now. It has been explained.

The zoning code is a health and safety measure, which will restrict certain areas to business and others to homes. One of its primary functions is to assure establishment of a business establishment in each block. This does not, however, prevent or discourage the setting up of business enterprises, but merely places them in their own zone.

Deputy Questions 16 Year Old Boy

A 16 year old boy, Ray McWhorter, is being detained in the Michigan House of Detention for his participation in connection with several robberies in this vicinity during the past months. Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt picked up Williams in Detroit Wednesday and questioned him as a suspect in the robbery of the Miller, Hoffman and John Latham gas stations.

Deputy DeVriendt stated that McWhorter admitted that an employment contract from the above named gas station which the thieves used as their getaway car from the front of robbery, was his. The defendant denied that the youth was responsible for delinquency.

President Will For State Conventions

Both camps were going west on Grand River, and the train of Dyer's car, and the rear end of Dyer's car was reported badly wrecked.

Host to Jaunters Club

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brower of Detroit entertained the Jaunters Club dinner Sunday at their residence on the Lake Erie Beach near Farmington. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Laing of Detroit were in attendance. Mr. Brown is assistant Superintendent of the Detroit City Schools.

Enrollment Of 375 Pupils Predicted For High School

School officials this week predicted that the High School enrollment would reach 375 this year. Last week's estimate of 360 was fulfilled by Monday of this week. A glance at the figures indicates that there are 79 Seniors, 101 Juniors, 81 Sophomores, and 99 Freshmen enrolled. This big attendance caused considerable alteration in plans. Additional classes had to be placed on the schedule, and more hours had to be added to the instructors' totals. Because of the jammed schedule classes are also being held during the noon hour for some pupils this year.

Town Hall Title Status Is Sought

Members of the Farmington Township Board plan to press the suit to get the court's decision on the legality of the Township Hall title, and the leasing of the Masonic Lodge lease. The suit is listed on the September docket. Justice Earnest Bianchard, who brought the topic up for discussion at the Board's meeting, is the plaintiff in the suit to clear the title. Clerk Harry McCracken was instructed to inform the Township attorney accordingly.

NEWLYWEDS TO BE AT VENICE HOME AFTER OCTOBER 1

Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Taylor will be at home in Venice, Michigan, to their friends after October 1. Mrs. Taylor is the former Miss E. Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Powell of Grand Rapids. She was united in marriage Sunday at the home of parents to Howard Taylor, son of Mrs. Ebel Taylor of Alpena. The bride is a graduate of the Methodist Church, Christian.

BROOKERS CHARGE DRUGS AGAINST PLYMOUTH DRIVER

Two Village of Plymouth, Michigan, is looking in vain to make charges of reckless driving brought against Howard E. Taylor, who was arrested Monday night at 10:30 p. m. on the Grand River between the Nine and 10 Mile Marks.

Store Offers Variety Of Foods At Savings

The A&P store is offering a variety of foods at money saving prices this week, as they have each week during the past. Ferrier, manager, says that the store is not only offering everything from soup to nuts, but more than that.

Judge Places 18 Year Old Youth On Probation

Stanley Rockefeller, 18 years old, who resides at Norbark and Vassar Roads, is on probation for six months. He appeared Wednesday before Judge John J. Schutte in the Farmington Municipal Court.

Township Board Votes Tax Spread

A spread of one-half mill for general tax, and one mill for welfare, is to be made against the residents of Farmington Township during the coming year, it was decided by Board members at their regular meeting Tuesday night.

The Board discussed the matter from all angles before reaching the decision. It was cited that no spread was made last year, and that the cash on hand in the general fund totaled \$1,694.71. It was also noted that between 40 and 50 per cent of the property owners were delinquent in their taxes last year.

Drain Bill

A bill totaling \$158.50 was presented to the Board by the Oakland County Drain Commission for actual expenses, exclusive of WPA labor, on four drains in the Township. Because the improvements benefited practically the entire Township area, and the amount was small, Board members voted to pay the bill, rather than raise a special assessment against each drainage district.

Machine Costs \$221

The cost of the machine, it was stated, was \$221.10. The Board voted to purchase a new, modern Bureau's adding and filing machine, to be used on the 1938-39 books and for general office use. A salesman of a different make of the machine, Walter Hoderle, also of the machine, stated that it was his opinion that comparative prices should be secured before a decision was reached.

Matrix of Honor

The bride's maid, who was the bride's sister, was Miss E. Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Powell of Grand Rapids. She was united in marriage Sunday at the home of parents to Howard Taylor, son of Mrs. Ebel Taylor of Alpena. The bride is a graduate of the Methodist Church, Christian.

Groom's Attendant

Miss Klaviter, of Ypsilanti, the bride's cousin, attended the room.

Men's Forum Dinner Postponed To Thursday

The dinner sponsored by the Men's Forum of the Methodist Church, which was originally scheduled to be held Friday, September 23, has been postponed to Thursday, September 22, next.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis White

Mr. and Mrs. Louis White moved Sunday and Saturday at their new home on Pickett avenue.

Salient Points of School Building Proposal

Time and Place of Voting—Next Wednesday afternoon and evening, September 23, 3 to 8 p. m., Music School, Grand River at School street.

Who May Vote—On bond issue: Only real property taxpayers who have resided in Farmington District No. 5 for at least 3 months. The voter's name must be on the tax rolls. Purchasers on land contract may vote in case of husband and wife, property or contract must be in both names in order to enable both to vote. A majority only, of the votes cast, is sufficient to carry bond issue.

On mill tax: Both property-owners as qualified above, and any other residents of the district who have children of school age, on the school census, may vote. On the mill tax, at least two-thirds of ballots cast must be affirmative in order to carry the proposal.

What Proposal Would Provide—(1) Five additional classrooms which are necessary to relieve overcrowding that now hampers progress.

(2) Gymnasium and Auditorium, 51x100, with stage and grandstand, providing the community with a gathering-place for meetings, entertainments, civic events, etc. This will save payment of rentals as high as \$175 for an evening paid to outside places for social events, and keep young people within jurisdiction and control of school authorities, besides providing adequate facilities for proper athletic development of all pupils.

(3) Adequate facilities for teaching and practice of domestic science, enabling the service of warm lunches at school, also sufficient space and equipment for manual training, to provide bays with capacity for making a livelihood after leaving high school.

(4) Maintenance of a curriculum abreast of those offered at all nearby schools, attracting high type of citizenship to the community.

Cost of Project—\$31,818, less \$36,818 (45%) which will be provided by federal government through PWA grant. Balance, \$35,000, to be raised by local five-year bond issue. Entire amount of principal and interest on bonds to be paid in five years by raising the limit of mill tax 3 mills, or \$500 per \$1,000 valuation. Owner of home assessed at \$1,000 would pay \$500 additional school tax per year for 5 years, or 25.00 over the five year period—this being the total cost.

Alternatives Providing Project Is Not Approved—(1) Turning away of 100 high school pupils now attending near-by rural districts, resulting in:

(a) Loss of \$12,000 tuition received from the State annually, for these pupils; the \$12,000 provides about one-third of the operating cost of the entire school system, and makes possible the wide range of subjects now being taught;

(b) Elimination of basic, manual training and other courses of study, reduction of teaching staff, and loss of professional men of Farmington, now brought to the community through attendance of outside pupils at Farmington High School; loss of prospective additions to population and tax rolls through absence of adequate, up-to-date high school curriculum;

(c) Construction of new systems of a building to care for increasing number of local pupils from rural districts, which would have to be entirely paid for by district funds without federal government aid, due to the fact that PWA assistance is rapidly drawing to a close.

Letter Writing Week Instituted

As a further measure to improve business Government officials have designated the week of October 2 to 8 as "National Letter Writing Week" and the Farmington postmaster, Joseph H. Burt, is making his address on the occasion. A salesman of a different make of the machine, Walter Hoderle, also of the machine, stated that it was his opinion that comparative prices should be secured before a decision was reached.

WELL KNOWN FARMINGTON RESIDENT DIES

A well known and respected figure in Farmington, Michigan, who died last week, is Charles M. Burt, a life-long resident of Farmington. Mr. Burt, who was 78 years old, died at his home on Grand River at 10:30 p. m. on Wednesday, September 21, 1938.

CLIFFORD BATSON EXAMINATION IS CONTINUED

Clifford J. Batson awaits the continuance of his examination by Judge John J. Schutte which is to be held September 30, at Farmington. The case is charged with negligent homicide. According to police reports Batson was involved in an accident on the night of July 9, in which his car is said to have struck four Detroit children riding bicycles on Grand River near Orchard Lake Road, resulting in the death of one child.

Interest In School Project Gains

Interest in assuring that the opportunity to construct a proposed new school building in Farmington with 45 per cent federal government participation, be seized by the community, is increasing as the day for voting on the project approaches. With the election scheduled for next Wednesday afternoon and evening, larger numbers of citizens have given evidence of group and individual activity, in order that the full advantages of the opportunity may be known, and the importance of voting made clear to all electors of the district.

The Board of Education will be in charge of the voting, on the two questions of bonding the district for its share of the cost, and authorizing increase of tax rate for five years sufficiently to pay off the bond issue of \$45,000, which will be the local community's portion. The rate is now 15 mills, and an affirmative vote would authorize 5 mills more. The present bonded debt of the school district, something over \$50,000, is stated by County school authorities to be exceptionally low for a district which has a valuation of two million dollars, as does Farmington.

Nine Graduates in 1920; 67 in 1938

Growth in high school enrollment which necessitates the proposed new school building in Farmington is demonstrated graphically by the enrollment figures from 1919 down to district 1938 years, the latter has more than 100 more than the first. The figures follow:

1919	.....	69
1920	.....	67
1921	.....	67
1922	.....	67
1923	.....	67
1924	.....	67
1925	.....	67
1926	.....	67
1927	.....	67
1928	.....	67
1929	.....	67
1930	.....	67
1931	.....	67
1932	.....	67
1933	.....	67
1934	.....	67
1935	.....	67
1936	.....	67
1937	.....	67
1938	.....	67

An interesting exhibit depicting that growth is a display of the pictures of three high school graduating classes since 1920. The display is in the windows of the office of Edgar S. Powell and Glen H. Taylor at 100 Grand River at 10:30 a. m. of the 1920 class of students since the 1928 class of 21, and the 1938 class of 67.

Five Hours to Vote

With five hours to vote on the proposed new school building, the election officials will manifest and show interest in the question is invited to the attention of the public.

Building Proposal Was Subject of Discussion at Exchange Club Meeting

The building proposal was subject of discussion at the Exchange Club meeting Wednesday evening. The discussion was held at 8 p. m. at the Exchange Club meeting Wednesday evening. The discussion was held at 8 p. m. at the Exchange Club meeting Wednesday evening.

Active Efforts Toward Encouraging Large Vote Will Be Made

Active efforts toward encouraging a large vote will be made Friday night to make public a strong supporter.

With financial assistance of the project was afforded by an offer of Joseph Malcomson of Detroit, a visitor in Farmington Wednesday, Mr. Malcomson is one of the heirs of the late William G. Malcomson, and the estate is the largest owner of property in the east portion of Farmington. His offer is to increase in taxes upon the many lots and homes owned by the estate would amount to a considerable sum. Mr. Malcomson believes the new school building is necessary, and so beneficial in attracting new residents who would locate in the district and thus help to pay for the project, that he offered to come out to Farmington next Wednesday to assist in getting out a favorable vote on the proposal.

Mrs. Harry McCracken, returned Sunday from her visit to relatives, in Vancouver, B. C.